

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Teutopolis, Illinois

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Sacramental Celebrations

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday: 3:30-4:30 pm

Thursday before First Friday: 3:30-4:30 pm

Anytime by appointment

Sacrament of Matrimony:

Arrangements must be made a minimum of 6 months in advance with the Pastor.

Sacrament of Baptism:

Baptism Prep. class is required before baptism. Please call office to pre-register.

Parish Pastoral Team

Fr. John Eaton, OFM, Pastor

Fr. Ken Rosswog, OFM, Associate Pastor

Fr. Thinh Tran, OFM, Associate Pastor

Maria Wargolet, Director of Music Ministry

Theresa Draper, Coordinator of Music Ministry

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Sr. A. Pierre Wilken, OSF, Director of Faith Formation: 857-6404

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Parish Council:

Dan Beckman

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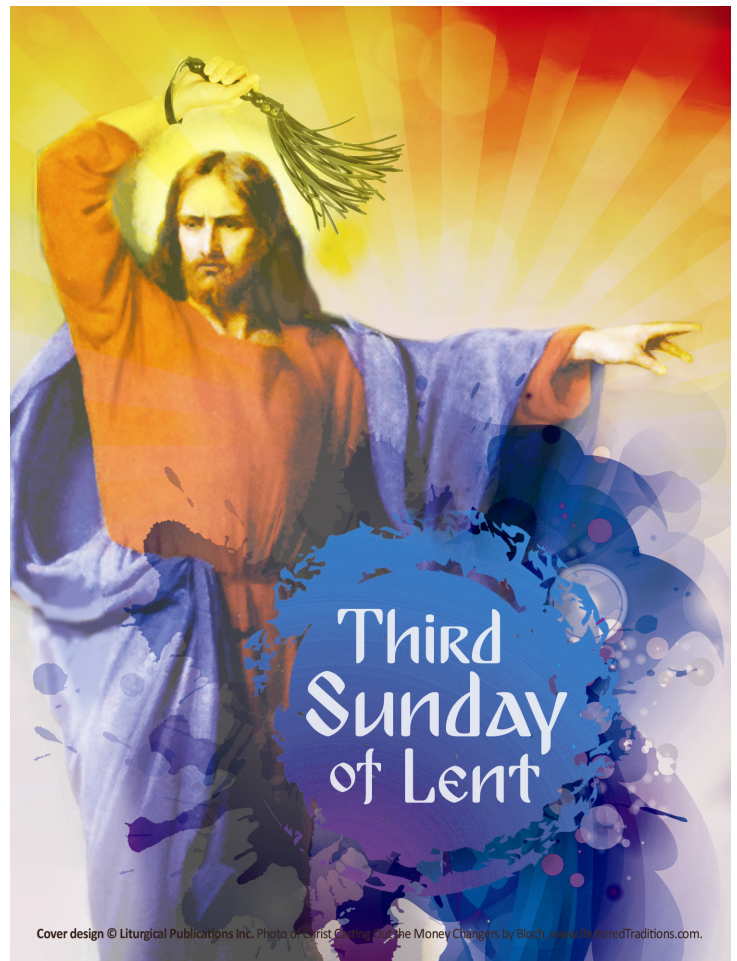
Mike Tipton

Denise Will

March 8, 2015

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area. - Jn 2:13b-15a

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Liturgy:

See inside schedule

Weekend Liturgy:

Saturday 5:30 pm; Sunday 7:00, 8:45, & 10:30 am

Holy Days Liturgy:

Eve 7:00 pm; Day 6:00 am, 12:10 pm & 5:30 pm

Everyday Stewardship

I wonder what some people think of my faith. Actually, most of my friends are people of faith, although not all, and I have worked in the church all my adult life. My circle seems small against the backdrop of the rest of the world. But, I never shy away from the reality of who I am, and I know neighbors and acquaintances know about my faith and how heavily involved I am in it.

I would hope at least for respect. But, they just might think I am certifiably crazy! With the dominance of secularism and the popularity of atheism, I would not be surprised. Spending so much time at parish activities and flying around the country talking about Jesus must seem like a tremendous waste of time. During Lent and Easter, it gets even worse.

Paul explains to the Corinthians, "For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom." Everyday stewards are foolish. If you are fortunate enough to have money, possessions, time for endless fun, and marketable talents, to talk about giving that all back to God seems crazy. But our detractors see only with human eyes. When looking through the eyes of faith, we see the greater reality. So Jesus thought he could rebuild the Temple in three days? He was insane! You think your daily walk with God will benefit anyone or anything more than running with the worldly pack? You are nuts!

As the world seemingly moves further from God, our foolishness stands out even more. But that is a blessing, because now our foolishness is even more relevant and profound. Just like Jesus in the Temple, and Paul preaching of a crucified Christ, our active faith has a huge impact. So, especially during Lent, let your foolishness stand out. Maybe some out there who want to be fools just need some encouragement and good role models.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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The month of March we are offering Protecting God's Children sessions every Tuesday. All parish volunteers, regardless of ministry, are expected to attend a training. Please call 857-6404 to register guaranteeing enough materials.

All adults who have not been confirmed and are interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation can contact S. Pierre for details. Bishop Paprocki will confirm all adults of the diocese who have not been confirmed on Pentecost Sunday, May 24, 2015 in Springfield.

Mass Intentions

Mon., Mar. 9, 12:10: Ben and Elizabeth Ruholl
Tues., Mar. 10, 6:15: Alice Schumacher-Pruemer
Tues., Mar. 10, 8:05: Alf Thoele
Wed., Mar. 11, 6:15: Marie Martin
Wed., Mar. 11, 8:05: Helen Dasenbrock
Thurs., Mar. 12, 6:15: Frank Figueroa
Thurs., Mar. 12, 12:10: Clem and Minnie Luchtefeld
Fri., Mar. 13, 6:15: Pauline Brummer
Fri., Mar. 13, 8:05: John Worman
Sat., Mar. 14, 8:00: Anna Mae (Hardiek) Buzzard
Sat., Mar. 14, 5:30: Living and Deceased of Herman and Stella Mette Family
Sun., Mar. 15, 7:00: Pro Populo
Sun., Mar. 15, 8:45: Michael Zerrusen
Sun., Mar. 15, 10:30: Josephine Esker

40 Days for Life: As we continue our prayer and fasting for the end of abortion, let us reflect on the words of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, addressing the U.S. Supreme Court, "Human rights are not a privilege conferred by government. They are every human being's entitlement by virtue of his humanity. I have no new teaching for America. I seek only to recall you to faithfulness to what you once taught the world. Your nation was founded on the proposition very old as a moral precept, but startling and innovative as a political insight that human life is a gift of immeasurable worth, and that it deserves, always and everywhere, to be treated with the utmost dignity and respect."

Prayer: God Almighty, Who is powerful and willing to supply, our hearts cry in unison for You to restore dignity and respect to human life, not only in America, but around the world. Lord, may our hearts remain faithful to your calling, and may You begin Your transforming work with me. Keep me ever mindful that with You Lord, nothing is impossible; without You, I can do nothing. To You be glory forever and ever, amen. (40daysforlife.com)

A Lenten Special: Food for the soul; make a DeColores Spring Weekend.
Men's weekend March 19th-22nd; Lay Leader is John Sudkamp 217-844-2322.
Women's weekend March 26th-29th; Lay Leader is Kate Weber 217-821-3003.
For more information contact Mary Sur at 217-342-2003.

Effingham Area Deanery Meeting will be held March 17, 6:00 pm, at Christ the King Church, Greenup. The speaker will be Lisa Rexroat.

Liturgy Schedule 3rd Week of Lent March 9—15

Monday,	St. Frances of Rome Mass at 6:15 am & 12:10 pm
Tuesday,	Mass at 6:15 & 8:05 am
Wednesday,	Mass at 6:15 & 8:05 am
Thursday,	Mass at 6:15 am & 12:10 pm
Friday,	Mass at 6:15 & 8:05 am
Saturday,	Mass at 8:00 am & 5:30 pm
Sunday,	4th Sunday of Lent Mass at 7:00, 8:45, 10:30 am

Confession Schedule

Saturday, March 14 - 3:30-4:30 pm

Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 13 - 7:00 pm

Liturgy of the Hours with Friars

Monday-Friday -- 11:45 am & 4:45 pm

Sing Along. St. Francis Singers and Friends will be singing at Evergreen Nursing Center on Wednesday, March 11th, at 10:00 am. We will also be singing at the Glenwood on Thursday, March 12th, at 10:00 am.



Pray for the Sick

Please remember in your prayers: Eddie Siemer, Cheryl Ann Huber, Anna Habing, Jack Hardiek, Paula Spencer, Lucille Worman, Agnes Kremer, Pauline Gobjczynski, Devin Mette, David Pruemer, Harold Hardiek, Margaret Pruemer, Will Niccum, Joe Ruholl, Kay Schwartz, Tom Rhodes, Rosie Myers, Vince Huelsing, Anne Nelson, Art Thies, Emily (Heuerman) McCabe, Lorraine Deters

Stewardship of Treasure

	<u>Sunday</u> 3/1/2015	<u>Total Fiscal</u> <u>Year</u>
224 Adult envelopes	\$6,846.50	\$297,353.00
Other	\$426.62	\$23,509.07
TOTAL	\$7,273.12	\$320,862.07
Catholic Charities	\$5,132.50	



Parish Calendar

Monday, March 9

- Liturgy mtg., 7:00pm, Museum Dining Room
- Holy Name mtg., 7:30pm, Museum Mtg., Rm.
- Bible Study, 7:00pm, St. Clare

Tuesday, March 10

- Protecting God's Children, 6:30pm, St. Clare
- RCIA, 7:00pm, Museum Mtg., Rm.

Wednesday, March 11

- Children's Choir, 3:30pm
- Teen Choir, 6:00pm
- Jr. High and H.S. Religion, 7:20pm
- Rosary, 8:00pm, Chapel

Thursday, March 12

- Bible Study, 10:00am, St. Clare
- Adult Choir, 7:00pm

Friday, March 13

- Stations of the Cross, 7:00pm

Saturday, March 14

- Senior Retreat
- Confessions, 3:30-4:30pm

Sunday, March 15

- Senior Retreat
- Secular Franciscans meet, 2:00pm, Church and St. Clare
- Financial Peace Class, 4:30pm, St. Clare



Planning Marriage

Gabriel Rauch and Stephanie Martin
Saturday, March 14, 2015
1:00 pm

Special Collection. The Catholic Relief Services Collection works at home and abroad to aid struggling, poor, and underrepresented families. The six worldwide organizations supported by the Collection provide immediate humanitarian aid, pastoral support, and disaster relief to our suffering brothers and sisters around the globe. This Collection offers an opportunity for each of us to **help Jesus in disguise.** Please give generously to the Catholic Relief Services Collection on the weekend of March 14-15.



Homebound Ministry

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound for Sunday, March 15th are: Lenora Drees 857-3583 and Deb Runde 857-6281.

PJ Anderson. Come celebrate that we are “Blest with the Best” on March 21st and 22nd. St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Teutopolis is hosting a retreat and concert with national guest speaker and musician PJ Anderson. A Catholic singer and songwriter, PJ has traveled across the nation delivering fabulous speeches and performing concerts full of inspiring music. We at St. Francis are lucky enough to have PJ come and perform for us. The retreat, open to all junior high through college age students, will be held in the Teutopolis Grade School from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. on Saturday, March 21st. Advanced registration is required. Lunch will be provided. Also, after the retreat, PJ will be the musician at 5:30 Mass in St. Francis Church. Cost for the retreat is just \$15. On Sunday, March 22nd, PJ will be performing in concert at St. Francis of Assisi Church. This free entry concert is open to the public and will begin at 5:00 P.M. Seats are limited and tickets are available at St. Francis Church. For concert tickets or to register for the retreat, call the St. Francis parish office at 217-857-6404. Stay tuned by following us on Twitter @stfbwtb (St. Francis Blest With The Best). You can check out more about PJ at www.pjandersonmusic.com. We hope to see you there, and remember: We truly are “Blest with the Best!”

RCIA meets Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. This week’s session is Reconciliation. Anyone interested may join us, or call S. Pierre at 857-6404 for more information.

Today, the newly Elect hear the Gospel story of the Woman at the Well from John 4:5-52. After hearing it, we ask: For what do I thirst? For the already Baptized, how does the living water of my own Baptism impel me to be Christ’s mouth and hands and heart this week to proclaim his refreshing presence among us?

Extraordinary Women of the Bible sessions are on Thursday mornings from 10:00-11:00 a.m. in St. Clare Hall through Thursday, March 26th. Come meet the women who impacted the life of the Messiah. For more information, please call S. Pierre at 857-6404.

St. Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians study is being held on Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in St. Clare Hall. Come hear and see how St. Paul encouraged those living in a pagan culture. For more information, please contact S. Pierre at 857-6404.

Let us continue to pray for justice, peace and charity for those in Ferguson, Missouri and cities throughout the United States who feel they are treated unjustly.

Religious Education News

Grade School. Grades 3R and 3S are scheduled to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Monday, March 9 and Grades 6W and 5K on March 12, in the chapel. Grades 5M and 5S, and grades 6C and 6H meet in the Museum Dining Room.

Grade 2—Parents, please return the response sheets this week, letting us know what First Communion parent meeting you will be attending---on Monday, March 16 or Thursday, March 19. (If you did not receive the parent letter from your child at school last Monday, please call 857-6477.) Thank you.

Grades 3-6—Parents, please return signed report sheets, if you have not already done so. Many thanks for your cooperation.

Pre-Kdgn. Sunday morning classes take place in the Museum Dining Room during the 10:30 Mass on Sunday. Last class, program, and reception will take place on March 29. Notes will be forthcoming.

Junior High. Grade 8 will be hosting the Diocesan Family Life Minister, Carlos Tejada, and his helpers speaking on “Chastity” on Wednesday, March 11. Grade 7 will be studying the Bible Timeline of the Gold Color-The Coming of Jesus and His Gospels.

Parents, please sign and return report sheets as soon as possible, preferably by Wed., March 18. Thanks.

Gr. 7 Silhouette Stations of the Cross is scheduled for Friday, March 27 (not March 20, as previously announced in class.) Dates on the response sheet sent home with Gr. 7 students ARE correct.

Catholic Women for Christ 6th Annual Conference. Saturday, March 21, at St. Charles Convention Center, St. Charles, Missouri. Keynote speakers: Teresa Tomeo, syndicated Catholic talk show host and motivational speaker, and Brenda Sharman, founding national director of Pure Fashion. Online registration at CatholicWomenforChrist.org. High school & college students: \$15, includes lunch.

Holy Humor...A moth said to another moth, “Have a bite of this delicious sweater.” “I can’t,” the other moth replied. “I’ve given them up for lint.”

Year of Consecrated Life. Already dedicated to him through Baptism, the person who surrenders themselves to the God they love above all else thereby consecrates themselves more intimately to God’s service and to the good of the church.

—*Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 931*

Wanted: Military Names. Please provide us with names of parishioners currently serving in the military. We would like to publish these names in our bulletin on a regular basis and request everyone to pray for their well-being and protection. You can send these names by mail, email, collection basket, or phone us. Thank you.



CCW News for all ladies of the parish.

The March CCW meeting will be held Monday, March 16th, at St. Clare Hall at 7:00 pm. To all the ladies collecting for CCW dues, please have them collected and turned in before this meeting. Among discussions will be the candidate for Our Lady of Good Counsel Award (which honors a woman of our parish who actively lives her Catholic Faith, displays her spirituality, and shares her time/talent with a cheerful attitude by doing acts of service and leadership towards her community and parish).

Our guest speaker for the March meeting will be Linda Pruemer on “Pastry Making”! Please come join us for fellowship and friendship.

Holy Name Meeting Monday, March 9, 7:30pm, Museum Meeting Room.

Catholic Charities Second Hand Resale Shoppe will be closed beginning Saturday, March 14 thru Monday, March 16 for Spring change-over. The Shoppe will re-open on Tuesday, March 17, featuring spring and summer clothing items as well as Easter décor.

Coming Soon. The annual Effingham County Right to Life Rummage Sale will be held Thursday, March 19, and Friday, March 20, in the Effingham KC Building. Please bring your useable items on Wednesday, March 18, 7:30am to 5:00pm. **Please note. No TV’s, computers or printers will be accepted.** Sale hours are 7:00am to 5:00pm on Thursday and 7:00am to 3:00pm on Friday. Volunteers needed on Wednesday and to pack leftovers on Friday at 3:00pm. Men would be greatly appreciated to move heavy cartons. \$3.00 bag sale all day Friday. For more info—please call 217-857-3060. Thank you.

Teutopolis Park District

Baseball and Softball: Sign-up by March 15th
Instructional Volleyball: Sign-up by April 1st
Softball Clinics: April 18-19; Sign-up by April 1st
Boot Camp: March 16-May 8; Sign-up continues (late fee applies)

Rosary Vigil at Effingham Planned Parenthood on Tuesdays, 12:00pm—4:00pm. We pray for unborn babies and for the men and women entering that facility, that in their youth, they will not make a mistake that will probably haunt them for the rest of their lives. Margo, who had an abortion—”It has burned a hole in my soul and changed me forever.” With our prayers and our presence, we can save lives!

Prayer Vigil for Life will be held at Sacred Heart Church, Lillyville, on Monday, March 16, beginning with the rosary at 6:00 pm.

Here and There

K C Friday night fish buffet now through April 10 at the Teutopolis K of C Hall meeting room.

St. Mary of the Assumption Church’s Annual Brunch in Sainte Marie has been rescheduled for **today, March 8th**, (due to the weather conditions on March 1st). Serving will be from 8am to noon in the parish center.

St. Isidore Spring Breakfast at Bishop Creek is Sunday, March 15th, from 7:00 am—noon. The menu will include a whole hog sausage, ham, fried or scrambled eggs, pancakes, homemade breads and rolls. There will also be a raffle, Country Store with baked goods and crafts, and mystery boxes. Look forward to seeing you there!

Sacred Heart Church, Lillyville, will host its annual breakfast on Sunday, March 22, from 7:00 am—noon. Whole hog sausage, ham, pancakes, eggs, rolls, coffee, milk, and juice will be served. There will also be a Country Store with baked goods, quilt raffle, 50/50 raffle, and CYO raffle. Handicapped parking is available and the parish hall is wheelchair accessible.

Benefit for Randy Seaton is planned for Saturday, March 28th, at the Teutopolis K C Hall. Event begins at 11:00am with a Bean Bag Toss; 4:00pm Prairie Sky Cam Ball Drop; 5:00pm Pulled Pork Dinner; 6:30pm Auction, Live Music and 50/50 drawing. Randy has been diagnosed with Stage 4 Small Cell Lung Cancer. This cancer is rapid growing and has metastasized to his lymph nodes, liver, and bone. He has been going to Effingham Cancer Center for Treatments. Randy works for Bauer Funeral Home in Effingham and Pagel Funeral Home in St. Elmo. Cash donations can be made at People’s Bank, Pana, or Washington Savings Bank, Effingham.

Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting on February 19, 2015

Present: Fr. John, Dan Beckman, Duane Kremer, Mike Tipton, Tony Pals, Carrie Cople, Sandy Gillespie, Mick Deters and Bernie Hartke

The meeting opened with prayer. Minutes from the January 15, 2015 meeting were reviewed and approved.

The following committee reports were given:

Finance: Duane Kremer

The Finances are all currently in order.

It was noted that the attendance at all Masses has been down.

Building and Grounds – Bernie Hartke

The windows that are to be replaced on the North side of the garage have been ordered. Also there are twenty-three new windows ordered to be installed in the Monastery. There will be an additional eighteen installed at a later date. Once this is complete, that will finish the 2nd floor of the Monastery.

The damage that was done to the Mini Park wall will cost between \$2500-\$2800 to repair. It was voted to have the wall repaired. Dennis Borries will fix the wall.

Everything for the new speaker system is now ready to be installed.

Liturgy – Carrie Cople

Nothing to report.

Religious Ed – Sandy Gillespie

Sr. Ann

All grade school children received ashes on Ash Wednesday. Each child will receive a parent letter discussing the activities that will be done during Lent. Mission boxes will also be sent home.

Grade 2 will be participating in First Reconciliation on Saturday., February 21 and will receive First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 3.

The balance of the grade school grades, 3-6, will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Mondays and Thursdays during the month of March.

The Valentine bake sale totaled \$2,372.81.

Report Cards were sent home to both the grade school and junior high students. These are to be reviewed, signed & returned at the next class.

On March 11, Mr Carlos Tejeda, Diocesan Family Life coordinator, will be speaking to the 8th grade students on Chastity. The total religious education fees turned in to date is \$26,310. Fees for the grade school are \$12,950. There are about 50 family bills still outstanding.

High School – Religion

Nothing to report.

Adult Education-Sr. Pierre

Nothing to report.

Stewardship – Mick Deters

We have 4 new families that have joined the parish.

Social Concerns –Mike Tipton

The committee is still deciding on which groups of need that we are going to help. The committee is in the process of still researching these groups.

Pastor's Report

The Right to Life breakfast was again a huge success. Please continue to pray for Loretta Koester who has been ill with ear issues, and also pray for those participating in the March for Life.

The first Senior Member Event was held on Monday, February 23 in St. Clare Hall. We are still looking for someone to help be the organizers of these events. If anyone is interested, they should contact Fr. John.

It was brought to our attention that the ushers are in need of new baskets.

On April 25, Br. Marc will make his Solemn Profession in Chicago.

The election of new Parish Council members was held on February 14 and 15. Steve Kroeger, Sharon Waldhoff and Lois Meinhart were elected. They will be replacing outgoing members, Duane Kremer, Carrie Cople and Denise Will.

The parish council will go ahead and order the new baskets for the ushers.

The next meeting will be held Thursday, March 19, at 7:00 PM.