

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

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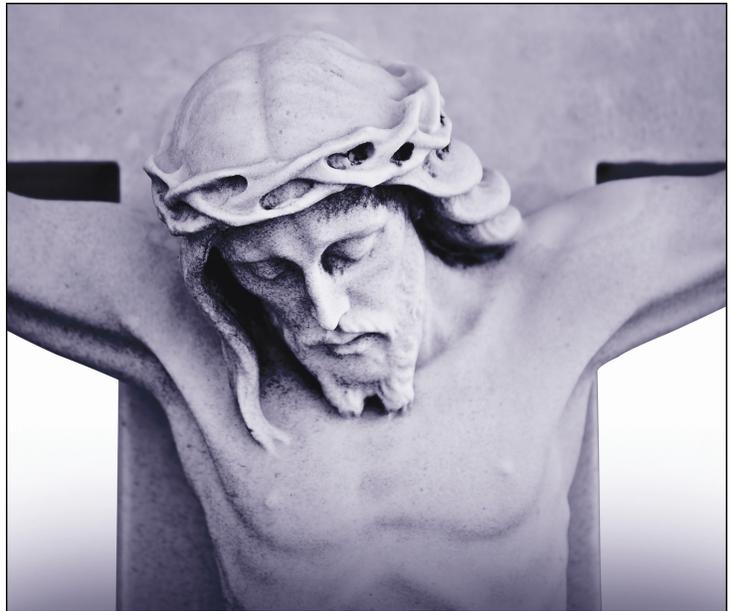
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March 9, 2014



First Sunday
of **LENT**



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Mass Schedule

Weekend Liturgy:

Saturday 5:30 pm

Sunday 7:00, 8:45, & 10:30 am

Weekday Liturgy:

See inside schedule

Holy Day Liturgy :

Eve 7:00 pm; Day 6:00 am, 8:05 am,

12:10 pm & 5:30 pm

From the Pastor

Lent. We are now several days into the holy season of Lent. We remember that the traditional Lenten disciplines are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

If you have not yet made your Lenten resolutions, there is some material at the church entrances that you might find helpful.

Reflections for Lent are available as hardcopy at the church entrances as well as on the parish Facebook page and website.

As much as possible, I will also present some daily prayers on the Facebook page. Some have been submitted by parish members; some will come from other sources.

The staff is inviting everyone to join them in using the parish directory as a prayer source during Lent. Please take time to pray for the other members of the parish.

Stations of the Cross will be on Friday at 7:00 p.m.

Operation Rice Bowl is an annual effort to raise money to combat world hunger. Please help by using the materials provided in church.

Please remember that during Lent the early Mass begins at 6:15 a.m. rather than at 6:30. Servers, please note!

Rite of Election. Today Bishop Paprocki will be celebrating the annual **Rite of Election** for the elect and candidates who are preparing to enter the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil this year. Several members of our RCIA program will be in attendance.

Parish Mission. Fr. Johnpaul Cafiero, one of our friars, is a highly-regarded preacher for parish missions and a good friend of Br. Marc. When a cancellation opened up Fr. Johnpaul's schedule, we were given an opportunity to hire him for our parish mission. After a quick e-mail survey of the staff and PPC, I signed a contract with Jp.

Our parish mission will begin on the weekend of March 22. Fr. Johnpaul will preach at the weekend Masses as a lead-in to the mission which will take place during the evenings of March 23 – 25.

If you Google "Fr. Johnpaul Cafiero, OFM," you can read about Jp's interesting background and his current work. In the meantime, please start getting the word around to others about the parish mission beginning on March 23.

HBTY!! Today, March 9, is Br. Marc's birthday. He's in Joliet for meetings this weekend, but our long-distance prayers can still be a blessing to him.

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 10, 6:15 am: Pat Niemeyer
 Monday, March 10, 12:10 pm: Mary Fuesting
 Tuesday, March 11, 6:15 am: Pat Niemeyer
 Tuesday, March 11, 8:05 am: Ambrose Deters
 Wednesday, March 12, 6:15 am: Frank Figueroa
 Wednesday, March 12, 8:05 am: Annie Meyer
 Thursday, March 13, 6:15 am: Pat Niemeyer
 Thursday, March 13, 12:10 pm: Dr. Henry Runde
 Friday, March 14, 8:05 am: Stella Mette
 Saturday, March 15, 8:00 am: Mary Fuesting
 Saturday, March 15, 5:30 pm: George Brumleve
 Sunday, March 16, 7:00 am: Ambrose Deters
 Sunday, March 16, 8:45 am: John Worman
 Sunday, March 16, 10:30 am: Pat Niemeyer

CYCLE A MARCH 9, 2014 1st Sunday of Lent



"Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil." Today's Gospel brings us face-to-face with the reality of spiritual warfare. A battle is going on in the desert. The devil is out to win the allegiance of the Son of God. But Jesus fights back. Not with fists or knives, but with the word of God. For every temptation the devil proposes, Jesus arms himself with "the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God" (Eph 6:17). This strategy proves effective. Ultimately, "the devil left him," and then Jesus was consoled by the presence of angels.

In our modern era, we face a new temptation: to deny the existence of spiritual beings. Angels appear to be little more than lawn ornaments or Christmas crafts, and too often the devil is reduced to an analogy for the vague presence of evil. Perhaps the greatest achievement of the father of lies, as Pope Francis has suggested, is to make us believe that he does not exist. But the word of God gives us a different idea: "Be sober and vigilant. Your opponent the devil is prowling around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour" (1 Pt 5:8). This is no fairy tale. Satan wants to win our allegiance too.

During Lent, we have the opportunity to fortify ourselves for this serious, if silent, combat. Just as Jesus fasted and prayed for forty days before that diabolical encounter, we take these forty days of Lent to "conquer" the weak spots where we are susceptible to attack. We fast to strengthen our self-control, we give alms to strengthen our generosity, and we pray to strengthen our faith in God's power and providence. A sincere effort now, in the "desert" of Lent, can lead us to victory as we engage in the ongoing spiritual battle for the allegiance of our souls.

Liturgy Schedule 1st Week of Lent March 10-16

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| Monday, | 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, | 2nd Sunday of Lent Mass at 7:00, 8:45, 10:30 am |

Confession Schedule

Saturday, March 15 - 3:30-4:30 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 12th at 10:00 am.



Pray for the Sick

Please remember in your prayers: Eddie Siemer, Cheryl Ann Huber, Chris Utz, Anna Habing, Jim Koester, Jack Hardiek, Paula Spencer, Lucille Worman, Mack Kitten, Agnes Kremer, Pauline Goczynski, Devin Mette, David Pruemer, Harold Hardiek, Sr. Alice Borries, Josh Bierman, Ray Lohman

Stewardship of Treasure

| | <u>Sunday</u> 3/2/2014 | <u>Total Fiscal</u> Year |
|---------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 244 Adult envelopes | \$7,263.50 | \$309,644.24 |
| Other | \$598.96 | \$21,255.90 |
| TOTAL | \$7,862.46 | \$330,900.14 |



Parish Calendar

Monday, March 10

- Holy Name mtg., 6:00 pm, Museum Meeting Rm.
- Liturgy mtg., 7:00 pm, St. Clare
- CHWC mtg., 7:00 pm, Museum Dining Room

Wednesday, March 12

- Children's choir, 3:30 pm
- Teen choir, 6:00 pm
- Jr. High and HS Religion, 7:20 pm
- Rosary, 8 pm, church

Thursday, March 13

- Adult choir, 7:00 pm

Friday, March 14

- Rosary, 9:30 am, Church and St. Clare
- Stations of the Cross, 7:00 pm

Saturday, March 15

- Confessions, 3:30-4:30 pm

Sunday, March 16

- Pre-K Religion
- RCIA after 8:45 Mass
- Secular Franciscans meet, 2:00 pm, Church and St. Clare

St. Francis is offering several ways to celebrate Lent this year. There are reflections, prayers, Mass and a Parish Mission. Please plan on engaging in some of these activities, maybe in place of "giving up" something.

Lenten Rosary Opportunities. St. Clare Rosary group will be meeting at 9:30 am in Church every Friday during Lent for the Rosary, followed by fellowship time in St. Clare Hall.

The Rosary is also prayed regularly every Tuesday morning following 8:05 am Mass and every Wednesday evening at 8:00 pm in Church.

Let's gather together and ask Mother Mary to prepare us for the Resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday!!! ALL ARE WELCOME!



Homebound Ministers

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound for Sunday, March 16th are Lenora Drees 857-3583 and Deb Runde 857-6281.

As Lent begins, the Catechumens, those seeking Baptism, and the Candidates, those seeking full communion with the Catholic Church are entering the Rite of the Elect. Today they travel to Springfield to be presented to Bishop Paprocki. We pray for their safety and an increase of blessings as they move toward Holy Saturday.

We will be offering two opportunities for Parish Ministers who have not yet been trained in the Protecting God's Children program in April. Thursday, April 3rd and Friday April 25th both in St. Clare Hall beginning at 6:30 for all those ministers who may just be beginning a new ministry or those who were unable to attend those offered earlier in the year.

Q. What do the Gospels address when they speak of the temptations of Jesus?

A. The Gospel for the First Sunday of Lent always speaks of the temptations of Jesus. Mark, the first Gospel written, was the primary source for Luke and Matthew, who edited it to fit their communities' context and needs.



Mark's temptation account (1:12-13) is very brief. Matthew (4:1-11) and Luke (4:1-13) both expand the temptation account, each listing three similar temptations, but with a different arrangement. They used a different source for their accounts other than Mark. The clue to each Gospel writer's theology is usually found in the editing.

Luke's temptation account, like Matthew, is threefold. Yet unlike Matthew, Luke's third temptation focuses on the Temple in Jerusalem, a place of great significance for Luke. In his Gospel, Jerusalem is the place where Jesus will fulfill his role and mission, while in Acts, Luke's other masterpiece, it is the center of Gospel evangelization to the whole world.

Forty days in the desert recall the forty years of Jewish wandering, where they murmured against God, failing to trust in God's providence. Jesus enters the desert, guided by the Spirit, to model how we are to respond to the temptations that surround us. Jesus places total trust in God. No matter what happens God can be relied upon. Do we believe that as we go through our daily lives?

Religious Education News

GRADE SCHOOL -- Attention Grade 2 parents— Please mark your calendars for attending one of the First Communion meetings for parents, either on Monday, March 17, or on Thursday, March 20. If you have not received the letter from your child on Thursday of this past week regarding this important meeting, please call 857-6477. Also, please return the response portion, stating which meeting you will be attending. Thank you.

PRE/KDGN-- Sunday morning religion classes take place during the 10:30 Mass in the museum dining room, according to daylight-saving time.

JUNIOR HIGH—Junior high classes will resume this Wednesday, March 12. Response sheets for participating in the Grade 7 Silhouette Stations of the Cross (with the new date—Friday 3/28) are due. Practices take place Wednesday, March 19 and 26 at 6:30 at the Jr. Hi (just before religion classes.)

PG-13. The diocesan office is offering a suggestion to parents regarding the movie *Son of God*. “Due to intense and bloody portrayal of the Crucifixion, the scourging and several sequences of violence, the material may be inappropriate for children under the age of 13.

Rather than simply suggesting parental discretion, the PG 13 rating carries the warning: ‘Parents Strongly Cautioned, Some Material May Be Inappropriate For Children Under 13.’”

The website <http://seesonofgod.com/study> guide offers reflections and a guide to viewing.

Youth notes

CHWC Campers-change of time for our meeting- We will have a meeting this Monday, March 10th in the Museum Dining Room @ 7:30pm. We have registration forms in and a few things to talk over. We will have a notary at the meeting to complete paperwork. Please be there if possible.

Senior retreat is around the corner. All seniors should have received an invite in the mail last week. Please rsvp as soon as possible. We'd love to have you join us!



**March
Month of
St. Joseph**

CCW Meets March 17. All ladies of the parish are invited to the March CCW meeting on Monday, March 17, at 7:00 pm in St. Clare Hall. Our guest speaker for the meeting is Tammy Probst, Program Manager at St. Anthony's Wound Healing Center. Tammy will present information about this comprehensive physician-based center that treats chronic non-healing wounds. One unique aspect of the center is that the consumer/patient can make an appointment without the referral from their primary care physician. Come and learn more about the Wound Center.

Thank you to all the ladies who are collecting CCW dues in their neighborhoods. We are updating our contact information and appreciate members letting us know of a change to their phone number in recent years. This information can be given to your neighborhood collector. Raffle tickets for an 8' vinyl picnic table are being sold along with the dues.

We appreciate the help and generosity that is given throughout the year from each member of the CCW. Thank You, Ladies!

What are you doing for Lent? Lent is the time to get away from the busyness of life and take care of yourself by attending a DeColores weekend. Slow down, learn more about faith, make new friends, and receive the sacraments. Held at Camp Walter Scott, the men's weekend is March 27-31, and the leader is Ed Niemerg. The women's weekend is April 3-6, and the leader is Sharon Brummer. For information and registration call Ed at 217-925-5493, or Sharon at 217-857-6092 or Mary Sur at 217-342-2003.

Holy Humor...After the service, the rabbi looked blue and despondent. "What was your sermon subject that it took so much energy out of you?" his wife asked. He replied, "I tried to tell them that it was the duty of the rich to help the poor." "And did you convince them?" she pursued. "Only half, I convinced the poor!"

The more you give, the more you get
The more you do unselfishly,
The more you live abundantly.
The more of everything you share,
The more you laugh, the less you fret,
The more you'll always have to spare.
The more you love, the more you'll find
That life is good and friends are kind.
For only what we give away,
Enriches us from day to day.

40 Days For Life. Planned Parenthood received \$538 MILLION of your tax dollars, and performed 333,964 abortions in one year alone. 40 Days for Life prayer vigils are being held next to Planned Parenthood facilities, the biggest abortion chain in the United States. God loves the abortionist and the Planned Parenthood advocate just as much as He loves you. It breaks His heart to see them in bondage to sin. Let's join our hearts with His in recognizing that those in the abortion industry are not the enemy, but rather they are blinded by the enemy. Please continue to pray and fast during this Lenten prayer campaign, not only for the innocent unborn children and their families, but also for abortionists and all workers in abortion facilities.

Prayer: Lord, unite us in prayer and fasting for the unborn, their families, and for the workers in the abortion industry. May their souls be troubled, and lead them to Your truth. Free them from their blindness of the evil of abortion. Unite all of those prayer warriors on the sidewalk in front of abortion clinics to be the true hands, feet and mouth of Jesus Christ. May hearts be changed and freed from the evil of abortion. Amen.

Prayer Vigil for Life. Sacred Heart Church, Lillyville, will host the March 17th Prayer Vigil for Life. The Rosary will begin at 6:00 pm, Mass at 6:30 pm, with a business meeting to follow. Everyone is invited.

The Annual Right to Life Rummage Sale will be Thursday and Friday, March 13 and 14 in the Eppingham KC building. Please bring your useable items on Wednesday, March 12 from 7:30 am to 5:00 pm. **Please note—no TV's, Computers, and Printers will be accepted.** Sale hours are 7:00 am to 5:00 pm on Thursday and 7:00 am to 3:00 pm on Friday. Volunteers needed on Wednesday and to pack leftovers on Friday at 3:00 pm. Men would be greatly appreciated to move heavy cartons. \$3.00 bag sale all day on Friday. For more information call 217-857-3060.

"Spring into Health"

Health Fest, sponsored by St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital, will be held on Tuesday, March 11, 3:30—7:00 pm at the Keller Convention Center. Break-out sessions every half hour starting at 4:30 pm. If you need a ride to this event call Eppingham County Public Transportation at 1-855-755-2478 at least 24 hours in advance for fare information and to schedule.



Parish Picnic is July 13, 2014. St. Francis Parish Picnic plans have already started!! The officers of CCW and Holy Name are in the process of updating the picnic workers list. If you currently do not have a job, need a job change or adjustment, please contact Cory Wermert at 857-3966 or Cindy Esker at 857-6201. We want to complete these changes as soon as possible before the picnic list goes to print. Thank you!

A Thank You Note.

I want to send a thank you to my family, my Franciscan family, other relatives and friends, and former students and faculty at Quincy University who sent me a card and/or attended my 90th birthday party on 02-01-2014. I am deeply humbled by all your loving words, thoughts, and prayers over all these years. I continue to celebrate Mass every day, hear confessions, and have an active ministry of prayer.

Be assured that I will keep all of you in my thoughts, prayers, and all your intentions at my daily Masses. May the Lord bless and reward you abundantly for your kindness and prayers.

Reverend Father Victor Kingery, O.F.M.

Arise! DeColores Community!. This winter has been unusually cold, but imagine for a minute how cold and lonely life would be without Jesus! Nobody should have to live in that place. As part of the DeColores community, you have felt the warmth of His love. Here is a great chance to share His love with others.

We have gathered a team from the Decatur area and are planning the next Koinonia weekend to be held at the Villa Maria Catholic Retreat Center in Springfield, the weekend of March 21-22-23. We would greatly appreciate your prayers, and your wheat (palanca), and (if possible) your presence at reunion on Saturday night the 22nd, at 7 pm, at the Villa Maria, 1903 E. Lakeshore Drive.

Send letters to David Goebel, 525 Wagoner Drive, Mt. Zion, IL 62549, or email david.goebel@meatsplus.com. Also, any men or women wishing to make that retreat or for more information, contact Dave at 217-202-7904, or Veronica at 217-864-4947. Thanks!

Mother Teresa once said, “Give me an appreciation for the privilege that is mine.” It is a great privilege to follow Jesus, and a great responsibility to pass it on! When we support weekends like Koinonia, we take part in the effort to bring His love into this cold and darkened world. Let’s show off the many colors of Christ!

Thank you and God bless!
Dave and Veronica Goebel

Here and There

Fish Buffet on Friday nights during Lent from 5:00-8:00 pm at the Teutopolis K of C meeting room.

Sacred Heart, Effingham, Fish Fry, Friday, March 14 & Friday, March 21, at Sacred Heart parish center. Serving 4:30 to 7:30 pm.

St. Mary’s, Ste. Marie, will hold a Brunch on Sunday, March 9th, 8:00 am to 12:00 noon in St. Mary’s Parish Center.

American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on Tuesday, March 11th, 1:30—6:30 pm at the Teutopolis KC Hall. One donation can save 3 lives.

St. Isidore Parish, Dieterich, will hold their Spring breakfast on Sunday, March 16 at the St. Aloysius Parish Center. Serving 7:00 am—12:00 pm.

Sacred Heart Church, Lillyville, will host their annual breakfast on Sunday, March 23rd in the Parish Hall. Serving from 7:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Teutopolis Park District Baseball & Softball. Registration for the TPD programs is now available online (“Online Registration” menu option) or the registration form can be downloaded (“Download Forms” menu option) from Teutopolis Park District’s website (www.teutopolisparkdistrict.com).

Baseball and Softball: Sign-up deadline is March 15
Softball Clinics: April 25-26; Sign-up deadline is April 1
Boot Camp: Begins March 17; Late fee applies
Instructional Volleyball: Begins March 15
Summer Help Wanted: Apply by March 16

You can help!!! If anyone has old dresser scarves, table runners and doilies that you will let us use for the Terquasquicentennial Dinner Dance, please call Karen Brumleve at 821-3973 or email me at brumleveb@mchsi.com. We will put your name on and return. We also are in need of 1/2 gallon Mason jars and old quilt fabric at least 24 inches wide. If you can help out with any of this, we will arrange pick-up. Thanks!!

Missing. Golden Circle Nutrition is missing 2 cloth coolers that say “Modern Woodman” on them. These are used for delivery of meals on wheels. Please return them or call Nancy Hoene at 857-3848 or 663-0294.

The Smart Food Choice menu is on the round table at the parish office entrance. Last day to order is Tuesday, March 18th.