

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

## Teutopolis, Illinois

November 23, 2014



## Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

“Then the king will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.’” - Mt 25:34-36

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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.

### 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

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### *From the Pastor*

**Columbarium Project.** Donations continue to come in for our columbarium project at the parish cemetery. You should have received a donation envelope in the recent bulk mailing from the parish office. Otherwise there are envelopes available in the church entrances.

As part of our fundraising effort for the columbarium, we are now ready to pre-sell niches. Ordinarily, the niches will sell for the same price as a grave (currently \$500). From now until February 1, however, we will offer the niches for \$400—a \$100 discount. Please remember that one side of the columbarium will have double niches suitable for spouses or for a parent and child.

**DCJH.** The annual Diocesan Collection for Justice and Hope will be taken up on the weekend of November 22 and 23. This collection is one of the diocese's efforts to improve the lives of the poor in our immediate area.

**Advent.** November 23 is the feast of Christ the King; November 30 is the first Sunday of Advent. As we move to the new liturgical year, the Sunday gospels will come primarily from the Gospel of Mark. Since Mark's gospel is so short, it will be supplemented with readings from the Gospel of John—as you will see during the coming summer.

**Land of Peace.** The representatives from Land of Peace will be here to display and sell religious artifacts on December 6 and 7. You may recall that they sell religious goods made out of olive wood; their sales benefit Christian families living in the Holy Land.

**Heading North.** I had to cut my summer vacation short because of meetings for the Province. Since it has been over 7 years since I have celebrated Thanksgiving with my family, and now that my mother is 87 and we don't know how much longer she will be in the family home, I have decided to go home for Thanksgiving this year. Brother Tom and I will leave on Tuesday, November 25 and will return to T-Town on 11/29.

**Visitors Coming.** The three friars of my support group will be visiting with us from December 1 to December 4. We have been meeting together 3 or 4 times a year for over 25 years.

**The public is invited** to attend a forum on the findings and analysis of the Active and Inactive Catholics survey conducted by Benedictine University on Monday, November 24 at 7:00 pm at Benedictine University Springfield gymnasium, 1500 N. 5th St. Bishop Paprocki and members of the Benedictine University research team will be on the panel to give the response to the survey which will include questions and answers from the public.



Almighty God,  
you bring forth bountiful food from the earth  
that our loved ones may never grow hungry.  
For this, we give thanks.  
You give us families that meet at this time  
to reunite and be one with each other.  
For this, we give thanks.  
You have let us live in a land  
that has unbridled opportunity and unparalleled freedoms.  
For this, we give thanks.  
For those who are hungry today,  
we pray for their fulfillment.  
For families that are separated, we pray for their unity.  
And for people who live in the midst of persecution,  
we pray for their deliverance.  
We ask all these things through Christ,  
our ever-risen Lord.  
Amen.

### **Mass Intentions**

Monday, November 24, 6:30: Charles Schumacher  
Monday, November 24, 12:10: Living & Deceased of  
Roger & Barb Worman Family  
Tuesday, November 25, 6:30: Marie Martin  
Tuesday, November 25, 8:05: August & Marian Schultz  
Family  
Wednesday, November 26, 6:30: Louis Buenker, Jr.  
(death anniversary)  
Wednesday, November 26, 8:05: Ambrose Ruholl  
Thursday, November 27, 7:00: Larry Walk  
Thursday, November 27, 9:00: Jerry Hotze  
Friday, November 28, 6:30: Roger Geers  
Friday, November 28, 8:05: Ermand & Dorothy Thoele  
Family  
Saturday, November 29, 8:00: August & Marian Schultz  
Family  
Saturday, November 29, 5:30: Richard Thoele  
Sunday, November 30, 7:00: Pro Populo  
Sunday, November 30, 8:45: Dean Matteson Family  
Sunday, November 30, 10:30: August & Marian Schultz  
Family

## Liturgy Schedule 34th Week in Ordinary Time November 24-30

Monday,	St. Andres Dung-Lac Mass at 6:30 am & 12:10 pm
Tuesday,	St. Catherine of Alexandria Mass at 6:30 & 8:05 am
Wednesday,	Mass at 6:30 & 8:05 am
Thursday,	<b>Thanksgiving Day</b> <b>Mass at 7:00 &amp; 9:00 am</b>
Friday,	Mass at 6:30 & 8:05 am
Saturday,	Mass at 8:00 am & 5:30 pm
Sunday,	First Sunday of Advent Mass at 7:00, 8:45, 10:30 am

### Confession Schedule

Saturday, November 29 - 3:30-4:30 pm

### Liturgy of the Hours with Friars

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



## Parish Calendar

### Monday, November 24

- Guitar practice, 6:30 pm, Church
- DeColores Board mtg., 7:00 pm, Museum Meeting Room

### Tuesday, November 25

- Protecting God's Children, 6:30—9:00 pm, St. Clare
- RCIA, 7:00 pm, Museum Meeting Room

### Wednesday, November 26

- Rosary, 8:00 pm, Chapel

### Thursday, November 27

- Happy Thanksgiving
- Parish office closed

### Friday, November 28

- Parish office closed

### Saturday, November 29

- Confessions, 3:30-4:30 pm
- SCRIP cards sold after Mass in St. Clare Hall

### Sunday, November 30

- SCRIP cards sold after all Masses in St. Clare Hall

**Donations for Flowers.** We are accepting donations for flowers for Christmas and special occasions during 2015. Please put your donation in an envelope marked "FLOWERS," and place it in the collection basket, or drop it off at the parish office. If the donation is being made in memory of a loved one, please note this on the envelope also.



## 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 Gobczynski, Devin Mette, David Pruemer, Harold Hardiek, Ray Lohman, Don Broom, Margaret Pruemer, Will Niccum, Joe Ruholl, Kay Schwartz, Tom Rhodes

### Stewardship of Treasure

	<u>Sunday</u> 11/16/2014	<u>Total Fiscal</u> <u>Year</u>
307 Adult envelopes	\$8,272.00	\$158,356.50
Other	\$557.00	\$13,948.71
TOTAL	\$8,829.00	\$172,305.21

**Thanksgiving Day Masses** will be at **7:00 and 9:00 am**. (No 12:10 Mass on Thanksgiving.) A monetary collection for Catholic Charities will be taken up at the Masses. Food items for Catholic Charities are to be placed in front of the Blessed Virgin altar before or after Mass.

We are in need of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Please come to the sacristy before Mass and see where you are needed. Thank you.

**Please Note.** The parish office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 27 and 28 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

**Protecting God's Children** session will be held this Tuesday, November 25, in St. Clare Hall from 6:30-9:00. Any person participating in any church ministry and has not already done the training is asked to attend. Please call the parish office to register. 857-6404.



## Homebound Ministry

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound for Sunday, November 30th are Chuck Deters 857-6084 and Lori Mette 857-3523



Our parish's Giving Trees will be out beginning on Thanksgiving! The Giving Tree gifts will be given to residents in Evergreen, Lakeland, and Effingham Health and Rehab as well as the ARC group homes, Effingham Terrace & Wetherall Place group homes. How can you be a

part of this giving? Simply take a tag off of the trees at the entrances of the church, purchase a gift of one of their "wants", wrap it (taping the tag on the outside of the package), and return it to St. Francis by December 14.

On December 15, volunteers will meet at the church, sort the gifts, and take them to the facilities. People appreciate the gifts so much & each facility has said it has brightened the season for their residents! THANKS for your generosity & your sharing of the Christmas Spirit!

**RCIA** meets Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Museum Meeting Room. This week's session is on: The Liturgical Year. Contact S. Pierre 857-6404 ext. 227 for more information.

**Advent approaches.** Please consider doing a more prayerful activity this season in preparation for the celebration of our God becoming one of us.

An extra few minutes of prayer in church, in the car, before bed or upon waking in the morning to keep the focus of why we are celebrating can be a slight and manageable thing. The little things make the difference.

Dear Fr. John, Staff, Parishioners,

Thank you so much for your warm welcome back to St. Francis. It was such an honor and privilege to celebrate my golden jubilee with you. The choir, the Liturgy and you, the parishioners, made it so special for me. Your cards and gifts are sincerely appreciated. Remember God is good all the Time. God loves you and so do I.

As always, Peace, Love, Joy  
Fr. Austin

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*Submit written bulletin notices by noon Monday.*

Diocesan website: www.dio.org

Ember Beddingfield, Victim Assistance Coordinator.....

(217) 321-1155

## Religious Education News

**GRADE SCHOOL**-Monday, November 24, Rooms 6W and 5K meet in Church; Grade 4, in Café; Gr. 3 –Museum D. Room. from 8:00 to 8:40.

**All Grade 3**—last week to bring in your new or newly-crafted Christmas gift to the Christmas Store for the Missions...November 24-December 1. Thanks for gifts that have come in so far! We need to fill tables for three days of shopping. Shopping days are the following: Tuesday, December 2- Grades 2, 5, and 3K; Wednesday, December 3- Grades 1, 6, and 3D, 3S; Thursday, December 4-Grades 4 and Grade 3R.

**No Classes** on Thursday and Friday—Thanksgiving and Friday after Thanksgiving.

**MONDAY**, December 1- Reconciliation for Grades 3D and 3S in the Chapel.

**PRE-K SUNDAY MORNING CLASS**—NO CLASS on the Sunday after Thanksgiving, November 30.

(Children's magazine for 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent will have been handed to the children to be worked at home on Sunday, November 23. Classes resume Sunday, December 7 in the Museum Dining Room.

**JUNIOR HIGH**- No Class on Wednesday, November 26, day before Thanksgiving.

Classes resume Wednesday, December 3.

**HS Religious Ed.** We will not be having religious ed classes on November 26 for the Thanksgiving break. Be thankful with your families & don't forget Mass is at 7:00 & 9:00 am on Thursday! Enjoy!

**A Taste of Christmas.** The Christmas season is gloriously heralded in a delightful celebration that encompasses the joy, laughter, love and beauty of the holidays! Gather with family and friends at this "feast for the senses" — a memorable evening of fabulous food and entertainment to experience the spirit of Christmas in an exciting new way! Songs and carols, dances, stories, comedy, touchingly re-enacted holiday scenes and more, all while you feast on a sumptuous dinner! The banquet is set in the grandeur of a magnificent Great Hall; the performers are 50 very talented singers, dancers and orchestra musicians from 16 metro area parishes. December 6 & 7 at 7:00 pm, Gateway Banquet & Convention Center in Collinsville, Illinois. Bed & breakfast rates at Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows Hotel for overnight guests to combine with the Way of Lights. An evening of entertainment, a four-course gourmet meal with dessert and beverages, taxes and gratuities only \$30 inclusive for adults; special menu and pricing for children. **Tickets must be purchased in advance.** Order soon to reserve the best tables. Call 618-409-0015 or email: ordertickets@charter.net.

## Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me." Jesus insists that in ministering to others' physical needs, we are truly serving him. "Whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me," he tells us. And in a similar way, what we fail to do for them, we fail to do for Christ: "What you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me." This means that we have been given both a gift and a task. The gift is the chance to encounter Christ in our brothers and sisters. The task is to be sure we don't neglect the encounter.

The corporal works of mercy provide us with a kind of guide for how to live out this important mission from Christ. These works include feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, clothing the naked, sheltering the homeless, visiting the sick and the imprisoned, and burying the dead. Based on the words of Jesus in today's Gospel, it's an important part of the Christian life to look for ways to engage in these kinds of bodily ministries. Traditionally, these "corporal" works are complemented by a set of "spiritual" works. The spiritual works of mercy ensure that we don't minister to the body at the expense of the soul. They include admonishing the sinner, instructing the ignorant, counseling the doubtful, comforting the sorrowful, bearing wrongs patiently, forgiving all injuries, and praying for the living and the dead. By engaging in these diverse works of mercy, we serve others, love Jesus, and hope to "inherit the kingdom prepared for [us] from the foundation of the world."

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**2015 MARCH FOR LIFE** busses with diocesan youth will depart the evening of January 20th and return the morning of January 25th. The group will attend the National Prayer Vigil for Life Mass at the Basilica in Washington DC on January 21st, and the March for Life on January 22nd. This prayerful pro-life pilgrimage also entails several sites such as a tour of the DC monuments, Shrine of St. John Paul II, Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Lands, and the Holocaust Memorial, along with a side trip to New York City on Friday night/Saturday to tour Ground Zero, St. Patrick's Cathedral, and the Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. Cost is \$350, and donations from various groups help defray the cost. Any high school youth or adult may contact Lisa Siemer or Angie Esker at 857-6276 for forms or info. Completed registration form, \$100 deposit, and insurance card copy are due by *November 23rd* to Lisa. Excused absences from school can be requested for January 21, 22, and 23. Youth and adults are encouraged to participate in this powerful pro-life prayer journey.

## Happy Thanksgiving

**5th Sunday KC Communion Breakfast** will be held following the 9:00 am Mass on Sunday, November 30, 2014 at St. Rose Church, Montrose. Register at the Teutopolis KC Hall or call 857-3111 or 347-7536. Speaker will be Mrs. Kate Weber from St. Anthony Hospital in relation to the heart.

**KC Raffle Books.** Every KC member received a raffle book in the mail. The objective of this state-wide raffle is to provide the financial resources to assist the seminarians in their education and personal expenses. Today, every seminarian, religious brother or young lady entering a seminary or convent has yearly personal expenses of approximately \$4,000 (car insurance, clothing, textbooks, etc.).

Books are to be sold and turned in to Ken Brummer, 20271 E. 900th Ave., Dieterich, IL 62424 or at the KC Hall. There were approximately 1056 books mailed out to our members. Buy the book or sell it to someone. The raffle books are only \$15.00.

There are more raffle books at the Hall if you need more. The Knights of Columbus will be giving \$500 to each seminarian for our Council at Christmastime.

Prizes include:

1st prize—\$10,000	7th to 10th prizes—\$500each
2nd prize—\$2,500	11th to 15th prizes—\$200each
3rd to 6th prizes—\$1,000each	16th to 20th prizes—\$100each

This is one way you will be helping the young men in the seminary.

**Save the date of Monday, December 1,** for an evening of prayer for the whole family with veneration of the relics of the parents of St. Therese of Lisieux! Sacred Heart Church in Effingham will host a deanery-wide prayer service from 6:00-7:00 pm on December 1st. The relics of Blessed Louis and Zelie Martin will be on pilgrimage throughout our Diocese during the first week of Advent. Families, couples and individuals are encouraged to come to pray. Together let us ask for the intercession of this saintly family for our families and our society! For more information contact the Office for Marriage and Family Life at 217-698-8500 and visit: <http://www.louiseandzeliemartin.org/>

### Teutopolis Park District

**Help Wanted**—Groundskeeper/Maintenance Person (for details, please visit [www.teutopolisparkdistrict.com](http://www.teutopolisparkdistrict.com))

3rd and 4th Grade Basketball: Sign-up by December 1st

**Lost & Found.** Teal blue thermos left at the entrance to the Grade School gym on Turkey Bingo weekend, November 15/16. Come to the parish office to claim.

**Holy Humor.** An unbeliever sneered, "So many things in the world are made wrong. Look at that little acorn on that big tree and that big pumpkin on that little vine! People talk about an all-wise God at the head of this universe. Now if I had been doing it, I would have put that acorn on the vine, and the pumpkin on the oak." Just then an acorn fell and hit him on the head.

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