

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Teutopolis, Illinois

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Submit written bulletin notices by noon Monday.

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Sacramental Celebrations

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, noon & 7:00 pm

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. Austin Albers, OFM, Pastor

Fr. Vernon Olmer, OFM, Associate Pastor

Fr. Ken Rosswog, OFM, Associate Pastor

Br. Pauli Johnson, OFM, Pastoral Assistant

Maria Wargolet, Director of Music Ministry

Theresa Draper, Coordinator of Music Ministry

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Bernice Matteson, Part-time Secretary

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Trustees:

Pam Hemmen & Terry Meyer

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Roy Brumleve

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Steve Witges

Jim Quatman

*Twenty-ninth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

October 18, 2009



*“Whoever wishes to be FIRST
among you will be the SLAVE of all.
For the Son of Man
did NOT come to be served
but to SERVE and to give his LIFE
as a RANSOM for many.”*

MK 10:44-45

Meditation

Let us confidently approach the throne of grace.
(Hebrews 4:16)

“Can you come to my birthday party?” “I have two tickets to the game; can you make it?” We’re going on a boat trip next week. Do you want to join us?” We all love to receive invitations, and here is one that is hard to refuse: “Can you come to the throne of grace?”

Every day, God invites us to come and receive gifts from him. Today’s reading from Hebrews mentions specifically the gifts of mercy and help in time of need, but God’s invitation includes a much wider array of gifts than the ones we seek at crisis points. Every day, he wants to give us gifts like peace, encouragement, hope, joy, grace to forgive, and insights into his path for our lives. There is no end to the gifts God wants to give us!

If God is so generous, and if his invitation is so warm and open, why do we hesitate? Could it be fear? In the ancient Near East, it was often considered dangerous to approach the throne of a king. The Book of Esther reflects a Persian tradition that daring even to come into the king’s presence could lead to death (Esther 4:11). Certainly God is more awe inspiring and fearsome than an earthly emperor! It’s instructive that the warning didn’t stop Esther: She took the risk in order to intercede for her people. And the king heard her, granted her request, and even raised her above all other people.

This is how it will be for us when we accept God’s invitation and place ourselves in his presence. He will put his arms around us, draw us to himself, and ask us what we need. Then, with a knowing smile on his face, he will open his box of treasures and give us exactly the right gifts—even gifts we didn’t think we needed.

So what are you waiting for? On this day of Sabbath blessing, don’t be afraid to approach Almighty God. He is your Father!

“Lord, I come to your throne with confidence, knowing that I can ask you for gifts of grace to help me today.”

THE WORD AMONG US

Stewardship Corner

As we grow in our faith and trust in the Lord, our attitude toward tithing (giving one tenth of our incomes) changes, and we begin to see tithing as a responsibility rather than an option. By grace, we can give generously, joyously, and sacrificially. Whether God gives us little or much, we are to give in proportion to what we have been given. We are never too poor to give. The tithe acts as a meaningful Biblical guide for our giving.

40 Days For Life

Let us continue to pray not only for the end of abortion, but for all families wounded by abortion in any way.

Prayer: O Father, forgive us for our lack of courage and our want of compassion for the unborn and for those lost and hurt by abortion. Fill us anew with your Spirit. Renew our minds, strengthen us in righteousness, help us be people of salt and light within our nation. May every human being, from conception to natural death, be treated with the respect due those made in your image. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen. (Rev. Rob Schenck)

SIGNS: *The Gospel of John*, a Frank Runyeon production, is coming to St. Francis on Monday, October 26 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in church. This one person production of John’s Gospel will thrill and amaze. You won’t want to miss this performance!

On Tuesday, October 27 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in church, Frank Runyeon will follow his Monday night performance with the *Letter of St. James*. Audience participation and engaging theatrics will challenge the complacent. Plan on being part of this two day extravaganza!

RCIA

Welcome to those persons who began the Rite of Acceptance into St. Francis Catholic Church last Sunday. We continue to pray for and encourage: Brenda Pulsfort, Jeremy Dixon and Todd Voelker.

Marriage Tip

If you’re too busy to pray, you may be too busy. Pick a specific and regular time each day to say a prayer for your spouse.
—Susan Vogt

The Feast of St. Francis was celebrated in style with the gifting of the Home Kits following all the weekend Masses on Oct. 3-4. A huge thank-you goes to all those who worked so hard to make that possible: Fr. Vernon, Lisa Siemer, Karen Pruemmer, Barb Runde, Srs. Ann Siemer and Pierre Wilken. Thank you to the staff that stuffed and distributed the kits.

Schedule Change

The annual cemetery memorial service will be held on Sunday, Nov. 8th at 2:00 pm, NOT Sunday, Nov. 1st.

Next Sunday is World Priest Day. Please tell your parish priests how much you love them. Everyone likes to be appreciated. We thank all of our priests and brothers for their loving service to God’s people.

Liturgy Schedule 29th Week in Ordinary Time October 19-25

Monday,	St. John de Brebeuf St. Isaac Jogues Mass at 6:30 am
Tuesday,	St. Paul of the Cross Mass at 6:30 & 8:05 am
Wednesday,	Mass at 6:30 & 8:05 am
Thursday,	Mass at 6:30 am
Friday,	St. John of Capistrano Mass at 6:30 & 8:05 am
Saturday,	St. Anthony Mary Claret Mass at 5:30 pm
Sunday,	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass at 7:00, 8:45, 10:30 am

Confession Schedule

Saturday, October 24 - 3:30-4:30 pm

Liturgy of the Hours with Friars

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

Art and Environment

The Art and Environment committee will have a meeting on October 26th, 2009 at 7:00 pm in the Museum Dining Room. Plans will be made for decorating the church for the upcoming holidays. If you cannot attend, please contact Mary Flach at 857-6011. Thank you.



Pray for the Sick

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick, especially: Sidney Horn, Kris Gouchenour, Rebekah Volk, Sr. Clara Esker, Marilyn Smith, Jodi Waymoth, Evelyn Krone, Agnes Kremer, Steve Sehy, Cathy Green, Dorothy and Ermand Thoele

Stewardship of Treasure

	<u>Sunday</u> 10/11/2009	<u>Total Fiscal</u> Year
299 Adult envelopes	\$6,990.00	\$102,515.55
Other	<u>352.47</u>	<u>8,393.86</u>
TOTAL	\$7,342.47	\$110,909.41
GOAL	\$9,300.00	\$139,500.00



Parish Calendar

Monday, October 19

- Server's practice, 3:15-4:30 pm
- CCW meeting, 7:00 pm, St. Clare
- DeColores Board mtg., 7:30 pm Mu. Mtg. Room

Tuesday, October 20

- Server's practice, 3:15-4:30 pm

Wednesday, October 21

- Children's Choir, 3:30-4:30 pm
- Youth Choir, 6:00-7:00 pm
- Young Adult Choir, 8:30-9:30 pm
- Jr. High and High School Religion, 7:20 pm

Thursday, October 22

- Server's practice, 3:15-4:30 pm
- Adult Choir, 7:00 pm
- Finance & Parish Council mtgs. **rescheduled** to November 5th.

Saturday, October 24

- Confessions, 3:30-4:30 pm

Sunday, October 25

- C D A Mother/Daughter Breakfast-8:45 Mass



Planning Marriage

Craig Hartrich and Amy Grunloh
Saturday, October 24, 2009
1:00 pm

CCW Meeting

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 19th at 7:00 pm in St. Clare Hall. Our speaker is Jackie Witges. She will speak on **20 Things Women Need to Know BUT Didn't Learn in Kindergarten.**

C D of A News

National Catholic Daughters of the Americas Day is this Sunday, October 18th. The theme for this year is "For in Him, we live and move and have our being," (Acts 17:28). The Mother/Daughter Breakfast is Sunday, October 25th, beginning with Mass at 8:45 am at St. Francis, Teutopolis. Please keep this worthwhile organization in your thoughts and prayers.



Homebound Ministers

Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound for Sunday, October 25th are: Theresa Funneman 857-3816, Barbara Pals 857-3039, Marianne Buenerkemper 857-3686, Carlene Rauch 857-6296

Are you consistently having the same battles with your kids? Wondering what to do next?

Have a New Kid By Friday by Dr. Kevin Leman provides fresh answers to every day situations. This book / video series discusses action plans on how to change your child's **Attitude, Behavior, and Character** in 5 days. He is a popular author of bestselling books: **Making Children Mind without Losing Yours, Running the Rapids: Helping Your Teen Survive the Turbulent Waters of Adolescence, The Birth Order Book**, and many more.

Comments from participants:

"The videos talk about how you can take a look at yourself first (clean yourself up) – then begin with your child."

"**Have a New Kid by Friday** is a must see for ALL parents. Dr. Leman reminds us of the important role with have as parents. He shared many great parenting tips!"

"Well worth the time!"

"Feels like 'super nanny' showed up at our house."

"Good points to get for all parents – even those with perfect children. Makes a nice reminder for all."

Thanks to everyone who joined us to watch this video series. Pass along your success stories to family and friends and encourage them to attend this class. Please watch the bulletin for future class dates.

"Parenting is a privilege to be enjoyed, not a chore to be endured" – Dr. Kevin Leman

Prayer Vigil for Life

The next Prayer Vigil for Life will be held at St. Charles Borromeo Church, Charleston, on October 19th. Praying the Scriptural Rosary will begin at 6:00 pm, followed by Mass and business meeting. Please join us in prayer for an end to abortion.

Sing Along

St. Francis Singers and Friends, 4th Thursday at Lakeland Nursing Center, October 18th at 10:30 am.

Religious Education News

Grade School—**GRADE 3 PARENT MTG.** on renewal and further understanding of the Sacrament of Reconciliation takes place on Monday 10/19 and Thursday, 10/22 at 7:30 p.m. in the Museum Dining Room. Book and materials may be picked up at 7:15. Response sheets stating what meeting you will be attending may still be turned in. **GRADE 5** results of the bake sale will be announced in next week's bulletin. Thanks to all grade 5 parents, children, catechists, teachers, Mass supervisors, all helpers on the day of the sale. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!

PRE/K -Sunday classes take place every Sunday during the 10:30 Mass. Could use a few more kindergarten children.

Junior High— Classes take place on Wed. from 7:20 to 8:30 in the junior high building. This week Gr. 7B & 7H will view the Personal Safety video. If any permission forms have not yet been turned in, please do so this night.

Madrigal Dinner

Plans are starting for our second Madrigal Dinner. Auditions will be held in the monastery museum dining room on November 3 at 7:00 p.m. The cast will include 5 men and 1 woman. We will also need an assistant director. Rehearsal schedules will be handed out at auditions. Performances are tentatively planned for Dec. 11, 12, and 13. Proceeds from the dinner will go towards the St. Francis area youth activities. Anyone with questions may call Gordon Zuber @ 1801.

Photos Needed

Do you have photos (digital or traditional) that illustrate the beauty of our church or pictures of our students or parishioners engaging in church activities. We are looking for pictures to feature on our website — stfrancis-church.com. Please submit them to the parish office. Thank you.

Socials

Mentally and Physically Handicapped Benefit Breakfast today, Sunday, October 18, 7:00 am—noon. All proceeds benefit the mentally and physically disabled in our area.

Fall Festival at Mother of Dolours Parish Center in Vandalia **today**, Sunday, October 18th. Serving 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Chili Supper at St. Clare, Altamont, on Sunday, October 25th. Serving 3:30-7:00 pm in the church basement. Menu includes: chili, chicken noodle soup, BBQ and ham sandwiches, hot dogs, desserts (home-made pies) drinks. Carry-outs available. There will be a quilt raffle, 50/50 drawing and a country store.

Appreciation Dinner

An Appreciation Dinner will be held on Tuesday, November 17, 2009 for all Monastery Museum and Paper Depot volunteers and their spouse or friend. All volunteers who have helped once or oftener during this past year, at either place, are invited to attend. The dinner will be at 6:30 pm at Kountry Kitchen restaurant.

Please call reservation in by November 2, 2009 to Hank and Norma Hawickhorst 857-3500; Eleanor Gebben 857-3619; or Ray and Joyce Vahling 857-3586.

Fire Department Open House

Everyone is invited to tour the new building at 215 West Main **this Sunday**, October 18th, noon to 4:00 pm.

Golden Circle Nutrition

The Golden Circle Nutrition (meals on wheels) Teutopolis Site is having a raffle and bake sale at the Teutopolis Lions Club breakfast on Sunday, November 1st. The breakfast is at the Teutopolis Grade School auditorium. Donations of baked goods and/or raffle items would be very much appreciated. Items can be dropped off at the grade school that morning or at Nancy Hoene's at 104 North Oak, Teutopolis before that day. Call 857-3848 for more information.

Thank You!

On behalf of the German visitors and the Village I would like to personally thank all of you who helped in any way to make the Mass on Sunday, October 4th so memorable for our visitors. They were in awe when Maria sang the German song and it truly meant a lot to them that our community gave them such a warm welcome. Thanks again!

Sharon Will

Teutopolis High School Presents *Back to the 80's*

@ Teutopolis Grade School Auditorium

on October 23, 24, 2009 @ 7:00 pm

Advance Tickets: Adults \$6.00, Students \$5.00

on October 25, 2009, Dessert Theatre @ 1:00 pm,

Curtain @ 2:00 pm

Advance Tickets: Adults \$7.00, Students \$6.00

Tickets can be purchased at THS office. \$1.00 more at the door.

Holy Humor...

The preacher at my father's funeral said, "Mr. Wallace was a community leader, a great man, loved his wife and loved his children." My mama leaned over to me and said, "Go see if that's your daddy in that coffin."

—George Wallace