

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

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Trustees:

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Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 5, 2010

*“If any one COMES to me
without HATING his father and mother,
wife and children, brothers and sisters,
and even his own LIFE,
he CANNOT be my disciple.
Whoever does not carry his OWN cross
and come AFTER me
cannot be my DISCIPLE.”*

LUKE 14:26-27

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Meditation

Welcome him as you would me. Philemon 17

Anyone who has read Paul's Letter to Philemon could rightfully ask: "Why is this even in the Bible?" Perhaps a bit of historical background can help.

Philemon probably lived in Colassae, since eight of the people who are mentioned in the Letter to Philemon are also mentioned in the Letter to the Colossians. Since Paul wrote to Philemon as a close friend, the two must have become acquainted during Paul's time there.

Onesimus was a slave who belonged to Philemon. It appears that Onesimus ran away from Philemon and somehow ended up seeking out Paul while he was in prison in Ephesus. After spending some time with Onesimus, Paul became convinced that he needed to send him back to Philemon. Paul wrote this letter as an appeal to Philemon to accept Onesimus back not as a slave but as a brother in the Lord.

Paul's request that Philemon treat Onesimus as a brother not a slave was revolutionary. Historians tell us that nearly one-third of the people in the first-century Roman Empire were slaves. Slaves were considered to be property, not persons. To ask a master to relate to one as a brother would take nothing less than a full change of heart and mind! Knowing he could not in himself abolish the entire practice of slavery, Paul did what he could to encourage masters to treat their servants kindly and to encourage believing slaves to serve their masters as if serving the Lord himself (Colossians 3:22-24).

The Letter to Philemon tells us that whatever our social status, we all need to treat each other with dignity and respect, as children of the same heavenly Father. Are you a supervisor at work? Then ask yourself how you are treating those who work for you. Do you work for someone? Then take a moment to examine if you are treating him or her with the respect they deserve.

Jesus, help me to welcome those I meet today as you welcome me—as your own brother and sister.

THE WORD AMONG US

Newly Registered

Andrew and Stephanie (Ruholl) Pals and son, Ozzie Alan

Catherine Bussman



The RCIA sessions have begun. Anyone interested in receiving information on the Catholic Church is welcome to attend. There are no expectations and no commitments at this time. We begin at 7:00 p.m. in the museum meeting room. For more information, please contact Sr. Pierre at 857-6404.

A Note

Thank you to all who helped welcome the Bishop on September 1st—the Parish Council, the ladies who baked all the delicious desserts and to all the hundreds of people who came over to greet Bishop Thomas John.

The officers of the CCW put together a great meal for 36 priests and sisters in our deanery. The greatest part of the evening was listening to the beautiful music at Mass.

As a host parish, we couldn't have done a better job.

Thank You!

CCW President

Rita Habing

Pictures of the reception should be on the website in the very near future. Take a peek. If anyone has pictures from the Mass, we would love to have them.

Baptisms

We congratulate and welcome the newly baptized:

Eric Charles Weidner

Son of Matthew and Jennifer (McCabe) Weidner

Ella Grace Willenborg

Daughter of Timothy and Emily (Cochran) Willenborg

Abigail Marie Zane

Daughter of Aaron and Loretta (Habing) Zane

“Why Catholic?” session preview will be held at Immaculate Conception Parish in Mattoon **Wednesday, September 22** from 6:30-9:00. Any adult of the parish interested in the information can contact Sr. Pierre at 857-6404 by **Monday, September 6.**

Sign up for this year's "Why Catholic?" sessions will be held on **Sunday, September 12.** Gather family, friends and neighbors and join in getting to know your faith and one another better. This year's sessions deal with morality and the church's teaching on particular issues. Don't wait!!

Liturgy Schedule 23rd Week in Ordinary Time September 6-12

Monday,	Labor Day Mass at 9:00 am
Tuesday,	Mass at 6:30 & 8:05 am
Wednesday,	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass at 6:30 am
Thursday,	St. Peter Claver Mass at 6:30 am
Friday,	Mass at 6:30 & 8:05 am
Saturday,	Mass at 5:30 pm
Sunday,	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass at 7:00, 8:45, 10:30 am

Confession Schedule
Saturday, Sept. 11 - 3:30-4:30 pm

Liturgy of the Hours with Friars
Monday-Friday -- 11:45 am & 4:45 pm

Question of the Week

The term stewardship suggests we are not owners of the earth. How do you show ownership of creation? How can you steward rather than own it?

Wisdom 9:13-18
Philemon 9:10, 12-17
Luke 14:25-33



Pray for the Sick

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick, especially: Rebekah Volk, Sr. Clara Esker, Jodi Waymoth, Evelyn Krone, Cathy Green, Mardell Weis, Nicholas Rhodes, Helen Thoele, Agnes Kremer

Stewardship of Treasure

	<u>Sunday</u> 8/29/2010	<u>Total Fiscal</u> <u>Year</u>
318 Adult envelopes	\$7,422.50	\$60,269.00
Other	585.74	5,075.72
TOTAL	\$8,008.24	\$65,344.72
GOAL	\$9,900.00	\$89,100.00



Parish Calendar

Monday, September 6

- Parish office closed
- Sister's Labor Day gathering, St. Clare Hall

Tuesday, September 7

- Secular Franciscans meet, 6:00 pm, St. Clare
- RCIA, 7:00 pm, Museum Meeting Room

Wednesday, September 8

- Grades 7 & 8 Religion classes begin

Saturday, September 11

- Confessions, 3:30-4:30 pm

Sunday, September 12

- Why Catholic? Sign ups

Please Note

We will have a 9:00 am Mass on Monday, September 6th, in observance of Labor Day.

The parish office will be closed for this holiday.

Sing Along

St. Francis Singers and Friends will be singing at Evergreen Nursing Center on Wednesday, September 8th at 9:30 am. Please note the time change for this month.



Planning Marriage

Chris Tegeler and Christy Bergfeld
Saturday, September 11, 2010
10:30 am

Men's Holy Name

The men's meeting will be held on Monday, September 13th, 7:30 pm in the museum meeting room. All men of the parish are invited to attend.



Homebound Ministers

Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound for Sunday, September 12th are: Rita Pals 857-3569, Eleanor Gebben 857-3619, Mary Jane Koester 857-3697, Mary Runde 857-3276

Protecting God's Children adult session will be held on **Friday, September 24**, from **6:00-9:00 pm** in **St. Clare Hall**. A light supper of sandwiches, chips and drinks will be provided. Please bring SS number and driver's license. Registration is required. Please call the parish office for more information and to register. 857-6404.

Check out! Check the parish website for the viewing schedule of personal safety videos for each grade.

Children's Choir Practice

Practice for the 5th and 6th Grade Children's Choir will begin Wednesday, September 15th. Sign up forms will be sent home in religion class. The choir will sing approximately one Sunday a month and practice will be held every Wednesday from 3:30 to 4:30 pm. All 5th and 6th graders are invited to join the fun! If you have any questions, please call 857-6404 ext. 229.

Youth Notes:

World Youth Day in Belleville is coming soon! Jr. High day is September 25 for junior high students and September 26 is for high school students. HS Band Members – Mrs. Orndorff said she would work with you about schedules for the band breakfast if you talked to her asap if you're wanting to attend. Sign up early to reserve your seats! Forms are available at the entrance to church and also online at the parish website.

YoUth CoUnCiLs! LET'S get this year STARTED!! The first youth council organizational meeting for this year will take place on September 12! Jr. High meets from 5:30 pm – 7 & high school meets from 7- 8:30. (usually these meetings will only last an hour). Come plan events for the parish to offer for people your age! All students who attend unit 50 are invited to be part of the council & participate in parish activities. We'll have games, prayer, planning & food! Come check out the fun!

The Teen Center will be reopening soon! We'll be running on the school schedule of being open on the 1st & 3rd full weekends of each month beginning September 17 for junior high & September 18 for high school. The Teen Center is a great place for students to hang out in a chaperoned environment. Parents, if you're willing to help chaperon for the upcoming schedule, please call the high school religious ed office at 857-1500.

Religious Education News

Grade School—Reminder to all helpers—if you have not taken the Protecting God's Children class and are helping in any programs involving children and youth, please call the parish office at 857-6404 to sign up for the class which is being offered on Friday, September 24, in St. Clare Hall starting at 6:00 pm and ending around 9:00 pm.

Kdgn./Pre School—Sunday morning classes take place during the 10:30 Mass on Sundays in the Grade School cafeteria area starting on Sunday, October 3. Registration forms will be handed out to Kindergarten children at school on Wednesday, September 8. Forms for 4 year old children will be sent through the mail. Forms may also be downloaded from the parish website: stfrancischurch.com.

Junior High—classes begin Wednesday, September 8. Parents and students are asked to be present in the classrooms from 7:20 until 7:35, and then parents will meet in the cafeteria for further information. This year all junior high students will be introduced to a new Scripture series—The Time-Line Bible—during the First Semester. Parents are invited and strongly encouraged to view the Bible video classes in the cafeteria during September and October. The Series is concise, dealing with the narrative story of salvation history and covenant relationship, and presented by a young man in an highly entertaining and organized formatted manner. Parents, you and your teens will be able to learn and share on the same faith topic for a change. How great that could be!

High School Religious Ed

WE ARE HERE! Registrations for High School Religious Ed were sent out a few weeks ago. If you haven't registered your student yet, please give us a call at the High School Religious Ed office at 857-1500 and register your student this week!

Classes are starting soon! High school classes begin on September 15.

Here are other important dates to mark on your calendar: Freshmen & their parents meeting is on Sept 15 at the TGS Cafeteria. Confirmation retreat for Sophs is October 16. Confirmation practice for sophs is on November 3, and Confirmation has been set for November 10. It's going to be a GREAT year, and we can't wait to get it started!

Family Corner

Last week you took a quiz to see how you did on being a self-disciplined person. As a teacher of second graders, I had a parent tell me that her son was not good at following directions, “he didn’t even do his own laundry” properly. A second grader doing her/his own laundry is not age appropriate.

Five basic self-discipline skills form the foundation upon which all higher level skills are based. These must be taught and learned first. They can be taught to children just as any other subject would be taught.

Children from age one until the end of the third grade are the perfect age to begin learning how to do these skills. The five basic skills are...

1. **the ability to listen:** Listening means to stop what you are doing and saying; look toward the person speaking and hear what is said. An adult will know whether you have listened, if you ask questions, can tell in your own words what was said, and/or follow the instructions given.
2. **the ability to follow instructions:** to follow instructions correctly, practice good listening skills. Have clear goals. Complete a task within a given time. Make adjustments as you work. Evaluate your progress.
3. **the ability to ask questions:** when you ask questions you admit to yourself that you do not understand something. You follow correct procedures to get the attention of the person in charge. You select your words and thank the person for the added information.
4. **the ability to share:** this basic skill teaches children to share possessions as well as people (mom, teacher, dad, etc.), time and space.
5. **the ability to use social skills:** these skills include greeting others, using the telephone properly (or cell phone), saying “please” and “thank you” and practicing good table manners. Good social skills are a person’s ticket to getting along with others.

Have a teen that hasn’t mastered these skills? Practice, practice, practice makes perfect. Don’t belittle or tease someone who doesn’t have the skill—simply teach it to them. Not all of us have had the opportunity to learn. When we teach children the basic self-discipline skills we help them to live in an institutional environment. (home, school, work place, society...)

SCRIP CARDS!

Scrip Cards are on SALE at the parish office on Saturdays from 8 – 12 & at Niebrugge Financial Monday – Friday during business hours! Buy Scrip Gift Cards & support the parish youth at the same time! It’s a great way to use your regular spending habits to benefit those around you! Questions about how it works? Call the high school religious ed office or the parish office today!

Thank You for your participation in the Baby Bottle fundraiser for the Family Life Center. Our parish generously donated \$3,465.21 to help fund their free services of pregnancy tests, limited ultrasound, and education on prenatal care, parenting, adoption, and abstinence. God bless you for your generosity!

How Labor Day Began

The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882 in New York City, and planned by the Central Labor Union. In 1884 the first Monday in September was selected as the holiday, and the Central Labor Union urged similar organizations in other cities to follow the example of New York and hold a “workingmen’s holiday.” The idea spread, and in 1885 Labor Day was celebrated in many industrial centers of the country.

In 1894, Congress passed an act making the first Monday in September of each year a federal holiday.

Labor Day was to be observed with a street parade to exhibit to the public “the strength and esprit de corps of the trade and labor organizations” of the community, followed by a festival for the recreation and amusement of the workers and their families.



Holy Humor...

One day, Joe, Bob and Dave were hiking in a wilderness area when they came upon a large, raging, violent river. They needed to get to the other side, but had no idea of how to do so. Joe prayed to God, saying, “Please, God, give me the strength to cross this river.” Poof! God gave him big arms and strong legs, and he was able to swim across the river in about two hours, although he almost drowned a couple of times. Seeing this, Bob prayed to God, saying, “Please, God, give me the strength and the tools to cross this river.” Poof! God gave him a rowboat and he was able to row across the river in about an hour, after almost capsizing the boat a couple of times. Dave had seen how this worked out for the other two, so he also prayed to God saying, “Please God, give me the strength and the tools and the intelligence to cross this river.” Poof! God turned him into a woman. She looked at the map, hiked upstream a couple of hundred yards, then walked across the bridge.

Women's Retreat

Discovering God in Our Lives

A 2-day Women's Retreat at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows. Retreat presenter: Heather King Friday, September 10 and Saturday, September 11. For more information, please contact Diane Green at 1-800-233-6264 or email: dgreen@oblatesusa.org. Also, a brochure is on the church bulletin in the vestibule.

Healing the Grieving Heart

An Adult Grief Support Program

The program consists of seven sessions held on consecutive Monday evenings.

The topics discussed include:

- understanding your grief
- understanding others' reaction to your grief
- reconstructing your life
- and experiencing life anew

The next session begins September 13 thru October 25
6:30 pm

Hospital Auditorium

Preregistration is required.

Call St. Anthony's Community Relations at 347-1529 or visit their website at www.stanthonyshospital.org.

Help For Troubled Marriages

The St. Louis Retrouvaille Program starts with a weekend September 24-26, 2010, (Friday night thru Sunday) and has 6 follow-up sessions. If you are facing financial difficulties, we can work with you. For confidential information about Retrouvaille, call Chuck and Linda at 314-453-0110; or call toll free 1-800-470-2230, or visit www.retrouvaille.org.

A Life in the Spirit retreat hosted by Our Sorrowful Mother's Ministry in Vandalia, IL, welcomes Fr. Mark Baron, MIC, and recording artist Randy Albright, September 17-19. Your faith will be set on fire through the power of the Holy Spirit promised to us by Jesus. It is with great pleasure that we will host Randy Albright, a Catholic musical artist who has written for many performers including Vince Gill, Alabama and Diamond Rio. He will perform "A Musical Celebration of Mary" that will bring you to Our Blessed Mother, Mary as never before. Call Mariann 618-292-8039 to register for this **free** weekend. Come for a hour or all three days!

The Annual Life Banquet is scheduled for Thursday, September 23rd. If you would like to help this ministry by hosting a table of eight, please call the Family Life Center, Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. All proceeds will benefit the Center's life-saving programs. This years keynote speaker is Dr. Jennifer Robak Morse. She is the founder and president of the Ruth Institute, a project of the National Organization for Marriage, to promote life-long married love by "God's Design".

Picnic

St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Sainte Marie invite you to their Pre-Labor Day **PICNIC** this Sunday, Sept. 5. Fried chicken and pork loin dinners will be served from 11 am to 5 pm. Other attractions available.

Catholic Charities Spaghetti Fest

sponsored by Joe's pizza and Paste will be held on Sunday, September 19th, 10:30 am to 2:30 pm at the K of C Hall in Effingham. \$6 adults; \$4 children. 20+ adult tickets -\$5 each. Tickets available at Catholic Charities, Joe's, from any Catholic Charities Advisory Board Member, CC staff and at the door.

Dine in, Carry out, Drive thru.

Proceeds will support the ministries of Catholic Charities.

Catholic Charities Fall Fun Run

3.75 mile run/walk (scenic Snake Trail)

1 mile run/walk (Teutopolis Jr. High Track)

Saturday, September 25th, 8:00 am. Register at 7:00 am at the Teutopolis Community Park Pavilion. For questions or to register contact Mark Hemmen 217-924-4441, Catholic Charities 217-857-1458 or go to www.cc.dio.org to print registration form. All proceeds from the Fall Fun Run will support the mission and ministries of Catholic Charities.

Attention Bingo Players!

St. Thomas School, Newton, is hosting **CASH BINGO** the 1st & 3rd Friday of every month, starting Sept. 3rd, at St. Thomas parish center. Doors open at 6 pm; Bingo starts at 7 pm. Refreshments available. Must be 18 or older to play. All proceeds go to St. Thomas School.

Angel Food Ministries

Copies of the September menu are on the round table at the entrance to the parish offices. Last day to order is September 17th with pick up on September 25th.