

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

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Fr. Ken Rosswog, OFM, Associate Pastor

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September 8, 2013



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." Lk 14:28, 33

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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, 12:10 pm & 7:00 pm

From the Pastor

ACSA. The ACSA materials for the new campaign have arrived. The kick-off is right around the corner. Now would be a good time to start thinking about your donation. The friars have been discussing their contribution to the ACSA fund.

Called By Name. On September 7 and 8, the parishes of the diocese are being asked to participate in the “Called by Name” program. You will be asked to submit the names of people whom you think might be called by God to the priesthood or religious life. Look around the church this weekend and look for people whom you think might be called to service in the Church.

Liturgy Committee. The members of the SFA Liturgy Committee are reminded that we are scheduled to meet on Monday, September 9, 7:00 p.m., in St. Clare Hall.

Hurray, Catechists! Sunday, September 15, has been designated as “Catechetical Sunday.” We are blessed to have a great number of parish members who are involved in our religious education program. We ask God to bless them and their efforts, and we pray that the sacrifices they make will help the next generation become committed disciples of Christ.

Clergy Convocation. Fr. Ken and I will be attending the annual diocesan clergy convocation on September 16 – 18.

Mass Schedule Changes. Please note that there will be no 8:05 Mass on Wednesdays September 18 or 25. Sr. Ann will be taking the students on a tour of the church on those days. You are reminded that besides our usual 6:30 a.m. Mass, there is also a 9:45 a.m. Mass at Evergreen nursing home on Wednesdays.

Retreat. I will be making my annual retreat from September 24 – 28. I will be going to our retreat center in Dittmer, MO, and will hear **Friar Wayne Hellman, OFM**, give presentations on Franciscan preaching. Please keep me in your prayers.

One of the things I like to do when I am on retreat is to pray from the parish directory. I would encourage other parish members to also do this from time to time—open up the directory and pray for the people you see pictured or listed.

40 Days of Prayer for Life. The 40 days of prayer for life will kick off on Wednesday, September 25. For a variety of reasons, we haven’t been able to complete our schedule yet. We should be able to tell you more next week.

From Fr. Thinh. After last Saturday’s 5:30 Mass, a few people asked me to post these biblical references in the bulletin:

1. Listen without interrupting (Proverbs 18)
2. Speak without accusing (James 1:19)
3. Give without sparing (Proverbs 21:26)
4. Pray without ceasing (Colossians 1:9)
5. Answer without arguing (Proverbs 17:1)
6. Share without pretending (Ephesians 4:15)
7. Enjoy without complaining (Philippians 2:14)
8. Trust without wavering (1 Cor 13:7)
9. Forgive without punishing (Colossians 3:13)
10. Promise without forgetting (Proverbs 13:12)

I had shared these from my homily and a few people liked them. It is a good way to remind us to practice the virtue of humility.

RCIA meets at 7:00 pm in the Museum Meeting Room every Tuesday. We meet every Sunday morning at St. Isidore’s after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. You are welcome to attend at either place. No commitments, no pressure, just information.

Always been intrigued by the Book of

Revelation? Now is the time to get some of your questions answered. B&B will begin with a 10 session study on the Book of Revelation by Jeff Cavins, renowned Scripture Scholar. Tonight the 7:00-8:30 p.m. sessions provide us with in-put and some discussion time. Bring your Bible and favorite beverage and let’s discover together!

Thank You. Sr. Fran Haarmann and family would like to thank St. Francis Parish, Fr. John and Fr. Ken, the St. Francis choir and all who had anything to do with making her celebration so grand. I pray that God will bless you for your generosity. The celebration of Mass in the community I grew up in was the highlight of the day. Thanks to all!

With Love and Prayers,
Sr. Fran Haarmann, FSM

Holy Humor...A little boy asked his grandpa how old he was. Grandpa teasingly replied, “I’m not sure.” To which the little boy advised, “Look in your underwear, Grandpa. Mine says I’m 4 to 6!”

Liturgy Schedule 23rd Week in Ordinary Time September 9—15

Monday,	St. Peter Claver Mass at 6:30 am & 12:10 pm
Tuesday,	Mass at 6:30 & 8:05 am
Wednesday,	Patriot Day Mass at 6:30 & 8:05 am
Thursday,	Most Holy Name of Mary Mass at 6:30 am & 12:10 pm
Friday,	St. John Chrysostom Mass at 6:30 & 8:05 am
Saturday,	Exaltation of the Holy Cross Mass at 8:00 am & 5:30 pm
Sunday,	Catechetical Sunday Mass at 7:00, 8:45, 10:30 am

Confession Schedule

Saturday, September 14 - 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, September 11th at 10:00 am.



Pray for the Sick

Please remember in your prayers: Cathy Green, Renae Roepke, Eddie Siemer, Cheryl Ann Huber, Chris Utz, Anna Habing, Jim Koester, Jack Hardiek, Toby McMahon, Paula Spencer, Lucille Worman, Mack Kitten, Agnes Kremer, Pauline Gobjczynski

Stewardship of Treasure

	<u>Sunday</u> 9/1/2013	<u>Total Fiscal</u> <u>Year</u>
293 Adult envelopes	\$7,431.50	\$73,657.50
Other	<u>\$568.49</u>	<u>\$5,599.64</u>
TOTAL	\$7,999.99	\$79,257.14



Parish Calendar

Monday, September 9

- Liturgy mtg., 7:00 pm, St. Clare

Tuesday, September 10

- RCIA, 7:00 pm, Museum Meeting Room

Wednesday, September 11

- Jr. Hi. Religion, 7:20 pm

Thursday, September 12

- Adult Choir, 7:00 pm

Saturday, September 14

- Confessions, 3:30-4:30 pm

Sunday, September 15

- Catechetical Sunday
- American Legion Breakfast
- Secular Franciscans meet, 2:00 pm, Church & St. Clare Hall
- B & B, 7:00 pm, St. Clare Hall



Planning Marriage

Jason Runde and Lindsey Clavins
Saturday, September 14, 2013
1:00 pm

Mass Intentions

Monday, September 9, 6:30: Tom Miller
 Monday, September 9, 12:10: Arthur Schottman
 Tuesday, September 10, 6:30: Herman & Mary Runde
 Tuesday, September 10, 8:05: Arthur Schottman
 Wednesday, September 11, 6:30: AID
 Wednesday, September 11, 8:05: Tom Miller
 Thursday, September 12, 6:30: AID
 Thursday, September 12, 12:10: AID
 Friday, September 13, 6:30: Jack Koester
 Friday, September 13, 8:05: Herman Runde, Jr.
 Saturday, September 14, 8:00: Bernie & Mildred Bierman
 Saturday, September 14, 5:30: Pro Populo
 Sunday, September 15, 7:00: Tom Miller
 Sunday, September 15, 8:45: Living & Deceased of THS Class 1963
 Sunday, September 15, 10:30: Arthur Schottman

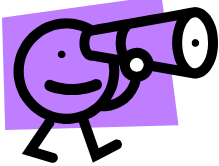


Homebound Ministers

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

We recently held a pew poll in which you had the opportunity to suggest themes, books, events, etc. that would enhance your spiritual life. Just as a good doctor, dentist or lawyer has to continually up-date, so too, do we deepen, up-date and enhance our relationship with God. Check out the bookcase in St. Clare Hall for a variety of multi-media offerings that you can check out and “do” on your own time. Several of them answer the requests we had on our poll. Enjoy!!

Come and See: A Franciscan Experience. A time of prayer, discernment and exploration of God’s call to religious life, experiencing the life and mission of the Franciscan Sisters of Our Lady of Perpetual Help October 4-5. Retreat begins Friday evening at 6:00 p.m. and ends on Saturday evening after supper. For details, friend us on Facebook or contact Sr. Pam Falter at srpam@fsolph.org or 314-365-3700.



In Search of Projects: Our sophomore confirmation class will be doing service projects in our community on October 5 as part of their retreat. We are looking for projects for this day! Projects must be able to be completed between 9 & noon. In year’s past, we have worked in the homes of the elderly and those who may need a hand up to get by. We have painted, done small construction projects, washed windows, trimmed bushes, & helped at Catholic Charities & other local agencies. It’s a day for learning the joy of serving those who could really use a hand. If you have a project idea, please call Lisa Siemer or Karen Pruemmer at 857-1500 to discuss it.

Youth Activities. Youth Councils are ready to start for the year! Come be a part of a planning group for our parish youth activities! Today, Sunday, Sept 8, Junior high meets at 6:30 pm and high school meets at 7:30 pm in the Teen Center. It’s a night of fun & purpose! Come be a part of it!

Catholic Charities is looking for help with their Spaghetti lunch on September 15. They offer 2 shifts for workers – 10:30 – 12:30 & 12:30 – 2:30. Please call Jodi Probst at 994-1421 to volunteer your time!

CHWC forms are due THIS Wednesday, September 11 for our trip to Atlanta, GA next summer! Call the high school religious ed office for more information!

Religious Education News

GRADE SCHOOL- Grade 6 children are needed to sign up as aides for the Sunday morning Pre/K classes for any month from October to March during the 10:30 Mass. Thank you for considering.

Grade 2 children will be participating in the Personal Safety Training on Tuesday, Sept. 10-2C and 2S in 2S’s room...Wednesday, Sept. 11—2H and 2J in room 2H.

Grade 1 children will be celebrating Mary’s birthday on Tuesday, September 10, with a party, songs, and a coloring activity in their individual classrooms. Mary’s birthday is September 8.

PRE/K Sunday religion classes begin on October 6 in the museum dining room. Registration forms will be given out in the kindergarten classrooms on Wednesday, September 11. Forms for pre-school age children will be sent through the mail. These forms will also be available at the entrance to St. Clare Hall. Please call 857-6477 for further information.

JUNIOR HIGH- Classes take place in the Junior High Building from 7:20-to 8:30. Students are reminded that grade 8 students assemble in the library and grade 7 students assemble in the cafeteria on arrival.

Grade 7 will be receiving their Bibles from the Men’s Holy Name and Ladies’ CCW officers as a gift to be used throughout their years of religious education. Handbooks containing the dates of classes, the names of the catechists, and other valuable information will be sent home with the students whose parents were not able to make it to the initial meeting. Lists of parent helpers and months of serving will be sent through the mail shortly. Grade 7 will be studying characteristics of being Catholic this first quarter; grade 8 students will be studying the heroes of the early church. Catechists are reminded to inform the religious ed office of their intention to attend one of the sessions of the Diocesan Regional taking place at Sacred Heart Hall, Effingham, on Monday, October 7.

HS Religious Ed. High School Religious Ed starts September 18 at 7:20 in the TGS Gym for Freshmen through Seniors! Don’t miss the opportunity to learn more & to build a closer relationship to God! All students are invited and expected! Freshmen Student/Parent meeting is set for September 25 at 7:30 pm in the TGS Cafeteria. We’ll introduce the Confirmation program and go through the details you will need for your preparation!

High School Religion Teachers meeting will be on September 11 at 7 pm in the museum dining room! We are ready for a great year of faith sharing with you!

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the midst of the Great Recession many construction plans were abandoned. Back in February, the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis released a report analyzing the effect of the restrained construction environment on the economy. From a peak of 400,000 housing starts per quarter to just over 100,000 in the final quarter of 2012, the total industry (construction and real estate), which once accounted for ten million jobs, lost 2.5 million of its workers over five years. Data used by the Fed showed that employment was on a growth trend if you excluded the construction industry. Add that industry into the picture, and employment in the past few years continues its downward march. The report also points to the fact that construction has a large indirect effect on the economy as well, since more building increases demand for things like furniture and banking and legal services.

In the Gospel this weekend, Jesus uses the example of calculating the cost to build a tower as a way of inviting those who heard him to consider what it means to become one of his followers. The life of the Gospel is more than just a quick acceptance of Jesus into one's life. There are costs associated with becoming a disciple. Jesus puts it rather bluntly at the end of this week's text when he states, "Anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."

The Great Recession certainly saw many people losing all of their possessions. Jobs were lost, retirement savings were used up, homes were foreclosed, and plans for college were abandoned. But this kind of imposed loss is not what Jesus is speaking of. He is inviting those who have-and there are still many of us that fall into that category-to not become overly attached to all of our possessions. Love of material things can keep us from seeing Christ, most especially from seeing Christ in our brothers and sisters in need.

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Called By Name—This weekend of September 7/8 is when the Office for Vocations is asking parishes to participate in the Called By Name Program. We used this program several years ago, and it was fruitful. This program is simple in that it asks the whole parish family to look around at its own members and see whom the Lord may be calling to follow him as a priest or religious. Below is a form to fill in the name, address, etc. of someone you feel would be a suitable candidate for the priesthood or religious life. Please return the form to the parish office. You may place it in the collection basket. Thank you.

CALLED BY NAME

After prayerful consideration, I believe this person has qualities needed in a future priest, sister or brother. Perhaps, Jesus is calling him or her to this particular path of discipleship.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Approximate age _____

Your signature (optional)

Teutopolis 175th Anniversary. We all have stories about T-Town: profiles, histories, anecdotes. Tell your stories for inclusion in the Teutopolis 175th Anniversary commemorative book! The book is for and about everyone. Special sections for Family and Business profiles will be charged a fee, based on length, that includes the purchase of the book. Deadline is December 31 (just around the corner!). Submit items to Rick Siemer, PO Box 670 or 111 W. Main St., Teutopolis, IL 62467, or rsiemer@siemermilling.com. Items may be edited for style, format, space, etc.

Prayer Vigil for Life. The Effingham Deanery Pro-Life group will sponsor their monthly prayer vigil for life on Monday, September 16th in St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital Chapel at 7:00 pm. The group will meet for prayer and meditation. Everyone is invited to join in prayer for an end to abortion.

Mark your Calendar. October 6th has been designated LIFE CHAIN SUNDAY. The Effingham area Pro-life groups are planning to participate.

Healing the Grieving Heart—An Adult Grief Support Program will begin on September 9th through October 7th, 6:30 pm, in the St. Anthony Memorial Hospital Auditorium. Pre-registration is required. Call 217-347-1529 or visit www.stanthonyshospital.org to register.

Teutopolis American Legion Post 924 is hosting their annual sausage and pancake breakfast at the Post home on Sunday, September 15th. They will be serving from 7:00 til 11:30 am. Don't forget to check out the crafts and baked goods at the Country Store.

Cub Scout Pack 137. "Join Us Night" on Thursday, September 12, 2013 at 7:00 pm in the Monastery Museum Dining Room. For boys in grades 1-5. For more information contact Lorri Kastl at 343-8204.

Mark Your Calendars. The Teutopolis Park District is hosting "Movie in the Park Night" at the Teutopolis Community Park on Saturday, September 14th. 7:00 pm-hotdogs/bottled water/popcorn.
"Tangled" begins at dusk. Admission is free! It's our way of saying "Thank You" to the Teutopolis Community, especially those who participate in our programs. Please bring lawn chairs and/or blankets!

Around the Area

Chicken dinners served at the Teutopolis KC Hall every Friday in September, 5:30-7:30 pm.

St. Thomas Garage Sale will be held September 12, 8:00am-6:00pm; September 13, 8:00am-6:00pm; September 14, 8:00 am-11:00am at St. Thomas Parish Center in Newton, IL.

37th Annual Mattoon Knights of Columbus Fall Festival will be held on September 14 and 15 on the Immaculate Conception parish grounds in Mattoon.

Effingham County Fish Human Services is sponsoring a pancake and sausage breakfast on Saturday, September 14th, 6:30 to 11:00 am in the Teutopolis Monastery Museum Dining Room. On the menu: pancakes, sausage, biscuits & gravy, fruit cup, coffee, juice, water. Everyone is invited. Free will donations accepted. Proceeds benefit the Fish organization.

Spaghetti Dinner, sponsored by Joe's Pizza and Pasta, will be held on Sunday, September 15th, 10:30 am—2:30 pm at the Effingham K C Hall. All proceeds will support the mission and ministries of Catholic Charities.

Special Olympics Family Festival will be held on Saturday, September 21, 2013 from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm at Lakeland College, Mattoon. We are in need of volunteers to make this event a success. For additional information and registration forms, please visit our website at: <http://www.consolidated.com/special-olympics-family-festival/>, or you can call 1-800-434-7633.

Catholic Charities Fall Fun Run will be held on Saturday, September 28, 2013 at 8:00 am at the Teutopolis Community Park Pavilion. Registration begins at 7:00 am. Pre-registration by September 14th—shirt guaranteed; after September 14th—shirt if available. For questions or to register, contact Catholic Charities at 217-857-1458. All proceeds will support the mission and ministries of Catholic Charities.

The third annual Oktoberfest to benefit the St. Hedwig Haus of Hospitality will be held Sunday, September 29 at the Newman Catholic Center in Charleston, from noon until 5 pm. The event will feature Jay Fox and the Bavarian Showtime Band, croquet and bags tournaments, food, bingo, and other games, with all proceeds benefiting the ministry of the house. The Newman Catholic Center is located at 500 Roosevelt Avenue, just south of the EIU campus.