

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Teutopolis, Illinois

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**World Day of Prayer
For Vocations
April 25, 2010**

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

Fr. Jeff Holtman, OFM, Associate Pastor

Br. Pauli Johnson, OFM, Pastoral Assistant

Maria Wargolet, Director of Music Ministry

Theresa Draper, Coordinator of Music Ministry

Anita Broom, Bookkeeper

Bernice Matteson, Part-time Secretary

Jane Miller, Part-time Secretary

Ron Ruholl, Maintenance

Religious Education:

Sr. A. Pierre Wilken, OSF, Director of Faith Formation: 857-6404

Sr. Ann Siemer, SSND, Gr. Sch./Jr. Hi. DRE: 857-6477/3015

Lisa Siemer, Youth Director & Sr. High CRE: 857-1500

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Trustees:

Pam Hemmen & Terry Meyer

Parish Council:

Bruce Buhnerkempe

Jodie Pruemer

John Bushur

Louise Sheehan

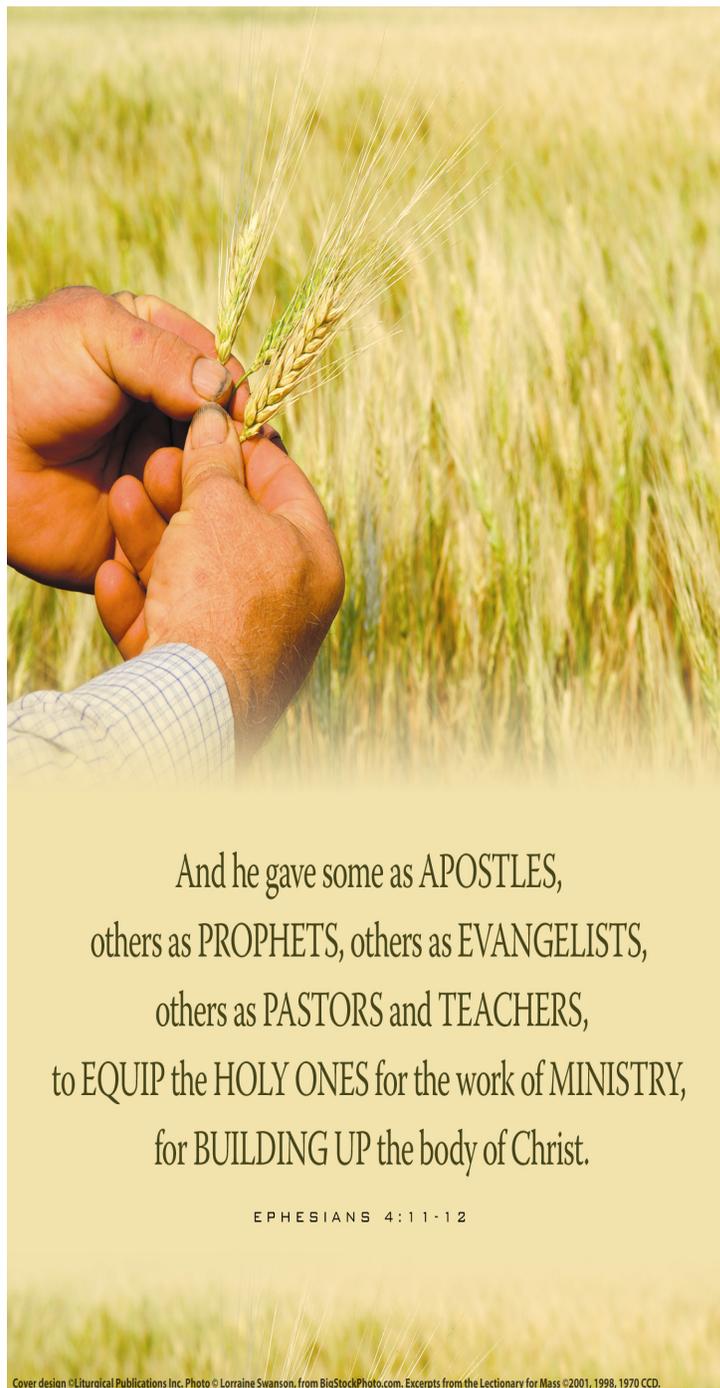
Sandy Fisher

Tammy Willenborg

Jack Hardiek

Steve Witges

Doug Mette



And he gave some as APOSTLES,
others as PROPHETS, others as EVANGELISTS,
others as PASTORS and TEACHERS,
to EQUIP the HOLY ONES for the work of MINISTRY,
for BUILDING UP the body of Christ.

EPHESIANS 4:11-12

From the Pastor

Thank you so much for your prayers, cards and kind words of condolences for me recently on the death of my sister. She was a great lady, and I pray that she is with her Risen Lord, husband, brothers and sister and friends.

Sadly, on the same day that the family buried my sister, my brother Maurice, “Moe” passed away that evening around 6 pm. Again, I ask your prayers for the whole family. This has been a difficult month for us all, and we sincerely thank you for your prayers and ask your support in these most difficult times.

Peace, Love, Joy,
Fr. Austin

God is Always for Us

God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

Revelation 7:17

This comforting scripture verse implies a lot. Often used at funeral services, the message is not only for those who mourn. Anyone who has a tough life, who suffers from physical, emotional, mental or spiritual pain can find solace in a tender God who cares enough to wipe away tears. This tender gesture assures us that no matter how terrible the suffering is, there will come a time, either in this life or the next, when suffering *will* be no more. Not only will every tear be wiped away, each one will be held in the compassionate embrace of a God who is always for us and never against us. This promise enables us to hold hope in our hearts and to trust in God’s compassionate presence in spite of whatever weighs us down.

Tender-hearted One, I bring the tears of each suffering person to you today. Wipe away their tears and assure them of your unfailing kindness and care.

Sr. Joyce Rupp, OSM
LIVING FAITH



We offer our condolences to the family and friends of Catherine Thoele, who was buried from this church on April 16th and to Fr. Austin and his family on the occasion of the passing of his sister, “Tony” and his brother “Moe.” May they all be experiencing the peace and happiness of heaven.

Rediscovering Catholicism Chapter 15

Last Monday two things happened that seemed unconnected.

The first thing happened after our noon meal. Four of us got together to talk about the Scripture readings for this fourth Sunday of Easter. It quickly became apparent that there were a number of good messages in this Sunday’s selections from the Bible. It would be foolish to try to talk about all of them in the homily.

The second thing happened in the evening. I went to the Mother/Daughter salad supper. There were so many tasty salads and desserts to choose from that it would have been impossible to sample all of them.

Then I saw the similarity between the selection of Scripture readings and the salad supper. Both had lots of good things to offer, more than you could take at one time. You had to choose what was best for you.

When Jesus said, “One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God”, He is telling us that reading the Bible is like sitting down to a meal, really a smorgasbord, of spiritual food.

Matthew Kelly is correct in saying, “The Bible is the most profound and sublime collection of writings in human history” and “the Word of God has the power to transform our lives.” It is filled with inspiring stories and important questions and uplifting prayers. And, most important of all, the Bible leads us to Jesus.

What a loss it is if we do not take full advantage of this smorgasbord of spiritual food.

Happy May Birthdays

- 5/4 Floyd Baker (85)
- 5/7 Mary Hoelscher (85)
- 5/9 Anna Niemeyer (94)
- 5/18 Clarence Beckman (80)
- 5/18 Marianne Buenerkemper (81)
- 5/18 Anna Meyer (81)
- 5/20 Junevere Zerrusen (81)
- 5/21 Vivian Tebbe (85)
- 5/22 Lawrence Ruholl (85)
- 5/24 Marie Martin (88)
- 5/25 Delores Grunloh (89)
- 5/25 Connie Wessel (84)
- 5/27 Lucy Uptmor (80)
- 5/29 Leonard Wernsing (85)
- 5/30 Arthur Brumleve (84)

Liturgy Schedule 4th Sunday of Easter April 26—May 2

Monday,	Mass at 6:30 am
Tuesday,	Mass at 6:30 & 8:05 am
Wednesday,	St. Peter Chanel St. Louis Mary de Montfort Mass at 6:30 & 8:05 am
Thursday,	St. Catherine of Siena Mass at 6:30 am
Friday,	St. Pius V Mass at 6:30 & 8:05 am
Saturday,	Mass at 5:30 pm
Sunday,	Fifth Sunday of Easter Mass at 7:00, 8:45, 10:30 am

Confession Schedule

Saturday, - 3:30-4:30 pm

Liturgy of the Hours with Friars

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



Parish Calendar

Monday, April 26

- C D of A Contest Winners Dinner, 6:30 pm, K of C Hall
- Picnic co-chairman mtg. 7:30 pm, St. Clare Hall

Tuesday, April 27

- Catechist's Appreciation Dinner, 6:45 pm, K of C Hall

Wednesday, April 28

- Children's Choir, 3:30 pm
- Jr. High and High School Closing Mass, 7:30 pm

Friday, April 30

- First Communion Parent Practice, 7:00-8:15 pm

Saturday, May 1

- Confessions, 3:30-4:30 pm

Sunday, May 2

- First Communion, 10:30 Mass
- Mausoleum open, 7:00 am—6:00 pm
- Monastery Museum open, 12:30—4:00 pm
- Youth Councils meet

Question of the Week

In what ways does Jesus shepherd us? When have you experienced shepherding? What did it involve?
 Acts 13:14, 43-52
 Revelation 7:9, 14-17
 John 10:27-30



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, Ermand Thoele, Joyce Vahling, Mardell Weis, Nicholas Rhodes

Attention Parishioners!

There will be **no seats available** at the 10:30 First Communion Mass next Sunday, May 2nd. Please attend Mass at another time next weekend. Thanks.



Planning Marriage

Cody Gerth and Leslie Westjohn
 Saturday, May 1, 2010
 12:00 noon

Reminder

Co-Chairmen for picnic will have a meeting at 7:30 pm Monday, April 26th, St. Clare Hall.

Stewardship of Treasure

	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Total Fiscal</u>
	<u>4/18/2010</u>	<u>Year</u>
318 Adult envelopes	\$6,753.00	\$320,079.05
Other	<u>608.00</u>	<u>25,940.18</u>
TOTAL	\$7,361.00	\$346,019.23
GOAL	\$9,300.00	\$390,600.00



Homebound Ministers

Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound for Sunday, May 1st are:
 Rita Pals 857-3569
 Eleanor Gebben 857-3619
 Mary Jane Koester 857-3697
 Mary Runde 857-3276

FAMILY CORNER

Have you seen the movie, 50 First Dates? It is a story of a woman who lost her memory and she is stuck on one day. There is no memory of anything before or after her accident. It made me think of the Easter Season.

We are in 50 days of celebrating Jesus' life, death, resurrection and preparing for his ascension. Wow! How do we celebrate so many times without getting re-runs? This past week was Earth Week. How about doing some things to help mother earth as well? Try these as a family:

- Take a walk on the "wild side." Visit a zoo and talk about how diverse our God is. How could he have thought of a rhinoceros?
- Visit Lake Sara or a comparable body of water and see who can sit the longest without moving or talking or????
- Tell stories about family members who were hunters, trappers, fisher people. Get to know family history as well.
- Eat supper outside. Have a backyard picnic or snack. Make it as special as you like.
- Read a story about a family member's patron saint. Talk about what qualities they have in common with their namesake.
- Do your own thing together as a family but try to do it in creation.

Water For Life Sunday

Sunday, April 25, the CCW Councils and Ladies Sodalties of each parish in the Effingham Deanery are being asked to sponsor **DCCW SUNDAY / WATER FOR LIFE SUNDAY**. This is an informational event and fundraiser to bring clean water to people living in third world countries. This is a joint project of Catholic Relief Services and the National Council of Catholic Women. We ask for your generous support, and thank you for your help. God will bless you!

CHWC THANKS!

Thanks to all who supported the CHWC fundraising efforts last weekend! We appreciate the community support in helping us get to Memphis this summer!

Lost & Found

A size large, brown sweatshirt type jacket with multi-colored dots and fur-trimmed hood was found. Please come to the parish office to claim.

GRADE SCHOOL

First Communion Mass is next Sunday, May 2, at the 10:30 Mass. Children need to be in the monastery hallway for line-up at 10:00.

All parents—registration forms for next year's religion classes were sent through the mail 4 weeks ago. If you have not yet returned your forms, please do so as soon as possible. Thanks.

Also, signed sheets regarding children's viewing of Personal Safety Videos throughout all their future years of school were sent recently. Only a few have not yet been returned. Please return those as soon as possible. Thanks.

Kdgn./Pre School –Closing program takes place today in church after the 10:30 Mass, followed by refreshments in St. Clare Hall for family and parishioners. Thanks to the children and their parents for their attendance, participation, and efforts. Thanks to the faithful catechists and aides for their service.

Junior High classes- Thanks to young people for their attendance, participation and cooperation, to the parents for their help, and to the catechists for their commitment and dedication.

The Parish Recognition Mass for Grade 8 students is Sunday, May 23, at the 8:45 Mass. Students will receive information regarding this Mass this Wednesday and through the mail the week before the Mass. Blessed Summer to all!!

High School

The Mass of Thanksgiving for the closing of the high school and junior high religious ed year will be held next Wednesday in Church. HS students, please enter through the St. Clare Hallway and sign in with your teacher! We will be having refreshments following Mass in St. Clare Hall. Thanks for a great year of religious education!

Seniors: Mark your calendars! Your Graduation Mass will be held on May 30 at the 8:45 am Mass. You will be receiving information in the mail. Congratulations on your accomplishment!

Youth Notes:

Youth Councils will meet on May 2 in the Teen Center. Junior High meets at 6:30 & High School meets at 7:30. We need to finalize plans for the rest of the year – See you there!

Teen Center will be open the weekend of May 7 & 8.

RCIA is gearing up for another year. Soon the newest parish members will be involved in parish activities and become “old hands.” We currently are working with three young women, one from St. Isidore and 2 from here, who are interested in being members of the Catholic Church. If you know of anyone who just wants information or has questions, have them call Sr. Pierre 857-6404 ext. 227. Formal invitations will be coming soon.

BIBLE STUDY generally meets once a month on the third Thursday. Over summer this may change. Anyone interested can join at any time. We meet in St. Clare Hall at 10:00 a.m. We are usually finished by 11:00. Stay tuned for further details.

“Why Catholic?” groups are finishing their sessions. We hope that all the groups had a wonderful learning experience and got to know others better in the process. Thank you to all those who participated and especially to all the facilitators; without your guidance and leadership programs to deepen our faith life would not be possible. We had 11 groups with 96 participants. “Well done good and faithful servants.”

Bicycle Safety

Hosted by the Teutopolis Park District



The Teutopolis Park District will hold a Bike Safety Workshop on May 8th. This workshop, hosted by Officer Higgs, will be held at the Teutopolis Community Park. There will be 2 sessions of this workshop. Session 1 will be held from 9:00-9:45 am for students in grades K-2. Session 2 will be held from 10:00-10:45 am for students in grades 3-6. There is no charge for this workshop. Registration forms are available on the Teutopolis Park District website. www.teutopolisparkdistrict.com

Umpire Clinics-Teutopolis Park District

Interesting in umpiring for the Teutopolis Park District this summer? The TPD is hosting 2 umpire clinics. These 30 minute clinics are scheduled for April 29th and May 6th from 8:00-8:30 pm in the Teutopolis Grade School Gym. Discussion items will include: league rules, attire, general pointers, and time sheets. To umpire for the TPD this summer, attendance at one of these clinics is expected. There is no advance registration for these clinics. Attendees should be at least entering 8th grade in the fall and all should bring a pen. Questions can be directed to the TPD administrator at 994-4332.

April Is Religious Education And Ministry Sign-Up Month

It's that time of year again . . . Time to fill religious ed. Roles and prepare the liturgical ministry schedules. **The religious ed. Program is in desperate need of teachers. This program cannot work without more assistance. Please give serious thought to the possibility of teaching a religion class and see if you can't find some way to help.**

If you are currently serving in some liturgical ministry capacity, the liturgy committee presumes you are willing to continue. **If so, no need to fill out the form. If you do not wish to continue or if you need to change the time(s) or ministry, please call the parish office at 857-6404 by April 30th. Also, please notify the parish office if your phone number has changed since last year's sign up period.**

If you are interested in becoming a part of the liturgy celebration by joining a ministry, **NOW IS THE TIME!!**

Take the time to look over the form. Fill it out and return it by: dropping it in the Sunday collection basket, bringing it to the parish office, or mailing it to the parish office. If you have any questions about the teaching of religious ed., any liturgical ministry, or any ministry you would like to be a part of, contact the parish office. All forms need to be returned by April 30th. Thank you!!

Donation

The Paper Depot, in conjunction with the Monastery Museum, has donated \$1,748.37 to St. Francis Church for the missions. This money will be sent to the Franciscan Missionary Union. The group also donated \$1,000 to the parish's general fund. Thank you Paper Depot Team!

Holy Humor...

The minister was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to ask the congregation during the service to come up with more money for repairs to the church building. Therefore he was annoyed to find that the regular organist was sick and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute. The substitute wanted to know what to play. “Here's a copy of the service,” he said impatiently. “But you'll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about the finances. During the service, the minister paused and said, “Brothers and sisters, we are in great difficulty. The roof repairs cost twice as much as we had expected, and we need \$4000 more. Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more, please stand up.” At that moment, the substitute organist played “The Star Spangled Banner.” And that is how the substitute became the regular organist!

Ministry Schedules for May

Servers: Please pick up a schedule from an entrance of church.

Eucharistic Ministers

5:30 pm Sat.

Body

*Mark Weber
Denise Weichman
Ron Probst
Janet Dhom

Blood

Julie Probst
Kate Schmidt
Carol Heuerman
Tina Brumleve
Joe Zerrusen
Diane Siemer

7:00 am Sun.

Body

*Linda Willenborg
Mary Jane Koester
Sharon Brummer

Blood

Sarah Hewing
Joyce Vahling
Paul Weber
Marita Weber

8:45 am Sun.

Body

*Clare Swingler
Joan Brumleve
Mary Lou Esker
Eleanor Goeckner

Blood

Mary Flach
Betty Deters
Ruth Dasenbrock
Charles Runde
Vera Runde

Body

*Darlene Buehnerkemper
Linda Ruholl
Kevin Mette
Chuck Deters

Blood

Kim Runde
Dick Runde
Karen Ruholl
Erica Ruholl
Cathy Brummer
Laquita Campbell

Lectors

5:30 pm Sat.

Cari Buehnerkemper
Tess Probst

7:00 am Sun.

Lenora Drees

8:45 am Sun.

Debbie Weber
Jean Sehy

10:30 am Sun.

Linda Ruholl
Carrie Cople

Clean Linens—Jane Ordner

Ushers

5:30 pm Sat.

*David Tegeler
Nick Deters
Bernard Runde
Bill Runde
Bob Goldstein
Gerald Runde

7:00 am Sun.

*Jim Niebrugge
Mark Koester
Paul Westendorf
Linus Nosbisch
Mike Tipton
Robert Poe

8:45 am Sun.

*Mike Thoele
Art Deters
Alphonse Ruholl
Rich Hartke
Gerald Hoene
Francis Uthell

10:30 am Sun.

*Tom Vahling
Bruce Buehnerkempe
Frank Brummer
Keith Vonderheide
Pat Niemeyer
Doug Mette

Gift Bearers

5:30 pm Sat.

5/1 Don Heuerman
5/8 Johnny Meinhart
5/15 Charles Semple
5/22 Brent Weichman
5/29 Travis Starwalt

7:00 am Sun.

5/2 Doug Pruerman
5/9 Robert Drees
5/16 Ray Lohman
5/23 Bernie Waldhoff
5/30 Gary Deters

8:45 am Sun.

5/2 Keith Weber
5/9 Bernie Hartke
5/16 Art Deters
5/23 Jr. High Graduates
5/30 High School Graduates

10:30 am Sun.

5/2 First Communion
5/9 Marty Siemer
5/16 Carolyn Westendorf
5/23 Kevin Mette
5/30 Cory Wermert

Children's Liturgy of the Word

5:30 pm Sat.

5/1 No Liturgy—1st Communion
5/8 No Liturgy—Mother's Day
5/15 Cheryl Heuerman
5/22 Kay McMahon
5/29 Lisa Starwalt

10:30 am Sun.

5/2 No Liturgy—1st Communion
5/9 No Liturgy—Mother's Day
5/16 Melissa Habing
5/23 Debbie Niebrugge
5/30 Michelle Probst/Annie Wessel

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