

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

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:

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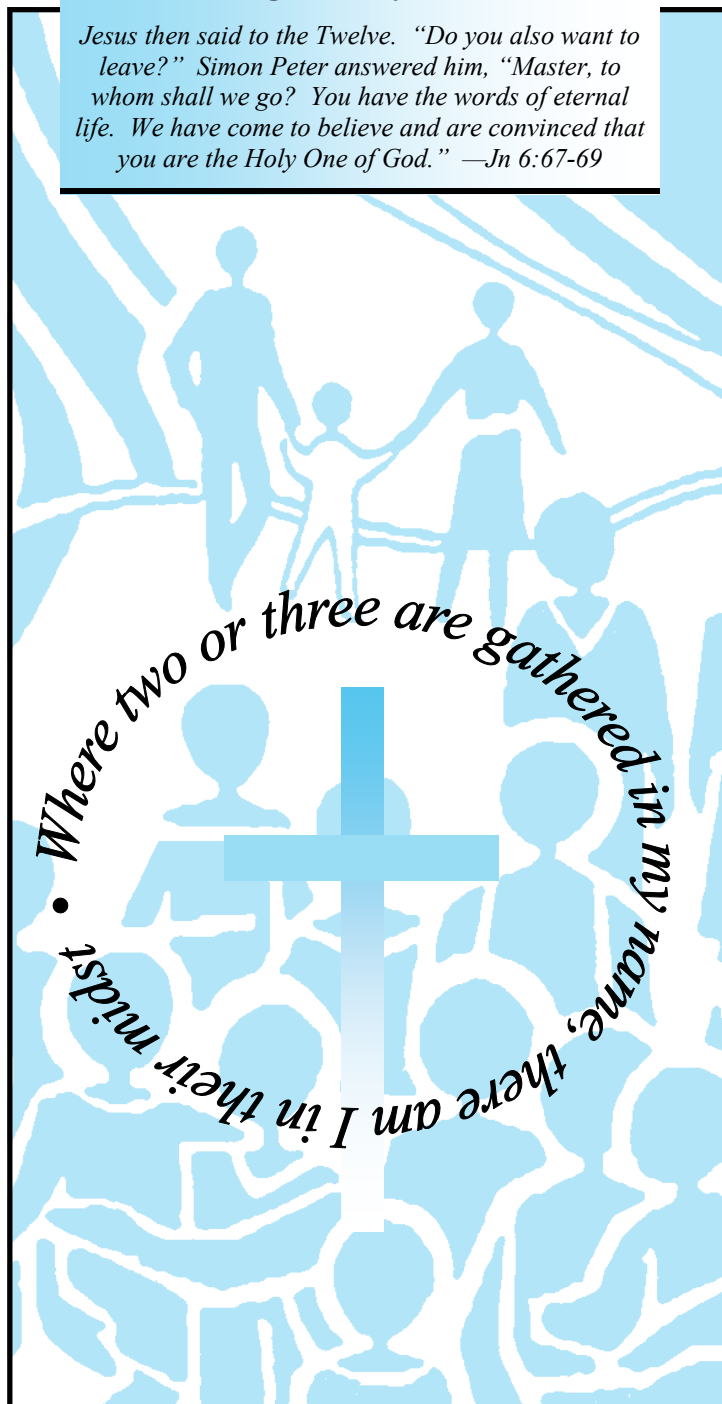
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Twenty-first Sunday In Ordinary Time August 23, 2009

Jesus then said to the Twelve. "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." —Jn 6:67-69



Meditation for Sunday, August 23rd

John 6:60-69

Joshua, the Old Testament leader commissioned by God to bring his people into the Promised Land, has much in common with Peter, the fisherman chosen by Jesus to lead His Church. Both men knew what it meant to follow God when the going got rough and others started dropping out.

As Moses' servant, Joshua heard the people murmur and grumble against God during their desert wanderings. As Jesus' disciple, Peter heard other disciples complain that Jesus' "bread of life" statements were too difficult to accept (John 6:60). Yet both men realized that God was at work in the powerful things they had witnessed: Joshua had seen the Israelites' deliverance from slavery in Egypt; Peter, the healings and miracles worked by Jesus. Each leader expressed this conviction in a ringing declaration of faith (Joshua 24:15; John 6:68-69).

"Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life" (John 6:68). Never before had Peter met anyone like Jesus. Through him, Peter came to experience God's love, faithfulness, and mercy. He also came to realize that Jesus spoke with God's own authority, moving receptive hearts from unbelief to faith through his miraculous healings, power over nature, and raising of the dead. As a conscientious witness to these wonders, Peter declared: "We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God" (John 6:69).

Just as he did for Joshua and Peter, God wants to show himself to us. He wants to convince us that he has a loving plan for our lives. And when God pours out his grace upon us and reveals his love to us, it changes our hearts. His revelation becomes so deeply embedded in us that we begin to look upon it as something to hold dear and never compromise—just as Peter and Joshua did.

"Lord, you are the Holy One who loves, hears, and rescues me. I believe your words. I will follow you, for you give me abundant life that overflows to eternity."

The Word Among Us

Pray to End Abortion

We must unite as the body of Christ to fight the greatest evil of our day, abortion. To build a culture of life, we must start with prayer. Please join the worldwide "**Pray to End Abortion**" cause on facebook, at www.ProLifePrayers.org. Be part of the largest prayer group in history!

Prayer for the Election of a Bishop

Lord God, you are our eternal shepherd and guide. In your mercy grant your Church in Springfield in Illinois a shepherd who will walk in your ways and whose watchful care will bring us your blessing.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. Amen.

RCIA meeting in museum meeting room during 8:45 Mass on Sunday. Anyone wishing to join us is welcome. Know of anyone who has expressed an interest by asking questions regarding the Catholic faith? Invite them, bring them, call Sr. Pierre 857-6404 ext. 227.

Bible Study the third Thursday of the month in St. Clare Hall from 10:00-11:00 am. Come join us. We'd love to have you. For more information, call 857-6404 ext. 227.

Celebrating 50 Years of Marriage or Longer?

Come to a special celebration at St. Agnes Parish in Springfield on September 27, 2009 starting at 1:00 pm with a musical program. The Mass with renewal of wedding vows will start at 2:00 pm with a reception following. If you or your loved ones have been married 50 years or longer and would like to receive an invitation and/or a special certificate, please call the Office for Marriage and Family Life at 217-698-8500, ext. 121, or email potoole@dio.org. Check the Catholic Times for a registration form.



Marriage Preparation

FOCCUS and Pre-Cana are requirements for marriage at St. Francis.

Our next FOCCUS will be on Saturday, October 3rd at 6:30 pm in St. Clare hall.

Pre-Cana will be held here on Sunday, January 31st, 2010.

Registration is required for both. Please call the parish office at 857-6404.

Liturgy Schedule 21st Week in Ordinary Time August 24-30

Monday,	St. Bartholomew Mass at 6:30 am
Tuesday,	St. Louis of France St. Joseph Calasanz Mass at 6:30 & 8:00 am
Wednesday,	Mass at 6:30 am
Thursday,	St. Monica Mass at 6:30 am
Friday,	St. Augustine Mass at 6:30 & 8:00 am
Saturday,	Martyrdom of John the Baptist Mass at 5:30 pm
Sunday,	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass at 7:00, 8:45, 10:30 am

Confession Schedule

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

Liturgy of the Hours with Friars

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



Pray for the Sick

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick, especially: Sidney Horn, Kris Gouchenour, Rebekah Volk, Sr. Clara Esker, Laurie Shook, Sue Esker, Marilyn Smith, Jodi Waymoth, Evelyn Krone, Agnes Kremer, Tiffany Campbell, Steve Sehy, Mary Esker, Cathy Green, Irene Sandschafer, Dorothy and Ermand Thoele, Tom Stillwell

Stewardship of Treasure

	<u>Sunday</u> 8/16/2009	<u>Total Fiscal</u> <u>Year</u>
281 Adult envelopes	\$6,463.50	\$47,136.00
Other	<u>477.00</u>	<u>3,629.02</u>
TOTAL	\$6,940.50	\$50,765.02
GOAL	\$9,300.00	\$65,100.00

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary \$1,016.00

Mission Co-op \$2,347.00



Parish Calendar

Monday, August 24

- School starts with 1/2 day
- DeColores Board mtg., 7:30 pm, Museum Meeting Room

Wednesday, August 26

- Grade School Religion Classes begin
- Jr. Hi. Catechist mtg., 6:30-7:30 pm for grade 7, 7:30-8:30 pm for grade 8, Religious Ed Office
- Summer Choir, 8:00 pm

Thursday, August 27

- Parish Council Tour and Cookout, 5:30 pm in Mini Park

Friday, August 28

- Teen Center open, Jr. Hi. 7:00—10:00 pm

Saturday, August 29

- Confessions, 3:30—4:30 pm
- Teen Center open, High School 7:00—11:00 pm

Sunday, August 30

- RCIA



Planning Marriage

Denny Runde and Kim Walk
Saturday, August 29, 2009
1:00 pm

Sing Along

St. Francis Singers and Friends, 4th Thursday at Lakeland Nursing Center, August 27th at 10:30 am.

Next Week's Music Ministers

Sat., Aug 29th—5:30—Greg Oseland and Theresa Draper
Sun., Aug. 30th—7:00—Amanda Hoelscher, Kara Esker,
Derek Deters, and Amy Nobschich
8:45—Summer Choir
10:30—Maria Wargolet



Homebound Ministers

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound for Sunday, August 30th are: Lucy Uptmor 857-3373, Mabel Harris 857-6704, Ruth Drees 217-924-4321, Lori Mette 857-3523

Thank You!

I am deeply grateful for your wonderful generosity toward the missionary work we do for the Catholic Church around the world. Your financial help and prayerful support of the divine Word Missionaries make it possible for us to continue building up the Kingdom of God in some of the difficult areas of our world. We are only able to spread the Gospel message with your prayers and your generous support. I want to thank you for your warm welcome to me on the weekend of August 15-16. May God continue to bless all of you! Let us remember to pray for each other.

—Fr. Gabriel Avelardo & Bro. Brian McLaughlin, SVD

Baptism Prep

Baptism Prep will be held on September 3, 7:00 pm in St. Clare Hall. Please call the parish office at 857-6404 to register.

Thank You!

THANKS to all who remembered me at my birthday with your prayers, greetings, and other acts of kindness. Your thoughtfulness is much appreciated. Let us remember to pray for one another.

—Fr. Vernon

Prayer for a New School Year

Good and gracious God, as a new school year begins, fill the hearts of our students with an eagerness to learn about the world You have created, about themselves and, most of all, about You.

Bless our teachers with the gifts of wisdom and patience that they might help students find the truth.

Give our parents generous hearts to encourage and support their sons and daughters.

Help us all work together to form a community of learning that teaches not only skills for material success, but all that we need to live our faith fully in this world. Amen.



August 26 — Grade school Religion classes begin
September 9 — Jr Hi. Religion classes begin.

Please Note!

Cars, vans and similar vehicles are NOT to be brought into the Mini-Park. The sidewalk is for walking and jogging; the walkway was not designed to carry the weight of cars, vans, etc.

Religious Education News

Grade School—Parents—religion classes begin Wednesday for Grades 3-6. Children in all grades will be receiving an “Arrival form” to be filled out and returned the next day if possible. Also, parents of children in Grade 1, please fill out the informational form as well. Thank you.

Emergency—Substitutes are needed for Monday through Thursday throughout the year to walk a class to church or to supervise a video showing. This will occur about 2 to 3 times during the year. Please call 857-6477 as soon as possible. Thanks.

Video presenters’ meeting will take place Tuesday, September 1, 8:00 in St. Clare hall.

Those who were not able to attend any of the meetings, please come to the office and pick up your materials. Class lists will be on the parish entrance table on Monday, August 24.

Jr. Hi. Still needing a male catechist for the abstinence program for January, February. Call 857-6477.

High School Religions Ed

High School religious ed classes will be resuming soon! Mark your calendar for September 16. We are needing a high school catechist for sophomores. If you are interested or feel you might like to try this endeavor, please call the high school religious ed office for more information!

Confirmation News:

Sophomores – your Confirmation date has been set for Wednesday, November 4, 2009 at 6:30 pm. Msgr. Carl Kemme will be coming from the Diocese to celebrate this special sacrament with us. Practice will be held Wednesday, October 28. Sophomore retreat has been set for Saturday, October 17. A letter will be out soon with this information.

Youth Notes:

Teen Center will be open next weekend! Jr. High is invited on August 28 from 7 – 10 pm. High School students are invited for Saturday, August 29 from 7 – 11 pm. Because we are expecting large crowds (especially for Friday night), we are needing several parents to help chaperon! We’ll give you all the information you need to know to help make it a great experience. Please call the high school religious ed office if you would like to join in the fun of chaperoning on either of these two nights!

The Wicker Basket

The story is told of an old man who lived on a farm in the mountains of Eastern Kentucky with his young grandson. Each morning, Grandpa was up early sitting at the kitchen table reading from his old worn-out Bible. His grandson who wanted to be just like him tried to imitate him in any way he could.

One day the grandson asked, "Papa, I try to read the Bible just like you but I don't understand it, and what I do understand, forget as soon as I close the book. What good does reading the Bible do?" The Grandfather quietly turned from putting coal in the stove and said, "Take this old wicker coal basket down to the river and bring back a basket of water." The boy did as he was told, even though all the water leaked out before he could get back to the house. The grandfather laughed and said, "You will have to move a little faster next time, and sent him back to the river with the basket to try again. This time the boy ran faster, but again the old wicker basket was empty before he returned home. Out of breath, he told his grandfather that it was "impossible to carry water in a basket" and he went to get a bucket instead. The old man said, "I don't want a bucket of water; I want a basket of water. You can do this. You're just not trying hard enough, and he went out the door to watch the boy try again. At this point, the boy knew it was impossible, but he wanted to show his grandfather that even if he ran as fast as he could, the water would leak out before he got far at all. The boy scooped the water and ran hard, but when he reached his grandfather the basket was again empty. Out of breath, he said, "See Papa, it's useless!" "So you think it is useless?" The old man said, "Look at the basket." The boy looked at the basket and for the first time he realized that the basket looked different. Instead of a dirty old wicker coal basket, it was clean. "Son, that's what happens when you read the Bible. You might not understand or remember everything, but when you read it, it will change you from the inside out."

Moral of the wicker basket story: Take time to read a portion of God's Word each day; it will affect you for good even if you don't retain a word.

Teutopolis Park District News

August 27th ... deadline to sign up for Fall Soccer.

For more information and to download forms, visit www.teutopolisparkdistrict.com

Picnic

Pre-Labor Day Picnic at St. Mary's in Ste. Marie. Sunday, Sept. 6th. Serving pork loin and chicken dinners from 11 am to 5 pm. Raffle, bingo, games, craft stand, porkburgers, brats, ice cream, cake pull, and much more.

Marriage Tip

"I guess you were right." Although marriage is not a competition, this phrase is one of the sweetest things a spouse can say.