

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

## Teutopolis, Illinois

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### First Sunday of Lent February 21, 2010

*The devil said to him, "All this will be yours, if you worship me." Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written: You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve." Lk 4:6a, 7-8*

### 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

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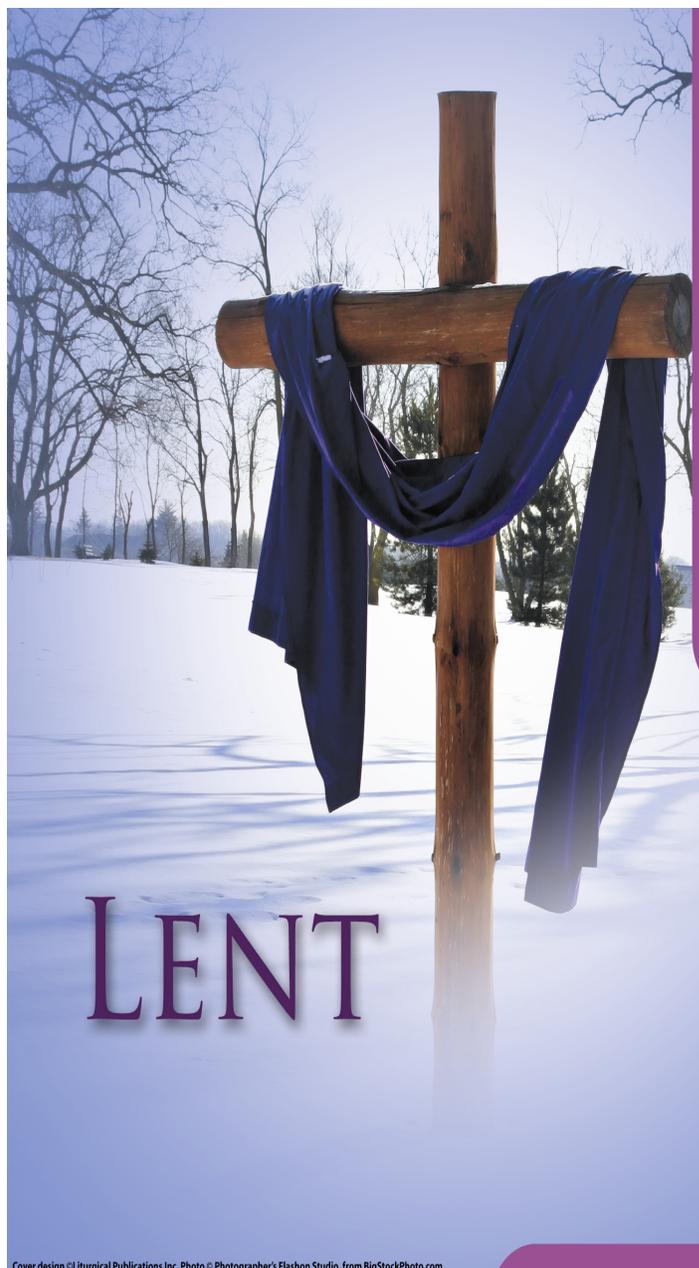
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## Matthew Kelly Chapter 6 What is the Authentic Life?

In Lent, it seems that we search constantly for ways to make it a “Meaningful Season”. We give stuff up, we add other good works... all in an effort to bring us closer to God. Wouldn’t life be AMAZING if we’d work every day of the year to be the best versions of ourselves so we would, in fact, be closer to God always?

This week’s recap of our Parish Book Club’s “Rediscovering Catholicism” reminds us of the following, “The unfathomable adventure of salvation begins when we stop asking, “What’s in it for me?” and turn humbly to God in our hearts and ask, “How may I serve? What work do you wish for me to do with my life? What is YOUR WILL for my life?” It doesn’t matter what we choose as our life’s work – whether we are plumbers, priests, doctors, mothers or fathers... God calls us to follow him in all things and strive to do what HE asks, not just what we desire.

We can turn our most common efforts into prayer and a life of holiness. Matthew Kelly points out that if a person is a street sweeper, but he does it to the best of his abilities and hour by hour turns to God in his heart and offers up prayers and a joyfulness in his work, he is living his life day by day in the best way he can. This person, in his quiet work, fulfills his call and glorifies God just by living an authentic life.

One of the most startling realizations is that we are ALL called to holiness. Holiness is the goal of the Christian life and our essential purpose. If that’s true, then it is not only Fr. Austin, Sr. Pierre, Br. Pauli and the little old ladies in church that are called to holiness. It means that **I** am called for holiness, and my response is often, “Dang – I’m not that good. God doesn’t expect holiness of ME!” But by baptism, each of us was called to live a life doing what God expects of us. We continually look for God moments and use them to change us and help us grow into the people God created us to be. Think of the holiest people you know personally – what is it about them that you define as truly holy?

Our culture often tells us it isn’t about God’s will and that holiness is “not cool”. The reality is that being holy is beyond cool – it’s inspiring and it’s freeing to know people are out there trying to BE holy and live lives like they want to end up in Heaven some day. That’s why the feel good e-mails fly through cyberspace – we want to be inspired by the goodness of others. The real goal should be though to inspire OTHERS by our goodness, our willingness to serve God, and our desire for a holy life. The holiest people have a peace and purpose in their lives. Don’t we all really have a deep desire for that?

The challenge for this week is to get in touch with what God is asking YOU to do this week and to strive to live a holier life each day, moment by moment.

## FAMILY CORNER:

The Sundays in Lent (like all Sundays, in every season of the year) are celebrations—tiny Easters that begin each week. Celebrate creation today. How can you do that? By planting something (like our creating God did)...by eating something that came from the garden (like a super salad...or a brussel sprout...or an ice-cold pickle-on-a-stick)...by climbing into God’s garden. Take off your shoes and wiggle your toes deep into the lush green turf. Read Genesis 2:4-25 then illustrate the story in a cartoon strip form: each family member doing one of the panels and sharing at the end.

**40 Days For Life:** Please join in the 40 Days for Life Spring Campaign Feb. 17—March 28! Offer extra prayers, Masses and fasting for the end of abortion. Consider joining in silent, peaceful prayer outside abortion centers—The Hope Clinic in Granite City or Planned Parenthood in Champaign. The Hope Clinic is the Midwest’s largest, late-term abortion mill with a high volume coming from surrounding states. Go to: <http://40daysforlife.com/location.cfm>.

## Prayer Group

A prayer group is getting started, meeting on Friday mornings at 7:45 at the home of Nancy Weber. If you would like to attend, please contact Nancy Weber at 857-6262 or Kathy Willenborg at 857-3905. The date, time and place can be changed to accommodate those interested.

## Another Opportunity for Prayer

St. Clare Rosary Group will meet at 9:30 am each Friday during Lent (except Good Friday). If you’ve never joined us before, this is a great time to begin! All are welcome—men, women, children, young and old. We pray the Rosary at 9:30 in church, then move to St. Clare Hall for refreshments and visiting.

**Eucharistic Day of Prayer** to be held on Sunday, Feb. 21 at St. Aloysius, Bishop after 8:00 am Mass and will close with Benediction at 6:30 pm.

## Liturgy Schedule 1st Week of Lent February 22-28

Monday,	The Chair of St. Peter Mass at 6:15 am & 12:10 pm
Tuesday,	St. Polycarp Mass at 6:15 & 8:05 am
Wednesday,	Mass at 6:15 am & 12:10 pm <b>NO 8:05 am Mass</b>
Thursday,	Mass at 6:15 am & 12:10 pm
Friday,	Mass at 6:15 & 8:05 am
Saturday,	Mass at 5:30 pm
Sunday,	2nd Sunday of Lent Mass at 7:00, 8:45, 10:30 am

### Stations of the Cross

Friday, February 26 - 7:00 pm

### Confession Schedule

Saturday, February 27 - 3:30-4:30 pm

### Liturgy of the Hours with Friars

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

**“Why Catholic?”** groups are beginning. Anyone needing a text or desiring to join an existing group may call Sr. Pierre at 857-6404 for more information.



### Pray for the Sick

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick, especially: Sidney Horn, Kris Gouchenour, Rebekah Volk, Sr. Clara Esker, Jodi Waymoth, Evelyn Krone, Steve Sehy, Cathy Green, Dorothy and Ermand Thoele, Joyce Vahling, Mardell Weis, Nicholas Rhodes, Peggy Smith.

### Stewardship of Treasure

	<u>Sunday</u> 2/14/2010	<u>Total Fiscal</u> <u>Year</u>
274 Adult envelopes	\$6,720.00	\$244,163.30
Other	<u>587.00</u>	<u>20,284.82</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,307.00</b>	<b>\$264,448.12</b>
<b>GOAL</b>	<b>\$9,300.00</b>	<b>\$306,900.00</b>

Cemetery Collection \$3,009.00



## Parish Calendar

### Sunday, February 21

- Praise and Worship, 7:30 pm, church

### Wednesday, February 24

- Youth and Young Adult Choir, 6:00-7:00 pm
- Jr. High and High School Religion, 7:20 pm

### Thursday, February 25

- Children’s Choir, 3:30-4:30 pm
- Finance Council mtg., 6:00 pm, St. Clare
- Parish Council mtg., 7:00 pm, St. Clare
- Adult Choir, 7:00 pm

### Friday, February 26

- Rosary, 9:30 am in Church and St. Clare Hall
- Stations of the Cross, 7:00 pm

### Saturday, February 27

- Grade 2 First Reconciliation, 9:00-10:00 and 10:30-11:30 am
- Confessions, 3:30-4:30 pm

### Please Note:

There will be no 8:05 am Mass on Wednesday, February 24th. The 2nd grade will be touring Church. There will be a 12:10 pm Mass on that day.

### Sing Along

St. Francis Singers and Friends will be singing at Lakeland Nursing Home on Thursday, February 25th at 10:30 am. Please join us.

### Question of the Week

Desert travelers need water. Where do you think you will find “water” for your desert journey this year?

Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Romans 10:8-13

Luke 4:1-13

### With Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Mary Ann Huber. May she be enjoying eternal peace and happiness in heaven.



### Homebound Ministers

Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound for Sunday, February 28th are: Theresa Funneman 857-3816, Barbara Pals 857-3039, Marianne Buenerkemper 857-3686, Carlene Rauch 857-6296

## Religious Education News

### GRADE SCHOOL

**ATTENTION-BECAUSE TWO OF OUR MASS WALKERS ARE NOW WORKING FULL TIME JOBS AND FOR OTHER REASONS, WE ARE NEEDING MASS WALKERS AND SUBSTITUTES FOR THESE DAYS:**

**MON. 4M,  
AND  
TUES. 3M.**

**WE ARE HOPING SOME MEN WILL SIGN UP FOR THESE DAYS.**

**CALL 857-6477 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND FIND OUT WHAT THIS SERVICE ENTAILS. YOUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN WILL THANK YOU. THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STAFF WILL BE ETERNALLY GRATEFUL.**

**Grade 2- Parents and children—First Reconciliation takes place on Saturday, February 27, from 9:00 to 10:00 (A-M) and from 10:30 to 11:30 (N-Z).**

**Results of the Grade 6 Bake Sale**—Congratulations for the excellent Valentine bake sale—to all who provided the goods and all who participated in the sale. Total amount collected was \$864 for the education of the poorest children in Southern India.

**Kdgn./Pre-** Sunday Morning Classes take place during the 10:30 Mass in the Grade School Cafeteria entrance.

(If the John St. ramp entrance is covered with snow or ice, use the West door of the school. Thanks.)

**JUNIOR HIGH** – Classes resume this Wednesday. Grade 7 continues the study of Catholic Identity. The students will be receiving an informational sheet regarding participation in the silhouette stations of the cross which will take place on Friday, March 26. Parents, please sign the form showing that your child will be available and wishes to participate in this unique form of stations of the cross, and return by March 3. (Practice times are listed on the informational sheet.) Grade 8 students continue their study of the Catholic attitude toward sexual abstinence.

### **HS Religious Ed**

**Freshmen:** Your Welcome To My World Session has been set for March 21. While this is one of the requirements in your Great Expectations handbook, it also is a day that students always enjoy. Please mark your calendars for this event.

**Seniors:** You should've received an invitation to the Senior Retreat which will be held on March 27-28 at Lake Sara! If you didn't receive one, please call the high school religious ed office. It will be an awesome weekend filled with fun, food, friends, and faith. Don't miss this opportunity!

### **Youth Notes:**

Let's Go ROLLER SKATING! We'll be taking junior high students and high school students to Mattoon to the Silver Star Skating rink on March 3. This will take place of the Teen Center being open. It is open to all junior high and high school students who attend Unit 50! Permission forms are available at the entrance of church and also online at the parish website under youth ministry.

**DATE CHANGE: BIBLE STUDY** will meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of this month (Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>) rather than the third Thursday. We will continue with John's Gospel beginning at 10:00 a.m. in St. Clare Hall. Bring your bible and a desire to hear God's Word differently. We hope to see you there.

### **First Communion Dresses**

If anyone has white First Communion dresses to lend, donate, or sell, please call the Religious Education office 857-6477 and give us the size of the dress. Thanks!

## New Registrants

Christopher and Christina Ordner  
and son, Calvin L. Althoff  
Paul Schumacher  
Amber Schumacher  
John and Amanda (Leonard) Apke  
and children: John and Lyla

## Baptisms

Cameron Michael dela Cruz  
son of Ariel Paz and Amanda Lynn (Walk)  
dela Cruz



William Thomas Bushur  
son of Peter and Theresa (Niebrugge) Bushur

Macy Ann Petersen  
Daughter of Ryan and Jody (Holkenbrink) Petersen

## Upcoming Baptism Prep Dates

Thursday, March 4—St. Francis, 7:00 pm  
Tuesday, April 6—St. Isidore, 7:00 pm  
Thursday, May 6—St. Francis 7:00 pm  
Please call to register.

## Special Collection

You are encouraged to participate in Operation Rice Bowl this Lent. Seventy-five percent of our gifts will go to CRS to help farmers in Bolivia receive training to improve crop yields, children in Afghanistan gain more opportunities for quality education and communities in Ethiopia access to reliable water sources even during times of drought. Twenty-five percent of our gifts remain here in our diocese and support local hunger and poverty alleviation efforts. The Rice Bowl collection will be on March 28th.

## Thank You!

Words cannot express the feelings of gratitude that our staff and residents have for the many people in your parish who gave to the Christmas Giving Tree this past year. Your dedication to our nursing home over the years has touched many lives and made a difference to so many residents for whom we care for. We cannot thank you enough for everything we do.

—The staff at Effingham Rehabilitation and Health Care Center

## Singers Needed

The priests from our parish have started celebrating Mass at Evergreen Nursing and Rehabilitation Center three times a month. A faithful group of ladies help set things up, get the residents in place for Mass and provide music. They provide beautiful singing but not enough volume to fill the large hall at Evergreen. They could use more singers. If you could help, it would be a great opportunity to join in the Mass and provide music for the residents of the center. If you are interested, please contact Betty Deeters at 857-3568 or Elaine Vonderheide at 342-2718.

## Praise and Worship followed by prayers for Rebekah Volk

The high school praise and worship group invites everyone to attend this Sunday's praise and worship event – today, Sunday, February 21 beginning at 7:30 pm in the main body of church. The evening will begin with contemporary Christian music and will be followed by a prayer service for Rebekah Volk, a teacher at the high school and parishioner here at St. Francis who has just started treatments this past week. All ages are welcome and encouraged to attend this night of song and prayer.

## Catholics at the Capitol

Wednesday, March 3, 2010  
Springfield, Illinois

Please join us for the Second Annual Catholics at the Capitol on Wednesday, March 3, 2010 in Springfield, Illinois with Cardinal Francis George, the Bishops of Illinois, clergy, and laity from across the state, to promote our gospel values with state policymakers.

**10:00 am** Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

**11:00 am** Presentation by CCI staff on "Advocacy at the Capitol"

**12:00** Individual meetings with Legislators

For more information, contact the Catholic Conference of Illinois at 312-368-1066, or go to [www.catholicconferenceofillinois.org](http://www.catholicconferenceofillinois.org)

## Stewardship Corner

Stewardship of treasure asks only a percentage of income. Many people find that when they trust in God and return a certain percentage of their income to the Church and other charities, they can live adequately on the rest of their income.

## DeColores Spring Weekend

The Men's weekend #117 is March 11th-14th.  
The Women's weekend #118 is March 18th-21st.  
Bob and Rita Probst are Rector and Rectora  
@217-925-5334  
For more information please contact Tom & Patti Jansen  
@618-238-4339

## Healing The Grieving Heart

An adult grief support program begins on March 1 thru April 12 at 6:30 pm at the Hospital Auditorium. Pre-registration is required. Call St. Anthony's Community Relations at 217-347-1529 or visit the web site at [www.stanthonyshospital.org](http://www.stanthonyshospital.org).

## Thank you! Thank you!

Thanks so much to the people of St. Francis of Assisi Parish for the generous donation of \$4,577.00 to support the efforts of Catholic Relief Services in response to the earthquake in Haiti. I am amazed and inspired by the incredible solidarity of the people in our diocese who are standing with our brothers and sisters in Haiti through CRS. To see how your donations are being used visit [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org). Sincerely, Vicki Compton, Springfield Diocesan Office for the Missions.

## Campbell Soup Labels

During Lent, please bring in or send in your Campbell Soup labels. These are used to purchase prizes for the bake sales

## Area Happenings

**Fish Fry** at the Teutopolis K of C hall on Friday nights from now until Good Friday, 5:00-7:00 pm.

**St. Isidore Youth Ministry Soup Supper** on Sunday, February 21. Serving 4:00-7:00 pm in the St. Aloysius Hall. In conjunction with the day of prayer at St. Aloysius Church.

**Card Party** at St. Michael's, Sigel on Sunday, February 21st. Games begin at 6:00 pm. Admission \$5.00. Cash prizes will be awarded and a light snack served during intermission.

**Sacred Heart CCW Fish Fry** on Friday February 26th Serving 4:40-7:30 pm in the Sacred Heart Parish Center. Menu includes: fish, mac & cheese or baked potato, slaw or applesauce, chips, drink and dessert. Carry-outs available. Cost: Adults \$6.50 & Children \$3.00.

**St. Michael's School Annual Swine and Dine Breakfast** on Sunday, February 28th Serving from 7:00 am to noon in the school gym. Menu includes: Whole hog sausage, eggs, buttermilk pancakes, homemade rolls, breads, orange juice, coffee and milk. All proceeds benefit the school. There will be a Country Store with baked and craft items, raffle items and mystery boxes for the kids. Everyone is invited to attend!

**Card Party** to benefit the Dieterich Civic Center to be held on Sunday, February 28th, 6:00 pm. Pinoacle, Solo, & Pitch card games will be played. A lunch will be served. Cost for the evening is \$5.00.

**St. Mary's Brunch** on Sunday March 7th. Serving 8:00 am—noon in the St. Mary's Parish Center in St. Marie. St. Mary's Youth Group will be holding a bake sale during the brunch.

## Everything's Groovy 8th Grade Play

C'mon Brothers and Sisters for a musical tribute to the 1960s. "Everything's Groovy," will be performed by the eight grade students for the public at 7:00pm on Thursday, February 25th and Saturday, February 27th, at the TGS gym. Tickets will be sold at the door.

Give peace a chance! Share and Commune! Don't miss this chance to get your groove on and support our eight grade students at "Everything's Groovy".

## "Focus on the Future"

The Effingham Deanery Council of Catholic Women will gather together on Thursday, March 4th at Immaculate Conception Parish in Mattoon. We will have mass at 6:00 p.m. followed by the meeting in the Parish Hall.

What do you know about FOCUS (EIU Group)? Well come and hear our guests who are young, faith filled, energetic and ready to focus on keeping our church and faith alive and thriving through our future generations.

Be a friend and bring a friend

## Knights of Columbus

### Announcing the 1st, 2nd & 3rd Major Degree

Sunday, March 7, 2010

Teutopolis Council #2874 at Teutopolis Council Hall.

Candidate registration: 11:30 am

1st Degree at 12:00 noon

2nd Degree at 1:30 pm

3rd Degree following 2nd Degree

Luncheon will be served after 3rd Degree

For cost and reservations, please contact:

District Deputy #73 Joseph Wentz 857-3684

Grand Knight Larry Holman 857-3688

Council phone 857-3111

For additional details, check the website:

[www.illinoisknights.org](http://www.illinoisknights.org)

**Remember, if you are a sponsor of a candidate, you should bring him to the Degree.**

## Teutopolis Park District is sponsoring a Volleyball Program

for 5th and 6th grade girls of Unit 50. Participants will learn the basic rules of the game plus the techniques of hitting and serving. Sign up deadline is March 8th. Please contact the park district for a sign up form.

## Tie and Dress Sale

Spread the word Girls and Guys. Dieterich Post Prom is having a Tie and Dress Sale. This sale will be held at the Immaculate Conception Hall, 303 E. Section St. in Dieterich on February 27th from 9:00 to noon. Ties and dresses can be dropped off on Friday, Feb. 26th from 3:30 to 6:00 pm or from 8:00 to 9:00 am, Sat., Feb. 27th. Registration fee is \$1.00 for each tie and \$2.00 per dress. Sellers receive 100% of the money from the sale of their tie and/or dress. Money or unsold dresses and ties must be picked up by 1:00 pm on Sat., Feb. 27th. Admission to the sale is \$1:00 per person. Proceeds will benefit the Dieterich Post Prom. Any questions, call Leslie Higgs at 536-5051 or Carla Goeckner at 739-2550.

## Know Anyone Currently In The Military?

Do you know of anyone from the Teutopolis School District who is currently serving our country in the Military? We would like to recognize our military in a PowerPoint presentation at the Vision 2020 breakfast on March 17 at the Teutopolis K of C Hall. \$5.00 from each ticket sold will be used towards the Teutopolis share of the Effingham County Promise. If you know of anyone, please contact Norma at the Teutopolis Unit 50 office at 857-3535 or by e-mail to [Foundation@ttown.k12.il.us](mailto:Foundation@ttown.k12.il.us) with the name, where he/she is serving, and what branch he/she is serving in. Thank you for your help..