

# 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

Fr. John Eaton, OFM, Pastor

Fr. Vernon Olmer, OFM, Associate Pastor

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Duane Kremer

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Denise Will

## February 24, 2013

# Second Sunday of Lent

While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." – Lk 9:34-35



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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, 8:05 am & 7:00 pm

## From the Pastor

**Elections.** Our PPC elections were delayed since we had trouble contacting some of those who were nominated by the parish members. I am grateful to all those who have agreed to serve the parish in this very important ministry.

**PPC.** Speaking of the Parish Pastoral Council, we are scheduled to meet this Thursday, February 28, at 7:00 p.m. in St. Clare Hall.

**E-Blasts.** We continue to get good responses regarding the e-blasts sent out from the parish office to keep members up-to-date on church events, prayer requests, etc. Almost every week, we receive 2 or 3 new e-addresses from others who want to be “in the loop.” We have not yet solved our difficulty with the mchsi accounts, however. When we try to send out an e-blast, they “bounce” back to us. If you have an mchsi account and have been receiving the e-blasts, please let me know. It might help us solve the mystery.

**Meetings.** I will be going up to St. Peter’s in Chicago on March 5 for Provincial Council meetings. The meetings will end on the evening of the 7<sup>th</sup>, so I won’t get back home until sometime on the 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Stations.** Please remember that we are praying the Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent at 7:00 p.m.

**Why Do We Do That?** Several people, including some children, have asked me why the priest breaks off a small piece of the Host and drops it into the Chalice just before Communion at Mass. This is a vestige of an ancient liturgical practice. The bishop would break off a piece of the Host and send it (by way of an acolyte) to the priests in outlying churches. Each priest would drop the particle into the chalice at Mass in order to signify that community’s union with the bishop. Sources indicate that this became part of the papal liturgy under Innocent I (401 – 417).

The small piece of Host is called the *fermentum*, and the ritual action is usually referred to as *commingling*.

**Future Shoes?** Several of the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders have asked me to watch their basketball games on Saturday mornings. One of the things I’ve noticed, especially with the boys, is that they are more willing than a lot of kids their age to pass the ball to teammates. That bodes well for the future of the Shoes.

**RCIA** continues with sessions on Sunday morning after the 8:00am Mass at St. Isidore and Tuesday evenings in the museum meeting room at 7:00 pm. Please pray for all those who will enter the Catholic Church on Holy Saturday.

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, February 25

6:15 am:

12:10 pm: Roger and John Worman

### Tuesday, February 26

6:15 am:

8:05 am: Roger and John Worman

### Wednesday, February 27

6:15 am: Joe Hoedebecke

8:05 am:

### Thursday, February 28

6:15 am:

12:10 pm:

### Friday, March 1

6:15 am:

8:05 am:

### Saturday, March 2

8:00 am:

5:30 am: Alf Thoele

### Sunday, March 3

7:00 am: Pro Populo

8:45 am: Dorothy Thoele

10:30 am: Larry and Mert McMahon

## March is Ministry Sign-Up Month

It’s that time of year again . . . time to prepare the liturgical ministry schedules and fill religious ed roles. Ministry sign-up forms will be in the pews on the Sundays of March 3, March 10 and March 17. If you are currently serving in some liturgical 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 March 31. **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!** If you are currently serving in the religious ed program, we presume you will continue in your particular role next year. If not, please indicate on the form. If you are interested in helping with the religious ed program, please call 857-6477 (grade school/jr. high) or 857-1500 (high school).

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 ministry or which ministry you would like to be a part of, contact the parish office. All forms need to be returned by March 31. Thank you!!

## Liturgy Schedule 2nd Week of Lent February 25-March 3

Monday,	Mass at 6:15am & 12:10 pm
Tuesday,	Mass at 6:15 & 8:05 am
Wednesday,	Mass at 6:15& 8:05 am
Thursday,	Mass at 6:15 am & 12:10 pm
Friday,	Mass at 6:15 & 8:05 am
Saturday,	Mass at 8:00 am & 5:30 pm
Sunday,	3rd Sunday of Lent Mass at 7:00, 8:45, 10:30 am

### Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 1—7:00 pm

### Confession Schedule

Thursday, February 28—3:30-4:30 pm

Saturday, March 2—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 Lakeland Nursing Center on Thursday, February 28th 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, Tom Vonderheide, Jack Hardiek, Toby McMahon, Henry R. Ruholl, Dorothy Gardewine, Janet (Kreke) Probst, Paula Spencer

### Stewardship of Treasure

	<u>Sunday</u> 2/17/2013	<u>Total Fiscal</u> <u>Year</u>
316 Adult envelopes	\$8,391.50	\$295,628.00
Other	\$561.00	\$18,581.09
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,952.50</b>	<b>\$314,209.09</b>
<b>GOAL</b>	<b>\$9,900.00</b>	<b>\$336,600.00</b>

Central Eastern Europe \$1,899.00



## Parish Calendar

### Tuesday, February 26

- RCIA, 7:00 pm, Museum Meeting Room

### Wednesday, February 27

- Children's Choir, 3:30-4:30 pm
- Teen Choir, 6:00 pm
- Jr. High and H. S. Religion, 7:20 pm
- Rosary, 8:00 pm

### Thursday, February 28

- Catholicism, 10:00 am, St. Clare
- Confessions, 3:30-4:30 pm
- Adult Choir, 7:00 pm
- Parish Council mtg., 7:00 pm, St. Clare

### Friday, March 1

- Stations of the Cross, 7:00 pm

### Saturday, March 2

- Confessions, 3:30-4:30 pm

### Sunday, March 3

- Ministry Sign-ups
- DeColores, Museum Meeting Room, all day
- Catholicism, 8:00 pm, St. Clare

## Baptism

Congratulations and welcome to our faith family:  
Danielle Grace Probst  
daughter of Eric and Bridget (Westjohn) Probst.

**40 Days for Life:** Pray that those tempted to abort may understand that their child is already present, and already a real person.

And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary that the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. Then she spoke out with a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! — Luke 1:41-44

**Prayer:** Jesus, open my eyes to your presence in the life of every child. Open my heart to joy in the birth of every child, a birth that reflects the joy of your own birth in Bethlehem.

As you shared life in the womb of Mary, so now send your protection upon every child still in the womb, and grant to their mothers the strength and joy that comes from welcoming the gift of life. We pray through Christ our Lord, Amen.



## Attention Homebound

Holy Communion will be brought to you on First Friday, March 1. No Communion to you on Sunday, March 3.

**A Eucharistic Day of Prayer** will be held at St. Aloysius Church after the 8:00 am Mass **today**, February 24th and continue throughout the day with a closing benediction at 6:30 pm. Prayer services for a variety of intentions will be held. Please plan to come and spend time with our Lord asking for the grace to carry our daily cross, which has been given to us, our neighbors, friends, relatives and community.

**Quote from *Porta Fidei*** The renewal of the Church is also achieved through the witness offered by the lives of believers: by their very existence in the world, Christians are called to radiate the word of truth that the Lord Jesus has left us. The Council itself, in the Dogmatic Constitution *Lumen Gentium*, said this: While “Christ, ‘holy, innocent and undefiled’ (Heb 7:26) knew nothing of sin (cf. 2 Cor 5:21), but came only to expiate the sins of the people (cf. Heb 2:17) ... the Church ... clasping sinners to its bosom, at once holy and always in need of purification, follows constantly the path of penance and renewal.  
Pope Benedict XVI, *Porta Fidei* (“On the Year of Faith”), no. 6

**Catholicism** series is being offered on Thursday mornings at 10:00 am and Sunday evenings at 8:00 pm both in St. Clare Hall. The Monday evening session has been cancelled due to lack of interest.

“Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart, with fasting, and weeping and mourning.” Joel 11:24ff. Fasting takes on a variety of forms. One way to increase our fast is to be aware of how we impact creation every day. Here are some suggestions for a fast this week.

- + cut down on the use of paper towels and napkins
- use natural light instead of electric lights when possible
- + forego chemical cleaners at home. Vinegar and baking soda are safe substitutes. Check on-line for “green” commercial products.
- + continue to reduce, reuse, and recycle.

### CCW News—Men’s Breakfast

The men of St. Francis Parish in Teutopolis are invited to breakfast hosted by the St. Francis CCW ladies immediately following the 8:45 Mass on Sunday, March 10th.

Following is a list of women from the parish who have been asked to help at the breakfast. Please report at 9:00 am to Teutopolis Grade School Auditorium: Elaine Buehnerkemper, Margie Meyer, Marilyn Bushur, Amy Ruholl, Jane Zuber, and Pauline Zumbahlen. Contact Cindy Esker (857-6201) if questions.

### Religious Education News

**GRADE SCHOOL-** Monday, February 25, Sacrament of Reconciliation for grades 3K, 3M, 3S; Thursday, February 28, grades 5B, 5K.

**Grade 2 Parents**—Please mark your calendars for the First Communion Parent meeting on Monday, March 18 and Thursday, March 21, in the Museum Dining Room from 7:00 (pick up materials) to 8:15. Please return forms stating which meeting you will be attending, and return by Friday of this week. Thank you.

**PRE/KDGN.** Sunday morning religion classes take place in the Grade School cafeteria during the 10:30 Mass. Our closing program will be March 10.

**JUNIOR HIGH**—Grade 7 students are preparing for the Silhouette Stations of the Cross which will take place in church on Friday, March 15, at 7:00 p.m. Students were asked to consider volunteering for the character parts this past Wednesday and should have brought home an information form asking permission of parents. Forms should be signed and returned by no later than Wednesday, March 6. Practices take place in the Jr. Hi. at 6:30 on Wednesday, March 6 and March 13. Final rehearsal is Friday, March 15 at 5:00 to 6:30 in church. Parents, thanks for encouraging your son/daughter to participate in this spiritually-enriching Lenten devotion. Grade 7 students review the Bible Timeline Series. Grade 8 students continue their study of Theology of the Body. Reconciliation for all Jr. Hi students will be Wednesday, February 27 at the Jr. Hi along with regular lessons. **WE WOULD APPRECIATE A CALL TO 857-6477, IF A STUDENT CANNOT BE PRESENT FOR CLASS ON WEDNESDAY EVENING.**

**High School**—Seniors, you should have received a letter inviting you to the senior retreat being held March 16 & 17. It’s an awesome time to get closer to God, grow in your personal prayer life and just hang out with your friends. It’s a great time, and it’s wouldn’t be the same without you! Registrations are due back by March 6<sup>th</sup>.

### Spiritual Renewal in the ‘Year of Faith’

Have fun making new friends by attending a De Colores weekend at rustic Camp Walter Scott just south of Effingham. Deepen your faith by listening to inspiring talks, participating in the Sacraments, and learning about God’s mission for your life. This three-day experience will emphasize piety, study and action with a biblical foundation. The men’s weekend is April 11-14 and will be led by Rick Siemer (ph # 217-254-3839). The women’s weekend is April 18-21 and will be led by Diane Siemer (ph# 217-857-3839). For more information and to register, call Rick & Diane or Mary Sur (217-347-2003) or John & Kathy Adams (618-483-5381).

**Ministry Schedule for March**

**Servers:** Please pick up your schedule from a church entrance.

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

**5:30 pm Sat.**

**Body**

\*Denise Weichman  
Tina Brumleve  
Shelly Ruholl  
Rachael Uptmor

**Blood**

Mary Jane Renschen  
Laura Deters  
Rita Habing  
Pat Buening  
Joe Zerrusen

**7:00 am Sun.**

**Body**

\*Sharon Brummer  
Jodie Pruemer  
Reta Swingler

**Blood**

Paul Weber  
Marita Weber  
Cindy Esker  
Tammy Willenborg

**8:45 am Sun.**

**Body**

\*Donna Niemerg  
Karen Schumacher  
Cindy Kremer  
Vera Runde

**Blood**

Carlene Rauch  
Joan Brumleve  
Angie Sheehan  
Janet Buenker  
Charles Runde  
Margie Meyer

**Body**

\*Rich Walk  
Rick Schumacher  
Margie Heuerman  
Karen Ruholl

**Blood**

Darlene Buehnerkemper  
Jill Herd  
Chuck Deters  
Kevin Mette  
Angie Koester

**Readers**

**5:30 pm Sat.**

Kent Probst  
Lynn Semple

**7:00 am Sun.**

Dolores Kroeger

**8:45 am Sun.**

John Vogt  
Annette Schnabel

**10:30 am Sun.**

Cathy Thoele  
Matt/Jennifer Weidner

**Clean Linens:** Karen Drees

**Ushers**

**5:30 pm Sat.**

\*Scott Brumleve  
Chris Deters  
Brent Weichman  
Jim Weis  
Allan Gillespie  
Charles Heuerman

**7:00 am Sun.**

\*Joe Esker  
Jim Esker  
Larry Esker  
Ray Goeckner  
Gregg Goeckner  
Harold Hartke

**8:45 am Sun.**

\*Brent McMahon  
Bob Koester  
Brian Jansen  
Duane Kremer  
John Kremer  
Roy Kremer

**10:30 am Sun.**

\*Joe Niccum  
Jason Ruholl  
Steve Niemeyer  
Andy Rauch  
Tom Schabbing  
Trent Schmid

**Gift Bearer Families**

**5:30 pm Sat.**

3/2 Chris Deters  
3/9 Scott Brumleve  
3/16 Bernie Vahling  
3/23 Brent Weichman  
3/30 RCIA

**7:00 am Sun.**

3/3 Doug Pruemer  
3/10 Herman Brummer  
3/17 Ray Goeckner  
3/24 Harold Hartke  
3/31 Brian Drees

**8:45 am Sun.**

3/3 Rich Niebrugge  
3/10 Bill Schnabel  
3/17 Brent McMahon  
3/24 Roy Kremer  
3/31 Duane Kremer

**10:30 am Sun.**

3/3 Chuck Deters  
3/10 Matt Weidner  
3/17 Cory Wermert  
3/24 Pete Niccum  
3/31 Tom Schabbing

**Children's Liturgy of the Word**

3/2 Lisa Starwalt  
3/9 Jackie Tabbert  
3/16 Kathy Bloemer  
3/23 Melissa Habing  
3/30 Gail Hardiek

3/3 Monica Feldhake  
3/10 Debbie Niebrugge  
3/17 Paula Spencer  
3/24 Jennifer Weidner  
3/31 Judy Wermert

**Pre/K Aides for March 3, 10**

Allison Deters, Mikaele Deters, Julia Frey, Alex Hartke, Madison Magee, Brayden Will

**Father-Daughter Dance**—A spectacular evening was shared by Dads and Daughters at the Father-Daughter Dance held Saturday Feb. 16, 2013 at the Teutopolis Grade School Auditorium. Memories to last a lifetime were made for all the girls and their special guests. For many, it was a night shared with Dad. Some were lucky to share the evening with their Grandfather or Uncle. All had fun dancing, playing games, making crafts and having their photo taken with their special someone. Everyone enjoyed the snacks, drinks and the delicious ice cream sundaes! A special thank you to Culver's for the donation of the ice cream for our special event.

Prizes were won by the following Dad's and Daughters:  
Niemerg's Gift Certificate compliments of Niemerg's Restaurant; Jon Rhodes Gift Basket compliments of Wessel's Grocery; Brian Meyer Diamond Concept Earrings compliments of Weber's Jewelry; Lauren Habing Valentine Fleece Blanket; Madilyn Brummer Fun Baskets; Grace Hoene, Emilee Mossman, and Addison Hewing Princess Bear; Kirsten Cabello Formaggio Pizza; Ted Rhodes and Ben Habing Movie Basket; Ellie Bloemer

Balloons and Flowers were won by the following girls: Skylar Lowrance, Riley Kemme, Melissa Brummer, Chloe Schmidt, Jada Buehnerkemper, Elizabeth Weidner, Kim Bierman, Taylor McMahon, Allie Niebrugge, Diana Mossman, Molly Niemerg, Olivia Niemerg, Katie Kremer, Madilyn Brummer, Danielle Probst, Katie Kingery, Robin Cooper, Dave Ellet, Emma Bloemer, and Sydney Beccue .

The Father-Daughter Dance is sponsored by St. Francis youth attending Catholic Heart Work Camp. A special "thank you" to the CHWC youth and their parents who shared their smiles and volunteered their time and talents for the memorable evening.

**Happy March Birthdays**

3/5 Billie Pals (81)  
3/7 Bernard Ruholl (86)  
3/0 Mary Baker (82)  
3/9 Mary Fuesting (93)  
3/14 Evelyn Dhom (86)  
3/18 Mary Niemeyer (90)  
3/19 Pauline Hardiek (94)  
3/19 Anna Ruholl (87)  
3/25 Mildred Buehnerkemper (87)  
3/25 Lorraine Zerrusen (80)  
3/27 Norma Hawickhorst (82)  
3/27 Dolores Thoele (83)  
3/28 Marie Schoenhoff (85)

**Knights of Columbus 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Degree Initiation**

will be on March 3 at 11:00 am at the Teutopolis KC hall. The Knights of Columbus are committed to Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. They help fund the Intellectual Disabilities Fund, College Newman Centers, Catholic Charities, Vocations Fund, Scholarship Funds, and many other worthy causes. If you are not a member, come join us. It's a great organization.

**Meditation** *My joy and crown...stand firm in the Lord. (Philippians 4:1)* Not only was St. Paul passionate about his faith, he was also highly educated. He was well versed in the Hebrew Scriptures as well as in Jewish and Roman law. He was fluent in multiple languages and was an accomplished debater as well. But in spite of all these achievements, Paul considered the people he served to be his true “crown.” Every person, whether educated or uneducated, rich or poor, Jew or Greek, held a special place in his heart. In today’s second reading, as he encourages his friends in Philippi to stand firm, Paul can’t help but tell them how deeply he treasures them.

If these people were jewels in Paul’s crown, how much more are we all jewels in Jesus’ crown! Each one of us, regardless of our achievements, skills, history, or social status, is a precious treasure to the Lord. He considers each of us—yes, even you—worth his time and his energy. You are so valuable to him, in fact, that he became a man and willingly shed his own blood in order to win you back to his Father.

The thought that we are so valuable to Jesus can help us to stand firm—just as the Philippians stood firm. Knowing that the Lord of all creation considers us so important can strengthen us in the battle against temptation. It can reveal to us the great dignity that we have in Christ. It can convince us that we don’t have to settle for a lesser experience of God’s love and grace. If Jesus considers each of us worth dying for, surely we can consider him worth living for!

At Mass today, we will hear the story of Jesus’ transfiguration. As you do, picture yourself on that mountain with Jesus. Tell yourself that he went through the cross so that you could be transfigured with him in heaven. You are of infinite value to the Lord. You certainly can stand firm because of his love for you!

*“Lord Jesus, show me how precious I am to you.”*

The Word Among Us

**Attention Ushers!** For those needing medical assistance during Mass, please note that there is a defibrillator inside the West entrance to the sacristy. (The entrance by St. Joseph’s altar)

**Holy Humor...** One-liners

How does Moses make his tea? He brews it.

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Then it dawned on me.

Broken pencils are pointless.

I just got a job at the bakery. I kneaded the dough.

Venison for dinner again? Oh deer!

## Around the Area

**St. Michael’s, Sigel**, will be sponsoring its annual **Swine and Dine Breakfast** today, Sunday, February 24 in the school gym. Serving 7:00 am to noon. All proceeds benefit the school. There will be a Country Store, Raffle items and mystery boxes for the children.

**St. Isidore Youth Ministry** will be hosting its **annual soup supper** in conjunction with the day of prayer at St. Aloysius Church today, Sunday, February 24th. Soup, sandwiches and dessert will be served from 4:00-7:00 pm in the St. Aloysius Hall. A basket raffle will also take place.

**Sacred Heart Church, Effingham**, will be hosting a **Lenten Fish Fry** on Friday, March 1, in the Parish Center. Serving 4:30-7:30 pm. Adults \$6.50, Children \$3.00. Carry-outs available.

**St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Sainte Marie** will host a **brunch** on Sunday, March 3 from 8:00 am to noon in the parish center. St. Mary’s youth will be holding a bake sale and the Family Life Committee will be holding a raffle to give away 2 tickets to a St. Louis Cardinal ball-game during the brunch.

**Sacred Heart, Lillyville**, will host its **annual breakfast** on Sunday, March 10th, from 7:00 am to 12:00 noon. Whole hog sausage, ham, pancakes, eggs, rolls, coffee, milk, and juice will be served. There will also be a Country Store with baked goods, quilt raffle, 50/50 raffle, and CYO raffle. Large plate is \$6.00, Small plate is \$4.00. Handicapped parking is available, and the parish hall is wheelchair accessible.

**St. Mary of the Assumption, Neoga** will host their **annual soup supper** on Sunday, March 10, serving 11:00 am to 6:00 pm in Assumption Hall. Cost is \$6 for a large meal and \$4 for a small meal. There will be a basket Raffle, as well as a general raffle. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**TPD Grade 3-4 & 5-6 Girls Instructional Volleyball** at TGS gym. Time: 3:30-5:15. Cost: \$5 for Grades 3-4; \$10.00 for Grades 5-6. When: March 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21 for Grades 5-6; March 26, 27, 28 for Grades 3-4. Sign-up deadline is March 1st.

**Polar Plunge** - Support Special Olympics Athletes by taking the polar plunge at Lake Sara on Saturday, March 2nd. 11 am registration. To register online, go to [www.plungeillinois.com](http://www.plungeillinois.com). Questions? Call Kimberly Abell at 217-345-2424 or email her at [kabell@soill.org](mailto:kabell@soill.org).