

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

## Teutopolis, Illinois

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Submit written bulletin notices by noon Monday.

### 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

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Jane Miller, Part-time Secretary

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#### Trustees:

Pam Hemmen & Terry Meyer

#### Parish Council:

Roy Brumleve

Jodie Pruemmer

Sandy Fisher

Louise Sheehan

Ted Koester

Tammy Willenborg

Dean Kremer

Steve Witges

Doug Mette

### Second Sunday of Lent

### February 28, 2010

*Then from the cloud came a voice that said,  
"This is my chosen Son; listen to him." After the voice had  
spoken, Jesus was found alone. They fell silent  
and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen.  
—Lk 9:35-36.*



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## From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

I wish to congratulate **Bruce Buhnerkempe**, **Jack Hardiek** and **John Bushur** who were elected to the parish council. Congratulations gentlemen! I also thank Jim Apke, Gary Breer, Pat Gebben, Paul Hardiek and Tim Sheehan who, also, graciously ran for the parish council. I want all of these men to know I appreciate their willingness to give of their talents for the good of the parish. I do not want to forget Ted Koester, Dean Kremer and Roy Brumleve, who worked very hard these past three years giving of their talents for the good of the parish. May the Lord bless all of these men and their families who I am sure were affected by their absence.

Certainly, this is an appropriate time to thank all the parishioners who give of time and talents in the service of the parish. I know there are so many different roles each parishioner uses in his/her particular talent for the benefit of the parish. May the Lord bless you and your families. May I also invite all of you to do your part, whether young or old, male or female. All have a calling and we need you. I know many parishioners' "eyes" were opened, when they served on various parish boards. Many came to realize how much work goes on in meeting the various needs of our parish family. So to all parishioners who give so much to the parish, I again say THANK YOU. May the Lord bless you and your families.

Peace, Love, Joy,  
Fr. Austin

**40 Days For Life:** As you pray and fast for an end to abortion, please be aware that your prayers ARE being answered. Thus far, during this nationwide 40 Days For Life campaign ... 45 lives have already been saved from abortion!!! Lenten Pro-Life Prayer cards are available at all church entrances.

### Lenten Pro-Life Prayer

Father of all mercy,  
We thank you for this season of grace and light.  
We know that sin has blinded us.  
Draw us ever closer to you, in prayer and penance.  
Since you, O God, are light itself,  
Give all your people a clearer understanding  
Of what is sin, and what is virtue.  
Grant in particular that we may see, as never before,  
The profound dignity of every human life,  
Including the vulnerable unborn children.  
Give us grace to defend  
Our brothers and sisters in the womb  
By our prayers, our words,  
And our self-sacrificing actions  
We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## FAMILY CORNER:

Fasting, a cornerstone of Lent, has as its purpose to strengthen self-control over our bodies. It means that we stay away from those things that we overly indulge in normally: video games, TV, snacking, computer use, etc. Although fasting is required of everyone 18-59 years old two days of Lent, Ash Wednesday & Good Friday, why not choose another day(s) to fast as a family. Why not try: take only one helping of each item at meals, when unjustly accused of something don't defend yourself, skip using sweeteners in food & drink, skip seasonings on your food, avoid swearing for a day, keep your temper in check for a day, don't do any personal shopping for a week. It's guaranteed that God will provide opportunities for you to practice a day of fast. **Remember:** keep a smile on your face and don't tell anyone what you're doing—that might be a fast in itself!!

## Rediscovering Catholicism—Chapter 7 Winning The Race

The Olympic athletes train hard and study the great athletes of the past. Similarly we Christians train hard and study the great Christians of the past. In our parish we learn especially from St. Francis of Assisi, but each one of us has other saints we admire and try to imitate. Also each one of us has known people whom we admired as Christians and want to imitate. The greatest compliment we can give others is trying to be like them. Let's hope those who come after us will want to follow our example. Are we the Christian models others want to imitate?

All the Olympic athletes train hard but only three in each event receive a medal. Most of the athletes will return home without one. I always sympathize with all those who worked so hard but did not receive an award. Unlike them, Christians are assured of the greatest reward. God wants everyone to be a winner. We can be sure an imperishable crown awaits us.

**BIBLE STUDY** meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month (March 18<sup>th</sup>). We will continue with John's Gospel beginning at 10:00 a.m. in St. Clare Hall. Bring your bible and a love for God's Word. We hope to see you there.

**Thank you** hardly seems adequate for those who said yes to leading an hour of prayer during our parish day of prayer. Thank you to Linda Willenborg, Susie Brummer & Barb Runde, Martha Stevens & Dorothy Halfar, Gwenn Croft & Fr. Ken. Your willingness to share your time allowed us time to be before Jesus. Thank you.

## Liturgy Schedule 2nd Week of Lent March 1-7

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

### Confession Schedule

Thursday, March 4 - 3:30-4:30 pm  
Saturday, March 6 - 3:30-4:30 pm

### Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 5 - 7:00 pm

### Liturgy of the Hours with Friars

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



## Parish Calendar

### Monday, March 1

- 12:10 pm Mass

### Wednesday, March 3

- Youth and Young Adult Choir, 6:00-7:00 pm
- Passion practice, 8:30 pm
- Jr. High and High School Religion, 7:20 pm

### Thursday, March 4

- 12:10 pm Mass
- Confessions, 3:30-4:30 pm
- Children's Choir, 3:30-4:30 pm
- Adult Choir, 7:00 pm
- Baptism Prep, 7:00 pm, St. Clare

### Friday, March 5

- Day of Abstinence
- Rosary, 9:30 am, Church and St. Clare
- Stations of the Cross, 7:00 pm
- Jr. High Roller Skating

### Saturday, March 6

- Confessions, 3:30-4:30 pm
- Teen Center open

### Sunday, March 7

- Youth Councils meet

**"Why Catholic?"** groups continue to meet. 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.

## Question of the Week

Which do you think brings people more effectively to repentance: knowing God's commandments or knowing God? Why?

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18  
Phil. 3:17-4:1  
Luke 9:28-36

## Happy Birthday! To all those celebrating birthdays in March



## Stewardship of Treasure

	<u>Sunday</u> <u>2/21/2010</u>	<u>Total Fiscal</u> <u>Year</u>
334 Adult envelopes	\$8,137.50	\$252,300.80
Other	<u>823.35</u>	<u>21,108.17</u>
TOTAL	\$8,960.85	\$273,408.97
GOAL	\$9,300.00	\$316,200.00

Central Eastern Europe \$1,418.00



## Attention Homebound

Holy Communion will be brought to you on First Friday, March 5th. No Communion to you on Sun., March 7th.

## Religious Education News

### GRADE SCHOOL

**ATTENTION—BECAUSE THREE 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., TUES., WED. 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.**

This week, students in all the religion classes will be receiving a prayer to be said during Lent and until the end of the school year for all priests and for more vocations to the priesthood, as Pope Benedict has requested for this year designated as Year of the Priest. Children in grade 1 will be bringing the prayer home.

Parents of children in grades 4 to 6—If your child has volunteered to do a reading at one of the school Masses, please try to have them present in the sacristy between 7:45 and 7:50. Thanks.

Grade 2 Parents, please mark your calendars for the Monday, March 15, or the Thursday, March 18 meeting for First Communion information, which will take place in the museum dining room from 7:15 to 8:30. An information sheet with response portion will be coming home with your child this coming week.

If anyone has a First Communion dress and/or veil that they would be willing to loan, donate, or sell, please contact Sr. Ann at 857-6477 and let us know the size and your phone number. Thanks.

Kdgn./Pre Sunday morning religion classes take place during the 10:30 Mass in the Grade School cafeteria area. (If the John St. ramp is covered with snow or ice, please use the upstairs West door. Thanks.

Junior High- Classes take place on Wednesday, Mar. 3. Third quarter topic extends through March. Grade 7 students received information on participating in the silhouette Stations of the Cross to be held Friday, March 26. If you wish your son or daughter to participate in this unique form of stations, please sign the form, and return this at the Mar. 3 class. Eighth grade catechists are interested in the eighth graders visiting the Family Life Center in Effingham on Wed., March 10 (boys) and Wed., March 17 (girls). Please read the informational sheets the students are bringing home and sign the permission slip as well as offer to drive, if either or both of these is acceptable. Any questions, please call 857-6477. Junior high students will be praying the prayer for priests and the prayer for life (on back) during Lent.

### **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 5. 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.

Teen Center will be open March 6 from 7 – 11 for high school students. If any parent or adult would be interested in chaperoning for this night, please call the high school religious ed office & let us know! Thanks!

### **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 throughout the year. Thanks!

### **Give and gifts will be given to you...shaken down, and overflowing...Luke 6:38**

It's an odd thing in our culture that the most generous among us are so often those with the least. Maybe they already know that what they have is gift. They know they're not entitled to it, so they are willing to share with those around them. Affluence seems to cloud this knowledge: The more we have, the more we seem to have a sense of entitlement. "I've worked hard to get where I am" is a sentiment the affluent tend to have, as though working hard were enough. But each of us who has "made it" has to have had some break, some opportunity that others didn't have or couldn't take advantage of for reasons beyond themselves. No one is truly self-made. Indeed, we have already been showered with gifts "shaken down, and overflowing." I pray that all of us can someday see that everything we have is gift and give to others out of the great abundance God promises.

—LIVING FAITH

### **Holy Humor...**

Frustrated at always being corrected by her husband, a woman decided that the next time he corrected her, she would have a comeback. That moment finally arrived. "You know," she challenged, "even a broken clock is right once a day." "Twice," her husband remarked.

## CCW News

**March 7th is the deadline** to turn in your dues for 2010. Ladies, please try to collect your neighborhood dues! Drop off the brown envelopes to any of the officers: Rita Habing, Angie Hotze, Janet Esker, Lori Runde, Karen Pruemmer, or Margie Meyer. They could be dropped off at the church office if that is more convenient for you. Thanks!!!

## St. Francis Parish Men's Breakfast Sunday, March 14th

The men of St. Francis Parish in Teutopolis, are invited to a breakfast served by the St. Francis council of Catholic Women after the 8:45 am Mass on Sunday, March 14, 2010. Following is a list of the women from the parish that have been asked to help at the breakfast.

### Reporting at 7:00 am to the grade school auditorium:

**Sausage fryers:** Nancy Hoene, Mary Ann Zerrusen, Mary Flach, Louise Johnson, and Jill Schumacher

### Reporting at 9:00 am to the grade school auditorium:

**Breaking eggs:** Brenda Henry and Marisa Schabbing

**Frying eggs:** Louise Repking, Amy Repking, Patty Kreke, Lorraine Deters, and Janice Koester

**Serving sausage:** Mary Jane Esker, Alison Bloemer, and Connie Sudkamp

**Serving eggs:** Jackie Witges, Brandy Niccum, and Vickie Beckman

**Coffee Makers:** Mary Jo Wendt and Mickey Koester

**Waitresses and general helpers:** Amy Apke, Brenda Kreke, Ann Niemerg, and Laurie Thompson

Any questions, call Angie Hotze at 857-3938. Thanks!

## 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.**

## Father-Daughter Dance—Huge Success!

Saturday, February 13th, over 100 Fathers and their daughters enjoyed dancing, crafts, fingernail painting, hooligan, a paper plane contest, and golf. Each couple received a photo and made a photo frame to help remember the night. They enjoyed snacks, drinks, and ice cream sundaes for dessert.

Door prizes were won by the Fathers and their daughters. The Fathers' door prize donated by Wessels' Grocery was won by Tom Kingery and the sport's stadium seat with snacks was awarded to Carl Schwinke. Many daughters took home prizes as well. Proceeds for the event went to the Catholic Heart Work Camp.

Thank you to all the parents and CHWC youth who volunteered to make this an enjoyable evening!

## Area Happenings

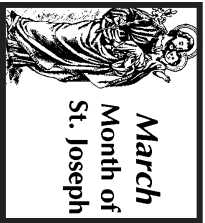
**Fish Fry** at the Teutopolis K of C hall on Friday nights from now until Good Friday, 5:00-7:00 pm.

**St. 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, butter-milk 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!

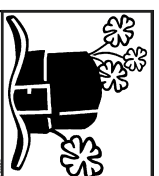
**Card Party** to benefit the Dieterich Civic Center to be held on Sunday, February 28th, 6:00 pm. Pinochle, Solo, & Pitch card games will be played. A lunch will be served. Cost for the evening is \$5.00.

**Sacred Heart CCW Fish Fry** on Friday March 5th. 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. 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.



# March 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 12:10 pm Mass	2	3 Jr. High and High School Religion Youth and Young Adult Choir Passion practice	4 12:10 pm Mass Confessions Baptism Prep Children's Choir Adult Choir	5 Adult Rosary Jr. High Roller Skating Stations of the Cross	6 Confessions Teen Center open for High School
7 Youth Councils meet	8 12:10 pm Mass	9 Secular Franciscans meet	10 Sing Along Jr. High and High School Religion Youth and Young Adult Choir Passion practice	11 12:10 pm Mass Children's Choir Adult Choir	12 Adult Rosary Stations of the Cross	13 Search Confessions
14 Men's Breakfast Parish Council Dinner	15 12:10 pm Mass Gr. 2 Parent mtg. Holy Name mtg.	16	17 Jr. High and High School Religion Youth and Young Adult Choir Passion practice	18 12:10 pm Mass Gr. 2 Parent mtg. Monastery Museum mtg. Children's Choir Adult Choir	19 Adult Rosary Teen Center open for Jr. High Stations of the Cross	20 Confessions Teen Center open for High School
21 Welcome To My World Secular Franciscans meet	22 12:10 pm Mass CCW meeting	23	24 Carpet cleaning in Church Jr. High and High School Religion Youth and Young Adult Choir Passion practice	25 12:10 pm Mass Sing Along Finance Council mtg. Parish Council mtg. Children's Choir Adult Choir	26 Adult Rosary Gr. 7 Silhouette Stations of the Cross	27 Confessions Senior Retreat
28 <i>Palm Sunday</i> Senior Retreat	29 12:10 pm Mass	30	31			

**Ministry Schedules for March**

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

**Eucharistic Ministers**

**5:30 pm Sat.**

**7:00 am Sun.**

Body

\*Joe Zerrusen  
Tina Brumleve  
Rita Habing  
Ron Probst

Blood

Mary Jane Renschen  
Laura Deters  
Paul Grunloh  
Pat Buening  
Cindy Esker  
Jody Smith

Body

\*Sharon Brummer  
Jodie Pruemer  
Reta Swingler

Blood

Paul Weber  
Marita Weber  
Vicki Brumleve  
Tammy Willenborg

**8:45 am Sun.**

**10:30 am Sun.**

Body

\*Donna Niemerg  
Karen Schumacher  
Cindy Kremer  
Vera Runde

Blood

Carlene Rauch  
John Vogt  
Angie Sheehan  
Janet Buenker  
Charles Runde  
Mary Flach

Body

\*Rich Walk  
Rick Schumacher  
Cathy Brummer  
Karen Ruholl

Blood

Darlene Buehnerkemper  
Marilyn Walk  
Chuck Deters  
Kevin Mette  
Laquita Campbell  
Angie Hotze

**Lectors**

**5:30 pm Sat.**

Kent Probst  
Lynn Semple

**7:00 am Sun.**

Dolores Kroeger

**8:45 am Sun.**

Shannon Hinkle  
John Vogt

**10:30 am Sun.**

Cathy Brummer  
Frank Brummer

**Kdgn/Pre-School Aids for March 7, 14, 21, 28**

Kdg—Anni Borries, Elle Wessel, Chanel Pals, Lyndsey Jansen  
Pre—Katie Wortman, Kelsey Wermert, Katie Thoele

**Ushers**

**5:30 pm Sat.**

\*Jim Weis  
Chris Deters  
Don Croft  
Doug Giles  
Allan Gillespie  
Charles Heuerman

**7:00 am Sun.**

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

**8:45 am Sun.**

\*Brent McMahon  
Dave Meyer  
Brian Jansen  
Duane Kremer  
John Kremer  
Roy Kremer

**10:30 am Sun.**

\*Andy Rauch  
Cory Wermert  
Tom Hotze  
Joe Niccum  
Tom Schabbing  
Dick Runde

**Gift Bearers**

**5:30 pm Sat.**

3/6 Bob Ordner  
3/13 Bernie Vahling  
3/20 Dale Pruemer  
3/27 Scott Brumleve

**7:00 am Sun.**

3/7 Herman Brummer  
3/14 Ray Deters  
3/21 Pat Wente  
3/28 Ray Goeckner

**8:45 am Sun.**

3/7 Dave Meyer  
3/14 Brent McMahon  
3/21 Chris Hartke  
3/28 Duane Kremer

**10:30 am Sun.**

3/7 Dick Runde  
3/14 Bruce Buhnerkempe  
3/21 Michael Horn  
3/28 Kevin Schumacher

**Children's Liturgy of the Word**

**5:30 pm Sat.**

3/6 Cheryl Heuerman  
3/13 Kay McMahon  
3/20 Jody Smith  
3/27 Lisa Starwalt

**10:30 am Sun.**

3/7 Judy Wermert  
3/14 Jim Borrelli  
3/21 Jill Buhnerkempe  
3/28 Darlene Buehnerkemper

**Clean Linens - Karen Drees**