

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Teutopolis, Illinois

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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. J. Michael Ewert, OFM, Retired (In residence)

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

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Jim Apke

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John Bushur

Deb Niebrugge

Sandy Fisher

Jodie Pruemmer

Jack Hardiek

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 5, 2012



When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him.

— Mk 1:32-34

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Reflection

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

It was a year ago that I was in the hospital for the first time in my life. The minor surgery meant that I had to stay overnight. When it came time for the dressing change the next day, I thought that I was going to die from the intense pain. Of course my brief experience of pain was nothing compared to the chronic conditions or acute illnesses that so many people suffer each and every day. When you think of all the people in hospitals or nursing homes, and the countless others around the world who endure without any medical care, the enormity of suffering seems overwhelming.

It is no wonder then that in Jesus' time once the crowds had heard that he cured Simon's mother-in-law, they raced to bring to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. If someone could alleviate the pain, cure the sick, and cast out demons this was definitely an opportunity of which to take advantage.

While modern medicine may help us with our physical illness and psychological pain, there is still a spiritual dimension to sickness that we should not ignore. Sickness separates us. It makes us question our faith. Illness strikes at our heart as well as our body. That is why the church offers the sacrament of the anointing of the sick for any who are ill. When we are sick, we are also alone. We need the support of the community of faith. And we need their prayers.

When a loved one is ill-or if you are sick yourself-don't hesitate to request the sacrament of anointing. If your illness confines you for a longer time, ask to receive Communion regularly to nurture you spiritually even as you seek to be strengthened physically. People sought out Jesus in this weekend's Gospel. When we or a loved one is ill, we can seek him out today.

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Eucharistic Adoration will be held at St. Isidore's Parish in Bishop Creek on Sunday, February 12th, 9:00 am to 6:30 pm benediction. Please consider making an hour of prayer. Prayer services for a variety of intentions will be held.

The St. Isidore Youth Ministry will be hosting a soup supper in conjunction with the day of prayer also, on Sunday, February 12th. Serving from 4:00-7:00 pm in the St. Aloysius Hall. A basket raffle will also take place.

Rights of Conscience

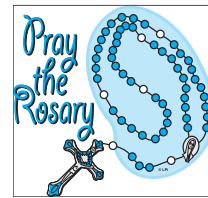
Last Sunday, Bishop Paprocki explained that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services reaffirmed a rule that virtually all private health care plans must cover sterilization, abortifacient, and contraception.

The Respect for Rights of Conscience Act has been introduced in Congress (H.R. 1179, S. 1467). This measure will ensure that those who participate in the health care system "retain the right to provide, purchase, or enroll in health coverage that is consistent with their religious beliefs and moral convictions." *It is more important than ever that Members of Congress be urged to co-sponsor and work to pass this measure.*

An easy way to contact your congressmen on this matter is to use the link below to email your message:
<http://actions.nchla.org/link/target/nchla/rffPrPBP.aspx>.

You can also visit the website www.usccb.org/conscience and click on the links to send a message to Congress.

The diocesan website is www.dio.org.



HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT OF.....?

Have you ever thought of officiating at your daughter's wedding, your parent's funeral, baptizing your grandchild, preaching at Mass in your Parish Church or serving the poor and those in need in the name of the Church? All these are different ways of asking the question: "Have you ever considered becoming a Permanent (Lay) Deacon?"

Jesus invites with words: "Come and see and I will make you fishers of men." The Lord is issuing the same invitation to men today as He did to His first disciples. The Catholic Church today has included in its official ministry, men to serve as Permanent Deacons. The Diocese of Springfield has an excellent program of formation for men at least 35 years of age and who have shown stability in their marriage and in their work place. Wives (if the candidate is married) also attend the formation classes and must be an integral part of the decision and life of the Deacon-to-be.

If you are interested in considering becoming a Permanent Deacon in the Catholic Church and want more information, please contact one of your Parish Priests.

Liturgy Schedule 5th Week in Ordinary Time February 6-12

Monday,	St. Paul Miki and Companions Mass at 6:30 am
Tuesday,	Mass at 6:30 & 8:05 am
Wednesday,	St. Jerome Emiliani, St. Josephine Bakhita Mass at 6:30 & 8:05 am
Thursday,	Mass at 6:30 am
Friday,	St. Scholastica Mass at 6:30 & 8:05 am
Saturday,	Our Lady of Lourdes Mass at 5:30 pm
Sunday,	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass at 7:00, 8:45, 10:30 am

Confession Schedule

Saturday, February 11 - 3:30-4:30 pm

Liturgy of the Hours with Friars

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



Parish Calendar

Tuesday, February 7

- Secular Franciscans meet, 6:00pm, St. Clare

Wednesday, February 8

- Children's Choir, 3:30-4:30pm
- Teen Choir, 6:00-7:00pm
- Jr. High & High School Religion, 7:20pm
- H.S. Youth Council meets, 8:30-9:00pm

Thursday, February 9

- Gr. 6 Mission Valentine Bake Sale
- Adult Choir, 7:30pm

Friday, February 10

- Jr. Hi. Dance, 7:00-10:00pm Gr. Sch. Aud.

Saturday, February 11

- Confessions, 3:30-4:30pm
- Father/Daughter Dance, 7-9pm Gr. Sch. Aud.

Sunday, February 12

- B & B Sunday, 8:00-9:30pm, St. Clare

Sing Along

St. Francis Singers and Friends will be singing at Evergreen Nursing Center Wed., February 8th at 10:00 am.

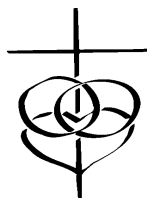
Palms for Burning

Please bring your old palms to church the weekends of Feb. 11 & 12 and Feb. 18 & 19. Place them in the basket in front of the sacrificial altar. They will be burned and the ashes will be used on Ash Wednesday. Thank you.



Pray for the Sick

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick, especially: Cathy Green, Renae Roepke, Eddie Siemer, Cheryl Ann Huber, Chris Utz, Anna Habing, Kay Schwartz, Dorothy Herboth, George Habing



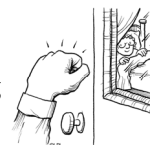
Planning Marriage

Eric Wendt and Jody Tegeler
Saturday, February 11, 2012
11:00 pm

BIBLE STUDY will meet Thursday, February 16th at 10:00 a.m. in St. Clare Hall. Our session will be the completion of Chapters 1 & 2 in the book, *A Father Who Keeps His Promises* by Scott Hahn. Come join us as we deepen our commitment to a God of overflowing love.

Feb. 11—World Day of the Sick

Pray for the sick, and visit the sick and homebound in our community. By praying for the sick, you are performing a spiritual work of mercy.



Stewardship of Treasure

	<u>Sunday</u> 1/29/2012	<u>Total Fiscal</u> Year
306 Adult envelopes	\$7,162.82	\$272,680.57
Other	\$546.60	\$17,479.20
TOTAL	\$7,709.42	\$290,159.77
GOAL	\$9,900.00	\$306,900.00



Homebound Ministers

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound for Sunday, February 12th are Rita Pals 857-3569 and Mary Runde 857-3276.

Cemetery News

Next weekend, Feb. 11/12, we will have a special collection for the care and upkeep of our cemetery. We take pride in keeping this sacred ground beautiful for our loved ones who have fallen asleep. Please use the envelope in your set.

February is cemetery clean-up time. Please remove any grave blankets, flowers, statues, etc. which are not attached to headstones and which you wish to keep. Ron will be rolling the ground and cleaning up the cemetery on favorable weather days in the very near future. Thanks to your speedy attention to this matter. Let's help keep our cemetery beautiful!

The cemetery board has decided to allow people 80 years and above the option of pre-purchasing a gravesite. The only stipulation is that the location of this plot must be next in line. If interested, please call the parish office — 857-6404.

Father Daughter Dance

Fathers & Daughters can celebrate that special bond at the Father Daughter Dance on February 11 from 7 - 9 pm (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) at the Teutopolis Grade School gym! There will be dancing, games, snacks, pictures and MORE! This annual event is sponsored by the Catholic Heart Work Camp Group. Tickets are on sale at the St. Francis Parish Office. In advance, tickets are \$20 for a dad and one daughter and \$25 at the door. Have additional daughters? No problem! Additional daughter tickets can be purchased for just \$5. All girls and their dads receive souvenirs from the event. Don't miss the fun!

ICE SKATING

Junior High and High School students are invited to try their balance at ICE SKATING at U of I on February 25! We'll leave at 11:30 am and skate from 1 – 4. We'll attend Mass at the college's Newman Center and then have pizza with some of our alumni there! They also will treat us to a tour of the Newman Dorm & facilities. It's a Catholic Community atmosphere at a college campus. We should be home by 9 pm. Permission slips are available online or at the front entrance of church.

Jr. High Valentines Dance:

CHWC people are hosting a Junior High Valentines Dance on February 10 from 7 – 10 pm in the TGS gym. We'll have great music, "Secret Valentines" that you can send to each other, snacks & maybe we'll talk cupid into coming to make an appearance! Cost is \$5. Permission slips are available online or at the entrance of church. All Unit 50 students are invited to this dance.

Religious Education News

GRADE SCHOOL—Grade 6 children's Valentine Mission Bake Sale takes place on Thursday, February 9. Please bring the decorated cakes to the cafeteria. If coming by bus, please wrap baked goods securely. All food items are 25 cents each; store candy is 50 cents. Chances on the cake raffle are 3 for 25 cents; chances on all other raffle items—3 stuffed Valentine bears; Barbie doll, 1 large Valentine box of candy; 3 candy baskets; basketball, soccer ball, \$5.00 bill—are 25 cents each. Thanks to all who are baking goods for the sale and those helping with and contributing to the sale on the Bake Sale Day. Proceeds will go toward the food, clothing, and education of the poor children of India.

Grade 2 children have two weeks remaining in preparation for their First Reconciliation on Saturday, February 18. Two sessions are scheduled—9:00-10:00 (A-M) and 10:30-11:30 (N-Z). Please help children prepare by having them study the Act of Contrition and the Confession dialogue, found in the packet.

CD of A contest entries from grades 4 through 6 are due Friday, February 10.

PRE/KDGN-Sunday morning religion classes take place in the grade school cafeteria area. Please use the West door entrance rather than the West ramp entrance if there is ice or snow. Thanks to the second trimester catechists—Theresa Bushur and Missy Habing.

Welcome to the third trimester—Monica Stortzum and Lynn Huber (Kdgn.) and Tracy Dennis and Meg Beckman (Pre). May God bless you.

JR. HI- Classes take place on Wed. night from 7:20-8:30. **PLEASE CALL 857-6477 IF THE STUDENT WILL NOT BE AT CLASS.** Grade 7 students continue their study of the Bible Timeline; Grade 8 students continue their study of the Theology of the Body.

HS Religious Ed

Juniors: We'll be finishing the diocesan assessment on Wednesday & we'll have pizza when it's over. Thanks for being at class and taking the assessment seriously!

Freshmen: Welcome to My World date will have to be changed due to a band concert. A new note will be sent home next week for the new date. All confirmation students are expected for this day. It is a great day of simulations of disabilities and gives a greater respect for others around us. Parents and sponsors – it's a great day for you as well! We need 10 volunteers to help work the various stations. Please call the high school religious ed office to volunteer, if you are available!

Youth Notes:

HS Youth Council will meet on Wednesday, Feb 8 in the TGS Cafeteria after class at 8:30 pm. It will be a short meeting, but we have a few things we need to discuss & we have plans that need to be rolling!

For Your Information

If your family member goes to a nursing home, the church is not usually notified, so it is up to you to inform the parish office. If a family member is homebound, we would like to be notified also. A priest would be happy to visit this parishioner. Our homebound ministers will take him/her Communion on Sunday mornings.

Just to let you know—the Franciscans celebrate Mass at Evergreen Nursing Home every Wednesday morning except the Wednesday when the St. Francis Singers are there. The priests at Effingham celebrate Mass at Lakeland Nursing Home the second and fourth Friday of the month. There is a Communion Service every Monday at Evergreen Nursing Home and a Communion Service on the first, third and fifth Friday at Lakeland Nursing Home.

Also, if a family member is ill or is scheduled for surgery, and he or she would like to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, all you have to do is give the parish office a call and request it.

We want to provide for the spiritual needs of all our parishioners.

B & B Sunday continues today in St. Clare Hall beginning at 8:00 until 9:30. The study of the bible in this relaxed atmosphere lends itself to making the bible pertinent today. This week's topic *Exodus* breaks open our false gods and tendencies to distrust God.

Why Catholic? Lent is just around the corner.

Please consider joining a **"Why Catholic?"** group for this last session on prayer. A deeper look at rituals and ways of praying culminates in the study of the Our Father. Contact Sr. Pierre for necessary materials or available groups. 857-6404 ext. 227.

RCIA continues to meet in **the museum meeting room on Sunday mornings following the 8:45 mass.**

Because of a First Communion and a break in our schedule we will meet on Sunday, February 26 for the Rite of Election. Please pray for our catechumen, Lindsey Ralston and our candidate, Amy Zerrusen.

Holy Humor...When Adam stayed out very late for a few nights, Eve became upset. "You're running around on me," she charged. "You're being unreasonable," Adam responded. "You're the only woman on earth!" The quarrel continued until Adam fell asleep, only to be awakened by someone poking him in the chest. It was Eve. "What do you think you're doing?" Adam demanded. Eve replied, "Counting your ribs!"



Happy Birthday
on Friday, February 10th to
Fr. Sylvano

Giving Tree Thanks

Thanks to all the parishioners of St. Francis for their generosity and spirit of giving with this year's giving tree. The residents of our group homes appreciated the gifts they received! We are always amazed by the care and thought that goes into each of these gifts. The gifts brighten up the residents' Christmas season. Thanks to all of you from all of us at ARC/Community Support Systems.

A Thank you from the group from our parish who attended the March for Life in Washington, D.C. *Thank you for supporting us in witnessing for life! Proud to stand up for LIFE representing our whole community!*
~Jill Herd, Renee Breer, Andrew Vahling, Maria Esker, Dominic Vahling, Luke Vahling, Katelyn Esker, Elizabeth Kastl, Molly Wallin, Anna Habing, Rita Habing and Karen Pruemmer.

Pre-Cana Day Thank You

A big THANK YOU to Scott & Carrie Copple, Jacob & Kate Pruemmer, Chuck & Anita Deters, Darrin & Rachel Mossman, Matthew & Jennifer Weidner, Rich & Brenda Niebrugge, Mel & Nancy Weber and Fr. Ken Rosswog for helping lead 21 engaged couples through the Pre-Cana Day last Sunday. THANK YOU for sharing your marriage gifts and time with these couples.

Socials Around the Area

Newman Breakfast today, February 5 at the Teutopolis KC Hall. Serving 7:00 am—noon all you can eat whole hog sausage, scrambled and fried eggs, pancakes and hash browns. Also crafts and baked goods will be available. Over 40 Newman Centers throughout the state of Illinois offer college and campus students a chance to gather and practice their Catholic faith. All proceeds go to the Newman Fund.

Fish and Chicken Buffet at the Teutopolis KC Hall every Friday night. Serving 5:00-8:00 pm.

Breakfast—All you can eat Whole Hog Sausage Breakfast on Sunday, February 12th at St. Rose Parish, Montrose. Serving 7:00 am—noon. Everyone is welcome.

Card Party—St. Michaels, Sigel will be hosting a card party on Sunday, February 12th at 6:00 pm in the parish gym. Everyone is welcome.

Parish Council Meeting: January 26, 2012

Present: Fr. Ken, Fr. Vernon, Doug Mette, Tina Brumleve, Jim Apke, Jack Hardiek, John Bushur, Terry Meyer, Debbie Niebrugge, & Sandy Fisher. Absent: Jodie Pruemer, Bruce Buhnerkempe & Kay McMahon.

The meeting opened with prayer and the minutes were approved.

Committee Reports were given.

Finance Reviewed and approved the November and December Financial report.

Discussed the concerns of the current shortfall of the ASCA Appeal.

Buildings and Grounds Need to repair a steam leak in the church office area.

Liturgy Feb 2nd and 3rd - St. Blasé blessing of throats.

Feb 12 and 19: Collection of old palms. Place in the basket in front of the altar.

Feb 22: Ash Wednesday. There will be Masses as follows: 6:00AM, 8:05 ash service, 12:10PM, & 7:00PM.

Lenten weekday Masses will be at 6:15 Mon - Fri.

Mon and Thurs will have Mass at 12:10 during Lent

Stations of the Cross will be held on Fri. evenings at 7:00 PM during Lent.

Palm Sunday: April 1. Palms will be available at all the regular scheduled Masses.

Ministry Signup for Holy Week will be held on March 11th, 18th, and 25th. Anyone who has been confirmed is welcome to sign up.

Religious Ed

Grade School: Diocesan testing for Grade 5 was completed and results should be back by April.

St. Blasé blessing will be given to the children in grades 5-6 at their prayer service on Thurs. and to grades 1-4 in their classrooms on Fri.

Grade 6 is preparing for the Valentine Mission Bake Sale to be held on Thurs. Feb. 9.

Grade 2 will be touring the confessionals on Wed. Feb. 15 so no 8:05 Mass that day.

First Reconciliation is Sat. Feb 19th.

Ash Wednesday service for the children in grades 3-6, and in the Lower East Open area for grades 1-2.

Gina Drees is subbing for Sister Christina, and Diane Siemer has returned to teaching. Thanks to Fr. Vernon for subbing 3 days a week since Oct. and being "on call" for icy and snowy days.

Pre/Kdgn: Thanks to all catechists and aides and anyone else who helped prepare a beautiful Epiphany Program on Jan 8th.

Jr. High: These classes have completed their Personal Safety Videos. They are progressing through their Bible timeline and Theology of the Body classes.

Book Bills paid: \$14,470.00.

RCIA will have one person entering the church at Easter.

The final session for WHY CATHOLIC? will begin the weekend of Feb. 19th so the groups are finished by Holy Week.

There are books available for anyone who would like to join this final session.

B&B Sunday continues with the video program "A Quick Journey Through the Bible." Anyone can join at any time.

All of the personal safety training should be completed by this time.

Stewardship Work on the church directory is continuing.

Several new families have registered. Many are young couples who have returned to Teutopolis.

Names for new parish council members are needed. The ballot will be printed in the bulletin in Feb. March 25th will be the dinner for the new members. The social will be at 5:30 and the dinner at 6:00.

The next meeting will be Feb. 23rd at 7:00PM.

Sandy Fisher