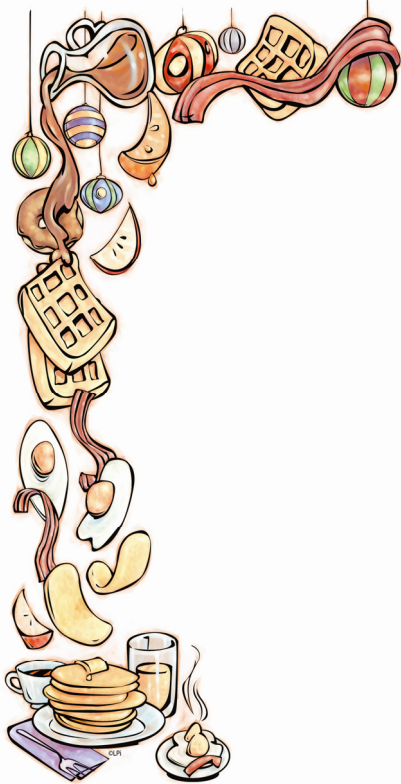


St. Francis *of* Assisi Parish

Teutopolis, Illinois



36th Annual Whole Hog

Sausage and Egg

Right to Life Breakfast

Today, January 17th, 2010

Teutopolis Grade School Auditorium

Serving 7:00 am to 12:30 pm

CHWC Soup Supper

Today, Sunday, January 17th, 2010

Teutopolis K of C Hall

Serving 3:00—6:30 pm

Proceeds benefit the youth going to Catholic Heart Work Camp in Memphis in June, 2010



Filling Our Stone Jars

Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings . . . John 2:6

There's a familiar saying: "Tell God your plans. Then hear God laugh." I think of this in relation to the gospel today. Everyone had gathered for a wedding. Those who planned the gala event filled six stone jars of water so the guests could follow the custom of washing their hands before the bread was blessed. What the planners never dreamt is that those six jars of water would become filled with wine.

That's how it often is in our lives too. We set out the stone jar of our day and plan to fill it with all sorts of things. Then our plans slowly, or quickly, fall apart with interruptions and uncontrolled events. My first response when this happens is to feel impatient or irritated. But when I pause and remember I am not the ultimate planner, I can usually find the wine of blessing hidden in my foiled endeavors.

Surprising God, keep my mind and heart open to the unexpected ways you manifest in my life.

The Word Among Us

Stop Abortion Funding in Health Care Reform

In your bulletin today, you'll find an insert from the U.S. Bishops Conference asking you to please contact your congressional representatives immediately and urge them to address these moral issues. The insert includes a web address that allows you to send an email message to Congress with a click of a button. The bishops have asked for our swift action and our prayers. Thank you for your help. We can help make sure that health care reform will protect the lives, dignity, conscience and health of all. Health care reform should be about saving lives, not destroying them.

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Submit written bulletin notices by noon Monday.

Using the Gift

In the coming weeks we will be trying to focus on an item, issue or comment made by Matthew Kelly from his book *Rediscovering Catholicism*. Each chapter gives much food for thought and teaches us how to become the best version of ourselves. Talk about it with family, friends, neighbors, or groups of which you are a part. Today we take up the challenge to be who we say we are; let us begin.

Rediscovering Catholicism: Our Universal Hunger.

In Matthew Kelly's first chapter he tells us that people today, each of us, seek an authentic hero, someone who truly lives the faith we profess. We have become disillusioned by our sports heroes, our Hollywood icons like Mark McGuire, Tiger Woods, Charlie Sheen etc. and we hunger for authenticity.. "someone striving humbly but heroically to live by what is good, true, and noble in the midst of and in spite of this modern climate." All of us want someone who will show us a faithful Catholic Christian life not just someone who talks about it. Will you be the real thing? This week show you're Catholic by consciously LIVING CATHOLICALLY (praying daily, going to Mass with a willing and joyful heart, serving those around you, and in general, look for ways to be the person God created you to be). Be the authentic witness of faith to those around you and look to see the difference it makes!

BIBLE STUDY begins Thursday, January 21 at 10:00 a.m. in St. Clare Hall. Our topics this year begin with the Gospel of John. Our presenter is Rev. Donald Senior, C.P. in tape form. Come join us as we explore the "Maverick Gospel" and deepen our understanding of Jesus as Lord. All are welcome.

Blessed holidays! Much traveling occurs over the holidays. Some of you may have missed the parish gift, *Rediscovering Catholicism* by Matthew Kelly. You will find copies at all the church entrances, please take one. If you have one, but would like a daughter, son, good friend or neighbor to have one, please take one to share. Good while supply lasts. May your new year be blessed as you reignite the Spirit within you.

Pro-Life Rosary to end abortion will be Friday, January 22 at 5:30 pm at Sacred Heart Church, Effingham. Everyone is encouraged to join us to pray for the sanctity of life.

Liturgy Schedule 2nd in Ordinary Time January 18-24

Monday,	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Mass at 6:30 am
Tuesday,	Mass at 6:30 am Mass at 8:05 am
Wednesday,	St. Fabian & St. Sebastian Mass at 6:30 am Mass at 8:05 am
Thursday,	St. Agnes Mass at 6:30 am
Friday,	St. Vincent Mass at 6:30 am Mass at 8:05 am
Saturday,	Mass at 5:30 pm
Sunday,	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass at 7:00, 8:45, 10:30 am

Confession Schedule

Saturday, January 23 - 3:30-4:30 pm

Liturgy of the Hours with Friars

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

Please Note: The parish office will be closed on Monday, January 18 in observance of the Martin Luther King holiday.



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> 1/10/10	<u>Total Fiscal</u> <u>Year</u>
292 Adult envelopes	\$7,025.00	\$208,444.30
Other	<u>505.18</u>	<u>17,362.23</u>
TOTAL	\$7,530.18	\$225,806.53
GOAL	\$9,300.00	\$260,400.00

Catholic Times \$2,495.00



Parish Calendar

Monday, January 18

- Parish office closed
- CCW mtg., 7:00 pm, St. Clare Hall

Tuesday, January 19

- Liturgy mtg., 7:00 pm, St. Clare Hall

Wednesday, January 20

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

Thursday, January 21

- Children's Choir, 3:30-4:30 pm
- Adult Choir, 7:00 pm
- Monastery Museum mtg., 7:00 pm, Museum Dining Room

Saturday, January 23

- Confessions, 3:30-4:30 pm

Special Collection

The proceeds of the annual **Collection for the Church in Latin America** are distributed to dioceses, parishes, religious congregations, seminaries and other Catholic institutions throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. These essential funds assist in the formation of priests, religious, lay ministers, missionaries, pastoral agents, catechists and youth ministers. Please use the envelope included with your set. Thank you.



Planning Marriage

Justin Rauch and Joanie Koebele
Saturday, January 23, 2010
12:00 noon

Question of the Week

Do you believe that people with extraordinary spiritual gifts are closer to God? Why? Why not?

Isaiah 62:1-5
I Cor. 112:4-11
John 2:1-12



Homebound Ministers

Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound for Sunday, January 24th are: Theresa Funnehan 857-3816, Barbara Pals 857-3039, Marianne Buenerkemper 857-3686, Carlene Rauch 857-6296.

Ladies CCW

The next meeting will be on January 18th, 7:00 pm in St. Clare Hall. Valentine “Heart” Theme—featured guest speaker Linda Dust, RN will overview CPR in a simple version for all to understand. You don’t need a medical background to save another’s life. Learn the basic steps to cardiac resuscitation and what to do with a choking victim from infant to adult.

The meeting will also install new officers followed by a short meeting. Don’t miss this chance to get a free class on steps to saving a life.

Reminder: All ladies belonging to our parish are members of the CCW. Ladies from your neighborhoods will be coming around to collect \$5.00 dues. The money goes towards many groups and worthy causes throughout the years, as well as towards many parish activities. Ladies who have been given the brown envelopes for their neighborhood, please return as soon as possible. They may be dropped off at any of the officer’s homes: Rita Habing, Angie Hotze, Lori Runde, Janet Esker, Karen Pruemmer or Margie Meyer. Thank you for your help!

Contribution Statements will be mailed out by Wednesday, January 20th.

March for Life

Please pray for our students and chaperon and the other pilgrims from our area who are attending the March for Life next week. May God bless them with safe travel.

Youth Notes:

Ice Skating Forms are available online or in the entrance of church for junior high and high school students. We’ll be heading to the U of I on January 30. We’ll ice skate and then attend Mass & eat pizza at the Newman Center. Cost is \$10. Forms are due back into the parish office by January 20.

Ski Paoli Peaks – High school ski trip has been set for February 15. Cost for skiing and transportation on a charter bus is \$72.00. If you have your own skis and only need the ski lift ticket and transportation, cost is \$52. Adults—we need you too! If you are interested in chaperoning for this event, your cost is just the group rate of \$52... we cover your transportation! Forms are available online or at the entrance of church. All forms and money need to be in by Feb 5 so we can make our reservations! Can’t wait to see you on the slopes!

Religious Education News

Attention—help needed...to teach on Friday morning 8:00-8:45 in room 4K. The topic is preparation for Sunday liturgy. You will receive all the help you need. Call 857-6477.

Grade School— No School Monday, Jan. 18—Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

Grade 4 children, parents, catechists, teachers—Many thanks for a great January Mission Bake Sale. Total collected and all winners will be announced in next week’s bulletin.

All grade 3 children will be viewing the Personal Safety Video on Monday, Jan. 25, in the museum dining room. Parents who have received forms in the mail to participate in this showing, please return the forms with your child or through the mail as soon as you can this week. Thanks.

Grade 5 children in rooms 5A and 5B have taken the diocesan religious education test this past week. Children in rooms 5O and 5S will be taking the test on January 25, 26, 27.

Junior High –Classes take place on Wed. from 7:20 to 8:30 p.m. at the Junior High building.

Grade 7 students will be studying characteristics of belonging to the Catholic Church—some of these characteristics are—Catholics are part of a world-wide (universal) Church...Catholics are a Sacramental People—Sacraments help Catholics express their growth in the spiritual life, their growth in holiness.

Pre/Kdgn –Sunday classes take place during the 10:30 Mass in the Grade School cafeteria area.

HS Religious Ed

Juniors – PLEASE be sure to head to class this week as you will be taking the Diocesan Assessment and we NEED you! Students who take this assessment will be treated to pizza the following Wednesday at class!

Eat Soup & Be Happy!

Our CHWC group invites you to our soup supper this Sunday, January 17 from 3 – 6:30 pm at the T-Town KCs. We’ll have homemade soups, sandwiches, and yummy desserts. We’ll also have raffles and scrip cards will be on sale! Come enjoy the great food in the company of good friends and help our area youth toward their goal for the mission trip!

Holy Humor: A young couple arrived during the fifth inning of a ballgame. “The score is 0 to 0,” a spectator told them. “Oh, good,” the woman said to her exasperated husband. “Then we haven’t missed a thing.”

Area Happenings

CHWC Soup Supper – Our Catholic Heart Work Campers invite YOU to eat soup & BE HAPPY on January 17 from 3:00 pm – 6:30 pm in the T-Town KC Hall. We'll be featuring homemade soups and desserts as well as sandwiches and veggies and raffles too! Thanks for supporting our area youth and their faith.

Card Party at St. Michael's, Sigel on Sunday, January 17th, 6:00 pm. Admission \$5.00. Cash prizes will be awarded and a light snack served during intermission. Everyone is welcome.

Blood Drive at the Teutopolis Knights of Columbus on Tuesday, January 19, 2010, 1:00-6:00 pm. Please call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE or log-on to RedCrossBlood.org. Use code: K of C Teutopolis to schedule an appointment. All donors must present Photo ID.

Food Drive during the month of January to benefit the Catholic Charities food pantry. Hosted by the staff and residents of Effingham Rehabilitation and Health Care Center. Donations can be dropped off at our home at 1610 N. Lakewood Dr. in Rollin Hills subdivision or you can call 347-7781 for a convenient pick up time.

Card Party to benefit the Dieterich Civic Center on Sunday, January 31st, 6:00 pm. Pinochle, Solo and Pitch card games will be played. Cost for the evening is \$5.00. For more information call 217-925-5232.

Catholic Charities Benefit Dinner Dance to be held on Saturday, February 6, 2010 at the Teutopolis K of C Hall. Social hour begins at 6:00 pm with dinner, program and dancing following. Tickets are \$40.00 person. Contact advisory board members Mark Hemmen, Lisa Mette, Gregory Oseland or Diane Siemer or call Catholic Charities (857-1458) for tickets.

C D of A will meet on January 25th, 7:30 pm at the Teutopolis KC Hall. The collection for Catholic Charities will be jelly and bread and crackers. Call Diann Ruholl 217-663-2056 or Carla Deters 217-857-1032 for more information.

Lost and Found

We have found a bag of baseball equipment by the recycling bins. Also found was a neck scarf. Please come by the parish office to identify and pick up.