

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

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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Trustees:

Terry Meyer & Tina Brumleve

Parish Council:

Bruce Buhnerkempe

Jodie Pruemmer

John Bushur

Louise Sheehan

Sandy Fisher

Tammy Willenborg

Jack Hardiek

Steve Witges

Doug Mette

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 30, 2011

“Blessed are they who are persecuted
for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are you when they insult you
and persecute you and utter every
kind of evil against you falsely
because of me. Rejoice and be glad,
for your reward will be great
in heaven.” ~Mt 5:10-12a

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From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

I want to thank Ron Ruholl on the excellent job he does in keeping our cemetery looking so beautiful. I know Ron takes great pride in keeping our cemetery in the excellent condition it is in. We know it takes a lot of time and resources in cutting the lawn, seeding where necessary, and in weed-eating. Thank you very much, Ron, on a job well done.

This is not always the case with other communities in our state. Recently, I believe it might have been in Chicago or some nearby community, some caretakers of cemeteries were selling graves that were already sold, resulting in confusion of who was buried where. As a result, the State of Illinois has set new regulations. The Diocese of Springfield has also set new regulations and we have been asked to comply.

As required, the parish now has a cemetery board, separate from the parish council. This new board consists of the pastor and different parish members, some of whom are on the parish council.

In order to meet the new regulations of the state and the diocese, we must establish a new perpetual care fund. The mandatory perpetual care fund is \$250.00 for each funeral, including cremains. This fund is very limited in how it can be used.

It was deemed necessary by the board to raise the cost of a lot in the cemetery to 500 dollars and perpetual care to 250.00 dollars. These new costs are effective February 1st of this year.

We are happy to serve you and your family to the best of our ability at those most difficult times. We all take pride in our cemetery looking its finest. Let us continue to pray for each other, especially when God calls us home.

Peace, Love, Joy,
Fr. Austin

With Regrets

I regret to announce that the gathering of recyclable materials (plastic milk jugs, clear plastic, colored plastics, steel cans and cardboard) at the St. Francis Church site will be terminated by the end of February.

Until now, Sutter Sanitation has been providing this recycling service at no cost. Mr. Sutter notified us last week that beginning February 1, 2011, there will be a charge each time a green recycling bin is picked up. The Museum and Paper Depot Committee has agreed to pay the February charges to give us time to try to make some other arrangements for recycling to continue and for us to notify the public.

The cost of hauling and baling the plastics and other recyclables coupled with the low return and the lack of county subsidy for recycling render recycling a money losing operation.

We are looking for suggestions on how recycling can continue in Teutopolis. We will keep you informed by way of the parish bulletin of any developments.

Fr. Vernon Olmer, OFM

B&B SUNDAY

Session 4 will begin at 8:00 p.m. in St. Clare hall tonight. Bring your bible and favorite beverage as we look at the term “Kingdom of God” as Jesus used it. Come join us for an evening of bible study and camaraderie.

BIBLE STUDY continues on the 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month. Due to a cancellation because of weather, we will be reviewing Chapters 4 & 5 on Thursday, February 3 at 10:00 a.m. in St. Clare Hall.

RCIA sessions are held in the basement of St. Rose Parish in Montrose following the 9:00 a.m. Mass. All are welcome to attend. This week’s topic is Grace.

Parish Council Nominations

It is time again to accept nominations of parishioners to serve a three-year term on the Parish Council.

Steve Witges, Louise Sheehan and Tammy Willenborg have served the parish for three years and now their terms have expired. Therefore, we will be voting for 1 man and 2 women.

All parishioners 18 years or older are invited to nominate parishioners who they feel are most qualified to share in the pastoral care and leadership of our parish. You can nominate people by sending names to Fr. Austin, dropping them off at the parish office or placing them in the collection basket. Simply write the name/s on a slip of paper along with their phone number or spouse’s name. (A few people in the parish share the same name.) You may also nominate yourself!

Deadline to turn in nominations is February 6th.

Election will be held the third weekend in February.

CCW Dues

Thank you to all the ladies of the parish who are collecting the CCW dues. Please remember to return all envelopes as soon as possible. Envelopes may be returned to any CCW officer or to the parish office. Thank You!

Liturgy Schedule

Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

Jan. 31-Feb. 6

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|----------------|---|
| Monday, 1/31 | St. John Bosco Mass at 6:30 am |
| Tuesday, 2/1 | Mass at 6:30 & 8:05 am |
| Wednesday, 2/2 | Presentation of the Lord Candlemas Day Mass at 6:30 & 8:05 am |
| Thursday, 2/3 | St. Blaise Mass at 6:30 am |
| Friday, 2/4 | Mass at 6:30 & 8:05 am |
| Saturday, 2/5 | St. Agatha Mass at 5:30 pm |
| Sunday, 2/6 | Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass at 7:00, 8:45, 10:30 am |

Confession Schedule

Thursday, Feb. 3 - 3:30-4:30 pm
Saturday, Feb. 5 - 3:30-4:30 pm

Liturgy of the Hours with Friars

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

Question of the Week

How do popular standards and Christian criteria for choosing heroes and heroines differ?

Zeph. 2:3; 3:12-13 I Cor. 1:26-31 Mt. 5:1-12



Pray for the Sick

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick, especially: Rebekah Volk, Sr. Clara Esker, Jodi Waymoth, Evelyn Krone, Cathy Green, Nicholas Rhodes, Renae Roepke, Clint Dasenbrock, Sally Weber

Stewardship of Treasure

| | <u>Sunday</u> 1/23/11 | <u>Total Fiscal</u> <u>Year</u> |
|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 316 Adult envelopes | \$8,223.00 | \$239,567.50 |
| Other | 590.77 | 17,952.31 |
| TOTAL | \$8813.77 | \$257,519.81 |
| GOAL | \$9,900.00 | \$297,000.00 |
| Latin America | \$1,318.00 | |



Parish Calendar

Thursday, February 3

- Bible Study, 10:00 am, St. Clare Hall
- Confessions 3:30-4:30 pm
- Baptism prep, St. Rose, 7:00 pm

Friday, February 4

- Teen Center open

Saturday, February 5

- Confessions, 3:30-4:30 pm
- Youth Council mtg.

Sunday, February 6

- Blessing of throats at all Masses
- Newman Breakfast, 7:00-noon, KC Hall
- B & B Sunday, 8:00 pm, St. Clare Hall

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven. (Matthew 5:12)

There is no money in heaven, so the rich cannot lord it over the poor. There are no PhD's in heaven, so the educated cannot lord it over the uneducated. There are no private golf clubs, Rolex watches, or limousines in heaven. The status and prestigious things that matter so much in this world simply don't matter there.

Scripture tells us that in heaven, we will be like Jesus, "for we shall see him as he is" (1 John 3:2). We will be living in the city of God, a place of peace and rest and perfect joy.

So what will our reward in heaven be like? We will finally be free of all temptation and sin. Fear, disease, and sickness will be but a distant memory. There will be no need for doctors, police officers, armies, judges, or lawyers because everyone will be perfectly happy, peaceful, and healthy. There is no pain, suffering, or tears in heaven—no divorce or division of any kind. We will live in perfect communion with God and with each other forever and ever.

In heaven, we will see Jesus in all of his glory. We will be able to understand his love and his cross in new and profound ways. We will join thousands of angels, our friends and relatives, and all the saints. Who wouldn't want to talk with Mother Teresa or Francis of Assisi or Paul? And surprisingly, they will want to talk with us, because there is no celebrity in heaven. Everyone is equal. Everyone is valued just as deeply. Jesus wants to tell us what he once told his disciples: "Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom" (Luke 12:32). Our heavenly Father delights in us, just as any earthly father delights in his children. Of course he wants to give us all good things! So rejoice today. You have a wonderful reward awaiting you!



Attention Homebound

Holy Communion will be brought to you on First Friday, Feb. 4. No Communion to you on Sunday, Feb. 6.

Family Corner

No family is perfect. Most families have serious problems. A family is a microcosm, reflecting the nature of the world which runs on both virtue and evil. We may be tempted at times to imagine a family full of innocence and good will. But actual family life resists such romanticism. At a deep level, family is most truly family in its complexity, including its failures and weaknesses.

St. Thomas More

St. Thomas More, an English statesman and intellectual, wrote a Latin essay describing an ideal community. He called it **Utopia**, which means literally, “no place.” There is no place or group on earth that is perfect. What family members must do for one another is to accept the failures and imperfections they find in those they love.

10 Commandments for Marriage

- I. You shall not take your partner for granted.
- II. You shall not expect perfection from each other.
- III. Remember to keep holy your wedding vows.
- IV. Honor each other with truth and kindness
- V. You shall not kill trust with acts of deception and words of deceit.
- VI. You shall always be loving, patient and understanding.
- VII. You shall always respect each other as individuals.
- VIII. You shall not do anything that diminishes the love and respect that must exist between spouses.
- IX. You shall give your marriage room to grow.
- X. You shall give reverence to God all the days of your life.

Father Daughter Dance

Celebrate being “Daddy’s Little Girl” at the Father Daughter Dance on February 12 from 6:30 – 9 pm at the grade school. We’ll have a DJ, games, snacks and a chance for you to get your picture taken together. Cost is just \$20 for tickets purchased in advance and \$25 at the door. Have more than one daughter in the family? Additional daughter tickets can be purchased for \$5 each. Tickets are now on sale at the parish office, Niebrugge Financial, and by calling Christy Repking at 536-6045. All proceeds benefit the CHWC crew.

Happy February Birthday!

- 2/6 Bill Runde (82)
- 2/13 Josephine Engelmann (93)
- 2/17 Clem Sandschafer (96)
- 2/17 Sister Alice Borries (80)
- 2/25 Marcella Weber (88)
- 2/27 Joseph Borries (88)
- 2/28 Christine Koester (84)

Religious Education News

GRADE SCHOOL- Grade 5 classes will be taking the Diocesan Religious Education Knowledge and Practices Assessment Test on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of this week.

All children in grades 1 through 6 will have their throats blessed on the feast of St. Blaise on Thursday, February 3...grades 5 and 6 during the prayer service at church... all other children in their religion classes...our priests will be coming into the classrooms.

Congratulations and thank you to all Grade 4 children, parents, catechists, teachers, winners, all who helped at the Mission Bake Sale last week. Total amount collected was \$685.00.

Cake raffle winners are: Macy Swingler-1D, Brody Mette-2H, Ciara Roepke-3S, 4S-class, Alex Probst-5S, Travis Spour-6H, Karen Pruemer-Faculty pie, Bernice Broom-Faculty cake, Julie Probst-Faculty cake; Other winners are: Basketball-Ethan Kremer 2H, Football-Cauy Hewing 5B, Nerf #1-Holly Heuerman 3Y, Nerf #2-Paul Niemerg1D, Large Snowman-Grace Schumacher 2C, Brown Bear-Tyler Deters 4K, White Dog-Niki Wellbaum 5B, Small white bear-Jacob Schmidt 5O, Large candy heart box-Olivia Pruemer 2C, Barbie doll-Tory Tensen 1B, Candy Basket #1-Emma Kinkelaar 2J, Candy Basket #2-Claire Niebrugge 3Y, Candy basket #3-Ali Kingery 4Mi, \$5.00 bill –Elizabeth Poston 3S

PRE/KDGN. Sunday religion classes take place in the grade school cafeteria areas during the 10:30 Mass.

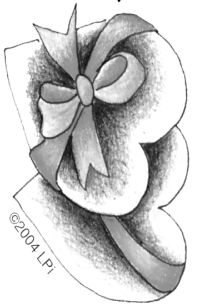
JUNIOR HIGH- Grade 7 will be studying the events that Catholics celebrate--how and why—especially the Sacraments. Grade 8 will focus on one of the STD’s – HPV.

Youth Activities:

Youth Council Movie Marathon is February 5th for High School Youth Council. We’ll meet at 5 pm in the Teen Center and go to 5:30 Mass & then head back to the Teen Center for our youth council meeting. Easiest Fix will be playing in the Teen Center that night!

Teen Center is open on Friday, Feb 4 for Jr. High students from 7 – 10 pm. Chaperons are Carl & Kathy Ruholl and Rosa Thoele. We will have our youth council meeting from 6 – 7 pm. See you all there!

February



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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|--|------------------------------------|-----|---|---|--|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 Bible Study Confessions Baptism Prep | 4 Teen Center open Youth Council mtg. | 5 Confessions Youth Council Movie Marathon |
| 6 St. Blaise Blessing at Masses Newman Breakfast Scout Sunday, 10:30 B & B Session | 7 | 8 Secular Francis- cans meet | 9 | 10 Fr. Sylvano's Birthday Sacristans mtg. in Sacristy | 11 Jr. High Valen- tines Dance | 12 Confessions Father/Daughter Dance |
| 13 B & B Session | 14 Men's Holy Name meet | 15 | 16 | 17 Bible Study | 18 Rosary Teen Center open | 19 Confessions Teen Center open |
| 20 P. C. Election Secular Francis- cans meet CHWC Soup Supper B & B Session | 21 Parish Office closed for President's Day High School Ski Trip | 22 | 23 | 24 Finance Council mtg.. Parish Council mtg. | 25 | 26 Grade 2 First Reconciliation Confessions |
| 27 B & B Session | 28 | | | | | |

Ministry Schedules for February

Servers: Please pick up your schedule at a church entrance.

Eucharist Ministers

5:30 pm Sat.

Body

*Jane Zuber
Ellouise Wallin
Lisa Siemer

Blood

Dan Niemerg
Susie Niemerg
Tom Hemmen
Pam Hemmen
Janet Probst
Janet Dhom

7:00 am Sun.

Body

*Dolores Kroeger
Ruth Drees
Mary Lou Gier

Blood

Bernice Broom
Linda Willenborg
Sarah Hewing
Mary Jane Koester

8:45 am Sun.

Body

*Annette Schnabel
Betty Deters
Mary Lou Esker
Marita Ruholl

Blood

Joan Brumleve
Nicole Hartke
Theresa Funneman
Clare Swingler
Ruth Dasenbrock
Eleanor Gebben

Body

*Dick
Hawickhorst
Kim S. Runde
Louise Sheehan
Karla Dixon

Blood

Cheryl Rauch
Dick Runde
Jack Fuelle
Mary Lynn Hartke
Ron Hartke
Mary Jo Kreke

Children's Liturgy of the Word

5:30 pm Sat.

2/5 Lisa Starwalt
2/12 Kathy Bloemer
2/19 Janet Goldstein
2/26 Gail Hardiek

10:30 am Sun.

2/6 Monica Feldhake
2/13 Melissa Habing
2/20 Debbie Niebrugge
2/27 Paula Spencer

Clean Linens — Mona Vahling

Ushers

5:30 pm Sat.

*Don Westendorf
Charles Buening
Don Deters
John Bushur
Joe Zerrusen
Dave Bloemer

7:00 am Sun.

*Daren Drees
Robert Drees
Jim Burford
Dennis Deters
Don Broom
Charlie Kroeger

8:45 am Sun.

*Art Deters
Dave Habing
Chris Hartke
Mick Deters
Bernie Hartke
Larry Funneman

10:30 am Sun.

*Hank Niebrugge
Brian Hardiek
Larry Hardiek
Doug Runde
Larry Habing
Edward Miller

Gift Bearer Families

5:30 pm Sat.

2/5 Brent Weichman
2/12 Terry Meyer
2/19 Deb Blankenship
2/26 Rich Niebrugge

7:00 am Sun.

2/6 Joe Runde
2/13 Don Broom
2/20 Dave Probst
2/27 Ray Vahling

8:45 am Sun.

2/6 Larry Funneman
2/13 Ken Ritz
2/20 Phil Hartke
2/27 Dan Habing

10:30 am Sun.

2/6 Hank Niebrugge
2/13 Bert Hoene
2/20 Dan Beckman
2/27 Chuck Deters

Lectors

5:30 pm Sat.

Marty Siemer
Jane Meyer

7:00 am Sun.

Herman Brummer

8:45 am Sun.

Angie Esker
Kathy Hartke

10:30 am Sun.

Andy & Cheryl Rauch
Karla Dixon

Kdgn/Pre-School Aides for February

Hanna Niemerg, Michelle Schmidt, Bryce Pruemmer, Amanda Waldhoff, Richard Wente, Jake Beckman, Noah Blievernicht, Emily Buehnerkemper

HERE & THERE

Mark Your Calendar: The Family Life Center is pleased to announce the eighth annual production of Broadway For Life to be held March 19, 2011 at the Effingham Performance Center, Effingham. Please call the Family Life Center at 342-5433 to reserve your tickets.

Bingo—St. Michael's the Archangel, Sigel is hosting a Bingo in the Parish gym on this evening, January 30th at 7:00. . Cash prizes awarded. Light refreshments during intermission. Cost is \$5.00 per card for the night.

Card Party—A card party to benefit the Dieterich Civic Center will be held on this evening, January 30th at 6:00. Pinochle, Solo, Pitch and Dominos will be played. A delicious lunch will be served. The cost for the evening is \$6.00.

"All You Can Eat" Fish, Shrimp and Chicken Dinner catered by Country Rhodes at St. Thomas Parish Center, Newton on Saturday, Feb. 5th, 4:00-7:00 pm. Proceeds benefit the school for new text books.

Annual Breakfast hosted by St. Rose Catholic Church, Montrose, on Sunday, February 13th. Serving will be from 7:00 to 12 noon.

Newman Breakfast—The Newman Breakfast will be held Sunday, February 6th from 7:00 am until noon at the Teutopolis K of C. Hall. All you can eat whole hog sausage, scrambled and fried eggs, pancakes and hash browns will be served. 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.

Donations can be brought to the K of C Hall on Saturday or after 6:00 on the day of the breakfast, or call Dolores Kroeger at 857-3681 to make other arrangements. Thank you for your generosity.

Holy Humor...

How is it one careless match can start a forest fire, but it takes a whole box to start a campfire?

You know your children have grown up when they stop asking you where they came from and refuse to tell you where they are going.