

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

## Teutopolis, Illinois

### Parish Office

203 E. Main St., P.O. Box 730, Teutopolis, IL 62467-0730

**Office Hours:** Mon. -Fri. – 9:00 am -4:30 pm

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Diocesan website.....www.dio.org

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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. Jeff Holtman, OFM, Associate Pastor

Br. Pauli Johnson, OFM, Pastoral Assistant

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

#### Religious Education:

Sr. A. Pierre Wilken, OSF, Director of Faith Formation: 857-6404

Sr. Ann Siemer, SSND, Gr. Sch./Jr. Hi. DRE: 857-6477/3015

Lisa Siemer, Youth Director & Sr. High CRE: 857-1500

Carlene Rauch, Part-time Rel. Ed. Secretary: 857-6477

#### Trustees:

Pam Hemmen & Terry Meyer

#### Parish Council:

Roy Brumleve

Sandy Fisher

Ted Koester

Dean Kremer

Doug Mette

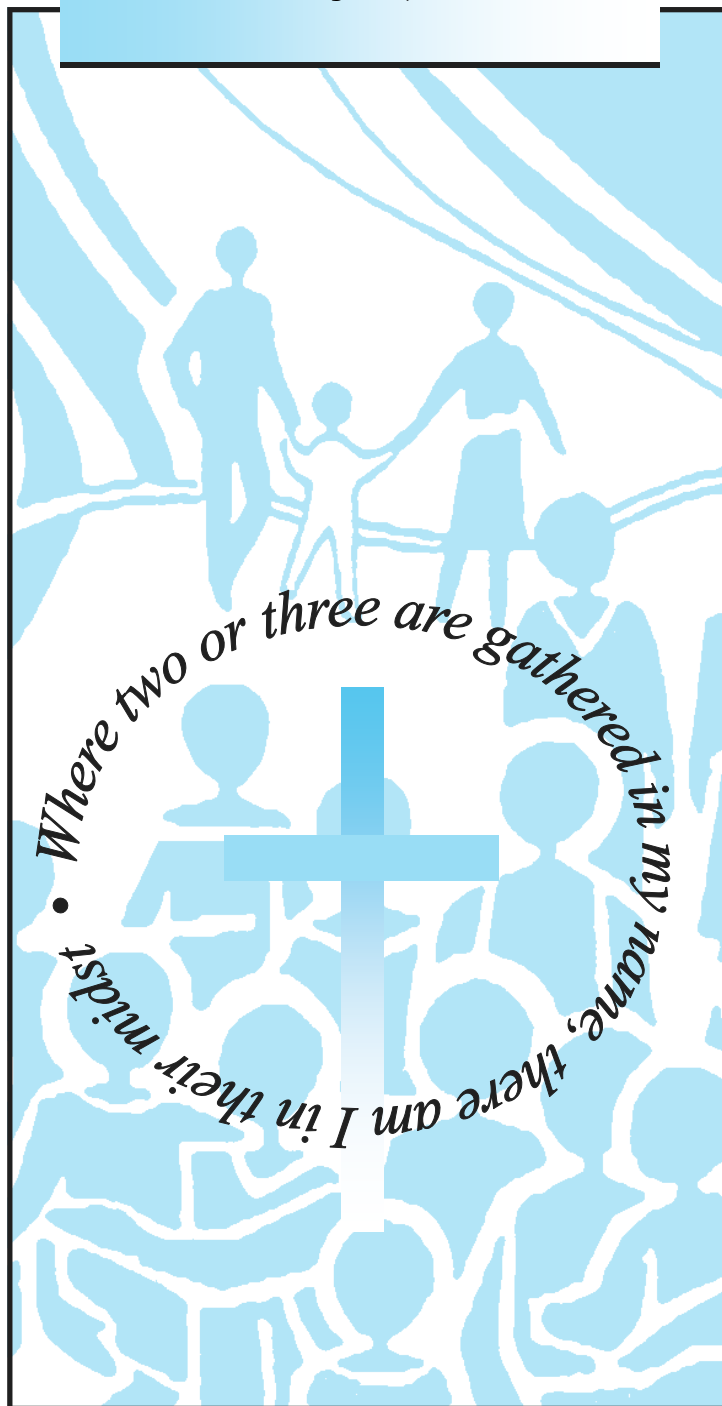
Jodie Pruemmer

Louise Sheehan

Tammy Willenborg

Steve Witges

**Fourth Sunday  
In Ordinary Time  
January 31, 2010**



**Love is patient, love is kind.** 1 Corinthians 13:4

Certainly patience is a virtue. Patience is a mark of good character. But why, precisely, must love be patient?

Love is patient, of course, because God is love, and how patient God is with you and me!

I think about all the missteps in my life, the habits that have built up walls between me and God and between me and others whom God has sent into my life. I think about the times I have listened to every other voice out there but God's.

But God still loves, unfailingly. And the love that is poured out for me—quite concretely in the loving, patient sacrifice of Jesus—where is it to go? To others, in love. Patient, forgiving, merciful love.

*Loving God, you are so patient with me. Thank you. Help me love others as you love me.*

LIVING FAITH

**“Why Catholic?”** session two begins the week of February 14<sup>th</sup>. What a great way to spend Lent; sharing and discussing your faith with family, friends, neighbors and acquaintances. If you need a text, please call Sr. Pierre, 857-6404 ext. 227. Possible groups are posted at the entrances to the church; better yet, begin your own!

**BIBLE STUDY** continues with the Gospel of John. Come join us as we hear the noted scripture scholar, Fr. Donald Senior, C.P. discuss what he calls “the maverick gospel”. Bring your bible at 10:00 a.m. to St. Clare Hall on the third Thursday of the month, February 18<sup>th</sup>. Hope you can join us!

**Baptism Prep**

Thursday, February 4, 7:00 pm, St. Rose, Montrose  
Thursday, March 4, 7:00 pm, St. Clare Hall  
Please call 857-6404 to register.

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**Rediscovering Catholicism:  
Is Jesus Still Relevant?**

Can you believe the question is even asked? In a culture such as ours where the quest for instant gratification takes precedence over the quest for higher moral living, the question is challenged often, either consciously or subconsciously. Should I do this because it makes me happy now? Or should I pass up the opportunity for instant gratification based on the teachings of Jesus? Is it even possible to be a disciple of Jesus in these times?

What does it mean to be a disciple? It takes discipline. And too many times we associate discipline with negatives such as sacrifice, giving something up, turning away from something or someone. But this need not be. Both the words, *disciple* and *discipline* come from the Latin word *disciplina*, meaning:

Training expected to produce a specific character or pattern of behavior,

Especially training that produces moral or mental improvement.

*American Heritage Dictionary, 4<sup>th</sup> Ed.*

How is it that training for a marathon or big game, something physically demanding and painful, is seen as a positive action leading to a noble goal while training to be the best, most loving person, following in the footsteps of Jesus Christ is seen as so difficult?

If we believe that God loves us and wants us to be happy, why not embrace the training it takes to be the best person we can be and find joy in the discipline?

**Parish Council Nominations**

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

Dean Kremer, Ted Koester and Roy Brumleve have served the parish for three years and now their terms have expired. Therefore, we will be voting for three men to fill these vacancies.

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 spouse's name or their phone number. You may also nominate yourself.

Deadline to turn in nominations is February 7<sup>th</sup>. Election will be held the third weekend in February.

## Liturgy Schedule 4th Week in Ordinary Time February 1-7

Monday,	Mass at 6:30 am
Tuesday,	Presentation of the Lord Mass at 6:30 & 8:05 am
Wednesday,	St. Blaise & St. Ansgar Mass at 6:30 & 8:05 am
Thursday,	Mass at 6:30 am
Friday,	St. Agatha Mass at 6:30 & 8:05 am
Saturday,	St. Paul Miki Mass at 5:30 pm
Sunday,	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass at 7:00, 8:45, 10:30 am

### Confession Schedule

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

### Liturgy of the Hours with Friars

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



## 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> 1/24/2010	<u>Total Fiscal</u> <u>Year</u>
323 Adult envelopes	\$6,927.50	\$222,550.30
Other	561.78	18,356.01
TOTAL	\$7,489.28	\$240,906.31
GOAL	\$9,300.00	\$279,000.00

Latin America \$1,215.38

Haiti Relief \$1,918.00



## Parish Calendar

### Wednesday, February 3

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

### Thursday, February 4

- Confessions, 3:30-4:30 pm
- Baptism Prep, 7:00 pm, St. Rose
- Adult Choir, 7:00 pm

### Friday, February 5

- Teen Center open for Jr. High

### Saturday, February 6

- Teen Center open for High School
- Confessions

### Sunday, February 7

- Newman Breakfast, 7:00 am—12:00 pm,  
Teutopolis K of C Hall
- Scout Sunday
- Youth Councils meet, Jr. High 6:00-7:00 pm,  
High School 7:00-8:00 pm

## Question of the Week

Paul places the quality of love above spiritual gifts & religious practices. How are you freeing yourself from obstacles in your heart & mind that keep you from loving?

Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19

I Cor. 12:31-13:13

Luke 4:21-30

## Palms for Burning

Please bring your old palms to church the weekend of Feb. 6/7 and Feb. 13/14. 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.

**RCIA** Please continue to pray for those catechumens (those who will be baptized on Holy Saturday) and our candidates (those who are already baptized but seek entrance into the Catholic faith) who continue their study of the Catholic faith. Lent for them means a time of greater prayer, study and service; your prayerful encouragement and support is important.



## Attention Homebound

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

## Happy February Birthday to all celebrating birthdays this month.

### Postcards

The Office for Concerns of the Diocese has asked parishioners to help support a change in the immigration laws by signing postcards to be sent to both Illinois U.S. senators and our representative. Please sign post cards with pens provided at all the entrances or take home and return the cards next weekend in the collection basket. Thanks for your participation.

### Stewardship Note

“Everyone must give according to what he has inwardly decided; not sadly, not grudgingly, for God loves a cheerful giver.” (II Corinthians 9:7)

### Youth Notes:

Teen Center is open NEXT WEEKEND! Jr. high night is Friday, February 5 from 7 – 10 pm. Chaperons are Kevin & Amy Ruholl, John & Mary Flach, Amy & Greg Ose-land, & Rich & Angie Hartke. High School Night is February 6 from 7 – 11 pm. We gave new games! Come check it out!

Youth Councils will meet next Sunday, February 7 in the Teen Center. Jr. High meets at 6 & High School meets at 7 pm. We’ll be finalizing Jr. High Valentine’s Dance plans and also doing Valentines for our elderly of the parish!

High School Ski Trip to Paoli Peaks is set for February 14! Forms are due back in next week. If you are wanting to ski, please sign up ASAP. Also, the Paoli form was missing from the website but it is on it now. If you only filled out the St. Francis form, please fill out the Paoli one as well and turn it in to the parish office! See you on the slopes!

Junior High Valentine’s Dance has been set for February 19 from 7:30 – 10 pm. Students are encouraged to attend Stations at church first and then head over for the dance.

## Religious Education News

**GRADE SCHOOL-** Grades 4,5,6- Preparation for participating in the CD of A contest begins this week. Forms will be handed out in religion classes explaining the rules for the essay, poetry, painting, and computer contests. The themes are: “The Joys of God Surround Us” and “The Joys Life Brings Through Others”. All entries must be turned in by February 17 (Ash Wed.)

**Grade 2** children are beginning preparation in the classroom for receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. They are studying the Act of Contrition, the five commandments of Love and God’s Ten Commandments. They are viewing videos on Forgiveness and Penance. Continue to practice the Act of Contrition at home. The baptismal informational form should be handed in as soon as possible before the First Reconciliation date—February 27.

**All Grades**—Next Wed., February 3, is the feast of St. Blaise, the day when throats are blessed. Blessing of throats will take place in church after the homily for the children in Grades 1 and 2, as well as others present at Mass. Priests will go to the classrooms to administer the blessing in grades 3 to 6. Using sacramentals, outward signs of faith, express our interior life of faith.

**Kdgn/PreSchool-** Sunday Program takes place every Sunday during the 10:30 Mass in the Grade School cafeteria area. We thank Carrie Copple and Tina Vonderheide for teaching the second trimester. We welcome Cindy Konkel for the Pre School class and Tina Vonderheide for continuing the Kdgn. class for the 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester.

**Junior High-** Grade 7 classes continue their study of Catholic Identity with focus on the Mass as Catholics’ primary form of community worship. Grade 8 classes continue their study of Abstinence Protects Everyone with focus on the diseases against which abstinence protects.

## Holy Humor...

Church Sign:  
God is the Potter, Not Harry.

## Pre-Cana Conference

The Newman Catholic Center at EIU will be presenting a Pre-Cana Conference on Friday evening and Saturday, February 12 & 13. This two day conference is for couples who are planning marriage within the next year. Cost is \$30.00, materials and lunch provided. For more information call the Newman Catholic Center, 217-348-0188 or [newman@eiunewman.org](mailto:newman@eiunewman.org).

## Thank-You Thank-You

At the January meeting of the CCW, we said good-bye to President-Karen Brumleve, Secretary-Kay Tipton, and Assistant Secretary-Linda Bergfeld.

They served the parish for 2 years and we can't thank them enough for all their hard work. Our officers for the 2010 year are:

Rita Habing-President,  
Angie Hotze-Vice President,  
Karen Pruemer-Secretary,  
Lori Runde-Treasurer,  
Janet Esker-Assistant Vice-President and  
Margie Meyer-Assistant Secretary.

The CCW play a very important role in our parish. Thank-you to all who have helped in any way in 2009, especially the retiring officers. We look forward to working together in 2010.

## Right to Life Thank You

Members of Effingham County Right to Life want to thank the Franciscan Friars and St. Francis Parishioners for the use of the Grade School Auditorium for their 36th Annual Right to Life Breakfast. The breakfast was a huge success and all of the proceeds are used for education purposes. God bless all of you.

Mrs. Jack Koester  
Breakfast Chairman

## Catholic Heart Work Camp

**Father Daughter Dance** Here's a chance to celebrate that special bond between Dads and their Girls! The CHWC Crew invite all dads and daughters to attend the Father Daughter Dance on Feb 13 from 7 – 9 pm at the TGS Gym. There will be a DJ, games and activities for Dads & their daughters to do together. All ages are welcome to attend this very special night! Cost is \$15 if purchased ahead or \$20 at the door. Have more than one daughter? No problem! Additional daughter tickets are available for \$5 each.

**Oooo La La Raffle Tickets** are NOW AVAILABLE! Buy a ticket for \$5 and you have 3 chances to win! Winners receive 1 of 3 prizes: 1) a Night's stay for Hilton Garden Inn in Effingham with a breakfast for 2 in the Great American Grill; 2) 2 hour Limo Ride from Bales and; 3) 2 Sunday Brunches in the Great American Grill. Tickets are available from any CHWC participant!

## Area Happenings

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

**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.

**Bingo** at St. Michael's, Sigel on January 31st. Games will start at 7:00 pm, Cash prizes awarded. Cost \$5.00 per card for the night. Everyone is welcome.

**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.

**Annual Breakfast** at St. Rose Church, Montrose on Sunday, February 14th. Serving 7:00 am to 12:00 noon. Prices are \$5.00 for a large plate and \$4.00 for a small plate. Everyone is invited to come.

**"Souper Supper"** at the Teutopolis K-C Hall on Sunday, February 14th. Serving 3:00-6:30 pm. Hosted by the Teutopolis American Legion Post 924.

**Soup Supper** at St. Thomas Parish Center, Newton on Sunday, February 14th, 10:00 am—6:00 pm. Bingo 11:00 am—5:00 pm. Proceeds benefit St. Thomas Church and School.

**St. Isidore Youth Ministry Soup Supper** on Sunday, February 21. Serving 4:00-7:00 pm in the St. Aloysius Hall. In conjunction with the day of prayer at St. Aloysius Church.

## Newman Breakfast

The Newman Breakfast will be Sunday, February 7th from 7:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Teutopolis KC hall. All You Can Eat—whole hog sausage, scrambled and fried eggs, pancakes, hash browns, bread and drinks will be served. Also there will be baked goods, crafts and mystery boxes. Over 40 Newman Centers throughout Illinois offer college and campus students a chance to gather and practice their Catholic faith. All proceeds go to the Newman Fund. Donations of crafts, baked goods and mystery boxes are needed. Donations can be brought to the KC hall on Saturday or after 6:00 am the day of the breakfast or call Lenora Drees at 857-3583 to make arrangements. Also if anyone is wanting to donate money towards the cost of processing of hogs please contact Tony and Carla Goeckner at 739-2550. Thank you for your generosity.

# February 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Feast of St. Blaise Youth & Young Adult Choir Jr. High & High School Religion	4 Confessions Baptism Prep Adult Choir	5 Teen Center open	6 Teen Center open Confessions
7 Newman Breakfast Scout Sunday Youth Councils meet	8	9 Secular Franciscans meet	10 <i>Fr. Sylvano's Birthday</i> Youth & Young Adult Choir Jr. High & High School Religion	11 Children's Choir Adult Choir	12	13 Confessions CHWC Father/ Daughter Dance
14 "Why Catholic?" Small Groups begin High School Ski Trip	15 Parish Office closed Holy Name Meet	16	17 <b>Ash Wednesday</b> Youth & Young Adult Choir	18 Children's Choir Adult Choir	19 Adult Rosary Stations of the Cross Jr. High Valentine Dance	20 Search Confessions Teen Center open Parish Council Elec- tion
21 Parish Council Election Secular Franciscans meet	22	23	24 Youth & Young Adult Choir Jr. High & High School Religion	25 Children's Choir Adult Choir Finance Council mtg. Parish Council mtg.	26 Stations of the Cross	27 Confessions
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### Ministry Schedules for February

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

#### Eucharistic Ministers

**5:30 pm**

Body

\*Jane Zuber  
Becky Wilson  
Ellouise Wallin  
Diane Siemer

Blood

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

**7:00 am Sun.**

Body

\*Dolores Kroeger  
Ruth Drees  
Jim Esker

Blood

Bernice Broom  
Linda Willenborg  
Linda Hutmacher  
Mary Jane Koester

**8:45 am**

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  
Linda Ruholl

Blood

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

#### 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.**

Cheryl Rauch  
Andy Rauch

#### Kdgn/Pre-School Aids for Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28

K—Abbie Rauch, Tori Ruholl, Chris Fuesting, Leighton Blankenship  
Pre—Cheyenne Lueken, Mitch Meinhart, Natalie Summers

#### Ushers

**5:30 pm Sat.**

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

**7:00 am Sun.**

\*Daren Drees  
Robert Drees  
Jim Burford  
Dennis Deters  
Don Broom

**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 Bearers

**5:30 pm Sat.**

2/6 Carl Schwinke  
2/13 Terry Meyer  
2/20 Deb Mersman  
2/27 Rich Niebrugge

**7:00 am Sun.**

2/7 Ray Lohman  
2/14 Don Broom  
2/21 Dave Probst  
2/28 Ray Vahling

**8:45 am Sun.**

2/7 Dave Meyer  
2/14 Ken Ritz  
2/21 Phil Hartke  
2/28 Dan Habing

**10:30 am Sun.**

2/7 Hank Niebrugge  
2/14 Bert Hoene  
2/21 Kevin Ruholl  
2/28 Chuck Deters

#### Children's Liturgy of the Word

**5:30 pm Sat.**

2/6 Lisa Starwalt  
2/13 Elaine Bliedernicht  
2/20 Kathy Bloemer  
2/27 Janet Goldstein

**10:30 am Sun.**

2/7 Melissa Habing  
2/14 Amy Ruholl  
2/21 Paula Spencer  
2/28 Jennifer Weidner

**Clean Linens** — Mona Vahling