

# St. Francis *of* Assisi Parish

Teutopolis, Illinois

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## Eat Soup & BE HAPPY!

Join us for a  
CHWC Soup Supper

THIS SUNDAY

January 9

3:00 - 6:30 PM

at the T-Town KCs



Featuring Homemade Soups -  
Vegetable, Chili, Sauerkraut,  
Chicken Noodle & Cream of Potato  
Sandwiches & Hot dogs  
& Homemade Desserts!

## The Baptism of the Lord

*This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. (Matthew 3:17)*

What a scene this must have been! Opened heavens, a booming voice, and a dove descending upon Jesus. Clearly, God considered Jesus' baptism to be a very important event, since he pulled out all the stops to celebrate it.

But more than just a celebration, Jesus' baptism was a moment of *revelation*. On the banks of the Jordan River, the entire Trinity—Father, Son, and Spirit—revealed itself. Here, at the very beginning of Jesus' ministry, God made himself known in a new and powerful way. By revealing himself as Trinity—something that not even faithful Jews had conceived as possible—God made it clear that something new was about to happen. The kingdom that Jesus was sent to inaugurate was not just a continuation of what had come before. God was up to something dramatic, and he wanted everyone to pay attention.

In this scene, we see each Person of the Trinity in action. Eager to “fulfill all righteousness,” Jesus willingly submits to baptism by John (Matthew 3:15). Speaking from heaven, the Father announces that he is “well pleased” with his Son (3:17). And the Holy Spirit rests on Jesus, setting him apart for his mission (3:16). All three Persons are united in love and they are united in their desire to bring about our salvation.

As united as the Persons of the Trinity are, God wants us to know that it is not an exclusive community. Every day, God invites us to enter into his life and join in his mission. And for that, we too need the anointing of the Holy Spirit—just as Jesus received. And we also need to know how much our Father loves us and is pleased with us—just as he told Jesus. And that makes sense, doesn't it? After all, God's deepest desire is that we all become like Jesus and keep building his kingdom!

***“Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, I accept your invitation! I want to be part of your communion of love.”***

The Word Among Us

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## Family Corner

Wow, we are already well into a new year. Have you made any New Year resolutions? I do and don't live up to them and then feel guilty so I didn't for this year. But... guilt has a way of motivating.

If you could have anything in the world what would it be? When you ask someone their one wish for the world most of us answer, “Peace.” Everyone wants peace. Peace in our homes, among family, among co-workers, and the list goes on.

Pope Paul VI once said, “If you want peace, work for justice.” We can't just wish for peace. We have to work for peace. We have to work for justice.

Peace is a legacy that all parents would like to pass on to their children. One way of making that legacy come true is to work for justice and teach children the ways of justice. What might that look like in a family?

- Discuss what disturbs peace in your home.
- List ways that *each* family member can help your home become a peaceful place.
- Have a discussion describing a peacemaker. Pick characteristics that can help you become a peacemaker at home.
- Learn to resolve conflicts peacefully.
- Speak to one another using this aid, “If my eyes you do not see, don't begin to speak to me.”
- Pray together for peace in your home.

Peace to all in this New Year!!

## Discovering Franciscan Spirituality

Blessed Pope John XXIII is one of the many popes who are counted among the ranks of Secular Franciscans. The following is quoted from him: “Consult not your fears, but your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what it is still possible to do.”

Catholics who are 18 years of age or older and active in the Church are invited to an introductory session on January 9, 2011 at 1:00 pm. After Benediction, which starts at 2:00 pm, members and guests will gather in the Friary for fellowship and refreshments.

All of this will take place in St. Clare Hall and St. Francis Church in Teutopolis. For more information, telephone Father Ken at 217-857-6404 or Jim Weis at 217-857-3491.

## Liturgy Schedule 1st Week in Ordinary Time January 10-16

Monday,	Mass at 6:30 am
Tuesday,	Mass at 6:30 & 8:05 am
Wednesday,	Mass at 6:30 & 8:05 am
Thursday,	St. Hilary Mass at 6:30 am
Friday,	Mass at 6:30 & 8:05 am
Saturday,	Mass at 5:30 pm
Sunday,	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass at 7:00, 8:45, 10:30 am

### Confession Schedule

Saturday, January 15th - 3:30-4:30 pm

### Liturgy of the Hours with Friars

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

## Question of the Week

How have Christians contributed to national and international violence?

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Acts 10:34-38

Mt. 3:13-17 (a)



## 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, Karlene Frese, Renae Roepke, Clint Dasenbrock, Sally Weber

## Stewardship of Treasure

	<u>Sunday</u> 1/2/2011	<u>Total Fiscal</u> <u>Year</u>
307 Adult envelopes	\$7,310.00	\$216,761.50
Other	\$603.57	\$16,368.81
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,913.57</b>	<b>\$233,130.31</b>
<b>GOAL</b>	<b>\$9,900.00</b>	<b>\$267,300.00</b>

Solemnity of Mary \$1,656.00



## Parish Calendar

### Monday, January 10

- Liturgy mtg., 7:00 pm, St. Clare
- Men's Holy Name, 7:30 pm, Museum Meeting Room

### Tuesday, January 11

- CCW in St. Clare, 5:00 pm

### Wednesday, January 12

- Children's Choir, 3:30 pm
- Christmas decorations taken down, 6:00 pm

### Saturday, January 15

- Confessions, 3:30-4:30 pm

### Sunday, January 16

- Right to Life Breakfast, Gr. Sch. Aud.
- B & B, 8:00-9:30 pm, St. Clare

## Sing Along

St. Francis Singers and Friends will be singing at Evergreen Nursing Center on Wednesday, January 12th at 10:00 am.



## Planning Marriage

Bernard Beckman and Amy Kroeger

Friday, January 14, 2011

2:00 pm

**BIBLE STUDY** is regularly scheduled for the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month beginning at 10:00 a.m. in St. Clare Hall. We are using the video series *A Quick Journey Through the Bible* presented by Jeff Cavins. Our topic this month is *Conquest & Judges and Royal Kingdom*.

After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." — Mt 3:16-17

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass 02001, 1998, 1970 CCD.



## Homebound Ministers

Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound for Sunday, January 16th are: Lenora Drees 857-3583, Betty Koeberlein 342-3204, Sharon Brummer 857-6092

**B&B SUNDAY** begins tonight, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m. in St. Clare hall. Bring your bible and favorite beverage as we do an overview of the bible. This adults' only session will deal with topics such as: the difference between Catholic & Protestant bibles, how numbers are used in scripture and what we already know about the bible but don't know we know. Come join us for an evening of informal bible study.

**RCIA** meets in the church basement at St. Rose in Montrose every Sunday from 9:45-11:00. Come join us as we delve more deeply into our faith. This week's lesson: Sacraments.

**"Why Catholic?"** parishes are invited to a presentation at St. Anthony's in Effingham on **Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-9:00**. The workshop: Living Gospel Values in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century by Kathy Motyka will be most informative. As a "Why Catholic?" parish our registrations have been paid. Call 857-6404 ext. 227 to indicate your interest in attending.

**Don't Miss Out!** The gifts to the parish this year, *Confessions of a Mega Church Pastor*, are still available. If, for whatever reason you missed out and did not receive a book, please take a copy found at all the entrances to the church. Enjoy with blessings for a more faith-filled year.

### Youth Notes:

Teen Center is open the weekend of January 21 & 22. We are in need of chaperons for junior high night and high school night. PARENTS: we need you! Please call the high school religious ed office (857-1500) to sign up and offer your chaperoning services!

Ice Skate with us! Jr. High & High School students – we are going ice skating at Champaign on January 29! We will be heading out at 11:30 am from the church parking lot & skating at the U of I. We'll also be going to Mass & then having pizza & a tour of the Newman Center. Cost of the day is just \$10 and it includes skating & pizza. Forms are available at the entrance of church or online.

HS Ski Trip is coming soon! We're heading to Paoli Peaks in Indiana on Presidents' Day, Feb 21. More information will be coming, but MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

## Religious Education News

**Attention...needed starting next week—Grade 2 Tuesday video supervisor from 8:00-8:45 on two Tuesdays a month (3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday) for grade 2A. If you can help, please call 857-6477 immediately...even if you can help temporarily. You will be given all the information you need.**

**Grade School**—Grade 3M and 3S will be viewing the Personal Safety Video in St. Clare Hall on Monday. Those who are not viewing the video should go into church for the Prayer Service with Grade 4. (Grade 3Y will be viewing the video on Mon., 1/23.)

**Grade 2** will be receiving information regarding their First Reconciliation and First Communion preparation this week. First Reconciliation is scheduled for Saturday, February 26. First Communion parent meetings are scheduled for Thursday, 3/10 and Monday, 3/14.

**Grade 4** students are preparing for their Winter Mission Bake Sale which is scheduled for Thursday, January 20. Notes for signing up to donate a "winter" decorated cake will be sent home this week. All students will receive announcements of the bake sale next week.

**Pre/Kdgn.** Sunday morning classes Epiphany Program will take place today. Parents are to drop children off at their regular class locations. Children will be escorted over to St. Clare Hall and enter church following the Communion. Parishioners and guests are asked to come to the front of church following the Mass for the presentation and to come to St. Clare Hall to enjoy refreshments following the presentation.

**Junior High-** Grade 7- 8 students have begun the new year right with only 8 students missing out of 110. Keep up the good attendance the rest of the semester!

**Grade 8** students have begun studying the topic—True Love --Abstinence Protects Everyone program.

**Grade 7** focused on "How to Get More Out of the Mass" in their first class back. They will be studying the first chapter on the series, What It Means to be Catholic. . . a Catholic is part of a Faith Community –local (parish) and larger (diocesan) and world-wide—Roman Catholic Church.

## High School Religious Ed

High School Religious Ed classes RESUME this Wednesday, January 12! Classes run from 7:20 – 8:30! Don't be late – classes will be good & you won't want to miss even a minute!

## CCW News

St. Francis CCW will hold their 1st meeting for the New Year on January 17th, 2011 at St. Clare Hall. Meeting time is 7:00 pm. Installation of the new officers will be held.

Angie Hotze, President  
June Grunloh, Vice-President  
Donna Niemerg, Treasurer  
Jane Vogt, Second Vice-President

Guest speaker for the evening will be Effingham County's 2010 Citizen of the Year, Rick Siemer. All ladies of the parish are invited to join us as Mr. Siemer shares his story as "Citizen of the Year." Please remember to drop off the dues to a CCW officer or at the parish office.

## Holy Name

The Men's Holy Name will meet on Monday, January 10th at 7:30 pm in the Museum Meeting Room. All are welcome to attend.

## A Retreat for Catholic Men

Jan. 21-22, 2011, Villa Maria Retreat Center, Springfield  
Come join other Catholic men to discuss issues of Christian living and to deepen your connection to Christ and His Church. The \$25 cost of the retreat includes overnight accommodations and meals. For more information, contact Deacon O'Toole at [potoole@dio.org](mailto:potoole@dio.org) or call 217-698-8500, ext. 121.

**Q.** At my grandson's baptism, the priest put a bib on the baby. I do not remember seeing this before. Why is this done? Is it something new?

**A.** When adults are baptized, there is a part in the ceremony when the newly baptized are vested in a white garment. It is symbolic of the changes that baptism brings in the life of the baptized as they are freed from the bonds of sin and brought into the saving grace of Christ. Realities that are so profound are symbolically presented so that we might better grasp and understand them.

Infants are often dressed in a baptismal dress, which is the baptismal garment. In some places, the bib is used as a kind of baptismal garment. At the place in the ceremony where the investiture takes place, the bib is used. Some are poncho-like and fit over the baby's head. Others are simply placed on the baby's chest. If the baby is dressed in a white garment, nothing else is needed. The prayer says it all: "See in your white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity...bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven." In baptism, we are given our purpose and goal in life as believers and this is symbolized by the white garment.

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## AN OFFERING OR A TIP?

God comes first, not last. Otherwise, we give Him only the leftovers after we have made sure that we have provided for our own comforts.

The principle of sacrificial giving is that our giving to God comes off the top of all that He has given us. Otherwise, some would say it is not a true offering, just a tip left at the table. Pray to be enabled to give generously.

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## *A Message from Anne Marie Brummer*

Fellowship of Catholic University Students  
Team Director at Indiana University—Purdue University  
Indianapolis

Thank you to all who have helped make a difference in college students' lives this year through prayer and financial support! Theresa is a senior at IUPUI who has truly been impacted through your support. I met Theresa last year and was immediately drawn to her bubbly personality. As a resident advisor and an honors student, Theresa seemed to have it all-together. Little did I know that she was in a serious relationship with an atheist and compromising many of her Catholic values. Coming from a strong Catholic background—a big family in a small German Catholic community—Theresa thought she was strong enough in her faith to be in a relationship with this man. However, his negativity soon infiltrated Theresa's world view, and she began questioning the existence of God in her life. Theresa rarely attended Sunday Mass and her circle of friends drastically changed. A few weeks ago, I spent the afternoon with Theresa and listened as she shared her story. She said that if it had not been for FOCUS, she may not have remained a Catholic, or much less, even believed in God. Just recently I went to Saturday daily Mass, and I saw Theresa sitting in a pew. I sat down next to her, and with tears in her eyes, she told me she had just gone to confession for the first time in three years! Theresa has become one of our strongest leaders on campus and is now filling out an application to join FOCUS staff next year upon graduation. Praise Him in all His goodness!

**Holy Humor...**The minister just had all of his teeth pulled and new dentures were being made. The 1st Sunday he only preached 10 minutes. The 2nd Sunday he preached only 20 minutes. But on the 3rd Sunday he preached 1 hour. When asked about this by some of the congregation, he responded this way. The 1st Sunday my gums were so sore it hurt to talk. The 2nd Sunday my dentures were hurting a lot. The 3rd Sunday, I accidentally grabbed my wife's dentures...and I couldn't stop talking.

## Right to Life Breakfast

Effingham County Right to Life will sponsor their 37th Annual Whole Hog Sausage and Egg Breakfast on Sunday, January 16th, 7:00 am to 12:30 pm in the Teutopolis Grade School Auditorium. Home-baked breads will be featured and carry-outs will be available. This is an "All You Can Eat" event.

Volunteers are needed to set up on Saturday beginning at 8:30 am or anytime on Sunday. Please call Mrs. Jack Koester at 217-857-3060. Donations of home-baked breads and sweet rolls would be greatly appreciated. Please join us in our crusade to save all lives—the unborn, the elderly and the disabled. All proceeds are used for educational purposes.

## 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.

## Cash Bingo

Cash Bingo will be held today, Sunday, January 9th, 2011 at Holy Cross Parish Center, Wendelin from 1-4 pm. 4 games for \$1.00. Cash prizes will be awarded. Concessions will be available. Public is welcome to attend. Bingo License #BL50057. Being sponsored by Family Life Committee.

## Card Party

St. Michael's the Archangel, Sigel will be hosting a card party on Sunday, January 16th in the Parish Gym. Games begin at 6:00 pm. Admission \$5.00. Cash prizes will be awarded and a light snack served during intermission. Please come and enjoy a fun night of playing cards with your family, friends, and neighbors. Everyone is welcome!

## Angel Food Ministry

Copies of the January, 2011 menu are on the table at the entrance to the parish offices. The last day to order is January 21st with pickup on January 29th.

## Prayer Vigil for Life

The January Prayer Vigil for Life will be held in the St. Anthony Memorial Hospital Chapel on Monday, January 17th. Fr. Ralph Zetzl will be celebrant and homilist for the 6:30 pm Mass. This evening will be dedicated to all of the participants in the Annual Washington March for Life and for the end to abortion and embryonic stem-cell research. Everyone is urged to join us in prayer.

## Healing the Grieving Heart

### An Adult Grief Support Program

The program consists of six sessions held on consecutive Monday evenings.

The next session begins January 17th through February 21st at 6:30 pm in the hospital auditorium. Pre-registration is required. Call St. Anthony's Community Relations at 347-1529 or visit the website at [www.stanthonyhospital.org](http://www.stanthonyhospital.org).

## Catholic Charities Benefit Dinner Dance

### Lights! Camera! Action!

Come enter the world of stardom and join us for an evening of glitz and glamour! Share the notoriety of this night, bring your friends along!

**Date:** Saturday, February 5, 2011

**Place:** Teutopolis K of C Hall

### Order of the Evening:

- 6:00 pm Social Hour
- 7:00 pm Dinner
- 8:00 pm Program, presentation of the annual Vineyard Award
- 9:00-11:30 pm Dancing to music of The Music Machine

**Ticket Price:** \$40.00/person

### Contributors Levels:

Seraphim \$1500—8 tickets & reserved table  
 Cherubim \$1000—6 tickets  
 Archangels \$500—4 tickets  
 Guardian Angels \$200—2 tickets  
 Angels \$40—1 ticket (Name will not be printed in Program)

Contact advisory board members Lisa Mette, Gregory Oseland, or Diane Siemer or call Catholic Charities for tickets.

Credit card donations accepted.

217-857-1458

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