

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Teutopolis, Illinois

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Sacramental Celebrations

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. John Eaton, OFM, Pastor

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March 10, 2013



4th Sunday of Lent

"His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'let us celebrate with a feast because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again.'" Lk 15:21-22a, 23b-24a

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Mass Schedule

Weekend Liturgy:

Saturday 5:30 pm

Sunday 7:00, 8:45, & 10:30 am

Weekday Liturgy:

See inside schedule

Holy Day Liturgy :

Eve 7:00 pm; Day 6:00 am, 8:05 am & 7:00 pm

From the Pastor

Eucharistic Day of Prayer. St. Francis of Assisi Church will be hosting a 40 Days for Life Eucharistic Day of Prayer on Friday, March 22. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place after the 8:05 Mass with the students. We need members to sign up to attend the Blessed Sacrament throughout the day. The sign-up sheets are available in the main entrance of the church. For those who cannot sign up for a full hour of prayer, it is still important to drop by during the day to spend some time in prayer in the Presence of the Blessed Sacrament. The day will close with Benediction at 6:30 followed by Stations of the Cross led by our high school students. Pro-Life prayer guides are at church entrances and daily devotionals are available at www.40daysforlife.com.

Life Advocacy Day. Our diocesan Life Advocacy Day is April 10, 2013. Bishop Paprocki has asked parishes to send at least two representatives. The representatives will meet at the Cathedral Atrium at 10:00 am for a prayer with the bishop as well as a briefing by Zach Wichmann. At 10:30, the reps from the various parishes will go to the Capitol to meet our elected representatives. The parish reps will need an ID. Lunch will follow at 12:30 pm at the Cathedral Atrium. If you are willing to represent our parish, please contact me or the parish office ASAP. We have to submit the names by March 12. Contact Angie Esker at 857-6276 for further information.

Conference. A national conference on Climate Change and the Common Good will take place April 8-10 at the University of Notre Dame.

This conference is a multidisciplinary exploration of the challenges and opportunities society faces in addressing climate change and resource scarcity. From scientists and ethicists to policy and national security experts, the three-day conference will bring together a diverse array of scholars and leaders to approach the complexities of climate disruption in a meaningful and productive way.

Conference organizers believe that the American Catholic community has the potential to make a unique contribution to the conversation surrounding the inherently social issues of energy use and climate change. Visit climatechange.nd.edu for the full agenda, travel details, and registration.

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 11, 12:10—Herman Runde
 Friday, March 15, 8:05—Herman Runde
 Saturday, March 16, 5:30—George Brumleve
 Sunday, March 17, 7:00—Wilma Funneman
 Sunday, March 17, 8:45—Chuck and Tудie Kreke

Prayer for the College of Cardinals, Electors of the Pope

Let us pray.

O Lord, ruler and guardian of your Church,
 pour out, we pray, upon your servants
 a spirit of truth, understanding and peace,
 that they may strive with all their heart
 to know what is pleasing to you
 and then pursue it with all their strength.
 Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, for ever and ever.

Amen

Holy Week Ministry Sign-Ups. If you are involved in a liturgical ministry (Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, and Ushers) and would like to volunteer your services at any of the Holy Week liturgies listed below, please sign up at the church's main entrance:

Holy Thursday, March 28th at 7:00 pm
 Good Friday, March 29th at 1:00 pm
 Easter Vigil, March 30th at 8:00 pm

Thank you so much for your time and consideration.
 Your service makes our liturgies special and complete!!

Please remember that if you are on the March schedule for either 7:00, 8:45 or 10:30 Masse, then you are “on” for Easter Sunday at those times. If you need to, please find a substitute.

With the papacy in the news here is a “maybe you didn’t know” fact: What does conclave mean? Conclave comes from the Latin words for “with a key” cum clave. The Cardinals are locked “with a key” in the Sistine Chapel to elect a new pope. Why locked? So the process of discernment involving prayer, discussion and information gathering can take place without interference from outside forces.

Keeping our weekly fast, here are some suggestions for this week:

- + Check your tire pressure. Low pressure means high fuel consumption.
- + Put a lid on it. That’s pans when cooking, and use a kettle to boil water.
- + Find out a new fact about climate change today. Amaze your friends.
- + Tell the Mailing Preference Service that you want to stop junk mail. Call 845-7034-599 or visit mpsonline.ork.ulk.
- + Turn your central heating thermostat down by one degree.

Liturgy Schedule Fourth Week of Lent March 11-17

Monday,	Mass at 6:15 am & 12:10 pm
Tuesday,	Mass at 6:15 & 8:05 am
Wednesday,	Mass at 6:15 & 8:05 am
Thursday,	Mass at 6:15 am & 12:10 pm
Friday,	Mass at 6:15 & 8:05 am
Saturday,	Mass at 5:30 pm
Sunday,	5th Sunday of Lent St. Patrick's Day Mass at 7:00, 8:45, 10:30 am

Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 15 - 7:00 pm

Confession Schedule

Saturday, March 16 - 3:30-4:30 pm

Liturgy of the Hours with Friars

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

Sing Along. St. Francis Singers and Friends will be singing at Evergreen Nursing Center on Wednesday, March 13th at 10:00 am.



Pray for the Sick

Please remember in your prayers: Cathy Green, Renae Roepke, Eddie Siemer, Cheryl Ann Huber, Chris Utz, Anna Habing, Jim Koester, Tom Vonderheide, Jack Hardiek, Toby McMahon, Janet (Kreke) Probst, Paula Spencer, Gary Vahling

Stewardship of Treasure

	<u>Sunday</u> 3/3/2013	<u>Total Fiscal</u> <u>Year</u>
314 Adult envelopes	\$8,379.50	\$311,905.00
Other	\$490.92	\$19,607.61
TOTAL	\$8,870.42	\$331,512.61
GOAL	\$9,900.00	\$356,400.00



Parish Calendar

Monday, March 11

- Protecting God's Children, 6:00-9:00 pm, St. Clare Hall
- Liturgy mtg., 7:00 pm, Museum Meeting Room

Tuesday, March 12

- RCIA, 6:00 pm, Museum Meeting room

Wednesday, March 13

- Children's Choir, 3:30-4:30 pm
- Teen Choir, 6:00 pm
- Jr. High and High School Religion, 7:20 pm
- Rosary, 8:00 pm, Chapel

Thursday, March 14

- Baptism Prep, 7:00 pm, St. Clare Hall

Friday, March 15

- Rosary, 9:30 am, Church and St. Clare Hall
- Stations of the Cross, 7:00 pm
- Teen Center open 7:30-10:00 for Jr. Hi.

Saturday, March 16

- Senior Retreat
- Search
- Confessions, 3:30-4:30 pm
- Ministry Sign ups

Sunday, March 17

- Senior Retreat
- Ministry Sign ups
- DeColores, 12:00-8:00 pm, Museum Mtg. Rm.
- Secular Franciscans, 2:00 pm, Church and St. Clare Hall
- Catholicism, 8:00 pm, St. Clare Hall

CCW News. The men of St. Francis Parish in Teutopolis are invited to breakfast hosted by the St. Francis CCW ladies immediately following the 8:45 Mass today, March 10th.

The CCW March meeting will be held on Monday, March 18 in St. Clare Hall at 7:00 pm. Allison Hotze will be the guest speaker telling of her recent mission trip aboard the Mercy Hospital ship along coastal Africa. Be sure to attend this interesting meeting.

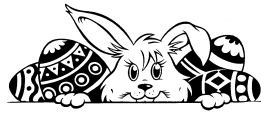
Men's Holy Name. No meeting tomorrow, March 11th for the Men's Holy Name.



Homebound Ministers

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound for Sunday, March 17th are Lenora Drees 857-3583 and Deb Runde 857-6281

Easter Day of Fun. Have things to do the day before Easter? Let us watch your kids ages 4 – 6th



On March 30, from 8:30 – 10:30 am, we'll have games, crafts, a snack, and an Easter Egg Hunt. All junior high, high school students and older are invited to come share in this fantastic day of Easter fun! Drop off will be at the TGS Grade school gym. Registrations are available online or at the entrance of church.

Catholic Charities would like to thank our parish for the generous response to their request of food donations for the Catholic Charities Food Pantry. Thanks for being so supportive at a time of need. God Bless!

Second Hand Rose Resale Shoppe will be closed March 9-12 to clean and restock. Second Hand Rose will reopen on Wednesday, March 13 at 10:00 am with all new Spring/Summer clothing, shoes and accessories. The store will close at noon on Thursday, March 28 to observe Holy Thursday, then remain closed through the Easter weekend.

Quote from *Porta Fidei*. The Church, 'like a stranger in a foreign land, presses forward amid the persecutions of the world and the consolations of God', announcing the cross and death of the Lord until he comes (cf. 1 Cor 11:26). But by the power of the risen Lord it is given strength to overcome, in patience and in love, its sorrow and its difficulties, both those that are from within and those that are from without, so that it may reveal in the world, faithfully, although with shadows, the mystery of its Lord until, in the end, it shall be manifested in full light."

Pope Benedict XVI, *Porta Fidei* ("On the Year of Faith"), no. 6

Youth Notes. Diocesan Youth Conference for high school students will be held on March 15 & 16 at the Lake Williamson Christian Conference Center in Carlinville, IL. The theme is "Go, therefore and make disciples of all nations." Oddwalk Ministries will provide music and entertainment for the weekend (Remember the song, "Just because you can, doesn't mean you should"? Yes! That's from them!) Breakout sessions, prayer opportunities and Mass with the Bishop are part of this conference. Registration forms and more information are available online at the diocesan website listed under offices/youth and young adult ministry.

Teen Center is open next Friday night, March 15 for junior high students from 7:30 – 10:00 pm. Chaperons are Tom and Pam Hemmen (please pick up the key), Angie & Rich Hartke, and Kevin & Amy Ruholl.

Religious Education News

Grade School. Monday, March 11, Sacrament of Reconciliation for grades 5S & 4S.

Thursday, March 14, Sacrament of Reconciliation for grades 6C & 6H.

Grade 2 Parents. Please mark your calendars for the First Communion Parent meeting on Monday, March 18 or Thursday, March 21, in the Museum Dining Room from 7:00 (pick up materials) to 8:15. Please complete the forms your child received stating which meeting you will be attending and return by March 15. Thank you.

Gr. 1-6 have received a handout and prayer sheet on the election of the pope. Please share with your child.

Pre/Kdgn. Our closing program for the Pre/Kdgn. is today. Please bring children to the usual class location in the Museum Dining Room. Children will process into Church after Communion. Following the short program in church, please proceed to St. Clare Hall for refreshments. All family members, friends, parishioners are invited. Children may join the other children for the "Liturgy of the Word" in St. Clare hall during the 5:30 p.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses

Junior High. Grade 7 students who signed up will be preparing for the Silhouette Stations of the Cross which will take place in church on Friday, March 15, at 7:00 p.m. Grade 7 students view the Bible Timeline Series (Lesson 4). Grade 8 students continue their study of Theology of the Body and view the video (Lesson 5).

High School Religious Ed. SENIORS: The senior retreat will be held on March 16 & 17! Your senior retreat information should've been received in the mail last week! It will be a fantastic experience – one you won't want to miss! If you haven't sent in your form to reserve your spot, please do so as soon as possible! It will have great discussions, fun activities, meaningful faith opportunities and awesome food!

High School students are hosting Stations of the Cross on March 22! We are looking for people to read or sing for this prayer time! Please call the high school religious ed office to sign up (857-1500).

Church Picnic News. We have started reviewing the Church Picnic Workers List for 2013. The Church Picnic will be Sunday, July 14, 2013. If there are any changes that need to be made please contact Diana Althoff 857-6213 or Scott Brumleve 857-1307. Thank you.

March is Ministry Sign-Up Month

It's that time of year again . . . time to prepare the liturgical ministry schedules and fill religious ed roles. Ministry sign-up forms will be in the pews on the Sunday, March 17. If you are currently serving in some liturgical capacity, the liturgy committee presumes you are willing to continue. **If so, no need to fill out the form. If you do not wish to continue or if you need to change the time(s) or ministry, please call the parish office at 857-6404 by March 31. Also, please notify the parish office if your phone number has changed since last year's sign-up period.**

If you are interested in becoming a part of the liturgy celebration by joining a ministry, **NOW IS THE TIME!** If you are currently serving in the religious ed program, we presume you will continue in your particular role next year. If not, please indicate on the form. If you are interested in helping with the religious ed program, please call 857-6477 (grade school/jr. high) or 857-1500 (high school).

Take the time to look over the form. Fill it out and return it by: dropping it in the Sunday collection basket, bringing it to the parish office, or mailing it to the parish office. If you have any questions about the ministry or which ministry you would like to be a part of, contact the parish office. All forms need to be returned by March 31. Thank you!!

40 Days For Life. *He emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, He humbled himself and became obedient to death, even death on a cross.* Philippians 2:7-8

There is no limit to what we can accomplish when we don't care who gets the credit. Jesus Christ's life on earth exemplifies a total submission to the will of the Father. His humility, compassion, gentleness and thoughtfulness are reflected over and over again in the New Testament. He was God incarnate, yet He chose to be born to a humble, working-class home. And, at the end of His life on earth, by dying on the cross, He opened the door to eternal life for those who heed his words and follow in his footsteps.

Please continue your prayers and fasting for life. **245 babies** (and their mothers, of course) have been spared from abortion so far during this international campaign—that we know of!

Prayer. O Lord, help us follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Let us humbly and diligently work to restore legal protection for the unborn, the disabled, the medically dependent and all innocent children of God whose lives are threatened. Amen

Love Caring for Children? The Family Life Center is very much in need of those willing to babysit for the children of moms who attend Parenting Connection classes on Wednesdays from 1:15—3:30 pm. Several months ago, the Family Life Center added another class time to meet the needs of mothers who desired to attend parenting classes, but needed different mentoring than the 'teen' moms. We want to provide child care for these moms at the Family Life Center so they can come to the Parenting meetings each week. If interested in serving in this pro-life effort, please contact the Family Life Center at 342-5433.

Prayer Vigil for Life. St. Michael's, Sigel, will host the March 18th Prayer Vigil for Life. Rosary begins at 6:00 pm, Mass at 6:30 with meeting following.

Spiritual Renewal in the 'Year of Faith'

Have fun making new friends by attending a De Colores weekend at rustic Camp Walter Scott just south of Effingham. Deepen your faith by listening to inspiring talks, participating in the Sacraments, and learning about God's mission for your life. This three-day experience will emphasize piety, study and action with a biblical foundation. The men's weekend is April 11-14 and will be led by Rick Siemer (ph # 217-254-3839). The women's weekend is April 18-21 and will be led by Diane Siemer (ph# 217-857-3839). For more information and to register, call Rick & Diane or Mary Sur (217-347-2003) or John & Kathy Adams (618-483-5381).

Effingham Deanery Council of Catholic Women

will hold their spring meeting on Friday, March 15th at St. Anthony's in Effingham, beginning at 6:00 pm in church with Stations of the Cross. The meeting will be in the Parish Hall immediately following. Guest speaker will be Very Rev. David J. Hoefler, V.F., Pastor of St. Anthony Parish speaking about his mission trip to Haiti and "Year of Faith—Carry Christ into your Community." We invite all parishes of our deanery to send representatives from their women's groups to share in an evening that will support, empower, and educate us in spirituality, leadership and service, calling us to a deeper and more active faith. As a special treat we will be having a Catholic Book Sale!! Bring a good book or two you would like to donate, and leave with something new to read. If you have any questions, please contact President Judy Repking at repmail@frontiernet.net or call 217-536-9301. Be a friend and bring a friend.

RCIA continues with sessions on Sunday morning after the 8:00am Mass at St. Isidore and Tuesday evenings in the museum meeting room at 7:00 pm. Our candidates rely on your prayerful support, especially during Lent.

Reflection

This man welcomes sinners and eats with them. Luke 15:2

Jesus clearly got under the skin of the Pharisees. They did not understand him and were threatened by him. While Jesus was comfortable including all types of people in his circle—saints and sinners—the Pharisees were busy putting up barriers to inclusiveness. You can just see them off in a corner gossiping about Jesus and the company he kept, their holier-than-thou attitudes on full display.

While I can feel a bit smug with regard to the Pharisees, I know I can fall into the same trap of drawing conclusions about people with limited information. They probably won't be Galilean fishermen or lepers or tax collectors. But they could be a neighbor with an alcohol problem, a troubled teen, an ex-convict, a long-lost family member—people and sinners deserving of our forbearance rather than a harsh judgment. Taking a cue from Jesus, maybe sharing a meal is a far better way toward understanding others than carping from the sidelines.

Paul Pennick

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Adopt a Cardinal

Click on this link: www.adoptacardinal.org to choose and support a Cardinal by your prayers, that the Holy Spirit may guide him in choosing a new successor of Peter.

The Annual Right to Life Rummage Sale

will be Thursday & Friday, March 14 & 15 in the Effingham KC Hall. Please bring your useable items on Wednesday, March 13, from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Please note that **NO** TV's, computers, or printers will be accepted. Sale hours are 7:00 am to 5:00 pm on Thursday and 7:00 am to 3:00 pm on Friday. Volunteers needed on Wednesday and to pack leftovers on Friday at 3:00 pm. Men volunteers would be greatly appreciated to lift heavy cartons. \$3.00 bag sale all day Friday. Call 217-857-3060 for more information.

German Party. The German Dinner is back! On March 10th at 12:00 noon, the German Dinner will be held at the KC Hall in Teutopolis. All members, age 55 and older, of Teutopolis Council 2874 are cordially invited to this gala affair. The members, the widows of members, and the wives or sweethearts of members are invited. Members who can donate wine should bring it to the KC Hall prior to the event.

Holy Humor... The one person to watch if you plan to save money is yourself.

Around the Area

Sacred Heart, Lillyville, will host its **annual breakfast** on Sunday, March 10th, from 7:00 am to 12:00 noon. Whole hog sausage, ham, pancakes, eggs, rolls, coffee, milk, and juice will be served. There will also be a Country Store with baked goods, quilt raffle, 50/50 raffle, and CYO raffle. Large plate is \$6.00, Small plate is \$4.00. Handicapped parking is available, and the parish hall is wheelchair accessible.

St. Mary of the Assumption, Neoga will host their **annual soup supper** on Sunday, March 10, serving 11:00 am to 6:00 pm in Assumption Hall. Cost is \$6 for a large meal and \$4 for a small meal. There will be a basket raffle, as well as a general raffle. Everyone is welcome to attend.

St. Isidore Parish, Dieterich, will host their annual **Spring Breakfast** on Sunday, March 17 at St. Aloysius Parish Center, Bishop Creek. Serving from 7:00 am—12:00 pm. There will also be a country store and a quilt raffle.

Teutopolis Knights of Columbus will host a **soup supper** on Sunday, March 17, 3:00-7:30 pm at the KC Hall. Featuring Irish Sauerkraut Soup and other soups along with hamburgers, porkburgers and hot dogs. A raffle will also be held. Proceeds will benefit the upkeep of the KC grounds.

Golden Circle Nutrition Program will host a **card party** on Sunday, March 17th, 6:00 pm at the Dieterich Civic Center. Solo, Pinochle, Pitch and Dominoes will be played. Light lunch served and prizes awarded.

St. Michael's, Sigel will host a **card party** on Sunday, March 17th, at 6:00 pm. Admission: \$5. Cash prizes will be awarded, and light snacks will be available during intermission.

Holy Cross Parish, Wendelin will host a **Longaberger Basket Bingo** on Sunday, March 17th at the Parish Center. Doors open at 12:00 pm. Games begin at 1:00 pm. 50/50 drawing and door prizes. Sandwiches and homemade desserts will be available for purchase. Event sponsored by Family Life Committee of Holy Cross Church.

Mother of Dolors Church, Vandalia will host a **St. Patrick's Day Corn Beef and Cabbage Dinner** on Sunday, March 17th at the Parish Center. Serving 11:00 am—2:00 pm. Also a traditional Country store will have delicious baked goods, decorative items and crafts.

Lost & Found A gold coin was found in the back vestibule on Thursday. Please call the front office to identify it and claim it.