

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Teutopolis, Illinois

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Submit written bulletin notices by noon Monday.

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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

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The tempter approached and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread.” He said in reply, “it is written: *One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.*”

Mt 4:3-4

What am I doing for Lent this year?

Choose a quiet place and allow yourself some time to read from the Gospel of Matthew chapter 6 verses 1-6 and 16-18. We hear this text every year on Ash Wednesday. Drawn from the Sermon on the Mount, it presents Jesus' practical advice about the spiritual life. He expects his followers to engage in 3 spiritual practices: prayer, fasting and almsgiving or works of charity. We are disciples of Jesus, and we can follow him in the same way.

As you journey this Lent concentrate on all three practices. They support one another. Praying will strengthen you for fasting and deepen your charity. Fasting will soften your heart for charity and quiet your spirit for prayer. Performing works of charity will give your fasting purpose and concentrate your prayer.

The celebration of the Sunday Eucharist is the source and summit of the entire spiritual life. It supports everything else. If your commitment to participating in the Sunday Eucharist is at all weak, a resolution to strengthen it belongs at the top of your list.

Do you prepare yourself for the Sunday liturgy each week? Do you read the scriptures beforehand so you can listen to them more attentively? Do you arrive early and stay for the end? Do you meet with friends to talk about the week's scripture or last week's homily? Do you meditate during the week, perhaps before the Blessed Sacrament?

What times of day work best for you to pray? — mornings? evenings? meals?
With whom do you pray? Does your family pray together? Do you gather with friends? Do you prefer time alone?

How do you pray? Have you tried different forms of prayer? Lent is a good time to cherish the old and learn something new: reading a scripture passage slowly and prayerfully, meditative singing or chanting, the rosary, litanies, praying spontaneously or sitting alone or with others in deep, rich silence.

What is a reasonable goal for prayer you could set this Lent?

Cemetery Clean-Up

Please remove any grave blankets, flowers, statues, etc. which are not attached to headstones and which you want to keep. Ron will be rolling the ground and cleaning up the cemetery on favorable weather days in the very near future. Thanks for your speedy attention to this matter. Let's help keep our cemetery beautiful!

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

I wish to thank you for your kind words, prayers, cards, flowers and expressions of sympathy on the occasion of the death of my brother, Art. He was a good man, and I will miss him. May the Lord grant him eternal peace. I thank also, my staff and my brother friars for their prayers and support at a most difficult time. God has called three of my siblings in less than a year. Let us pray for one another during this holy season of Lent. May we all grow closer to God and love one another more fully. Remember, we can make a difference in the world, but it begins with ourselves. Have a blessed Lent!

Peace, Love, Joy,

Fr. Austin

Ministry Sign-Up Time

It's that time of year again . . . time to fill religious ed. roles and prepare the liturgical ministry schedules. Ministry sign-up forms will be in the pews on the Sundays of Mar. 20, Mar. 27, and Apr. 3. The religious ed. Program is in desperate need of teachers. This program cannot work without more assistance. Please give serious thought to the possibility of teaching a religion class and see if you can't find some way to help.

If you are currently serving in some liturgical ministry 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 April 30th. 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!!** 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 teaching of religious ed., any liturgical ministry, or of any ministry of which you would like to be involved, contact the parish office. All forms need to be returned by April 30th. Thank you!!!

Holy Humor...A man wanted a boat more than anything. His wife kept saying no, but he bought one anyway. "I'll tell you what," he told her. "In the spirit of compromise, why don't you name the boat?" Being a good sport, she accepted. When her husband went to the dock for the boat's maiden voyage, he saw painted on the side, "For Sale."

Liturgy Schedule

1st Week of Lent

March 14-20

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,	St. Patrick Mass at 6:15 am & 12:10 pm
Friday,	St. Cyril of Jerusalem Mass at 6:15 & 8:05 am
Saturday,	St. Joseph Mass at 5:30 pm
Sunday,	2nd Sunday of Lent Mass at 7:00, 8:45, 10:30 am

Confession Schedule

Saturday, March 19 - 3:30-4:30 pm

Liturgy of the Hours with Friars

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

Question of the Week

Notice how Jesus uses the Scriptures in dealing with temptation. Why are they effective?

Gen. 2:7-9, 3:1-7 Rms. 5:12-19 Mt. 4:1-11

Men's Holy Name

The Holy Name will meet on Monday, March 14th, 7:30 pm in the Museum Meeting Room.



Pray for the Sick

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

Stewardship of Treasure

	<u>Sunday</u> 3/6/2100	<u>Total Fiscal</u> <u>Year</u>
339 Adult envelopes	\$12,424.00	\$289,601.00
Other	629.10	21,263.53
TOTAL	\$13,053.10	\$310,864.53
GOAL	\$9,900.00	\$256,400.00



Parish Calendar

Monday, March 14

- First Communion Parent mtg., 7:15 pm, Museum Dining Room
- Men's Holy Name mtg., 7:30 pm, Museum Meeting Room

Wednesday, March 16

- Children's Choir, 3:30 pm
- Jr. High and High School Religion, 7:20 pm

Thursday, March 17

- Bible Study, 10:00 am, St. Clare Hall
- Monastery Museum mtg., 7:00 pm, Museum Meeting Room
- Adult Choir, 7:00 pm

Friday, March 18

- Rosary, 9:30 am, Church and St. Clare
- Stations of the Cross, 7:00 pm

Saturday, March 19

- Senior Retreat
- Confessions, 3:30-4:30 pm

Sunday, March 20

- Senior Retreat
- Ministry Sign-ups
- Secular Franciscans meet, 2:00 pm, Church
- Parish Council new member party, Museum Dining Room

CCW—Men's Breakfast

This Sunday, March 13th, the men of the parish are invited to breakfast immediately following the 8:45 Mass.

St. Francis CCW will hold its March meeting

on March 21st, 7:00 pm in St. Clare Hall. Guest speaker for the evening will be Shelise Parsley—Peace Corps. Fellow. All ladies of the parish are invited!

BIBLE STUDY will continue to meet the 1st and 3rd Thursday of March. The next gathering on March 17th in St. Clare Hall at 10:00 a.m. will be *Return from Exile and Maccabean Revolt*.



Homebound Ministers

Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound for Sunday, March 20th are: Lenora Drees 857-3583, Betty Koeberlein 342-3204, Sharon Brummer 857-6092

“Why Catholic?” groups are meeting for the second half of *Life in Christ*. There is still time for anyone desiring to join a group. Please call Sr. Pierre 857-6404 ext. 227 for materials.

Parish Picnic

St. Francis Parish Picnic plans have begun! The officers of our Men’s Holy Name and St. Francis CCW are in the process of updating our parish picnic list. If you currently do not have a job, need a job change, or have a daughter or son who is no longer a member of our parish, please contact Steve Gillespie 857-6054 or Angie Hotze 857-3939 with this information. It is important to make the needed changes before the picnic list goes to print. Thank you!

40 Days For Life

Please join in the prayer and fasting campaign to end abortion this Lenten season. Your prayers and sacrifices for the intention of ending abortion will add strength to those who are sacrificing their time to pray in front of abortion clinics across our nation. NINE abortion centers where past 40 Days for Life prayer vigils have been conducted are now CLOSED. If interested in traveling to pray at an abortion clinic at Granite City, Springfield, or Champaign, check <http://40daysforlife.com/location.cfm> for further details. Anyone interested in traveling with local volunteers to Champaign Planned Parenthood to pray on Mondays may contact Angie at 857-6276 for more info.

Teutopolis Catholic Daughters of Americas

Court #1711 will hold its monthly meeting on March 22nd, TUESDAY, (*note change*) at 7:30 pm. The Court is invited to the Effingham meeting on March 14th at 7:00 pm. If you are planning on attending, please call Carla at 857-1032.

Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

Effingham Deanery—Day of Recollection
March 26, 2011 to be held at The Cross in Effingham. The day will begin at 8:30 am with a Mass, followed by coffee and refreshments. The retreat, “Bread for the Journey” will be given by Maureen Broecker of Effingham. Maureen has a degree in Theology, has been a DRE, taught HS Religion, and has much to share. The activities will be finished by 11:30 am. All ladies are welcome.

Teutopolis Park District is sponsoring a Volleyball Program for 3rd & 4th Grade Girls of Unit 50, April 4,5,6, 3:30-5 pm, TGS Gym. Sign-up deadline is March 29th.

Religious Education News

Grade School- Parents of Grade 2 children...

First Communion Meeting---Monday-7:15-8:30 in Museum Dining Room.

Kdgn./Pre Sunday morning religion classes take place in the grade school cafeteria area during the 10:30 Mass. Besides the Lenten theme, this class focuses on two great saints—St. Patrick and St. Joseph

Junior High— 6:30 to 7:15—Silhouette stations group meet in the cafeteria for final practice. On Friday, March 18, silhouette stations group will meet at Church at 5:00. Coordination of all the parts will take place until 6:45. Stations begin at 7:00. Teen Center will be open after the Stations of the Cross.

Grade 8- When attendance bell sounds, boys will meet in classroom first for attendance... those students who have not turned in their permission slip to attend the Family Life Center will go to the Library for class...those who turned in their permission slips will be told which vehicle they will be riding in. Group 1 will leave first; Group 2 will leave shortly after. Grade 8 girls will go to their usual classroom areas.

Grade 7- will continue their study of the characteristics of being Catholic.

HS Religious Ed

Seniors: It’s not too late to sign up for the Senior Retreat! Go on retreat with us on March 19 & 20 & chill with your friends & with God for 2 days. It’s an awesome time & one you won’t want to miss! Call the HS Religious Ed office to reserve your spot!

Freshmen: Welcome to My World is on March 27 from 12:45 – 4 pm at the TGS Gym. We are in need of 10 parent volunteers for this Confirmation preparation requirement!

Youth Notes:

Teen Center is open on March 18 for Junior High following the Silhouette Stations. Attend stations & then come hang out at the Teen Center! Teen Center will be closed on March 19.

Because of the HS Play, the Bowling night has been moved to April 1. We will attend Stations as a group at 7 & then head over to the bowling alley for some fierce competition! Forms will be available online & in the entrance of church.

Diocesan Youth Days will be held on April 15 & 16 for high school students. Check out the youth days on the diocesan website – dio.org!

Family Corner

One of the “fun” things to do during Lent that you may not have taken time to do before is reading. As a family you may want to initiate **DEAR** time.

Drop Everything and Read is a great way to replace some of the TV shows, computer games or other time consuming things we do outside of Lent.

Reading aloud from the Bible or from a Catholic classic could foster family conversation regarding the faith. An important piece of reading is talking about what you have read. This might be the most important part of your DEAR time.

I know some say, “I’m not a reader.” I say, “Then an added dimension to the reading is the sacrifice of doing it anyway, after all, it is Lent.”

Here are some suggestions:

For the younger set: The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein, Swimmy by Leo Lionni or any of the Rainbow Fish adventures by Marcus Pfister.

For middle graders: A Mirror to Nature: Poems about reflection by Jane Yoland, any book on the Lives of the Saints or Toes by Tor Siedler

For the high school set: Diary of Anne Frank, Extraordinary Origins of Everyday Things, or The Invasion of Sandy Bay by Anita Sanchez

For adults: A Tree Full of Angels: Seeing the Holy in the Ordinary by Macrina Wiederkehr, Confessions of a Mega-Church Pastor by Allen Hunt or Three Cups of Tea by Greg Mortensen.

Don’t forget: The Bible contains wonderful stories that, when read aloud, touch the heart and have the potential to change it. (Don’t worry about pronouncing the names correctly, do the best you can, they don’t care.)

The Story of the fiery furnace Daniel 3:1-97

The Story of Esther All 10 chapters of the Book of Esther

Samson & Delilah Judges 16: 1-31

Noah & the Ark Genesis 6:5 to 8:22

Daniel in the lion’s den Daniel 6:1-29

You know many more. I hope you have a DEAR night. Blessings on your readings.

Socials

Brunch at St. Mary’s, Ste Marie today, 8 am until noon.

Soup Supper at St. Mary’s Neoga, today, 3 to 6:30 pm.

Spring Breakfast at St. Aloysius Parish Center, Bishop, March 20th, 7 am to noon.

CONFIRMATION of adults will be done by Bishop Paprocki on Pentecost Sunday, June 12th this year. A bishop is the only one with authority to confirm. Our former bishop delegated that authority to pastors so that an adult that desired Confirmation could be confirmed without being part of the high school Confirmation class. Bishop Paprocki desires to confirm adults himself. Please call Sr. Pierre for more details 857-6404 ext. 227.

As stated in the February 20th bulletin, beginning this Sunday, March 13th, the minister of the Body of Christ by the St. Joseph altar (west side) will bring the Eucharist to the back of Church. This accommodation is intended for those who are hindered by some disabling condition from walking up the aisle to receive Holy Communion. Those wishing to receive Holy Communion should stand (if able) or signal in some way to get the attention of the minister of the Eucharist. The minister of the Eucharist will go down the west aisle, across the back and return by way of the east aisle.

Discovering Franciscan Spirituality

At one time in his 84 years of life span John Paul II made the choice to become a Secular Franciscan. Knowing this about him, one can conclude that he had an appreciation for the teachings and examples of St. Francis. This most recent pope will become known as Blessed John Paul II on May 1st.

Local Secular Franciscans invite Catholics active in the Church and who are 18 years of age or older to attend an orientation/inquiry gathering on March 20, 2011 at 1:00 pm in St. Clare hall in Teutopolis. Benediction begins at 2:00 pm in St. Francis Church.

For further information, telephone Fr. Ken at 857-6404 or Jim Weis at 857-3491.

The March 21st Prayer Vigil for Life will be hosted by St. Thomas Church, Newton, Rosary will begin at 6 pm, Mass at 6:30pm. The 7:30 business meeting will follow in the parish center. All are invited.

Attention Engaged Couples!

Sacred Heart Parish Pre-Cana will be Saturday, April 9, from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm at the Sacred Heart Parish Center. Contact the parish office at 347-7177 to register.

RCIA meets after the 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Rose in Montrose. This week we celebrate the Rite of Election and Felicia Weemer is presented to Bishop Paprocki in Springfield. Please continue to keep all catechumens and candidates in prayer during this Lenten season

Minutes from the Feb. 24th Parish Council Meeting

Present: Fr. Austin, Fr. Vernon, Tina Brumleve, Terry Meyer, Steve Witges, Doug Mette, Sandy Fisher, John Bushur, Jodie Pruemmer, Tammy Willenborg, Bruce Buhnerkempe, Louise Sheehan. Absent: Fr. Ken, Jack Hardiek

The meeting was opened with prayer. Minutes from the January 27th meeting were reviewed and approved.

Finance: Doug Mette

January financials were reviewed and approved.

The council discussed the need for training for the defibrillator that we will be placing in the church. More discussion will take place at the next meeting.

Building and Grounds: John Bushur

Nothing to report

Liturgy: Bruce Buhnerkempe

Ash Wednesday is March 9th--Masses at 6:00 A.M., 12:10 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. Prayer service with distribution of ashes at 8:05 for grades 3,4,5,&6 and the public.

Weekday Masses during Lent will be 6:15 A.M. Mon. thru Fri. On Mon. and Thurs. Mass at 12:10 P.M.

Stations of the Cross on Fridays of Lent at 7:00 P.M.

Ministry sign-ups will be March 20th and 27th and April 3rd.

Religious Ed--Louise Sheehan

Grade 6 had a good bake sale on Feb. 23rd and collected \$946.00. The recipients are the poorest children of Southern India, a School of Sisters of Notre Dame-sponsored mission school. The money will provide food, uniforms, housing and education for children without homes or living away from their homes. God bless and thanks to the parents, children and catechists, Mass supervisors, classroom teachers and helpers. Congratulations 6th grade students.

Registration for next year will be in two weeks. Envelopes will be mailed out to all parents who have children enrolled in the religion program along with the report sheets for children in grades 3 to 8 and volunteer forms to help in the religion program. The new registration form will ask parents to fill out ONE FAMILY REGISTRATION FORM which will be kept on file until the child/children complete 6th grade. There will be new forms yearly for Grade 1 and Grade 7 and for new students/families from outlying areas who are planning to enroll their children in the Teutopolis religion program or if the family has a change of address or phone number. Every year VOLUNTEER sheets will be sent home asking parents to sign up to help in the programs for the coming year. If registration forms are not returned during April or before the new year begins, follow-up by phone or mail will continue. Registration forms on-line will also be provided.

VOLUNTEERING to help in the daily religion program is still a CRITICAL ISSUE. Besides volunteering to teach on a one-day, two-day, or a 3 day plan, regularly, volunteers are needed to sub one or more times during the year. If every parishioner who has 1 day off a week would call in and let us know at the beginning of the week or month the day/s they will not be working and we would have a complete roster of persons--about 3 persons for subbing on any given day, we would have our substitution problems solved. DOES ANYONE ELSE HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS? if so, call Sr. Ann--857-6477/3015.

Adult Education

"Why Catholic" is beginning the week of March 6 th. Any group can begin at any time. Anyone interested can join any group. Monday, April 4th the "Why Catholic" retreat is being held here in church. We are looking for a few couples to stay after the retreat for an hour of training so they can give retreats. Anyone interested call Sr. Ann Pierre
RCIA catechemen, Felicia Weemer will be going to Springfield on Sunday March 13th to be presented to the Bishop. Remember her in our prayers.

Information regarding the upcoming changes in responses at Mass will be presented in the upcoming months.

Fr. Austin will be sending out a Lenten letter to parishioners here and St. Rose.

Our parish day of prayer will be held Sunday, March 6th.

Stewardship--Tammy Willenborg

5 New families welcomed into the parish.

New parish council members are Kay McMahon, Deb Niebrugge and Jim Apke.

The process of the parish council election was reviewed and possible ways and options were discussed for the future.

Ron Probst was present at the meeting and presented the council members with the challenges and the future of the Church in general and in our Church (St. Francis of Assisi). He also reported on a feedback regarding Mass times.

The party for the new parish council members will be held March 20th.

Meeting was closed with prayer. The next Parish Council Meeting will be Thursday, March 24th.

Louise Sheehan, Secretary