

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.

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Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him.

Mt 17:1-3

What am I doing for Lent this year?

This week we will expand a little more on the idea of fasting. Think of how to take good care of your body which is a temple of the Holy Spirit. What do you eat and drink from which you should abstain? Is it time to lock the liquor cabinet, clip shut the bags of chips, tape closed the chocolates and purge the freezer of treats? What choices can you make in solidarity with the poor? For example, choose grains and vegetables in place of animal foods. Prepare simple foods yourself. Learn to love these gifts of the earth and work of human hands. Make a meatless soup or vegetable salad every week. Take time to marvel at earth's goodness.

Can you save your appetite for the times when everyone can sit down together? Can you eliminate snacking or omit a meal or two each week? A little hunger will place you in solidarity with the poor of this world.

Fasting and abstaining will put you in touch with your body and its cravings, help you identify with the poor and hungry, strengthen your resolve, clear your thinking and make you more attentive to prayer and more thoughtful of others. Condition your body as you condition your soul. Include exercise as part of your Lenten regimen and enhance the effects of your Lenten diet.

If you give time to reading, prayer and good works where will the time come from? Do you need to fast from time spent in front of screens? Television, computers, phones and so many other digital devices demand a lot of attention. They make a genuine contribution to life but they often serve our craving for distraction.

Do you listen to the radio or your favorite tunes at home or in the car? Do you block out the rest of the world with headphones and earbuds? Perhaps you can shut off the electronics and listen to the natural sounds of the world inside and outside your home. You may also come to a greater appreciation for silence.

How might you reduce your carbon footprint? Can you drive less on the road and switch off unused appliances at home. How about hanging wet laundry out on a line instead of using the dryer? Try purchasing locally grown food. How might you reduce excessive use of hot water at home?

This week, let's get creative with our fasting! I can't wait!

Dear Parishioners,

Several times parishioners have asked about the time of our Mass schedule and singing at the Masses. It seems to them that when their particular wish is not granted, we are not listening to them or simply ignoring them. This is not the truth, for I have discussed this matter with the priests, parish staff and parish council. I am told that a good number of parishioners go to Sigel on Sunday morning for the six-thirty Mass. I understand there is not music, and it is quicker than our Masses. They probably won't read this information but you can share it with them. The problem is that there is no perfect time that fits everyone's schedule. Do you realize that there are 30 different Mass schedules on a weekend for you to choose from in this area. I doubt if there is any other place in the country which has such a range to make a choice for their convenience. I just can't please everyone now, can I?

Do we go to Mass hoping it is short and quick and easy? Or do we come to worship our God with our fellow parishioners as a family? I thought our faith was built on solid rock! How many hours are there in a week? There are one hundred and sixty-eight hours, I believe, and we don't have one hour to give to God?

I believe we come as a family to pray for one another, be a source of strength and support and inspiration for each other.

The Church encourages us to sing and pray together as one voice to the Father in order that we may bring Glory and Praise to Our God. We need to listen to the words of the song and the Mass itself, and think about what message God is sending to our hearts and souls. We should be proud and happy that we have received the gift of our Catholic faith, and show to our children by word and deed what a blessing it is to be a Catholic.

Please remember there are two sides to every question! And I can't please everyone. I will continue to monitor the situation.

In the meantime, let us pray for one another and have a good Lenten time together. I thank you for your suggestions, and I will continue to share our common goal, that is, the best time and way to honor our Father in heaven.

Peace, Love, Joy,
Fr. Austin

Adult Confirmation by Bishop Paprocki will be held on Pentecost Sunday this year in Springfield. Any adult (18 years and older) baptized Catholic who has not been confirmed and desires to receive that sacrament, please contact Sr. Pierre for additional information. 857-6404 ext. 227.

"Why Catholic?" groups for Lent continue to meet. Anyone desiring to belong to a group can simply call Sr. Pierre 857-6404 ext. 227 and materials will be provided.

Liturgy Schedule

2nd Week of Lent

March 21-27

Monday,	Mass at 6:15 am & 12:10 pm
Tuesday,	Mass at 6:15 & 8:05 am
Wednesday,	St. Toribio de Mogrovejo Mass at 6:15 & 8:05 am
Thursday,	Mass at 6:15 am & 12:10 pm
Friday,	Annunciation of the Lord Mass at 6:15 & 8:05 am
Saturday,	Mass at 5:30 pm
Sunday,	3rd Sunday of Lent Mass at 7:00, 8:45, 10:30 am

Confession Schedule

Saturday, March 26 - 3:30-4:30 pm

Liturgy of the Hours with Friars

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

Question of the Week

Do you believe that people today are called to the same degree of trust & hope as some of the biblical figures? Do you have similar stories about “ordinary” people?

Gen. 12:1-4

II Timothy 1:8-10

Mt. 17:1-9



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>	<u>Total Fiscal</u>
	<u>3/13/2011</u>	<u>Year</u>
325 Adult envelopes	\$8,004.00	\$297,605.00
Other	<u>518.03</u>	<u>21,781.56</u>
TOTAL	\$8,522.03	\$319,386.56
GOAL	\$9,900.00	\$366,300.00

Central/Eastern Europe (Ash Wednesday) \$2,193.60



Parish Calendar

Monday, March 21

- CCW mtg., 7:00 pm, St. Clare Hall

Wednesday, March 23

- Children’s Choir, 3:30-4:30 pm

Thursday, March 24

- Finance Council mtg., 6:00 pm, St. Clare Hall
- Parish Council mtg., 7:00 pm, St. Clare Hall
- Adult Choir, 7:00 pm
- CHWC mtg. 7:30 pm, MDR

Friday, March 25

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

Saturday, March 26

- Confessions, 3:30-4:30 pm

Sunday, March 27

- Ministry sign-up Sunday
- Welcome to My World, 11 am-5 pm, GSG

Sing Along

The St. Francis Singers and Friends will be singing at Lakeland Nursing Center on Thursday, March 24th at 10:30 am.

Lenten Rosary Opportunities

St. Clare Rosary group will meet each Friday during Lent (except Good Friday) at 9:30 am in Church. Also, the Rosary is prayed every Tuesday morning immediately following the 8:05 am Mass. Please join us! We have many needs in our parish and in our own families, and the Rosary is the answer.

You Are Invited!

Fr. Joe, pastor of St. Isidore parish has invited you to join him and his parishioners to participate at the Mass of Chrism at the Cathedral in Springfield. The bus will leave at 2:45 pm on Tuesday, April 19th from St. Aloysius. There is not cost to you personally. Maybe you can get a friend or relative to go with you. I am sure you will enjoy it and you need not worry about the driving or the cost of gas.

Please call Mary Carol at 217-925-5578, if you are interested. This is a wonderful way to enter more fully into the spirit of Holy Week. It is at the Chrism Mass that the bishop blesses all the oils used by the bishop and priest throughout the whole year when they administer the sacraments.

God Bless You!

Peace, Love, Joy
Fr. Austin



Homebound Ministers

Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound for Sunday, March 27th are: Theresa Funneman 821-4867, Barbara Pals 857-3039, Carlene Rauch 857-6296

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.

BIBLE STUDY on the last Thursday of March, 31, will meet in St. Clare Hall at 10:00 a.m. Our topic is Chapter 8: *Messianic Fulfillment and the Church*. This will conclude the Quick Journey through the Bible series.

RCIA continues to meet in the basement of St. Rose in Montrose following the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Anyone interested or curious regarding teachings of the Catholic Church is welcome. This week's topic: *Lent* next week *Trinity*. A new group will be forming after Easter. Please contact Sr. Pierre if you know of anyone or if you are interested in checking out the Catholic Church. 857-6404.

SCRIP CARDS –

The youth appreciate all of you who are purchasing scrip cards to give as gifts and to use for your regular purchases! The money raised from these cards helps support our programs! Cards are available on Saturdays at the parish office and at Niebrugge Financial Monday afternoon thru Thursday each week. Thanks again for your generosity and support.

Holy Humor...Farmers' Wisdom

Life is simpler when you plow around the stump.
Every path has a few puddles.
If you get to thinkin' you're a person of some influence, try orderin' somebody else's dog around.
It doesn't take a very big person to carry a grudge.
Don't corner somethin' you know is meaner than you.
The biggest troublemaker you'll probably ever have to deal with watches you from the mirror every mornin'.

Taken from Catholic Digest

CHWC MEETING –

Catholic Hearters we will be meeting on Thursday, March 24 at 7:30 pm in the museum dining room to pass out your forms and to go over finances.

Youth Notes:

Jr. High & High School students – let's go BOWLING! Instead of having Teen Center on April 1, we will be hosting a bowling outing instead! We'll go to the stations (high school students are leading stations that night) and then as soon as stations are finished, we are heading to go bowling at Silver Dollar from the church parking lot. We'll be back in the church parking lot by 10 pm. Permission slips are available at the entrance of church or online.

Religious Education News

GRADE SCHOOL—Attention Catechists and Mass supervisors...KC's Appreciation Dinner for you and your spouses will take place on Tuesday, April 26. More information will be coming to you through the mail. Please mark your calendars. Grades 3 and 4--The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be administered to the children in grades 4Mi and 3M on Monday, 3/21 and 4K and 4Me on Thursday, March 24.

ALL GRADES- Registration forms for next year religious education attendance and report sheets for grades 3 to 6 have been mailed to all families. Please read over all the information carefully, please show your child the report sheet, sign it and return it to the religious education office as soon as possible. Most importantly, fill in the spaces for volunteering for participating as Catechists, Mass Walkers, and video-presenters for next year. We are greatly in need of helpers for one day, two day, and three day programs.

Kdgn./Pre-Sunday morning religion program takes place in the cafeteria area during the 10:30 Mass. The last class and closing program takes place on Sunday, April 10, with a short presentation in church from 11:30 to 12:00 and a reception in St. Clare Hall from 12:00 to 12:45. A letter regarding the closing will be given out on Sunday March 27. All family members, friends, and parishioners are welcome to celebrate with the children.

JUNIOR HIGH- Attention Catechists...KC's Appreciation Dinner for you and your Spouses will take place on Tuesday, April 26. More information will be coming to you through the mail. Please mark your calendars.

Grade 8 Girls will be attending the Family Life Center in Effingham on Wednesday, 3/23. Parent permission forms **MUST** be turned in before then.

March 30 is scheduled for the Sacrament of Reconciliation for all Junior High Students.

On April 6 Mrs. Donna Dausman, former Diocesan Director of Family Life, will speak to the students on the Catholic attitude toward sexuality in the Junior High cafeteria. Parents are welcome to attend as well that evening.

The last religion class takes place with a closing Mass in church on April 13, followed by appreciation to the catechists and refreshments in the Museum Dining Room.

HS Religious Ed

Please pray for our Seniors who are on retreat this weekend!

Welcome to My World is next weekend for Freshmen! This session, on March 27, runs from 12:45 – 4 pm at the TGS Gym. We still are in need of 7 more parents or sponsors to help with this Confirmation preparation event. If you are available, please call the high school religious ed office at 857-1500.

Freshmen: Please remember you need to know who your Confirmation sponsor will be and choose your Confirmation name by March 30. Please ask your sponsor before you sign them up.

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. 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!!!

Teutopolis Catholic Daughters of Americas Court #1711 will hold its monthly meeting on March 22nd, TUESDAY, (*note change*) at 7:30 pm. The Father/Son Breakfast will now be held April 3rd after the 8:45 Mass.

CCW Men's Breakfast Thank You

The officers of the CCW would like to thank all the men and Fr. Ken who attended the breakfast. A huge thank you goes out to all the ladies who cooked, served and cleaned up after the breakfast! They cheerfully and efficiently served a delicious breakfast. Special thanks to Zita Niebrugge for use of the sausage frying equipment. Thanks also to the CCW officer's husbands and Jake, who stepped in to help with set up and clean up. The breakfast was a delicious huge success! Our prize winners for the morning were: Nick Wentz, Jerry Hoene, Chris Wentz, Bob Deters, Matt Weidner and Dave Meyer.

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

Forty Days For Life

Here is a short testimony of what happened at Champaign Planned Parenthood last Friday. It serves as a beautiful reminder of God's goodness and willingness to answer our prayers.

"Cortez walked into Planned Parenthood with his girlfriend, but later walked out and came straight to us wanting to talk. He knew abortion was wrong and it was easy to see it was killing him inside, but he told us that his girlfriend was getting the abortion as we speak so there wasn't too much hope in any of us for this baby. We gave him the pamphlet with all the resources and he just hung around outside and talked with me for like an hour . . . Three attempts later . . .

"Cortez went back into the car, but the girlfriend wouldn't come talk to us and she went in PP again. Cortez came to us looking defeated again and we encouraged him to stay with her, so he followed her in."

"He came out minutes saying, "she's keeping it" and broke down crying saying "I feel free" and was amazed at how good he felt. He knew that God had used him and he felt great and was just shaking and crying and overcome with joy. It was beautiful! He saw God work in him and he praised God for it."

"Before Cortez even talked to us he talked to another future father who was in PP. The other father also didn't want to go through with it, he talked his girlfriend out of it too!! PRAISE GOD!!!

There have been up to 4 possible saves this semester, and there is still a possibility for many more. Praise God, and continue to pray and fast for the end of abortion!

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 857-3938 with this information. It is important to make the needed changes before the picnic list goes to print. Thank you!

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 Broeker 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.

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!

Family Corner

Lent is a time when we focus more on Jesus and the tremendous love of God. Here is one child's understanding of Jesus.

- Jesus is God's son. He used to do all the hard work, like walking on water and performing miracles and trying to teach the people who didn't want to learn about God. Some people got mad at Jesus because of what He was teaching and they crucified him. Jesus was good and kind, like his Father. He told his Father that they didn't know what they were doing and to forgive them. So his Father forgave them.
- Jesus' Father appreciated all of Jesus' hard work on earth. He told Jesus He didn't have to go out on the road anymore. He could stay in heaven. Now Jesus helps his Father by listening to prayers. He sees which things are important for his Father to take care of, and which ones he can take care of himself without having to bother his Father.
- You can pray anytime you want, and they are sure to help you because they got it worked out so one of them is on duty all the time.

This week let's spend a few extra minutes thinking about our understanding of Jesus. Let's say an extra prayer or two for those who still don't want to learn about God. Let's say an extra prayer for ourselves that we may deepen our relationship with Jesus and come to appreciate all the love that is ours every day.

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.

Benefit for Brandy Lewis Will

A benefit for Brandy Lewis Will is scheduled for Saturday, April 2, at the Teutopolis KC Hall. There will be a pulled pork dinner served from 2:00-7:00 pm. There will also be a raffle/auction with the auction beginning at 6:30 pm. Southern Comfort will play for a dance from 8:00-11:30 pm. Brandy has been diagnosed with a rare lung cancer and is undergoing treatments in Texas.

Recycling is Continuing

We are working with the Village of Teutopolis to continue the recycling. Recycling is the right thing to do. #1 and #2 plastics (milk jugs, water and soda bottles, laundry and detergent jugs) are now put together in the green bin. Two boxes for steel tin cans are at one end of the green bin. Aluminum cans should be put in the barrel in the Paper Depot. Cardboard only should be put in the bin for cardboard.

Until the end of January, 2011, Sutter Sanitation provided this recycling service at no cost to the parish. What Sutter recovers from the sale of recyclable items does not cover his costs. Beginning February 2, 2011, the charges are \$90 for each pickup of the bin with plastics and \$75 for each pickup of the bin with cardboard. If you are bringing recyclable items that go into the green bins, we need your help to pay the costs. A drop-box has been anchored outside at the northwest corner of the Paper Depot for contributions. Please make checks payable to Village of Teutopolis—Recycle.

Thanks for your cooperation so the recycling continues.

The Management

Area Events

Spring Breakfast at St. Aloysius Parish Center, Bishop, today, March 20th, 7:00 am to noon.

Cash Bingo today, March 20th, at St. Mary's Parish Center in Ste. Marie, 1:00-4:00 pm. Sponsored by St. Mary's Family Life Committee.

Fish Fry every Friday night during Lent at the Teutopolis K of C Hall. Serving 5:00-8:00 pm.

Fish Fry at Sacred Heart Parish Center, Effingham, on March 25th, 4:30-7:30 pm.

Garage Sale at St. Thomas Parish Center, Newton on March 24 & 25, 8:00 am-6:00 pm; March 26, 8:00-11:00 am.

Spring Breakfast at Sacred Heart, Lillyville, on Sunday, March 27, 7:00 am to noon in the Parish Hall.

Card Party at the Dieterich Civic Center to benefit the Dieterich CEFS Golden Circle Nutrition Program, Sunday, March 27th, 6:00 pm.

Longaberger Basket Bingo on Sunday, March 27 at Holy Cross Parish Center, Wendelin. Doors open at 12:30 pm, games begin at 1:30 pm.

