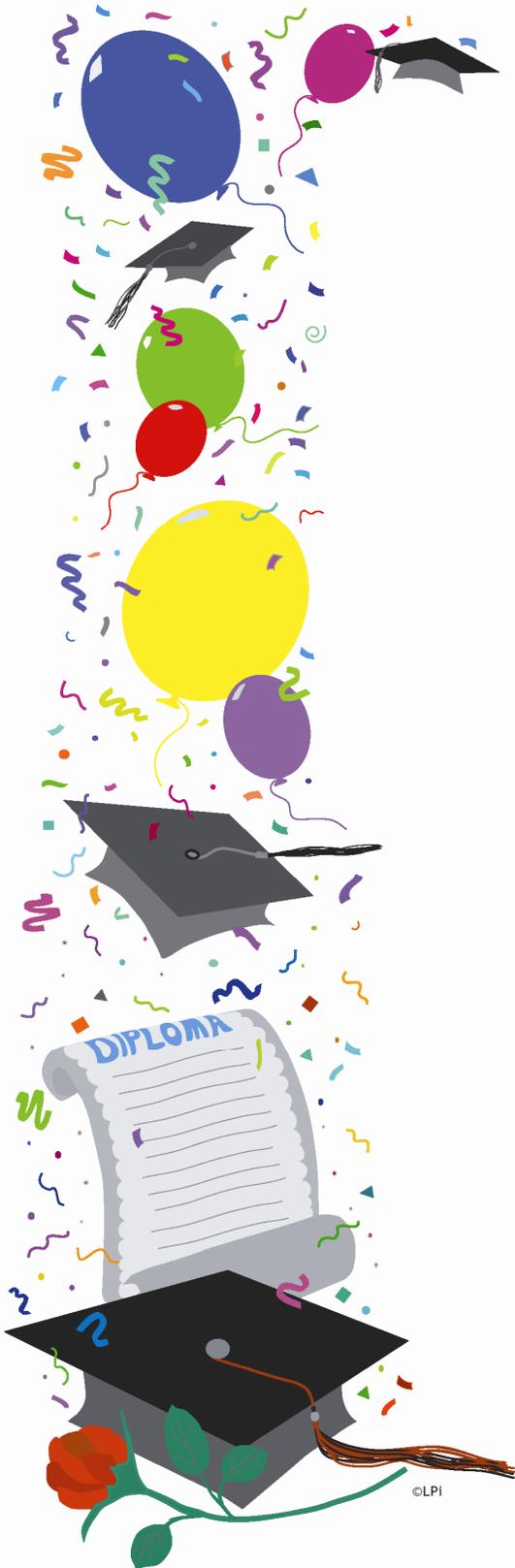


# St. Francis *of* Assisi Parish

Teutopolis, Illinois



Layton Belleville  
Morgan Breer  
Brock Brumleve  
Zakary Bushue  
Katherine Campbell  
Celeste Deters  
Morgan Drees  
Matthew Fearday  
Emily Ferree  
Olivia Gebben  
Michael Gillespie  
Matthew Grunloh  
Kylie Heurman  
Aaron Hoelscher  
Jennifer Holman  
Jacob Hotze  
Haley Isley  
Brandon Klein  
Braydan Koester  
Paige Koester  
Leah Kremer  
Cheyenne Lueken  
Derek Mette

Jesse Miller  
Megan Miller  
Jordan Niebrugge  
Daniel Nobsch  
Dalton Overbeck  
Kyle Pruemer  
Abbigail Rauch  
Jonathan Ruholl  
Katie Ruholl  
Ryan Ruholl  
Benjamin Schabbing  
Clarice Schnabel  
Ross Sheehan  
Derek Smith  
Natalie Summers  
Luke Vahling  
Jared Waldhoff  
Amanda Walker  
Emily Weichman  
Chase Wendling  
Callie Westendorf  
Tyler Windell

## Congratulations

## St. Francis High School

## Graduates

## From the Pastor

**Busy Sunday.** Today, we will be celebrating the **Ascension** of our Lord. We will also be recognizing our 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduates (8:45 Mass) and our THS graduates (10:30 Mass). And, of course, we can't forget that today is **Mother's Day**. We congratulate, thank, and bless all the mothers, grandmothers, and godmothers who have been instrumental in building up this parish and the larger Church.

**Fourth Grade Servers.** We do not schedule servers for the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Saturday. This would be a great time for our youngest servers to get some extra practice. Parents, if your child is willing to serve on Saturday morning, please check with me ahead of time—we don't want all the kids showing up at the same time. Thanks!

**One More Trip.** Tomorrow, I will head back to Joliet where I will pick up the postulants on my way to visit the friars in Indian River, MI. As a provincial councilor, I am required to make periodic visits to the friars assigned to my care. I will be back home on the 17<sup>th</sup>. The only friaries assigned to me that I have not yet visited are down in northern Louisiana. There's no easy way to get there from here, so I don't know when I'll make that trip.

**Grieving.** St. Anthony Hospital will be offering a 6-session program on adult grief. The program takes place on Thursday evenings beginning May 23. Pre-registration is required. Please call 217-347-1529 to register or to get additional information.

**Help Needed.** As she fights some major medical issues, Loretta Koester has put out a call for help with the Right to Life efforts in our area. As you know, Loretta was named the Effingham Daily News Citizen of the year for her decades-long effort to oppose abortion in the United States. She cannot be expected to carry on this fight by herself, though. Here are some of the things that need to be taken care of: the Right to Life newsletter, a prayer vigil and business meeting on the 3rd Monday of each month, periodic news releases, a January breakfast, a March rummage sale, a prayer day in June, the Crossroad Walkers in July, a booth at the county fair in August, Life Chain in October, and the National Night of Prayer in December.

While Loretta has coordinated much of this by herself over the years, we would not expect one person to do it all. Perhaps what we need is a group of persons willing to form a Right to Life Committee to make sure that all these bases are covered. If you are willing to help with these efforts, please contact me immediately.

**St. Isidore.** Wednesday, May 15, is the feast of St. Isidore, the patron of farmers. That would be a great day to pray for our local farmers, ranchers, orchardists, and all those who provide food for the world. Though I won't be home on the 15<sup>th</sup>, I would be glad to come at another time to bless farms and fields.

**Congratulations.** We congratulate and pray for **Kyle Zerrusen** and **Lauren Hoffman** who will be married at SFA on Saturday, May 18. May the Lord bless their life together!

**Pentecost.** Next Sunday, May 19, is the feast of Pentecost—regarded as the “birthday of the Church.” May the Holy Spirit continue to guide and direct the leaders of our Church. And may the Spirit pour out the blessings of love, joy, peace, patient endurance, kindness, generosity, faith, mildness, and chastity upon all members of the parish and the larger Church.

We had conflicting dates from the diocese for the Catholic Communications Campaign. This collection will be taken up on May 26th.

## Mass Intentions

Monday, May 13, 12:10: AID

Tuesday, May 14, 8:05: AID

Wednesday, May 15, 8:05: Agnes Walk

Thursday, May 16, 6:30: Toby McMahon

Thursday, May 16, 8:05: Roger Worman

Saturday, May 18, 5:30: George Brumleve

Sunday, May 19, 8:45: Anna Thoele

## Mother's Day Prayer

Loving God,

you wrap your arms around your people and show your everlasting love in the same way a mother loves her children.

We are grateful for the love you have taught us through the mothers in our lives:

our own mother who brought us into this world, the mothers of friends who have welcomed us into their homes and families,

our grandmothers who took time for us, and the mothers who have helped us

even though we were not their children.

Bless all the mothers of this world today.

May they know the fullness of love they have shared and be blessed every day of their lives. Amen.



## Liturgy Schedule 7th Week of Easter May 13-19

Monday,	Our Lady of Fatima Mass at 6:30 am & 12:10 pm
Tuesday,	St. Matthias Mass at 6:30 & 8:05 am
Wednesday,	St. Isidore Mass at 6:30 & 8:05 am
Thursday,	Mass at 6:30 am & 12:10 pm
Friday,	Mass at 6:30 & 8:05 am
Saturday,	St. John I Mass at 8:00 am & 5:30 pm
Sunday,	Pentecost Sunday Mass at 7:00, 8:45, 10:30 am

**Confession Schedule**  
Saturday, May 18 - 3:30-4:30 pm

**Liturgy of the Hours with Friars**  
Monday-Friday -- 11:45 am & 4:45 pm

*"I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one." Jn 17:22-23*



### Pray for the Sick

Please remember in your prayers: Cathy Green, Renae Roepke, Eddie Siemer, Cheryl Ann Huber, Chris Utz, Anna Habing, Jim Koester, Jack Hardiek, Toby McMahon, Paula Spencer, Gary Vahling, Lucille Worman

### Stewardship of Treasure

	<u>Sunday</u> 5/5/2013	<u>Total Fiscal</u> <u>Year</u>
287 Adult envelopes	\$8,261.50	\$388,237.50
Other	<u>\$822.00</u>	<u>\$25,752.16</u>
TOTAL	\$9,083.50	\$413,989.66
GOAL	\$9,900.00	\$445,500.00

Water for Life \$1,072.40



### Parish Calendar

**Monday, May 13**

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

**Tuesday, May 14**

- RCIA, 7:00 pm, Museum Meeting Room

**Thursday, May 16**

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

**Friday, May 17**

- Closing Mass, Grades 3-6
- Catechist/Mass Supervisor thanks after 8:05 Mass, St. Clare Hall
- Rosary 9:30 pm, Church and Museum Dining Room
- Ultreya Mass, 7:30 pm

**Saturday, May 18**

- Confessions, 3:30-4:30 pm

**Sunday, May 19**

- B & B, 7:00 pm, St. Clare Hall

### Special Collection—Retired Diocesan Priests

Please pray for and support our priests who have served so generously in various apostolates throughout the diocese. Your generous contribution will go towards the retirement and health care needs of our priests. An envelope is in your set.



### Planning Marriage

Kyle Zerrusen and Lauren Hoffman  
Saturday, May 18, 2013  
1:00 pm

In order to arrive at a systematic knowledge of the content of the faith, all can find in the Catechism of the Catholic Church a precious and indispensable tool. It is one of the most important fruits of the Second Vatican Council...Here, in fact, we see the wealth of teaching that the Church has received, safeguarded and proposed in her two thousand years of history.  
—Pope Benedict XVI, Porta Fidei



### Homebound Ministers

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound for Sunday, May 19th are Lenora Drees 857-3583 and Deb Runde 857-6281

**B&B** continues on Sundays at 7:00 pm in St. Clare Hall. This week we begin the Messianic Period, part 1. Join us as we learn about how the world prepared for the coming of Jesus. How do we?

**RCIA** will begin its summer schedule soon. Anyone wishing to take a look at the Catholic Church and its teachings is welcome every Tuesday at 7:00 pm in the Museum Meeting Room. Come join us. All are welcome.

**Protecting God's Children.** We will be offering another Protecting God's Children session on Monday, June 10. Anyone not having had the training is invited to join us then. Please call the Parish Office to register. The Bishop has requested all parishioners help provide a safe environment for our children. What better way than to become educated on what we can do for our children than to attend this session.

**Protecting God's Children for Adults** course will be held on Wednesday, May 15 and Thursday, May 16 from 8:00 am—11:00 am at Effingham Catholic Charities. Please RSVP by May 7 with Carrie Crippen at 217-857-1458, ext. 109.

**CHWC Meeting** is set for Tuesday May 21 at 7 pm in the museum dining room. This will be our last meeting & we will finalize all details and pass out your booklets. All students are asked to attend this meeting if possible. The trip is JUST around the corner! See you there.

**Prayer Vigil for Life.** St. Aloysius, Bishop Creek, will host the May 20th prayer vigil for life. Fr. Joseph Carlos will be celebrant and homilist for the 6:30 pm Mass. Rosary will begin at 6:00 pm. The business meeting will be conducted in the Parish Center near the Church. Everyone is invited to join us in prayer and to become informed.

### Parish Office

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Submit written bulletin notices by noon Monday.

Diocesan website: [www.dio.org](http://www.dio.org)

Ember Beddingfield, Victim Assistance Coordinator.....

(217) 321-1155

## Religious Education News

**Grade School**—Monday, May 13, Grades 3 and 4 will be saying a group rosary in church. (Those leading the prayers will sit in the first 2-3 pews of their class section.) Grades 5 and 6 will be participating in the living rosary on Thursday, May 16. (They will form a circle in the aisles.) All parishioners are welcome to join the children in saying their rosary prayers. Grade 2 children will be at Mass on Tuesday and Wednesday. (Pews will be marked).

**Friday**, May 17, the last day of school, grades 3 to 6 will be in church for Mass, recognition of services and awards. Following the Mass all catechists, Mass supervisors, and helpers are invited to St. Clare Hall for recognition and refreshments. Pre-school through Grade 6 will be receiving information this week regarding Vacation Bible School, which takes place July 16-19.

**Grade 8 Recognition Mass** for those being promoted to high school takes place on Sunday at the 8:45 Mass. All students need to be in their marked pews by 8:30. All received an informational letter in the mail this week regarding details and practice times. Our congratulations and prayers are for you as you successfully conclude eight years of your education and move into a new phase of your academic life!

**HS Religious Ed.** Congratulations to our seniors! We have enjoyed watching you grow up and grow in the faith! We look forward to the great ways you will share your faith in the next phase of your life! God's Peace and blessings on you! Come back and serve with us when you can!

**Youth Notes.** Want to come help serve the poor and hungry? We will be going to St. John's Breadline in Springfield on May 23 to work in the soup kitchen. You will meet homeless people, people who are trying to make ends meet, and people who have jobs but can't afford food. It is an eye opening experience. High school students or adults are welcome to take part in this amazing day of service. Details: We will leave the church parking lot at 7:30 am, serve from 10 am – 1:30 pm, and be home by 4:30 pm. Dress code is no shorts, no sleeveless shirts, no sandals and also no nail polish. You are welcome to wear your own hat or they will furnish a hair bonnet for you. To register to attend, please call Lisa Siemer at the High School Religious Ed Office at 857-1500. *“Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” Matthew 25:40*

Whatever time we have is a gift from God and we are asked to use it wisely, to serve God and others.

## Congratulations St. Francis Grade 8 Graduates

Katlyn Beckman  
Lane Belleville  
Dylan Bloemer  
Audra Breer  
Tyler Broom  
Sidney Brumleve  
Zoe Buhnerkempe  
Braydan Bushue  
Michael Campbell  
Allison Deters  
Christian Deters  
John Deters  
Mikaele Deters  
Raegan Drees  
Joseph Esker  
Jared Funneman  
Mitchel Hardiek  
Trevor Hardiek  
Alexander Hartke

Carson Hartke  
Dustin Hartke  
Garrett Hartke  
Taylor Hartke  
Claire Hemmen  
Lexi Heuerman  
Alexis Kaufman  
Jason Kenter  
Blake Kitten  
Kyle McMahan  
Alex Meinhart  
Conner Mette  
Hanna Niemerg  
Caleb Ordner  
Lauren Ozenkoski  
Noah Pals  
Jaelyn Poston  
Tessa Pruemer  
Maci Rieman

Brent Ruholl  
Joseph Runde  
Jamie Sandschafer  
Beth Schabbing  
Corey Schabbing  
Carol Schumacher  
Christa Schwinke  
Lauren Siemer  
Shelby Thompson  
Anthony Uthell  
Maria Vonderheide  
Hannah Walk  
Vanessa Walker  
Austin Weber  
Caleb Wendt  
Eric Willenborg  
Ashley Young  
Shawn Zerrusen

### Thank You

St. Francis Parish would like to thank the following 20 high school seniors of the class of 2013 for their 9 years of service in the server ministry. These young men and young women began this ministry in 4th grade and have continued throughout their high school years. We appreciate all the time and faithfulness you have given to this ministry. Thank you for a job well done and may God bless you in all your future endeavors!

Brock Brumleve	Jordan Niebrugge
Celeste Deters	Abbie Rauch
Morgan Drees	Ryan Ruholl
Kylie Heuerman	Clare Schnabel
Jake Hotze	Ross Sheehan
Haley Isley	Derek Smith
Paige Koester	Natalie Summers
Leah Kremer	Luke Vahling
Derek Mette	Jared Waldhoff
Jesse Miller	Callie Westendorf

Special thanks to Matt Grunloh, Jake Hotze, and Jared Waldhoff of the class of 2013 for their service as sacris-tans for the past 2 years at the 10:30 am Sunday Mass. Matt, Jake, and Jared, your help has been greatly appreciated. God bless you always!

### Graduation Blessing

Dear Lord,  
The life that you have given us has many stages. Please bless these young people today, as they leave one stage of life and begin another. Guide them as they finish this chapter in the story you have written for them, and begin a new one, written on a fresh page. Help them to make the right choices, Lord. May they always remember that past choices need not sully a bright future, nor good choices in the past ensure that tomorrow will be carefree and easy. Most of all, remind them, Lord, that no one's story is fully lived unless you are allowed to be its one, true author by those who live it. Amen.



**St. Clare Rosary Group** meets in Church at 9:30 am on the 3rd Friday of each month year-round. On Friday, May 17th, St. Clare Hall will be in use for the closing of the grade school religious ed program for the year. Therefore, we will be moving to the Museum Dining Room for coffee and fellowship following the Rosary. All are welcome to join us at any time! This would be a great way to honor Mother Mary in the month of May.

**Baby Bottle Project.** The annual Baby Bottle Project, a fundraiser for the Effingham Family Life Pregnancy Center, will begin on Mother's Day. Toss your loose change into the baby bottle, and return the bottle to church on Father's Day. Your donations will help the Family Life Center offer their pro-life services of free pregnancy tests, limited ultrasound, layettes, and educational resources on pregnancy, abstinence, adoption, abortion procedures and risks, parenting, and relationships. Clients are able to participate in these programs: Parents-To-Be, Post-Birth, Teen Mother Connection, DADZ, and Post Abortion Counseling and Education. Please support our local pro-life efforts. **YOUR CHANGE CAN CHANGE A LIFE!**

### 7th Sunday of Easter Reflection

Parents of young children spend a lot of time teaching them manners. It is part of the socialization process in which three-, four-, and five-year-olds learn to come outside of themselves. They begin to recognize that there are others in the world, and that unlike in their infancy when all attention was focused on them, they now discover that they must interact with others who also have a claim on the social order. By teaching young children not only the words, but also the concepts of "please" and "thank you," parents assist their youngsters in finding a place in society. Children learn that they need to share, that not everything belongs to them. They discover that they must interact with others to get things to work properly. "Please" and "thank you" acknowledges that outsiders also have rights.

All this brings us to Sunday's Gospel. There are only a few places in the New Testament in which we actually hear Jesus pray. The Gospel today is one of those. As he addresses the Father he prays not only for the disciples gathered with him at the Last Supper, but he also prays for us. He asks that we may be one and that we may be brought to perfection. Across two thousand years of time, Jesus is asking his Father to take care of us today!

"Please" and "thank you" are key words in prayer. They are actually part of three of the four traditional forms of prayer. Petition (asking for ourselves) and Intercession (asking on behalf of others) are "please." A prayer of thanksgiving is, of course, "thank you." The fourth type of prayer is adoration or praise. In his prayer, Jesus is interceding for us with his Father. It is the kind of prayer we can emulate, getting us out of ourselves as we ask God to be attentive to the needs of so many others in this world.

**Wanted.** Drivers to deliver meals on wheels for Golden Circle Nutrition one day a month for approximately one to one and a half hours per day. Please call Nancy Hoene 857-3848 or 663-0294. Help the homebound stay in their homes with a nutritious meal and a friendly visit.

**Teutopolis Park District Upcoming Deadlines:**  
May 15th—Summer Tennis Program  
May 15th—Summer Park Program  
Please see [teutopolisparkdistrict.com](http://teutopolisparkdistrict.com) for information and registration forms.

### Here & There

**Chicken and Toast** served at the KC Hall every Friday evening from 5:30 to 7:30. All are welcome.

**Benefit** on May 18, 1:00 pm—8:00 pm at the Effingham Elk's Club. All proceeds go to Phil Stock, who is battling cancer, to help the family cover expenses and unexpected medical bills. For donations or questions please call Casey at 217-821-1926

**St. Rose Rummage Sale.** St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Montrose is going to hold a rummage sale during the last weekend in July, the 26th and 27th. Donations for the sale can be dropped off in the church basement on July 24th and 25th. Please keep this in mind as you are doing your spring cleaning. If you would like to donate earlier, please contact Mary Willenborg at 217-663-5944 to arrange a drop off time.

**Smart Choice Food.** Copies of the May menu are on the round table at the parish office entrance. Last day to order is May 21. Distribution day is June 1.

**Holy Humor...** My friend Debbie's two daughters were in high school when she experienced severe flu-like symptoms. Debbie visited her family doctor, who told her the flu bug had passed her by. Instead, she had been touched by the "love bug" and was now pregnant. The birth of Tommy, a healthy, beautiful son, was an event for celebration, and as time went by, it seemed as though every day brought another reason to celebrate the gift of Tommy's life. One day when Tommy was about five years old, he and Debbie were driving to the neighborhood mall. As is the way with children, out of nowhere, Tommy asked, "Mom how old were you when I was born?" "Thirty-six, Tommy. Why?" Debbie asked, wondering what his little mind was contemplating. "What a shame!" Tommy responded. "What do you mean?" Debbie inquired. Looking at her with love-filled eyes, Tommy said, "Just think of all those years we didn't know each other."

—Alice Collins—*Chicken Soup for the Mother's Soul*