

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Teutopolis, Illinois

Newly Confirmed on November 9, 2011

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Congratulations

Meditation

Come, share your master's joy. (Matthew 25:21)

Quick! Ask yourself: “As I read this parable, did I identify more with the third servant in this parable than with the first two?” If you did, you're not alone. How quick we are to fear that we may lose the little bit we think we have! We may even think that the outcome of this parable is unfair. Why should those who already have so much receive even more?

But this isn't a parable about fairness. It's about Jesus' ability to empower us to bear fruit for the gospel—fruit that surpasses what we would naturally expect.

Think of the potential damage that just one person can do to the devil's plans. Consider a mother who teaches her children about the ways of the Lord. Think of how she models patience, justice and kindness to them. Think of the way she helps them to pray and teaches them to treat each other with love and consideration. Day after day, week after week, she is bringing about the kingdom of God in these children's lives. And not just in their lives but in the lives of their own future children. Her influence, in fact, has the potential to reach generations!

Or consider the young person who witnesses to his faith in Jesus at school. Think of the number of students he can stimulate to expect that God will work in their lives. Think about the ways these students, now on fire for the Lord, can influence others. And so on, and so on, and so on.

It's true. God really can use you to extend his kingdom! Choose one situation this week where you can make a difference, one friend or acquaintance who you can bring one step closer to the Lord. Step out in faith, and see what kind of effect you can have. If you give the Lord an inch, he will take you a mile!

“Holy Spirit, I give you permission to work more fully in my life. Come and fill me with your power and gifts, so that I might bear fruit for the kingdom.”

THE WORD AMONG US

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The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

will be celebrated on Tuesday, November 15th, at 2:00 pm in church. Fellowship will follow in St. Clare Hall. Come join in the celebration of this healing sacrament.

March For Life

Motor coach busses with youth and chaperones from our diocese will depart from Effingham the evening of January 20, and arrive home on the morning of January 24, with two nights on the bus and two in a hotel. The highlight of the weekend is the huge parade protesting abortion starting at the National Mall, past the Capitol, to the Supreme Court Building. This prayerful, informative pro-life pilgrimage also entails several sites such as tour of the monuments, Arlington Cemetery and the Holocaust Museum, a Vigil Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and Mass with our own Bishop Thomas John Paprocki. Any high school youth or adult may contact Lisa Siemer or Angie Esker for forms or info. \$100 deposit is due November 16.

The Prayer Vigil for Life

will be held at St. Anthony Church, Effingham, on Nov. 21. Rosary at 6 pm; Mass will begin at 6:30 pm; business meeting at 7:30 pm. Everyone is invited to join us in prayer.

The National Night of Prayer for Life will be observed on December 8-9 at St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital Chapel. Mark your calendars.

“Blest Are We”

The Effingham Deanery council of Catholic Women will gather together on Thursday, November 17th at Annunciation Parish in Shumway. The evening will begin at 6:30 pm with Mass and installation of new officers followed by our meeting. Focus will be on “Convention”, both Diocesan and National, with round table discussions sharing highlights and insights. We will also be having a canned food drive for Catholic Charities asking all to bring canned food items to share.

We welcome all women of the Deanery to join us for a Spiritual lift as we share our stories. Be a friend and bring a friend.

For questions please contact DCCW President Betty Boos at bettyb42@mediacombb.net or call 217-994-9096.

Liturgy Schedule 33rd Week in Ordinary Time November 14-20

Monday,	Mass at 6:30 am
Tuesday,	St. Albert the Great Mass at 6:30 & 8:05 am
Wednesday,	St. Margaret of Scotland St. Gertrude Mass at 6:30 & 8:05 am
Thursday,	St. Elizabeth of Hungary Mass at 6:30 am
Friday,	Dedication of the Basilicas of St. Peter and St. Paul St. Rose Philippine Duchesne Mass at 6:30 & 8:05 am
Saturday,	Mass at 5:30 pm
Sunday,	Our Lord Christ the King Mass at 7:00, 8:45, 10:30 am

Confession Schedule

Saturday, - 3:30-4:30 pm

Liturgy of the Hours with Friars

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



Pray for the Sick

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick, especially: Cathy Green, Nicholas Rhodes, Renae Roepke, Eddie Siemer, Cheryl Ann Huber, Chris Utz, Anna Habing, Kay Schwartz

Stewardship of Treasure

	<u>Sunday</u> 11/6/2011	<u>Total Fiscal</u> <u>Year</u>
314 Adult envelopes	\$9,070.00	\$147,801.75
Other	<u>\$409.40</u>	<u>\$9,577.99</u>
TOTAL	\$9,479.40	\$157,379.74
GOAL	\$9,900.00	\$188,100.00
All Saints Day		
113 Adult envelopes	\$1,494.00	
Loose	<u>378.00</u>	
TOTAL	\$1,872.00	



Parish Calendar

Monday, November 14

- CCW sewing Christmas stockings, 1:00-7:30pm, Museum Dining Room
- Men's Holy Name meet, 7:30pm, Museum Meeting Room
- Why Catholic Adult Enrichment, 6:30pm at St. Anthony Church

Tuesday, November 15

- Anointing of the Sick, 2:00pm
- Thanksgiving decorations go up, 6:00pm

Wednesday, November 16

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

Thursday, November 17

- Bible Study, 10:00am, St. Clare
- Adult Choir, 7:00pm
- Monastery Museum mtg., 7:00pm, Museum Meeting Room
- Finance Council meets, 6:30pm, St. Clare
- Parish Council meets, 7:00pm, St. Clare

Friday, November 18

- Rosary, 9:30am, Church and St. Clare
- Teen Center open

Saturday, November 19

- Confessions, 3:30-4:30pm

Sunday, November 20

- Secular Franciscans meet, 2:00pm, Church



Planning Marriage

Dominic Deters and Meghan Gillespie
Saturday, November 19, 2011
1:00 pm

Sing Along

Because Thanksgiving falls on the 4th Thursday of November, the St. Francis Singers and Friends will be singing at Lakeland Nursing Center on Thursday, November 17th at 10:30 am.



Homebound Ministers

Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound for Sunday, November 20th are: Lenora Drees 857-3583 and Sharon Brummer 857-6092.

ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS— WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The children of Grades 1 and 2 are once again filling Christmas shoe boxes to send to needy children throughout the world as their Mission project. It costs \$7.00 to ship one box to its destination. Would you be willing to donate \$5.00 for shipping? There will be 120 boxes filled. Please write your check to St. Francis Church and in the notation space, write “Shoebox”. Thanks much for helping in this children’s Mission project!

IMPORTANT...The Grade School Religion Program is in need of persons who would volunteer to substitute on one day of the week as a walker, video presenter, catechist, monitor in the classroom on your day off. --You might be called on once or twice a year. (Some persons call in each week and name the day/s they are off that week. This is very helpful.) God bless you for being willing to help!

Holiday Shopping with Scrip!

Don’t forget your SCRIP cards as you begin your holiday shopping. We have already begun to stock additional cards for your convenience. You will be able to purchase cards after the weekend Masses starting November 26/27.

Like to Cook?

Ever watch those shows on the FOOD Channel like *Diners, Drive-ins and Dives* and think, “I COULD DO THAT!?” We think you could! Looking for chef “wannabe’s” to offer tasty selections at a booth at Taste of Teutopolis! If you have something you love to cook or something everybody KNOWS you make the best of, your call to the high school religious ed office—857-1500—will get you signed up or more information!

Used Coat Donation

The Girl Scouts are collecting used, winter coats for those in need in our area. If you have any used, winter coats you are willing to donate, please place them in the marked boxes at the two locations in church—the front entrance or the east entrance (St. Clare side). The deadline for this coat drive is December 1, 2011. All coats will be picked up on a weekly basis and taken to the cleaners. Any questions, please call Cathy Hoene at 857-1404. Thank you for your donations.



Religious Education News

GRADE SCHOOL- No School on Friday this week.

Grades 1 and 2—Christmas shoeboxes for the needy of the world are due Monday...Tuesday and Wednesday would also be acceptable. Thank you for responding to this need!

Grade 4 will be studying the Mass changes this week, which will take effect on the First Sunday of Advent.

Grade 6S will be viewing the Personal Safety video on Thursday. **Grades 6C and 6H** will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Grade 3 children are encouraged to bring in their new gift/s and craft items for the Gr. 3 Christmas Store as soon as possible. If anyone is a craft-maker and would like to donate some of your items to the store at cost price, we would appreciate contacting us at 857-6477. Items are priced from \$2.00 to \$8.00.

PRE/K –Classes take place during the 10:30 on Sundays. Please use the West School ramp (John St.) for entrance if weather permits. Otherwise the upstairs West entrance should be used.

JUNIOR HIGH –Classes take place at the Junior High Building at 7:20. This week Grade 7 will be continuing their study of Reconciliation and Grade 8 will be studying Morality. Both groups will be studying the changes in the Mass which will take place on the First Sunday of Advent.

HS Religious Ed

Congratulations to our newly confirmed parishioners! We are so looking forward to you jumping in to parish ministries and sharing the fire of the Spirit! Please don’t forget, Confirmation does NOT end your religious education but should be a spring board for wanting to learn more! See you in class on Wednesday!

Youth Activities:

Junior High Teen Center is open on November 18 from 7 – 10 (chaperons are Lisa Siemer, Kayla Hemmen, Jill & Maurus Schumacher, and Mary Sandschafer). It is closed on Saturday Nov. 19.

We’re roller skating! Jr. high & high school students are invited to the Silver Star Skating on December 3! We’ll leave the school parking lot at 6:30 pm and head to Mattoon. We’ll be back by 10 pm.– Cost is \$6.00 and forms will be out this week!

A Thank You Note

The Effingham Knights of Columbus recently hosted a very successful Vocation Support Mass and Banquet on October 9, 2011. The theme for the event was **'FIRM IN THE FAITH'** signifying the conviction of those entering the religious life. The theme also signifies the support of the Knights and Catholics in the Springfield Diocese for those entering religious life.

The Effingham Knights of Columbus are grateful to the approximately 450 people who attended the Mass and Banquet in support of those who have answered or will be answering the call to a Religious Vocation. In addition to those attending, the Knights also thank the many others who offered prayers for an increase in Religious Vocations and monetary donations. Due to the financial generosity exhibited, all 20 seminarians of the Springfield Diocese were presented with \$500 at the Banquet.

The Knights are most appreciative of Sacred Heart Parish and Pastor Fr. David Hoefler along with the parish staff for the use of Sacred Heart Church for the Mass. The Knights also extend a heartfelt thanks to Carol Stumborg, the choirs from Sacred Heart, St. Anthony and Annunciation parishes, the St. Anthony Bell Choir and other local musicians who provided meaningful and endearing music for the Mass.

To the seminarians who took time away from their studies to attend the Mass and Banquet, thank you for attending and giving us the opportunity to show in person our support for you as you begin your Vocation to the Religious Life.

The Effingham Knights of Columbus also extend a special word of thanks and appreciation to the Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki, Bishop of the Springfield Diocese, for celebrating Mass and serving as the guest speaker at the Banquet. The Effingham Knights also thank the many priests, brothers, deacons, sisters, other religious for participating in and attending the Mass and Banquet. The Effingham Knights also extend their appreciation to the K of C State Council and K of C Springfield Diocesan Chapter dignitaries who were in attendance.

We Are Needing

someone to clean the purifiers (the white cloths that are used to clean the chalices) for one month out of the year. If you are interested in this ministry, please phone the parish office 857-6404.

Notice: We have extra "Why Catholic?" books. If you wish to use it for personal prayer, you do not need to belong to a group. Call the parish office for information.

Q. What is the history and significance of prayer postures?

A. There is a lot of talk these days about body language and how we communicate feelings, thoughts and moods by the way we position our body. Spiritual practices have intentionally used various postures and gestures in prayer. Our physical position and gestures are symbolic as well as efficacious. They not only point to a greater reality (symbolic) but also really help put us in tune with God and our spiritual selves (efficacious).

Prayer postures also help us focus on our prayer. Many great spiritual directors saw the connection between the body being at peace and the inner self also being at peace. One necessarily affected the other. The body is part of the expression of prayer. So when we kneel we express reverence. When we pray with open hands, we are in a posture of acceptance and openness. When we are prostrate, we are in a posture of supplication. When we sit, we are in a posture of listening. Dancing expresses great joy while hands folded over one's face focuses our attention and blocks out distractions. Other gestures and positions may be meaningful as you pray. St. Ignatius said that movement in prayer indicates the moods and changes that occur when a person prays. With prayer, it's not just in our heads, but in and through our whole being-body, mind and soul!

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"WHY CATHOLIC?" evening of reflection for all parishioners of "Why Catholic?" parishes will be held this **Monday, November 14**, beginning at **6:30 p.m. at St. Anthony's Parish Hall**. There is no need to belong to a small group. Come prepare for Advent. Please call the parish office to register.

RCIA continues to meet in **St. Clare Hall on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.** Our topic this week, *Sacraments of Initiation*, will discuss an overview of the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Consider bringing a non-Catholic friend and expose them to the teachings of the Catholic Church. All are welcome. There are no commitments.

Holy Humor...

The Sunday school teacher had just concluded a talk on the creation account in Genesis when one of the children said, "My father says we are descended from monkeys." "After class," replied the teacher, "we will discuss your private family problems."

Special Collection

Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. CCHD was founded by the U.S. bishops, who recognized that the lives of those in need will not improve until the systems and policies that keep people in poverty change. For over 40 years, CCHD has funded community groups that create lasting change. **Fight poverty in America. Defend human dignity. Give to the CCHD collection.**

To the Parents of Servers:

I am trying to finalize the serving schedule for the Christmas Masses. As you know, on **Christmas Eve there is a 5:30 pm Mass** at which there are 4 servers (from Gr. 5-12) and a **10:30 pm Mass** at which there are 12 torch bearers (from Gr. 4,5,6,7,&8) and 5 servers (from Gr. 8-12). On Christmas Day there is a **7:00 am Mass** at which we need 4 servers (from Gr.4-12) and an **8:45 Mass** at which we also need 4 servers (from Gr. 4-12).

If you and your family are planning to attend any of these Masses, and your child is interested in serving the Mass or being a torch bearer, please notify me. I am well aware that some families celebrate their family Christmas on Christmas Eve and some on Christmas Day. To help me avoid a lot of scheduling hassles, I would appreciate knowing if your child could and would possibly be able to serve any of these Masses. I ask that you please **contact me at 821-9950 by Wednesday, November 23**, if your child is willing and able to serve any of these times. This way I can have these assignments listed in the December schedule.

I am also trying to schedule servers for the Masses on the holy day, January 1 (Mary Mother of God). Mass times are on **Saturday, December 31 (New Year's Eve) at 4:00 pm and 5:30 pm and on Sunday, January 1 at 8:45 am and 10:30 am**. If your child is willing to serve any of these Masses please let me know by November 18.

Thank you for any help that you can give me!
Barb Runde

CCW News

St. Francis CCW is planning a sewing extravaganza to benefit the Fish Christmas Store. Our plans are to sew the stockings at the Monastery Museum Dining Room on Monday, November 14th. Besides seamstresses, we are also in need of people to cut and press the stockings. We will begin sewing at 1:00 pm and continue until approximately 7:30 pm. Choose a time that works best for you.

We are also in need of several portable sewing machines, irons and ironing boards. Anyone coming to help, please bring a scissor (labeled with your name).

Please call Angie Hotze at 857-3938 if you can help CCW with this project.

Here and There

- **Events Today, November 13th**
- **CCW Breakfast** at the Grade School Auditorium after 8:45 am Mass. All women of the parish are invited.
- **Turkey Bingo** at the Grade School Auditorium at 7 pm
- **Annual fall brunch** at St. Mary Help of Christians (Green Creek), serving 7:00 am—noon.
- **Breakfast** at St. Thomas Parish Center, Newton, serving 8:00—11:00 am.
- **Turkey Dinner and Fall Bazaar** at St. Theresa of Avila Church, Salem, serving 11:00 am—2:00 pm in the school gym.
- **Fall Dinner** at St. Mary's Church, St. Elmo, serving turkey & roast beef from 11:00 am—2:00 pm.

The **Fish and Chicken Buffet** at the Teutopolis Knights of Columbus has begun.. Serving every Friday night thru November, 5:00-8:00 pm at the KC Hall

Bingo every 1st and 3rd Friday every month at St. Thomas Parish Center, Newton. Doors open at 6:00 pm, Bingo starts at 7:00 pm.

Holiday Craft Fair on Sunday, November 20th, 12:00-4:00pm at the Dieterich Unit 30 High School Gym. Sponsored by the Dieterich Women's Club

"Circle of Friends" Pro-Life Fundraiser will be Sunday, November 20th, 8:00am to 1:00pm at the Sacred Heart Parish Center. Check out our website at www.sheff.org for a complete listing of vendors. Proceeds donated to Pro-Life/Family Life Center. Any questions, call Darlene at 217-347-7177.

Christmas Walk hosted by St. Isidore CCW on Sunday, December 4, 1:00-4:00pm. Homes on the walk are Joe & Tina Brummer, Jerry & Alice Goeckner, Rodney & Brandi Lidy, and Sue Sandschafer. The Bishop Hall will also be featuring table settings, nativity sets, decorated Christmas trees, and Villages, plus refreshments and live entertainment. Tickets are \$5.00 and may be purchased in advance at the first National Bank of Dieterich, National Trail Bank, Washington Savings Bank, Teutopolis State Bank and Mary Carol in the St. Isidore church office. Proceeds will go to the St. Hedwig Haus in Charleston. For more information call Christy Repking 217-536-6045 or Alice Drees 217-925-5288.