

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Teutopolis, Illinois

October 4, 2009

Happy Parish Feast Day!



From Fr. Jeff

What a joy and privilege it is for me to be able to celebrate the feast of St. Francis of Assisi in a parish named in his honor and at the cradle of our Franciscan Province of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This is a first for me. But this space in the bulletin this weekend is not about me, Fr. Jeff, but rather about our holy patron, St. Francis.

Do you remember that: Francis was born in 1181 or 1182 to Pica and Pietro Bernardone in Assisi, Italy. He had a carefree, happy life growing up and was known as the life of the party. It was pretty much ‘whatever Francis wanted, Francis got.’ He had dreams of being a grand knight and off to war against Perugia he went, only to find many of his fellow Assisians killed and himself, imprisoned. It was in prison that his real conversion began to ferment and grow and make a decisive turn after his release from prison, when he gave back to his father everything he had—including the clothes he was wearing!

His conversion grew with “hearing” Christ speak to him from the cross, asking him to “go Francis and rebuild my church which you see is falling into ruins.” Yes, he rebuilt some churches but in time he came to understand that it was the Body of Christ that he was to build up in charity, mercy, forgiveness and reconciliation. Yes, he prayed intensely, even receiving from Christ the sacred wounds of His passion. But it was praying and celebrating with others that he found meaning to his vocation in following Jesus and living the Gospel. And yes, he wanted to live for Christ and to know only Christ but it was in the poor, the sick, the outcast of his times, that Francis met the living, wounded Christ. Because of how Francis lived the life of Jesus, many brothers and sisters wanted to follow his example and be known as his follower. Today we number in the thousands throughout the world. We don’t live just like Francis. Indeed, he didn’t want us to be duplicates of him. Francis said, “I did what was mine to do, you go and do what you are to do.”

Francis died, stripped of all his possessions, on the eve of October 3rd, 1226 and “he winged his soul to heaven.”

I believe the message of Francis for each of us whether we are a Secular Franciscan, a religious sister, a friar or a parishioner of St. Francis or St. Rose is: do we know what Christ is asking of us, responding in faith and love to what Christ wants? Do we go forth from every Mass and do what we are to do? May our holy father, St. Francis lead and guide us in living the gospel of Christ so that we, too, can be “heralds of the great King.” Happy Feast to all! Pax et Bonum!

Fr. Jeff

Happy Feastday! Here are a couple websites that you might find interesting.

www.biologicaldiversity.org and

www.help@list.one.org.

St. Francis has influenced, not only his society, but ours as well. We hope you enjoy the day.

Rosary Crusade

The 2009 Public Square Rosary Crusade aims to have the Rosary prayed at thousands of locations on Saturday, October 10th at noon. The Teutopolis site for this public praying of the Rosary will be Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto by the Teutopolis Grade School. In case of rain, we will gather at the pavilion in the Mini-Park. If the weather is too chilly to be outside, we will go to the Museum Dining Room.

The Public Square Rosary Crusade is so important because America is losing its moral compass. During our lifetime we have seen and are seeing the rejection of religious and moral values. When moral standards are ignored or rejected, we see the spread of crime, pornography, violence against the more helpless of society, breakdown of the family, etc. Prayer is needed to reverse the trend. Come, join us in prayer for our nation on October 10th at noon at the Lourdes Grotto by the Teutopolis Grade School.

Respect Life Sunday—Today, Oct. 4

The annual Life Chain event takes place today, Sunday, Oct. 4th. It begins with a prayer service at Sacred Heart Parish Center at 1:30 pm. Chain will form at 2 pm. Refreshments at 3 pm. Signs will be furnished. Come and be a Christian witness against the killing of preborn children. Bring your family and friends to help make this a successful, prayerful, peaceful, legal, pro-life event.

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Joseph B. “JB” Esker. May his soul rest in peace.

St. Francis wanted his followers to have some humor and told them: “Leave sadness to the devil, for he indeed has a reason to be sad.”

Service Projects:

We are looking to help the elderly or homebound for home service projects for our Sophomore retreat on October 17. We are looking for those in need of home repair, winterizing, washing windows, or clean-up. Please call the high school religious ed office at 857-1500 and talk to Lisa or Karen regarding possible work site information.

Liturgy Schedule

27th Week in Ordinary Time

October 5-11

Monday,	Mass at 6:30 am
Tuesday,	St. Bruno Mass at 6:30 & 8:05 am
Wednesday,	Our Lady of the Rosary Mass at 6:30 & 8:05 am
Thursday,	Mass at 6:30 am
Friday,	St. Denis Mass at 6:30 & 8:05 am
Saturday,	Mass at 5:30 pm
Sunday,	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass at 7:00, 8:45, 10:30 am

Confession Schedule

Saturday, October 10 - 3:30-4:30 pm

Liturgy of the Hours with Friars

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

Next Week's Music Ministers

Sat., Oct. 10—5:30—Amy Nosbisch, Amanda Hoelscher,
Derek Deters, Kara Esker

Sun., Oct. 11—7:00—Jim Quatman and Theresa Draper
8:45—Greg Oseland and Kim Deters
10:30—Maria Wargolet



Pray for the Sick

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick, especially: Sidney Horn, Kris Gouchenour, Rebekah Volk, Sr. Clara Esker, Laurie Shook, Marilyn Smith, Jodi Waymoth, Evelyn Krone, Agnes Kremer, Tiffany Campbell, Steve Sehy, Cathy Green, Dorothy and Ermand Thoele

Stewardship of Treasure

	Sunday 9/27/2009	Total Fiscal Year
273 Adult envelopes	\$6,084.00	\$88,959.55
Other	556.30	7,064.74
TOTAL	\$6,640.30	\$96,024.29
GOAL	\$9,300.00	\$120,900.00



Parish Calendar

Tuesday, October 6

- Secular Franciscans meet, 6:00 pm, St. Clare

Wednesday, October 7

- Children's choir, 3:30-4:30 pm
- Youth choir, 6:00-7:00 pm
- Young Adult choir, 8:30-9:30 pm
- Jr. High and High School Religion, 7:20 pm

Thursday, October 8

- Adult choir, 7:00 pm

Saturday, October 10

- Confessions, 3:30-4:30 pm



Planning Marriage

Patrick Zuber and Julie Vandever
Saturday, October 10, 2009
1:00 pm

Baptisms

We welcome those recently baptized into our faith family:

Owen Edward Kremer,
son of Duane and Sherrie (Smith) Kremer

Carson Don Markwell,
son of Aaron and Cheri (Buehnerkemper) Markwell

Jaedyn Lynne Thoele,
daughter of Jeff and Jennifer (Pitcher) Thoele

Colten Michael Weaving
and
Lincoln Douglas Weaving,
twin sons of Jonathan and Jackie (Niemeyer) Weaving

"WHY CATHOLIC?" groups will begin meeting when books come in. There is still time to register if you want.

Francis was author of the great song of praise, 'canticle of Brother Sun,' which most know as the hymn, "All Creatures of Our God and King."



Homebound Ministries

Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound for Sunday, October 11th are: Leola Zerrusen 857-3417, Eleanor Gebben 857-3619, Mary Jane Koester 857-3697, Mary Runde 857-3276

Evening of Reflection

All ladies of the parish are invited to an “Evening of Reflection” to be held at the Newman Center at EIU in Charleston on October 6. Fr. John Titus will be speaking on “Our Lady of Guadalupe”. The evening will begin at 6:30 pm and end at 8:30 pm. Father will have Mass and the evening will end with refreshments and fellowship. Bring a carload or more to this special evening. The Newman Center is located at 500 Roosevelt Ave. East. from Route 16, go south on 4th Street, to Roosevelt and turn left. Newman Center is on the right. Phone 217-868-2042, if you have questions.

Have you heard???

Choir practices have started. Anyone still interested in joining is welcome to attend. Practice times are:

Adult Choir—Thursday: 7:00-8:30pm

Young Adult Choir (High School)—Wednesday: 8:30-9:30pm

Youth Choir (Junior High)—Wednesday: 6:00-7:00pm

Children’s Choir (5th & 6th Grade)—Wednesday 3:30-4:30pm

If you have any questions, please call Maria at 857-6404 ext.229.

40 Days for Life

A member of the 40 Days for Life team in GRANITE CITY, ILLINOIS said an abortion facility nurse came out and hugged her. “Thank you for praying for me,” she told her. “Your witness has been powerful to me. This is my last day! I’m going off to do what real nurses should be doing.” This is the SECOND abortion worker to quit during this fall’s 40 Days for Life campaign! This far, 40 Days for Life has received reports of 38 mothers who changed their minds and chose life. And these are just the ones we know of! Are you offering extra prayers and fasting now through November 1st to help end abortion?!!

Catholic Heart Work Camp Update

The Catholic Heart Work Camp registration has been sent in for the CHWC camp in Memphis, TN, June 6 – 12. We have 75 students and 16 chaperons signed up to attend a week of faith-filled service and praise to God! People often ask why we go other places with these students and adults rather than serving here. These students and their peers will be doing service all year long in our community and our surrounding areas. There isn’t a month that goes by that we do not have kids out and about doing good works. It is an honor to be associated with these people who work hard to serve God wherever they are! The Teutopolis tradition of servant hearted people is alive and well in all generations!

Thank You, St. Francis Youth

Effingham Unit 40 and Catholic Charities Summer Lunch Program thanks the St. Francis parish youth for their dedication and generosity in serving lunches this summer. Thank you for helping with the lunches, for the games you played and for the smiles you gave to those who needed you!

Religious Education News

Grade School—Grade 5 students’ Mission Bake Sale for poor children throughout the world takes place for the entire school on Thursday, Oct. 15. A letter listing the dates of the mission bake sales, the items that will be raffled, and the information regarding children’s membership in the Holy Childhood was sent home with all the children this past week. The membership dues are 50 cents per child. This payment of the membership dues allows each child 6 chances on the raffle of their grade’s cake. Please place the 50 cents in an envelope marked with the child’s name and homeroom when sending it. Thank you.

Grade 2 children—in rooms 2B and 2C will be viewing the Personal Safety Training Video in room 2B on Tuesday, Oct. 6. Children in rooms 1N and 1P have already viewed the Personal safety video on Thursday, Oct. 1st. Parents are welcome to attend these viewings.

Grade 2 children begin attending Mass on Wed., Oct. 7. Please talk to the children about good behavior and reverence in church, in listening and following the priest, and in joining in the singing and responding. Reminders are helpful. Next Monday—No Class—Columbus Day.

PRE/K --Sunday morning classes are in session in the grade school cafeteria area during the 10:30 Mass. It’s not too late to register your Pre or Kdgn.-age child. Registration forms are available at the St. Clare Hall church entrance and at the classes’ locations.

Junior High—Classes take place from 7:20 to 8:30 on Wednesdays at the Junior High building. Grade 8 is studying the early Church hero—Pope St. Clement of Rome. Grade 7 is studying “A Prayer of the Heart”. Parents are invited to view the last two videos in the series, Have a New Kid by Friday... “The Amazing Race for Self-Esteem” (Raising the bar of confidence without lowering the boom of discouragement) and “Leman Secrets for Enjoying the Journey” (Little things mean a lot.) This takes place in the Jr. Hi. cafeteria starting at 7:20 p.m.

Check the Parish website---www.stfrancischurch.com—for further information.

HS Religious Education

Sophomore Retreat: We are excited about the Sophomore retreat day coming up on October 17. All sophomores are expected to make this retreat or attend the Confirmation Rally at the Belleville Shrine on October 15. Please call the high school rel. ed office if you have questions regarding this opportunity.

Youth Notes:

Youth Councils meet THIS SUNDAY, Oct. 4 in the Teen Center! Jr. High meets from 6 –7 pm; High School meets 7 – 8 pm.

In 1224, during meditation, St. Francis received the stigmata, which periodically bled during the last two years of his life.

Parish Council September, 2009 Minutes

Present: Fr. Austin, Fr. Ken, Terry Meyer, Sandy Fisher, Roy Brumleve, Steve Witges, Dean Kremer, Ted Koester, Pam Hemmen, Doug Mette, Jodie Pruemmer, Tammy Willenborg, Louise Sheehan.

Absent: Fr. Vernon

Meeting was opened with prayer and minutes of the May meeting were approved.

Finance: Steve Witges:

- Reviewed and approved annual budget.
- Annual parish financial report to be sent to the diocese.
- Reviewed the following reports: A time to Grow, Love and Share. Only \$953 in delinquent payments.
- Scrip proceeds:
- 2009 Parish Picnic results—net income of \$41,000.

Building and Grounds: Roy Brumleve:

- Repair of drainage from down spout behind rectory done.
- Discussed needed improvements to the kitchen in grade school auditorium.

Liturgy: Ted Koester:

- October 4th is Feast of St. Francis
- Transitus service, Sat., Oct. 3, 7:00 pm.
- Blessing of animals, 1:00 pm Sunday, Oct. 4 on lawn east of St. Clare Hall.
- Oct. 4th Prayer Chain for Life at Sacred Heart Church. Prayer at 1:30 pm in Parish hall followed by outside Prayer Chain from 2:00-3:00 pm.
- Knights of Columbus dinner & induction of nominees to the Hall of Fame on Sat., Oct. 3 at 4:00 pm.
- Parish Mission by Frank Runyon on Mon., Oct. 26th at 7:00 pm, The Gospel of John.
- On Tues., Oct. 27th at 7:00 pm, The Letter of James.

Religious Education: Louise Sheehan:

- Grade School: Total number of children in Grade School religion program is 399, in Jr. High program is 118.
- Sunday Pre/K classes begin on Sunday, September 27. Registrations shows K (9), Pre (8) children. Would like 5 or 6 more children in each class.
- Looking for a Grade 4 catechist for 2nd semester.
- Jr. High: Very good attendance & very good reports regarding “Have A New Kid By Friday” on Wed. nights facilitated by Kevin and Lisa Mette.
- High School—Nothing to report.
- Adult Religious Ed—“Why Catholic?” starting Oct. 4th weekend.

Stewardship: Tammy Willenborg:

- Total of 14 families welcomed since May.
- Hosted reception for Fr. Jeff weekend of Aug. 1st & 2nd.

Fr. Austin commented on the Annual Catholic Service Appeal goal of \$53,314. \$9,204 less than last year. Everyone encouraged to do their share.

Meeting closed with prayer.

Louise Sheehan, Secretary

RESULTS OF ST. FRANCIS PARISH PICNIC

JULY 12, 2009

	GROSS	EXPENSES	NET		
Chicken Money Collected	\$4,650.00		\$4,650.00		
Beer Stand	5,323.00	2,747.75	2,575.25		
Dinner	11,705.00	6,365.33	5,339.67		
Hamburger Stand	5,356.00	2,879.21	2,476.79		
SnowCone/Pretzel/Nacho St	965.25	341.91	623.34		
Soda Stand	1,035.00	550.80	484.20		
Pool Tickets/Raffle	30,124.14	7,565.19	22,558.95		
Mystery Box Stand	662.85	0.00	662.85		
Cake Stand	1,588.69	209.93	1,378.77		
Country Crafts/Fancy Work	1,708.12		1,708.12		
Fish Pond	387.05	}			
Car Race Stand	247.65				
Bean Bag	549.55				
Face Painting Stand	225.25				
Basketball Shoot	243.85				
Pig Race	376.30				
Hooligan Game Stand	963.26				
Frogger	339.55				
Big Wheel	875.91				
Softball Pitch	247.41				
Stuffed Animal Stand	878.80				
Crossbow Stand	205.10				
Plinko	289.50				
Teen Tent/Karaoke	0.00			0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous Expenses:					
Advertising		1,436.41	(1,436.41)		
Set-Up/Clean-Up		2,201.36	(2,201.36)		
Ice		812.25	(812.25)		
	<u>\$68,947.23</u>	<u>\$30,014.33</u>	<u>\$38,932.91</u>		
Bingo Stand	2,188.80	0.00	2,188.80		
	<u>\$71,136.03</u>	<u>\$30,014.33</u>	<u>\$41,121.71</u>		
		2009 NET	\$41,121.71		
		2008 NET	\$41,507.13		
		2007 NET	\$38,890.81		
		2006 NET	\$37,600.35		
		2005 NET	\$42,102.16		
		2004 NET	\$37,897.98		
		2003 NET	\$39,566.05		
		2002 NET	\$38,400.69		
		2001 NET	\$33,385.60		
		2000 NET	\$35,960.81		
		1999 NET	\$42,227.91		
		1998 NET	\$38,157.41		
		1997 NET	\$31,540.24		
		1996 NET	\$28,748.22		

Second Hand Rose October Schedule

Tues., Oct. 6	Suits, 2 for 1 sale
Thurs., Oct. 8	Belts and purses 1/2 price
Mon., Oct 12	Closed
Wed., Oct. 14	Halloween items half price
Fri., Oct. 16	Closed
Tues., Oct. 20	Winter shoes, buy 1, get 1, 1/2 price
Thurs., Oct. 22	Winter coats, buy 1, get 1, 1/2 price
Mon., Oct. 26	Hats and glove sale
Wed., Oct. 28	Sweaters, buy 1, get 1, 1/2 price
Fri., Oct. 30	All long pants half price

Socials

St. Isidore Parish, St. Joseph Church, Island Grove Fall Breakfast **today**, Oct. 4th, 7 am to 12:30 pm. On the menu: whole hog sausage and/or ham, eggs, pancakes, juice, milk, coffee, homemade breads and sweet rolls. Cost is \$4 and \$6. Also, a Country Store, quilt raffle, big raffle with top prize of \$500 cash followed by 2 \$100. Fr. Joe Carlos and the parishioners invite you to attend.

Family Fall Festival at Oconee Sacred Heart Church on the next 3 Sundays. Open each Sunday, 11 am to 5 pm. Many family activities.

Effingham County Old Settlers Reunion on Saturday, October 17th, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on the Courthouse square lawn.

Fall Festival at Mother of Dolores Parish Center in Vandalia on Sunday, October 18th. Serving 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.

FALL Trip to St. Louis

Thursday, Oct. 22, 2009, 8:00 am to 5:30 pm
Visit and tour the Motherhouse of the School Sisters of Notre Dame — (prayer in the chapel, presentation by Sister Carol Marie Wildt, lunch with the sisters, tour). Drive through Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery (2nd largest in U.S.) Enjoy the Missouri Botanical Gardens.
45 places on the Bales Bus — Your \$30 at St. Anthony Parish Center, Effingham, by October 15 is your reservation on the bus. For more information, call St. Anthony Parish Office at 347-7129.

Francis said this on the happiness of sharing: “Jesus is happy to accompany us, just as the truth is happy to be spoken, life is to be lived, as a light is to be lit, as love is to be loved, as joy is to be shared, and as peace is to be spread to others.”

Blessing of Animals

Today, Oct. 4, 1:00 pm, East lawn.

Holy Humor...

The lawyer sent an overdue bill to a client, with a note attached that read, “This Bill is one year old.” By return mail, the lawyer had his bill back. Attached to it was a note that read, “Happy Birthday!”