

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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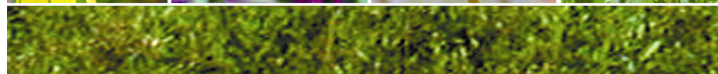
Steve Witges

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Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 12, 2010

“I tell you, there will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents.” — Lk 15:10



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Exaltation of the Holy Cross—September 14

On the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross we honor the Holy Cross by which Christ redeemed the world. The public veneration of the Cross of Christ originated in the fourth century, according to early accounts, beginning with the miraculous discovery of the cross on September 14, 326, by Saint Helen, mother of Constantine, while she was on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem—the same day that two churches built at the site of Calvary by Constantine were dedicated.

The observance of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross has been celebrated by Christians on September 14 ever since. In the Western Church, the feast came into prominence in the seventh century, apparently inspired by the recovery of a portion of the Cross, said to have been taken from Jerusalem by the Roman emperor Heraclius in 629.

Christians “exalt” the Cross of Christ as the instrument of our salvation. Adoration of the Cross is, thus, adoration of Jesus Christ, the God Man, who suffered and died on this Roman instrument of torture for our redemption from sin and death. The cross represents the One Sacrifice by which Jesus, obedient even unto death, accomplished our salvation. The cross is a symbolic summary of the Passion, Crucifixion and Resurrection of Christ—all in one image.

The Cross—because of what it represents—is the most potent and universal symbol of the Christian faith. It has inspired both liturgical and private devotions: for example, the Sign of the Cross, which is an invocation of the Holy Trinity; the “little” Sign of the Cross on head, lips and heart at the reading of the Gospel; praying the Stations (or Way) of the Cross; and the Veneration of the Cross by the faithful on Good Friday by kissing the feet of the image of Our Savior crucified.

Placing a crucifix (the cross with an image of Christ’s body upon it) in churches and homes, in classrooms of Catholic schools and in other Catholic institutions, or wearing this image on our persons, is a constant reminder—and witness—of Christ’s ultimate triumph, His victory over sin and death through His suffering and dying on the Cross.

We remember Our Lord’s words, “He who does not take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for my sake will find it.” (Mt 10:38.39). Meditating on these words we unite ourselves—our souls and bodies—with His obedience and His sacrifice; and we rejoice in this inestimable gift through which we have the hope of salvation and the glory.

70th Jubilee for Sr. Henrietta Hoene

Congratulations to Sr. Henrietta Hoene on her 70th jubilee as a School Sister of Notre Dame. Sister worked with St. Francis and its Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults program for a number of years.

An open house will be held **today** from 1:30-3:30 pm at Green Creek Parish Hall, rural Effingham.

Cards may be sent to her at Veronica House, 12284 DePaul Drive, Apt. 218, Bridgeton, MO 63044.

Family Corner

Last week we read about the five foundational skills we all need to be self-disciplined. The next five skills are **constructive skills**. The five constructive self-discipline skills are best taught from grades 3-8. These five correspond to the child’s growing self-concept and independence. By using the basic skills from last week, children tell adults they are ready for new challenges and more independence. They will ask WHY rules exist. They will suggest shortcuts for doing ordinary tasks. Instead of losing patience, adults should cheer when they sense children are ready to build on the basic skills by constructing their own world view.

The self-discipline skills we can help children to develop at this time in their lives are:

1. **the ability to cooperate:** to work as a member of a group and to receive as well as to give.
2. **the ability to understand and explain the reason for rules:** to help make and regulate rules, knowing the consequences and reasons why they are important.
3. **the ability to select and develop procedures for accomplishing an objective:** to understand that goals may change because of different circumstances, and that adjustments must be made.
4. **the ability to be trained as a leader:** to learn the art of delegation; to stand in for the adult and assume leadership roles.
5. **the ability to use communication skills:** to learn how to disagree appropriately; to give and receive compliments; to carry on conversations; to begin to identify and name their feelings.

One of the skills that we talk about when our students view personal safety videos is looking someone in the eye when speaking to them. In some cultures this is rude (Japan for instance). In our culture it is necessary to show that you are self assured, not afraid and want to recognize the importance of the person with whom you are speaking. It is a good thing. When we teach children the constructive self-discipline skills, we help them live in a democratic environment. (school, home, business, society, etc)

Liturgy Schedule

24th Week in Ordinary Time

September 13-19

Monday,	St. John Chrysostom Mass at 6:30 am
Tuesday,	Exaltation of the Holy Cross Mass at 6:30 & 8:05 am
Wednesday,	Our Lady of Sorrows Mass at 6:30 am
Thursday,	St. Cornelius and St. Cyprian Mass at 6:30 am
Friday,	St. Robert Bellarmine Mass at 6:30 & 8:05 am
Saturday,	Mass at 5:30 pm
Sunday,	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass at 7:00, 8:45, 10:30 am

Confession Schedule

Saturday, September 18 - 3:30-4:30 pm

Liturgy of the Hours with Friars

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

Question of the Week

What is your definition of sin? In what ways does it match the sense of sin in the Gospel readings?

Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

I Tim. 1:12-17

Luke 15:1-32



Pray for the Sick

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick, especially: : Rebekah Volk, Sr. Clara Esker, Jodi Waymoth, Evelyn Krone, Cathy Green, Mardell Weis, Nicholas Rhodes, Agnes Kremer, Karlene Frese

Stewardship of Treasure

	<u>Sunday</u> 9/5/2010	<u>Total Fiscal</u> <u>Year</u>
335 Adult envelopes	\$9,005.00	\$69,274.00
Other	627.13	5,702.85
TOTAL	\$9,632.13	\$74,976.85
GOAL	\$9,900.00	\$99,000.00



Parish Calendar

Monday, September 13

- Servers practice, 3:30 pm
- Liturgy meeting, 7:00 pm, St. Clare
- Men's Holy Name, 7:30 pm, Museum Meeting Room

Tuesday, September 14

- Servers practice, 3:30 pm
- RCIA, 7:00 pm, Museum Meeting Room

Wednesday, September 15

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

Thursday, September 16

- Servers practice, 3:30 pm
- Adult Choir, 7:00 pm
- Monastery Museum mtg., 7:00 pm, Museum Dining Room

Friday, September 17

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

Saturday, September 18

- Confessions, 3:30-4:30 pm

Sunday, September 19

- Catechetical Sunday
- Secular Franciscans meet, 2:00 pm, Church

The RCIA sessions have begun. Anyone interested in receiving information on the Catholic Church is welcome to attend. There are no expectations and no commitments at this time. We begin at 7:00 p.m. in the museum meeting room. For more information, please contact Sr. Pierre at 857-6404.

BIBLE STUDY is the third Thursday of the month. This month *A Quick Journey Through the Bible, part II* will be presented. It is not necessary to have had part I to join us. Thursday, September 16th we meet at 10:00 a.m. in St. Clare Hall. Come hear our greatest story made easy.



Homebound Ministers

Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound for Sunday, September 19th are: Lenora Drees 857-3583, Betty Koeberlein 924-4176, Deb Runde 857-6281, Sharon Brummer 857-6092

“Why Catholic?” session preview will be held at Immaculate Conception Parish in Mattoon **Wednesday, September 22** from 6:30-9:00. Any adult of the parish interested in the information can contact Sr. Pierre at 857-6404 by Monday, September 6.

Sign up for this year’s “Why Catholic?” sessions will be held this weekend and next. Gather family, friends and neighbors and join in getting to know your faith and one another better. This year’s sessions deal with morality and the church’s teaching on particular issues. Don’t wait!! Call the parish office so books can be ordered.

Check out! Check the parish website for the viewing schedule of personal safety videos for each grade.

Protecting God’s Children adult session will be held on **Friday, September 24**, from **6:00-9:00 in St. Clare Hall**. A light supper of sandwiches, chips and drinks will be provided. Please bring SS number and driver’s license. Registration is required. Please call the parish office for more information and to register. 857-6404.

*Happy Birthday to Sister Ann
on Thursday, September 16th.*

Youth Notes:

World Youth Day in Belleville is coming soon! Jr. High day is September 25 for junior high students and September 26 is for high school students. HS Band Members – Mrs. Orndorff said she would work with you about schedules for the band breakfast if you talked to her asap if you’re wanting to attend. Sign up early to reserve your seats! Forms are available at the entrance to church and also online at the parish website.

YoUth CoUnCiLs! LET’S get this year STARTED!! The first youth council organizational meeting for this year will take place **today**, September 12! Jr. High meets from 5:30 pm – 7 & high school meets from 7- 8:30. (usually these meetings will only last an hour). Come plan events for the parish to offer for people your age! All students who attend unit 50 are invited to be part of the council & participate in parish activities. We’ll have games, prayer, planning & food! Come check out the fun!

Religious Education News

ATTENTION ALL CATECHISTS, MASS SUPERVISORS, VIDEO PRESENTERS, CHAPERONES, ALL WHO HELP WITH CHILDREN OR YOUTH IN THE PARISH IN ANY CAPACITY—Please sign up for the Adult Video training program, Protecting God’s Children, required by the Diocese, taking place in St. Clare Hall on Friday, September 24, from 6:00 to 9:00 (This is a one-time showing –only for those who have not yet taken this class.) Please call the parish office at 857-6477 to register and to receive further instructions.

Kdgn./ Pre School Sunday morning religion class registration forms have been sent home this past week. Please fill these out as soon as possible, if you wish your child to participate in this weekly religion program during the 10:30 Mass, and return to the religious ed office as soon as possible. Thank you.

Junior High Parents- Youth in both grades 7 and 8 begin their video-assisted Bible Study program this week, during which time we are planning and expecting the parents to view the video along with the students in the cafeteria area. (After viewing the video, the students return to their classrooms for the follow-up, and the parents may remain in the cafeteria to discuss the input using a guide sheet or may choose to view the video a second time...as is suggested by the producers. Program ends at student dismissal time—8:30.

We missed the attendance of many Grade 8 parents during the Wednesday night religious ed meeting. If you are responsible for planning or scheduling meetings or activities, please choose a night other than Wednesday night as this interferes with the planned activities of the religion program. Parents are strongly invited and encouraged to attend the Parent Scripture classes on Wednesdays of September and October during the students’ class times.

High School Rel. Ed.

WE ARE HERE! Registrations for High School Religious Ed were sent out a few weeks ago. If you haven’t registered your student yet, please give us a call at the High School Religious Ed office at 857-1500 and register your student this week! **Classes are starting this week—Sept. 15!**

Here are other important dates to mark on your calendar: Freshmen & their parents meeting is on Sept 15 at the TGS Cafeteria. Confirmation retreat for Sophs is October 16. Confirmation practice for Sophs is on November 3, and Confirmation has been set for November 10. It’s going to be a GREAT year, and we can’t wait to get it started!

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

Youth Choir (High School & 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.

Men's Holy Name

The Men's Holy Name will meet tomorrow, September 13th, 7:30 pm in the Museum Meeting Room. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

CCW

Come join us ladies, Monday evening, September 20th at 7:00 pm in St. Clare hall, as we restart our monthly CCW meetings. After a short meeting recapping what's been happening over the summer, we will have Designs Unlimited give us a program on their business. Tina Brumleve will show us how monogramming can personalize everything from T-shirts to towels and pillowcases. Enjoy an evening away from the house. We promise you a good time of laughter and fun. Hope to see you there!



Attention!!

all persons who are responsible for planning and scheduling regular meetings or activities. PLEASE refrain from scheduling these on Wednesday nights throughout the school year, as this interferes with Wednesday night religion parent meetings, catechist participation and parent religious education.

2011 March for Life

Please join in the 2011 March for Life to Washington, DC on January 21-25. Join hundreds of thousands of other Pro-Life advocates in our nation's capital to show your support for the sanctity of human life. Complete information is available at www.dio.org/youthministry, or contact Kyle Holtgrave at 217-698-8500 ext. 154.

Discovering Franciscan Spirituality

In turning attention to learn more about the life of St. Francis and his teachings, what benefits might there be for self and others? The results could very well be an awakening or re-awakening of inner joy, an attitude of gratitude, an improved community, and a better world. These are just a few of the changes one might notice. The list could go on and on.

Local Secular Franciscans are offering an initial formation class starting September 19, 2010 at 1:00 pm in St. Clare Hall in Teutopolis. Catholic men and women who are active in the Church and 18 years of age or older are cordially invited. For more information telephone Fr. Ken at 217-857-6404 or Jim Weis at 217-857-3491 or just come on September 19th.

Benediction is at 2:00 pm in St. Francis Church followed by the monthly meeting, on-going formation and refreshments.

The Annual Life Banquet is scheduled for Thursday, September 23rd. If you would like to help this ministry by hosting a table of eight, please call the Family Life Center, Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. All proceeds will benefit the Center's life-saving programs. This year's keynote speaker is Dr. Jennifer Robak Morse. She is the founder and president of the Ruth Institute, a project of the National Organization for Marriage, to promote life-long married love by "God's Design".

Prayer Vigil for Life

St. Mary's Church, Shumway, will host the Sept. 20th Prayer Vigil for Life. Due to the priest convocation that week, the group will pray the Scriptural Rosary and prayers for Life at 6:30 pm. The 7:30 business meeting will follow. A short segment of the Lifetalk News video will be viewed and reports on the Pro-life Rep meeting with the Bishop will be on the agenda. Everyone invited.

Thank You

A big THANK YOU to the volunteers who helped water and maintain the potted plants in front of St. Francis Church: Bob & Dory Deters, Don & Carol Heuerman, Karen & Tim Fuesting, Mary Ann & Jerry Zerrusen, Bob & Myrna Haskenherm, Kevin & Sharon Schumacher, Don & Bernice Broom, Leroy Thoele
You did a great job and we really appreciate your hard work and the sacrifice of your time!

Thanks
Dory & Peggy

Catholic Charities Spaghetti Fest

sponsored by Joe's pizza and Paste will be held on Sunday, September 19th, 10:30 am to 2:30 pm at the K of C Hall in Effingham. \$6 adults; \$4 children. 20+ adult tickets -\$5 each. Tickets available at Catholic Charities, Joe's, from any Catholic Charities Advisory Board Member, CC staff and at the door.

Dine in, Carry out, Drive thru.

Proceeds will support the ministries of Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities Fall Fun Run

3.75 mile run/walk (scenic Snake Trail)

1 mile run/walk (Teutopolis Jr. High Track)

Saturday, September 25th, 8:00 am. Register at 7:00 am at the Teutopolis Community Park Pavilion. For questions or to register contact Mark Hemmen 217-924-4441, Catholic Charities 217-857-1458 or go to www.cc.dio.org to print registration form. All proceeds from the Fall Fun Run will support the mission and ministries of Catholic Charities.

SCRIP CARD INFORMATION

Special Gap \$75 Gift Cards

Great Lakes Scrip Center is offering a special promotion on a Gap \$75 Gift Card, while supplies last. The \$75 card will have a 14% contribution, instead of the normal 9% contribution for \$25 card and reloads. The special contribution applies ONLY to the Gap \$75 Gift Card.

The gift card can be used at all Gap, Banana Republic and Old Navy locations in the US and Canada, and online at oldnavy.com, gap.com, bananarepublic.com, piperlime.com and athleta.com. So now you can use one gift card to get your favorite pair of Gap jeans, a luxurious Banana Republic shirt, Old Navy graphic-Ts, a fresh pair of shoes from Piperlime, or a stylish running outfit at Athleta.

Please note that, just like the other Gap Gift Cards, the \$75 card can be reloaded.

Holy Humor...

A census taker knocked on a neighborhood door. An older woman opened it and cheerfully answered all his questions except one—she refused to tell him her age. “But everybody tells their age to the census taker,” the man said. “Did Miss Mary Hill and Miss Patty Hill tell you their ages?” she demanded, glancing at her next-door neighbors’ house. “Certainly,” the census taker replied. “Well, then put down that I’m the same age as they are,” she decided. The census worker wrote down, “As old as the hills.”

Don't Forget! to send us your census.

Cub Scout Join Us Night will be on Thursday, September 16th, 7:00 pm in the Museum Dining Room. For more information contact Lorri Kastl at 857-6348.

Annual American Legion Breakfast

will be held on Sunday, September 19th at the Teutopolis American Legion hall. Serving 7:00 am to noon. There will be a Country Store including baked goods and craft items.

Wiffle Ball Tourney

Everyone is invited to attend the annual Teutopolis Sports Backers Wiffle Ball Tournament to be held on Saturday, September 18th at the T-Town KC diamond. The adult teams will begin play at 9:00 am and run throughout the day. This year we have added diamonds for ages 5th & 6th grade, junior high and high school. Please come and enjoy a fun filled day of waffle ball. We will have food and refreshments available all day. Please contact Rich Probst at 217-246-3047 regarding signing up a team. If anyone would like to earn extra Confirmation hours by volunteering to help at the event, please contact Denise Will at 857-3979. Hope to see you all there!

The Teutopolis Park District presents “UP”

Mark your calendars!! The Teutopolis Park District will be presenting the movie “UP” on Saturday, September 25th at the Teutopolis community Park. The fun will begin at 7:00 pm with hot dogs, popcorn and soda (while they last). The movie will begin at dusk. Please bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on. There will be designated areas for both (blankets in front, chairs in the back) so everyone can see.

This will be a professional presentation by Fluid Events from Champaign, IL.

EVERYTHING IS FREE!!! It's our way of saying “Thank You” to the Teutopolis Community, especially those who participate in our programs.

World MRSA Day On Saturday, October 2nd Ballard Nature Center is hosting a day to raise public awareness for and to honor MRSA victims. What is it? MRSA (MEER-sa) stands for *methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus* also known as the “superbug”. This event sponsored by Immanuel Lutheran Church is from 10 am to 4 pm. Events include a memorial prayer service, music, food, children's activities, a craft and bake sale. Proceeds will promote awareness of this preventable disease. For information contact Kathleen Higgs at 217-821-7871 or higgs71@frontiernet.net.