

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Teutopolis, Illinois

Parish Office

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Submit written bulletin notices by noon Monday.

Diocesan website: www.dio.org

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Sacramental Celebrations

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.

Parish Pastoral Team

Fr. John Eaton, OFM, Pastor

Fr. Vernon Olmer, OFM, Associate Pastor

Fr. Ken Rosswog, OFM, Associate Pastor

Fr. J. Michael Ewert, OFM, Retired (In residence)

Maria Wargolet, Director of Music Ministry

Theresa Draper, Coordinator of Music Ministry

Anita Broom, Bookkeeper

Bernice Matteson, Part-time Secretary

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Ron Ruholl, Maintenance

Religious Education:

Sr. A. Pierre Wilken, OSF, Director of Faith Formation: 857-6404

Sr. Ann Siemer, SSND, Gr. Sch./Jr. Hi. DRE: 857-6477/3015

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Parish Council:

Jim Apke

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Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 9, 2012



And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"-that is, "Be opened!" - Mk 7:32-34

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Mass Schedule

Weekend Liturgy:

Saturday 5:30 pm

Sunday 7:00, 8:45, & 10:30 am

Weekday Liturgy:

See inside schedule

Holy Days Liturgy:

Eve: 7:00 pm; Day: 6:00 am, noon (summer) & 7:00 pm

From the Pastor

SFA Website. Several people asked me to publish some homilies. They are available on the SFA website (stfrancischurch.com). Click “From Father John.” That’s all there is to it. Let me know if you need anything else published to the website.

Protecting God’s Children. Please remember that **Bishop Paprocki** has mandated that **ALL** parish volunteers—no matter in what capacity they serve—are required to participate in the “Protecting God’s Children” training. I got my training at St. Francis—though you are free to participate at St. Francis, St. Rose, or any other diocesan-sponsored training session. The training lasts for three hours. A follow-up background check is required. Talk to **Sr. Pierre** at SFA or **Lisa Probst** at SR for more information.

Deacons? When I arrived in Teutopolis and Montrose, I was surprised to find that we do not have any permanent deacons. If you check out the Acts of the Apostles, you will find the primary role of a deacon is to provide for the daily needs of the Church. Very often, this is through social outreach or ministry to the sick and homebound. Another role of the deacon is to assist at the altar during Sunday liturgy. If any men of the parish would be interested in knowing more about this ministry, please contact me at your convenience.

Additional Masses. Fr. Ken, Fr. Vernon, and I had a conversation about our Mass schedule. We decided that, as long as there are three of us available, we will add some Masses to the schedule. Beginning in October, we will offer a Saturday morning Mass at 8:00 o’clock. We are also willing to offer a second Mass on Mondays and Thursdays, but we would like to get input from the congregation regarding the time.

For those of you who think you would probably come to a later Mass on Monday and/or Thursday, please indicate to us in writing if you would prefer those Masses to be at 9:00 a.m. or 12:10 p.m. We would like to get your response ASAP so that we can put things in place by the beginning of October.

Liturgy. In the aforementioned conversation, we also talked about what changes need to be made to bring our liturgical practices into greater conformity with the rubrics of the new Roman Missal. With the exception of moving the servers’ chairs away from the presider’s chair, those changes will be introduced over time as we are able to meet with the sacristans, servers, and other liturgical ministers.

Year of Faith. Pope Benedict XVI has declared a Year of Faith to begin on October 11, 2012. You can begin preparing now by checking out available information online.

Look Heavenward and Groan

Jesus looked up to heaven and groaned...Mark 7:34

Have you ever wondered why Jesus looked toward heaven and groaned before opening the ears of the deaf man with a speech impediment and loosening his tongue? Why the groaning?

Sometimes we groan when we are weary or sad. Being commissioned to a task that seems impossible may bring forth a groan. Jesus’ mission sent him forth to heal. His gesture of opening ears for hearing and freeing the tongue for speaking was an act of obedience. Perhaps his groaning was a holy sigh. Jesus was united to this afflicted man’s anguish and to the One who had sent him to heal. Open ears and a free tongue make one accountable. What will happen to this child of God who is being restored to health? Will those ears be used to listen to the cries of the poor? Will this tongue speak words of blessing and healing for others? Healing is a responsibility, and being united to God while healing is absolutely essential. In our daily prayer for renewal, perhaps we all need to look to the heavens and groan.

Sr. Macrina Wiederkehr, OSB
LIVING FAITH

Annual Catholic Services Appeal

The 2012-2013 **Annual Catholic Services Appeal** will be held next weekend in our parish. The programs, services and ministries supported by the **Annual Catholic Services Appeal** meet the larger diocesan needs of Catholics and others in need in the Diocese of Springfield. The diocese needs the financial support of each of us. The theme this year is “**Gift of Faith.**” The diocese serves each of us and our financial support is needed to continue God’s work in the diocese.

Parish Directories

If you have not picked up your directory, you may pick it up from the parish office (hours: 9-4:30). We have plenty of extra directories if you would like some for family members maybe as Christmas gifts. They are being sold for \$10 a book. Also, if you submitted a picture, please come to the office to pick it up. Thank you.

Liturgy Schedule 23rd Week in Ordinary Time September 10-16

Monday,	Mass at 6:30 am
Tuesday,	Mass at 6:30 & 8:05 am
Wednesday,	Most Holy Name of Mary Mass at 6:30 am
Thursday,	St. John Chrysostom Mass at 6:30 am
Friday,	Exaltation of the Holy Cross Mass at 6:30 & 8:05 am
Saturday,	Our Lady of Sorrows Mass at 5:30 pm
Sunday,	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Catechetical Sunday 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

Sing Along—St. Francis Singers and Friends will be singing at Evergreen Nursing Center on Wednesday, September 12th at 10:00 am



Pray for the Sick

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick, especially: Cathy Green, Renae Roepke, Eddie Siemer, Cheryl Ann Huber, Chris Utz, Anna Habing, Mack Kitten, Jim Koester, Tom Vonderheide

Stewardship of Treasure

	<u>Sunday</u> 9/2/2012	<u>Total Fiscal</u> Year
313 Adult envelopes	\$7,556.50	\$77,685.50
Other	\$534.40	\$5,066.01
TOTAL	\$8,090.90	\$82,751.51
GOAL	\$9,900.00	\$99,000.00



Parish Calendar

Monday, September 10

- Men's Holy Name mtg., 7:00pm, Museum Meeting Room
- Liturgy mtg., 7:00pm, St. Clare
- CHWC mtg., 7:00pm, Museum Dining Room
- Protecting God's Children, 6:00-9:00pm, K of C Hall

Wednesday, September 12

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

Thursday, September 13

- Divorce and Beyond, 6:30-8:30pm, St. Clare
- Adult Choir, 7:00pm

Saturday, September 15

- Confessions, 3:30-4:30pm
- Catechetical Sunday, 5:30 Mass

Sunday, September 16

- Catechetical Sunday, all Masses

RCIA regularly meets every Sun. following the 8:45 Mass in the museum meeting room. Everyone is welcome. No commitments, paper signing just inquiry into catholic faith tenets. Next week's session: *Marriage*



Planning Marriage

Rob Michels and Melissa Grunloh
Saturday, September 15, 2012
1:00 pm

B&B Sunday this informal, adult bible study will begin again on Sunday, **Sept. 23 at 8:00-9:30.** We will be using the video series *The Bible Timeline: the story of salvation* by Jeff Cavins. Come one time and we think you'll be hooked. No longer can we say, "We were never taught the bible." Here is your chance to see how our story fits into the story of salvation. Hope to see you there!



Homebound Ministers

Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion to the homebound for Sunday, September 16 are: Lenora Drees 857-3583 and Deb Runde 857-6281.

BIBLE STUDY Our next session will be on **Thursday, September 20th at 10:00 a.m. in St. Clare Hall.** This season's sessions are based on a series of videos: Women of Faith. This is one way to get to know some recently canonized saints in an entertaining way. Bring a brown bag lunch and join us for discussion. Hope you can come.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN: training all parish ministries will continue **Monday, September 10, in Teutopolis KC Hall from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus, ushers, and men of the parish** are invited to attend. All are welcome. Please call the parish office to register. Any questions can be addressed by S. Pierre 857-6404 ext. 227.

Personal safety training for the students enrolled in our Religious Education Program will begin soon. Please check out the parish website for grades to be trained and the dates of the training.

SEARCH—Special Religious Education welcomes people with special needs, who reside in the Teutopolis/Effingham area, to participate in our program. We provide sacramental preparation and spend time together to form a community of faith. Anyone over the age of 7 into adulthood is welcome. To enroll or for inquiries, please contact JoAnn Ellet, 407 South Oak St., Teutopolis 62467 (217-857-1948).

Twenty-Third Annual Family Camp/Renewal Days for Family and Friends of Persons with Special Needs will be held September 29-30 at Lake Williamson Christian Center, Carlinville. Registration forms available—342-2718, mewv23@consolidated.net or 217-698-8500, ext. 167, nmurray@dio.org

Catholic Heart Work Camp News!

It's time to start planning for CHWC 2013! We are narrowing down our search for the upcoming CHWC. Plans are to attend camp either the week of June 16-23 or June 23-29, 2013. We will meet on **September 10 at 7 pm in the Museum Dining Room** to discuss, give more information and hand out forms to sign up for Catholic Heart. All current high school students who go to Unit 50 or are parishioners of St. Francis are invited for this trip. The mission trip always offers opportunities to see God in new ways and deepen your faith while serving and making new friends. Anyone with questions is welcome to call Lisa or Karen at the High School Religious Ed Office at 857-1500 or to attend the meeting for further information!

Religious Education News

GRADE SCHOOL- Grade 6 –Thanks for returning the sign-up forms for helping with the Search Program and Sunday morning Pre-School/Kdgn. We need 5 or 6 aides to help with the Sunday morning program—4 for each section-8 per month. We have received 10 responses...we need 46 more responses. We would appreciate any encouragement you can give to the young people to sign up soon. We will be passing out extra sign-up sheets on Monday, if the early ones were misplaced or lost. Classes begin September 30.

PRE/S-KDGN —Registration forms were sent home through school for the Sunday morning religion classes and through the mail on Thursday. (Forms will also be available at all church entrances during September)

We look forward to your child who is 4-5 years old by this September, signing up for this special program. Forms may be returned in the Sunday Collection or mailed to P.O. Box 746. If you have any questions, please call 857-6477.

JUNIOR HIGH- Classes began last Wednesday. Handbooks with dates of classes and catechists were handed out to the parents. Also, sign up sheets for helping with the religion program as room monitors or office helpers, chaperones for teen center nights, and youth choir and youth council participation were also handed out. Mrs. Maria Wargolett will talk to the youth about joining the youth choir on Wednesday, 9/12. Parents of youth were encouraged to participate in the Bible Timeline program, taking place on Sunday evening from 8:00 to 9:30 in St. Clare Hall, starting 9/23...to borrow videos on "Having a New Kid by Friday" video series by Kevin Leman, by calling 857-6477. Watch the church bulletin for information on the showing of the video series—Catholicism by Fr. Robert Barrons!

HS Religious Ed

Classes start THIS WEDNESDAY, September 12. All students should meet in the gym for classroom assignments. Classes run from 7:20- 8:30 pm at the grade school building. See you in class!

Sophomore parents: WE NEED YOU! We are hosting the Welcome to My World program on Wednesday, September 26 from 6 – 9 pm for all sophomores. We need 10 parent volunteers to help with this program. If you are available, please call Lisa Siemer at 857-1500! Thanks!

Service Projects Needed for Sophomore Retreat

Our sophomores who are preparing for Confirmation will be doing a morning of service in our community and surrounding communities on October 20. We are looking for home projects for groups of students to do. If there are elderly, infirm, or parishioners in need who would like some assistance with various projects, please contact Lisa or Karen at the high school religious ed office - 857-1500.

CCW News

Our next meeting will be Monday, September 17th, 2012 at 7:00 pm in St. Clare Hall.

Due to scheduling conflicts, this meeting will be an abbreviated version! We will be having our meeting only this month, minus the speaker and lunch. We appreciate your understanding and hope to see you at the meeting.

Men's Holy Name

The Men's Holy Name will meet on Wednesday, September 12th, 7:45 pm in the Museum Meeting Room.

A Meeting for All Catholic Women of the Springfield Diocese!

Join us on Friday, September 28, 2012 from 9:00 am—4:30 pm at Holy Family Catholic Church, 410 S. State, Litchfield, IL for the DCCW 2012 Convention! Our theme is *"OUR JOURNEY OF FAITH."*

Agenda Highlights are Family concerns Commission Presentation by speaker, Traci Matheu. Church Commission by speaker, Robert Rogers.

Registration deadline is September 14. Call Joyce Knodle @ 217-538-2085 or email her at ejknodle@dtmspeed.net for registration form and further details. This is a great opportunity for women to have a great day out and Journey Faith together.

40 Day Prayer Campaign for Life

Our parish will soon be participating in the "40 Day Prayer Campaign for Life." We will be joining people of faith across our nation to pray and fast for an end to abortion. There will be opportunities to sign-up for group prayer outside the Effingham Planned Parenthood office, as well as individual prayer hours at our church. Everyone is encouraged to pray and fast from September 26 to November 4. Watch for more details coming soon!

Healing the Grieving Heart

An adult grief support program will be held on six consecutive Monday evenings beginning September 17 thru October 22, starting at 6:30 pm, at St. Anthony Memorial Hospital's auditorium. Pre-registration is required. Call 347-1529 or visit www.stanthonyshospital.org.

Waning Summer and Cool Breezes, Bless

the Lord: an eco-spirituality retreat on Sept. 28, 7 pm to Sept. 30, 11:30 am at Il Ritiro Franciscan Retreat Center, Dittmer, MO. Come encounter the providence of God during this season and all seasons. To register call 636-274-0554. Visit www.il-ritiro.org for more information.

Q. I learned recently that the first hospitals were founded by the church. Why? What other things have their origin in the church?

A. Many social institutions have their origin in early church life. Meeting the needs of people was the most basic expression of faith. Not only did God make people in his own image and likeness, but Jesus had given the command of love: "whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Mt 25:40). The apostles had appointed the first deacons to look after the needs of the poor widows. It wasn't long afterwards that hospices, hospitals, soup kitchens, and orphanages appeared. Universities came later, based on monastery and cathedral schools that had been ordered to provide education to young boys by Charlemagne.

As the needs of society became more complex, the church would champion the needs of the poor, the oppressed, the sick, and the needy. All of this was done out of respect for the dignity of each person and the need to prepare them to hear and embrace the Gospel. Organizing social institutions made for a more efficient use of resources, and a more visible sign of the ongoing work of the church in preaching and teaching the Gospel. In social services, education, language and law, the church has left its imprint.

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There's a Choir for Everyone!

CHILDREN'S CHOIR BEGAN Wed., Sept. 5 and is for grades 4 through 6.

TEEN CHOIR—7th through 12th grade—begins Wed., Sept. 12 from 6:00-7:00pm. We will sing at one Mass per month, as well as Holy Week. Singers of all styles are needed. And an important note: instrumentalists are desperately needed for this choir. We need guitarists, a drummer, strings, trumpet, etc. What a sound we could get out of this group!! Please consider this as your choice of ministry.

ADULT CHOIR—open to all adults. We practice Thursdays from 7:00-8:30pm. Instrumentalists of all kinds are welcome in this group as well. The fuller the sound, the better. We sing every other weekend at alternating times.

If you have any questions, please email me at mwargolet@stfrancischurch.com. Thanks in advance for your much needed participation.

Catholic Charities

Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by Joe's Pizza and Pasta to be held on Sunday, September 16, 2012, 10:30 am - 2:30 pm at the Effingham Knights of Columbus. Tickets available at Catholic Charities, Joe's Pizza Pasta, from any Catholic Charities Advisory Board Members (Lisa Mette, Greg Oseland, Nicole Trupiano), and at the door. All proceeds will support the mission and ministries of Catholic Charities. For more information contact Catholic Charities at 217-857-1458.

Fall Fun Run to be held on Saturday, September 29, 2012—8:00am. Registration begins at 7:00 am at the Teutopolis Community Park Pavilion. For questions or to register contact Catholic Charities at 217-857-1458.

Volley for a Cure

Who: Teutopolis and Neoga Volleyball Teams
What: Volley for a Cure Volleyball Match
When: Thursday, September 13, F/S starting at 5:15pm with JV and Varsity matches to follow
Where: Teutopolis High School gym
Why: To raise awareness and funds for the Women's Wellness Center at St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital. There will also be a volleyball and blanket raffle and bake sale.

Sherwood Church Movie Series

Culver's of Effingham will be showing the Sherwood Church movie series in their back rock lot behind the restaurant on 1510 W. Fayette Ave.
 "Courageous" on Sept. 8th.
 "Fireproof" on Sept. 15th.
 "Flywheel" on Sept. 22nd.
 "Facing the Giants" on Sept. 29th.
 The newly released, "October Baby" movie will be shown on Sept. 21st.
 The movies begin at 7:30pm and are **free of charge** to all who attend! Please bring your own lawn chair for the event and prepare to relax as the movie will be shown on an inflatable screen. We request all movie attendees to please park their vehicles in the rock lot before the show begins. In case of inclement weather, the movie will be rescheduled to the first available Saturday after the movie series beginning Oct. 8th. Questions call 217-347-4986.

Save The Date—Outdoor Polka Mass on Sunday, September 23 at Villa Maria Catholic Retreat Center, 1903 E. Lake Shore Dr., Springfield at 10:00 am with Rev. Charles Edwards presiding. Polka Band 11am—1pm. Bring your own chairs, stay and enjoy food and beverages. For more information, call Mary Ann at 217-529-2213.

Around the Area

1/4 fried chicken and toast will be served at the Teutopolis KC Hall every Friday evening from 5:30-7:30pm in the bar room.

Country Rhodes Fish Fry at St. Joseph Stringtown Parish Center on Saturday, September 15th, 2012 from 4:00-7:00pm.

Teutopolis American Legion Post 924 Breakfast on Sunday, September 16th at the Legion home. There will be a country store in addition to the serving of pancakes, sausage and eggs. Serving from 7:00– 11:30am. Your support is appreciated.

Teutopolis Band Booster Breakfast will be held on Sunday, September 23, 7:00am until noon at the Teutopolis Grade School Auditorium. Serving all you can eat whole hog sausage, fried and scrambled eggs, pancakes, home-made rolls, breads, coffee, juice and milk. There will also be a Country Store with crafts and baked items for sale.

Teutopolis Park District Mark Your Calendars !!!

The Teutopolis Park District will be presenting the movie "The Lorax" on Saturday September 22nd at the Teutopolis Community Park. The fun will begin at 7:00pm with hotdogs, 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 area for both (blankets in front, chairs in back) so everyone can see. This will be a professional presentation by Fluid Events from Champaign, IL. EVERYTHING IS FREE!!! It is our way of saying "Thank You" to the Teutopolis Community, especially those who participate in our programs.

The Bread Monk

Father Dominic, aka Bread Monk, from St. Bede Academy, LaSalle/Peru, Illinois, will be presenting a program at St. John's Lutheran Church, Effingham, October 6, from 9:00 to 10:30 am. The Effingham County Home Community & Education group is sponsoring Father Dominic. Tickets are \$10 in advance (\$13 at the door). He promises to be informative and entertaining. www.breadmonk.com. Tickets can be obtained by contacting Liz Wernsing at 857-3474 or any HCE member.

American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on Tuesday, September 11th, from 1:00-6:00pm at the Teutopolis Knights of Columbus Hall. Just one whole blood donation has the potential to save up to three lives. Helping save countless lives through blood donation is a great way to honor and remember the people and events of September 11.