

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Teutopolis, Illinois

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Submit written bulletin notices by noon Monday.

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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.

Parish Pastoral Team

Fr. Austin Albers, OFM, Pastor

Fr. Vernon Olmer, OFM, Associate Pastor

Fr. Ken Rosswog, OFM, Associate Pastor

Br. Pauli Johnson, OFM, Pastoral Assistant

Maria Wargolet, Director of Music Ministry

Theresa Draper, Coordinator of Music Ministry

Anita Broom, Bookkeeper

Bernice Matteson, Part-time Secretary

Jane Miller, Part-time Secretary

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Trustees:

Pam Hemmen & Terry Meyer

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Roy Brumleve

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Louise Sheehan

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Dean Kremer

Steve Witges

Doug Mette

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2009

“If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete.”

Jn 15:10-11



Meditation for Sunday, May 17

What happened in Cornelius' house has been called a second Pentecost. This surprise of the Spirit amazed the Jewish believers because they thought that Jesus had come only for them, not for Gentiles. According to custom, Jews were forbidden even to enter the house of a Gentile—and here is Peter, baptizing them! While there are many valuable lessons in this story, one that stands out is the blessing that God wants to give to families that follow him.

Prior to Peter's arrival, Cornelius and his family were devout. They prayed regularly and gave money to the poor. Cornelius himself was a good and fair man. He didn't lord it over his servants or his soldiers. Still, as righteous as he was, Cornelius was hungry for more of God. When he had his own vision, directing him to send for Peter, he obeyed—and he was greatly rewarded for it.

When Peter arrived, he began to tell Cornelius and all his family and friends about the gospel. But before he could get very far, the Holy Spirit fell on them. Cut to the heart by what they had heard and what they had begun to experience, Cornelius and his family gave their lives to the Lord and were baptized into the Church.

Cornelius was blessed because of his virtuous disposition, even though he didn't know about Jesus. He was blessed because of his desire for God, his faithfulness to prayer, and his willingness to open his home to Peter and his companions. He was blessed because he and his wife led their family in the ways of God according to the best of their understanding. They practiced their faith, however limited it may have been.

Likewise, God will bless our families if we bring him into our homes and if we try to have a right disposition in life. So let this story encourage you. God loves your family, and he will reward your attempts to bring them closer to him.

“Lord, I invite you into my home. Come, Jesus, and make your home among us.”

The Word Among Us

Please Return

Perhaps you forgot to return the Communion pyx that was given to you to take the Eucharist to a homebound family member or neighbor. If you are no longer using the Communion pyx, please return it. Bring it to the parish office or put it in the sacristy. Thanks!

Open Door

Coming to your nearest mini-park on Saturday, June 6, following the 5:30 Mass. Bring your favorite ice cream topping to share as we experience an ice cream social plus... You definitely don't want to miss this!

Thank You

Thank you to all those who set up and took down for last Thursday's "Why Catholic?" retreat evening. Over 100 participants experienced Fr. Bruce Nieli as he sang, gave information and challenged our hearts with thoughts and comments on the Eucharist as bread for the journey. Thank you to Karen Brumleve and the women of the CCW for the delicious refreshments that hit the spot. It was a most rewarding evening for all.

BIBLE STUDY

The third Thursday of the month; May 21st at 10:00 a.m. in St. Clare Hall. Our topic this month is *The Challenge of Fundamentalism*. Please join us as we discuss and share our thoughts.

Catholic Faith

Please continue to pray for those among us who are new to the faith and don't be afraid to ask family members, friends and neighbors if they might be interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. Give us a call a 857-6404 ext. 227 for more information.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"Love one another as I love you." Do you love your spouse with the same kind of love that Jesus loves us? Take time now to learn this kind of love for each other. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend in this area is June 26 through 28th. Early registration is highly recommended. To register or for more information call 888-889-9963 or go online to www.aweekendofdiscovery.org.

A Marriage Moment

Resolving an argument: Strategy #2 COMPROMISE. Marriage is all about compromise. Sometimes taking turns or finding a middle ground is acceptable. Try it before going on to the harder strategies.

Communication Tip: If a positive and negative message conflict, the negative message is always stronger. That's why if you compliment your spouse but follow it with a complaint, he'll focus on the complaint.

By Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net

Liturgy Schedule

Sixth week of Easter

May 18-24

Monday,	St. John I Mass at 6:30 am
Tuesday,	Mass at 6:30 & 8:05 am
Wednesday,	St. Bernardine of Siena Mass at 6:30 & 8:05 am
Thursday,	St. Matthias Mass at 6:30 am
Friday,	St. Rita of Cascia Mass at 6:30 & 8:05 am
Saturday,	Mass at 5:30 pm
Sunday,	Ascension of the Lord Mass at 7:00, 8:45, 10:30 am

Confession Schedule
Saturday, May 23 - 3:30-4:30 pm

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

Question of the Week

What are the qualities, the characteristics of God's love?
How would you characterize Jesus' love for you?

Acts 10:25-6, 34-5, 44-8

I Jn 4:7-10

John 15:9-17



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, Sue Esker, Marilyn Smith, Jodi Waymoth, Esther Pruemer, Evelyn Krone, Agnes Kremer, Tiffany Campbell, Steve Sehy

Stewardship of Treasure

	<u>Sunday</u> <u>5/10/2009</u>	<u>Total Fiscal</u> <u>Year</u>
351 Adult envelopes	\$7,622.50	\$350,056.00
Other	<u>560.26</u>	<u>25,602.05</u>
TOTAL	\$8,182.76	\$375,658.05
GOAL	\$9,300.00	\$418,500.00



Parish Calendar

Monday, May 18

- DeColores Board mtg., 7:30 pm, Museum Dining Room

Tuesday, May 19

- Children's Corpus Christi practice, 11:45-12:30
- Secular Franciscans meet, 6:00 pm, St. Clare and 7:00 pm, Church

Wednesday May 20

- Children's Corpus Christi practice, 11:45-12:00

Thursday, May 21

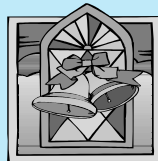
- Bible Study, 10:00-11:00 am, St. Clare
- Finance Council mtg., 6:00 pm, St. Clare
- Monastery Museum mtg., 7:00 pm, Museum Dining Room

Saturday, May 23

- Confessions, 3:30-4:30 pm

Sunday, May 24

- 8th Grade Graduation Mass, 8:45



Planning Marriage

Tristan Myers and Ellen Mette
Saturday, May 23, 2009
1:00 pm

Newly Baptized

We congratulate and welcome

Karson Matthew Zerrusen,
son of Michael and Larissa (Meyers)
Zerrusen



Next Week's Music Ministers

Sat., May 23—5:30—Patty Ruholl and Darren Will
Sun., May 24—7:00—Jim Quatman and Theresa Draper
8:45—Adult Choir
10:30—Laurie Esker and Darren Will



Ministers to the Homebound

Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound for Sunday, May 24th are: Theresa Funneman 857-3816, Barbara Pals 857-3039, Marianne Buenerkemper 857-3686, Carlene Rauch 857-6296

Prayer Vigil for Life

Sacred Heart Church, Lillyville, will host the May 18th prayer vigil for life. Fr. Sylvano Pera, OFM will be the celebrant for the 6:30 pm Mass. Praying the Scriptural Rosary will begin at 6:00 pm. Current pro-family legislation and local pro-life events will be on the agenda during the 7:30 business meeting. Everyone is urged to join us in prayer for an end to abortion and embryonic stem-cell research.

Baptism Prep

Baptism Prep dates are:

Thursday, June 4 at St. Rose, Montrose
 Thursday, July 2 at St. Francis, St. Clare Hall
 Tuesday, August 4 at St. Isidore Parish, Bishop

All classes begin at 7:00 pm and pre-registration is required. Please call 857-6404 to register.

FOCCUS

FOCCUS is required if you are planning marriage at St. Francis. There are 2 times left for this year:

July 11, 2009
 October 3, 2009

Registered groups meet in St. Clare Hall at 6:30 pm and this takes about an hour. Please call 857-6404 to register.

K of C Communion Breakfast

The 5th Sunday Communion Breakfast will be held at the 9:00 Mass on May 31st at St. Rose Church, Montrose.

Catholic Radio

Sunday, May 17, on WCRA AM 1090, FM 104.7

7 am: Fatima Then and Now—Patrick Madrid
 8 am: Parenting the “Tweens” We Love—Christina King
 9:30: The Sacraments Through the Ages—Fr. Charles Connor
 10 am: Holy Mass, St. Anthony of Padua Church
 11 am: The Indissolubility of Marriage—Karlo Broussard

Stewardship Corner

When we give faithfully and generously, we demonstrate God’s redeeming grace that is alive and well within us. Because of God’s grace, we are empowered to give. Our giving is a spiritual response to God out of gratitude for all that He has done for us. Giving in response to God’s love should be our primary motive for giving. Giving to meet our church’s budget is important, but it should not be our primary reason for giving. Through the giving of our first and best to the Lord, we worship and honor Him.

Religious Education News

ATTENTION....all persons planning to TEACH or HELP in any categories of religion education, must have taken the Protecting God’s Children Class.

The only class being offered at St. Francis during the summer will take place on

Friday, June 5,

in St. Clare Hall from 6:00 to 9:00 pm.

The session will begin with a light lunch. Please call 857-6404 to register.

Grade School—Grade 2 parent responses for participating in the Corpus Christi outdoor procession on Sunday, June 14, after the 7:00 a.m. Mass (weather permitting) are due next Monday, May 18. Practices will take place after the lunch hour on Tuesday, May 19, and Wednesday, May 20.

All parents—all children received a form in class this week, asking them to pledge to say 1 decade or 5 decades of the rosary for peace and for respect life issues in response to the Blessed Mother’s request at Fatima, which commemorative feast was Wednesday, May 13. Children in Grade 1 will each receive a rosary to take home after their group rosary on Monday, May 18. We ask you parents to support your children’s pledge by saying the rosary with them throughout the summer. Thank you.

NEEDED FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR FOR WED. NIGHT JR. HI. PROGRAM

Grade 8H catechist or catechist partners --to teach 1st quarter—Church History; 2nd quarter—Morality—3rd quarter—Sexuality—abstinence, 4th quarter—The Bible: “New Testament”.

Grade 7KG—2nd semester—“What Does It Mean to be Catholic” and Social Responsibility.

You’ll be given all the help and support you need. To sign up or to inquire about any items, please call 857-6477 as soon as possible. Thanks.

Holy Humor...

Aunt Karen is the mother of two high-spirited young girls. When I called her one morning, our conversation was constantly interrupted by the din of kids screaming and chasing each other. “Could you hold on for a moment?” my aunt finally asked, putting down the phone. Within ten seconds all I could hear was absolute silence. Then, “Okay, I’m back.” “But it’s so quiet!” I exclaimed. “You must have complete control over those two.” “Not really,” my aunt confessed wearily. “I’m in the closet.”

Summer Tennis Program

The 2009 Summer Tennis program will last five weeks beginning Tuesday, June 2nd for Grades 5-12. The program will cover all phases of the game. Instruction, practice, fundamentals and competitive matches will all be a part of the program. The Unit's charge for this summer program will be **\$30.00, payable to Teutopolis Unit 50 at the first instructional session.**

Play Golf for a Great Cause

St. Thomas School Open will be held on Saturday, June 6, 2009 at Stones Throw Golf Course. 8:30 am to 11:30 am tee times. To schedule Tee Time: call 618-783-3790 or visit the website: stonestrowgolfcourse.com. Entry fee is \$35.00. All proceeds go to St. Thomas School, Newton.

5K Run/Walk and 1 Mile Fun Run

St. Michael the Archangel School in Sigel is hosting a 5K run, 5K walk, and 1 mile fun run as a fundraiser for the school on June 13th starting at 8:00 am. Early registration is May 23rd. Registration day of race is 7:15 am at St. Michael School/Church. If interested in participating and needing more information, please call Yvonne Walk at 844-2363 or Kriss Fearday at 844-2001.

REMINDERS from the "Dumpster Divers"

Only  and  plastics can be accepted here.

Not all plastic flower pots are #2.

Wash dirt out of plastic flower pots.

Put light green plastic Sprite, Mountain Dew, etc. bottles with clear plastics.

Rinse bottles, jugs, cans, etc.

Remove paper from tin cans.

Remove caps and lids from all recyclables.

Discard the caps and lids.

Place recyclables in the proper bins.

Flatten cardboard boxes before placing in the open dumpster.

Put clean plastic bags in the barrel in the Paper Depot.

Discard dirty plastic bags and bags that have been in direct contact with food, such as bread bags.

Aluminum cans that are put in the barrel in the Paper Depot benefit the Youth Group.

During the week, please do not park where the green recycling bin and the open dumpster for cardboard are placed on a rotating basis. On weekends, you can park on the open site.

Overall, the recycling project is going quite well. The green bin fills usually every 7 to 9 days; the cardboard dumpster fills in 8-10 days.

We appreciate your cooperation with the recycling and with keeping the premises neat and clean.

Thanks.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle