

March 14, 2021 - 4th Sunday of Lent

# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Tuesday and Thursday: 6:15-6:45pm

Saturday: 3:00-4:00pm

Thursday before First Friday: 3:00-4:00pm

Anytime by appointment



## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God. - Jn 3:20-21

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## From the Pastor

We have the feast of St. Patrick on Wednesday, 17 March. We can watch the news and see the Chicago river dyed green! There is a great deal of love and faith on the part of the Irish people. The only time I've been to Ireland was when the plane I was in coming home from Somalia to California stopped in Ireland to refuel. I think it would be a very interesting place to visit. If there are parishioners, who would like to get a parish pilgrimage lined up, let me know. Be better to wait till after the Covid mess passes.

And on Friday, 19 March, we have the feast of St. Joseph – truly a beautiful name. Here is something some of you might have seen on facebook. It's where I saw it and reprint it here in case some people might be interested in viewing.

A FREE digital conference celebrating St. Joseph. Join Bishop David Ricken, Fr. Donald Calloway, Fr. Rocky, Fr. Chad Ripperger, Drew Mariani, Fr. Michael Brennan, and more! - [bit.ly/3sVCcPP](https://bit.ly/3sVCcPP)

This March 19th, 2021, the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, the National Shrine of St. Joseph will hold an online conference and event focused on the Year of Saint Joseph. Register Now - [bit.ly/3sVCcPP](https://bit.ly/3sVCcPP)

How can anyone not like St. Joseph? They certainly couldn't be upset by something he said! He is a man of few words, at least he is quiet in the Scriptures. That's a trick question: "what is St. Joseph famous for saying in the gospels?" Let me know if you can find something he said.

Previously I mentioned that Pope Francis has designated this year of 2120 as the year of St. Joseph. He didn't back down when Mary told him during their engagement that she was pregnant! He continued with the Divine plan and took Mary as his bride, and he became the step-father of Jesus. Husband, father, provider, a man of faith.

Wish I could tell you what happened with the meetings in Springfield this week, but I'm writing this on Monday evening! Last weekend we had only 137 souls at the vigil Mass Saturday, and at the 6:30 Mass there were 132. The 8:30 and 10:30 Masses were very well attended! We ran out of room at both of those Masses. The 6:30 Mass will likely have room for you if you want to start your Sunday early.

### Holy Week Ministry Sign-Ups

If you are involved in a liturgical ministry (extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, lectors, and ushers) and would like to volunteer your services at any of the Holy Week liturgies listed below, please sign up at the church's main entrance:

Holy Thursday, April 1st at 7:00 pm  
Good Friday, April 2nd at 1:00 pm  
Easter Vigil, April 3rd at 8:00 pm

Thank you so much for your time and consideration. Your service makes our liturgies special and complete!

Please remember that if you are on the April schedule for either 6:30 am, 8:30 am, or 10:30 am Masses, then you are "on" for Easter Sunday at those times. If you need to, please find a substitute.

**ADORATION** We would like to have at least TWO adorers committed per hour. This works so well to have someone to cover the hour, especially when illness strikes at the last minute or when we simply don't hear our alarm! Please consider giving this special time to Jesus. This would be a great Lenten resolution! Don't we all have plenty to pray for? Exposition of The Most Blessed Sacrament begins at 1 pm on Mondays and continues until 6 am on Tuesdays. If interested, please call or text Cindy Vahling at 217-821-3366.



### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

#### Palm Sunday Masses

4:30 pm on Saturday; 6:30, 8:30, 10:30 am on Sunday

Holy Thursday - Mass at 7:00 pm

#### Good Friday

Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 1:00 pm

Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm

Easter Vigil begins at 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday Masses at 6:30, 8:30, 10:30 am

### Mass Intentions

Monday, March 15, 6:30: George Habing  
Tuesday, March 16, 6:30: Darin Buening  
Tuesday, March 16, 7:55: Bob Deters  
Wednesday, March 17, 6:30: Special Intention  
Thursday, March 18, 6:30: Brian Bloemer  
Thursday, March 18, 12:10: Ellen Runde  
Friday, March 19, 6:30: Leo Berchtold  
Friday, March 19, 7:55: Norma Ruholl  
Saturday, March 20, 4:30: Ray Will  
Sunday, March 21, 6:30: Pro Populo  
Sunday, March 21, 8:30: Jeff Buehnerkemper  
Sunday, March 21, 10:30: Margaret Overbeck

## Liturgy Schedule 4th Week of Lent March 15 - 21

Monday,	Mass at 6:30 am Adoration 1:00 pm until 6:00 am Tuesday morning
Tuesday,	Mass at 6:30 & 7:55 am
Wednesday,	St. Patrick Mass at 6:30 am
Thursday,	St. Cyril of Jerusalem Mass at 6:30 am & 12:10 pm
Friday,	St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass at 6:30 & 7:55 am
Saturday,	Mass at 4:30 pm
Sunday,	5th Sunday of Lent Mass at 6:30, 8:30, 10:30 am

### Confession Schedule

Tuesday, March 16 - 6:15-6:45 pm  
Thursday, March 18 - 6:15-6:45 pm  
Saturday, March 20 - 3:00-4:00 pm

### Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 19 - 7:00 pm

### Liturgy of the Hours with Friars

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



Please remember in your prayers:

Margaret Pruemer, Will Niccum, Joe Ruholl, Bill and Rosie Myers, Andrea Wernsing, Elizabeth Weidner, Paula Spencer, Mark Roedl, Linus Willenborg, Cole Wellbaum, Kyndal Dasenbrock, Dianne Schabbing, Bob and Mary Lee, Vivie Kinkelaar, Dawson Lohman, Heather Ordner, Sara Ordner, Bob Esker, Marilyn Zerrusen, Roddnie Deters, Korrie Hartke, Tanner Pruemer, Anita Holman, Steve Runde, Toby McMahon, Debbie Meyer, Steve Zumbahlen, Fr. Frank Folino, Bruce Weber, Doris Johnson.

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please call the office at 217-961-6404.

### Stewardship of Treasure

	<u>Sunday</u> 3/7/2021	<u>Total Fiscal</u> <u>Year</u>
178 Adult envelopes	\$8,049.00	\$284,185.67
62 Online giving	\$3,345.00	\$75,461.00
Other	\$267.00	\$6,140.65
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,658.00</b>	<b>\$365,787.32</b>
Assisi to Africa	\$1,314.00	\$27,036.00
Catholic Charities	\$1,240.00	



## Parish Calendar

### Monday, March 15

- CCW quilting, 9:00-11:30 am and 1:00-4:00 pm, St. Clare
- RCIA, 7:00 pm, Sr. Ethelbert Center

### Tuesday, March 16

- Monastery Museum mtg., 1:30 pm, Sr. Ethelbert Center
- Confessions, 6:15-6:45 pm
- Guitar practice, 6:45 pm, church

### Wednesday, March 17

- CCW quilting, 9:00-11:30 am and 1:00-4:00 pm, St. Clare
- Catholicism, 3:30-5:00 pm, Sr. Ethelbert Center
- Children's choir, 3:30-4:45 pm
- Young adult choir, 6:00-6:45 pm
- JrHi/HS religion, 7:00 pm
- Rosary, 7:00 pm, chapel

### Thursday, March 18

- Confessions, 6:15-6:45 pm
- Adult choir, 7:00-8:30 pm, church
- Parish council mtg., 7:00 pm, Sr. Ethelbert Center

### Friday, March 19

- CCW quilting, 9:00-11:30 am and 1:00-4:00 pm, St. Clare
- Stations of the Cross, 7:00 pm

### Saturday, March 20

- First Reconciliation, 8:30 and 10:00 am
- Confessions, 3:00-4:00 pm

### Sunday, March 21

- Secular Franciscans meet, noon, church and St. Clare

### Special Collections

**Catholic Relief Services** This week, we take up the Catholic Relief Services collection to **Serve Jesus by helping people in need.** This collection helps six Catholic agencies provide relief and support to struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

**CRS Rice Bowl** Lent is a time of repentance and of uniting ourselves to Christ during his 40 days in the desert. During this sacred season, CRS Rice Bowl - Catholic Relief Services' Lenten faith-in-action program - invites us to reflect on how caring for our neighbors is caring for Christ. *For I was hungry and you gave me food, thirsty and you gave me drink* (Matthew 25:35). CRS Rice Bowl provides resources to bring Lenten spirituality to life for families, parishes and school communities, while continuing to connect Catholics in our diocese with our global human family. This collection will be gathered on Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021.



## Religious Education News

**Grade 6:** Students will be confirmed this spring.

- Students in 6A and 6C will receive the sacrament of Confirmation on April 18, 2021.
- Students in 6H and 6T will receive the sacrament of Confirmation on April 25, 2021.

They will be confirmed during the 2:00 pm Mass.

**Grade 5:** Students will be confirmed this spring.

- Students in 5B and 5K will receive the sacrament of Confirmation on May 2, 2021 at the 2:00 pm Mass.
- Students in 5M and 5W will receive the sacrament of Confirmation on May 16, 2021 during the 12:30 pm Mass.

**Grade 1-6:** Lenten Mission Boxes were given to the students. Mission Boxes are due back to their homeroom on March 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Grade 2: Students and parents,** Reconciliation is scheduled for March 20, 2021 in the morning at 8:30 am and 10:00 am in church, please bring your baptismal candle.

**Grade 1 & 6 Seder Meal:** The students will be eating a seder meal in the Sister Ethelbert Center during religion. Grade 6H & 6T—March 22; Grade 6A & 6C—March 29; Grade 1—March 30:

### YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

March 19<sup>th</sup> – High School Stations of the Cross 7 pm

March 19<sup>th</sup> – Teen Center has been cancelled

April 2<sup>nd</sup> – No teen center due to Good Friday

April 16<sup>th</sup> – Teen center is open 7-10 pm

**Catholic Heart Workcamp group** – Our camp has been moved to Morganton, North Carolina! If you didn't make it to our meeting last week, please check your email. There are forms and a 2<sup>nd</sup> deposit due! Call Maria at 217-961-1500 with questions!



Introducing the **CHWC March Madness Challenge** – The Catholic Heart group is organizing a March Madness bracket fundraiser. It costs \$10 per bracket and we will pay out half of our donations to our top 4 winners.

Check out our St. Francis Youth Ministry Facebook event for the link to sign up! Money and brackets **MUST** be turned in by the 19<sup>th</sup> of March to play!



**Easter Day of Fun** will be Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8:30-10:30 am at the TGS gym. This is a free event for kids ages 4-12. Permission slips are available on the parish website or on the round table at the entrance to the St. Francis church office. Those need to be turned in by March 24<sup>th</sup> to make sure we have enough supplies and chaperones!

**FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE** - *All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord. All the families of the nations will bow down before him. Let the coming generation be told of the Lord that they may proclaim to a people yet to be born the justice he has shown.* – Psalm 22:28; 31-32

“A people yet to be born.” May we continue to tirelessly pray and work for the unborn, that they may join their families in turning to our Lord. Please join our **Eucharistic Day of Prayer for Life on Monday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**. We will begin at 9:00 am and continue through 6:00 am Tuesday. Volunteers are needed to commit to an hour or half hour of prayer. Please sign up by emailing Angie at [jesker@mchsi.com](mailto:jesker@mchsi.com) or text/call 217-259-2495.

**Thursday Evening Prayer Services, 7:00 pm at St. Mary's, Green Creek for pro-life, pro-family, pro-religious freedom intentions!** We have the most pro-abortion administration in Illinois and the White House and US Capitol. Not only are our tax dollars paying for abortions in Illinois, we now will be funding the promotion of abortion in other countries regardless of their abortion laws. Traditional family values are threatened. God has been removed in many areas by our government. THIS is the time we must do the most to end this catastrophic madness. THIS IS the time to trust in Jesus, THIS IS the time to PRAY! All are invited to pray every Thursday during Lent at 7:00 pm at St Mary Help of Christians in Green Creek. PLEASE join in asking Almighty God to save our Republic and the livelihood of our children and grandchildren.

**Illinois Right to Life** cordially invites you to its 52nd annual Leaders for Life Banquet on Friday, April 30th, featuring Dan Proft as master of ceremonies and Sarah Huckabee Sanders as keynote speaker. Sanders served as the former White House Press Secretary under President Donald Trump. Sanders was at the President's side, battling with the media, working with lawmakers and CEOs, and staffing the President on every foreign trip. Sanders was only the third woman and the very first mom to ever hold the job of White House Press Secretary. Sanders is currently running for governor in her home state of Arkansas. Please join IRL at its largest fundraiser of the year, helping them to continue to be your voice for life in Springfield. For more information and to purchase tickets, go to [www.IllinoisRighttoLife.org/Banquet](http://www.IllinoisRighttoLife.org/Banquet) or call (312)-422-9300.



### God Bless Those Serving our Country.

Anthony Vahling, Jeremy Deters,  
Ryan Weber, Cody Bushue,  
Andrew Isley, Shawn Zerrusen,  
Ali Kingery, Andrew Simmons,  
Justis Coventry, Ross Sheehan,  
Jesse Koester, Braydan Bushue.

**ASSISI FOR AFRICA** – Fr. Damien writes: “We have begun a new semester and I have to give courses. We are still not in our new house but have received the assurance that we will be in at the end of April. We have hoped to have the operation on Didier by this time but he still has infection that has to be cured before an operation. His telephone was stolen so he has no more source for music and communication. We have some evil, jealous kids in our home and it is hard to pin them down but they do much damage to the other kids. The good news is that we are back to school. Blessings on you all, Fr Damien”

**Flocknote:** Communication via email and/or text messaging--The parish has added a new program to enhance our communication with our parishioners. We will be using this platform to send out changes to the liturgy schedule, information on parish activities, and much more. Currently, you can sign up to receive daily reflections and you can choose to receive a quote of the date, a short reflection or a longer meditation. See below on how to sign up.



We will be eliminating the eblast list in the near future. So sign up for Flocknotes to keep current.

**Women at the Cross** Join women of Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (SDCCW) for an online Lenten evening on hope and renewal on March 23, 2021 at 7:00 pm. This virtual evening will offer time for prayer and reflection on our unique role as modern women at the cross! Presenters are Katie Price, Parish Vitality and Mission Advancement Director and Sister M. Veritas Wolks, FSGM, Women's and Youth Ministry Director. Register at [HTTPS://BIT.LY/3UMTQGZ](https://bit.ly/3UMTQGZ) or by contacting Myrna at 618-585-3090 or email her at [SDCCW32321@GMAIL.COM](mailto:SDCCW32321@GMAIL.COM).

### "We Need You"

The Second Hand Rose is in need of substitute volunteer workers. Many people in the parish have an assigned day and time, and we're extremely grateful to them for sharing their time for such a terrific cause, but now we're in need of creating a listing of substitute volunteer workers in case the regular volunteers are unavailable. Please consider volunteering to be on the substitute volunteer listing.

Substitute Volunteers needed for the following shifts:

3rd Friday of each month from: 10:00 am - 1:00 pm and 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

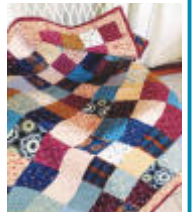
ALSO

4th Tuesday of each month from: 10:00 am - 1:00 pm and 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

PLEASE contact Ladies Sodality President-Kris Zerrusen at 217-663-8669 to have your name placed on the Substitute Volunteer List. Thank you all!

### Calling all Quilters:

This year's sodality quilt is pieced together and ready to be quilted.



The quilt will be set up in St. Clare Hall and due to COVID we'll only be able to have 3 quilters at a time with two time slots for each designated date. There is a sign-up sheet in the entrance to the parish office on the round table and all volunteer quilters will need to wear a mask.

These are the dates and times:

Monday, Mar. 15 from 9:00-11:30 and then 1:00-4:00

Wednesday, Mar. 17 from 9:00-11:30 and then 1:00-4:00

Friday, Mar. 19 from 9:00-11:30 and then 1:00-4:00

The ladies' sodality would like to thank the terrific quilting team of Jean Habing, Rita Habing and Louise Sheehan for sharing their time and talent while creating this one-of-a-kind treasure.

**The CCW Annual Easter Bake Sale is a go!** Bake sale will be held on Saturday, April 3, 2021 in the Sr. Ethelbert Center! More details to follow in next weeks bulletin!



**The Teutopolis Catholic Daughters of the Americas** will meet on Monday March 29 at 7:00 pm at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall in the northwest meeting room. Please use this opportunity to pay your dues and enjoy fellowship with our ladies. If any lady wishes to join or has questions, please call Regent Diann Ruholl, 217-663-2056.

**Cemetery Clean-up** Please remove any grave blankets, flowers, statues, etc. which are not attached to headstones and which you wish to keep. Ron will be rolling the ground and cleaning up the cemetery on favorable weather days in the very near future. Thanks for your speedy attention to this matter. Let's help keep our cemetery beautiful.

## Liturgical Ministers for March 20/21

Ministry	4:30 pm	6:30 am	8:30 am	10:30 am
Readers	Dan Niemerg Kent Probst	Matt Repking	Monica Kremer Jill Schumacher	Cathy Thoele Marty Siemer
Ushers	*Scott Brumleve Chris Deters Allan Gillespie Aaron Stortzum Jerry M. Runde Todd Probst	*Joe Esker Larry Esker Dave Probst Gary Deters Harold Hartke Mike Hardiek	*Greg Hess Dan Habing Jake Habing Troy Bloemer Tom Runde Todd Voelker	*Rich Niebrugge Greg Addis Jeff Thoele Brian Ruholl Tom Niebrugge Tom Schabbing

## Clean Linens - Karen Drees



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**CATHOLIC RADIO:** Can you help bring Christ to more people? Please join in the Radiothon Monday through Friday, March 22-26. We need your support to keep WGMR 91.3FM on the air. Please consider giving your Lenten alms to one of the best evangelization tools of our time -- Catholic Radio! Listen on the Covenant Network app, at [www.OurCatholicRadio.org](http://www.OurCatholicRadio.org), or on 91.3FM. Call 314-752-7000 to help feed souls!

## Upcoming Events

**Annual Benefit Virtual Charity Auction**

Catholic Charities is partnering with Schmid Auction to hold the Annual Benefit Virtual Charity Auction. The auction will be held thru March 17. Please visit <https://schmidauction.hibid.com/> to participate. More details will be provided as the date gets closer.

**Church Week at Rural King.** Rural King is honored to host Church Week **March 14th - March 27th, 2021.**

This program provides an opportunity for those who shop at Rural King to support participating Christian churches, schools, and radio stations. Bring your receipts dated March 14th-27th to the parish office or deposit in the collection. Deadline to turn in receipts is April 1, 2021.

**Lillyville Building Fundraiser Committee** is hosting a fish fry at the Kountry Kitchen On Friday, March 19, 4:00 - 8:00 pm. Dine in or call ahead for carry out 217-857-3948. Menus includes: Shrimp meal \$9; Walleye meal \$8 along with a baked potato, hush puppies, cole slaw and dinner roll.

**St. Isidore Spring Breakfast** will be held on Sunday, March 21, at St. Aloysius parish hall. Serving 7:00 am - 12:00 pm. Curb-side pick-up and limited seating available. Serving whole hog sausage, ham, eggs, pancakes, home-made breads, rolls, coffee, juice and milk. Free will donations. Country store and bucket raffle items also available. CDC guidelines for COVID-19 will be followed.

**"Family Life Center** is having their 1st annual 5K walk/run for Life on Saturday, April 24th. Registration is at 8:00 am with the walk/run starting at 9:00 am. We are looking for sponsors, volunteers and participants. You can sign up online from our website [Familylifepcc.org](http://Familylifepcc.org) or call Linda at Family Life Center for more information on sponsoring or volunteering.

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