

May 9, 2021 - 6th Sunday of Easter

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH, TEUTOPOLIS, IL



During the season of Easter, what a great time to remember our mothers and ask for God's blessing on them. It is God who ultimately gave us life. It is through God's unselfish love--mirrored in our mothers' willingness to associate their love with God's and take the risk to love us into life--that we have the opportunity for life. We remember our mothers this Mother's Day with much love. Let us pray for each of them:

Blessing of Mothers

God our heavenly Father,
you give to each the ability to share your generative love.
Bless those women in our lives who mirror your love
and bring forth life through their willingness
to risk bringing new life into this world.
Help us to show them our gratitude
for the gift of life and the gift of a mother's love.
May our life-giving God continue to bless them
and show them his unfailing love.
We ask this through Jesus, God's Son and our brother.
Amen.

From the Pastor

We wish a Happy Mother's Day to all of our mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, stepmothers, and all, who have reached out to us over the years with maternal care and blessing. There is a unique relationship between a mother and each of her children. Children can fight over which of the children Mom loves the most, but she loves all of her children. We seek God's blessings on our mothers, living and deceased. And we thank them for all they have done and continue to do for us.

This week we honor and show our appreciation to our catechists and their helpers and Mass walkers and all who make our religious education program such a great program. The cast is hundreds of people!

The diocesan Director of Religious Education told me that our parish is unique in all the 100+ parishes in the diocese because of the program we offer! Having religious education each morning, coming to Mass during the week, these are common events in a Catholic school! What makes it possible for our parish to provide the program we have is YOU! As I said above, the cast is hundreds of people working together for the religious education and formation of our students. Each person's role is critical. I especially thank the older members of our parish, who are at home most of the time. They pray for our youth and disciples. I hope our program can continue for many years to come.

Next Sunday, 16 May, at the 8:30 Mass we will honor our 12th graders, who will be graduating from high school. Their graduation ceremony is in the afternoon at 2:30. I don't know what the limits will be with COVID, but the truth doesn't change: our young men and women are moving on. We wish them well.

On Wednesday of this week you might have seen some landscaping happening outside the Sr. Ethelbert Center. Wolke Nursery has donated a large amount of plants to improve the area north of the center and enclosed by the Franciscan friary. Our parishioner, Jason Niebrugge, and his good friend, Jake Donsbach, worked to plant all the flowers, plants, and trees to beautify the area. Thank you to Wolke Nursery and Jason and Jake. It's a 1,000% improvement!

Next Sunday we continue with Confirmations, but the Mass will be at 12:30 Sunday afternoon instead of 2:00. Our children will also receive their first Holy Communion at this time! We congratulate them. Please keep them and the members of their families in your prayers.

The Baby Bottle Project, a fundraiser for the Family Life Center in Effingham, will begin on Mother's Day. Simply take a bottle provided to you at church and fill it with change or other donation and return it to church on Father's Day. Your donations will help the Family Life Center offer pro-life services of free pregnancy tests, free limited ultrasound, baby items, diapers, and educational resources on pregnancy, adoption, abortion procedures and risks, parenting, and relationships. Clients are able to participate in these programs: Prenatal Education, Post-Birth, Breastfeeding Classes, Dadz Class, Momz Class and Post Abortion Support. Please support our local pro-life efforts. **YOUR CHANGE CAN CHANGE A LIFE!**

Day of Prayer for Life Please save the date for the 47th annual Day of Prayer for Life on **Wednesday, June 30th**, at St. Francis church in Teutopolis! More details to come.

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

God is love. These three simple words deserve a great deal of attention. They have the power to transform our relationship with God from something that is static and distant to one that is personal and real. We all know the power of love and how important it is to completing all of the human and divine circuits of our lives. But we do not often consider the awesome fact that it is given to us as a gift and is not simply part and parcel of the human package. God is the author of love and love itself. When we truly love another human being, it is really God being God in and through us. The love to which we are called and the love of which the Gospel speaks is a selfless love that seeks the wellbeing of not only our significant others but of all of our brothers and sisters. This love, which is of God, is a love that will endure all things and bring immeasurable joy when experienced. It is the most sincere form of friendship.

Mass Intentions

Monday, May 10, 6:30: Pauletta Will
 Tuesday, May 11, 6:30: Hank Ruholl
 Tuesday, May 11, 7:55: Herman and Della Kremer family
 Wednesday, May 12, 6:30: Ambrose and Agnes Ruholl
 Thursday, May 13, 6:30: Ronald Thoele
 Thursday, May 13, 12:10: John Sheehan
 Friday, May 14, 6:30: Bob Deters
 Friday, May 14, 7:55: Lawrence and Anna Ruholl
 Saturday, May 15, 4:30: Norma Ruholl
 Sunday, May 16, 6:30: Pro Populo
 Sunday, May 16, 8:30: Jack Hardiek
 Sunday, May 16, 10:30: Bob Haskenherm

"I remember my
 mother's prayers
 and they have always
 followed me.
 They have clung to
 me all my life."

—
Abraham Lincoln

Liturgy Schedule 6th Week of Easter May 10 - 16

Monday,	St. Damien de Veuster 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. Nereus and St. Achilleus Mass at 6:30 am
Thursday,	The Ascension of the Lord Our Lady of Fatima Mass at 6:30 am & 12:10 pm
Friday,	St. Matthias Mass at 6:30 & 7:55 am
Saturday,	St. Isidore Mass at 4:30 pm
Sunday,	The Ascension of the Lord 7th Sunday of Easter Mass at 6:30, 8:30, 10:30 am

Confession Schedule

Tuesday, May 11 - 6:15-6:45 pm
Thursday, May 13 - 6:15-6:45 pm
Saturday, May 14 - 3:00-4:00 pm

Liturgy of the Hours with Friars

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



Please remember in your prayers:

Margaret Pruemmer, 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 Pruemmer, Anita Holman, Steve Runde, Toby McMahon, Debbie Meyer, Fr. Frank Folino, Bruce Weber, Doris Johnson, Nicholas Wentz, Barb Worman

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> <u>5/2/2021</u>	<u>Total Fiscal</u> <u>Year</u>
195 Adult envelopes	\$13,631.00	\$352,291.67
40 Online giving	\$1,285.00	\$91,311.00
Other	\$884.00	\$8,382.26
TOTAL	\$15,800.00	\$451,984.93
Assisi to Africa	\$955.00	\$31,897.00



Parish Calendar

Monday, May 10

- Teacher/Mass Supervisor appreciation - all week
- Eucharistic Adoration, 1:00 pm - 6:00 am

Tuesday, May 11

- Confessions, 6:15 - 6:45 pm
- Guitar practice, 6:45 pm, church

Wednesday, May 12

- Children's choir, 3:30 - 4:45 pm
- Young adult choir, 6:00 - 6:45 pm

Thursday, May 13

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

Saturday, May 15

- Confessions, 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Sunday, May 16

- High School graduation Mass, 8:30 am; grab & go breakfast following in Sr. Ethelbert Center
- 5th grade Confirmation Mass, 12:20 pm

Catholic Communication Campaign. Next week we will take a collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign. The essential mission of the CCC is to contribute to the process of evangelization by fostering activities in relation to television, radio, internet, and other media, and through special projects of the Catholic press. An annual collection is taken up in the dioceses, which remit 50% of the funds collected to the National Office. From these funds, grants are made by the USCCB Subcommittee on the Catholic Communication Campaign. The remaining portion of the collection is retained by the dioceses for use in local communication projects

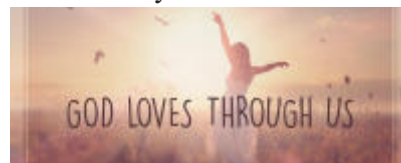


Planning Marriage

Jordan Stock and Tori Will
Saturday, May 15, 2021
1:00 pm

Love, Love, Love. "Love" or "loved" is spoken seventeen times in the Bible readings today. Not a mushy Hallmark movie kind of love. But the love God has for us. The love we have for God and Christ. The love, therefore, we must have for everyone else. Strong, bold, lasting.

- How do I know I am loved? Let me count the persons and ways?
- How will I love those who are near?
- How will I love everyone else?



Religious Education News

Grade 5: Students will be confirmed this spring. Students in 5M and 5W will receive the sacrament of Confirmation on May 16, 2021 during the 12:30 pm Mass. Confirmation practice is one half hour before Mass starts.

Grade 2: Students will be confirmed and receive their first Holy Communion on May 23, 2021 during the 12:30 pm Mass. Practice will be at noon that day.

Teacher and Walker Appreciation: We have organized a “Grab and Go” for the volunteers, any day during the week of May 10. This will be held in the mini park under the pavilion after religion. Thanks to all the volunteers!

Grade School Religion Program needs volunteers for the 2021-2022 school year. If you can help between 7:15 am and 7:45 am watching kids before religion starts, call the parish office. If you can teach or walk kids to church one or two days a week between 7:45 am and 8:40 am, we can use you. Please volunteer to help pass the Catholic faith to the next generation by calling the parish office.

YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

May 16th – 8:30 high school graduation Mass and breakfast

Seniors – Please arrive 15 minutes early and sit in the reserved pews in the front of church. Please wear your graduation gown, but no cap! We will take a group picture after Mass and then go directly to breakfast in the Sr. Ethelbert center. Congratulations from staff and parishioners of St. Francis!

SUMMER CALENDAR

June 27th – July 3rd – Catholic Heart Workcamp Trip

July 19th -23rd – **Birthday Blast** Vacation Bible School

JH/HS Religious Ed

Ministry forms – Students were given a ministry sign up form at religious ed classes in April. Please make sure those forms get turned in to the church office or put in the collection basket at church. All confirmed students should consider signing up for some ministry at St. Francis!

Closing Mass for our Wednesday night classes was held on April 30th and we had a party to celebrate. Thanks to the CCW, especially Kris Zerrusen and Denise Weichman for providing cookies for our students, teachers, and helpers. It was a fun evening!



Catholic Heart Workcamp group – **We will have a meeting Monday, May 24th to discuss final items for our trip! Please meet at 7:00 pm in the Sr. Ethelbert center!** Forms and a 2nd deposit due! Call Maria at 217-961-1500 with questions!

ASSISI FOR AFRICA - FRANCISCAN JUBILEE, KOLWEZI, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO – *“Thank you brothers and sisters of Belgium who built a local church together with their brothers and sisters Congolese for one hundred years. And thank you Congo for allowing us foreigners to become one with the local population. It is a privilege to be with you. Once again, thank you Franciscans brothers and sisters who have inherited this 100 years of Christian faith. ... I hope the day comes when I can be with you (in Teutopolis). In the meantime, let’s pray for one another and may the Lord protect you from the virus.”* – Fr. Damien

Perpetual Adoration at the chapel at St. Anthony Hospital. The process of restarting perpetual adoration at St. Anthony Memorial Hospital Chapel has begun! Please see the current openings available. There will now be a “Captain” for each Day:

- Sunday – Karie Sudkamp – 217-821-3154 – midnight, 1am, 2am, 3am, noon (4th Sunday), 3pm (3rd, and 4th Sundays).
- Monday – Connie Wegman – 217-821-6364 – midnight (3rd and 5th Mondays), 1am, 2am (every other week), noon, 1pm (5th week), 8pm (4th Monday)
- Tuesday – Irene Koester – 217-821-4595 – midnight, 2am, 3am (twice per month)
- Wednesday – Bernice Sandschafer – 217-536-6320 – 2am, 11am (need someone to share)
- Thursday – Mary Sandschafer – 217-821-8098 – all full!!!!
- Friday – Brad Koenig – 217-690-3333 – 1am (1st, 3rd, 2nd, and 5th Fridays), 11pm (1st Friday)
- Saturday – Anne Wilson – 217-821-1313 – 1am (4th, and 5th Saturdays), 2am, 4am (1st, 3rd, and 5th Saturdays), 5pm (2nd, 4th, and 5th Saturdays), 10pm

If you do not feel you can fill all weeks of a given time slot, encourage a friend or family member to join you in splitting up the weeks. This is a great opportunity to grow closer to God.

Monthly Prayer Vigil for Life Everyone is welcome to attend the Monthly Prayer Vigil for Life to celebrate our precious Gift of Life at St Aloysius in Bishop Creek on Monday May 17. Praying the scriptural rosary will begin at 6:00 pm. Fr. Frank Folino will be the celebrant for the 6:30 pm Mass. The business meeting will follow in the parish hall. Refreshments will be served while current legislation and local pro-life events are discussed.

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.

Did You Forget? If you have not paid your Sodality Dues, please do so as soon as you're able.

It's very simple to pay, either:

1. Go to www.stfrancischurch.com and click on "Sodality Dues" and follow instructions; OR
2. Mail or drop off your form and check in the weekly collection. (if you've misplaced your form and need a replacement; there are extra forms placed at the entrance of the parish office.)

We appreciate your prompt attention to this, as both sodalities are working hard to finish up the dues collection process before we begin planning future festivities. We'd prefer not to have to contact those unpaid or have to go door-to-door, so your prompt attention to this would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you from Your Men's and Ladies' Sodalities

Sacrament of Matrimony: Arrangements must be made a minimum of 6 months in advance with the Pastor.

Marriage Requirements If you have your wedding scheduled at St. Francis, you will be required to attend the following for preparation:

Pre-Cana workshops offered in the Effingham area:

- St. Francis, Teutopolis, January 30, 2022.
Call 217-961-6404 to register.
- St. Mary, St. Marie, March of 2022.
Call 618-455-3155 to register.

Additional dates are available on the diocesan website at www.dio.org under vocation services, marriage and family life.

FOCCUS: Scheduled dates at St. Francis are as follows:

- July 3, 2021
- October 2, 2021
- January 8, 2022
- April 2, 2022

All sessions begin after 4:30 pm Mass in St. Clare hall. To register call 317-961-6404.

Upcoming NFP Classes

- Saturday, June 12th, 9:30-11:00 am, Sr. Ethelbert Center at St. Francis

To register for an NFP class on the Creighton Model Fertility Care System, contact Kate Pruemer, CFCP. Email her at kpruemer@gmail.com or call or text 217-821-1840.

Sacrament of Baptism: Baptism Prep class is required before baptism. Please call the office to pre-register.

Baptism Prep Dates

- Thursday, June 3, 2021, St. Rose
- Thursday, July 1, 2021, St. Francis

All classes begin at 7:00 pm. To register for classes at St. Francis call 217-961-6404; at St. Rose call 217-924-4553; and at St. Isidore call 217-821-9178. All dates are subject to change.

Please Note: Baptisms will take place on the first, second and fourth weekends of each month.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - Sixth Sunday of Easter

"Remain in my love," and, "I call you friends," are powerful words that are found in John's Gospel. Most of us probably have them committed to memory or have at least heard them proclaimed dozens of times. They are words that can easily become trite and quickly glossed over without fully pondering and digesting their profound beauty. When we take the time to immerse ourselves in them, they can radically change our lives and our relationships. They can open up new doors of adventure and hold countless possibilities for meaning. The essence of love and friendship are things that can easily be taken for granted. They have always been there and are a significant part of our lives. Many would say that they could not live without love and friendship, and they put a great deal of care into preserving, deepening and sustaining them. Love and friendship share a mutual relationship with each other that deserves more reflection.

Where does love come from? We can consider relationships that have not succeeded and conclude that they were somehow due to our "failures in love." In doing so, we assume that human beings are the ones responsible for love, its success and also its failure. While our weakness, emotional composition and sinfulness can easily impact our ability to love, its origin is not human. God is love. God is love's author and origin. When we love, it is God who loves in and through us. It is because of this divine closeness that Jesus is able to call us friends! It is not because of anything we have done but simply because of who we are. Realizing and contemplating this awesome reality becomes a game changer across the board. It gives us reason to clear the table of anything that can adversely affect the way we love so that we can open the door for its author to shine forth.

Coming upon this truth is what leads folks like St. Francis of Assisi to leave that which is comfortable and worldly and live a radical life. They relate with the love of God that radiates in and through all living things and appreciate their sacredness. It was having an intimate experience of God's love and friendship that propelled St. Francis and others to embrace simplicity, act nonviolently, pursue humility, love enemies, care for the earth and open up avenues for true justice. Understanding this profound truth will also help us find peaceful solutions to world's problems, restore relationships with our sisters and brothers, bring the grace of loving stewardship to creation and heal many wounds. Once we begin to see how wonderfully holy all of life really is, we discover joy. We lose our need for fear, develop a fierce fortitude, act prudently and seek justice. There is great power in love because it comes from God. It will never fail. It also enjoys the company of two other friends who are eager to become our friends as well: faith and hope. These are just as important to have and to share.



Liturgical Ministers for May 15/16

<u>Ministry</u>	<u>4:30 pm</u>	<u>6:30 am</u>	<u>8:30 am</u>	<u>10:30 am</u>
Readers	Sr. Sandra Sudkamp Denise Will	Lenora Drees	Debbie Weber Jean Sehy	Carrie Copple Tina Vonderheide
Ushers	*Doug Smith Toby McMahon Tom Buehnerkemper Bob Goldstein Charles Semple Tony Runde	*Jim Niebrugge Daren Drees Robert Drees Robert Poe Mike Tipton Don Westendorf	*Alf Ruholl Kevin Schumacher Don Bergfeld Jeff Hardiek Ryan Jansen Johnny Meinhart	*Tom Vahling Joe Niccum Scott Copple Bill Martin, Jr. Hank Niebrugge Denny Runde

Clean Linens - Jane Ordner**Area Events**

Charitable Cookout. On Friday, May 14th, Teutopolis State Bank will be hosting a charitable cookout. Hot dogs, pork burgers, hamburgers, chips, cookies, and drinks will be available from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm at the Teutopolis and Sigel locations. All proceeds will be donated to the Effingham Child Development Center.

Effingham Child Development Center (E.C.D.C.) is a non-profit daycare center and preschool. E.C.D.C. offers a safe and healthy developmentally appropriate jump-start to the children in their care. They foster growth in children: physically, intellectually, emotionally and socially. E.C.D.C. assists families and children to rise above their challenges. The E.C.D.C. serves families without discrimination because of race, creed or socioeconomic conditions. E.C.D.C. is the only not for profit daycare in Effingham.

Lillyville Lavatory 5k Run/Walk will be on Saturday, May 22 at 9:00 am at Lillyville Church. Entry fee is \$35 for 5K. There will be a parish bake sale, before, during and after the run. Registration forms can be picked up at the entrance of St. Francis parish office or at Teutopolis Treats. Any questions call Kathy Ruholl at 217-343-1600. All proceeds will go to help improve Sacred Heart Lillyville Church.

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Submit written bulletin notices by noon Monday.

Diocesan website: www.dio.org

Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting and Investigation Number (217) 321-1155

Religious Education:

Dan Niemerg, Grade School CRE: 961-6477

Maria Kingery, Youth Director & Jr. Hi. & H.S. CRE: 961-1500

Camille Neihls, Part-time Rel. Ed. Secretary: 961-6477

Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Teutopolis !1711 will meet on Monday, May 24 at 7:00 pm at the Teutopolis Banquet hall. For information, call Diann Ruholl 217-663-2056.

Women's Tennis League Sign-Up by May 15th for all skill levels.

(New, Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced, and Substitutes - 18 years & older)

- **Season play on Monday evenings starting at 7 pm, June 7th - August 16th at Teutopolis grade school tennis courts**
- *Schedule will be sent to all players after May 17th.*
- For questions, and to receive registration information contact:
- Patty Kreke (217) 821-4850, or email: pskreke@gmail.com
- Brenda Brown: (217) 994-4678, or email: brown.brenda12@yahoo.com
- **Registration fees are due the first week of scheduled tennis league play.**
- **Checks payable to:** Teutopolis Women's Tennis League
- **Fees: \$25 to Unit 50 residents, and \$30 to residents outside of Unit 50 district.**

Teutopolis KC Cruise Night and Car Show - All Vehicles Welcome - Car Show held on Banquet Hall Grounds - No registration or Entry Fee Required

Friday, June 18th (Rain Date-Friday, June 25th)

Cruise from 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm

7:30pm National Anthem

Live DJ – Carson Pruemer

Music and Car Show ends at Midnight

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