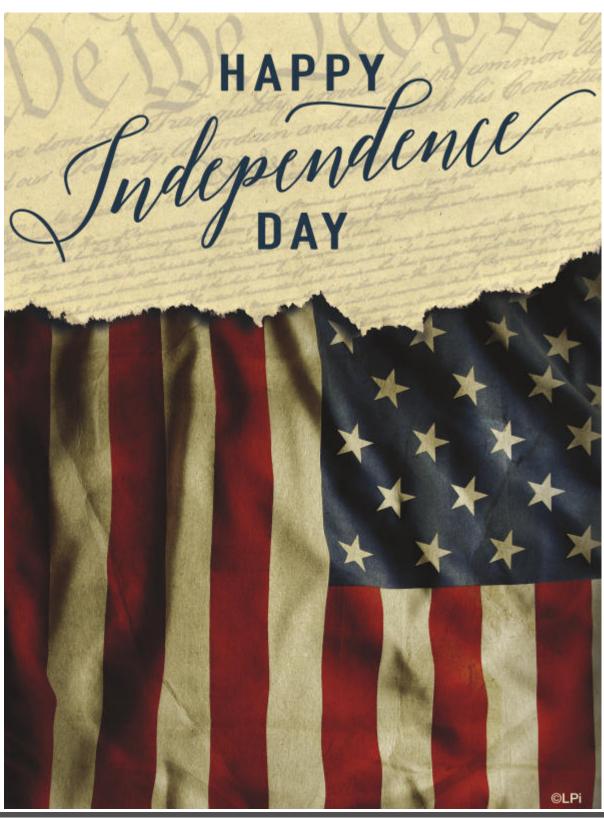
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INDEPENDENCE DAY

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Freedom

Freedom is enshrined in our US Constitution. The First Amendment of our constitution protects our freedom of speech. However, our speech may not infringe upon another's freedom. Freedom does have its limits. And we must protect everyone's freedoms, not just ours. On this 4th of July, let us remember from whom all our freedoms originate, our good and gracious God.

Let us pray...

God, giver of all good gifts,
Help us to be thankful for rest and food,
and remember that, in all we do or say,
you are with us, here this day.
We are thankful for all you do
and for everything you have given us.
But above all we are thankful for our freedoms
and the ability to protect others' freedom.
We are free because of you.
We ask for your continued blessing on all your creation.
Through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Celebrating Our Freedom Today throughout the United States, we celebrate our freedom. Our rights are protected and opportunities abound. We recognize that freedom has a cost, one we celebrate and honor on days such as this. It's good to honor those who fight for our country, who may well pay the ultimate price for the liberties we're afforded. As faithful Catholics, we recognize that there is more to freedom than simply being at liberty to make our lives what we want them to be. St. John Paul II reminds us: "Freedom is not just doing what we can, it is doing what we ought." We become freer within ourselves and within our relationships when we choose what is right and good. When we choose sin, we become trapped in egoism less free, not more. This Independence Day, let's continue to pursue virtue and good character and encourage others to do this same.

God Bless Those Serving our Country.

Anthony Vahling
Ryan Weber
Cody Bushue
Andrew Isley
Shawn Zerrusen
Ali Kingery
Andrew Simmons
Justis Coventry
Jesse Koester
Braydan Bushue
Mallory Stone
Paul Schumacher



Liturgy Schedule 14th Week in Ordinary Time July 5 - 11

Monday, St. Anthony Zaccaria

St. Elizabeth of Portugal

Mass at 6:30 am

Adoration 1:00 pm until 6:00 am

Tuesday morning

Tuesday, St. Maria Goretti

Mass at 6:30 am

Wednesday, Mass at 6:30 am
Thursday, Mass at 6:30 am

Friday, St. Augustine Zhao Rong

Mass at 6:30 am

Saturday, Mass at 4:30 pm

Sunday, 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass at 6:30, 8:30, 10:30 am

Confession Schedule

Saturday, July 10 - 3:00-4:00 pm

Liturgy of the Hours with Friars

Monday-Friday -- 11:45 am



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, 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, Fr. Frank Folino, Bruce Weber, Nicholas Wente, Barb Worman, Pam Bloemer, Leah Newlin.

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

Stewardship of Treasure

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| Assisi to Africa | \$400.00 | \$36,513.00 |
| Peter's Pence | \$1,590.00 | |



Parish Calendar

Monday, July 5

- Adoration 1:00 pm 6:00 am
- Parish office closed for July 4th holiday

Wednesday, July 7

• Rosary, 7:30 pm, chapel

Saturday, July 10

- Confessions, 3:00 4:00 pm
- Foccus, 5:30 pm, St. Clare hall

Please Note: The parish office will be closed on Monday, July 5th in observance of Independence Day. We will reopen on Tuesday, July 6.



Monday, July 5, 6:30: Doris Repking Tuesday, July 6, 6:30: Jack Hardiek Wednesday, July 7, 6:30: Bernie Niemeyer Thursday, July 8, 6:30: Roger Borries Friday, July 9, 6:30: Brian Bloemer Saturday, July 10, 4:30: Larry McMahon Sunday, July 11, 6:30: Scott Westendorf Sunday, July 11, 8:30: Patty Pruemer Sunday, July 11, 10:30: Pro Populo

Please Note: Mass intentions have been moved. Please call the parish office at 217-961-6404 if you would like to know the change.

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK God never ceases to proclaim His Word. His life-giving presence continues to sustain all things and keep them in being regardless of whether there is the faith to receive or perceive Him. Our personal agendas, preconceived ideas, misconceptions, and expectations can often cause us to be so hard of heart and obstinate that we fail to see what God is trying to do. While God remains ever present, faith is necessary for God's power to bear fruit. As we celebrate our country's independence, let us not forget the difference between liberties and freedom. While the liberties we have are most welcome treasures, only freedom from what blinds, deceives, and weighs us down can bring happiness. God is all about healing, transformation, and hope. In order for God to do what God does best, we have to invite Him in and see Him for who he is. Otherwise, God's will for humanity will be something at which we simply take offense, a common reaction when something challenges or unsettles us.





Grade School Religion Program needs volunteers for the 2021-2022 school year. If you can help between 7:15 am and 7:45 am watch 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.

Religious Education Registration for 2021-2022 School Year is now available. You can register your children and pay for the registration online by using the St. Francis of Assisi Website. You can also register by picking up a registration form from the round table by the main office or by picking up a registration form from the St. Clare hallway. Fill out the registration form with a check and mail it to St. Francis of Assisi Church or drop it in the collection basket during Mass on Sunday.

SUMMER CALENDAR

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

Incoming 8th grade students - Don't forget your service hours! There are many opportunities in our community to gain those hours this summer while school is out! Help out a neighbor, volunteer, or join the VBS crew to finish those up by August! You may turn them in anytime to the church office. These are due August 13th.

St. Francis Birthday Blast Vacation Bible School will be



held the week of July 19th from 8:00 - 12:00 each day. This is a Catholic VBS program that will include a Saint of the Day and a Virtue of the Day along with music, snacks, crafts, games, and LOTS of fun! Registration forms

are on the round table or on our website. Late registrations are still being accepted. WE NEED ADULT HELPERS FOR THIS WEEK! Please contact Maria at 217-961-1500 if you can help! Junior high and high school students, please fill out a registration form to be a helper!

Attention College Students - If you are going to college this fall, please consider joining the New-



man Center on your campus.

Please sign up at

http://signup.newmanconnection.com!

Baby Bottle Project The fundraiser for the Effingham Family Life Center has ended. **Seventy-five** bottles that were taken have not yet been returned; we need them for next year or we will need to purchase more bottles. Please return your baby bottle with your donation to the church office M-Th 9:00 am-4:30 pm, or to Family Life Center, 605 Eden Ave, M-Th 9:00 am-5:00 pm. Empty bottles may be placed at church entrances. THANK YOU for your very generous donations for this pro-life effort!

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



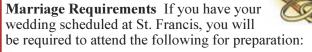
Baptism Prep Dates

- Tuesday, August 3, 2021, St. Isidore
- Thursday, September 2, 2021, St. Francis
- Thursday, October 7, 2021, St. Rose

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.

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



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 10, 2021 PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE!
- October 2, 2021
- January 8, 2022
- April 2, 2022

All sessions begin after 4:30 pm Mass in St. Clare hall. To register call 217-961-6404.

Upcoming NFP Classes

- Friday, July 23rd, 6:00-7:00 pm on WebEx.
- Saturday, September 11th, 10:00-11:30 am, Sr. Ethelbert Center

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.

ASSISI FOR AFRICA - The mining company that is building a new home for our children is still working and will not finish before July. At present they are repainting the whole outside of the house as you can see in the photo. They knocked down a few walls in order to have more natural light in the home. All the bunk beds are in place and all the chairs but everything else will be coming. Meanwhile we have to train the children how to use the European toilet and shower and how to keep the house clean! We are convinced that so many children are sick because of the lack of hygiene where we are now living. Last month we had to pay \$400 for hospital care; we have a former pastor who is also a Red Cross server who cares for minor sicknesses of the children. More serious cases are dealt with by volunteer Doctor Bin who also helps us buy medicine where he himself buys it. His presence is a great blessing. God is good. – Fr. Damien







REMINDER! Saturday, September 18th is picnic day! Mark your calendars! More info will be rolling out as we get closer. Live music, the infamous golf ball drop,

kids games, BINGO, and many other favorites return! We're also adding some new items and activities to our picnic lineup! New this year will be a doubles pickle ball tournament (held the morning of September 18th at the Banquet Hall courts! Signups for this will begin in August!) Our previous inside sit-down dinner will also have a new twist and will become an outside "picnic style" sit-down opportunity! This, plus a few other new things TBA! Picnic ground activities will kick off at 2:00. It's going to be great to gather as a parish family once again!

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome to our faith Family:

Baylor Dale Sandschafer, son of Brent and Holly (Goeckner) Sandschafer



Welcome to those who recently joined St. Francis Parish

Ryan and Mary (Niemerg) Probst Brent and Holly (Goeckner) Sandschafer and Baylor Jordan and Tori (Will) Stock The Annual Catholic Services Appeal (ACSA) no longer exists. The Diocesan Parish Tithe (DPT) Appeal no longer exists. You will not receive an appeal letter, nor will there be a parish goal. The final change is now.

Starting July 2021, parishes will support the Diocese of Springfield mission and ministry offices through a monthly tithe (10%) from parish support. The parishes will pay the tithe directly to the diocese. An individual may choose to continue supporting the Bishop's Gift Society or a particular diocesan ministry office, however these donations are not credited back to the parish in any manner. All second collections will remain in place.

The ACSA/DPT collection option set up with WeShare (the online giving service used by St. Francis parish), has been deactivated. The online givers from St. Francis parish will not have to adjust that donation. The option has been eliminated. If they so choose to donate those funds to the general collection or a second collection, the online giver will need to log in to their WeShare account to make the adjustments.

If you have an online contributions for ACSA/DPT set up with the Diocese of Springfield directly and would like to make an adjustment, you may do so by logging in to your account with the diocese or by emailing Katie Price kprice@dio.org with your name, parish, and address to complete the request. Any donations made to the diocese through their online giving system will support the diocese and the donations are not credited back to the parish in any manner.

If you have any questions regarding this information, or need assistance with setting up or making adjustments to your WeShare online giving account, please call Anita Broom at 217-961-6404.



Parish Office

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Parish E-mail: sfc@stfrancischurch.com
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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: 217-961-6477

Maria Kingery, Youth Director & JrHi/HS CRE: 217-961-1500 Camille Neihls, Part-time Rel. Ed. Secretary: 217-961-6477

| Liturgical Ministers for July 10/11 | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Ministry | <u>4:30 pm</u> | <u>6:30 am</u> | 8:30 am | <u>10:30 am</u> | | |
| Readers | Kristin Probst Gordon Zuber | Ray Deters | Jill Schumacher Phil Hartke | Jake/Kate Pruemer Brenda Henry | | |
| Ushers | *Tim Ordner Allen Gillespie Todd Probst Brian Drees Jerry M. Runde Nick Deters | *Don Zerrusen Chris Hartke Charlie Kroeger Dean Kremer Pat Wente Dave Westendorf | *Tom Uthell Mark Probst John Flach Greg Bergfeld Tom Rauch Cory Wermert | *Carl Waldhoff Greg Addis Larry Hardiek Trent Schmid Jeff Thoele Tom Niebrugge | | |
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places flags at veteran headstones, on Memorial Day weekend for our fallen heroes at St. Francis Cemetery. The post does not want to leave any veteran without a flag. We are asking for the community's help to make sure our list, and map, are complete and accurate. Not

all veterans' headstones are identified as being a veteran.

If you have loved ones that have served in the military that are buried in St. Francis cemetery, even if they are buried in the old sections, please contact Diana Brown at 1-217-343-0142.

Thank you, Teutopolis Legion Post 924.



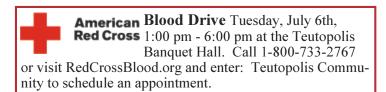
Recycling The paper depot is now open for paper recycling. Aluminum cans are also being accepted in the plastic barrels just inside the door. Please recycle responsibly. Deposit only newspaper and office paper in the large cardboard boxes. Maga-

zines can be dropped in a smaller box designated for magazines and slick paper only. An information box is above the light switch inside. Please take one of the print outs. It provides information on what we accept and do not accept.

We want to keep the depot open as a community service. With escalating costs and stricter guidelines from the buyer of our paper, all households, schools, churches, and businesses who use our program must follow the rules and make an effort to separate paper from trash.

Volunteers are needed. If you can devote 15 to 20 minutes, any time during the day, once a month, call Mark Lueken at 217-857-3720.





"Dine Out for Deb Meyers" fundraiser will be held on Saturday, July 10, from 2:00 - 10:00 pm, at the Effingham VFW, 2304 Veterans Drive. She has been battling Covid-19 since December 2020 and all proceeds will help pay for medical bills. Dinner will be BBQ pulled pork, coleslaw, baked beans, hotdogs, and chips. Free-will donation. There will be a 50/50 raffle drawing, bake sale, live & silent auction provided by Schmid Auction, and music throughout the day. There will be a cornhole tournament (pre-register with Brad Field at 217-663-5394).

8th Annual St. Anthony Parish "Treasure Sale" will be Friday, July 23, from 8:00 am - 6:00 pm, and Saturday, July 24, from 8:00 am - noon, at the St. Anthony parish center. Items can be dropped off at the St. Anthony parish center on Wednesday, July 21, from 11:00 am - 7:00 pm, and Thursday, July 22, from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm. Please no computers, printers, TV's, car seats, or outdated cribs. Donations from businesses of used office items or merchandise would be greatly appreciated. All proceeds benefit St. Anthony schools and teachers.

Holy Humor

A Kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom as the children drew pictures. The teacher would occasionally walk around and see each child's artwork. As she approached one little girl who was working especially hard, she asked what the drawing was.

The little girl told her: "I'm drawing God!"

"But sweety," the teacher replied, "no one actually knows what God looks like."

Automatically, the little girl continued drawing and said, "well, they certainly will in a minute!"



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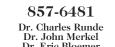
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