

October 10, 2021 - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH



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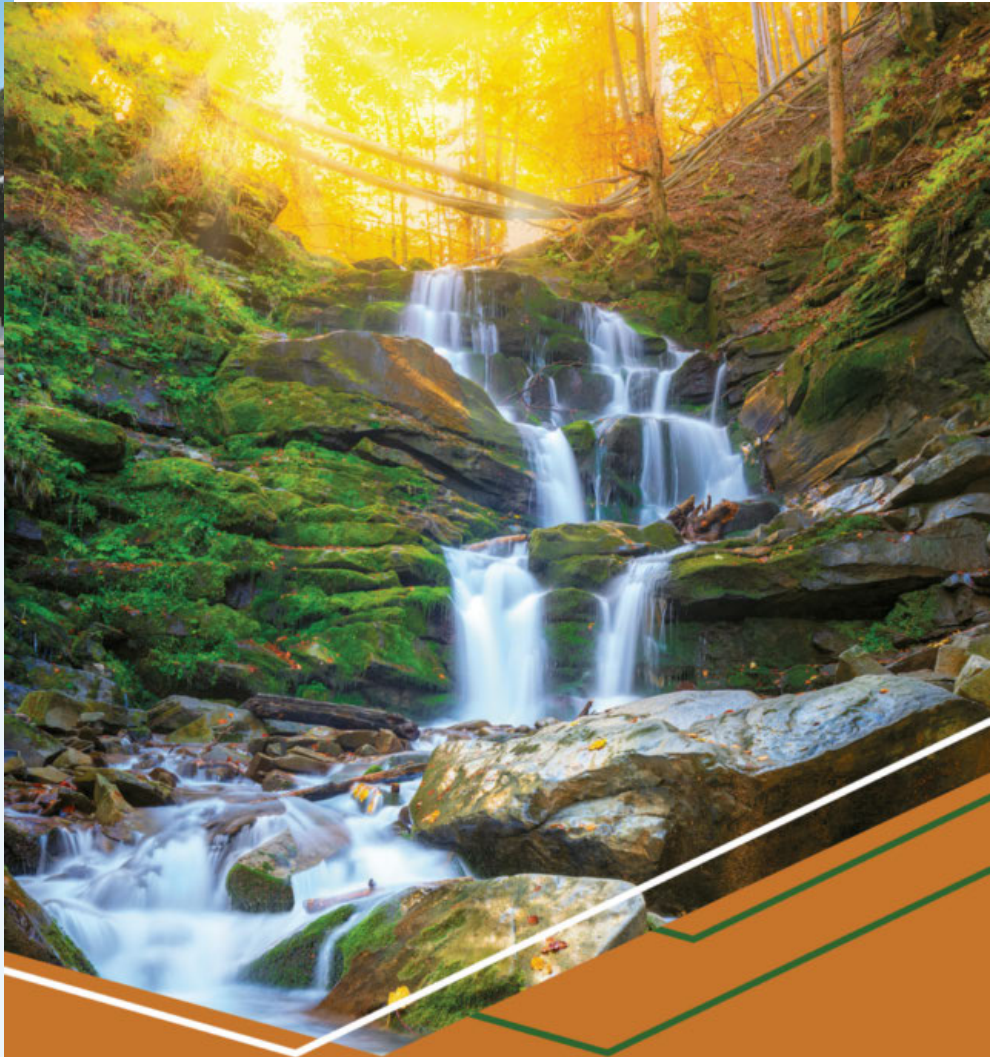
Anytime by appointment

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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 the office to pre-register.



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They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God."

- Mk 10:26-27

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From the Pastor

The parishioners extend our sympathy and condolences to the family of Elizabeth Weidner, whose funeral Mass was this past Friday. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.

Our parish offices will be closed Monday, 11 October. Our children will be out of school this day as well so please be mindful of the safety of children as you travel about.

We will have only one Mass on the mornings of 18 – 21 October, Monday thru Thursday, and that Mass will be at 6:30 a.m. The reason is Fr. Joe has to attend the Franciscan Leadership Conference in St. Louis during those days. Please mark your calendars accordingly. Thank you.

And please mark your calendar for Saturday, December 4th. No contracts have been signed yet, but there is serious discussion about the presentation of a play about St. Maximilian Kolbe, and it will be in our grade school auditorium on that evening. I'm already looking forward to it. It's a weekend night, and the play is only an hour and a half long.

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If we are truly in love with God, then the basics are not going to be enough. That love is going to want to be expressed in going above and beyond, in leaving the comfortable and familiar, in stretching and growing, and in following a voice other than our own. St. Teresa of Calcutta rightly instructs us that for "love to be real, it must cost, it must hurt, it must empty us of self." Being in love with God requires more than just checking the boxes of the commandments. It requires a sincere and unconditional self-investment. Desiring God with our whole heart, mind, and soul means that I must also desire a relationship with my neighbor with that same degree of fervor.

Biases and prejudices usually occur when people are kept at a distance and treated as objects. We cannot truly know our neighbors, especially if they are different than us, if we keep them in boxes and do not listen to their stories. When we open ourselves to listen to another person's story, we begin to realize more how similar we are than dissimilar. Being overly attached to our possessions, ideologies, agendas, lifestyles, and personal needs are absolute barriers to achieving the type of personal investment love demands. This is why following Christ can be difficult. It is less a matter of intellect and more a matter of heart and soul. It requires that we transfer our treasure from an investment in tangible secular things and move it into the Kingdom of God. It is only the gift of wisdom and discernment that can help us decide what to do and how to do it.

Contemporaries of Jesus would know that a camel could not enter through the portal of a city weighed down with the baggage it was carrying. In order to enter, the baggage must be removed so that the animal could fit through the entry way. The same is true for us. We carry a lot of excessive baggage around with us that keeps us tethered to our past histories, wounds, myopic world views, prejudices, fears, and suspicions. To invest ourselves in the Kingdom of God, do God's work and live out our love relationship with God, we need to shed the extra weight. While it may seem that a lot of that stuff is necessary, it really is not. We are much more than the things that we think define us and more secure than we think. The more there is to hold on to and the more that we carry with us, the harder it will be to leave it all behind. Many choose not to and walk away sad because they are not ready to trust.

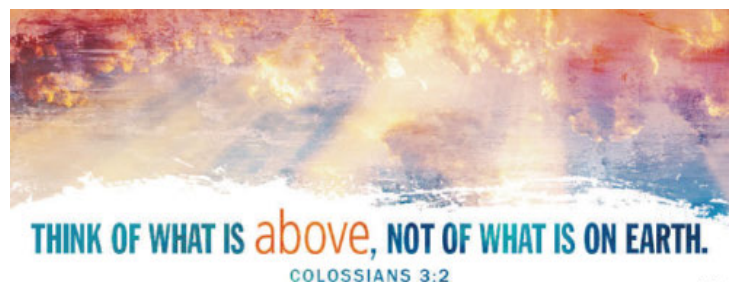


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Prayer Campaign for Life – Please continue prayer, fasting and sacrifice during these 40 days of praying for life, through October 31st. Let us pray for pregnancy help centers, including our local Family Life Center in Effingham. Pray for those who answer calls from women considering abortion, those who provide ultrasounds, and those who personally help mothers and fathers to prepare to parent or consider an adoption plan. Dear Lord, guide these servants in all they do and help them to speak boldly in truth, love and perseverance. We pray Psalm 82: 4: "Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked."

Mass Intentions

Monday, October 11, 6:30: Edwin and Marie Zerrusen
Tuesday, October 12, 6:30: Roger Esker
Tuesday, October 12, 7:55: Hank Hawickhorst
Wednesday, October 13, 6:30: Albin Worman
Thursday, October 14, 6:30: Linda Hutmacher
Thursday, October 14, 7:55: Brad Buening
Friday, October 15, 6:30: Daniel Anthony Ruholl
Friday, October 15, 7:55: Connie Wendt
Saturday, October 16, 4:30: Dory Thoele
Sunday, October 17, 6:30: Pro Populo
Sunday, October 17, 8:30: Special Intention
Sunday, October 17, 10:30: Hank Ruholl



Liturgy Schedule 28th Week in Ordinary Time October 11 - 17

Monday,	St. John XXIII Mass at 6:30 am Adoration 1:00 pm until 6:00 am Tuesday morning
Tuesday,	Mass at 6:30 & 7:55 am
Wednesday,	Mass at 6:30 am
Thursday,	St. Callistus I Mass at 6:30 & 7:55 am
Friday,	St. Teresa of Jesus Mass at 6:30 & 7:55 am
Saturday,	St. Hedwig, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque Mass at 4:30 pm
Sunday,	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass at 6:30, 8:30, 10:30 am

Confession Schedule

Tuesday, October 12 - 6:15-6:45 pm
Thursday, October 14 - 6:15-6:45 pm
Saturday, October 16 - 3:00-4:00 pm

Liturgy of the Hours with Friars

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

Please Note - The parish office will be closed Monday, October 11th in observance of Columbus Day.

ADORATION subs:

Many thanks to those who have volunteered recently! We are in need of a temporary sub (2-3 months) for the 2:00-3:00 am hour on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday mornings of the month starting this week. If you can cover any or all of these hours, please call or text Cindy Vahling at 217-821-3366.

Please keep an eye out for an updated schedule and list of subs that will be available in the Chapel entrance in the next week or two.

Stewardship of Treasure

	<u>Sunday</u> <u>10/3/2021</u>	<u>Total Fiscal</u> <u>Year</u>
194 Adult envelopes	\$6,731.00	\$114,500.25
45 Online giving	\$1,921.00	\$33,847.00
Other	<u>\$571.26</u>	<u>\$10,843.05</u>
TOTAL	\$9,223.26	\$159,190.30
Assisi to Africa	\$1,017.00	\$14,110.00
Franciscan Day	\$1,571.00	



Parish Calendar

Monday, October 11

- Parish office closed
- Adoration, 1:00 pm - 6:00 am Tuesday
- RCIA, 7:00 pm, Sr. Ethelbert Center

Tuesday, October 12

- Rosary after 7:55 Mass
- Confessions, 6:15-6:45 pm
- Guitar practice, 6:45 pm

Wednesday, October 13

- Children's choir, 3:30-4:45 pm
- Young adult choir, 5:30-6:15 pm, St. Clare hall
- Mini retreat with Dana Catherine for JH/HS religious ed students, 6:30-8:30 pm, church
- Small groups, 4:00-5:00 and 7:05-8:00 pm, Sr. Ethelbert Center
- Cemetery board mtg., 6:30 pm, Sr. Ethelbert Center

Thursday, October 14

- Confessions, 6:15-6:45 pm
- Adult choir, 7:00 pm

Friday, October 15

- Teen Center open, 7:00-10:00 pm

Saturday, October 16

- Confessions, 3:00-4:00 pm

Sunday, October 17

- Intellectual Disabilities breakfast, 7:00 am - 12:00 pm, Teutopolis Banquet hall
- Secular Franciscans meet, 2:00 pm, church and St. Clare hall



Homebound Ministry

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound for Sunday, October 17th are Lenora Drees 217-857-3583 and Lori Mette 217-663-0869.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember in your prayers:

Margaret Pruemer, Will Niccum, Joe Ruholl, Bill and Rosie Myers, Andrea Wernsing, Paula Spencer, Mark Roedl, Linus Willenborg, Cole Wellbaum, Kyndal Dasenbrock, Bob and Mary Lee, Vivie Kinkelaar, Dawson Lohman, Heather Ordner, Sara Ordner, Marilyn Zerrusen, Roddnie Deters, Korrie Hartke, Tanner Pruemer, Anita Holman, Steve Runde, Toby McMahon, Debbie Meyer, Nicholas Wente, Barb Worman, Leah Newlin, Gary Cornell, Dave Pals, Sharon Ghast.

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

Religious Education News

Grades 3-6 Report Sheets: The religion teachers in these grades will be preparing report sheets for the children. The report sheets will be passed out in religion class the last week of October.

Grade 1-6 Bake Sale: Tuesday, October 19, the students in grades 1, 2, 5, and 6 and Wednesday, October 20, students in grades 3, 4, and 5K will raise money for the missions. Two students from each homeroom will be asked to bring treats for their room. The students will need money to buy chances for donated items.

Operation Christmas Child: Grade 1 and 2 students will once again fill shoeboxes with items for the needy. The students will learn about the program on October 20 during religion class. The shoeboxes are due in the religious education office by November 16. There will be a shipping cost of \$9.00 for each shoebox. Anyone wishing to help pay for the shipping would be greatly appreciated. Place money in an envelope marked "Operation Christmas Child" and put the envelope in the collection basket on Sunday or mail it.

OCTOBER YOUTH CALENDAR

October 13 – Religion class 6:30-8:30 pm (in church!)

October 15 – Teen center open 7:00-10:00 pm

October 20 – Religion class 7:00-8:15 pm

October 27 – Religion class 7:00-8:15 pm

October 29 – JH Halloween dance 8:30-10 pm



Pumpkins will be painted on October 20th during class and distributed on October 27th during class to the elderly/homebound of our parish. Please call Maria 217-961-1500 if you know someone for our list who would enjoy a decorated pumpkin, some treats, and a short visit with our awesome religious education students on that evening!

CHWC Musician Dana Catherine will be in Teutopolis on October 13th. She will be giving a mini-retreat for our St. Francis religious education students from 6:30-8:30 pm. Please drop your student off in church at 6:30 pm that night! Refreshments will be available in St. Clare hall after she plays. Check out her songs on Youtube and Spotify!



CHWC Info: Sign-ups are going on now for St. Francis CHWC trip for 2022! We will be headed to Montague, Michigan to serve the people of that area from June 19-June 25! Packets are available on the round table at the parish office. Due date

for forms, a copy of your insurance card, and a \$50 deposit has been extended to **October 14th**. Please turn these into the church office, in the collection basket, during religion class or by mail. We are very excited to start this journey and are praying for a full bus! If you need more details, call or text Maria Kingery at 217-259-5189.

Join us this fall at St. Francis Church in Teutopolis as we learn more about our faith!



Mary: The Bible and the Mother of God
Wednesdays from 4:00 - 5:00 pm,
Sr. Ethelbert Center



The Search
Wednesdays from 7:05 - 8:00 pm,
Sr. Ethelbert Center

Interested in learning more about the Catholic Church? Know a friend, coworker, or spouse that has questions about Catholicism? Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is a series of classes designed to help grow one's understanding of the Catholic Church and its teachings. Please invite a family member, a friend or coworker to *come and see*. Call the parish office at 217-961-6404 for more information. RCIA will be Monday nights from 7:00 - 8:15 pm in the Sr. Ethelbert center.

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-Canva workshops offered in the Effingham area:

- St. Francis, Teutopolis, January 30, 2022.
Call 217-961-6404 to register.
- St. Mary, St. Marie, March 12, 2022.
Call 618-455-3155 to register.

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

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

- January 8, 2022
- April 2, 2022
- July 2, 2022
- October 1, 2022

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

Upcoming NFP Classes

- Saturday, October 16th, 2021 9:00-10:30am on WebEx
 - Saturday, January 15th, 2022 9:30-11:00am on WebEx
- To register contact Kate Pruemer, CFCP. Email her at kpriuemer@gmail.com or call or text 217-821-1840.

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, Damon Sabo.



ASSISI FOR AFRICA

- We celebrated Mass for two parents who died. I was the celebrant in French and one of our boys translated. I also preached in French and the boy also translated and did a better job than I could do explaining what

I meant to say. We have boys of many languages here, Swahili is for almost everyone.

We will probably enter into a program with "Save our Children", an international organization. At present, we are waiting for their representative to come so we can see how to work together? In the meantime, while the children are on vacation, most of them have gone to the farm to work on their garden, or to fish. – Fr. Damien

Online Protecting God's Children The diocese is offering an online alternative to attending an in-person Protecting God's Children training session. Anyone volunteering in ministries, or assisting in the parish and school events, needs to have taken a class. If you are interested, contact Laura Anderson at landerson@stfrancischurch.com. She will send you step by step instructions on how to complete this online training. Once you have completed this training, a certificate will be sent to you.

Shut-Ins If you know of any parishioner who is home-bound, please let the parish office know (217-961-6404) and they will be added to our Shut-in list.



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Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary

Wisdom 7:7-11. Psalm 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17. Hebrews 4:12-13. Mark 10:17-30.

Living for Eternal Life. Let us put ourselves into the gospel story today. All of us want to "inherit eternal life." All of us strive to do what God commands, to do what is right and just. All of us strive to not let the things we have possess us. But it is hard going – impossible without reliance on God. This eternal life for which we long, this Kingdom of God in which we live now, is begun already in us and is fulfilled in completeness when we see God face-to-face for ever.

- What gets in my way of gaining eternal life – things, attitudes, behaviors?
- What mercy work will I do that lets me share what I have with someone in need?
- How will I follow Jesus more closely this week?

If Heaven were like Harvard

There's no getting around it: life on earth can seem easier if you're rich. Most of the bodily and material needs a person could have are fulfilled if you've got a little bit of money behind you. So why doesn't this same theory apply to entering the kingdom of Heaven? Why isn't Heaven like an Ivy League school, where a connection and a hasty tuition check might open a lot of doors?

When you think about it, the virtues required to enter Heaven — things like charity and justice and courage — should be even closer within the grasp of those who never had to worry about where their food is coming from. In theory, your capacity for good works should only increase with the resources at your disposal.

The same is true for stewardship potential. Let's say I've got a lot of talent. Maybe I've got a lot of free time. On paper, it should be easier for me to give freely of these gifts, because I have the luxury that eluded the widow and her two coins: I can see my ample gift being put into action, when so many can only offer what they have and remind themselves that God sees it and appreciates it.

But here we get into the mess of humanity: if we have a lot of something, it means we have a lot of something we could use any way we want. And then we hear the whisper of the serpent: Think of what this (money, time, talent) could do for you.

May we pray for God to give us the heart of the widow, no matter our resources. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Holy Humor - Call Ahead - Father John was nervous when he cast Jimmy, the middle school class clown, as Joseph in the annual Christmas pageant. His fears were realized when Jimmy decided to do a little improvisation by pulling out his cell phone in the pageant's opening scene.

The astonished priest, who was narrating, asked, "What are you doing with your phone?"

Jimmy smiled and replied, "This year I'm phoning that inn to make a reservation!"

Liturgical Ministers for October 16/17

<u>Ministry</u>	<u>4:30 pm</u>	<u>6:30 am</u>	<u>8:30 am</u>	<u>10:30 am</u>
Readers	Kent Probst Jane Meyer	Linda Willenborg	Amy Hewing Lisa Starwalt	Anita Deters Cathy Thoele
Ushers	*Brent Weichman Chris Deters Todd Probst Marl Weber Nick Deters Jeremy Niebrugge	*Tim McMahon Jim Niebrugge Robert Poe Dave Westendorf Don Tegeler Don Zerrusen	*Dan Habing Jake Habing Duane Kremer Paul Willenborg Kevin Schumacher Johnny Meinhart	*Addison Brumleve Brock Brumleve Roy Brumleve Rich Niebrugge Trent Schmid Doug Mette
Servers	Derek Konkell Emily Konkell Lily Stortzum	Kayden Zerrusen Kayleigh Zerrusen Karson Zerrusen	Derek Hewing Will Hewing Addison Hewing	Noah Koester Adrienne Koester Isaac Vahling

Clean Linens - Clare Swingler**Area Events**

CCS Online Art Auction The Community Support Systems Online Art Auction featuring paintings created by 42 of the CSS artists, will be October 6-13 2021. 100% of the proceeds will go back into the CSS art program and will help people with intellectual and developmental disabilities have an outlet for self-expression and have fun at the same time! Paintings can be found at Schmidauktion.hibid.com.

Teutopolis for Tomorrow The public is invited to, “A Night Out with Teutopolis for Tomorrow,” on Friday, October 22 at 5:30 pm at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall ballroom. Have you been wondering, “What exactly is *Teutopolis for Tomorrow*?” Now is your chance to find out! Enjoy free food as well as the opportunity to hear what T4T has been doing and planning for the future. You can even join! There will also be a free drawing for one person to win a \$500 gift certificate to a Teutopolis business of the winner’s choice! The evening will commence with a glow golf event, TeuTOPGOLFolis, located on the KC hall grounds (registration and fee required for TeuTOPGOLFolis only). For more information or to register online for TeuTOPGOLFolis, check out the *Teutopolis for Tomorrow* Facebook page or contact Angie Koester, T4T board president: 217-821-5334. Registration forms are also available at the Teutopolis Post Office and the Teutopolis Banquet Hall.

Hope for Haiti: Earthquake Relief Fundraiser On Thursday, October 21 from 5:30-7:30 pm the Haiti Connection at EIU is hosting a fundraiser to raise money for earthquake relief in Haiti. The funds raised will go to the St. Luke’s Foundation which is doing direct relief in the south of Haiti after it experienced a 7.2 earthquake on August 14. The event will be a traditional Haitian meal of rice, bean sauce, creole chicken sauce, pikliz and a muffin. Free will offering. There will be a presentation on the work of St. Luke’s in Haiti. The meal will take place under the tents at the Newman Center, 500 Roosevelt Ave., in Charleston. Carry out is also available. Protocols of the Coles County Health Department will be followed.

Rosary Crusade will be held Saturday, October 16, at noon at the grotto on the south side of St. Anthony Memorial Hospital. Please bring a lawn chair and your rosary. All are welcome.

Teutopolis K of C Annual Intellectual Disabilities Breakfast will be held on Sunday, October 17th, 7:00 am - 12:00 pm at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall.

- Meal provided by Country Rhodes Catering
- Country Store gifts
- Raffle tickets available for sale (only 1,000 tickets sold)

If anyone would like to donate baked goods for the country store or a craft/raffle item, they can be dropped off on Saturday in the meeting room at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall. All proceeds are used locally.

Effingham Area Right to Life is in need of a person to handle social media needs. If you are that person, please come to the next EARTL meeting at Guardian Angel Adult Daycare on October 26 at 7:00 pm.

Teutopolis Education Foundation Drive Thru Spaghetti Supper, Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at the Teutopolis High School. Serving from 4:30- 7:00 pm. \$8.00 per meal. This will be a drive thru only event.

St. Mary’s, Shumway, Fall Breakfast, Sunday, November 7, 2021, 7:00-11:00 am at the Shumway Kluthe Center. Serving pancakes and sausage, coffee, milk and sweet breads. Free will donation. There will also be several items to raffle.

Calling All Men The Friday morning SonRise for Men, meets each Friday in the St. Anthony Parish Center. Coffee at 6:00 am, 6:10 breakfast, 6:30 prayer and video presentation. At 7:00 break up into small discussion groups to discuss the message from the video. Concludes promptly at 7:30. Call 217-347-7129 to register.

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