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From the Pastor

Happy feast of Christ the King! This marks the last Sunday of the liturgical cycle, which means we move from Cycle B to Cycle C next Sunday with the first Sunday of Advent.

I suspect many of us don't picture Jesus dressed with a large cape and wearing a crown, the figure of a king. I think the point of the feast is for us to have Jesus at the center of our life. We are members of his kingdom, not a kingdom of lands and castles and armies. We belong to the kingdom of God, and all are welcome to his kingdom.

This Thursday is Thanksgiving Day. We will have Mass at 9 o'clock in the morning. As usual, we will take up an offering to bring to Catholic Charities, and this year our gift will not have canned goods or any food. We will have a monetary offering that Catholic Charities can use in many ways like helping people pay their bills. I think the more grateful we are for the blessings God gives us, the more generous we are in sharing the blessings with those in need.

Thanksgiving Prayer

This Thanksgiving, let us remember all the good things, and people, who have come into our lives. We focus on thanking each one who has helped us, and ultimately thank God for the good gifts of this world.

Let us pray...

God our Father,
Graciously accept from your humble people
a thankful heart and spirit.
Everything we have and are able to share with others
ultimately comes from your love of your creations.
Often we think that everything we have
is our own creation;
we ask you this day to create in us
a spirit of gratitude,
that we may always know
that all good gifts come from you.

We ask this through Christ our brother, in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



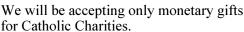


Second Hand Rose Volunteer Needed

We are looking for a man or woman who can volunteer the 3rd Friday of the month to work 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Second Hand Rose. If we have a

couple volunteers, we can rotate every other month. Please call Kris Zerrusen at 217-663-8669 if you are interested in volunteering.

Thanksgiving Day Mass will be at 9:00 am on Thursday, November 25th.





We are in need of 3 Communion Ministers for the 9:00 am Mass on Thanksgiving Day, November 25th. Please come to the sacristy before Mass to see where you are needed. Thank you for your help!

Mass Intentions

Monday, November 22, 6:30: Hank Ruholl Tuesday, November 23, 6:30: Mert McMahon Tuesday, November 23, 7:55: Jeff Buehnerkemper Wednesday, November 24, 6:30: The Family of Ken Kinkelaar

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Thursday, November 25, 9:00: In Thanksgiving Friday, November 26, 6:30: Louis Buenker death anniv.

Friday, November 26, 7:55: Dean Matteson Saturday, November 27, 4:30: Brian Bloemer Sunday, November 28, 6:30: Pro Populo Sunday, November 28, 8:30: Norma Ruholl

Sunday, November 28, 10:30: Sr. Nadine Overbeck

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK God is wonderfully and surprisingly creative! He turns the tables on our understanding of what it means to be a king by sending us a king who embraces poverty, insults, suffering, ridicule, rejection, and even death. This is our king. Jesus is not the king of prestige or grandeur but the king who brings light to darkness, hope to despair, sinners to mercy, and new life out of death. God dances on, around, in and through all of the silliness and ugliness of the world bringing all of creation to the eternal dance of new life and hope. Whether we accept it now or hope that we one day do, Christ is king of the universe. Christ is the alpha and the omega, the beginning and the end. Every human being, even those who scorned and rejected him and failed to see him in the least of our brothers and sisters will look upon him. Only those who understand truth will understand that we are on this awesome universal journey to Christ. It is a journey of surprises but also a journey of enlightenment when we will one day see and experience with the deepest joy our being in Christ. We will be restless until we are all one day together united in Christ our



Liturgy Schedule 34th Week in Ordinary Time November 22 - 28

Monday, St. Cecilia

Mass at 6:30 am

Adoration 1:00 pm until 6:00 am

Tuesday morning

Tuesday, St. Clement I, St. Columban,

Blessed Miguel Augustin Pro.

Mass at 6:30 & 7:55 am

Wednesday, St. Andrew Dung-Lac

Mass at 6:30 am

Thursday, St. Catherine of Alexandria

Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:00 am

Friday, Mass at 6:30 & 7:55 am

Saturday, Mass at 4:30 pm

Sunday, First Sunday of Advent

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

Confession Schedule

Tuesday, November 23 - 6:15-6:45 pm Saturday, November 27 - 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 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, Steve Runde, Toby McMahon, Debbie Meyer, Nicholas Wente, Barb Worman, Leah Newlin, Gary Cornell, Sharon Ghast, Jennifer Carlen, Tammy Gebben.

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>	Total Fiscal
		<u>Year</u>
234 Adult envelopes	\$13,553.00	\$172,270.08
Online giving	N/A	\$46,364.00
Other	\$665.25	\$15,677.66
TOTAL	\$14,218.25	\$234,311.74
Assisi to Africa	\$485.00	\$18,077.00



Farish Calendar

Monday, November 22

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

Tuesday, November 23

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

Thursday, November 25

• Thanksgiving Day, Mass at 9:00 am

Saturday, November 27

• Confessions, 3:00-4:00 pm

Please Note The parish office will be closed on Thursday, November 25 and Friday, November 26 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

2022 calendars are available for pickup at all the church entrances.



Planning Marriage

Brady Conner and Sarah Thoele Saturday, November 27, 2021 12:00 pm



Homebound Ministry

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound for Sunday, November 28 are: Donna Spannagel 618-793-2000 and Rita Habing 217-857-3006.



Baptism Prep Dates

- Tuesday, December 7, 2021, St. Isidore
- Thursday, January 6, 2022 St. Francis
- Thursday, February 3, 2022, St. Rose
- Thursday, March 3, 2022, 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 third weekends of each month.

Book of Eternal Life St. Francis parish began the practice years ago of having a "Book of Life" placed by the Blessed Virgin Mary's altar in church for parishioners to write the names of loved ones who have been called from this life. Writing the name of your departed loved one(s) in the book of life is an expression of faith that you believe your loved one is among the number of saints marching into heaven.

Religious Education News

Operation Christmas Child: Grade 1 and 2 students once again filled shoeboxes with items for the needy. The shoeboxes are to be shipped on November 22. There will be a shipping cost of \$9.00 for each shoebox. Any help to 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.

Next Grade School Bake Sale: Grade 1, 2, 5M, 5W, and 6 will be November 30; Grade 3, 4, 5B, and 5K will be December 1: Grades 1-6 homerooms will have two students from each class bring treats for their class. The students will then have the opportunity to buy chances on various items. The proceeds will be sent to the missions.

Grade 1 & 2 Christmas Play: The students will perform for family members in church on December 15 at 8:00 am. Parents can help by helping them practice singing their song at home.

Grade 1-6 Religion Teachers and Walkers Christmas Party is December 16: Teachers will meet at 8:00 am in St. Clare Hall. Walkers will meet in St. Clare Hall at 8:45 am.

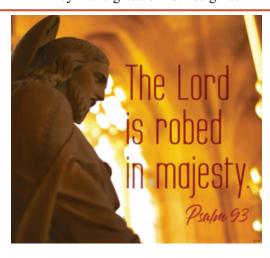
NOVEMBER YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

November 24th – NO CLASS/BIBLE STUDY FOR THANKSGIVING BREAK

<u>Teacher needed!</u> – In search of a female teacher to cover the Wednesday night 8th grade girl's class for spring semester 2022 only! The topic is St. John Paul II Theology of the Body. Book, video, and supplies will be provided! If interested, please contact Maria at 217-961-1500.



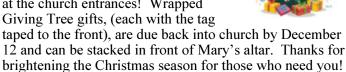
The Catholic Heart Work Campers are fundraising for their next trip in Montague, Michigan. We are selling St. Louis Cardinal calendars again this year! Calendars are \$16 and can be ordered from a camper or you may call Maria at 217-961-1500 to order. They make great Christmas gifts!



Donations for Flowers We are accepting donations for flowers for Christmas and special occasions during 2022. Please put your donation in an envelope marked "FLOWERS" and mail it or drop it off at the parish office. If the donation is being made in memory of a loved one, please note this on the envelope also.



Giving Trees Our Giving Trees will be up by Thanksgiving. If you would like to give a gift to someone in a nursing home or group home in the Effingham area, please be sure to get your tag from the Giving Trees located at the church entrances! Wrapped Giving Tree gifts (each with the tag



Cemetery News - The cemetery board has decided to lower the age requirement for pre-sales of cemetery graves and columbarium niches. Currently the age is 80 years and above for cemetery graves. It has been changed to 70 years and above. The columbarium pre-sales are open to all ages. Please contact the parish office at 217-961-6404 if you are interested in pre-purchasing.

SAVE THE DATE – January 21, 2022 March for Life Mass and march with Bishop Paprocki in Springfield, IL. A Bales bus is reserved. Registration fee is \$30.00 and a package of diapers to be donated to the Family Life Center. All 7th grade – college aged students and adults are welcome!! The Right to Life Breakfast supporting this event will take place on January 16. More details to follow.

ADORATION:

Many thanks to those who have volunteered recently! There is always room for YOU to sign up for an hour or as a sub. And there



is always room during adoration for YOU to stop in and talk to Jesus. "Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you." (Mk. 10:49). Call or text Cindy Vahling at 217-821-3366 to volunteer or with any questions.

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.



Saturday, December 4 at 7 pm Teutopolis Grade School Hall

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Thanksgiving Day Is Coming!

Thanksgiving will be here before you know it, and you will soon be saying, "Pass me the mashed potatoes, please." This November holiday has its roots in American history and has grown into a day where we remember all the things for which we are thankful: country, family, friends, health, etc. Unfortunately, we can find ourselves so caught up with travel plans and buying the perfect turkey or ham that we let the day pass us by, and all we can focus on is how much we ate and who won the day's football games. That's why it is time NOW to begin reflecting daily of all things, great and small, that we are thankful for in life.

Gratitude is a key characteristic of a good Everyday Steward, but it does not develop in us without effort. In the coming days, we can contemplate all those things God has given us. If it helps, we can create a written list and bring it with us to the Thanksgiving dinner table. The point is that too often we take so many gifts for granted, and unless we pause and purposely reflect, we miss the chance to give thanks. A healthy and hearty heart filled with gratitude can make the highs in life that much higher and the lows easier to bear. Increased gratitude will also bring us closer to the source of all those good gifts, our God.

So, what will Thanksgiving be like for you this year? You have some time to make it something more than it has been in the past. The choice is yours.

— Tracy Earl Welliver

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Saint-Luke>

Give Thanks to the Lord For He Is Good!

Liturgical Ministers for November 27/28					
<u>Ministry</u>	<u>4:30 pm</u>	<u>6:30 am</u>	<u>8:30 am</u>	<u>10:30 am</u>	
Readers	Tess Probst Cari Buehnerkemper	Jim Schumacher	Jean Sehy Debbie Weber	Maranda Martin Carrie Copple	
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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 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, December 11, 2021, 9:00-10:30 am on Web Fx
- Saturday, January 15, 2022 9:30-11:00 am on WebEx.
- Saturday, February 26, 2022, 2:00 pm, Sr. Ethelbert Center (Time to be determined).

To register contact Kate Pruemer, CFCP. Email her at kpruemer@gmail.com or call or text 217-821-1840.

Parish Office

203 E. Main St., P.O. Box 730, Teutopolis, IL 62467-0730 Office Hours: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 am-4:30 pm

Submit written bulletin notices by noon Monday.

Diocesan website: www.dio.org

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

Area Events

St. Theresa of Avila parish in Salem will sponsor a turkey dinner on Sunday, November 21st at the Salem Elks Club, 315 North Broadway.

- 1st serving time 11:00 am 12:30 pm (blue ticket)
- 2nd serving time 12:30 2:00 pm (yellow ticket
- Carry out (red ticket)

Menu includes turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, homemade noodles, green beans, corn, broccoli/cauliflower salad, dessert, bread, coffee, tea or lemonade. For tickets contact Theresa at 618-267-7149; Frances at 618-292-5520; or the parish office at 618-548-0899.

Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner The Effingham County FISH organization is sponsoring the 17th annual free Effingham County Thanksgiving Day dinner on Thursday, November 25. Due to ongoing concerns over the COVID-19 virus, there will be no congregate meal. All meals will be delivered or available for curbside pickup. Meal delivery will take place between 10:00 am and noon. Curbside pickup will be available at Cornerstone Christian Church, 3600 South Banker in Effingham from 11:00 am until noon.

This event is free and open to all Effingham County residents and their families. Donations are always greatly appreciated and may be sent to FISH, PO Box 473, Effingham, IL 62401.

To reserve home-delivered meals and curbside pickups, phone the Senior Center at 217-347-5569 by noon on November 22, 2021. Residents receiving delivered meals will need to have a cooler or space available for volunteers to put the meals.

Volunteers are needed to help package and deliver meals. They will begin cutting pies and packaging meals at 9:00 am. To volunteer, call Susan Elke at 217-868-5913.

Catholic Daughters of the America - Court St. Francis Christmas party has been changed to Monday, November 29 at the Kountry Kitchen at 6:00 pm.



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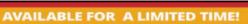


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