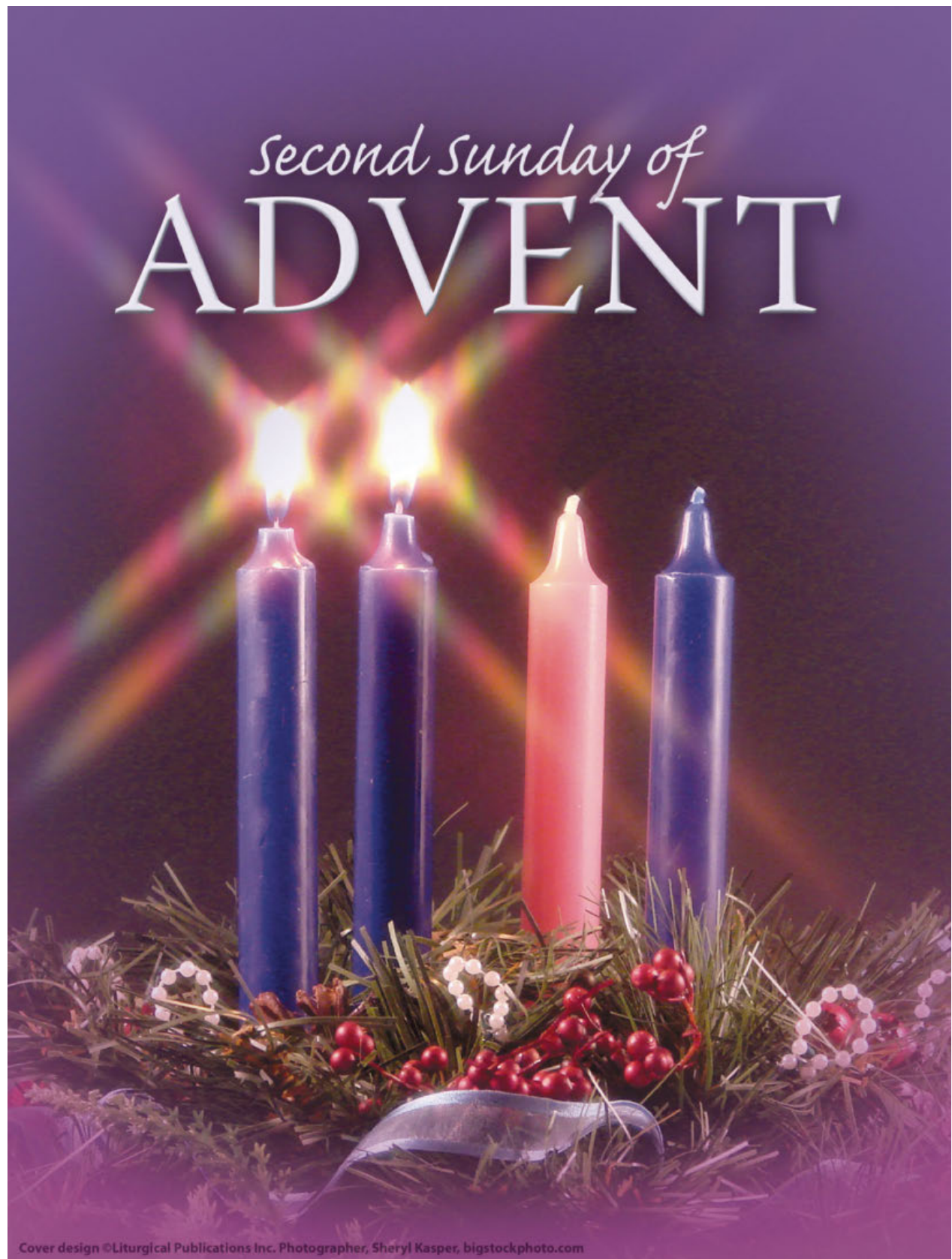


December 5, 2021 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

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From the Pastor

The play “Maximilian Saint of Auschwitz” is Saturday evening of this weekend. I’m sure the actor, Leonardo Defilippis, will be doing an excellent performance. His Stage Manager is Sean Hanus, and he will be “making it happen” here at St. Francis. I am very grateful to the men from the parish for coming in the morning on Saturday and unloading the truck and helping set up for the evening’s performance, and I am equally grateful to the group of men, who came after the performance to take down the gear and load the truck. The help from the ushers and people taking care of selling the merchandise for St. Luke Productions is also appreciated. We are aware that this is a weekend of deer hunting so some men made a heroic sacrifice! The weather forecast for Saturday is very positive, so I’m hoping we had a beautiful evening, and the play was well attended. We are grateful to Leonardo and Sean for making the trip and coming to Teutopolis.

A parishioner cleaned out his attic and found some old books, and he passed them on to me, knowing I enjoy reading about the history of the parish. There is an ad on one page of a book: “Congratulations from St. Francis Church, Teutopolis, Illinois.” Please note the schedule of Masses for the weekend and the weekday! No Mass on the vigil or Saturday evening – that practice hadn’t started yet – this booklet is from 1953. Sunday Masses were at: 5:00, 6:30, 8:00 and 10:00 A.M. There were 4 weekday Masses: 5:15, 6:10, 6:45, and 7:45. There was a strict practice of fasting before receiving Holy Communion at Mass. There was fasting of food and drink from midnight till the time of Communion!! I sort of wonder how many people received Holy Communion at 10 o’clock Mass on Sunday. But then, if they didn’t get out of bed till 0900 or 0915, then there wasn’t much fasting! The more mature members of the parish will remember when only the priest distributed Holy Communion at all the Masses. Priests could (and did) assist the celebrant of the Mass in the distribution of the Eucharist. But if a priest were in a parish, where he was the only priest, then there wasn’t any help with Communions. It’s pretty obvious that there were more priests here at St. Francis than the two priests like we have today! In fact, this is likely the first time in the history of the parish that there have been only two priests assigned to St. Francis.

Mass on Saturday evening was introduced mainly for workers, so they could come to Mass even when they had to work on Saturday and Sunday. Fasting gradually changed from midnight on till 3 hours before Communion. I would have to look up the dates to see exactly when changes were made in our discipline of fasting.

I encourage you to tie in with Bishop Robert Barron so you can receive his Scriptural insights each day on your email. It is free. He is a brilliant theologian and a bishop working in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

This Wednesday is a holy day of obligation, the feast of the Immaculate Conception. We have a vigil Mass at 7:00 on Tuesday evening and two Masses on the holy day: 6:00 and 8:00 am. Most of the children from school will be attending the 8 o’clock Mass. Fr. Dat has a 7:00 pm Mass at St. Rose on Tuesday evening.

Mark your calendar: Tuesday, 14 December, at 7:00 pm. This is an opportunity to receive the sacrament of reconciliation. We will have 3 priests available. If you can’t make it that evening, we have Tuesday and Thursday, from 6:15 to 6:45 in the evening and Saturday from 3:00 to 4:00 each week. On the 14th, there will not be the usual time of confessions from 6:15 to 6:45.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE Blessed Virgin Mary

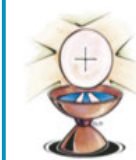
A holy day of obligation.
Mass times are:

Tuesday, December 7 at 7:00 pm
Wednesday, December 8 at 6:00 and 8:00 am

We are in need of 3 Communion Ministers for the 7:00 pm Mass on Tuesday, December 7th. Please come to the sacristy before Mass to see where you are needed. Thank you for your help!



Tuesday, December 14
7:00 pm



Homebound Ministry

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound for Sunday, December 12th are Deb Blankenship 217-663-0862 and Brenda Henry 217-857-3964.



The Second Week of Advent



Sunday December 5	Monday December 6	Tuesday December 7	Wednesday December 8	Thursday December 9	Friday December 10	Saturday December 11
Light two violet candles in the Advent wreath each night this week. Sing “O Come, O Come Emmanuel.”	Show love on St. Nicholas Day by making at least one generous act today.	What do you know about St. Ambrose? Look him up and tell your family about him at dinner tonight.	In honor of Mary’s Immaculate Conception, attend Mass and pray a Rosary.	Let nothing discourage or depress you today in honor of St. Juan Diego who placed his trust in Jesus and his Mother.	Pray anytime you have to wait today. Keep your prayer simple and begin with praise.	Ask forgiveness from someone you have hurt in the past year. Offer it to one who has wronged you.

Liturgy Schedule 2nd Week of Advent December 6 - 12

Monday,	St. Nicholas Mass at 6:30 am Adoration 1:00 pm until 6:00 am Tuesday morning
Tuesday,	St. Ambrose Mass at 6:30 & 7:55 am Vigil Mass at 7:00 pm
Wednesday,	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass at 6:00 & 7:55 am
Thursday,	St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin Mass at 6:30 & 7:55 am
Friday,	Our Lady of Loreto Mass at 6:30 & 7:55 am
Saturday,	St. Damasus I Mass at 4:30 pm
Sunday,	3rd Sunday of Advent Mass at 6:30, 8:30, 10:30 am

Confession Schedule

Tuesday, December 7 - 6:15-6:45 pm
Thursday, December 9 - 6:15-6:45 pm
Saturday, December 11 - 3:00-4:00 pm

Liturgy of the Hours with Friars

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



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, Steve Runde, Toby McMahon, Debbie Meyer, Nicholas Wente, Barb Worman, Leah Newlin, Gary Cornell, Sharon Ghast, Jennifer Carlen, Tammy Gebben, Chad Nelson.

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

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.



Parish Calendar

Monday, December 6

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

Tuesday, December 7

- Rosary after 7:55 Mass
- Confessions, 6:15-6:45 pm
- Guitar practice, 6:45 pm
- Mass at 7:00 pm

Wednesday, December 8

- Mass at 6:00 and 7:55 am
- Young adult choir, 6:00 pm
- HS religion, 7:00 pm

Thursday, December 9

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

Saturday, December 11

- Confessions, 3:00-4:00 pm
- Giving Tree gifts returned

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 6, 6:30: Living & Deceased Teachers
Tuesday, December 7, 6:30: Bob Deters
Tuesday, December 7, 7:55: Ronin Niemerg
Tuesday, December 7, 7:00 pm: Living & Deceased Members of Aloysius & Johanna Wendt Family
Wednesday, December 8, 6:00: Norbert H. Koester
Wednesday, December 8, 7:55: Jim Esker
Thursday, December 9, 6:30: Hank Hawickhorst
Thursday, December 9, 7:55: Norma Ruholl
Friday, December 10, 6:30: Theresa Mae Meinhart
Friday, December 10, 7:55: Luella Runde
Saturday, December 11, 4:30: Martha Thoele
Sunday, December 12, 6:30: Pro Populo
Sunday, December 12, 8:30: Patty Pruemer
Sunday, December 12, 10:30: Dory Thoele

Stewardship of Treasure

	<u>Sunday</u> <u>11/21/2021</u>	<u>Total Fiscal</u> <u>Year</u>
202 Adult envelopes	\$10,474.00	\$182,744.08
Online giving	\$4,599.00	\$50,963.00
Other	\$764.00	\$16,441.66
TOTAL	\$15,837.00	\$250,148.74
Assisi to Africa	\$1,070.00	\$19,147.00
Campaign for Justice and Hope		\$2,251.00

	<u>Sunday</u> <u>11/28/2021</u>	<u>Total Fiscal</u> <u>Year</u>
225 Adult envelopes	\$16,449.50	\$199,193.58
Online giving	\$1,446.00	\$52,409.00
Other	\$775.50	\$17,217.16
TOTAL	\$18,671.00	\$268,819.74
Assisi to Africa	\$759.00	\$19,906.00
Thanksgiving Catholic Charities		\$2,490.00

Religious Education News

102 Shoeboxes from Grades 1 & 2: Thank you to all the families that participated by filling shoeboxes and donating for the shipping.



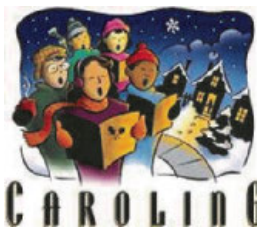
Immaculate Conception, December 8: Students, grades 1-6 will have an all school Mass in honor of St. Mary conceived without original sin.

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. Students will have an all school Mass on December 16.

December Youth Ministry Calendar

December 8 – Religion class 7-8:15pm
 December 15 – Religion class 7-8:15pm
 December 17 – Teen center is open
 December 18/19 – CHWC Cookie Sale
 December 19 – Christmas Caroling (meet at the teen center)
 December 22- NO RELIGION CLASSES for Christmas break



Join us for Christmas Caroling Sunday, December 19th. Jr high, high school, alumni in town for break, parents and friends are all invited. Meet at the teen center at 6:30 pm. We will sing around town and then return to the teen center for hot chocolate and snacks!

ATTEND EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Jesus was born in Bethlehem, which translates as "House of Bread." Even in his birth, Jesus was preparing us to approach him under the form of bread. Spending time with Jesus is never a waste. --Taken from "Ten Ways to Make Your Advent More Joyful" by Fr. Dominic Vahling in a special to Catholic Times.



Retired Religious Collection Support elderly religious. Show your appreciation for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who made a positive difference in so many lives. Please give generously to next week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.



SCRIP CARD SALES – There are many opportunities to support the St. Francis Catholic Heart Work camp group Scrip card program during Advent!

1. We will be selling cards each Saturday morning at Kountry Kitchen from 7:00-10:30am.
2. Cards will be sold after 8:30 & 10:30 Masses on Sundays.
3. Volunteers will be selling cards at the entrance to the church office during the lunch hour (11:30 am-1:00 pm) each day from December 1st – December 23rd. Please help our fundraising efforts and get your shopping done at the same time!



The Catholic Heart Work Campers are fundraising for their next service experience in Montague, Michigan in June 2022. We are selling St. Louis Cardinal calendars again this year! These calendars make the perfect gift for the St. Louis Cardinal fan! The Cardinal

schedule is printed on each day for all spring training and regular season games. Great pictures and Cardinal history each month plus an insert of a variety of family-oriented coupons. Calendars can be ordered from any camper or call Maria at 217-961-1500 to order yours today! We are taking orders now through December 16th. Calendars are \$16 each and payment is due at the time of the order. THANK YOU for supporting CHWC!



CHWC Group – Our Christmas cookie/candy sale is coming up! Please drop off 4 dozen cookies/candies at St. Clare hall from 9:00-11:00 am on Saturday, the 18th. I will be sending out an email to remind you of all the details!



Thanks to Gloria Pruemer who recently made the high school students rosaries in memory of Elizabeth Weidner. We appreciate her talent and thoughtfulness!

NCYC 2021 Group THANKS all the people in the community who supported our trip to Indianapolis in November. We had a great time! Next time you see one of these kids/adults, ask them about their experience!





We welcome to our faith family those who recently celebrated the sacrament of baptism.

Elizabeth Claire Esker,
Daughter of Erik Esker and Samantha Hendrickson

Holland Kenneth Giles,
Son of Kendall and Kourtney (Carman) Giles

Dawson Mitchell Hoedebecke,
Son of Mitchell and Samantha (Boggs) Hoedebecke

Margaret Mae Probst,
Daughter of Ryan and Mary (Niemerg) Probst

Sophia Elizabeth Pruemer,
Daughter of Jacob and Katherine (Slemer) Pruemer

Briggs Dean Roepke,
Son of Brandon and Shelby (Hotze) Roepke

Ava Karen Royer,
Daughter of Brandon and Jill (Niemerg) Royer

Kennedy Linzi Stuemke,
Daughter of Kenon and Stephanie (Niemerg) Stuemke



Eric and Jodi (Jackson) Thoele, Jackson and Emmalyn

Michael Ritchie

Brandon and Shelby (Hotze) Roepke and Briggs

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.

Giving Trees Wrapped Giving Tree gifts, (each with the tag taped to the front), are due back into church by December 12 and can be stacked in front of Mary's altar. Thanks for brightening the Christmas season for those who need you!



Address Correction

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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 Ex.
- Saturday, January 15, 2022 9:30-11:00 am on WebEx.
- Saturday, February 26, 2022, 2:00 pm, Sr. Ethelbert Center.

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



Baptism Prep Dates

- **Monday, December 6, 2021, St. Isidore (note date change)**
- 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.



Liturgical Ministers for December 11/12

Ministry	4:30 pm	6:30 am	8:30 am	10:30 am
Readers	Sr. Sandra Sudkamp Jamie Habing	Pat Wentz	Shannon Hinkle Monica Kremer	Dick Hawickhorst Patty Ruholl
Ushers	*Glen Waldhoff Tim Ordner Larry Habing Toby McMahon Scott Brumleve Dave Tegeler	*Mike Tipton Allen Koester Steve Mette Dave Runde Joe Runde Chris Hartke	*Mark Probst Dennis Gillespie Todd Voelker Steve Witges Cory Wermert Gerald Witges	*Denny Runde Dan Beckman Brian Ruholl Collin Niemerg Greg Addis Jeff Thoele
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The newly formed Mattoon Deanery Council of Catholic Women consists of: Douglas, Moultrie, Edgar, Coles, Cumberland, Clark, Fayette, Effingham, Jasper, Shelby and Crawford counties. Out of these eleven counties there are 35 parishes with over 10,000 parishioners.

In 2022, we will host the SDCCW Convention in Mattoon, IL. We welcome all ladies to participate in the council and share their talents with us. If you would like for me to come and speak at one of your meetings, I welcome the opportunity to do so. My contact information is: Jody Secondino-Crandell, email: jscrاندell@yahoo.com, or phone 812-208-4293

Officers Elected:

- President: Jody Secondino-Crandell, St. Aloysius Parish, Paris, IL.
- Vice President: Margaret Thompson, St. John the Baptist Parish, Arcola, IL.
- Secretary: Gail Loveall, St. Columcille Parish, Sullivan, IL.
- Treasurer: Sandra Cameron, St. Columcille Parish, Sullivan, IL.
- Director at Large: Shirley Dallmier, St. John the Baptist Parish, Arcola, IL.
- Director at Large: Susan Vogt, St. Michael the Archangel Parish, Sigel, IL.

To quote Mother Teresa: "I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things". Looking forward to growing the council's membership and with your help we can do it!

Thanks & Giving Community Raffle - United Way of Effingham County is once again conducting the Thanks & Giving online raffle in place of its in person fundraiser events. This year's virtual raffle is BIGGER and BETTER than ever, with 39 items and over \$24,000 in cash and prizes to give away! Tickets are available online at www.effinghamunitedway.org/raffle, from a United Way board member or by calling (217) 342-3824. Drawing will take place on Facebook live on December 8th. Funds raised benefit 21 local partner agencies; *Altamont After School Program, Andrew Gabczynski Big Heart Foundation, Big Brothers Big Sisters (Mid Illinois), Boy Scouts - Effingham County troops, Catholic Charities, CEFS Literacy Program, Child Advocacy Center of E. Central Illinois, Effingham Child Development Center, Effingham County FISH Human Services, Effingham County Search & Rescue, Enduring Freedom Ministries, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois - Effingham County troops, Heartland Human Services, Meals on Wheels of CEFS, One Hope United, SAFE (Sexual Assault and Family Emergencies), Senior Services of Effingham County, STAR (Strategic Training and Restoration), SWAN (Stopping Woman Abuse Now) and the Unit 40 Mentoring Program. Get your tickets today.*

Thank You The religious education bake sale donated \$1,000 to the Franciscan Missionary Union to aid the ministry of Fr. Damien Isabell, OFM. Thank you.

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