

January 23, 2022 - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Jason Niebrugge

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## Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday: 3:00-4:00pm

Tuesday & Thursday: 6:15-6:45pm

Thursday before First Friday: 3:00-4:00pm

Anytime by appointment



## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...  
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free.  
- Lk 4:18*

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## Sacrament of Matrimony:

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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## From the Pastor

All of you know Jane Miller, who has contributed greatly to the parish for over twenty years by working in the office. She has announced that she will be retiring soon. She will be joining her husband, who has retired five years ago, I think. They have worked hard, and they deserve some free time! We are grateful for all the work Jane has given the parish. She has been a very important asset and a real disciple of the Lord in our community. We need to replace her. So if you are interested in the position, please stop by the front office and pick up an application and turn in or send in your resume. She is retiring the end of February, so we need to use our time well.

Fr. Bob Sieg, a former pastor of St. Francis Parish, will be here next weekend. He is helping us while Fr. Dat is gone. Fr. Dat is leaving on the 26<sup>th</sup> and returning on the 30<sup>th</sup>, so Fr. Bob will have the Masses that Fr. Dat usually has on the weekends – at St. Rose and here. I will have Fr. Dat's Masses and mine on Thursday and Friday, 27 and 28 January. I'm sure glad God has restored my health because this would have been more difficult a couple weeks ago! I plan on going to Quincy the following weekend. The parishioners have had a statue made that commemorates the work of the Franciscans in that parish of St. Francis Solanus. The friars founded that parish and have staffed it since 1865 or so. The Province relinquished this parish to the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois. When I left here in 1986, I reported to St. Francis Solanus in Quincy and served there for four years just prior to joining the Navy. Please give Fr. Bob Sieg a "Wooden Shoe Welcome" when he is here next weekend. Fr. Dat usually has the 6:30 Mass on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday. Maybe Fr. Bob and I can switch, and he can have the 10:30. We'll see what he wants to do. I will be here for the weekend Masses on 5 and 6 February.

We do not have a catechumen in our RCIA program this year, so there will not be a baptism at the Easter Vigil. However, we have a few baptized people, who are interested in joining the Catholic Church. This will happen at the Easter Vigil. More information will be coming soon on their names and faces so you can get to know them and welcome them.

Lent and Easter will be here before you know it!!

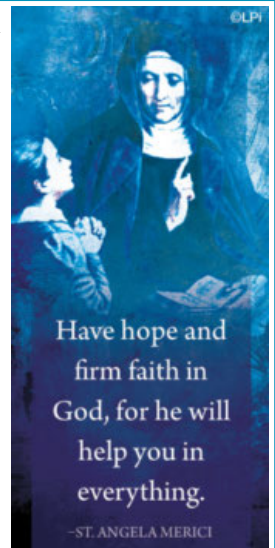
**Parish Council Nominations** Each year, three persons are elected to serve on the Parish Council for a three-year term. Laura Deters, Mary Flach and Carl Waldhoff have served the parish for three years, and now their terms have expired. We will be voting for three new members the third weekend of February.

All parishioners 18 years and older are invited to nominate parishioners who they feel are most qualified to share in the pastoral care and leadership of our parish. You can nominate people by sending names to Fr. Joe, emailing them or dropping them off at the parish office, or by placing them in the collection basket. You may also nominate yourself! Simply write the name/s on a slip of paper along with their spouse's name or phone number to avoid confusion because some people in the parish share the same name. Deadline to turn in nominations is January 30th.

**Effingham Area Right to Life** would like to thank everyone for attending and supporting the annual Pro-Life breakfast. God bless the numerous wonderful volunteers and bakers who help make this event happen each year. Special thanks to the youth who stepped up and helped, we do have great youth in our community. Keep praying for LIFE.

### INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

People can easily lose a sense of the sacred and transcendent. When we lose a sense of God's special presence, we need to be brought back. Ezra brought people back to the word of God and they realized what they were missing. Jesus proclaims God's word in the synagogue with true conviction and tells those gathered that he is the fulfillment of all that Isaiah taught. Even though people get lost, distracted, discouraged, and often journey down the wrong path, God's timeless law remains. When we allow ourselves to truly hear God's word and act on it, that living word slowly, over time, changes us. It has the power to soften and mold us, creating within us a joyful spirit. We realize the truth in what God speaks and become open to God's love. Gradually and gently God leads us back where we belong. We discover again the sacred character of life and the wonder of God's power. It is no wonder that Luke addresses his remarks to Theophilus. It is a name that means "beloved of God," a name that can be used by anyone who desires friendship with God.



Monday, January 24, 6:30: Edward, Elizabeth, and Albin Worman

Tuesday January 25, 6:30: Harold Zuber

Tuesday, January 25, 7:55: Myrna Haskenherm

Wednesday, January 26, 6:30: Hank Ruholl

Thursday, January 27, 6:30: Karen Waldhoff

Thursday, January 27, 7:55: Janice Schumacher Anderson

Friday, January 28, 6:30: Betty Koeberlein Schottman

Friday, January 28, 7:55: Jim Esker

Saturday, January 29, 4:30: Don Heuerman

Sunday, January 30, 6:30: Pro Populo

Sunday, January 30, 8:30: Patty Pruemer

Sunday, January 30, 10:30: Susan Alfaro



## Liturgy Schedule 3rd Week in Ordinary Time January 24 - 30

Monday,	St. Francis de Sales Mass at 6:30 am Adoration 1:00 pm until 6:00 am Tuesday morning
Tuesday,	The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle Mass at 6:30 & 7:55 am
Wednesday,	St. Timothy and St. Titus Mass at 6:30 am
Thursday,	St. Angela Merici Mass at 6:30 & 7:55 am
Friday,	St Thomas Aquinas Mass at 6:30 & 7:55 am
Saturday,	Mass at 4:30 pm
Sunday,	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass at 6:30, 8:30, 10:30 am

### Confession Schedule

Tuesday, January 25 - 6:15-6:45 pm  
Thursday, January 27 - 6:15-6:45 pm  
Saturday, January 29 - 3:00-4:00 pm

### Liturgy of the Hours with Friars

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



## Parish Calendar

### Monday, January 24

- Adoration, 1:00 pm - 6:00 am Tuesday
- RCIA, 7:00-8:15 pm, Sr. Ethelbert Center
- Parent mtg. for Reconciliation, 7:00 pm, Sr. Ethelbert Center
- Liturgy mtg., 7:00 pm, St. Clare

### Tuesday, January 25

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

### Wednesday, January 26

- Children's choir, 3:30-4:45 pm
- Young adult choir, 6:00 pm
- JH/HS religion, 7:00 pm
- Eucharist bible study, 4:00-5:30 pm, Sr. Ethelbert Center

### Thursday, January 27

- Confessions, 6:15-6:45 pm
- Adult choir, 7:00 pm
- Parent mtg. for Reconciliation, 7:00 pm, Sr. Ethelbert Center

### Saturday, January 29

- Confessions, 3:00-4:00 pm

### Sunday, January 30

- Pre-Cana, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, Sr. Ethelbert Center

## PRAYER REQUESTS



Please remember in your prayers:

Margaret Pruemer, Will Niccum, Joe Ruholl, Bill and Rosie Myers, Andrea Wernsing, Paula Spencer, Mark Roedel, 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 Wentz, Barb Worman, Gary Cornell, Sharon Ghast, Jennifer Carlen, Tammy Gebben, Chad Nelson, Liz Kremer, Judy Lueken, Valerie Light.

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

## Homebound Ministry



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound for Sunday, January 30 are Chuck Deters 217-857-6084 and Jane Meyer 217-215-9995.

**Collection for the Church in Latin America** This weekend we take up the collection for the Church in Latin America. Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean do not have access to church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, rugged rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity enables our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous in the special collection.

### Prayer for Solidarity

Merciful and loving God, through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, we ask you to help us grow in unity and solidarity with the faithful around the world, especially those in Latin America and the Caribbean. Grant us the grace to give generously of our time, treasure, and talent to those in need. May we learn from the example of St. Junipero Serra, St. Rose of Lima, St. Oscar Romero and all the saints from the Americas, and share our faith with humility and love. We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

## Stewardship of Treasure

	<u>Sunday</u> 1/16/2022	<u>Total Fiscal</u> <u>Year</u>
220 Adult envelopes	\$9,075.00	\$294,267.60
48 Online giving	\$2,113.00	\$77,040.00
Other	\$991.00	\$22,845.16
TOTAL	\$12,179.00	\$394,152.76
Assisi to Africa	\$514.00	

## Religious Education News

**February Bake Sale:** Grade 1-6 students next bake sale is scheduled.

- Grade 1, 2, 5M, 5W, and 6 will be February 8, 2022.
- Grade 3, 4, 5B, and 5K will be February 9, 2022.

The proceeds will be sent to the missions in Africa.

**Grade 2 First Reconciliation:** Parent meetings are scheduled for January 24 and 27 at 7:00 pm in the Sister Ethelbert Center. Parents need to attend one of the scheduled meetings. The First Reconciliation is scheduled for March 19, 2022 at either 8:45 or 10:00 am in Church.

### YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

January 26 – Religion class 7:00-8:15 pm

(\*JH/HS meet in church - Prayer Service for Life)

February 4 – Teen center open 7:00-10:00 pm

February 12 – Jr. High Valentines Dance 7:00-10:00 pm

February 18 – Teen center open 7:00-10:00 pm



**Catholic Heart Work Camp** group is getting ready for another round of fundraising for our summer trip to Michigan. The Super bowl square fundraiser will be starting again on January 30<sup>th</sup>. Squares will be sold in the religious education office. Stay tuned for

more information.



The Junior High Valentines Dance will be held from 7:00-10:00 pm on February 12<sup>th</sup> in the TGS gym. Permission slips will be handed out during religion classes!

### St. Thomas Aquinas | January 28

One of the most famous members of the Dominican Order, St. Thomas Aquinas (1225 – 1274) is well-known by many for his theological work, “The Summa Theologica.” Born in Italy, his mother wanted him to become a Benedictine and had high hopes that he would eventually become abbot of Monte Cassino, where he spent much of his youth. To change his vocation, she had him kidnapped by his brothers on his way to Paris at the age of 19. He spent two years in their captivity. Despite this, nothing could shake him from his vocation to become a Dominican priest and he was eventually released. Once free, he went to Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great.

His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, encompasses his writings. The Summa Theologica, his last and, unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology.

The patron saint of teachers, theologians and students, St. Thomas Aquinas died in 1274. His life and the impact he had on the whole Church, however, remains alive today.

Join us at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Teutopolis as we study the biblical roots of the Eucharist!

## EUCCHARIST

DISCOVERING THE MASS IN THE BIBLE

*Be sure to bring your Bible!*

**10 Sessions**  
**continuing every Wednesday**  
**from 4:00-5:30 pm**  
**in the Sr. Ethelbert Center**

### Eucharistic Miracles of the World Poster Exhibit - Blessed Carlo Acutis

At every Mass, a miracle occurs. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, ordinary bread and wine become the Sacred Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ! The priest says the words of consecration in the Eucharistic prayer “This is My Body... This is My Blood”. Do we really believe this change happens? Do we trust Jesus enough to believe in His words?

To help our unbelief, Our Lord has allowed Eucharistic miracles to take place throughout history. When doubts creep in, we can look to these miracles and remember that God wants to help us in those times of unbelief.

Many books and other resources have been written about these miraculous events. One such resource was developed recently by Blessed Carlo Acutis, a young boy from Milan who died at the age of 15 in 2005. When Blessed Carlo Acutis was alive, he showed great interest in helping others renew their faith. In his zeal to promote the teachings of the Eucharist, a poster exhibit of documented Eucharistic miracles was created.

This poster exhibit is on display now thru February 7 at the St. Aloysius Parish Hall, 19812 E. 1000<sup>th</sup> Ave., Dieterich, IL 62424. Hours include Monday – Friday 8:30 am – 3:00 pm, Wednesday evenings 6:30 – 8:00 pm and after the Saturday 6:00 pm and Sunday 8:00 am Mass.

Come, read these stories of Eucharistic miracles and allow your faith to be renewed!



### God Bless Those Serving our Country.

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

### Community Events

#### Mattoon Deanery Council

Parish ladies are encouraged to attend a convention planning meeting on: Wednesday, January 26, 2022, at 2:00 pm at the Immaculate Conception Parish Center located at 1920 Richmond Ave., Mattoon, IL. I'm sure we have many talented ladies who would like to contribute to the SDCCW Convention. Please contact Jody Secondino-Crandell, President of Mattoon Deanery Council at [jscrandell@yahoo.com](mailto:jscrandell@yahoo.com) with any questions.

**Wine Tasting** St. Thomas Church in Newton would like to invite you to their annual Wine Tasting event, hosted by their Angel's group, on Saturday, January 29, at 5:30 pm, at the Newton K of C Hall! There will be a quilt raffle, as well as an auction of various baskets at 8:00 pm. Admission is \$10 per person. Come out and enjoy wines from around the world, specialty drinks, and delicious hors d'oeuvres!

**For the Safety of All Involved Our Coles County Catholic Worker Soup Supper**, Sunday January 30<sup>th</sup>, 3:30 – 7:00 pm, at Immaculate Conception Parish Center, 1920 Richmond Ave. Mattoon, will be a **Drive Thru Event**. Enter drive from Richmond Avenue and place your order under the canopy. Pick up your order at the alley kitchen door and then proceed on to 19<sup>th</sup> St. Tickets for the large raffle prizes will be available under the parking lot tent! Menu includes (while supplies last), chili, bohemian potato, chicken noodle and our world famous sauerkraut soup, ham sandwich and delicious cookies. All for a free will donation to support the three Charleston Catholic Worker Houses and Mattoon's new St. Mary House (construction begins soon!). Thanks for making a difference for women and children in need!



Catholic Charities is hosting a trivia night at the Teutopolis Banquet hall on February 5, 2022. Doors open at 6:00 pm and the trivia game starts at 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$45 on Face-

book (Effingham Catholic Charities Events Page) or at the door and \$360 for a team of 8. The theme for the evening is the 80's. The teams will be made up of 8 people, so if you purchase an individual ticket, you will be placed with others to make a team.



Thank you for your continued support,



A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be March 18-20 at the Villa Maria Conference Center in Springfield. Early registration is suggested due to limited space. There is an application fee of \$100. For more information, call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

#### Newman Breakfast - February 6th

The annual Newman breakfast will be held Sunday, February 6th from 7:00 am until noon at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall. Menu will include all you can eat scrambled eggs, whole hog sausage, biscuits and gravy, hash browns, French toast sticks, cinnamon rolls, coffee, juice and milk. Baked goods will be available for purchase and chances will be available for the raffle items.

Over 80 Newman centers throughout the state of Illinois offer college students a chance to gather and practice their faith. All proceeds from the breakfast will go to the Newman fund.

If you would like to make a monetary donation to help offset the cost of the breakfast, please make checks payable to "Knights of Columbus - Newman Breakfast". Please mail your donation to one of the following:

Dean and Cindy Kremer 12602 N. 1800th St. Teutopolis, IL 62467	Tim and Linda Hemmen 17811 N. 1650th St. Teutopolis, IL 62467
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Anyone who donates \$100 or more will receive two complimentary tickets to the breakfast. These tickets will be waiting for you the morning of the breakfast at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall.

Donations of raffle items, crafts and baked goods would be greatly appreciated. Items can be brought to the Teutopolis Banquet hall after 6:00 am the day of the breakfast, or call Kathy Hartke at 217-821-7076 to make other arrangements.

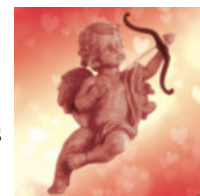
If you would like to help work this event, please contact Cindy Kremer at 217-821-6453.

Your donations of time and money make this fundraiser successful. Thank you for your generosity in support of this worthwhile cause.

**St. Thomas School presents the 3rd annual Trivia Night & Live Auction** on Saturday, February 19, 2022, at 6:30 pm, at the St. Thomas Parish Center in Newton. Cost is \$160 per team of 8 adults over age 21 (space is limited, so sign up early-deadline is February 5). There will be fun trivia questions, silent & live auction, games, food, and more!! For more information contact Jill Bierman or Lori Smith at 618-783-3517.

#### \*\*Save the Date\*\*

Planning is underway for the Annual Father Daughter Dance! Join us Sunday, February 20th, 3:00-5:00 pm for ~Cupid's Carnival~ at the Teutopolis Banquet hall.  
\*More info to come!





## Liturgical Ministers for January 22/23

Ministry	4:30 pm	6:30 am	8:30 am	10:30 am
Readers	Denise Will Jim Quatman	Herman Brummer	Jerry Brummer Angie Esker	Sue Esker Stacey Ruholl
Ushers	*Tony Runde Brian Drees Brent Weichman Doug Smith Charles Semple Mark Weber	*Mark Willenborg Ryan Willenborg Don Tegeler Pat Wente Dave Westendorf Don Zerrusen	*Ken Ritz John Flach Jason Niebrugge Ryan Jansen Tom Rauch Greg Bergfeld	*Kyle Jansen Addison Brumleve Brock Brumleve Roy Brumleve Bruce Buhnerkempe Jason Ruholl
Servers	Olivia Hemmen Myles Stortzum Lily Stortzum	Kayden Zerrusen Kayleigh Zerrusen Karson Zerrusen	Bennet Thompson Henry Thompson Mason Thompson	Gavin Addis Lily Beckman Olivia Copple

## Clean Linens - Tess Probst

**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](http://www.dio.org) under marriage and family life.

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

- 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, February 26, 2022, 2:00 pm, Sr. Ethelbert Center.

To register contact Kate Pruemer, CFCP. Email her at [kpruemer@gmail.com](mailto:kpruemer@gmail.com) or call or text 217-821-1840.

**Baptism Prep Dates**

- Thursday, February 10, 2022, St. Rose (**Note date change**)
- Thursday, March 3, 2022, St. Francis
- Tuesday, April 5, 2022, St. Isidore
- Thursday, May 5, 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.

**3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the "gods" of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainty of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away.

**Holy Humor - Sermon Summation**

My neighboring pastor put hot air dryers in the restrooms at his church, but after two weeks took them out. I asked him why and he confessed that although they worked well, he didn't appreciate the sign someone put up next to them that read: "For a sample of this week's sermon, push the button."



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