

February 27, 2022 - 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Saturday: 3:00-4:00pm

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

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

Anytime by appointment



8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks." - Lk 6:43, 45

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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

The parishioners extend our condolences and sympathy to the family of C. Michael Hewing, whose funeral is this Monday morning at 10:30. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.

Monday, 28 February, is a day of mixed emotions for the parishioners of St. Francis. On the one hand, we join Jane Miller in celebrating 23 years of faithful and dedicated service to the parish and to the friars. “Commendable job” doesn’t begin to describe what she has accomplished for the parish. It’s time for something new and different for Jane. Now she can join her husband, Dennis, as they retire. So there’s a good deal to celebrate, and we thank God for Jane and all she has done for the parish. On the other hand, we are sad to see her move on. She has been so dependable and reliable, hardworking and competent, always willing to help, and I will miss her smile. Dennis and Jane belong to St. Rose Parish, so she is not going far away. Thank you, Jane, for all you have accomplished and for your willingness to pitch in and help.

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent. Although it is not a holy day of obligation, many people come to Mass on Ash Wednesday. (There are 6 holy days in the year.) We have Masses on this Wednesday at 6:00 am, and there will be a crowd. 12:10 will have large attendance also. And we have Mass at 7:00 in the evening. Montrose also has a 7:00 pm Mass. We also have a Communion Service with distribution of ashes at 8:00 am. Some children will attend this, and other children will receive and be marked with ashes in their classrooms. During Lent we will have the Stations of the Cross on each Friday at 7 o’clock.

Ash Wednesday is a day of FAST AND ABSTINENCE. All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence. Fasting means no eating between meals, and we are allowed one large meal – the other two small meals combined should not equal the one large meal. This applies to people aged 18-59. Abstinence applies to people over 14 years old, and it means we do not eat meat. These dietary requirements are only basic and minimal for us Catholics, and they are serious. To know and completely disregard is confession material. Develop your Lenten plan so that you can continue some positive, healthy, holy activity in your life after we celebrate Easter. A note about the dietary requirements, the presumption is that one is healthy! If you are ill and under doctor’s care, God expects you to use your good judgment.

Our plan for Lent should include the three pillars: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. It’s only 40 days.

Next weekend we will hear from Kent Probst and Karen Smith, representatives serving on the board of Catholic Charities. Kent will speak at 3 of our Masses, and Karen will speak at one Mass, plus the two Masses at St. Rose Parish. Please be generous in your helping the poor in our community.

I joined the RCIA people last Sunday for a pilgrimage to St. Mary of the Woods. If you haven’t been there, it is certainly worth the trip, and it isn’t far at all. It’s an easy day trip, but travel there on a pleasant day so you can walk around the grounds. The complex has 1,200 acres! You will need to walk if you go over in time to eat at their buffet! It’s quite the spread.



Lent Begins March 2nd

Lenten Regulations

1. ABSTINENCE - Everyone 14 years of age and over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
2. FAST - Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 is required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is permitted. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to each person’s needs, but together these two should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids (including milk and fruit juices) are allowed.
3. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.

Masses are at

6:00 am, 12:10 pm, and 7:00 pm.

Prayer service with communion and ashes
for all students at 8:00 am.

Attention Ministers of Holy Communion

Help Needed: We are in need of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for the **6:00 am, 12:10 pm, and 7:00 pm Masses on Ash Wednesday, March 2nd. Communion ministers are also asked to distribute ashes.** Please come to the sacristy before Mass and see where you are needed. Thank you for your help!

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 28, 6:30 am: Hank Ruholl

Tuesday, March 1, 6:30 am: Norma Ruholl

Tuesday, March 1, 7:55: Albin Worman

Wednesday, March 2, 6:00 am: Karen Waldhoff

Wednesday, March 2, 12:10 pm: Barb Worman

Wednesday, March 2, 7:00 pm: Delbert and Eileen Haskenherm

Thursday, March 3, 2022, 6:30 am: Larry and Mert McMahon

Thursday, March 3, 7:55 am: Gloria Meyer

Friday, March 4, 6:30 am: Virginia Huelsing

Friday, March 4, 7:55 am: Bob Deters

Saturday, March 5, 4:30 pm: Millie Nosbisch

Sunday, March 6, 6:30 am: Leonard and Anna Marie Niebrugge

Sunday, March 6, 8:30 am: Pro Populo

Sunday, March 6, 10:30 am: Hank Ruholl

Liturgy Schedule 8th Week in Ordinary Time February 28 - March 6

Monday,	Mass at 6:30 am Adoration 1:00 pm until 6:00 am Tuesday morning
Tuesday,	Mass at 6:30 & 7:55 am
Wednesday,	Ash Wednesday Mass at 6:00 am, 12:10 pm, 7:00 pm
Thursday,	St. Katharine Drexel Mass at 6:30 & 7:55 am
Friday,	Sr. Casimir Mass at 6:30 & 7:55 am
Saturday,	Mass at 4:30 pm
Sunday,	1st Sunday of Lent Mass at 6:30, 8:30, 10:30 am

Confession Schedule

Tuesday, March 1 - 6:15-6:45 pm
Thursday, March 7 - 3:00-4:00 and 6:15-6:45 pm
Saturday, March 5 - 3:00-4:00 pm

Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 4 - 7:00 pm

Liturgy of the Hours with Friars

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

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday, February 28

- Adoration, 1:00 pm Monday - 6:00 am Tuesday
- RCIA, 7:00-8:15 pm, Sr. Ethelbert Center

Tuesday, March 1

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

Wednesday, March 2

- Children's choir, 3:30-4:45 pm
- Young adult choir, 6:00 pm
- Eucharist group study, 4:00-5:30 pm, Sr. Ethelbert Center
- **Ash Wednesday Masses, 6:00 am, 12:10 pm, 7:00 pm**

Thursday, March 3

- Confessions, 3:00-4:00 and 6:15-6:45 pm
- Baptism prep, 7:00 pm, St. Clare
- Adult choir, 7:00 pm

Friday, March 4

- Stations of the Cross, 7:00 pm

Saturday, March 5

- Confessions, 3:00-4:00 pm



Attention Homebound

Holy Communion will be brought to you on First Friday, March 4th. No Communion to you on Sunday, March 6th.

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, Marilyn Zerrusen, Roddnie Deters, Tanner Pruemer, Steve Runde, Toby McMahon, Debbie Meyer, Nicholas Wentz, Gary Cornell, Sharon Ghast, Jennifer Carlen, Tammy Gebben, Chad Nelson, Liz Kremer, Judy Lueken.

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

40 Days for Life is March 2-April 10 - Let us join people of faith across our nation to pray and fast for an end to abortion, to close abortion centers, and to restore respect for all human life. Please decide now how you and your family might offer some of your Lenten prayer and sacrifice for the end of abortion. St Francis Church will offer a **Day of Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration for Life on Monday, March 7, 9:00 am through Tuesday 6:00 am**. Please sign up to pray for a half hour or hour on the sign-up sheets at church entrances. For more info or daily devotionals from the international prayer campaign, go to 40daysforlife.com. If interested in praying at an abortion facility in Fairview Heights, Granite City or Champaign, click on "Location" and search for the vigil site.

Stewardship of Treasure

	<u>Sunday</u> 2/20/2022	<u>Total Fiscal</u> <u>Year</u>
234 Adult envelopes	\$7,724.00	\$332,113.82
50 Online giving	\$1,886.00	\$88,522.00
Other	<u>\$1,018.00</u>	<u>\$27,502.66</u>
TOTAL	\$10,628.00	\$448,138.48
Assisi to Africa	\$388.00	\$30,868.00

Special Collection - Church in Central and Eastern Europe

On March 2, Ash Wednesday, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the church in more than 25 countries that still struggle to recover from former communist rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/cee.

Religious Education News

Ash Wednesday: We will have a prayer service with communion and ashes for all the students in church at 8:00 am on March 2, 2022.

Grade 1-6 Lenten Resolutions: During religion class, students will write down their Lenten resolutions. These resolutions will be collected and offered up during Mass the week of Ash Wednesday.

Grade 1-6 Mission Boxes: Students will be given mission boxes at the beginning of Lent. The money will be brought to school the beginning of April and offered during Mass. The money will then be sent to the missions.

Grade 2 First Reconciliation: The first reconciliation and prayer service for grade 2 students is scheduled for March 19, 2022 at either 8:45 or 10:00 am in church. Please bring your baptismal candle to the service.

Grade 3-6 Report Cards: Religion teachers will be filling out report sheets soon. The report sheets will be sent home to parents the week of March 14. Please sign and return.

Reconciliation Schedule: Grade 3-6 students will be going to confession during lent. 4E & 4R-March 7; 5W & 1/2 5K-March 9; 6A-March 10; 4S-March 14; 6C-March 17; 3C & 3D-March 21; 5B & 1/2 5K-March 23; 6H-March 24; 3K-March 28; 5M-March 30; 6T-March 31.

YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

March 2 – No Religious Ed Classes (Ash Wednesday)
 March 9 - Religious Ed Classes 7:00-8:15 pm
 March 11 – High school stations of the cross 7:00 pm
 March 16 - Religious Ed Classes 7:00-8:15 pm
 March 18 – Junior High Silhouette Stations 7:00 pm
 March 23 - Religious Ed Classes 7:00-8:15 pm
 March 30 - Religious Ed Classes 7:00-8:15 pm

Grade 7 Parents –There will be Silhouette stations practice before religion at 6:30 pm March 9th/16th and the Stations will be presented on March 18th. Participants will need to be at church by 5:00 pm that evening. We are so blessed to host this event after a 2 year absence.

There will be a **mandatory CHWC** meeting on March 8th at 7:00 pm in the Sr. Ethelbert Center. Many things to discuss and important paperwork to fill out!

Service hours –Your junior high and high school student was asked at the beginning of the year to complete 20 hours of service during the school year, and Lent is a perfect time to fulfill that goal! We will be talking about it more this week during religion. Please help with our goal by talking to your student about how they may like to volunteer at church or contribute to the community! Blue service forms can be turned in anytime!



WELCOME

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

Leah Edith Buscher,
 Daughter of Ryan and Gina (Walk) Buscher

Brynn Cecelia Cornett,
 Daughter of Lantz and Kaitlin (Smith) Cornett

Anna Grace Faber,
 Daughter of Trevor and Danielle (Althoff) Faber

Lydia Catherine Flynn,
 Daughter of Michael and Samantha (Kroeger) Flynn

Ava Quinn Haskenherm,
 Daughter of Jordan and Katie (Ruholl) Haskenherm

Bryson Todd Hoedebecke,
 Son of Clayton and Mindy (Wendt) Hoedebecke

Brady Randall Koester,
 Son of Kenneth and Kayla (Swingler) Koester

Dawson Charles Ruholl,
 Son of Dustin and Natasha (Stevens) Ruholl

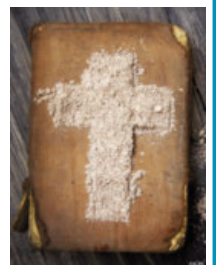
Nathaniel Ray Runde,
 Son of Timothy and Kelsey (Bierman) Runde

We also welcome Lantz and Kaitlyn (Smith) Cornett and Brynn as new parishioners at St. Francis.

Palms for Burning Please bring your old palms to church from now through February 28th. Place them in the basket in front of Mary's altar. They will be burned, and the ashes will be used on Ash Wednesday, March 2nd.

An Ash Wednesday Prayer

"Ashes to ashes. Dust to dust."
 You remind us today, oh Lord, of our origin and end.
 In the beginning, You fashioned us in the Garden.
 You dignified dust with the Breath of Life.
 You made us in Your image and likeness.
 You led Your people through the dust of the Sinai wilderness to the Promised Land.
 You overcame temptation in the dry desert.
 You healed the blind with dirt and clay.
 Three times Your body stirred the dust as you fell on the road to Calvary.
 Hear the cry of Your people!
 One day we will return to dust.
 This Lenten season, stir our minds to contemplate You, our hearts to love You, and our bodies to serve You in our brothers and sisters.
 May our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving be Your breath alive in us.
 Amen.



BIRTHDAYS

3/4	Carol Heuerman (82)
3/7	Lucille Buhnerkempe (83)
3/11	Louis Hutmacher (83)
3/12	Robert Pals (85)
3/12	Bernard Runde (82)
3/14	Evelyn Dhom (95)
3/18	Arthur Deters (81)
3/19	Harold Esker (94)
3/21	Marilyn Zerrusen (80)
3/25	Lorraine Zerrusen (89)
3/27	Norma Hawickhorst (91)
3/30	Elizabeth Buscher (81)
3/31	Alice Ruholl (80)

Decolores Weekend

Looking for a retreat to attend during your 40 day Lenten journey?

Enjoy a 3 day - 3 night retreat, at Camp Walter Scott south of Effingham, filled with talks from religious and lay persons, Mass each day, Stations of the Cross, Reconciliation and fellowship.

A men's weekend will be held Thursday, March 24 through Sunday, March 27th. Spiritual director will be Father Adam Prichard for the men's weekend. Contact Rob Grupe 217-821-9583 for more details.

A ladies weekend will be held Thursday, March 31 thru Sunday April 3rd. Spiritual director will be Father Michael Berndt. Contact Diann Ruholl 217-663-2056 for more details.



The Father-Daughter dance committee would like to thank all who took their time to help out with this year's dance. You know who you are! Cupid's Carnival spread some love last weekend and great memories were made! Our donors and volunteers made this possible and our parish teen center thanks you! Check out our full list of donors on our SFC fb page.



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.

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. Mary, St. Marie, March 12, 2022. Call 618-455-3155 to register.
- Catholic Pastoral Center, Springfield, June 4, 2022, July 16, 2022, September 17, 2022, October 8, 2022, November 5, 2022. Call 217-698-8500 to register.
- St. Joseph the Worker, Chatham, August 13, 2022 Call 217-483-4514 to register.
- Ss. Peter & Paul, Collinsville, August 21, 2022. Call 618-345-4343 to register.
- St. Francis, Teutopolis, January 29, 2023. Call 217-961-6404 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:

- 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, April 9th, 9:30-11:00 am on WebEx.
- Saturday, May 14, 10:00-11:30 am, Sr. Ethelbert Center.
- Saturday, June 25th, 1:00-2:30 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

- Thursday, March 3, 2022, St. Francis
- Tuesday, April 5, 2022, St. Isidore
- Thursday, May 5, 2022, St. Francis
- Thursday, June 2, 2022, St. Rose
- Thursday, July 7, 2022, St. Francis
- Tuesday, August 2, 2022, St. Isidore



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.

TAKE UP THE CROSS AND FOLLOW ME

Liturgical Ministers for March 5/6

Ministry	4:30 pm	6:30 am	8:30 am	10:30 am
Readers	Dan Niemerg Kent Probst	Jane Pruemmer	Monica Kremer Jill Schumacher	Cathy Thoele Marty Siemer
Ushers	*Scott Brumleve Chris Deters Allan Gillespie Aaron Stortzum Jerry M. Runde Todd Probst	*Joe Esker Larry Esker Dave Probst Gary Deters Allen Koester Mike Hardiek	*Greg Hess Dan Habing Jake Habing Troy Bloemer Paul Willenborg Todd Voelker	*Rich Niebrugge Greg Addis Jeff Thoele Brian Ruholl Tom Niebrugge Tom Schabbing.
Servers	Joey Probst Gwen Probst Mark Probst	Ozzie Pals Jack Hartke Ella Tarter	Connor Hoelscher Caleb Bloemer Alex Kremer	Evan Koester Nolan Runde Gavin Runde

Clean Linens - Karen Drees

Soup Supper at St. Thomas parish, Newton, today, February 27, from 10:30 am - 2:30 pm, at the St. Thomas parish center. There will be a choice of chili and vegetable soup, hot dogs, ham sandwiches, pie, desserts, and drinks. There will be games until 2:30 pm and carry-outs available until 3:00 pm. Also, take a chance on the big raffle and quilt.

Soup Supper and Day of Prayer will be held today, February 27th, 4:00-7:00 pm at St. Aloysius church/parish center, Bishop Creek. Serving chili, chicken noodle, sauerkraut soup, hot dogs, ham sandwich, homemade desserts, and drinks. Carry-outs available. Gallons of soup available after 6:00 pm.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas will meet on February 28th at 7:00 pm at the Teutopolis Banquet hall.

Sacred Heart Fish Fry Drive-Thru is Friday, March 4, from 4:30-7:00 pm.

Drinking Habits Local talent is performing *Drinking Habits* written by Tom Smith on March 10, 11, 12, and 13 at the Ron Diehl Recreation Center at Hendelmeyer Park in Effingham, IL. Proceeds from the play will benefit Effingham Catholic Charities. Doors open at 6:30 pm, curtain rises at 7:30 pm. Cost is \$30 per person (includes wine and snacks). The Sunday performance will begin at 2:00 pm, tickets cost \$20 per person (wine not included). To purchase tickets go to Effingham Catholic Charities Events Page on Facebook or www.cc.dio.org or phone 217-857-1458. Tickets are also available by phone, nights and weekends. Please call Ron Donsbach at 217-925-5231 or 217-821-2138. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Family Life Center and Silk Purse is expanding to Newton. Their first "Moving forward in HOPE" event will be a breakfast fundraiser on March 19, from 7:30 am to 10:30 am, at the St. Thomas Parish Center.

Pulled Pork Fundraiser for St. Mary's Catholic Church, Shumway, Sunday, March 27th, 4:00-7:00 pm at Shumway Kluthe Center. Adults/carry out \$12; Kids 12 and under \$8. Prepared by Country Rhodes. Menu includes pulled pork, chicken tenders, hush puppies, steak fries, coleslaw, baked beans, potato salad, and applesauce. For tickets contact:

- Leslie Kemme 217-821-3399
- Terry Hoene 217-343-4545
- Kathy Adams 217-994-3144
- Jesse Davis 217-821-2309
- Donna Davis 217-690-2640

The Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (SDCCW) is sponsoring a Lenten Retreat "Life's journey - Why is God so important?" on March 29-30 at the Villa Maria Retreat and Conference Center, 1903 East Lake Shore Drive in Springfield. Fr. Larry Brunette, retired from the Dioceses of Springfield in Illinois and Joliet will facilitate the retreat. The retreat will feature spiritual presentations, prayer, the rosary, confession, fellowship, and the celebration of Mass. The retreat begins with registration and a light breakfast at 9:00 am on March 29 and concludes after lunch on March 30. Retreat costs include meals, refreshments, retreat master, retreat materials, and use of the facility. The cost for an overnight stay, double occupancy is \$90. An overnight stay, single occupancy is \$110, or for commuters it is \$70. Registration is due by March 22 and payment can be made to S.D.S.S.W. For additional information and a registration form, send an email to Myrna McKee at sdccwinil@gmail.com.

Teutopolis Park District

- 3rd and 4th grade instructional volleyball (March 12-26): Sign up continues.
- 5th and 6th grade volleyball (March 12-May 7): Sign up continues (late fee applies).
- Baseball/softball: sign up by March 1.



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