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Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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

Saturday: 3:00-4:00pm

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

Anytime by appointment



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

Thursday is Thanksgiving Day. We have Masses at 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. Bring your family to Mass Thanksgiving morning, and then cheer the guys on as they play football in the yard! “Let us give thanks to the Lord!”

I find numbers interesting. As you know, we take the October count at all Masses during the month of October. We do this each year as do other parishes in the diocese and beyond. The ushers also take a count at all Masses on the weekends. It’s a “clean” metric vice guessing at how many were at this Mass or that Mass. Some might ask: “Is our attendance at weekend Masses where it was before COVID?” Or is it a matter of not coming back yet? Here are some numbers I think you’ll find interesting. The numbers reflect attendance at all Masses on the weekends of October for the pertinent year.

2022 ---- 6233 + 148 Remembrance Mass	2018 ----5402 + 308
2021 ---- 5405	2017 --- 5212 + 251
2020 ---- 2782 + 152 “	2016 --- 5252
2019 ---- 5739 + 96 “	

One might ask what happened in 2022 to have such a large number. Recall our bishop came to St. Francis for Confirmation at the vigil Mass on 8 November. This explains the larger number in attendance for 2022. 2020 was a remarkably lower number compared with years prior and after, and this 2020 is the COVID year. I think the answer to the question is that our parish has come through the COVID experience. It will be interesting to see what the attendance is for the next couple years. One thing we know is that our bishop will not be coming for Confirmation for a few years.

Since we are in the spirit of Thanksgiving, I want to thank you, our parishioners, for your sense of stewardship in our community. It makes all the difference in the world. Our religious education program is possible for only one reason: all the volunteers each day. This is stewardship, returning to God our time and our talents. We wouldn’t have a religious education program without all the people stepping up to the plate. I also thank you for the stewardship with the Art and Environment Committee. Thanksgiving and Advent and Christmas is their time to shine, and they glow! Giving our creative talents back to the Master is what it’s all about. That’s stewardship. Our collections have been steady and even increasing – we usually think of money and stewardship. Financial donations are only part of stewardship. I think of all the people making it possible for our teens to come to the Teen Center on Friday evenings. Who thanks them? The liturgical ministers, serving as a reader, Eucharistic Minister, cantor, server at Mass, usher, musician, sacristan, choirs, parish council, finance council – a good parish is all these people and more! I have probably inadvertently omitted someone, and I’m sorry. Everyone’s effort is significant and is a part of stewardship. And I thank you for doing your part to make us an excellent parish. Perfect? No one is. But we keep trying. Remember the Saints: they kept trying!

Thanksgiving Day Mass will be held at 7:00 & 9:00 am on Thursday, November 24th.

A monetary collection for Catholic Charities will be taken at the Mass. Food items for Catholic Charities Christmas boxes (to be given in December) are to be placed in front of the Blessed Virgin altar before or after Mass. *Canned and dry goods only, thank you!*

Suggested Items: canned cream soups, canned vegetables, canned fruit pie filling, peanut butter, jelly, pancake mix, syrup, egg noodles, instant potatoes, mac and cheese. Meats will be purchased by food pantry.



We are in need of 3 Communion Ministers for the 7:00 and 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 21, 6:30 am: Dan Smith
 Tuesday, November 22, 6:30 am: Larry & Merv
 McMahan
 Tuesday, November 22, 7:55 am: Hank Ruholl
 Wednesday, November 23, 6:30 am: Jeff Buehnerkemper
 Thursday, November 24, 7:00 am: Mike Hewing
 Thursday, November 24, 9:00 am: Anthony Schumacher
 Friday, November 25, 6:30 am: Living & deceased
 members of the Dean Matteson family
 Friday, November 25, 7:55 am: Jim Esker
 Saturday, November 26, 4:30 pm: Louis Buenker Jr.
 Sunday, November 27, 6:30 am: Scott Westendorf
 Sunday, November 27, 8:30 am: Pro Populo
 Sunday, November 27, 10:30 am: Gerry Hoene

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember in your prayers:

Will Niccum, Joe Ruholl, Bill & Rosie Myers, Andrea Wernsing, Paula Spencer, Mark Roedl, Linus Willenborg, Cole Wellbaum, Kyndal Dasenbrock, Bob and Mary Lee, Vivie Kinkelaar, Dawson Lohman, Marilyn Zerrusen, Tanner Pruemer, Steve Runde, Toby McMahan, Debbie Meyer, Nicholas Wente, Gary Cornell, Sharon Ghost, Jennifer Carlen, Tammy Gebben, Chad Nelson, John W. Miller, Dustin Borries, Martha Fearday, Lizzie Westendorf, Lisa Vahling, Ray Lohman.

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

Liturgy Schedule 34th Week in Ordinary Time November 21—November 27

Monday,	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass at 6:30 am Adoration 1:00 pm Monday until 6:00 am Tuesday
Tuesday,	St. Cecilia Mass at 6:30 & 7:55 am
Wednesday,	St. Clement St. Columban Mass at 6:30 am
Thursday,	St. Andrew Dung-Lac Thanksgiving Day Mass at 7:00 & 9:00 am
Friday,	St. Catherine of Alexandria 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 22—6:15-6:45 pm
Saturday, November 26—3:00-4:00 pm

Liturgy of the Hours with Friars

Friday—11:45 am & 4:45 pm

Attention Homebound

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound for Sunday, November 27, Donna Spannagel 618-793-2000 or 217-460-0664 and Rita Habing 217-857-3006.



Donations for Flowers We are accepting donations for flowers for Christmas and special occasions during 2023. Please put your donation in an envelope marked “FLOWERS”, and place it in the collection basket, 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.



Kind words can be short & easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.

Mother Teresa

Stewardship of Treasure

The collection totals for November 13 will be in the November 27th bulletin.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday, November 21

- Adoration, 1:00 pm Monday—6:00 am Tuesday
- CPR class, 6:00—8:00 pm, Sr. Ethelbert center
- OCIA, 7:00—8:15 pm, Sr. Ethelbert center

Tuesday, November 22

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

Wednesday, November 23

- Children’s choir 3:45—5:00 pm
- Adult & Youth choirs, 5:30—7:30 pm

Thursday, November 24

- Happy Thanksgiving!
- Mass at 7:00 & 9:00 am

Saturday, November 26

- Confessions, 3:00—4:00 pm

Please Note The parish office will be closed on Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

2023 calendars are available for pickup at all the church entrances.

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.

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 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!



God Bless Those Serving our Country.

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

Religious Education News

Religion teachers sent report sheets home. Parents, please sign the report sheets and return them to school with your child by November 23.

Thanksgiving, November 24, no religion class or school.
 Friday, November 25, no religion class or school.
 Immaculate Conception, December 8, all school Mass.

Reconciliation schedule in church, 7:50 am for grade 3-6:
 4E & 4Sa Nov. 21;
 4Sc & 6R Nov. 28;
 6H & 6T Nov. 30.

Christmas Shoeboxes—grades 1 & 2 will once again fill shoeboxes for the needy. The cost of shipping the shoeboxes is \$10/box. Anyone wishing to help pay for the shipping, please mark the envelope “Christmas Shoeboxes”.

Grade 3 Christmas Store—Students will bring in items to be sold as Christmas gifts by December 2. Grade 1-6 students will be able to purchase gifts for family members in the Sr. Ethelbert center. Schedule: December 6-Gr. 1 & 5, December 7-Gr. 4 & 6, December 9-Gr. 2 & 3. Proceeds will go to the missions.



Grade 1 Celebrating All Saints Day with a halo donut.



Grade 3S After our gospel readings we made Christmas cards for veterans on hospice. The cards will be judged for a coloring contest prize of candy.

YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

Nov. 23—NO RELIGION CLASS
 Nov. 30—Religion class 7:00—8:15 pm



Substitute teachers needed! The Wednesday night religious ed program needs substitute teachers! Is God calling you to be just a little more involved with our program? If so, call me and we can walk through what a typical night would be like. All materials and plans are provided. I just need a few people who are open to the calling of the Holy Spirit to be on the list.



St Francis CHWC 2023 is fundraising for their trip to Louisville, KY June 11-16. We will have several fundraisers during the upcoming Advent season....

*Scrip sales – This is a great way to buy the gift cards you need for Christmas. These are sold at Teutopolis State Bank during lobby hours and will also be sold at the Kountry Kitchen on Saturday mornings. See the bulletin insert for more information!

*St. Louis Cardinal calendars – These will be sold from now until Christmas. \$17 each

*Our annual Cookie Sale will be December 17th and 18th in St. Clare Hall.

Call or text Maria with questions 217-961-1500.



Grade 6H

Grade 2Y Once the students recite the Act of Contrition (preparation for confession) they receive a candy bar.



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:

- St. Francis, Teutopolis, February 5, 2023. Call 217-961-6404 to register.
- St. Mary, St. Marie, March 11, 2023. 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 7, 2023 — April 1, 2023 — July 1, 2023 October 7, 2023

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

Upcoming Natural Family Planning Classes

- Saturday, January 14, 2023, 1:30-3:00 pm on WebEx.
- Saturday, February 25, 2023, 9:30-11:00 am at St. Anthony Church.

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

**Baptism Prep Dates**

- Tuesday, December 6, St. Isidore
- Thursday, January 5, 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.

**MUSIC MINISTRY**

Add your talents to a choir this Christmas season! Only 5 rehearsals remain until Christmas Eve. Please join—we need more singers!

We are preparing for an Advent Mosaic Concert, Sunday, December 11 at 2:00 pm. You won't want to miss this exciting presentation. If you attended our Spring concert "An Afternoon of Joy", you heard what a great success it was. Attend on December 11 and bring a friend. You will be energized for the coming of our Savior!

November rehearsal schedule (note changes)

Wednesday, Nov. 23 - Adult & youth choirs, 5:30-7:30 pm
Wednesday, Nov. 30 - No Youth Choir
Thursday, Dec. 1 - Adult & youth choirs, 6:30-8:30 pm

Children's choir will remain the same in November, Wednesdays after school, 3:45-5:00 pm.

CCW

The newly elected officers for 2023 are:
Jill Ruholl - Vice President
Sharon Waldhoff - Vice Treasurer
Gina Drees - Vice Secretary
Thank you for accepting the office.

**SUBMITTED PHOTOS**

If you submitted a photo for the directory, please stop by the office to pick up.
Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 am—4:30 pm

EMERGENCY!

Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and bleeding control tactics classes will be offered to all parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi parish at no cost. 1 class time is scheduled, with additional classes being added based on the parishioner interest.



November 21, Monday—6:00-8:00 pm

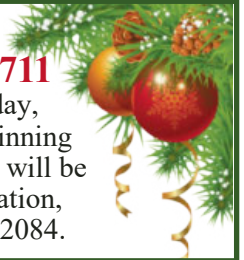
Instructor: John Neihls, RN, EMT-Paramedic.
Classes will be conducted in the Sr. Ethelbert Center. Please call or text Eric Habing to register your name for a class, 217-821-2549.



Please Help: Grade 1 and 2 students filled shoeboxes for the needy children. The shipping on the shoeboxes is \$10.00 per box. The religion program is asking for donations to pay for the shipping. Please mark the envelope "Operation Christmas Child," if you can help. Thank you.

The Teutopolis Catholic Daughters of the Americas #1711

is having their Christmas party on Monday, December 5 at the Kountry Kitchen beginning at 5:30 pm. Please plan to attend as this will be an important meeting. For more information, please call Regent Susan Vogt 217-663-2084.



The Teutopolis Monastery Museum is looking for **Teutopolis high school yearbooks from 1949-present**, to display in the museum. If you have any to donate, please contact Sharon Brummer at 217-821-7243.

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Liturgical Ministers for November 26/27

<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 Michael Imburgia	Maranda Martin Carrie Copple
Ushers	*Jerry M. Runde Tom Buehnerkemper Mark Weber Dr. Gerald Runde Bill Runde Aaron Stortzum	*Dean Kremer John Spannagel Pat Wentz Dave Probst Gary Deters Jim Esker	*Brian Jansen Pat Niemerg Alf Ruholl Tom Runde Maurus Schumacher Tom Uthell	*Jake Pals Dave Habing Bill Martin, Jr. Tom Schabbing Carl Waldhoff Scott Copple
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Upcoming EVENTS

A Walk Through Christmas Past & Present




Get into the Spirit of Christmas by coming to the 2022 St. Isidore CCW Christmas Walk Sunday, December 4, 2022
 Holiday home tours, 1:00—4:30 pm
 Eric & Emily Brummer, Joe & Hilarie Repking, Eric & Lexi Niemerg and Todd & Kelly Schmidt. In addition, the Immaculate Conception Hall in Dieterich will have all kinds of nostalgic Christmas décor, refreshments, raffle items and chance to win a handmade Christmas quilt. Proceeds from walk go to the Mattoon Deanery Seminarians and proceeds from quilt go to Operation Santa (a military organization).
 Tickets: Adults \$10, 8-12 years \$5
 Immaculate Conception hall 12:30-5:30 pm with raffle drawings at 5:00 pm

Everyone is welcome to attend the **Deanery Prayer Vigil for Life** to give thanks for the precious gift of life at St Anthony in Effingham on Monday, November 21. Praying the rosary will begin at 6:00 pm. Fr. Peter Harman will be the celebrant for the 6:30 pm Mass. The business meeting will follow in the parish hall. Refreshments will be served while current pro-life issues are discussed.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter presents weekend experiences for married couples to rekindle romance, enhance meaningful communication, and deepen and renew commitment. The next three IN-PERSON weekend experiences are listed below. Sign up now! For more information or to apply go to wwme.org, or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.
 December 2-4, 2022—Courtyard Marriott, St. Peters, MO
 February 2-5, 2023—Courtyard Marriott, St. Peters, MO
 March 17-19, 2023—Villa Maria Retreat, Springfield, IL

The FISH & Catholic Charities Christmas Store will be providing services for Effingham County families struggling with financial hardship. Family registration will only be available ONLINE, and parents will be required to complete an interest inventory on each child. If you know an Effingham County family that could benefit from the Christmas Store, have them register at: <https://forms.gle/juL5ybCUshheFqww9>. Registration will be open from November 1-23. Gently used children’s coats can be dropped off at Wiedman Cleaners during the month of November. Coats will be cleaned and donated to the store.



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