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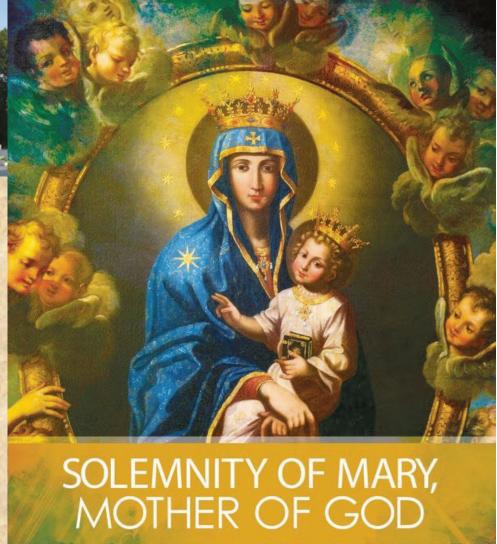
Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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.

From the Pastor

The staff and Franciscans here at St. Francis wish you and your loved ones a holy, healthy and happy new year! January 1st is a holy day of obligation, not so much because of it being New Year's Day, but it is the feast of the Solemnity of Mary. It is fitting that we begin our year with an emphasis on Mary the Mother of God. She has been instrumental in the life of so many people for centuries. And she serves as the patroness of our country under the title of the Immaculate Conception. When you visit Washington, D.C., be sure to also visit the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception. It is located on the campus of Catholic University and is easily accessible by public transportation.

Our Christmas season seems shorter than usual this year. The season ends with the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, and that feast is January 9th this year. I hope you and your family are enjoying the Christmas season this year. Again, from the Franciscans we thank you for your prayers, greetings, and special treats like cookies and fruit and....



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We extend our sympathies and condolences to the families of Stella Esker and Dolores Esker. Stella passed away on December 15, 2022. Dolores passed away on December 16, 2022. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.



With the help of McMahon Meats and John Boos, the Men's Sodality delivered these food boards to over 20 shut ins in our community. This is one example of what the Men's Sodality dues are used towards. Please continue to support and participate in this worthy organization.

May the upcoming year bring happiness and health to you and your family.



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 2, 6:30 am: Mary Margaret Bloemer

Tuesday, January 3, 6:30 am: Carol Lawson Tuesday, January 3, 7:55 am: Hank Ruholl Wednesday, January 4, 6:30 am: Sue Borries Thursday, January 5, 6:30 am: Karen Waldhoff

Thursday, January 5, 7:55 am: John F. Grunloh

Friday, January 6, 6:30 am: Jerry & Mary Ann Zerrusen Friday, January 6, 7:55 am: Mary B. Runde

Saturday, January 7, 4:30 pm: Dorothy Ruholl Saturday, January 8, 6:30 am: Pro Populo Sunday, January 8, 8:30 am: Lorraine Zerrusen

Sunday, January 8, 10:30 am: Jim Esker

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 McMahon, Debbie Meyer, Nicholas Wente, Gary Cornell, Sharon Ghast, Jennifer Carlen, Tammy Gebben, Chad Nelson, John W. Miller, Dustin Borries, Martha Fearday, Lizzie Westendorf, Lisa Vahling, Ray Lohman, Joseph F. Huber.

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

Liturgy Schedule Solemnity of Mary January 2 - January 8

Monday, St. Basil the Great

St. Gregory Nazianzen

Mass at 6:30 am

Adoration 1:00 pm Monday until

6:00 am Tuesday

Tuesday, The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Mass at 6:30 & 7:55 am

Wednesday, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Mass at 6:30 am

Thursday, St. John Neumann

Mass at 6:30 & 7:55 am

Friday, St. Andre Bessette

Mass at 6:30 & 7:55 am

Saturday, St. Raymond of Penyafort

Mass at 4:30 pm

Sunday, The Epiphany of the Lord

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

Confession Schedule

Tuesday, January 3, 6:15-6:45 pm Thursday, January 5, 3:00-4:00 pm & 6:15-6:45 pm Saturday, January 7, 3:00-4:00 pm

Liturgy of the Hours with Friars

Monday-Friday—11:45 am & 4:45 pm



Attention Homebound

Holy Communion will be brought to you on First Friday, January 6. No Communion to you on Sunday, January 8.

Stewardship of Treasure

	Sunday	Total Fiscal
	12/18/22	Year
233 Adult envelopes	\$12,976.00	\$251,087.74
55 Online giving	\$2,091.00	\$59,941.00
Other	<u>\$1016.00</u>	\$ <u>24,065.32</u>
TOTAL	\$16,083.00	\$335,094.06
Assisi to Africa	\$335.00	\$25,422.00

God Bless Those Serving our Country.

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

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday, January 2

- Adoration, 1:00 pm Monday—6:00 am Tuesday
- OCIA, 7:00—8:15 pm, Sr. Ethelbert Center
- Parish office is closed

Tuesday, January 3

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

Thursday, January 5

- Confessions, 3:00—4:00 pm & 6:15—6:45 pm
- Baptism Prep class, 7:00 pm, St. Clare Hall

Saturday, January 7

- Confessions, 3:00—4:00 pm
- FOCCUS, after 4:30 pm Mass, St. Clare Hall

Please Note: The parish office will close on Monday, January 2nd for the New Year holiday, and reopen on Tuesday, January 3rd at 9:00 am.

2023 Catholic Calendars are at all entrances of church. A gift to you from the parish.

CCW News

We welcome three new officers: Jill Ruholl, Sharon Waldhoff and Gina Drees! Thanks to our three outgoing officers: Tina Brumleve, Denise Weichman and Amy Oseland. Thank you for sharing your time and talents with St. Francis CCW!

CCW is currently planning their next ladies event! Stay tuned for more details.



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

Religious Education News



January 4— Religion resumes for students in Grades

First Reconciliation—In January, Grade 2 students start preparing for Reconciliation. Parent meetings are scheduled for January 23 and January 26

at 7:00 p.m. in the Sister Ethelbert Center. Grade 2 parents need to attend one of the meetings. First Reconciliation is scheduled for March 18, 2023, 8:30 a.m. or 10:00 a.m.

Bake Sale—Grade 4 students will host the next bake sale on January 18, 2023 in the Sister Ethelbert Center. Each student will be asked to bring items to be sold. Proceeds go to the Missions in Africa.



Jesse Tree—Room 6C



6R (teacher Kay McMahon) celebrated Christmas making the Jesse Tree.

PAPER DEPOT OPEN!

Recyclables Accepted: Newspaper, Magazines, Office Paper Proceeds to the Monastery Museum and Charities.



Aluminum Cans—Proceeds to Teutopolis Youth Group

YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

Jan. 6 - Teen center open 7:00—10:00 pm

Jan. 11- Religion classes resume 7:00—8:15 pm

Jan. 18 – Religion class 7:00—8:15 pm

Jan. 20 – Teen center cancelled

Jan. 25 – Religion class 7:00—8:15 pm



CHWC NEWS THANK YOU



to all who supported our Advent fundraisers for our CHWC mission trip! St. Francis Youth Ministry wishes you a Happy New Year!



SAVE THE DATE -

CHWC Trivia night will be February 25th at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall. Get your team ready!

The 3 Kings

will be making their annual visit on January 6, 7 and 8.

Contact Clint Goeckner at 217-821-5311.



Substitute Teachers needed

for Wednesday night religious education classes! Please call Maria at 217-961-1500 to set up a training session if you are interested.



Music Ministry Notes

Participants of our **Music Ministry Program** successfully represented St. Francis during the annual

Santa Stomp Race on December 17. The temperature was frigid, the wind was bitter, but our spirits were high as we helped encourage the walkers and runners. Special thanks to those parents; Jill Quandt, Melissa Habing, Rochelle Repking, Kate Pruemer, Pat Zuber, Jason Schumacher, Dana Pals, Rita Feldhake, Sandy Williams, who came to help supervise and drive over 40 carolers. I have surely missed someone; it does take many volunteers to make this event happen. THANK YOU!!! We are already looking forward to next year!





Baptism Prep Dates

- Thursday, January 5, St. Francis
- Thursday, February 2, St. Rose
- Thursday, March 2, St. Francis
- Tuesday, April 4, 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.

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

Liturgical Ministers for January 7/ January 8					
Ministry	<u>4:30 pm</u>	<u>6:30 am</u>	<u>8:30 am</u>	<u>10:30 am</u>	
Readers	Denise Will Jim Quatman	Herman Brummer	Jerry Brummer Angie Esker	Sue Esker Stacey Ruholl	
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Upcoming EVENTS



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 <u>wwme.org</u>, or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

February 3-5, 2023, Courtyard Mariott, St. Peters, MO March 17-19, 2023, Villa Maria Retreat Center, Springfield, IL March 31-April 2, 2023, Courtyard Marriott, St. Peters, MO



Right to Life Breakfast

January 15, 2023 Free will donation Teutopolis Banquet Hall 7:00 am—12:00 pm Whole hog sausage & egg breakfast

whole hog sausage & egg breakfas 50/50 raffle baskets for all ages!

To volunteer call or text: Susan Vogt 217-663-2084

Teutopolis Park District

Fitness Programs (Jan. 2—Mar. 31) Sign up continues—late fee applies

Sisters to host mini-retreat on religious life

Are you a single woman aged 18-42? Join the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana, for a virtual mini-retreat from 7:30-8:45 p.m., Eastern Time, on Monday, Jan. 9, 2023. Sister Jessica Vitente, SP, will share her journey to religious life. During the informal gathering, reflect on the question "Is God calling me to religious life?" as Sister Jessica shares. Sister Jessica will also answer questions. Register at Events.SistersofProvidence.org or call Sister Joni Luna, SP, at 361-500-9505 or email jluna@spsmw.org.

BIBLE STUDY

"Bible Study will resume on January 12th at St. Anthony Parish Center. We will be studying "Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John." This will be a 8 week study. A morning and evening session will be offered, a morning session starting at 9:15 am following the 8:30 am Mass. The evening session at 6:30 pm. All sessions will be held in the Parish Center. Please contact the Parish Office at 217-347-7129 to register. Any questions you may contact Kate Weber at 217-821-3003 or kateweber51@gmail.com.

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