

February 5, 2023 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH



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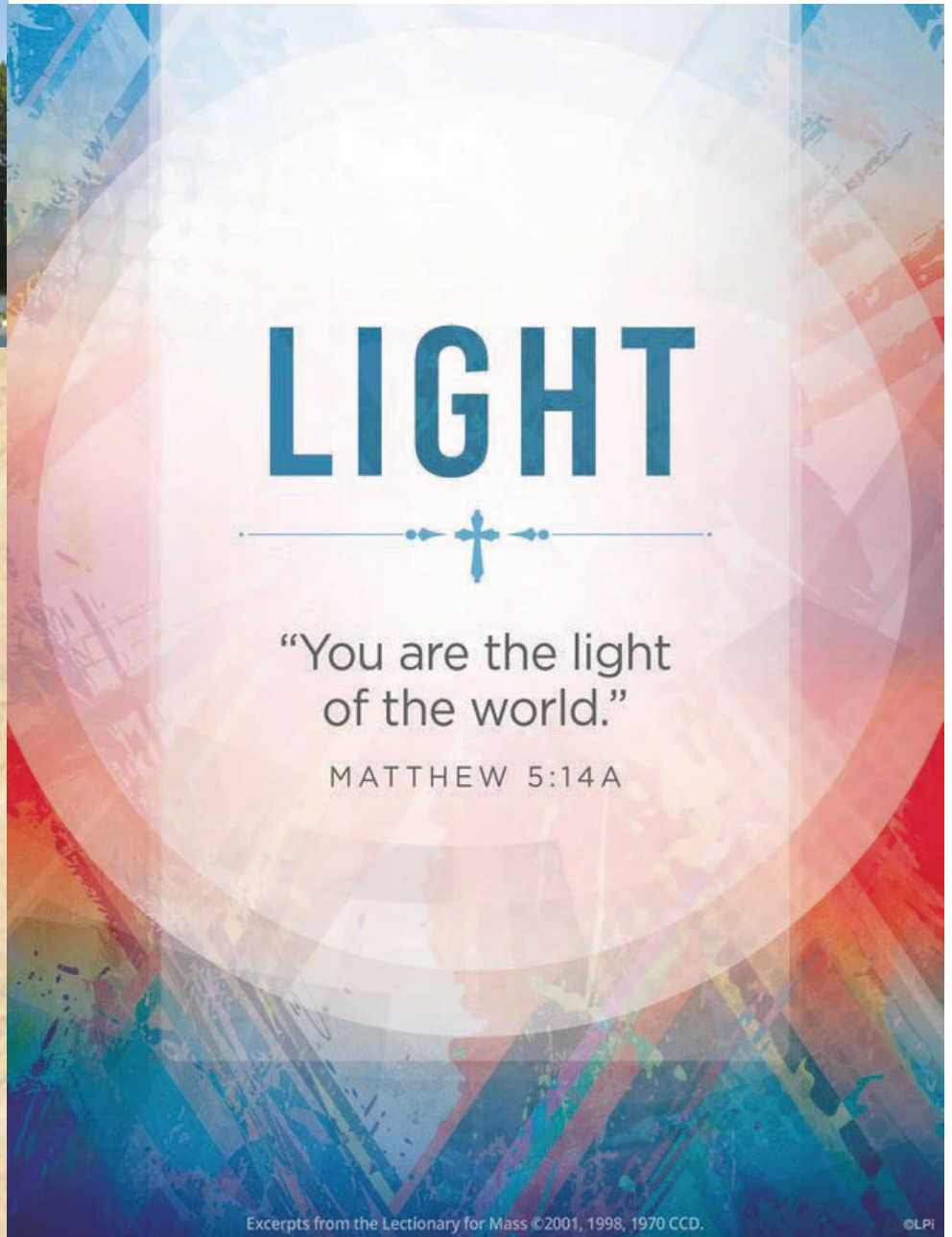
## Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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.

203 EAST MAIN ST., PO BOX 730, TEUTOPLIS, IL 62467

## From the Pastor

I am reading the book Teutopolis Sesquicentennial 1839-1989. On page 91 of this work you will find: “In November of 1966, the Wooden Shoes ended the St. Anthony Bulldogs streak of 27 consecutive conference wins. As usual the game was wild and wooly. A total of 50 fouls were called.” That had to be an exciting game. On the same page the reader will learn: “Teutopolis High School received a new scoreboard – one of the very latest, which included the players’ names and fouls. It was used for the first time for the Newton game on February 14, 1967.” Think it’s the same scoreboard we use today?!

If you didn’t know it, you do now, that our ushers are busy at each Mass on the weekend counting the people in attendance. Every parish does this in the month of October. The diocese uses “The October Count” for its planning and discussion. We continue the practice here at St. Francis because it gives us an accurate metric, or at least as accurate as our ushers present us. For those of you with a curious streak, for January our total for the Masses for the four weekends was 5,238 souls. There were four weekends, so our average for the weekend is 1,310 people. This does not take into account any weddings or possible funerals on Saturdays. The most crowded Mass was Saturday, the 22<sup>nd</sup>, when we had 540 people at the 4:30! That is a match for attendance at the 6:00 Mass Christmas Eve, and it is more than the 10:00 on the eve and the 9:00 Christmas morning! Why so many people? The children sang at this Mass. There were 30+ children in the choir loft, and many wanted to come and pray and hear them sing. Under the excellent direction of Mr. Dan Williams, the children do a wonderful job.

In case you didn’t get a bulletin last weekend, we are looking for volunteers to serve funeral Masses. I have a small group of retired men, who do a wonderful job, but I don’t want to keep calling the same people. No experience is necessary, and you don’t need to be able to speak Latin! Just call the parish office. Thank you.

## 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 Ghasst, Jennifer Carlen, Tammy Gebben, Chad Nelson, John W. Miller, Dustin Borries, Martha Fearday, Lizzie Westendorf, Lisa Vahling, Joseph F. Huber, Betty Jansen, Art Deters.

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

## Blessing of Throats

St. Blaise. This Friday, February 3, was the feast of St. Blaise. The priest prays for all at the end of Mass this weekend: “Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every ailment of the throat and from every other evil, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

## 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.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 6, 6:30 am: Linus Nosbisch  
 Tuesday, February 7, 6:30 am: Karen Waldhoff  
 Tuesday, February 7, 7:55 am: Margaret Pruemer  
 Wednesday, February 8, 6:30 am: Jerry & MaryAnn Zerrusen  
 Thursday, February 9, 6:30 am: Jeff Buehnerkemper  
 Thursday, February 9, 7:55 am: Albert & Doris Cassens  
 Friday, February 10, 6:30 am: Bill & Billie Pals  
 Friday, February 10, 7:55 am: Rudolph & Catherine Slemmer  
 Saturday, February 11, 4:30 pm: Jim Esker  
 Sunday, February 12, 6:30 am: Pro Populo  
 Sunday, February 12, 8:30 am: Jerry Brickley  
 Sunday, February 12, 10:30 am: Lorraine Zerrusen

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Welcome to our faith Family:*  
 Brexton Paul Esker  
 Son of Brad & Casey (McWhorter) Esker

## ATTENTION LADIES OF THE PARISH

You are all invited to come and share friendship, fellowship, and food at the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual CCW dessert night! This will be held on Monday, February 20, at 7:00 pm in the Sr. Ethelbert Center. Please bring your favorite dessert along with the recipe. Everyone can vote for their favorite dessert to see who claims bragging rights this year! Hope to see you all there!

## Liturgy Schedule 5th Week in Ordinary Time February 6—12

|            |                                                                                                      |
|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday,    | St. Paul Miki and Companions<br>Mass at 6:30 am<br>Adoration 1:00 pm Monday until<br>6:00 am Tuesday |
| Tuesday,   | Mass at 6:30 & 7:55 am                                                                               |
| Wednesday, | St. Jerome Emiliani<br>St. Josephine Bakhita<br>Mass at 6:30 am                                      |
| Thursday,  | Mass at 6:30 & 7:55 am                                                                               |
| Friday,    | St. Scholastica<br>Mass at 6:30 & 7:55 am                                                            |
| Saturday,  | Our Lady of Lourdes<br>Mass at 4:30 pm                                                               |
| Sunday,    | Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time<br>Mass at 6:30, 8:30, 10:30 am                                        |

### Confession Schedule

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

### Liturgy of the Hours with Friars

Monday-Friday—11:45 am & 4:45 pm

## THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

### Monday, February 6

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

### Tuesday, February 7

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

### Wednesday, February 8

- Children's choir, 3:45—5:00 pm
- JH & HS Religion, 7:00—8:15 pm

### Thursday, February 9

- Confessions, 6:15—6:45 pm
- Adult choir, 7:00—8:30 pm

### Saturday, February 11

- Confessions, 3:00—4:00 pm

### Sunday, February 12

- Cemetery collection

"We are all pencils in the  
hand of God."

### Stewardship of Treasure

|                     | <u>Sunday</u><br>1/29/23 | <u>Total Fiscal</u><br><u>Year</u> |
|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 247 Adult envelopes | \$8,966.00               | \$317,546.24                       |
| 48 Online giving    | \$1,526.00               | \$73,074.00                        |
| Other               | <u>\$1,223.00</u>        | <u>\$32,768.57</u>                 |
| <b>TOTAL</b>        | <b>\$11,715.00</b>       | <b>\$423,388.81</b>                |
| Assisi to Africa    | \$621.00                 | \$32,221.00                        |



### Attention Homebound

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound for Sunday, February 12, are Deb Blankenship 217-663-0862 and Brenda Henry 217-857-3964 or 217-343-6242.

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### Parish council nominations

Each year, three persons are elected to serve on the parish council for a three year term. We will be voting for three new members the fourth weekend of February.

All parishioners 18 years and older are invited to nominate parishioners who they feel are qualified to share the pastoral care and leadership of our parish. You can nominate people by sending names to Fr. Joe, emailing, dropping them off at the parish office or placing them in the collection basket. Please include their phone number to prevent confusion as some parishioners share the same name. Deadline for nominations is February 7.

### Palms for Burning

Please bring your old palms to church from now thru February 21. Place them in the basket in front of Mary's altar. They will be burned and the ashes will be used on Ash Wednesday, February 22.

Thank you!



### Teutopolis site of Meals on

**Wheels** is in need of volunteers to deliver meals to area residents in need of a hot nutritious meal. If you have a hour to spare please give Nancy Hoene a call at 217-857-3848 or 217-663-0294 and she will put you on the drivers list. Drivers are willing to exchange

days if you can't drive your regular scheduled day. You will receive a list of regular drivers and phone numbers.

## Religious Education News

**First Reconciliation Grade 2**—March 18, 8:30 am or 10:00 am. If your child can't make their first confession on this day, call the religious education office to make other arrangements at 217-961-6477.



**Bake Sale**—grade 6 students will host the next bake sale on February 8 in the Sr. Ethelbert Center. Each student will be asked to bring items to be sold. Proceeds go to the Missions in Africa.

**Ash Wednesday**—Students in grade 1 will have a prayer service with ashes in the east basement. Students in grade 2 will have a prayer service with ashes in the Sr. Ethelbert Center. Students in grade 3-6 will attend Mass and receive ashes.

**Reconciliation schedule** for grades 3-6 students during Lent: Feb. 27—3C & 3D; Mar. 1—5B & 5K; Mar. 6—3K & 3S; Mar. 8—5M & 6C; Mar. 13—4E & 4M; Mar. 20—4Sa & 4Sc; Mar. 22—6H & 6R; Mar. 29—6T.

## YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

- Feb. 8 - Religion class 7:00—8:15 pm
- Feb. 15 - Religion class 7:00—8:15 pm
- Feb. 17 – JH Valentines Dance
- Feb. 22—No religion class for Ash Wednesday (Please attend services with your family.)
- Feb. 25—CHWC Trivia Night



We are getting ready for trivia night February 25, at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall. Tables of 8 are \$160 and are on sale now! Registration deadline is February 11! Doors open at 5:30 pm with a free-will donation dinner. Trivia starts at 6:30 pm. 1<sup>st</sup> place team will win \$320, 2<sup>nd</sup> place team will win \$240, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place team wins \$160. There will be a 50/50 raffle, basket raffle, and games throughout the night! Call any camper or Maria at 217-961-1500 to sign up.

## Arabian Nights Father Daughter Dance

Sunday, February 19, 1:00-3:00 pm at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall.

*Proceeds will benefit The White Lily Project.*

Ticket sales will continue on the weekends in St. Clare Hall after all Masses except the 6:30 am Mass until dance day.

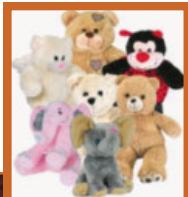
**Presale tickets only!**

**Last day of sales will be Saturday, February 18 after 4:30 pm Mass.**

Tickets will also be available Monday—Friday 9:00 am—noon in the religious ed office until Friday,

February 17. \$30 for each dad/daughter pair and \$5 for each additional daughter.

Donations needed! The Father daughter dance is in need of new or gently used, clean stuffed animals. We are also accepting small prize items for the Hooligan game. Please drop off in marked box in St. Clare hall or call 217-821-8017 for other arrangements. Your generosity is always appreciated!



## Valentine's Dance

St. Francis Youth Ministry will be holding a Junior High Valentines Dance on Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-9:00 pm in the TGS gymnasium.

All Unit 50 Junior High students are invited. Must have a signed permission slip and \$5 to enter. Drinks and snacks will be provided!



**CHWC Superbowl Fundraiser**

**CHWC Superbowl Fundraiser** - Our annual St. Francis CHWC Superbowl square fundraiser is going on now! Cost per square is \$20. They are on sale after Masses this weekend in St. Clare Hall. Squares are also sold on weekdays from 9:00 am—noon in the religious education office. You can also buy a square from any camper. We accept payment by cash or check. Prizes will be awarded after each quarter... \$100 after the 1<sup>st</sup>, \$200 after the 2<sup>nd</sup>, \$300 after the 3<sup>rd</sup>, and \$400 after the 4<sup>th</sup>. Thanks for supporting St. Francis CHWC!



### Baptism Prep Dates

- Thursday, February 9, St. Rose
- Thursday, March 2, St. Francis
- Tuesday, April 4, St. Isidore
- Thursday, May 4, St. Francis
- Thursday, June 1, St. Rose
- Thursday, July 6, 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.

### 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. Mary, St. Marie, March 11, 2023. 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 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, February 25, 2023, 9:30-11:00 am at St. Anthony Church.
- Saturday, April 15, 2023, 8:30-10:00 am at St. Francis of Assisi Church.
- Saturday, June 17, 2023, 9:00-10:30 pm at St. Anthony Church.

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



### Annual Newman Breakfast Sunday, February 5, 2023

7 am until Noon at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall. Menu will include all you can eat scrambled eggs, whole hog sausage, biscuits & gravy, hashbrowns, french toast sticks, cinnamon rolls, coffee, juice & milk. Baked goods will be available for purchase, and chances will be available for raffle items.

Over 80 Newman Centers throughout the state of Illinois offer college students a chance to gather and practice their faith. Proceeds from the breakfast go to the Newman Fund.



### De Colores Spring Weekends—Say yes to a 3 day

beautiful experience at camp Walter Scott. If you're: So busy, don't know which end is up, distance from Jesus, but want His peace, tired of the rat race, need a break, looking to refresh, rest, renew? So many in our area have found a treasure in De Colores. It's your turn!

Men's weekend, March 16-19; Lay leader, Scott Kastl  
217-343-8206 [knightsrk2009@gmail.com](mailto:knightsrk2009@gmail.com)

Women's weekend, March 23-26; Lay leader, Carol Toney  
217-821-7607 [caroltoney52@gmail.com](mailto:caroltoney52@gmail.com)



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### Catholic Charities

is offering free tax preparation for qualified individuals in our service area from February 1 to March 31, 2023.

Information can be dropped off Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Clients must meet income eligibility requirements. The income limit is \$60,000 or less per family. Please contact Catholic Charities at 217-857-1458 for additional information and a list of items/information that must be dropped off.



He is the patron saint of animals and throat illnesses. People pray to St. Blaise for healing miracles.

## Liturgical Ministers for February 11/12

| Ministry | 4:30 pm                                                                                          | 6:30 am                                                                                   | 8:30 am                                                                                            | 10:30 am                                                                                       |
|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Readers  | Kristin Probst<br>Mona Vahling                                                                   | Cindy Esker                                                                               | Phil Hartke<br>Kathy Hartke                                                                        | Maranda Martin<br>Theresa Bushur                                                               |
| Ushers   | *John Bushur<br>Dave Bloemer<br>Jeremy Niebrugge<br>Eric Habing<br>Dylan Bloemer<br>Joe Zerrusen | *Jim Esker<br>Daren Drees<br>Robert Poe<br>Charlie Kroeger<br>Jared Runde<br>Chris Hartke | *Bernie Hartke<br>Pat Niemerg<br>Mick Deters<br>Larry Funneman<br>Chris Zerrusen<br>Marcus Sheehan | *Doug Runde<br>Larry Hardiek<br>Jake Pals<br>Bill Martin, Jr.<br>Hank Niebrugge<br>Tom Vahling |
| Servers  | Owen Kremer<br>Abby Zane<br>Maddie Zane                                                          | Eric Uthell<br>Meriel Schumacher<br>Xavier Schumacher                                     | Jackson Willenborg<br>Dalton Willenborg<br>Dylan Deters                                            | Noah Koester<br>Adrienne Koester<br>Rylyn Koester                                              |
| Music    | Guitars                                                                                          | Jason Schumacher                                                                          | Adult Choir                                                                                        | Stephanie Rauch                                                                                |

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# Upcoming EVENTS

**Teutopolis Park District**—Indoor pool party at the Workman Sports & Wellness Aquatic Center on February, 17, 5:30-7:00 pm.

## Knights of Columbus



Teutopolis Banquet Hall  
Starting February 14  
5:00—7:30 pm  
Hamburger/Cheeseburger with  
French fries or wings.

**The Springfield in Illinois diocesan council of catholic women (SDCCW female high school senior leadership scholarship)**—FOUR \$1,500 scholarships! Please contact your parish office for applications. A typed application, essay and two letters of recommendation are required.



Winter blahs got you down? Join us for a  
**Margarita-ville Dance!**  
With Danny Shelton and the Bird Dogs  
Teutopolis Banquet Hall—Sat., Feb. 11, 2023  
Wear a Hawaiian shirt or grass skirt—if you dare!  
Reservations 217-600-3546

**Teutopolis K of C** will hold an initiation on Feb. 14 at 6:00 pm. Anyone interested in joining contact Rich Walk at 217-821-4963 or John Burford at 217-821-0998.

All the men of the parish are invited to join others on Friday mornings for a new year of **SonRise** featuring a program from That Man Is You. The theme is “Thy Kingdom Come” and includes presentations by TEN impressive Catholic speakers.

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Join us Friday mornings. SonRise Men’s Breakfast is held every Friday at 6:30 am in the Parish Center at St. Anthony’s. Breakfast starts at 6:10 am and program at 6:30 am followed by discussion and prayer. We will make sure to have you out by 7:30 am. The content and the fellowship can be truly transformational! For more information, contact the parish office or Dan Woods, 217-821-1495 or danwoodsface@gmail.com. Learn more at tmiy.org.

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