

February 12, 2023 - Sixth 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.

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From the Pastor

I'm sure Valentine's Day means something different to each of us. I wish you and your special other, spouse, God's blessings on St. Valentine's Day. Gentlemen, it's Tuesday of this week!

Today we celebrate Lincoln's Birthday. As members of the "Land of Lincoln" with Springfield so close by we have a special connection with "Honest Abe." An interesting man whose Gettysburg Address has been memorized by how many students over the years.

And this past Tuesday, Feb 7th, our president gave his State of the Union address. (I am writing this Tuesday afternoon, so I hope he is going to give his address Tuesday evening!)

That gave me an idea for a sermon for Masses this coming weekend. The difference between a sermon and a homily is that a sermon is topical – for instance a bishop could send a list out each year of what topic he wanted his pastors to preach on this or that weekend. Whereas a homily is Scripturally based. It's a matter of studying the texts, the three readings, praying over them, asking the Holy Spirit to help guide towards understanding the Word, and organize what the Holy Spirit is telling us about applying these readings to our world today. It has been said that a good preacher should go to the pulpit with the bible in one hand and the newspaper in the other hand. A good deal of truth in this.

So I'm going to preach a sermon for all the Masses this weekend, and coming off the "State of The Union address" I would like to call this the "State of the Parish" address. Fr. Juan Carlos is going to preside at the 10:30 Mass, and he has generously consented to let me preach at that Mass. I will preside at the others.

Rather than share with you income and expenses of the parish, I am going to consider one topic. You have heard it said many times, and perhaps you have used the expression yourself: "It is what it is." That is a good example of a tautologous statement. What I would like to share with you are my thoughts on the parish in terms of "it is what it is....and what it could be." If we settle for what is, then we could slip into complacency. If we strive for what it could be, then we are in the area of intentionality and hopefully improvement. Let's ask the Holy Spirit to guide us.

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 Wentz, Gary Cornell, Sharon Ghast, 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.



Join us February 16, 2023 for the 55 Plus gathering following the 12:10 pm Mass in St. Clare hall. Spaghetti, fettuccine alfredo and salad from Joe's will be served. Feel free to bring a dish or dessert to share. RSVP by calling 217-961-6404.

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 13, 6:30 am: Anthony Schumacher
 Tuesday, February 14, 6:30 am: Patty Pruemer
 Tuesday, February 14, 7:55 am: Leo Pruemer
 Wednesday, February 15, 6:30 am: George Habing
 Thursday, February 16, 6:30 am: Clarence Beckman
 Thursday, February 16, 7:55 am: Nadine Brumleve
 Thursday, February 16, 12:10 pm: Ray Lohman
 Friday, February 17, 6:30 am: Linus Nosbisch
 Friday, February 17, 7:55 am: Delbert & Eileen Haskenherm
 Saturday, February 18, 4:30 pm: Mary Louise Westjohn
 Sunday, February 19, 6:30 am: Nadine Brumleve
 Sunday, February 19, 8:30 am: Pro Populo
 Sunday, February 19, 10:30 am: Sue Borries

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Welcome to our faith Family:

Chase Michael Ervin
 Son of Tyler & Jenna (Ruholl) Ervin

Myles Ray Dasenbrock
 Son of Kyle & Macy (Koester) Dasenbrock

ATTENTION LADIES OF THE PARISH

You are all invited to come and share friendship, fellowship, and food at the 2nd 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 6th Week in Ordinary Time February 13—19

Monday,	Mass at 6:30 am Adoration 1:00 pm Monday until 6:00 am Tuesday
Tuesday,	St. Cyril St. Methodius “Valentine’s Day” Mass at 6:30 & 7:55 am
Wednesday,	Mass at 6:30 am
Thursday,	Mass at 6:30, 7:55 am & 12:10 pm
Friday,	Mass at 6:30 & 7:55 am
Saturday,	Mass at 4:30 pm
Sunday,	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass at 6:30, 8:30, 10:30 am

Confession Schedule

Tuesday, February 14, 6:15-6:45 pm
Thursday, February 16, 6:15-6:45 pm
Saturday, February 18, 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 13

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

Tuesday, February 14

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

Wednesday, February 15

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

Thursday, February 16

- 55+ lunch following the 12:10 pm Mass
- Confessions, 6:15—6:45 pm
- Adult choir, 7:00—8:30 pm

Saturday, February 18

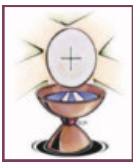
- Confessions, 3:00—4:00 pm

Sunday, February 19

- Secular Franciscans, 1:00—5:00 pm, church and St. Clare

Stewardship of Treasure

	<u>Sunday</u> 2/12/23	<u>Total Fiscal</u> <u>Year</u>
242 Adult envelopes	\$9,290.50	\$326,836.74
71 Online giving	\$3,776.00	\$76,850.00
Other	<u>\$989.00</u>	<u>\$33,757.57</u>
TOTAL	\$14,055.50	\$437,444.31
Assisi to Africa	\$1,107.00	\$33,328.00



Attention Homebound

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound for Sunday, February 19 are Lenora Drees 217-857-3583 and Lori Mette 217-663-0869.

Illinois March for Life in Springfield – March 21, 2023 – Please make plans to attend!

There will be a diocesan Mass at 10:00 am at the Sangamon Auditorium, at 12:00 pm Rally at the Capitol in Springfield, followed by a March around the Capitol, as well as lobbying at the Capitol.

In the last 6 years, lawmakers in Springfield passed the Repeal of Parental Notification (2021), the Reproductive Health Act (2019), which allows abortion through all 9 months, removed health inspections of abortion clinics (and more), and HB 40 Tax Payer Funding of Abortion (2017).

As a result, at least 4 regional abortion clinics have been built in IL near the border of WI, MO, & IN since 2018. Recently, an abortion organization launched a bus to travel around the IL state border to offer abortions to those in neighboring states. Illinois’ state laws are detrimental to preborn lives across the Midwest! Please plan to join the March for Life in Springfield on March 21!



FINAL CLASS

An additional Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) & Bleeding Control Tactics class will be offered to all parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi Parish.



This class will be offered at no charge. Class is scheduled for **March 21st at 7:00 pm**
Instructor: John Neihls, RN, EMT-Paramedic
Class will be conducted in the Sr. Ethelbert Center.
To register call or text Eric Habing at 217-821-2549.

Parish Council Nominees—the following have agreed to have their name on the parish council ballot:

Charles Runde	Laurie Drees
Donna Addis	Dan Blankenship
Kathy Bloemer	Patrick Kreke

Their biographies will be in the bulletin next week. Election will take place the weekend of February 25/26.

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.

Lenten mission boxes will be passed out to grades 1-6 students the week of February 19. Lenten boxes should be returned the week of March 27. The mission money will be brought up during Mass on this schedule: March 30—grades 2 & 5, March 31—grades 1 & 6, and April 4—grades 3 & 4.

Ash Wednesday—Students in grade 1 will have a prayer service with ashes in the east basement. Students in grade 2 will attend Mass in the Chapel and receive ashes. 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.



Fr. Dennis visited first grade.

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!



YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

Feb. 15 - Religion class 7:00—8:15 pm

Feb. 17 – JH Valentines Dance

Feb. 20—CHWC meeting at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall

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. 1st place team will win \$320, 2nd place team will win \$240, and 3rd 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.

Valentine's Dance

St. Francis Youth Ministry will be holding a Junior High Valentines Dance on Friday, February 17th from 7:00-9:00 pm in the TGS gym. 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 until noon on Sunday. Prizes will be awarded after each quarter...\$100 after the 1st, \$200 after the 2nd, \$300 after the 3rd, and \$400 after the 4th. Watch the St. Francis youth ministry facebook page to find out if you won! Thanks for supporting St. Francis CHWC!



Baptism Prep Dates

- 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 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 or call or text 217-821-1840.



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!



Rosary for Peace in the World – We continue to pray the Rosary before all weekend Masses for peace in Ukraine and in the whole world, except on special occasions where there is extra music prior to Mass. Our Lady of Lourdes, whose feast day is February 11, requested the Rosary be prayed for the conversion of sinners. If you wish to join, please arrive early before Mass! More Rosary leaders are always needed. If you feel called to lead, please sign up on the sheet at the main entrance. Thank you!



Worldwide Marriage Encounter presents weekend experiences for married couples to rekindle romance, enhance meaningful communication, and deepen and renew commitment. The next **IN-PERSON** weekend experience is listed below. Sign-up now! For more information or to apply, go to wwme.org, or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

Mar. 31-Apr. 2, 2023, Courtyard Marriott, St. Peters, MO

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
Women's weekend, March 23-26; Lay leader, Carol Toney
217-821-7607 caroltoney52@gmail.com

THANK YOU to all who supported our recent soup supper and raffles to benefit our Coles County Catholic Workers Houses of Hospitality serving women and children in need. The St. Mary House in Mattoon, and the St. Hedwig, Fr. Tolton, and Dorothy Day Houses in Charleston and the good people who live there will all continue to benefit from your prayers and sacrifices. This year's event hosted by the generous folks of Teutopolis raised over \$21,500. Countless volunteers and benefactors made this possible. It is hard to imagine a greater example of so many people of good will coming together to live the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy and the principles of Solidarity and Subsidiarity of Catholic social teaching. Every human effort united with the grace of the Holy Spirit is making a difference every day in the lives of our guests in time and for eternity.

Please say a prayer of thanksgiving and wear a grateful smile every chance you get!

Liturgical Ministers for February 18/19

<u>Ministry</u>	<u>4:30 pm</u>	<u>6:30 am</u>	<u>8:30 am</u>	<u>10:30 am</u>
Readers	Kristin Probst Mona Vahling	Cindy Esker	Phil Hartke Kathy Hartke	Maranda Martin Theresa Bushur
Ushers	*John Bushur Dave Bloemer Jeremy Niebrugge Eric Habing Dylan Bloemer Joe Zerrusen	*Jim Esker Daren Drees Robert Poe Charlie Kroeger Jared Runde Chris Hartke	*Bernie Hartke Pat Niemerg Mick Deters Larry Funneman Chris Zerrusen Marcus Sheehan	*Doug Runde Larry Hardiek Jake Pals Bill Martin, Jr. Hank Niebrugge Tom Vahling
Servers	Myles Stortzum Lily Stortzum Tess Stortzum	Addison Hoene Lexi Hoene Owen Lynch Mark Lynch	Alex Ghist Jackson Ghist Macy Petersen	John Pruemmer Joshua Pruemmer Evan Waldhoff
Music	Toddie Eckelberry	Jim Quatman	Tracy Dennis	Children’s Choir


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Upcoming EVENTS



Teutopolis Knights of Columbus

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



Teutopolis site of Meals on Wheels is in need of volunteers to deliver meals to area residents in need. If you have an 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.


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.


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.

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

Invitation to join an In-person book study during Lent—NO FEE! Led by Pati Jansen and Sr. Jane Boos, SSND. Book: ‘Becoming an Ordinary Mystic’ by Fr. Albert Haase, OFM. ISBN: 978-0-8308-4657-3 (print), 978-0-8308-7057-8 (digital). Thursdays, March 16—May 18, 2023, 1:00 –2:30 pm every two weeks. St. Anthony Parish Hall, Effingham; participants purchase their own book. To register by March 10, 2023; call 217-622-4997 or email pati@jansenfam.com or jboosnd@gmail.com.

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.



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