

February 26, 2023 - First Sunday of Lent

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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

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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

We are well on the journey! On Ash Wednesday we began our Lenten journey of 40 days. Please do yourself a favor and don't wait until Holy Week to think to yourself: "I should really do something for lent." Some of us have been thinking long before Ash Wednesday about our plan for making the most of these days of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

A couple weeks ago I spoke at all the Masses about: "it is what it is, but it's not what it could be." We can use this special time of lent to move from what is to what can be. Maybe we have slipped into a mode of complacency, and we are satisfied with a minimum amount of effort. OK, what does the Church require of us?

All Fridays are days of abstinence – if we are over 14 years old, then we don't eat meat. Years ago I had breakfast one morning at the Kountry Kitchen, with three ladies, older than I was, and they were convinced that the church requires us to abstain from meat from our 14th birthday until we are 70 years old!!! I told them they were making this up, that it was never a teaching of the church. The first part was true; once we turn 14, then we abstain. But it doesn't stop at 70 years old! I think it would be a difficult task to try to convince oneself that he or she MUST have at least one meal of meat each day, including Fridays in lent. And what is the big deal? You can have a delicious meal without meat. Vegetarians never eat meat, and they survive just fine.

The Church requires of us to live the gospel. This is really what it comes out to. Living the gospel is putting the Good News of Jesus into our lives. The Word became flesh. Jesus emptied himself of his divinity and took on our humanity to show us the way. Early Christians were first called followers of the way.

During lent, we can try more than usual to become what we could be rather than what we are. We could be better Christians, better Catholics, better husbands or wives, better sons or daughters. Lent is a time to improve and take our religion more seriously. We can come to a weekday Mass if we are not used to doing this. We can pray the rosary a couple times a week if we usually don't pray the rosary. We can stop in the side chapel on a Monday evening during Adoration and devote a half hour of quiet time with Jesus. Lots of possibilities if we think about it. Don't wait till Holy Week to decide!



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Welcome to our faith Family:

Wren Marie Hardiek

Daughter of Brock & Kelsey (Reardon) Hardiek

Jonah Robert Deters

Son of Drew & Sara (White) Deters

Collins Noel Higgs

Daughter of Vincent & Stephanie (McMahon) Higgs

Miriam Joy Zuber

Daughter of Benjamin & Erica (Fisher) Zuber

CATHOLIC CHARITIES COLLECTION

Next weekend, March 4/5, we will have our annual Catholic Charities Collection. Please give generously. Thank you.

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.

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, 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 27, 6:30 am: Roger Worman
Tuesday, February 28, 6:30 am: Alois Foerster
Tuesday, February 28, 7:55 am: Ted Hinkle
Wednesday, March 1, 6:30 am: Alvin Worman
Thursday, March 2, 6:30 am: Sue Borries
Thursday, March 2, 7:55 am: Lester & Betty Miller
Friday, March 3, 6:30 am: Don Brumleve
Friday, March 3, 7:55 am: Larry & Mert McMahon
Saturday, March 4, 4:30 pm: Dory Thoele
Sunday, March 5, 6:30 am: Margaret Pruemer
Sunday, March 5, 8:30 am: Pro Populo
Sunday, March 5, 10:30 am: Karen Waldhoff

Liturgy Schedule 1st Week of Lent February 27—March 6

Monday,	St. Gregory of Narek Mass at 6:30 am Adoration 1:00 pm Monday until 6:00 am Tuesday
Tuesday,	Mass at 6:30 & 7:55 am
Wednesday,	Mass at 6:30 am
Thursday,	Mass at 6:30 & 7:55 am
Friday,	St. Katharine Drexel Mass at 6:30 & 7:55 am
Saturday,	St. Casimir Mass at 4:30 pm
Sunday,	2nd Sunday of Lent Mass at 6:30, 8:30, 10:30 am

Confession Schedule

Tuesday, February 28, 6:15-6:45 pm
Thursday, March 2, 3:00-4:00 & 6:15-6:45 pm
Saturday, March 4, 3:00-4:00 pm

Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 3—7:00 pm

Liturgy of the Hours with Friars

Monday-Friday—11:45 am & 4:45 pm

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday, February 27

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

Tuesday, February 28

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

Wednesday, March 1

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

Thursday, March 2

- Confessions, 3:00—4:00 & 6:15—6:45 pm
- Adult choir, 7:00—8:30 pm
- Baptism Prep, 7:00 pm, St. Clare hall

Friday, March 3

- Stations of the Cross, 7:00 pm

Saturday, March 4

- Confessions, 3:00—4:00 pm

Sunday, March 5

- Special collection, Catholic Charities

Stewardship of Treasure

	<u>Sunday</u> 2/19/23	<u>Total Fiscal</u> <u>Year</u>
257 Adult envelopes	\$9,305.50	\$343,948.24
57 Online giving	\$2,206.00	\$81,159.00
Other	<u>\$1,025.00</u>	<u>\$36,097.57</u>
TOTAL	\$12,536.50	\$461,204.81
Assisi to Africa	\$190.00	\$34,088.00



Attention Homebound

Holy Communion will be brought to you on First Friday, March 3. No Communion to you on Sunday, March 5.



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 and will take approximately 90 minutes.

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.



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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.

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 were 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.

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.



LENT

The Father-Daughter dance last weekend was a success! The dance committee would like to thank all of the generous sponsors, donors, and volunteers who helped!

We couldn't have done it without you ♥

Special thanks to Maria, Dan, and Camille for assisting with office ticket sales.

All proceeds will go to The White Lily Project.



YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

- Mar 1 – Religious education classes 7:00—8:15 pm
- Mar 3 – Teen center open 7:30—10:00 pm
- Mar 8 – Religious education classes 7:00—8:15 pm
- Mar 15 – Religious education classes 7:00—8:15 pm
- Mar 17 – HS Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm
- Mar 17 – Teen center open 7:30—10:00 pm
- Mar 22 – Religious education classes 7:00—8:15 pm
- Mar 24 – JH Silhouette Stations 7:00 pm
- Mar 29 – Religious education classes 7:00—8:15 pm

CHWC NEWS



CHWC trivia night

Thanks for supporting the St Francis CHWC mission trip to Louisville this June! Stay tuned for details on winners and totals that will be published in next weeks' bulletin!

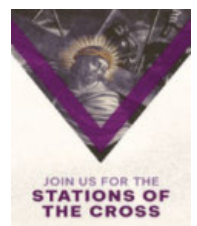


We had a great turnout for the JH Valentines Dance on February 17, 143 students attended!



Stations of the Cross—Fridays of Lent at 7:00 pm

- March 3—Friars
 - March 10—Jesus Speaks
 - March 17—Life Teen Stations of the Cross (HS)
 - March 24—Silhouette Stations (JH)
 - March 31—Friars
 - April 7—Good Friday-Stations
- Type of Stations and presenters subject to change.





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, 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 Pruemmer, CFCP. Email her at kpruemmer@gmail.com or call or text 217-821-1840.



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Spring 40 Days for Life is February 22-April 2 - 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. 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, Champaign or Springfield, click on "Location" and search for the vigil site.

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.



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| 3/04 | Carol Heuerman (82) |
| 3/12 | Robert Pals (85) |
| 3/12 | Bernard Runde (82) |
| 3/14 | Evelyn Dhom (95) |
| 3/18 | Art Deters (81) |
| 3/19 | Harold Esker (94) |
| 3/21 | Marilyn Zerrusen (80) |
| 3/30 | Betty Buscher (81) |
| 3/31 | Alice Ruholl (80) |

Support Life in Illinois-1 day March

Springfield March for Life will be March 21, beginning with 10:00 am Mass at Sangamon Auditorium celebrated by Bishop Paprocki. The rally and speakers at the capitol building will begin at noon. Seats on a Bales bus are limited so text now. TEXT 217-663-2056 Diann Ruholl, by March 6. We will be leaving the Effingham K of C hall at 7:30 am, bring a sack lunch, return at 5:00 pm. Cost is \$20 and a package of Pampers to help Family Life Center.



Liturgical Ministers for March 4/5

<u>Ministry</u>	<u>4:30 pm</u>	<u>6:30 am</u>	<u>8:30 am</u>	<u>10:30 am</u>
Readers	Dan Niemerg Kent Probst	Jane Pruemer	Monica Kremer Jill Schumacher	Cathy Thoele Marty Siemer
Ushers	*Scott Brumleve Chris Deters Glen Waldhoff 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 Collin Niemerg Brian Ruholl Tom Niebrugge Tom Schabbing
Servers	Jaci Buhnerkemper Owen Kreke Harrison Kreke	Ozzie Pals Evie Pals Justin Runde	Krista Roedl Kaylee Roedl Ella Wermert	Gavin Addis Derek Schmidt Allie Wilhelms
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Upcoming EVENTS

Teutopolis Park District
 Gr. 3 & 4 instructional volleyball (Mar. 25-Apr.1): Sign up by Mar. 1
 Gr. 5 & 6 volleyball (Mar. 18-May 6): Sign up by Mar. 1
 Baseball/softball: Sign up by Mar. 1

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.



De Colores Spring Weekends—Say yes to a 3 day beautiful experience at camp Walter Scott. If you're 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

Teutopolis Knights of Columbus

Every Tuesday!
 5:00—7:30 pm
 Hamburger/Cheeseburger with French fries or wings.

Teutopolis CD of A will meet on Monday, February 27 at 7:00 pm, at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall.

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.

Sacred Heart Parish presents

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 7:00pm - Entertainment: Windy City Dueling Pianos

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