

March 12, 2023 - Third 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

IF TODAY
YOU HEAR
his voice.
HARDEN
NOT YOUR
Hearts.

Psalms 95



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

Bishop Damian Junker was appointed Bishop of Alton, IL in January of 1857 – the Quincy Diocese was erected in 1853! One of the first things this bishop did was take a trip to Germany to “recruit” Franciscans to come to his diocese. Three priests and 6 brothers were chosen from the many who volunteered to come to the missions in Illinois. The friars arrived in 1858. The German Catholics of Quincy, IL had a monstrance dedicated to the Right Rev. H.D. Junker, bishop of Alton, IL. This monstrance is travelling around the diocese from parish to parish as part of our Diocesan Year of the Eucharist 12/8/22- 12/8/23.

Our parish will host this monstrance on Monday, March 27th. We will have exposition in the morning and then adoration in church all day. We will move the Blessed Sacrament to the side chapel continuing adoration until 6:00 a.m. on Tuesday. During this day of adoration we will be having our Eucharistic Day of Prayer for Life.

Are Sundays considered Lent? This gets debated. If one is giving up something or trying to do something special for Lent, when Sunday comes is he or she free of the Lenten resolution? I think raising the question is indicative of whether or not one has the spirit of Lent.

Please keep in mind our third graders, who are preparing for the first time they will receive the sacrament of reconciliation, which will be this Saturday morning, March 18th.

At the 4:30 Mass this weekend we had what is called the First Scrutiny for those preparing to enter the Church at the Easter Vigil. Alaina Martin, the daughter of Nicholas and Ashley Martin, is going to be baptized this year. She will continue her initiation with Confirmation and her first Eucharist at a later time.

At the time of the writing of this bulletin, we just don't know the outcome of the basketball games this week. We do know what happened at Carbondale on Monday night. Congratulations to our Shoes!! We are proud of 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 Wentz, Gary Cornell, Sharon Ghast, Jennifer Carlen, Tammy Gebben, John W. Miller, Dustin Borries, 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, March 13, 6:30 am: Bernice Tucker

Tuesday, March 14, 6:30 am: Ted Hinkle

Tuesday, March 14, 7:55 am: James Waldhoff

Wednesday, March 15, 6:30 am: Jerry & MaryAnn Zerrusen

Thursday, March 16, 6:30 am: Linus Nosbisch

Thursday, March 16, 7:55 am: Lucille Buhnerkempe

Friday, March 17, 6:30 am: Margaret Pruemer

Friday, March 17, 7:55 am: Alois Foerster

Saturday, March 18, 4:30 pm: Paul & Marian Runde

Sunday, March 19, 6:30 am: Pro Populo

Sunday, March 19, 8:30 am: Marilyn Meyer

Sunday, March 19, 10:30 am: Jerry Brickley

PENANCE SERVICE

Tuesday, March 28, 2023

7:00—8:00 pm



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.

Everyone is welcome to attend the Deanery Prayer Vigil for Life to pray for the protection of all life at Sacred Heart in Lillyville on Monday, March 20. Praying the rosary will begin at 6:00 pm. Fr. Sunder Ery 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.



Knights of Columbus
Easter Ham Bingo

March 19
Teutopolis Banquet Hall

Doors open at 5:00 pm and bingo starts at 6:00 pm. Proceeds go to the Teutopolis 4th Degree Council of the Knights of Columbus to help support local charities.

CCW Quilt is ready to be quilted!

The quilt will be set up in the St. Clare Hall. We will be quilting on Tuesday and Fridays from 9:00 am-noon and 1:00-4:00 pm and Wednesday from 9:00am-noon and 1:00-3:00 pm. All are welcome to stop by and quilt whenever you are available. Any questions, call Jean Habing at 217-821-3704.

Liturgy Schedule 3rd Week of Lent March 13—19

Monday,	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. Patrick Mass at 6:30 & 7:55 am
Saturday,	St. Cyril of Jerusalem Mass at 4:30 pm
Sunday,	4th Sunday of Lent Mass at 6:30, 8:30, 10:30 am

Confession Schedule

Tuesday, March 14, 6:15-6:45 pm
Thursday, March 16, 6:15-6:45 pm
Saturday, March 18, 3:00-4:00 pm

Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 17—7:00 pm

Liturgy of the Hours with Friars

Monday-Friday—11:45 am & 4:45 pm



Join us March 16, 2023 for the 55 Plus gathering following the 12:10 pm Mass in St. Clare hall. Sausage and sauerkraut, mashed potatoes and a dessert will be served. Feel free to bring a dish or dessert to share.
RSVP by calling 217-961-6404.

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.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday, March 13

- Adoration, 1:00 pm Monday—6:00 am Tuesday
- CHWC Meeting in Sr. Ethelbert Center, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, March 14

- Quilting in St. Clare Hall, 9:00 am-noon & 1:00-4:00 pm
- Confessions, 6:15—6:45 pm
- Guitar practice, 6:45 pm

Wednesday, March 15

- Stations of the Cross, Gr. 1 & 2, 8:00 am
- Quilting in St. Clare Hall, 9:00 am-noon & 1:00-3:00 pm
- Children's choir, 3:45—5:00 pm
- Youth & adult choir, 6:30—8:30 pm
- JH/HS Religion 7:00—8:15 pm

Thursday, March 16

- 55+ lunch following the 12:10 pm Mass
- Monastery Museum meeting, 1:30 pm
- Confessions, 6:15—6:45 pm
- Parish Council meeting, Sr. Ethelbert Ctr., 7:00 pm

Friday, March 17

- Quilting in St. Clare Hall, 9:00 am-noon & 1:00-4:00 pm
- Stations of the Cross, 7:00 pm

Saturday, March 18

- First Reconciliation, 8:30 & 10:00 am
- Confessions, 3:00—4:00 pm

Sunday, March 19

- Special Collection, Catholic Relief Services
- 4th Degree Easter Ham Bingo, Teutopolis Banquet Hall, doors open at 5:00 pm, Bingo at 6:00 pm
- Secular Franciscans 1:00-5:00 pm, church and St. Clare Hall



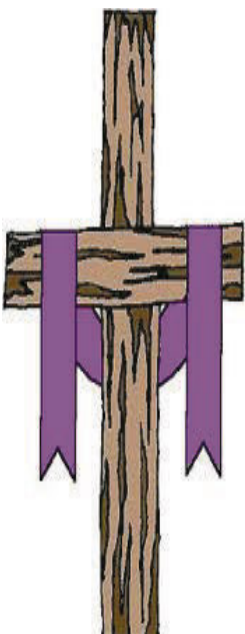
Attention Homebound

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

Stewardship of Treasure

	<u>Sunday</u> 3/5/23	<u>Total Fiscal</u> <u>Year</u>
244 Adult envelopes	\$13,147.00	\$366,094.24
70 Online giving	\$3,891.00	\$86,896.00
Other	<u>\$765.50</u>	<u>\$37,992.62</u>
TOTAL	\$17,803.50	\$490,982.86
Assisi to Africa	\$1,487.00	\$36,286.00

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.

Grade 1 & 2 Stations of the Cross—
 March 15, 8:00 am, the students will pray the Stations of the Cross in church. Family members are invited to the liturgy.

Lenten mission 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: Mar. 13—4E & 4M; Mar. 20—4Sa & 4Sc; Mar. 22—6H & 6R; Mar. 29—6T.


Grade 1 & 6 Seder meal in Sr. Ethelbert at 8:00 am. April 3—Grade 1; April 4—Grade 6C & 6R; April 5—6H & 6T.

Grade school trivia night at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall, April 2 at 5:00 pm. Pizza at 5:30 pm; Children's choir at 5:45 pm; Grade 1 trivia at 6:15 pm; Grade 2 trivia at 6:30 pm; Grade 3 trivia at 6:45; Grade 4 trivia at 7:00; Grade 5 at 7:15; Grade 6 trivia at 7:30 pm.

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

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.





YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR


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**

Service hours –Your junior high and high school students were asked at the beginning of the year to complete 20 hours of service during the school year and **Lent is a perfect time to fulfill that goal!** We will be talking about it during religion. Please help with our goal by talking to your student about how they may like to volunteer at church or contribute to the community! Blue service forms can be turned in anytime but are due April 26th!



CHWC Campers/Parents - The next meeting is scheduled for March 13 at 7:00 pm in the Sr. Ethelbert dining room. We will be talking about camp paperwork and voting on T-shirts! See ya there!




EASTER Fun Day

This annual event for kids ages 4-12 will be held April 8 from 8:30-10:30 am. We will have a craft, snack, games for kids and an Easter egg hunt. Registration details will be out soon!



FINAL CLASS

An additional Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) & Bleeding Control Tactics class will be offered to 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.



PRO LIFE

PRO-LIFE PRAYER— Please commit to prayer during the current 40 Days for Life for an end to abortion. Mark your calendars for our **Eucharistic Day of Prayer for Life on Monday, March 27** in the chapel, beginning at 9:00 am and continuing through 6:00 am Tuesday. “He emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, He humbled himself and became obedient to death, even death on a cross.” Phil 2:7-8

PRAYER O Lord, help us follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Let us humbly and diligently work to restore legal protection for the unborn, the disabled, the medically dependent and all innocent children of God whose lives are threatened. Amen.

PRO-LIFE PRAYER AND ACTION – Please commit to prayer during the current 40 Days for Life for an end to abortion. More than 50% of all abortions now happen by women taking the abortion pill. Walgreens, CVS, and Rite Aid pharmacy chains have stated they will soon begin selling the abortion pill (mifepristone). Abortion pills kill almost half a million children in the womb each year in the US, and are dangerous for the women who take them. Prescription of the abortion inducing drug via a remote telemedical appointment and same-day filling of the prescription will allow women, even minors, to have immediate access to this drug without the knowledge of their family. Research has shown that health complications for women from the abortion pill are 4X higher than from a surgical abortion. Please let our local Effingham Walgreens Pharmacy know that we don’t want them to become an abortion provider in our community! Respectfully, ask them to reject sale of the abortion pill. How? • Stop in during pharmacy hours (8:00 am - 8:00 pm) and ask to speak to the manager and/or pharmacy manager. Be respectful! • Write a letter and send to: Walgreens, 1200 W. Fayette Ave, Effingham, IL 62401 • Call them at 217-342-6075.



Baptism Prep Dates

- 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.

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.



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:

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

CRS Collection

Next week our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection.

Your support of this collection helps victims of war and natural disasters receive emergency assistance; assists migrants and refugees who need housing, education, and specialized immigration legal assistance; and supports travelers and people whose livelihoods require special pastoral support and access to the sacraments. Your support makes a difference for so many around the globe, please be generous. To learn more about the collection visit www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

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Liturgical Ministers for March 18/19

Ministry	4:30 pm	6:30 am	8:30 am	10:30 am
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	*Ryan Jansen Dan Habing Jake Habing Troy Bloemer Paul Willenborg Todd Voelker	*Rich Niebrugge Greg Addis Collin Niemerg Brian Ruholl Tom Niebrugge Tom Schabbing
Servers	Michael Habing Alex Habing Aiden Funneman	Xavier Schumacher Meriel Schumacher Kaleb Buenker	Gavin Tegeler Gabriella Tegeler Grant Tegeler	Molly Habing Addisyn Koester Jackson Meyer
Music	Lauren Siemer	Jason Schumacher Jim Schumacher	Tracy Dennis	Monica Feldhake

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Upcoming EVENTS

Teutopolis Park District

Fitness Programs (April 3-June 2): Sign up by March 17

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.



Teutopolis Knights of Columbus



Every Tuesday!
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Hamburger/Cheeseburger with French fries or wings.

FISH FRY

Every Friday of Lent from 5:00—7:30 pm



Teutopolis Knight's of Columbus

ST. PATTY'S DAY BASH! MARCH 17

- Doors Open: 6pm – Must purchase 1 \$5 raffle ticket
- Music From Flight 50: 7:30pm-10:30pm
- Raffle Drawing: 9pm

Sponsor Tables for \$200 include:

- 8 Raffle tickets
- 16 drink tickets (any drink)
- 8 Green Beer Mugs
- Advertisement via social media and at event
- Contact Russ Runde @ 217-663-4091 to purchase



Seek the Eucharist, Go to Joseph

Lenten Retreat presented by Fr. John Titus

Saturday, March 18 & Sunday, March 19

Saturday, March 18 - Mass at 4:00pm
Sunday, March 19 - Masses at 8:30am & 10:30am

Monday, March 20: Solemnity of St. Joseph

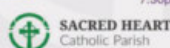
8:30am Mass;
9:00am-8:00pm Adoration;
5:30pm Social & Soup in the church narthex;
6:30pm Presentation - Joseph Feeds the Hungry;
8:00pm Benediction

Tuesday, March 21

8:30am Mass;
6:30pm Presentation - Joseph, Terror of Demons;
7:00pm Private Reconciliation (with multiple priests available)

Wednesday, March 22

8:30am School Mass;
6:30pm Closing Mass;
7:30pm Social in the church narthex



St. Isidore Spring Breakfast at Bishop Creek

Sunday, March 19 from 7:00 am—noon
Whole hog sausage, ham, fried or scrambled eggs, pancakes, homemade breads and rolls.
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