

March 19, 2023 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH



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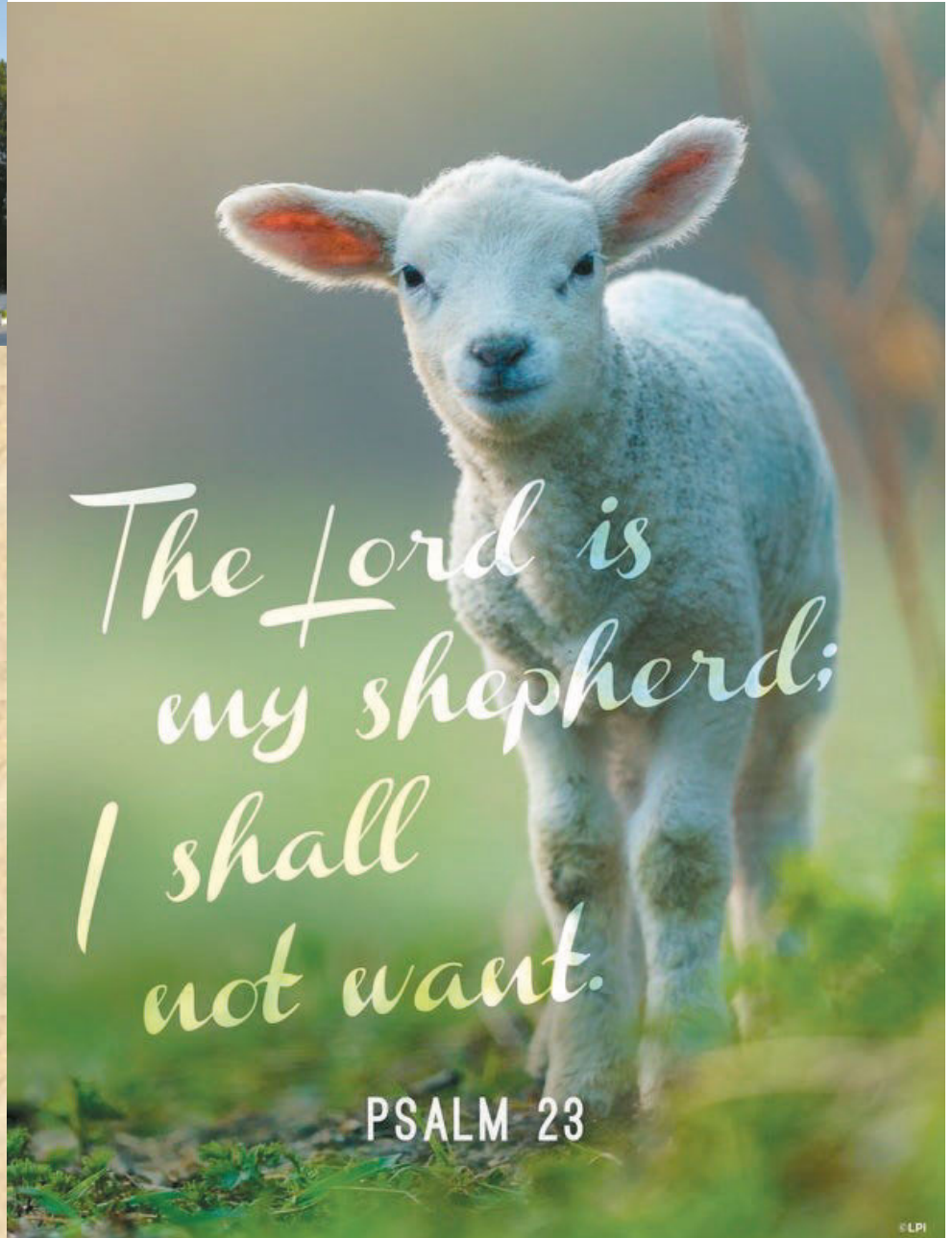
## Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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

A week ago we had our Hail and Farewell dinner for the incoming and outgoing members of our parish council. This past Thursday the council met, and it was the last meeting for three of our members and the first meeting for their replacements. The members leaving are Jamie Habing, Barb Weber and Clem Ruholl. The parishioners are grateful to these people for their stewardship of time. It's not just attending the meetings of the council, but each member serves on a committee like the Buildings and Grounds committee and others. People, who serve on the council, usually are glad they served and learned more about how the parish functions. The three new members the parish discerned are: Donna Addis, Dan Blankenship, and Dr. Charles Runde. The new officers will be elected at their first meeting.

Please mark March 28<sup>th</sup> on your calendars. At 7:00 on that Tuesday evening the parish will have the opportunity to receive the sacrament of Penance. We will have at least 3 priests available for confessions starting at 7:00. We normally have confessions from 6:15 to 6:45 on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. On that Tuesday evening there will NOT be confessions at 6:15. In the past I presumed people would figure this out on their own, but... Some people like to get the jump on the line. We see this at visitations and other times. This will be a good opportunity for you to prepare your heart and soul for Easter.

No one is perfect, and I am proof of that. I wrote in last week's bulletin that Alaina Martin would be baptized this Easter Vigil and receive the other sacraments of initiation later. I am wrong. She will be fully initiated at the Easter Vigil and her two younger sisters will be baptized. They will receive the other sacraments of initiation later with their classmates. Sorry about that, Alaina.

Also mark your calendar for March 27<sup>th</sup>, the day of our Eucharistic Day of Prayer for Life. We will have adoration all day, and since it is a Monday, our adoration will be extended all night until Tuesday morning at 6 o'clock. The Blessed Sacrament will be in a monstrance that was given to Bishop Henry Damien Juncker by the community in Quincy. This monstrance is moving from parish to parish in our diocese because of our diocesan Year of the Eucharist.

Did you know that the diocese of Chicago consisted of all Illinois, and Pope Pius IX erected the Diocese of Quincy in 1853? That moved to Alton, and the first bishop of Alton was a newly consecrated bishop.

Since March 19<sup>th</sup> this year is the Fourth Sunday of Lent, the feast of St. Joseph is moved to Monday, the next day. On the 20<sup>th</sup> there will be a Gloria and a Creed, white vestments instead of the Lenten violet, all celebrating the feast of the foster father of Jesus.

This Wednesday, the 22<sup>nd</sup>, I am taking the train to Chicago and having supper with a nephew I have never met! He lives in Maine and has 6 children. How does this happen? After I tell you that story, I'll share with you a story about another nephew I never met until he was in his early 20's! Two different fathers involved, both brothers. Maybe there is a homily in here somewhere!

### MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 20, 6:30 am: Jim Probst  
 Tuesday, March 21, 6:30 am: Mary Hoelscher  
 Tuesday, March 21, 7:55 am: Vincent (Bing) & Anna Keck  
 Wednesday, March 22, 6:30 am: Luella Buschur  
 Thursday, March 23, 6:30 am: Mike Hewing  
 Thursday, March 23, 7:55 am: Mark Cook  
 Friday, March 24, 6:30 am: Bill & Billie Pals  
 Friday, March 24, 7:55 am: Jeff Buehnerkemper  
 Saturday, March 25, 4:30 pm: John Sheehan  
 Sunday, March 26, 6:30 am: Linus Nosbisch  
 Sunday, March 26, 8:30 am: Lorraine Zerrusen  
 Sunday, March 26, 10:30 am: Living & Deceased  
 CD of A Members

### 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.

### PENANCE SERVICE

Tuesday, March 28, 2023 7:00—8:00 pm

### 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, Betty Buenker.

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

## Liturgy Schedule 4th Week of Lent March 20—26

Monday,	St. Joseph 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,	St. Turibius of Mogrovejo Mass at 6:30 & 7:55 am
Friday,	Mass at 6:30 & 7:55 am
Saturday,	The Annunciation of the Lord Mass at 4:30 pm
Sunday,	<b>5th Sunday of Lent</b> Mass at 6:30, 8:30, 10:30 am

### Confession Schedule

Tuesday, March 21, 6:15-6:45 pm  
Thursday, March 23, 6:15-6:45 pm  
Saturday, March 25, 3:00-4:00 pm

### Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 24—7:00 pm

### Liturgy of the Hours with Friars

Monday-Friday—11:45 am & 4:45 pm

## Teutopolis Monastery Museum

The Teutopolis Monastery Museum is temporarily closed while the museum undergoes renovation work. We will be open May 7, 2023.

*The Monastery Museum is looking for Teutopolis High School year books. Please contact Sharon Brummer at 217-821-7243.*

## HOLY WEEK MINISTRY SIGN-UPS



If you are involved in a liturgical ministry (Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, and Ushers) we are in need of your help! If you are able to volunteer your services at any of the Holy Week liturgies listed below, please sign up at the church's main entrance:

Holy Thursday, April 6 at 7:00 pm  
Good Friday, April 7 at 1:00 pm  
Easter Vigil, April 8 at 8:00 pm

Thank you so much for your time and consideration. Your service makes our liturgies special and complete!

Please remember that if you are on the April schedule for either 6:30 am, 8:30 am, or 10:30 am. Masses, then you are "on" for Easter Sunday at those times. If you need to, please find a substitute.

## THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

### Monday, March 20

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

### Tuesday, March 21

- 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
- CPR training, Sr. Ethelbert Center, 7:00 pm

### Wednesday, March 22

- Quilting in St. Clare Hall, 9:00 am-noon & 1:00-3:00 pm
- Children's choir, 3:45—5:00 pm
- JH/HS Religion 7:00—8:15 pm

### Thursday, March 23

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

### Friday, March 24

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

### Saturday, March 25

- Confessions, 3:00—4:00 pm
- OCIA Mass, 3rd Scrutiny



### Attention Homebound

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound for Sunday, March 26 are Donna Spannagel 618-793-2000 or 217-460-0664 and Rita Habing 217-857-6084.

## Stewardship of Treasure

	<u>Sunday</u> 3/12/23	<u>Total Fiscal</u> <u>Year</u>
242 Adult envelopes	\$21,361.00	\$387,455.24
52 Online giving	\$2,393.00	\$89,289.00
Other	<u>\$1,021.50</u>	<u>\$39,014.12</u>
TOTAL	\$24,775.50	\$515,758.36
Assisi to Africa	\$458.00	\$36,744.00

## Cemetery Clean-up



Please remove any grave blankets, flowers, statues, etc. which are not attached to headstones and which you wish to keep. Ron will be rolling the ground and cleaning up the cemetery on favorable weather days in the very near future. Thanks to your speedy attention to this matter. Let's help keep our cemetery beautiful!

## Religious Education News



**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.

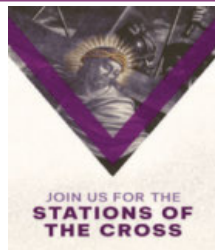
**Reconciliation schedule** for grades 3-6 students during Lent: Mar. 13—4E & 4M; Mar. 20—4Sa & 4Sc; Mar. 22—6H & 6R; Mar. 29—6T.

**Grade 1 & 6 Seder meal** in the Sr. Ethelbert Center 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 24—Silhouette Stations (JH)  
March 31—Friars  
April 7—Good Friday-Stations  
Type of Stations and presenters subject to change.



# CONGRATULATIONS

**High School Boys Basketball  
3rd place at STATE!**



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](http://wwme.org), or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

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

## YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

Mar 22—Religious education classes 7:00—8:15 pm  
(Silhouette Stations practice, 6:30 pm)  
Mar 24—JH Silhouette Stations 7:00 pm  
(Silhouette Stations practice, 5:00 pm)  
Mar 29—Religious education classes 7:00—8:15 pm  
April 5—Holy Week (No religious education classes.)  
April 8—Easter day of fun, 8:30-10:30 am



## CHWC NEWS



**Parents** –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 26 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!



This annual event for kids ages 4-12 will be held April 8 from 8:30-10:30 am. Drop off is in the circle drive of the **TGS gym**. We will have a craft, snack, games for kids and an Easter egg hunt. The Teutopolis Civic Club will be hosting an Easter egg hunt in the mini park at 10:00 am. Pick up will be in the circle drive of **St. Clare Hall**. Registration forms are available on the church website, St. Francis Youth Ministry Facebook page, or at the entrance to the church office.  
Deadline to sign up is April 1.



## 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

**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:**

Pre-Cana Day at EIU Newman Catholic Center  
500 Roosevelt Avenue, Charleston, IL

Open to all engaged couples.

Saturday, June 24, 2023 9:00 am—4:00 pm,  
call 217-348-0188 to register

\$50 per couple to cover lunch and expenses of the day.

Other 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, 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](mailto:kpruemmer@gmail.com) or call or text 217-821-1840.

**Catholic Radiothon**

Tune in all week, Monday through Friday, March 27-31, for the Catholic Radiothon! Listen on FM 91.3 WGMR, online at [www.ourcatholicradio.org](http://www.ourcatholicradio.org), or on the FREE Covenant Network app. Effingham area guest hosts will be on Wednesday 12-1pm (Cindy Vahling) and 5-6pm (Luke & Mallory Doedtman) and Thursday 3-4pm (Dr. John Sudkamp). Your support is necessary to keep our local station on the air. Call in anytime to pledge at 314-752-7000 or 877-305-1234 or pledge online!



**PRO-LIFE PRAYER - Eucharistic Day of Prayer for Life on Monday, March 27** - We will begin at 9:00 am and continue through 6:00 am Tuesday. Volunteers are needed to please commit to an hour or half hour of private prayer. Please sign up on the sign up sheets at any entrance.

We celebrate the feast of the Annunciation on March 25, “Do not be afraid Mary, for you have found favor with God, and behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a Son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High ...” **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, you have made the womb of each woman a very special place. Help us to hold fast to the sanctity of this first home of humanity, remembering the wonderful mystery, that God inhabited the womb of a young woman and came forth as the Savior and deliverer of the world. May all mothers and fathers be given the grace and courage to say “yes” to life. Amen

**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.

**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.**



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.

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**Liturgical Ministers for March 25/26**

<u>Ministry</u>	<u>4:30 pm</u>	<u>6:30 am</u>	<u>8:30 am</u>	<u>10:30 am</u>
<b>Readers</b>	Dan Niemerg Kent Probst	Jane Pruemer	Monica Kremer Jill Schumacher	Cathy Thoele Marty Siemer
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<b>Servers</b>	Chris Habing Sarah Habing Owen Kremer	Xavier Schumacher Meriel Schumacher Jack Hartke	Bennett Thompson Henry Thompson Mason Thompson	Robert Niemerg Kendall Meyer Emily Meyer
<b>Music</b>	Guitar Group	Jason Schumacher Jim Schumacher	Toddie Eckelberry	Adult Choir


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# Upcoming EVENTS

**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. Country Store (with baked goods), Raffle Stand, Quilt Raffle and Mystery Box Stand.



**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.

*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



SACRED HEART Catholic Parish

**Teutopolis Knights of Columbus**


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

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




**Teutopolis Park District**  
Fitness Programs (April 3-June 2): Sign up continues (late fee applies)

**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.



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.

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