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# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

PSALM 22

why have You abandoned me?

#### 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

Happy Palm Sunday! It hardly seems possible that Lent is nearly over as we begin the last week of Lent. We take so much for granted, and it's possible that since we have been reared with this Catholic background, we could think that everyone else has also. But we know that's not true. In the Navy I met junior enlisted men and women, who had never been to church – regardless of religion – Christmas, Easter – it just didn't register. Didn't mean anything. We are grateful to our parents and grandparents and so many others, who have shared their faith with us – our teachers and catechists, for example.

Palm Sunday reminds me of how fickle human nature can be. The crowds cried out: "Hosanna! Hosanna!" They wanted to make Jesus a king, and only days later the crowd is crying: "Crucify him! Crucify him!" We need to be careful of a "mob mind." Leaders? Followers? If we are serious about practicing our faith, then we need to be leaders.

Tuesday evening I will be at the Chrism Mass at the cathedral. I don't think I have missed very many of them, if any. I find it to be an impressive liturgy, especially as the bishop consecrates the oils used all over the diocese this coming year. Consecrating the chrism is reserved to a bishop, I believe. When Bishop Lucas moved to Omaha, a bishop was brought in to Springfield for the Chrism Mass.

Thursday evening we begin the Sacred Triduum with a celebration of the Lord's Last Supper. There will be the washing of feet and the transfer of the Eucharist after Mass so the faithful can devote time after Mass in private prayer and adoration. The church will close at 9:30. Most people are finished praying before that.

We will have the adoration of the cross on Good Friday, the reading of the Passion, and reception of the Holy Eucharist. The collection taken up will be sent to support the religious sites in the Holy Land. The offering on Holy Thursday will be given to El Shaddai. In the evening of Good Friday we will have the Stations of the Cross at 7 o'clock.

I am very much impressed with the number of parishioners, who pray the Easter Vigil. Some of the places I have served would see a much smaller group come to the Easter Vigil. I presume they feared a rather long liturgy. At our Easter Vigil Alaina Jade will be fully initiated into the Body of Christ. She has two younger sisters, Charlee and Cora, who will also be baptized on Saturday!



### HOLY WEEK MINISTRY SIGN-UPS

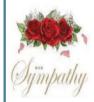
If you are involved in a liturgical ministry (Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, and Ushers) we are in need of your help! If you are able to volunteer your services at any of the Holy Week liturgies listed below, please sign up at the church's main entrance:

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.

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.



We extend our sympathies and condolences to the families of Joan M. Jamison and Betty J. Buenker. Joan passed away Thursday, March 23, 2023. Betty passed away Friday, March 24, 2023. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.

# **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 Ghast, Jennifer Carlen, Tammy Gebben, John W. Miller, Dustin Borries, Lizzie Westendorf, 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, April 3, 6:30 am: Special Intention Tuesday, April 4, 6:30 am: Fred Meyer Tuesday, April 4, 7:55 am: Sue Borries Wednesday, April 5, 6:30 am: Mike Hewing Thursday, April 6, 7:00 pm: Anthony Schumacher Saturday, April 8, 8:00 pm: Margaret Wall Sunday, April 9, 6:30 am: Richard & Martha Thoele Sunday, April 9, 8:30 am: Pro Populo Sunday, April 9, 10:30 am: Hank Ruholl

**Teutopolis CD of A supper meeting** will be Tuesday, May 2 at the Kountry Kitchen, 5:30 pm. Dutch treat, for information call Susan Vogt 217-663-2084

### Liturgy Schedule Holy Week April 3—April 9

- Monday, Mass at 6:30 am Adoration 9:00 am Monday until 6:00 am Tuesday
- Tuesday, Mass at 6:30 & 7:55 am
- Wednesday, Mass at 6:30 am
- Thursday, Holy Thursday Mass at 7:00 pm

Friday, **Good Friday**, Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 1:00 pm

Saturday, Holy Saturday Mass at 8:00 pm

Sunday, Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord Mass at 6:30, 8:30, 10:30 am

#### **Confession Schedule**

Please contact a priest to make an appointment

### Stations of the Cross

Friday, April 7—7:00 pm

**Liturgy of the Hours with Friars** Monday-Friday—11:45 am & 4:45 pm

# April is Child Abuse Prevention Month!

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month? You can help spread awareness by wearing **BLUE** on **Friday, April** 7<sup>th</sup>. Send selfies of you and/or groups to the Crisis Nursery of Effingham County's FB page to show off "going blue". Crisis Nursery of Effingham will put together a community collage at the end of the month showcasing the community support of ending child abuse and neglect. "Let's pray, educate ourselves, and volunteer until black and blue are just colors in a child's crayon box." ~St. Francis Ministries

# APRIL HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 4/04 Mickie (Dorothy) Weber (96)
- 4/07 Bob (Robert) Thoele (93)
- 4/12 Larry Hardiek (82)
- 4/15 Pauline Zumbahlen (80)
- 4/17 Sr. Christina Frick (83)
- 4/20 Rosemary Brumleve (96)
- 4/20 Alice Pruemer (87)
- 4/21 Janice Niemerg (88)
- 4/23 Lawrence Pruemer (85)
- 4/23 Robert Ruholl (83)
- 4/25 Edward Wiessing (81)
- 4/30 Robert Poston (81)
- 4/30 Patricia Weis (86)

# THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

#### Monday, April 3

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

#### Tuesday, April 4

• Guitar practice, 6:45 pm

#### Wednesday, April 5

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

#### <u>Friday, April 7</u>

- Parish office closing at noon on Good Friday
- Stations of the Cross, 7:00 pm

#### <u>Saturday, April 8</u>

- CCW Easter bake sale, 8:00—11:00 am, Sr. Ethelbert Center
- Easter day of fun, 8:30 –10:30 am TGS gym

Please note: The parish office will close at noon on Good Friday, April 7 and will be closed on Monday, April 10 in observance of Easter.

#### **Special Collections**

**Holy Thursday**, the collection will go to *El Shaddai Homes*.

**Good Friday**, the collection will go to help the work of the *church in the Holy Land*.

**Easter Sunday**, the *Seminarian collection* will help our diocese to educate and form future priests.

Please use the envelope included with your set. Thank you.



#### **Attention Homebound**

Holy Communion will be brought to you on First Friday, April 7. No Communion to you on Sunday, April 9.

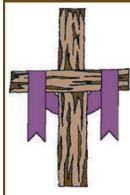
#### Stations of the Cross Fridays of Lent at 7:00 pm April 7—Good Friday-Stations



#### **Stewardship of Treasure**

|                     | <u>Sunday</u>     | <u>Total Fiscal</u> |
|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
|                     | 3/26/23           | <u>Year</u>         |
| 237 Adult envelopes | \$6,938.00        | \$403,350.24        |
| 23 Online giving    | \$866.00          | \$94,421.00         |
| Other               | <u>\$1,275.75</u> | <u>\$41,541.87</u>  |
| TOTAL               | \$9,079.75        | \$537,313.11        |
| Assisi to Africa    | \$273.00          | \$37,307.00         |

# **Religious Education News**



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. Sandwiches and chips at 5:00 pm; Children's choir at 5:45 pm; Grade 1 trivia, 6:15 pm; Grade 2 trivia, 6:30 pm; Grade 3 trivia, 6:45 pm; Grade 4 trivia, 7:00 pm; Grade 5 trivia, 7:15 pm; Grade 6 trivia, 7:30 pm.

**Grade 2 parent meeting** about Confirmation and First Communion in Springfield. A parent must attend one of the following meetings in the Sr. Ethelbert Center at 7:00 pm on April 17 or April 20. We will finalize our paperwork and plans for the pilgrimage.

The Secular Franciscans would like to invite everyone to a reception in the St. Clare Hall after the Sunday, April 16, 10:30 am Mass. The reception is to celebrate the profession of Deb Stone (Sacred Heart, Effingham, IL) in the Order of Franciscans Secular, this will occur at the 10:30 am Mass.



**El Shaddai Homes** is a long-term residential home for pregnant women and their babies opening soon in Effingham. This Christian ministry will provide livein support, parenting education, life skills, counseling, post birth after care, and resource referrals. An existing 19 bedroom living facility is currently being

renovated to house 10-12 women along with "house parents" who will live on-site 24/7. To learn more about the ministry, visit their Facebook page El Shaddai.



#### **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!

#### YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

April 5—Holy Week (No religious education classes.) April 8—Easter day of fun, 8:30-10:30 am April 12—Religious education classes 7:00—8:15 pm April 19—Religious education classes 7:00—8:15 pm April 21—Teen center open 7:00—10:00 pm April 26—Religious education closing Mass, 7:00 pm



**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!



### There are 3 spots open for our trip this summer, June 11-16. Call Maria to sign up, 217-961-1500.

CHWC Campers/Parents - 1. Please work on your online registration, 2. Make your 2nd \$50 deposit, and 3. Get your safe environment certification if you are going to be 18 years old during the trip! Due date for all of these is May 1. Call, email, or text if you have any questions.



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 2.



#### 84th Annual Teutopolis Easter Egg Hunt

The Teutopolis Civic Club will be hosting the annual Easter egg hunt in conjunction with the Easter Day of Fun on Saturday, April 8 at 10:00 am at the mini-park. Children ages 12 and under are eligible to hunt. Prizes for varied age groups will be awarded. *Children do not need to attend the Easter Day of Fun in order to participate in the egg hunt*.

#### HAPPY EASTER The annual CCW EASTER BAKE SALE will be held on Saturday, April 8 from 8:00 to 11:00 am In the Sr. Ethelbert Center Lobby. Bake sale items may be dropped off Friday between 2:30 and 4:30 pm or Saturday morning starting at 7:00 am.

## **Sacrament of Matrimony:**

Arrangements must be made a Minimum of 6 months in advance with the pastor.



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. 9:00 am—4:00 pm, Saturday, June 24, 2023 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 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.

Miscarriage



Tuesday, April 4, St. Isidore Thursday, May 4, St. Francis

- Thursday, June 1, St. Rose
- Thursday, July 6, St. Francis

To register for classes at St. Francis call 217-961-6404; St. Rose call 217-924-4553; St. Isidore call 217-821-9178. All dates are subject to change.

BAPTISM PREP DATES - All Classes begin at 7:00 pm



# Healing, Support, and Advocacy is found at the Family Life Center.

The Family Life Center is a safe place you can go to feel heard and receive support, all at no charge. We have advocates ready to meet and help you in your healing journey from your miscarriage. Give one of our three locations a call to schedule an appointment and learn more: Effingham, 217-342-5433 / Newton, 618-783-5433 / 217-774-4874.

**PRO-LIFE ACTION** - We are asked to sign the online petition at www.sanctuarycitiesfortheunborn.com/onlinepetition. This will be helpful for organizers to see if there is support for this in our area. Abortion clinics are known for being secretive in purchasing buildings. It is best to act before, not after, this occurs. If cities/villages pass ordinances to be Sanctuary Cities for the Unborn, this would not only ban abortion clinics, but also not allow the dispensing or mailing of the abortion pill at area pharmacies in that city. Please sign the online petition and spread the word!

40 DAYS FOR LIFE - Thanks to all who came to our Day of Prayer for Life and Eucharistic Adoration this past Monday, and to all who offered prayer and sacrifice for a culture of life in any way during this 40 Days for Life, which ends today. We place our trust in God's promise to us: "He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" --Revelation 21:4-5

When we face the destructive power of death, we are to think of the day when death is swallowed up in victory. Father, you are the God of hope. Keep our hearts focused on heaven, and diligent in the labors of earth. As we struggle against the culture of death, root our souls in the assurance of victory. We pray through Christ our Lord, Amen.



Effingham Catholic Charities would like to thank you for your gift of \$8,086.50.

Pope Francis tells us that if we wish to encounter Christ, we must touch His body in the suffering bodies of the poor. Thanks to all of you for sharing what you have been given with our vulnerable brothers and sisters.

Sister Carol Beckermann, OSF

### **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.

| Liturgical Ministers for April 8/9 |   |   |   |  |  |
|------------------------------------|---|---|---|--|--|
| <u>Ministry</u>                    | <u>8:00 pm</u>  | <u>6:30 am</u>  | <u>8:30 am</u>  | <u>10:30 am</u>  |  |
| Readers                            | Sign Ups  | Linda Willenborg  | Shannon Hinkle<br>John Vogt   | Jacob/Kate Pruemer<br>Anita Deters   |  |
| Ushers                             | * Sign Ups  | *Dave Runde<br>Dean Kremer<br>John Spannagel<br>Tim McMahon<br>Steve Mette<br>Mark Willenborg | *Jason Niebrugge<br>Bob Koester<br>Brian Jansen<br>Brent McMahon<br>John Kremer<br>Duane Kremer | *Doug Mette<br>Carl Waldhoff<br>Bruce Buhnerkempe<br>Dave Habing<br>Jeff Thoele<br>Keith Vonderheide |  |
| Servers                            | Ella Neihls<br>Jacob Neihls<br>Alex Habing<br>Michael Habing<br>Eric Habing | Jack Hartke<br>Pearl Huber<br>Paul Huber  | Julien Blim<br>Exavier Smothers<br>Noah Imburgia<br>Owen Lynch                                  | Jackson Willenborg<br>Dalton Willenborg<br>Stella Deters<br>John Pruemer                             |  |
| Music                              |   |   |   |  |  |

**Clean Linens - Lois Kreke** 

# Upcoming EV

**5K & 1 MILE FUN RUN/WALK** 

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

Checkin begins at 7:00am and race begins at 8:30am. Start line is at Society Hall, in Teutopolis.

Visit our website to register at

www.whitelilyproject.org



Hamburger/cheeseburger with french fries or wings. FISH FRY Every Friday of Lent from 5:00-7:30 pm



*Every Tuesday!* 

5:00—7:30 pm

## **Teutopolis Park District** Softball Clinics (April 15-16): Sign up continues

**Teutopolis Knights of Columbus** 

Summer Day Camp (May 31-June 27): Sign up continues (late fee applies) Summer Tennis (May 31-June 27): Sign up continues (late fee applies)

# Join us for the Father/Son Breakfast

- at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall
- April 30, after the 8:30 am Mass at St. Francis of Assisi Church.
- Guest Speaker: Marty Simmons, EIU Men's head basketball coach.
- 1982 & 1983: 2-time Illinois state basketball champion, 1983; Illinois
- "Mr. Basketball", nickname "The Mule", College career;
- Indiana University and Evansville University.

Our Sorrowful Mother's Ministry in Vandalia, IL will be hosting their next retreat on April 21-23, 2023. The theme is "The Devil is Real and is Grappling for Your Soul". Fr. Matthew Pawlikowski will be the guest speaker and he is an army chaplain who has spent much of his career supporting our military in his priesthood. This retreat will be fascinating as Father Matthew will teach us about our spiritual battles but also share his vast experiences throughout the world. Please go to osmm.org to register, and the full agenda is listed on their website. You may also contact Karla Slifer at 217-690-5282 for more information.









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