

April 30, 2023 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH



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*Submit written bulletin notices by noon Monday.*

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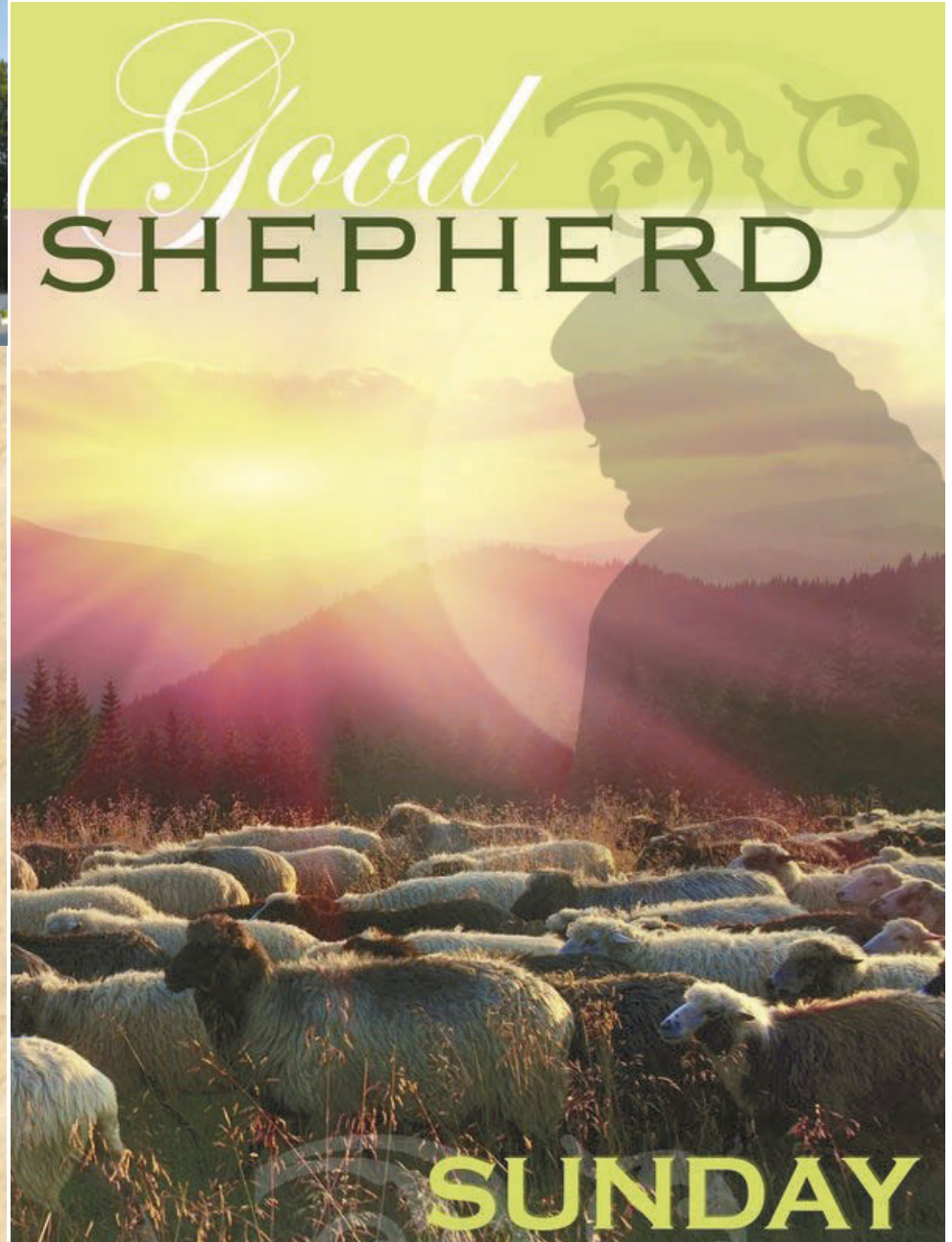
## Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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**


As you know, 6 provinces of Franciscans in the United States, including our own Sacred Heart Province with headquarters in St. Louis, are combining to form one new province for the whole country. The name of the new province will be Our Lady of Guadalupe Province, and the headquarters will be Atlanta, GA. This all takes place in October of this year. What impact will this have on our parish? Will St. Francis Parish become a diocesan parish like the others in the area? No one knows the answer!

There are two meetings of the Guardians or religious superiors of the local communities for these provinces – one meeting is in Albuquerque, NM and the other is in Easton, PA. I am going to the one in PA since I will be able to visit my sister, Joanne, and her family in conjunction with that travel. They live in Buffalo. It’s a long drive to Easton – like 775 miles, and I’ll be leaving right after 6:30 Mass this Sunday. Please pray for a safe journey. Thank you. I’ll keep you posted on any impact this change will have on the parish.

The pictorial directories have arrived, and you will like them! Information on how you can get your copy is within the bulletin.

What a show! Our high school students are to be commended for their recent performance of the musical “Beauty and the Beast!” I attended the Friday evening performance, and I knew I was in trouble when I saw the line outside waiting to enter the building. I have never seen such a crowd for a performance, and I’m sure no one was disappointed. Our youth did an exceptional job. And it’s obvious they worked and prepared very diligently. Thank you to everyone, who participated and made it happen.

If you take a close look at the first stained glass window on the east side of the church, next to the Blessed Mother altar, you will see a very “busy” picture of many saints. One of them, St. Colette, is pictured with a canary. If anyone can figure out why or what the connection is with a canary, please let me know. My research is coming up empty!



**MAY**  
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

5/3	Barbara Hardiek (86)
5/6	Bernard Waldhoff (84)
5/9	Norbert Lohman (91)
5/10	Raymond Goeckner (89)
5/18	Gene Runde (92)
5/21	Joseph Gier (80)
5/22	Betty Schaufler (84)
5/25	Mary Ellen Wente (80)
5/26	Leona Willenborg (92)
5/27	Lucy Uptmor (93)
5/31	Larry Holman (81)

**PARISH DIRECTORIES ARE HERE!**  
*Directories will be distributed after each Mass in the St. Clare hall, starting this weekend.*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Monday, May 1, 6:30 am: Marie Ludwig  
 Tuesday, May 2, 6:30 am: Anthony Schumacher  
 Tuesday, May 2, 7:55 am: Lorraine Zerrusen  
 Wednesday, May 3, 6:30 am: Linus Nobsch  
 Thursday, May 4, 6:30 am: Sue Borries  
 Thursday, May 4, 7:55 am: Alois Foerster  
 Friday, May 5, 6:30 am: Joseph H. Buscher  
 Friday, May 5, 7:55 am: Norma & Peele (Henry) Weber  
 Saturday, May 6, 4:30 pm: Pro Populo  
 Sunday, May 7, 6:30 am: Richard & Martha Thoele  
 Sunday, May 7, 8:30 am: Leo Pruemer  
 Sunday, May 7, 10:30 am: Fred Meyer



**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.

**Stewardship of Treasure**

	4/23/23	Year
214 Adult envelopes	\$7,873.00	\$439,516.74
52 Online giving	\$1,851.00	\$103,527.00
Other	<u>\$1,032.00</u>	<u>\$47,778.37</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,756.00</b>	<b>\$590,822.11</b>
Assisi to Africa	\$275.00	\$39,666.00

**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, Tanner Pruemer, Steve Runde, Toby McMahon, Debbie Meyer, Nicholas Wente, Gary Cornell, Sharon Ghasst, 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.

## Liturgy Schedule Fourth Week of Easter May 1—May 7

Monday,	St. Joseph the Worker Mass at 6:30 am Adoration 1:00 pm Monday until 6:00 am Tuesday
Tuesday,	St. Athanasius Mass at 6:30 & 7:55 am
Wednesday,	St. Philip St. James Mass at 6:30 am
Thursday,	Mass at 6:30 & 7:55 am
Friday,	Mass at 6:30 & 7:55 am
Saturday,	<b>Mass at 4:30 pm</b>
Sunday,	<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b> <b>Mass at 6:30, 8:30, 10:30 am</b>

### Confession Schedule

Tuesday, May 2, 6:15-6:45 pm  
Thursday, May 4, 3:00—4:00 pm & 6:15-6:45 pm  
Saturday, May 6, 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, May 1

- Adoration, 1:00 pm Monday—6:00 am Tuesday

### Tuesday, May 2

- Confessions, 6:15—6:45 pm
- Guitar practice, 6:45 pm
- Social concerns meeting, 7:00 pm, St. Clare hall

### Wednesday, May 3

- Children’s choir, 3:45—5:00 pm

### Thursday, May 4

- Confessions, 3:00—4:00 pm
- Confessions, 6:15—6:45 pm
- Baptism preparation class, 7:00 pm, St. Clare hall
- Adult Choir practice, 7:00—8:30 pm

### Saturday, May 6

- Confessions, 3:00—4:00 pm

### Sunday, May 7

- Monastery museum open, 12:00—4:00 pm



### Attention Homebound

Holy Communion will be brought to you on First Friday, May 5. No Communion to you on Sunday, May 7.

# COMMUNITY CHARITABLE COOKOUT

**Place:** Teutopolis State Bank and Sigel Community Bank parking lots  
**Date:** Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>  
**Time:** 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM



**Menu:** Hamburgers, Pork Burgers, Hot Dogs, Chips, Cookies & Drinks

**Price:** Donation

***All donations will benefit***



## El Shaddai Homes

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Welcome to our faith Family:*

Brynn Maureen Goeckner  
Daughter of Clint & Kelsey (Nosbisch) Goeckner



Today (Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>) is **Blue Sunday**, the *National Day of Prayer for Children Who Have Been Abused & Those Who Rescue Them*. Blue and silver pinwheels will be placed in the lawn of St. Francis for parishioners to pick up and take home after Masses this weekend. Please take one! Pinwheels for Prevention symbolize an effort to change the public's beliefs and behaviors regarding child abuse and neglect prevention. To learn the ways you can help prevent child abuse and neglect in our community go to <https://www.crisisnurseryofeffingham.com/ways-you-can-help> . “Let’s pray, educate ourselves, and volunteer until black and blue are just colors in a child’s crayon box.”

~St. Francis Ministries

## Religious Education News

**Grade 3 school field trip Wednesday, May 3.** No Religion for third grade students as they will leave early from school to go on the trip.

**May 7, Grade 2 students receiving Confirmation and First Communion on August 19 in Springfield will be presented during Masses this weekend.**

They will receive a Confirmation pin and a First Communion pin. Parishioners are encouraged to pick a name off the posters by the entrances of church to pray for them.

**Religion Volunteer Appreciation Day** is scheduled for May 11. The morning supervisors will receive a candy bar; the religion teachers will meet at 8:00 am in the Sr. Ethelbert center; the walkers will meet at 8:45 am in the Sr. Ethelbert center.

**Grade 6 students will tour the Museum, Mausoleum, and the Teen Center in May.** Here is the schedule: May 8—6R Museum, 6T Mausoleum, 6C Teen Center; May 9—6H Museum, 6R Mausoleum, 6T Teen Center; May 15—6C Museum, 6H Mausoleum, 6R Teen Center; May 16—6T Museum, 6C Mausoleum, 6H Teen Center.

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## National Day of Prayer



**May 4, 2023**

The National Day of Prayer is an annual day of observance held on the first Thursday of May, designated by the United States Congress, when people are asked "to turn to God in prayer and meditation". The president is required by law to sign a proclamation each year, encouraging all Americans to pray on this day.

## YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

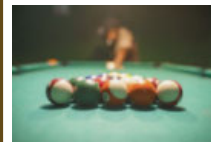
May 14—8th grade promotion Mass, 8:30 am

May 21—Senior graduation Mass/brunch, 8:30 am



Thanks to the teachers, parent volunteers, priests, and students who made this year of religious education a success. Our attendance numbers were even better than last year. I am excited to be working on plans for next year already. We are looking to add substitute teachers and helpers for next year. Please let me know if you would like to be a part of our Wednesday night program!

**Senior Parents** – Letters will be mailed out this week inviting your families to Senior Mass and brunch on May 21st. RSVP by May 12th for the brunch to be held in the Sr. Ethelbert dining room immediately following the Mass.



The teen center needs a few gently used pool sticks. If you have any laying around that you would like to donate to a great cause, please call Maria at 217-961-1500. Thanks!



## CHWC NEWS

*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.



**VBS INFO** – Join us for Vacation Bible School this summer July 10-14 as we present the “Marvelous Mystery – The Mass Comes Alive” for the Year of the Eucharist! Registration information will be available soon!

Indeed, goodness and mercy will pursue me all the days of my life



**Miscarriage -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.

### 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](http://www.dio.org) under marriage and family life.

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.

**FOCCUS:** Scheduled dates at St. Francis are as follows:

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, 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.

### Teutopolis Monastery Museum

The Teutopolis Monastery Museum is temporarily closed while the museum undergoes renovation work.

We will be open May 7, 2023.

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*The Monastery Museum is looking for Teutopolis High School year books, starting in 1949. Please contact Sharon Brummer at 217-821-7243.*



Worldwide Marriage Encounter presents weekend experiences for married couples to rekindle romance, enhance meaningful communication, and deepen and renew commitment. The next three weekend experiences are 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.

- **May 5-7, 2023—Cape Girardeau, MO**
- **August 4-6, 2023—St. Peters, MO**
- **September 29-October 1, 2023—St. Peters, MO**



### PAPER DEPOT OPEN!

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*Proceeds to: Monastery Museum & Charities.*

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BAPTISM

### Baptism Prep Dates

- 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.

*Thank you for your donation of \$13,311.00!*



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Sr. Carol Beckermann, OSF



### MINISTRY SIGN—UP MONTH

It's that time of year again...time to prepare the liturgical ministry schedules and fill religious ed. roles. Ministry sign-up forms will be at the entrances to the church. If you are currently serving in some liturgical capacity, the liturgy committee presumes you are willing to continue. **If so, no need to fill out the form.** If you are **unable to continue** or if you **need to change the time(s) or ministry**, please call the parish office at 217-961-6404. **Also, please notify the parish office if your phone number has changed. (especially if you just have a cell phone number)** Just remember that in order to participate in any ministry of the parish you need to have taken or be willing to take the **Protecting God's Children** online class.

If you are currently serving in the religious ed. program, we presume you will continue in your particular role next year. If not, please indicate on the form. If you are interested in helping with the religious education program, please call 217-961-6477 (grade school) or 217-961-1500 (jr. high/high school).

**Please prayerfully consider how you could possibly help us in some way.** Take the time to look over the form. Fill it out and return it by: dropping it in the Sunday collection basket, bringing it to the parish office, or mailing it to the parish office. If you have any questions about the ministry or which ministry you would like to be a part of, contact the parish office. **Thank you!!!!**

**Liturgical Ministers for May 6/7**

Ministry	4:30 pm	6:30 am	8:30 am	10:30 am
Readers	Sr. Sandra Sudkamp Denise Will	Lenora Drees	Jill Schumacher Jean Sehy	Carrie Copple Matt Sturgeon
Ushers	*Doug Smith Toby McMahon Tom Buehnerkemper Brent Weichman Charles Semple Tony Runde	*Jim Niebrugge Daren Drees Robert Drees Robert Poe Mike Tipton Chris Hartke	*Greg Hess Kevin Schumacher Pat Niemerg Jeff Hardiek Alf Ruholl Johnny Meinhart	*Tom Vahling Collin Niemerg Scott Copple Kyle Jansen Hank Niebrugge Denny Runde
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EVENTS**

**Teutopolis Knights of Columbus**



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**Teutopolis  
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District**  
Tennis Clinics  
(May 15-17):  
Sign up by  
May 1

*Spring into life.*

**Teutopolis Community Blood Drive**  
Teutopolis Banquet Hall  
210 S. Pearl, Teutopolis, IL 62467  
Tuesday, May 2 from 12:30—5:30 pm

**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.

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