

July 2, 2023 - 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH



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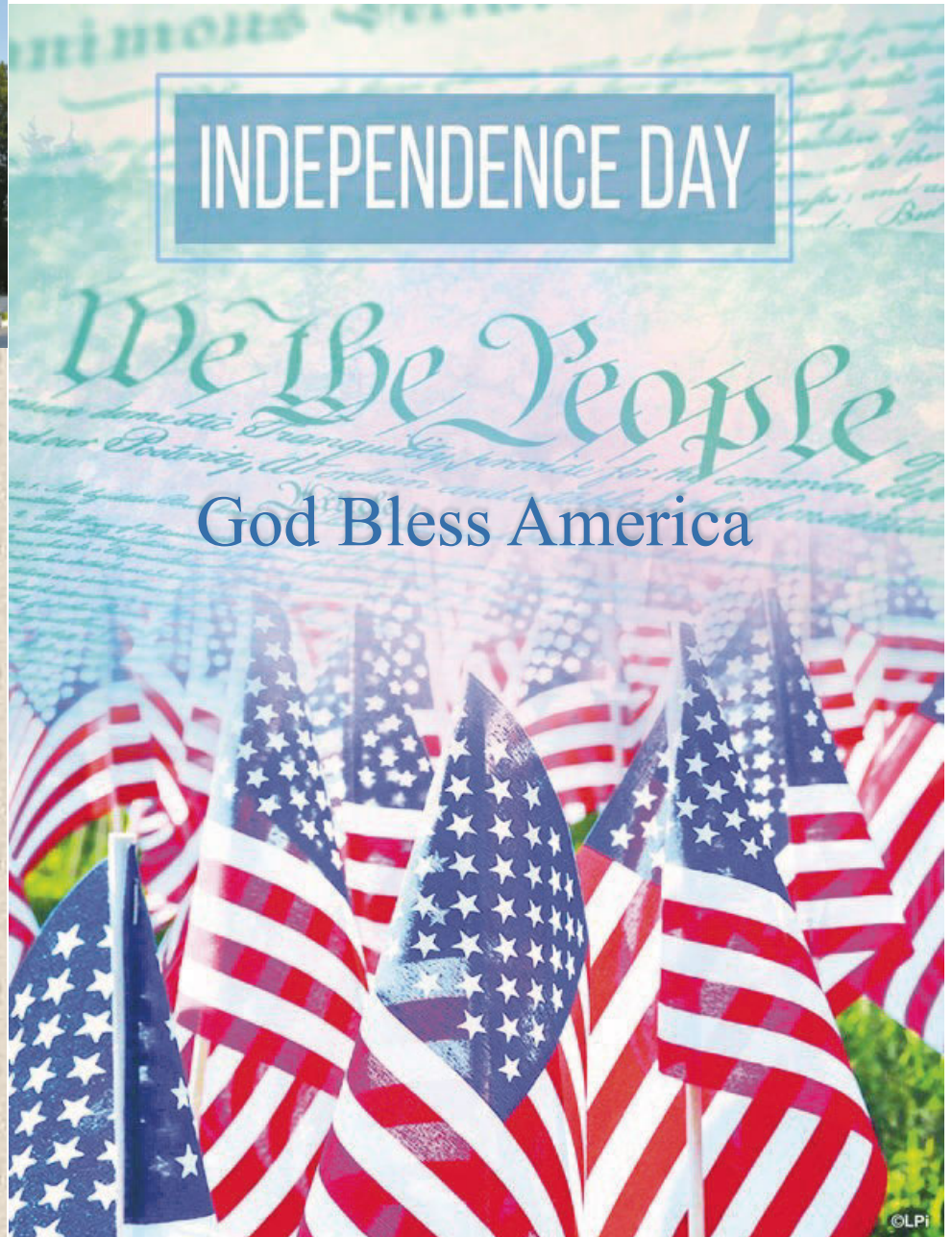
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Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday: 3:00-4:00pm
Thursday before First Friday: 3:00-4:00 pm
Anytime by appointment



God Bless America

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

Tuesday is the 4th of July. Happy Independence Day to all! We will have only one Mass that morning, and that Mass will be at 9:00 a.m. Come and pray! There are certainly many intentions that we can pray for. On the day before, Monday, we will have the usual exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 1 o'clock, and then adoration will continue until 6:00 a.m. Tuesday.

You might have noticed that Fr. Dennis has been on vacation. He returns Thursday, July 6th. Fr. Juan Carlos Ruiz left for vacation on Friday, June 30th, and he will return on this Saturday, July 8th.


It has been a few years since the parish has had a census. This year will be the “year of the census.” It is going to mean a good deal of work since we will have a large amount of information to deal with. If someone asks you to be involved, please respond affirmatively. I would like to see the whole parish get behind this and make it a parish endeavor. Your particular commitment will likely be short. I anticipate it being a relatively quick process of gathering the data if we all work together.

We have a problem with our church steeple. The four smaller steeples on the corners, near the clock, I’m sure there is a name for those, but they are not in very good shape, and as you notice, one has been removed. It was in the worst shape of the four. We are working on it, and I will keep you posted as we make progress in resolving the problem. It isn’t going to be easy, and you can bet that it will be expensive!

At our Masses next weekend we will have a representative from a missionary organization speaking at all of our Masses. This is an opportunity for us to learn about how people live in a different area of the world. The name of the group visiting us is Catechetical Sisters of Arogyamatha Congregation. You might be thinking that I made a mistake in typing their name. I checked the spelling three times. It’s correct. I can spell it, but I won’t say I can pronounce it! Please be generous with the good Sisters.



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, Tanner Pruemer, Toby McMahon, Debbie Meyer, Nicholas Wentz, Gary Cornell, Sharon Ghast, Jennifer Carlen, Tammy Gebben, John W. Miller, Dustin Borries, Lizzie Westendorf, Joseph F. Huber, Betty Jansen, Art Deters, Bill Frese, Linda Frese, Mickie Weber, Nora Fearday, Doug Niemerg, Brenda Vahling, Sr. Helen Vahling, OSF.

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please call the office at 217-961-6404.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 3, 6:30 am: Joseph J. Kremer
 Tuesday, July 4, 9:00 am: Bernie Niemeyer
 Wednesday, July 5, 6:30 am: Karen Waldhoff
 Thursday, July 6, 6:30 am: Sue Borries
 Thursday, July 6, 8:00 am: Margaret Pruemer
 Friday, July 7, 6:30 am: Anthony Schumacher
 Friday, July 7, 8:00 am: Patty Pruemer
 Saturday, July 8, 4:30 pm: Pro Populo
 Sunday, July 9, 6:30 am: Linus Nosbisch
 Sunday, July 9, 8:30 am: Norma Weber
 Sunday, July 9, 10:30 am: Dory Thoele

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Welcome to our faith Family:

Monroe Marie Platz
 Daughter of Tyler & Paige (Koester) Platz

Stewardship of Treasure

	6/25/23	Year
212 Adult envelopes	\$8,295.50	\$542,436.74
51 Online giving	\$2,180.00	\$126,552.00
Other	<u>\$1,525.00</u>	<u>\$58,024.63</u>
TOTAL	\$12,000.50	\$727,013.37
Assisi to Africa	\$383.00	\$45,070.00



Liturgy Schedule

The Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time July 3 — July 9

Monday,	St. Thomas Mass at 6:30 am Adoration 1:00 pm Monday until 6:00 am Tuesday
Tuesday,	Independence Day Mass at 9:00 am
Wednesday,	St. Anthony Zaccaria St. Elizabeth of Portugal Mass at 6:30 am
Thursday,	St. Maria Goretti Mass at 6:30 & 8:00 am
Friday,	Mass at 6:30 & 8:00 am
Saturday,	Mass at 4:30 pm
Sunday,	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass at 6:30, 8:30, & 10:30 am

Confession Schedule

Saturday, July 8, 3:00-4:00 pm

Liturgy of the Hours with Friars

Monday-Friday—11:45 am & 4:45 pm

St. Francis of Assisi Church Picnic!
Save the Date September 16, 2023

Wedding Bann

Christian Deters & Wittni Cotton
July 8, 2023 - 12:00 pm



THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday, July 3

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

Tuesday, July 4

- Mass at 9:00 am
- Parish office closed

Thursday, July 6

- Confessions, 3:00—4:00 pm
- Baptism prep class, 7:00 pm, St. Clare hall

Friday, July 7

- SonRise men's prayer group, Mass at 6:30 am followed by coffee and discussion until 7:30 am

Saturday, July 8

- Confessions, 3:00—4:00 pm

Sunday, July 9

- Mission Coop collection
- CCW Christmas concert ticket sales, 1:00-3:00 pm, St. Clare hall

Please Note Mass on Tuesday, July 4th, will be at 9:00 am in Church, and the parish office will be closed for the July 4th holiday.



Attention Homebound

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

PARISH DIRECTORIES ARE HERE!
Directories can be picked up in the office from 9:00 am-4:30 pm, Monday-Friday.

EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

at the BOS Center in Springfield October 28, 2023

A historic event that Will feed your soul and Inspire your faith in a radical way.



To celebrate the Year of the Eucharist going on in the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois right now and the 100th anniversary of the transfer of the See city of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois from Alton to Springfield, you are invited to a historic celebration and Mass, and it's all free!

This Eucharistic Congress will be a spiritually uplifting and motivating event featuring talks from nationally popular Catholic speakers Sister M. Karolyn Nunes, FSGM, Father Chase Hilgenbrinck, Father Denis Robinson, OSB, and Dr. Scott Hahn. It also includes Catholic vendors, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, confession, a showing of the documentary *God is Alive | Incredible stories of faith and miraculous events in Central Illinois*, and a showing of *The Chair*, which highlights the beauty of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield and the history of the diocese. The day culminates with the very essence of the Year of the Eucharist, the Mass, with an arena full of Catholics eager to hear the Word of God and receive Jesus present in the holy Eucharist.

You can inquire about reserving a seat through the parish office starting July 1, or if you are interested in volunteering, you can register now! For more information on the event or volunteering or financially supporting/sponsoring the event, visit dio.org.

Religious Education News

Thanks to all the religion volunteers this school year. I am counting on you for the 2023-2024 school year. The program **needs** more volunteers for this fall. *Please consider giving one or two hours a week this fall as a volunteer.* Early morning supervisors, 7:15—7:45 am. Walkers and catechists, 7:45—8:40 am.

Online religion registration begins the first week of July. Please register your children! The religion program begins this fall, on August 17, 2023.

This week we congratulate Lilly Ruholl, daughter of Clem & Kate Ruholl (student of Camille Neihls) on placing 2nd place in Division I for her poem.

“Lighting up the World with Acts of Kindness”

We are here to shine Your light
By acts of kindness day and night
So Your love can shine so bright
Brighter than the stars at night.



Happy 4th of July!

THANK YOU! Thanks to St. Francis Parish for hosting the 49th annual Day of Prayer for Life on June 21st. Special thanks to our closing Mass presider, Fr. Joe Carlos, OFM, and concelebrants Fr. John Titus, Fr. James Flach, Fr. Michal Rosa, Fr. Braden Maher, Fr. Seth Brown and Fr. Dominic Vahling; and thanks to Deacon Bruce Scott and Deacon Daniel McGrath for assisting at Mass. We also thank Fr. Juan Carlos Ruiz, OFM who performed Benediction, all prayer leaders, musicians, Sacristan, servers, Fourth Degree KC Honor Guards, lector, CCW officers, volunteers and all who came to pray. Please remember to continue to pray for the legal protection for all human life!

Baptism Prep Dates

- Thursday, July 6, St. Francis
- Tuesday, August 1, St. Isidore
- Thursday, September 7, St. Francis
- Thursday, October 5, St. Rose
- Thursday, November 2, St. Francis
- Tuesday, December 5, St. Isidore

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

July 10-14—Vacation Bible School

August 2—Holiday World trip



The annual St. Francis youth ministry Holiday World trip will be August 2nd. Cost for the day is \$77 which includes a ticket to both parks and the bus ride there. Permission slips are available at the entrance to the church office or on the church website. Registration due July 28th!



VBS INFORMATION

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! Location to be announced soon!



CHWC NEWS

We had an amazing trip to the Louisville, Kentucky Catholic Heart Work Camp last week! Check out the thank you notes in next week’s bulletin insert.

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.

St. Anthony Church, 101 E. Virginia Ave., Effingham, IL
Saturday, October 21, 2023, call 217-347-7129 to register.

FOCCUS: Scheduled dates at St. Francis are as follows:
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, Saturday August 26, 2023 12:00-1:30 pm, on WebEx.
- Saturday, October 14, 2023 9:30-11:00 am at St. Francis Church, Teutopolis.

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



CATECHETICAL SISTERS OF AROGYAMATHA COLLECTION JULY 8/9

The Catechetical Sisters of Arogyamatha Congregation of Kadapa Diocese in South India will share their mission experiences to our parishioners at all the Masses. It is a young and diocesan congregation; they take care of the orphans, young girls and women in India. They do their ministries among the poorest of poor in India especially in the remote villages. Your generous donation in the second collection would help towards formation of the nuns who join their Religious Order, education of the orphans, young sisters and women. This is an opportunity for us to participate in the mission works being done by the Catechetical Sisters of Arogyamatha.

Advocate Training:

Training for those interested in representing the Tribunal in preparing marriage nullity cases as advocates will be held Saturday, July 15, 2023, 9:30 am-3:00 pm.

There will be no cost for the training but please pre-register by July 10 by contacting cbranyan@dio.org or 217-321-1117. Lunch will be provided.

FR. DOMINIC VAHLING will be spending a week this summer as a missionary with **BIKING FOR BABIES** to raise awareness/funds for pregnancy resource centers. He has been training for several months, both spiritually and physically. He will ride 90 miles per day with a team from Columbus, OH to St. Louis, MO during the week of July 10-15. He will be offering it all for the intentions of all mothers in a crisis pregnancy and for the conversion of the hearts of young people to see the truth about abortion and the sanctity of life. Your financial support and daily prayers would be greatly appreciated! To donate and for more information, please go to: <https://www.bikingforbabies.com/missionary/fr-dominic-vahling/>.

A Prayer For Rain

This prayer was written in the 1950s during an awful drought in Texas. The prayer was written by Father W. Schneider of St. Mary's in Fredericksburg who also ministered at St. Francis Church in Stonewall. It has gone all over the world.

Almighty God, we are in need of rain. We realize now, looking up into the clear, blue sky above, what a marvel even the least drop of rain really is. To think that so much water can fall out of the sky, which now is empty and clear! We place our trust in You. We are sure that You know our needs, but You want us to ask You anyway, to show You that we know we are dependent on You. Look on our dry hills and fields, dear God, and bless them with the living blessing of soft rain. Then the land will rejoice and the rivers will sing Your praises and the hearts of men will be glad. Amen.

Tours of the Teutopolis Monastery

Museum will be available on Sunday, July 2, 2023. The Museum, located behind St. Francis Church in Teutopolis, IL, is housed on the second floor in the former Franciscan Novitiate building. An elevator is available for visitors who have difficulty with stairs. A collection of articles used by the early pioneers of the area and the Franciscan Friars can be viewed.

Admission fee is \$5.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children. The Museum is open on the first Sunday of the month now thru November from 12:30 to 4:00 p.m., except holidays. For more information go to the parish website: www.stfrancischurch.com or to the town website at www.Teutopolis.com and click on "Our Community"; or call (217) 961-6404 ext. 236.

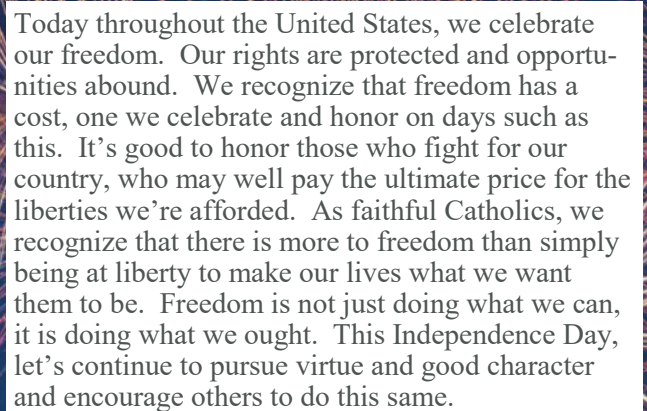
SonRise Men's New Summer Location!

SonRise Men's Prayer group is Shifting gears for the summer beginning in June.

Men from more than 7 parishes have met during the past year. Come join others to partake in the Holy Eucharist, followed by coffee and discussion at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Teutopolis Fridays throughout the summer.

All Men of the parish are encouraged to attend. Attend Mass on Fridays at 6:30 am in Teutopolis, then meet in the St. Clare conference room until 7:30 am. *No registration or cost.*

For more information, contact the parish office or Dan Woods, 217-821-1495; danwoodsface@gmail.com.



Today throughout the United States, we celebrate our freedom. Our rights are protected and opportunities abound. We recognize that freedom has a cost, one we celebrate and honor on days such as this. It's good to honor those who fight for our country, who may well pay the ultimate price for the liberties we're afforded. As faithful Catholics, we recognize that there is more to freedom than simply being at liberty to make our lives what we want them to be. Freedom is not just doing what we can, it is doing what we ought. This Independence Day, let's continue to pursue virtue and good character and encourage others to do this same.

Baby Bottle Project

The fundraiser for the Effingham Family Life Center has ended. PLEASE return all baby bottles, even if empty. Empty bottles may be placed at church entrances; baby bottles with donations may be returned to the church office or to the Family Life Center, 605 Eden Ave, M-W-Th 9:00 am-5:00 pm, Tues. 9:00 am-8:00 pm. THANK YOU for your very generous donations for this pro-life effort!

Liturgical Ministers for July 8/9

<u>Ministry</u>	<u>4:30 pm</u>	<u>6:30 am</u>	<u>8:30 am</u>	<u>10:30 am</u>
Readers	Kristin Probst Gordon Zuber	Herman Brummer	Matt Repking Phil Hartke	Matt Sturgeon Jacob/Kate Pruemer
Ushers	*Brian Drees Bill Runde Todd Probst Tim Ordner Jerry M. Runde Nick Deters	*Don Zerrusen John Spannagel Charlie Kroeger Dean Kremer Pat Wentz Dave Westendorf	*Tom Uthell Mark Probst John Flach Greg Bergfeld Tom Rauch Cory Wermert	*Carl Waldhoff Greg Addis Larry Hardiek Trent Schmid Jeff Thoele Pat Niemerg
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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 www.me.org, or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

- August 4-6, 2023—St. Peters, MO
- September 29-October 1, 2023—St. Peters, MO
- December 1-3, 2023—St. Peters, MO

SAVE THE DATE
2nd Annual Family Life Center Dance

Sponsored by the Friends of the Family Life Center Saturday August 12, West End Reception Hall, Newton, IL SOCO ‘a little southern comfort’ will be the evening’s entertainment along with food provided by CZ’s Fried Green Tomatoes!

Last year’s event was such a success that we had to do it again! Please spread the word and be sure to attend this family friendly event!




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 Recyclables Accepted:
 Newspaper, Magazines, Office Paper
Proceeds to: Monastery Museum & Charities.

Aluminum Cans—*Proceeds to: Teutopolis Youth Group*

Teutopolis Park District
 Soccer Clinics (July 26): Sign up by July 7

Job Openings 2023-2024 School Year
 St. Michael School is seeking applicants for the following:
Full Time School Cook / Custodian
 During the school year person would be responsible for daily food preparation, service, and clean up along with daily cleaning of St. Michael School. Summer hours would be dedicated to cleaning and waxing of the school.
Part Time School Cook(s)
 During the school year person would be responsible for daily food preparation, service, and clean up. Approximately 5 hrs/ day.
Part Time Custodian
 During the school year person would be responsible for daily cleaning of school. Summer hours would be dedicated to cleaning and waxing of school. Hours are flexible. Please send resume and letter of interest to:
 St. Michael School Attn: Nick Niemerg
 P.O. Box 8, Sigel, IL 62462, Or
 Email to: n.niemerg@stmichaelsharpshooters.com



Our Effingham Catholic Charities announced the kick-off of a special capital campaign, The Agape Project, to address critical facility needs at the local charity. The goal is to raise \$600,000 to replace the aging HVAC systems, repair the parking lot and walkways and renovate the onsite food pantry at the Catholic Charities facility.

Those wishing to make a donation can send a check to Effingham Catholic Charities The Agape Project, 1502 E. Fayette Ave., Teutopolis, IL 62467. For more information, please contact Maria Kingery, 217-857-1458 ext. 102 or Sr. Carol Beckermann, ext. 101. All donations to the campaign will remain local and exclusively benefit Effingham Catholic Charities.

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