

Parish Office

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Submit written bulletin notices by noon Monday.

Diocesan website: www.dio.org

Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting and Investigation Number (217) 321-1155

Parish Pastoral Team

Fr. Joe Carlos, OFM, Pastor Fr. Dat Hoang, OFM, Associate Pastor Fr. Dennis Koopman, OFM, Sr. Associate Pastor Fr. Juan Carlos Ruiz, OFM, Visiting Priest Dan Williams, Director of Music Ministry Anita Broom, Bookkeeper Barb Weber, Secretary Ron Ruholl, Maintenance

Religious Education:

Dan Niemerg, GS CRE: 217-961-6477 Maria Kingery, Youth Director & JH/HS CRE: 217-961-1500

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Parish Council:

Eric Habing Jason Niebrugge Monica Stortzum Shannon Hinkle Rhonda Meyer

Dennis Runde Donna Addis Dan Blankenship Dr. Charles Runde

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday: 3:00-4:00pm Thursday before First Friday: 3:00-4:00 pm Anytime by appointment July 16, 2023 - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH



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

The parishioners of St. Francis express our sympathy and condolences to the family of Gary Vahling, whose funeral was Tuesday morning at St. Michael's Church in Sigel, IL. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.

I am late with this note of congratulations to Mary Lou Gier, who was selected to receive the St. Francis Parish 2023 Woman of Distinction from the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. Her schedule did not allow her to go to the cathedral to receive the award with the other ladies in the diocese. We thank Mary Lou for all she has done over the years for God, for her family and for our parish. We wish you continued good health, Mary Lou, so you can watch those beautiful and hand-some grandchildren and great grand children grow and mature. If you would like to see pictures of them, I have no doubt Mary Lou would be happy to share them with you!!

I'm sure the missionaries appreciate your donation via the second collection last Sunday. We will get a letter from their office. After Mass Saturday I took them to the row of pine trees on north Plum Street in town. One of the Sisters had never seen a pine tree!! Got a picture of the two of them in that popular place for wedding photos! We dined at Niemerg's where a couple from the parish surprised us by treating us to dinner – very much appreciated. On the way home we stopped at Niebrugge Furniture, and it was another photo op with the two Sisters sitting in the overgrown chair. They were very impressed with our parish. We swung by the Rodeo, but that could have been a mess with their white religious habits!

If everything works according to the calendar, we had a Census Meeting on Tuesday. We have the form in place that we will use for the gathering of information. Soon we will begin the actual census. And on Wednesday we are scheduled to meet with the Building and Grounds committee to plan what to do with the steeple on the church. I will see if we can print in the bulletin a photo or two of what we found when we took down the south west spire near the clock on the steeple. Safety is our first and primary concern.

This was the week for Fr. Dominic Vahling to participate in the Biking for Babies program. He was to pedal his bike 100 miles a day and go from Columbus, Ohio to St. Louis, MO. Let's hope it is all good news for him. I'm sure some of our parishioners donated money to his cause. There are so many good causes, and Biking for Babies is certainly one of them. I look forward to hearing of his "week on the road."

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 17, 6:30 am: Dolores Esker Tuesday, July 18, 6:30 am: Brian Austin Tuesday, July 18, 8:00 am: Vincent (Bing) & Anna Keck Wednesday, July 19, 6:30 am: Jerry & MaryAnn Zerrusen Thursday, July 20, 6:30 am: Christine Koester Thursday, July 20, 8:00 am: Mary Jo Mette Thursday, July 20, 12:10 pm: Betty Buenker Friday, July 21, 6:30 am: Linus Nosbisch Friday, July 21, 8:00 am: Lucille Buhnerkempe Saturday, July 22, 4:30 pm: Karen Waldhoff Sunday, July 23, 6:30 am: Nadine Brumleve Sunday, July 23, 8:30 am: Norma & Peele (Henry) Weber Sunday, July 23, 10:30 am: Pro Populo



PAPER DEPOT OPEN!

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

Aluminum Cans—Proceeds to: Teutopolis Youth Group



55 PLUS

Join us July 20, 2023 for the 55 Plus gathering following the 12:10 pm Mass in St. Clare hall. The meal will consist of pork burgers, brats, potatoes, tomatoes, corn on the cob, and watermelon along

with a sundae bar. Feel free to bring a dish or dessert to share. RSVP by calling 217-961-6404.

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 Wente, 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.



The Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time July 17 — July 23

Monday,	Mass at 6:30 am Adoration 1:00 pm Monday until 6:00 am Tuesday
Tuesday,	St. Camillus de Lellis Mass at 6:30 am & 8:00 am
Wednesday,	Mass at 6:30 am
Thursday,	St. Apollinaris Mass at 6:30 am, 8:00 am & 12:10 pm
Friday,	St. Lawrence of Brindisi Mass at 6:30 & 8:00 am
Saturday,	St. Mary Magdalene Mass at 4:30 pm
Sunday,	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass at 6:30, 8:30, & 10:30 am

Confession Schedule

Saturday, July 22, 3:00-4:00 pm

Liturgy of the Hours with Friars

Monday-Friday—11:45 am & 4:45 pm



We are asking for families to bring the following: Last name A-G: 1 pie or cake H-M: girl mystery box prizes

N-S: 2 dozen cookies T-Z: boy mystery box prizes

<u>It takes the ENTIRE PARISH to make this a</u> <u>SUCCESS!!!</u> Please donate your time and talent for your work shift!

A FRIENDLY REMINDER

We have not heard from everyone in the parish! If you have not sent in your dues, please do so as soon as you can! You can mail it in, drop it in the collection basket at Mass, or go to <u>www.stfrancischurch.com</u> and click on "sodality dues" and follow the instructions. We appreciate everyone's support in this effort! We have a wonderful parish!!

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday, July 17

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

Tuesday, July 18

- Monastery Museum meeting, 1:30 pm, Sr. Ethelbert center
- Guitar practice, 6:00 pm

Thursday, July 20

• 55+ luncheon, St. Clare hall, following the 12:10 pm Mass

Friday, July 21

• Son Rise Men's Group, Mass at 6:30 am followed with meeting in St. Clare hall.

Saturday, July 22

• Confessions, 3:00—4:00 pm



Attention Homebound

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound for Sunday, July 23, 2023 are Jodi Isley 217-857-3645 and Rita Habing 217-857-3006.

Stewardship of Treasure

	7/2/23	Year
207 Adult envelopes	\$8,450.50	\$8,450.50
41 Online giving	\$2,660.00	\$2,660.00
Other	\$1,026.00	\$1,026.00
TOTAL	\$12,136.50	\$12,136.50
Assisi to Africa	\$929.00	\$929.00

Stewardship of Treasure

<u>7/9/23</u>	<u>Year</u>
\$9,724.00	\$18,174.50
\$3,322.00	\$5,982.00
<u>\$823.50</u>	<u>\$1,849.50</u>
\$13,869.50	\$26,006.00
\$762.00	\$1,691.00
	\$3,322.00 <u>\$823.50</u> \$13,869.50

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

"Teach us to give and not count the cost."

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 <u>needs</u> 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 began the first week of July. Please register your children! The religion program begins this fall, on August 17, 2023.

This week we congratulate Alise Schumacher, daughter of Joe & Pam Schumacher (student of Tracy Dennis) on placing 1st place in Division I for her essay.

"God's Calling to Me from Heaven Above"

Throughout my life I learned that listening to God is a great way to learn about Him and that you find great ways to solve problems. At a young age I learned that listening to God is a great way to be always on the right track. He always helps me pick the right way to go when there is a fork in the road. As I started to get older I started to go to religion class. I think that religion helped me understand more about Jesus. This year I have started reading the kids bible every night and I am very close to finishing it. Next year I will be able to serve God more.

When I get older I will still believe in God and every weekend on Sunday I will go to church. I will also still continue to read the bible every night. I will always believe in God. My life has always been better when I knew of Jesus and God. My favorite prayer is either The Our Father or the St. Michael. God will lead me in the right direction and I will follow. My life has been awesome since I have learned about God and Jesus.

YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

July 19—6:30 am Mass and breakfast July 26—6:30 am Mass and breakfast August 2—Holiday World trip August 9—6:30 am Mass and breakfast August 12—WBGL concert



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!



Thanks to everyone who made our "The Mass is a Mystery" VBS a success! We had 114 kiddos who learned so much about the Mass! Thanks to the adult helpers, student volunteers, and our high school musicians for assisting me!

You're invited to join us for the 3rd annual Harvest of Hope Family Concert, presented by WBGL and Rural King on Saturday, August 12th at Peterson Park in Mattoon. The artist line



-up is We the Kingdom, Matt Mather, Tasha Layton, and introducing new artist, Emerson Day*! Purchase your ticket by going to wbgl.org. St. Francis Youth Ministry will be organizing a carpool for students wanting to go! Contact Maria for more information.

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**.



November 5, 2023

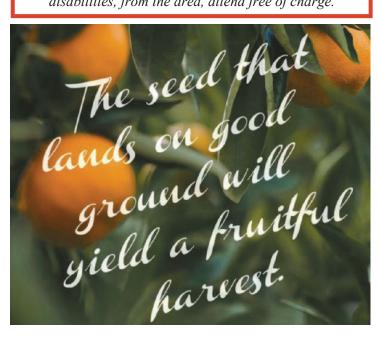


El Shaddai Homes is a long-term residential home for pregnant women and their babies opening soon in Effingham. This Christian ministry will provide livein support, parenting education, life skills, counseling, post birth after care, and resource referrals. An existing 19 bedroom living facility is currently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

You are invited to share the fun of the 33rd Annual Family Camp Renewal Days for Family and Friends of People with Physical/Intellectual Disabilities. Sept. 30-Oct. 1, 2023 at Lake Williamson Christian Center, Carlinville, IL.

Participants share in activities: swimming, hay ride, dancing, mini golf, crafts, archery, sharing in song and prayer. Eucharist is celebrated on Sunday. People with disabilities, from the area, attend free of charge.





Baptism Prep Dates

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

BAPTISM • Tuesday, December 5, St. Isidore All classes begin at 7:00 pm.

To register for 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.

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LADIES OF THE PARISH

The CCW will be hosting 2 upcoming events that you won't want to miss!!

SAVE THE DATES October 22nd – Fall Fun Day/Golf Cart Ride

December 2nd – Christmas Concert in St. Louis

Keep an eye on future bulletins for additional information!!

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 <u>kpruemer@gmail.com</u> or call or text 217-821-1840.

Liturgical Ministers for July 22/23						
<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 Wente 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		
Servers	Katelyn Frese or Brayden Frese Maddy Zane Abby Zane	Eva Mette Clara Mette Anthony Mette Rayanna Mette	Will Hewing Addison Hewing Macy Petersen	Gavin Runde Grace Koester Charlie Koester		

Clean Linens - Mary Waldhoff



Teutopolis Park District

Soccer Clinics (July 26): Sign up continues.



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

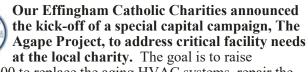
next three weekend experiences are listed below. Sign-up now! For more information or to apply, go to wwwe.org, or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

- 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!





\$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.

Vacancy Notice **Teutopolis Unit 50 School District** 2 5

> Cook @ Grade School Custodian @ Grade School **Bus Driver**

Matthew Sturgeon, Supt, sturgeonm@ttown.k12.il.us





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