

August 27, 2023 - Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH



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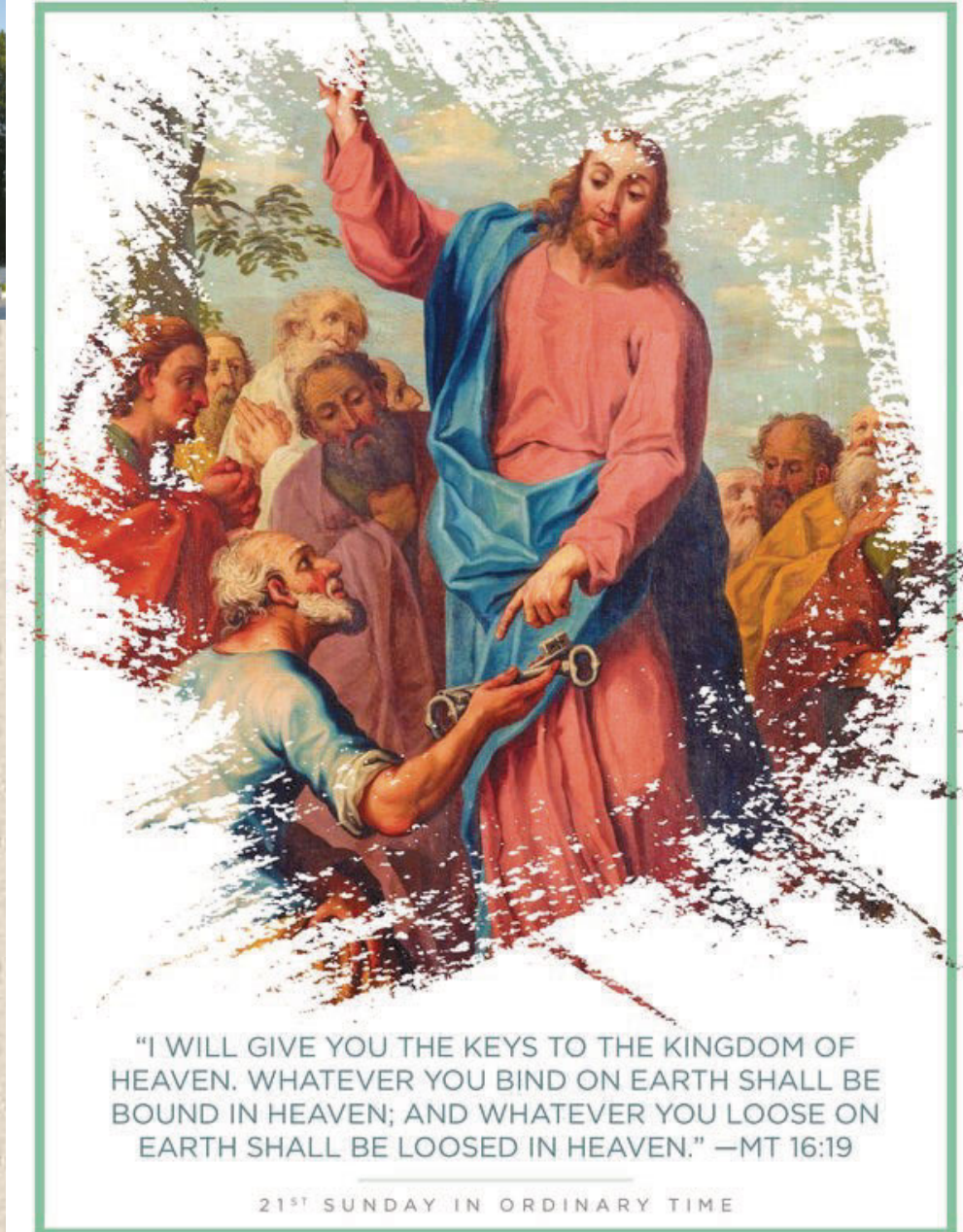
Rhonda Meyer

## Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday: 3:00-4:00pm

Thursday before First Friday: 3:00-4:00 pm

Anytime by appointment



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EARTH SHALL BE LOOSED IN HEAVEN." —MT 16:19

21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## 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

Our parish had a “first” Saturday when over 40 of our third graders and their families and friends made the trip to the cathedral to receive the sacrament of Confirmation and then they received their first Holy Communion. Their names were on the cover of last week’s bulletin. I am more accustomed to the children receiving their first Communion in the parish church, so this put the experience into a larger context of “church” with the cathedral and the bishop. I think it all went well.

The children, their parents and I am very grateful to the students’ catechists, who have shared their faith with the third graders. And we are all grateful to Dan and Susie Niemerg and Camille Neihls for all the work they put into the program. And everyone would have been hungry after the 10:30 Mass if it weren’t for Rita Habing, who got all the refreshments that were enjoyed. Thank you to all for making this a wonderful and memorable day in the lives of our children.

Thank you to those of you who have already responded to our census project. This is the year of the census in our parish. We need to know who lives here and who considers themselves members of the parish. If you haven’t filled out one of the forms yet, please do so. Thanks.

We are merely days away from our parish picnic, which is on September 16<sup>th</sup>. One of the reasons for moving the picnic to Saturday vice Sunday is the hope that people will remain at the picnic in the evening instead of going home and preparing for work the next day. The move to Saturday seems to have been successful last year. And we are having the golf ball drop again – and like last year it will be from a helicopter!! Be sure to give the golf ball a try or two or three!!

We need more names for parishioners going to the diocesan celebration of the Eucharist in Springfield on October 28<sup>th</sup>. There will not be a Mass in any church in the diocese on that Saturday – or confessions – since we will all be in Springfield. Please call the office or send in your information if you plan on attending.

We will return to confessions on Tuesday and Thursday evenings after Labor Day. This practice is a result of the survey the parishioners filled out a couple of years ago, and some asked the question; why do we have confessions only on Saturday afternoon at 3:00? So we added Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:15 to 6:45 to the usual Saturday afternoon.

I will be visiting my sister and her family this week in Buffalo. Some might say: weren’t you just there? From May 1 to May 5 I had to attend meetings with Franciscans at a retreat house in Easton, Pennsylvania. I drove so I could stop and see my sister and her family on my way back, which I did for a weekend. Now I’m taking a week’s vacation.

### OCIA



Thinking about entering the Catholic Church or simply want to learn more about her teachings? Already Catholic but would like to dive deeper into your faith? Join us Monday, September 18th from 7:00 -

8:15 pm at the Sister Ethelbert Center for the first session of OCIA (formerly RCIA) or contact the parish office with questions or for more information. Please invite anyone you know who might be interested in learning more about life as a Catholic!

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Welcome to our faith Family:*

Layna Kay Sandschafer  
Daughter of Brent & Holly (Goeckner) Sandschafer

## 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, Nora Fearday, Doug Niemerg, Brenda Vahling, Raymond Vahling, Ron Esker.

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

## MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 28, 6:30 am: Anita Holman  
 Tuesday, August 29, 6:30 am: Dolores Esker  
 Tuesday, August 29, 7:55 am: Living & deceased  
 CD of A members  
 Wednesday, August 30, 6:30 am: Dolores Niebrugge  
 Wednesday, August 30, 7:55 am: Mary Helen Siemer  
 Thursday, August 31, 6:30 am: Mary Hoelscher  
 Friday, September 1, 6:30 am: Dolores Niebrugge  
 Friday, September 1, 7:55 am: Hank Ruholl  
 Saturday, September 2, 4:30 pm: Dory Thoele  
 Sunday, September 3, 6:30 am: Pro Populo  
 Sunday, September 3, 8:30 am: Dr. Joe Runde  
 Sunday, September 3, 10:30 am: Paul & Dolores  
 Niebrugge

## 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

### The 21st Week in Ordinary Time August 28 — September 3

Monday,	St. Augustine Mass at 6:30 am Adoration 1:00 pm Monday until 6:00 am Tuesday
Tuesday,	The Passion of St. John the Baptist Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am
Wednesday,	Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am
Thursday,	Mass at 6:30 am
Friday,	Mass at 6:30 & 7:55 am
Saturday,	<b>Mass at 4:30 pm</b>
Sunday,	<b>22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>Mass at 6:30, 8:30, &amp; 10:30 am</b>

### Confession Schedule

Thursday, August 31, 3:00-4:00 pm  
Saturday, September 2, 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, August 28

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

### Tuesday, August 29

- Guitar practice, 6:00 pm

### Wednesday, August 30

- Picnic chairman/co-chairman meeting, 7:00 pm,  
picnic grounds behind the grade school

### Thursday, August 31

- Confessions, 3:00—4:00 pm

### Saturday, September 2

- Confessions, 3:00—4:00 pm

### Sunday, September 3

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

## PARISH CENSUS

You should have received in the mail my letter and information on the parish census. Please fill out the census *as soon as you can, preferably electronically.*

If you need to fill out the information manually, that's fine. Please return the filled out census by September 1.

*Parish volunteers will be calling on people we do NOT hear from.*

The last time we did a parish census was 10 years ago! We need the cooperation of everyone. Thank you.



The parish office will be closed Monday, September 4 in observance of Labor Day.



### Attention Homebound

Holy Communion will be brought to you on First Friday, September 1. No Communion to you on Sunday, September 3, 2023.

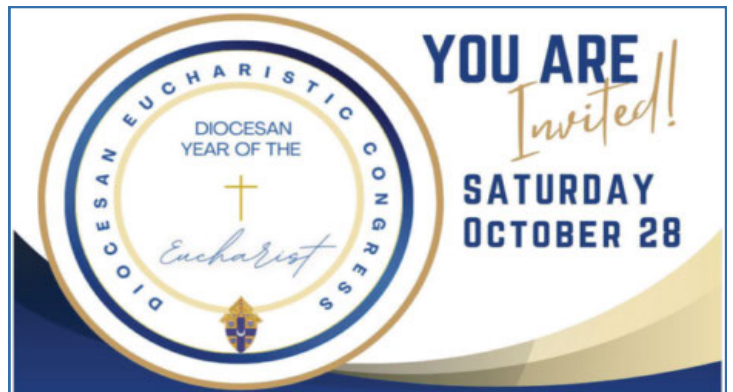
### Stewardship of Treasure

	<u>8/20/23</u>	<u>Year</u>
212 Adult envelopes	\$7,411.50	\$68,615.50
61 Online giving	\$2,920.00	\$21,544.00
Other	<u>\$1,429.30</u>	<u>\$8,087.67</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,760.80</b>	<b>\$98,247.17</b>
Assisi to Africa	\$305.00	\$4,822.00



**HELP NEEDED!** We continue to pray the rosary for peace in the world and in Ukraine before all weekend Masses. Thanks to all who come early to pray, and a special thanks to those who say yes to leading the rosary! We

NEED more volunteers who can lead the rosary prior to 10:30 am Mass. If you are willing, please call or text Angie Esker at 217-259-2495, or sign up at the main church entrance. Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us!



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For details, speaker bios, and schedule - visit [dio.org/revival-bos](http://dio.org/revival-bos)

Keynote  
Dr. Scott Hahn



Fr. Chase Hilginbrinck  
Diocese of Peoria, IL



Sr. M. Karolyn Nunes, FSGM  
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Fr. Denis Robinson, OSB  
Order of Saint Benedict

## Religious Education News

### **SEARCH (the religion program for the handicapped)**

is starting up again soon on Saturdays. The program needs volunteers. Stacey Meyer will talk to each Grade 6 religion class on Monday, August 28. She will send information home with each child. Please help your child understand the importance of serving others.



**Sunday, September 10 is commissioning day for religion teachers.** Religion volunteers will be asked to come forward for a special blessing during the Masses on September 9 and 10. Thanks to all the volunteers in the religion program.

### **YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR**

September 6—First night of Religious Education!  
 September 17—Picnic cleanup, 8:00 am  
 (service opportunity)  
 October 6—Teen center, 7:00-10:00 pm

**JH/HS Parents** - Classes start September 6 and run from 7:00-8:15 pm! Please register your student so we have enough materials!

**Junior high parent meeting**  
 September 13 at 7:10 pm in the TGS cafeteria.



**HELP!** St. Francis Wednesday night religious education is in need of a Wednesday night catechist for the first semester! Please contact

Maria for more info at 217-961-1500 or email at [mkingery@stfrancischurch.com](mailto:mkingery@stfrancischurch.com). All materials provided. The first night of classes is Sept. 6.



### **Baptism Prep Dates**

- 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.

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DATE!

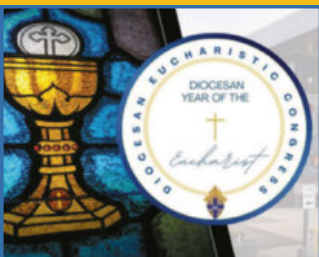


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November 5, 2023

## SIGN UP IN THE MAIN ENTRANCE OF CHURCH OR CALL 217-961-6404.



*You are invited* to a historical diocesan-wide celebration of the Diocesan Year of the Eucharist and the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the transfer of the See city from Alton to Springfield.  
**Eucharistic Congress**

*Saturday, October 28, BOS Center in Springfield*

This dynamic experience will include nationally recognized Catholic speakers, adoration, confession, and Mass. The arena will be packed with thousands of Catholics from across the diocese. There will be no other Masses in the diocese on October 28th. To attend, contact the parish office for one of our 209 assigned St. Francis of Assisi Parish seats. You can inquire about reserving a seat through the parish office, 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](http://dio.org).

**DEADLINE TO SIGN UP IS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11.**

**We are getting ready for our Church picnic!**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

**PARISH  
PICNIC**

**SEPTEMBER 16, 2023**

*Please donate your  
time and talent for  
your work shift!*

We are asking for families  
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- Last name A-G: 1 pie or cake
- H-M: girl mystery  
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cookies
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FANCY WORK STAND**  
is requesting raffle items for the picnic.  
Items can be dropped off at church  
or brought to the picnic.  
**THANKS FOR YOUR TIME AND  
TALENT!!**

**Catholic Bible Study? YES!** Study the Book of Exodus  
beginning Thursday, September 7 at 6:30 pm at St. Antho-  
ny Parish Center. Then on September 14 a morning ses-  
sion is offered at 9:00 am and the evening session is of-  
fered at 6:30 pm. Register for materials by calling St. An-  
thony Parish office at 217-347-7129. Questions call Kate  
Weber 217-821-3003 or [kateweber51@gmail.com](mailto:kateweber51@gmail.com)

**SEPTEMBER**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

9/1	Norma Hoelscher (84)
9/2	Mary Lou Gier (80)
9/11	Dennis Habing (85)
9/12	Norma Deters (84)
9/12	Ronald Koester (86)
9/15	Wilma Beckman (80)
9/23	Rosalee Hinkle (86)
9/24	Raymond Vahling (91)
9/25	Regina Figueroa (86)
9/25	Lawrence Pulsfort (83)
9/27	Janet Koester (90)
9/28	Dorothy Weber (80)

**PICNIC CHAIRMAN AND CO-CHAIRMAN**  
The picnic chairman/co-chairman meeting is on  
WEDNESDAY August 30 at 7:00 pm on the picnic  
grounds behind the grade school. This is a rain or  
shine event. If inclement weather, we will meet at  
Teutopolis Banquet Hall. Please try to make sure  
one representative from your stand is in attendance!

**Liturgical Ministers for September 2/3**

<b>Ministry</b>	<b>4:30 pm</b>	<b>6:30 am</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>
<b>Readers</b>	Jamie Habing Dan Niemerg	Pat/Sharon Wente	John Vogt Kathy Hartke	Theresa Bushur Matt/Jennifer Weidner
<b>Ushers</b>	*Charles Semple Toby McMahon Dave Tegeler Eric Habing Doug Smith Joe Zerrusen	*Steve Mette Larry Esker Joe Esker Mike Hardiek Joe Runde Dave Runde	*Jeff Hardiek Don Bergfeld Troy Bloemer Bernie Hartke Greg Hess Bob Koester	*Bruce Buhnerkempe Dan Beckman Tom Vahling Hank Niebrugge Jake Pals Dennis Runde
<b>Servers</b>	Owen Kreke Harrison Kreke Owen Kremer	Ozzie Pals Evie Pals Clarissa or Lillian Ruholl	Carson Hepner Connor Althoff Macy Petersen	Annabelle Habing Kate Habing Jolene Habing Joey Habing

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**SPAGHETTI LUNCH**  
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**Sunday September 10, 2023**  
**10:30 AM– 2:30 PM at the**  
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**Teutopolis Park District**  
 Gr. 5 & 6 Basketball (late Sep–mid Dec): Sign up by Sep 1.  
 Gr. 7 & 8 Traveling Soccer (late Aug-Oct): Sign up by Sep 1.

**SonRise Fridays – All Men Invited – September 8**  
 SonRise Friday Men’s Breakfast returns to St. Anthony’s Parish Center September 8.  
**SonRise** is men helping other men learn, listen, hear, act, and grow in faith. Building their relationship with God and each other. For one hour a week Men from multiple parishes across area gather to pray, listen to a presentation, and then engage in small group discussions supporting and encouraging each other based on insights and reactions to the message shared.  
**That Man Is You**, is a set of presentations produced by Paradises Dei and includes NINE impressive speakers. All men of the parish are invited to attend. Breakfast is served at 6:10 am, program at 6:30 am, followed by discussion and concluding at 7:30 am. Become a better son, brother, husband, father, and friend beginning with your relationship with God. There is no charge yet registration is requested. Questions? contact Dan Woods, [danwoodsface@gmail.com](mailto:danwoodsface@gmail.com).



**Teutopolis Community Blood Drive**  
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