

September 10, 2023 - Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH



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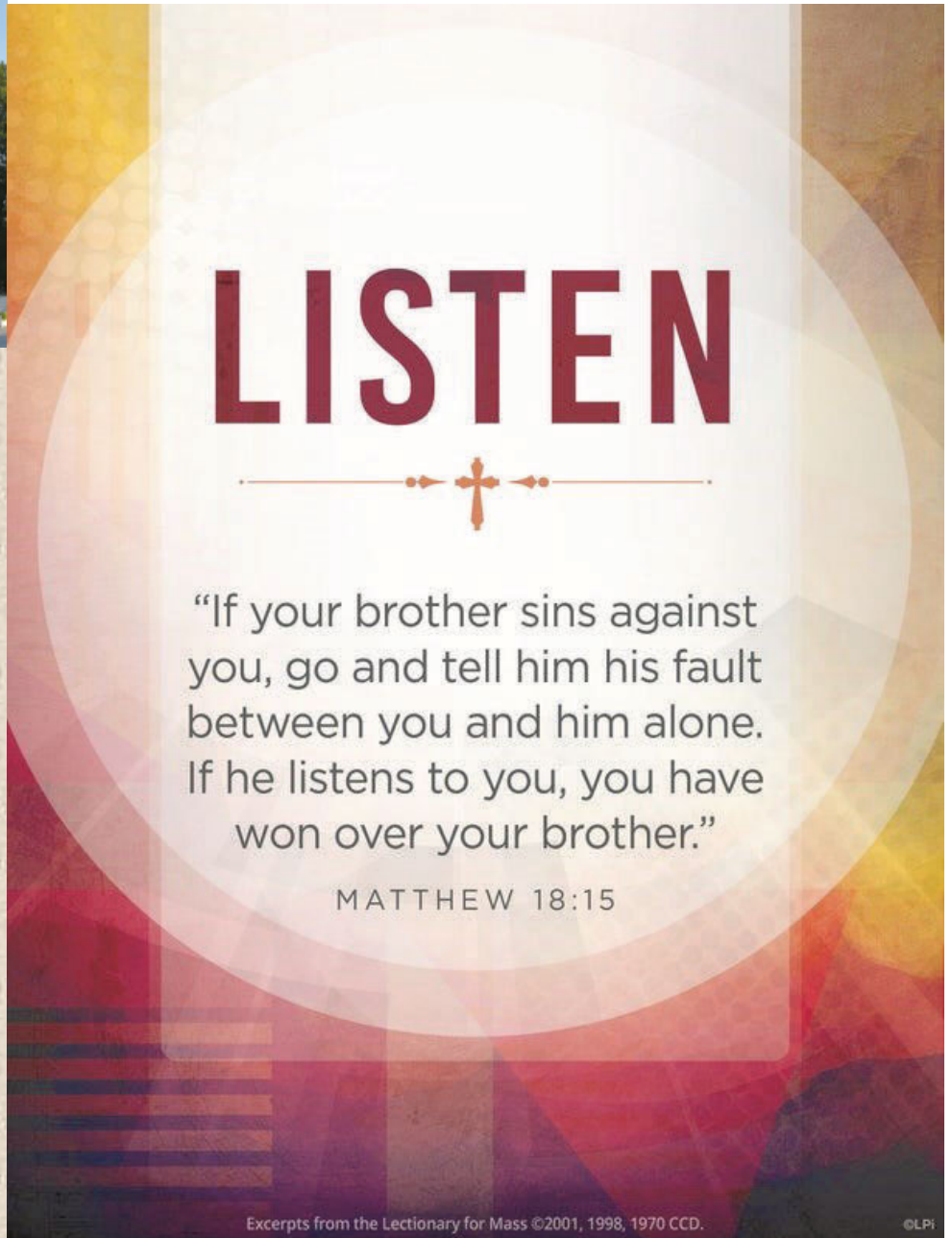
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Tuesday & Thursday: 6:15-6:45 pm

Saturday: 3:00-4:00 pm

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.

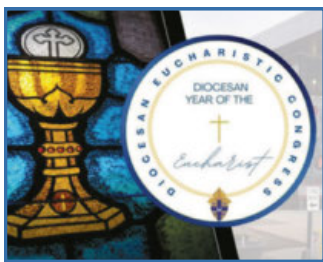
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## From the Pastor

Today is our parish celebration of Catechetical Sunday. We are grateful to the very many people, literally hundreds, who participate in our religious education program. Our parents thank you for sharing your faith with their children and helping them (parents) to be the best teachers of their children, especially in terms of faith formation. When parents bring their baby to church for baptism, they are making a serious commitment to rear their child in the faith. If we reflect on our own spiritual life, I'm sure many will see the influences of our parents in shaping the Catholics we have become. Baptism is much more than a Sunday in church. It is the beginning of new life that needs to be fed and nourished. Parents and grandparents and aunts and uncles – we all have a job to do!

It will soon be here: Parish Picnic!! Some people have been working on this project since last year. Some have been meeting on a frequent basis all year long. The time is fast approaching. Please do your share. It's likely you have been given a place and a time to serve. If you choose to not participate, then someone will have to not only do their job or task, but they will also pitch in to cover for you. Picnics work great when everyone does his or her share...and more! We hope and pray for good or favorable weather for the picnic.

## 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.**

### 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.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Welcome to our faith Family:*

Judah Michael Voigts  
Son of John & Courtney (Heurman) Voigts

## 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 Pruemmer, 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, Doug Niemerg, Brenda Vahling, Raymond Vahling.

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

## MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 11, 6:30 am: Maurice J. Kremer  
Tuesday, September 12, 6:30 am: Kenneth Grunloh  
Tuesday, September 12, 7:55 am: Ted Hinkle  
Wednesday, September 13, 6:30 am: Herman F. Runde  
Wednesday, September 13, 7:55 am: Fred Meyer  
Thursday, September 14, 6:30 am: Ruth Schmidt  
Friday, September 15, 6:30 am: James Waldhoff  
Friday, September 15, 7:55 am: Peele & Norma Weber  
Saturday, September 16, 4:30 pm: Paul & Marian Runde  
Sunday, September 17, 6:30 am: Dolores Esker  
Sunday, September 17, 8:30 am: Pro Populo  
Sunday, September 17, 10:30 am: Vince & Ginny Huelsing



**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!

## Liturgy Schedule

### The 23rd Week in Ordinary Time September 11—17

Monday,	Mass at 6:30 am Adoration 1:00 pm Monday until 6:00 am Tuesday
Tuesday,	The Most Holy Name of Mary Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am
Wednesday,	St. John Chrysostom Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am
Thursday,	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross Mass at 6:30 am
Friday,	Our Lady of Sorrows Mass at 6:30 & 7:55 am
Saturday,	St. Cornelius St. Cyprian Mass at 4:00 pm
Sunday,	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass at 6:30, 8:30, & 10:30 am

### Confession Schedule

Tuesday, September 12, 6:15-6:45 pm

Thursday, September 14, 6:15-6:45 pm

Saturday, September 16, no confession due to picnic

### Liturgy of the Hours with Friars

Monday-Friday—11:45 am & 4:45 pm

*Special collection*— the **Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa** has been making real differences in the lives of Catholics in Africa for more than 15 years through its support of seminary training, the formation of religious sisters and brothers, and other pastoral ministries that address the needs of the rapidly growing African Church. When you participate in the collection, you play a key role in forming today’s seminarians to become the pastoral leaders of tomorrow.

Please be generous to this collection. To learn more about the collection and whom it supports, visit [www.usccb.org/africa](http://www.usccb.org/africa).

## THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

### Monday, September 11

- Adoration, 1:00 pm Monday—6:00 am Tuesday
- Liturgy meeting, 7:00 pm, St. Clare hall

### Tuesday, September 12

- Confessions, 6:15—6:45 pm
- Guitar practice, 6:45 pm

### Wednesday, September 13

- Childrens choir, 3:45—5:00 pm
- Young adult choir, 6:00—7:00 pm
- JH/HS Religion, 7:00—8:15 pm
- Bible Study 8:15—9:30 pm, Teen Center

### Thursday, September 14

- Serving practice , 3:30 –4:30 pm
- Confessions, 6:15—6:45 pm
- Parish council meeting, 7:00 pm, Sr. Ethelbert
- Baptism prep, 7:00 pm, St. Clare hall
- Adult Choir, 7:00 pm

### Saturday, September 16

- Church Picnic, Mass at 4:00 pm, no confession

### Sunday, September 17

- Special collection Church in Africa
- Secular Franciscans, 1:00-5:00 pm, church and St. Clare

### Attention Homebound



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound for Sunday, September 17 are Lenora Drees 217-857-3583 and Lori Mette 217-663-0869.

### Stewardship of Treasure

	<u>9/3/23</u>	<u>Year</u>
223 Adult envelopes	\$8,078.00	\$86,430.50
69 Online giving	\$3,930.00	\$27,349.00
Other	<u>\$983.25</u>	<u>\$10,118.92</u>
TOTAL	\$12,991.25	\$123,898.42
Assisi to Africa	\$1,304.00	\$6,496.00

## Life Chain 2023—Sunday, October 1

Respect Life Sunday 1:30 pm – Prayer Service

Sacred Heart Parish Center, 407 S Henrietta St, Effingham, IL

2-3 pm Life Chain on Keller Drive

\*A Christian witness against the killing of pre-born children

\*Help us line Keller Drive in Effingham – prayerfully, peacefully and legally – with crowds of pro-life Christians (we won’t be lining up on Fayette St. this year due to construction, only Keller Drive)

\*Bring your family and friends to help make this a successful pro-life event.

\*Signs will be furnished.

\*Refreshments will be served following the event at the parish center.

\*For further information, please call Karla Slifer, Coordinator at 217-690-5282.

The Life Chain is a church and family event, not a rally or political extravaganza. Participants are to respect all other pedestrians, including those who oppose the chain and show only respect to motorists who indicate other sentiments. If standing is a problem, lawn chairs are welcome. All denominations are invited and urged to attend!



## Religious Education News

**Religion Program for children ages 3-7** during the 10:30 Sunday Mass will begin on September 24. The children will be asked to come forward before the first reading. Father will dismiss them to St. Clare Hall. We will need volunteers to help. If you are interested, please call Stephanie Rauch 217-821-1868.



**The Grandparent Prayer Sponsor Program** will be implemented at the grade school again this year. It has been a few years, but we are bringing it back. We will be sending letters soon.

## YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

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.

Don't miss out on all the FUN at this year's  
**St. Francis Church Picnic!!!**  
Outdoor Mass, great bands, lots of adult  
and kid raffle prizes, and the famous pulled pork sundaes!!  
**We have some really awesome live auction items  
you will want to be there to bid on!!**  
**We'll see you on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>!**

Pie, cake, and cookie boxes will be at the main church entrance  
the next 2 weekends!

*Golf Ball*  
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**TICKET  
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after each  
weekend Mass  
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**The COUNTRY CRAFT/  
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!!**

**Prayer Campaign for Life:** For 40 Days, Sept. 27 – Nov. 5, our parish will be participating in this locally organized prayer and action effort to end abortion and the culture of death in our society. Let us prepare to pray and fast that the protection and promotion of abortion in Illinois will end, and that physician-assisted suicide will not come to pass in Illinois! St. Francis/St. Rose Prayer Days for Life will be Mondays, Oct. 9 and Oct.23. We also have opportunity to give pro-life service by volunteering at Silk Purse, which helps fund the Family Life Center.

*Only with prayer - prayer that storms the heavens for justice and mercy, prayer that cleanses our hearts and souls - will the culture of death that surrounds us today be replaced with a culture of life." (U.S. Catholic Bishops)*



### Grade School Catechists

Kathy Willenborg  
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 Rita Habing  
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 Julie Probst  
 Nora Donsbach  
 Geralyn Koester  
 Jean Willenborg  
 Sue Esker  
 Cindy Hardiek  
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 Lois Meinhart  
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 Jeanine Heuerman  
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 Cindy Buenker  
 Mick Deters  
 Rita Feldhake  
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 Mary Deters  
 Barb Runde  
 Tina Schwinke  
 Jessica Rhodes  
 Penny Beckman  
 Joe Zerrusen  
 Karen Buhnerkempe  
 Kay McMahan  
 Angie Esker  
 Maria Kingery  
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 Jodi Isley(sub)  
 Christina Probst(sub)  
 Jane Zuber (sub)

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 Jean Sehy (sub)  
 Beth Sturgeon (sub)  
 Robin Imburgia (sub)  
 Laura Deters (sub)  
 Kate Pruemer (sub)  
 Lisa Bohn (sub)  
 Diane Siemer (sub)  
 Ashley Martin (sub)

### Prayer Service Leader

Barb Runde  
 Dan Niemerg

### Musician/cantor

Children's Choir  
 Dan Williams

### Junior High Catechists

Jamie Habing  
 Kate Ruholl  
 Maria Kingery  
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 Lynn Huber  
 Dan Niemerg  
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 Tina Schwinke (sub)

### High School Catechists

Rob Zumbahlen  
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 Rich Niebrugge

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Scott Copple

### Wed. Night Bible Study Supervisor

Dan Blankenship

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**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!

**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. *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.

**Liturgical Ministers for September 16/17**

<b>Ministry</b>	<b>4:00 pm Mini Park</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 Darren Zerrusen Troy Bloemer Bernie Hartke Greg Hess Clay Zerrusen	*Bruce Buhnerkempe Dan Beckman Tom Vahling Hank Niebrugge Jake Pals Dennis Runde
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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## SPAGHETTI LUNCH

*Sponsored by Joe's Pizza and Pasta*  
**Sunday September 10, 2023**  
**10:30 AM – 2:30 PM at the**  
**Effingham Event Center (K of C Hall)**  
**DRIVE THRU ONLY \$8.00 per meal**

Tickets available at Catholic Charities, from any Catholic Charities Advisory Board Members, and at the door.

**All proceeds from the Spaghetti Dinner will Support the mission and ministries of Catholic Charities.**

## DeColores Weekends

Oct. 12-15 Men's Weekend, Leader Carl Portz of Effingham. 217-827-4101 [carlportz@yahoo.com](mailto:carlportz@yahoo.com)  
 Oct. 19-22 Women's Weekend, Leader Donna Davis of Shumway. 217-690-2640 [drosedavis1998@gmail.com](mailto:drosedavis1998@gmail.com)  
 Both weekends are held at Camp Walter Scott! *If you haven't been yet, YOU won't regret it!* Call or email the above leaders for more info or to sign up!!

You are invited to an evening of celebration, dinner and reflection at the **Family Life Center fundraising banquet** on Thursday, Sept. 14 at the Keller Convention Center, Effingham. Seating begins at 6:30 pm. Dinner and the program will be from 7:00-9:15 pm. The guest speaker will be David Williams. He serves as an itinerant preacher and evangelist. Reservations are required. Contact Linda at the Family Life Center at 217-342-5433. *This banquet supports the efforts of the Effingham and Newton FLC locations.*

## AMERICAN LEGION BREAKFAST

Sunday, September 17,  
 7:00—11:00 am  
 American Legion Hall, Teutopolis  
 Whole hog sausage, fried & scrambled eggs, homemade rolls & breads, coffee, juice & milk.  
 Country store / Bake sale / 50/50 drawing.



## TEUTOPOLIS PARK DISTRICT

### September 10

Fitness Programs (Oct. 9–Dec. 22): Sign up by Sept. 17  
 Soccer games canceled Aug. 21—rescheduled for Sept. 13  
 Soccer games canceled Aug. 22—rescheduled for Sept. 19

### September 17

Fitness Programs (Oct. 9–Dec. 22): Sign up by Sept. 17  
 Soccer games canceled Aug. 22—rescheduled for Sept. 19

### September 24

Fitness Programs (Oct. 9–Dec. 22): Sign up continues (late fee applies)

## PRE-SALE TICKETS ONLY

### St. Mary's Shumway Pork Chop Dinner Parish Hall Fundraiser

September 24, 2023, 3:00-7:00 pm Cost: \$12 per ticket  
 Drive-thru carry out only

Pork chops, green beans, baked potato, dinner roll  
 Contact to purchase tickets: Leslie Kemme 217-821-3399,  
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