

September 17, 2023 - Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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



24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." - Mt 18:21-22

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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

Picnic Day! This Saturday we celebrate our parish picnic, and it begins appropriately with the celebration of the Eucharist, which is at 4:00 pm in the mini park. We hope the new location for the altar will provide more shade for more people unlike last year where the sun seemed to be all over the place! Better sun than rain, right? I asked Fr. Juan Carlos if he would preside at the Mass, and he was very happy to.

I think the real strength of a parish is found in how the members of the parish cooperate with the grace of God in their lives. If a parish doesn't seem to have much "life" to it, then the guess is the people are not working with the grace of God. When a parish is full of life, and a great deal is happening across the board – for everyone and all ages – then the parish is strong. One measuring rod could be the sacramental life of the community, and I think the Lord is calling us to continue to worship him with Masses, confessions, weekly adoration on Mondays, and other forms of prayer. Another measuring rod is the parish picnic. It isn't a matter of how much money is made, but did the parishioners show up and work their assignments? Did we have fun? Did we enjoy coming together and working together? I hope we did!

Thank you for your prayers on my behalf. The surgery on my back went well on Sept 6, and I have to get used to a new way of moving around: no lifting, bending, twisting. Soon I will be able to get outside and trim the roses in our garden.

I seek your prayers for our Director of Music, Dan Williams. He fell and broke a bone in his right hand – OUCH! His hand is all wrapped up, and it will be a while before he can play the organ or the piano. Let's pray for a successful healing for him. And I hope other musicians in the area can respond to Dan's invitation to help us.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Welcome to our faith Family:

Margaret Ann Bloemer
Daughter of Brock & Erin (Ruholl) Bloemer

Clay Daniel Borries
Son of Cole & Rose (Niemerg) Borries

Rosalie Danielle Stombaugh
Daughter of Jackson & Celeste (Deters) Stombaugh

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 McMahan, 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.

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, September 18, 6:30 am: Stella Esker
Tuesday, September 19, 6:30 am: Mary Hoelscher
Tuesday, September 19, 7:55 am: Ray Lohman
Wednesday, September 20, 6:30 am: Bernard Hardiek
Wednesday, September 20, 7:55 am: Jerry Brickley
Thursday, September 21, 6:30 am: Roger & Barb Worman
Thursday, September 21, 12:10 pm: Bob Deters
Friday, September 22, 6:30 am: Anita Holman
Friday, September 22, 7:55 am: Max Soto
Saturday, September 23, 4:30 pm: Luella Buscher
Sunday, September 24, 6:30 am: Richard & Martha Thoele
Sunday, September 24, 8:30 am: Karen Waldhoff
Sunday, September 24, 10:30 am: Pro Populo



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, or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

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



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 24th Week in Ordinary Time September 18—24

Monday,	Mass at 6:30 am Adoration 1:00 pm Monday until 6:00 am Tuesday
Tuesday,	St. Januarius Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am
Wednesday,	St. Andrew Kim Tae-Gon St. Paul Chong Ha-Sang Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am
Thursday,	St. Matthew Mass at 6:30 am & 12:10 pm
Friday,	Mass at 6:30 & 7:55 am
Saturday,	St. Pius of Pietrelcina Mass at 4:30 pm
Sunday,	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass at 6:30, 8:30, & 10:30 am

Confession Schedule

Tuesday, September 19, 6:15-6:45 pm
Thursday, September 21, 6:15-6:45 pm
Saturday, September 23, 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, September 18

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

Tuesday, September 19

- Monastery museum meeting, 1:30 pm
- Confessions, 6:15—6:45 pm
- Guitar practice, 6:45 pm

Wednesday, September 20

- 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 21

- 55+ lunch following the 12:10 pm Mass
- Serving practice, 3:30—4:30 pm
- Confessions, 6:15—6:45 pm
- Adult Choir, 7:00 pm

Saturday, September 23

- Confessions, 3:00—4:00 pm

Sunday, September 24

- Religious programs for 3-7 year olds, 10:30 am
Mass (see page 4 for details)
- Band & Fine arts boosters breakfast, 7:00-11:00 am
Teutopolis grade school

Attention Homebound



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound for Sunday, September 24
Jodi Isley 217-857-3645 and Rita Habing 217-857-3006.

Stewardship of Treasure

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223 Adult envelopes	\$7,800.50	\$94,231.00
61 Online giving	\$2,367.00	\$29,716.00
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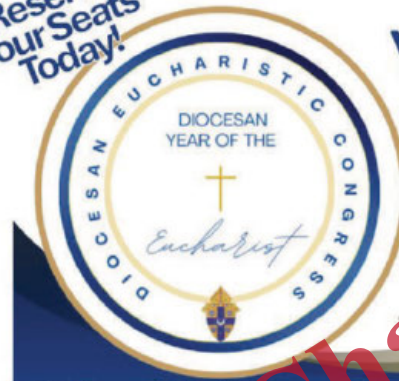
HE GIVES POWER TO THE WEAK
AND STRENGTH TO THE POWERLESS.



55 PLUS

Join us September 21, 2023 for the 55 Plus gathering following the 12:10 pm Mass in St. Clare hall. The meal will consist of scrambled eggs, ham, biscuits and gravy, sausage links, American fries and fruit. Feel free to bring a dish or dessert to share. RSVP by calling 217-961-6404.

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OCTOBER 28

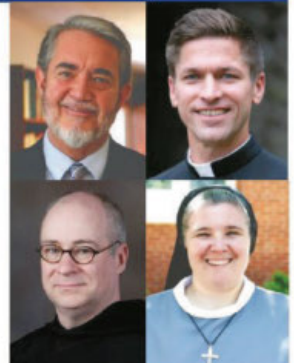
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For details, speaker bios, and schedule - visit dio.org/revival-bos

Schedule of the day

- 10:30am Doors open, family room, vendor row open
- 11am Eucharistic Adoration & Confession available, concession stands open
- 11:30am Documentary, *God is Alive*
- 12:50pm Dr. Scott Hahn
- 1:50pm Screening of *The Chair*
- 2:30pm Fr. Chase Hilgenbrinck
- 2:50pm Fr. Denis Robinson
- 3:10pm Sr. M. Karolyn Nunes
- 4:00pm Mass



RESERVE YOUR SEATS NOW

Extended deadline: September 18th, sign up today!
217-961-6404

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.



Celebrating Mary's Birthday at the grotto.

YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

- September 30 - Oktoberfest inflatables (service opportunity)
- October 6 - Teen center 7:00-10:00 pm
- October 20 - Teen center 7:00-10:00 pm
- October 27 - JH Halloween Dance 8:00-10:00 pm

JH Parents - Please sign up for your student's Remind classes if you haven't already. Use the link sent out to sign up to chaperone the upcoming Junior High Youth Ministry events! If every parent signs up for 2 events, we will have the year covered. Thanks in advance for helping!



CHWC news - Registration for CHWC 2024 takes place on September 25th! Details to sign up will be out later that week! Our first group service project is to help the Teutopolis Civic Club with their Oktoberfest event. Use sign-up genius to fill the shifts. Contact Maria at 217-259-5189 or mkingery@stfrancischurch.com if you need the link!



ASSISI FOR AFRICA – News from Fr. Damien: “Blessings on all. I simply have not had time to write and also my computer was not working for I had not paid the tax. But the most important thing was my running back and forth to two hospitals for our sick boys ... our boy, 14 yrs old, who woke up one morning and could hardly get out of bed for his body was bloated with water and he was three times bigger. For six months we have been fighting against this rare sickness ... Another boy, who is 15 years old, is taking care of our sick boy...every day and he has been a gift from God.”

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)

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.



Tune in all week, Monday through Friday, September 25-29, for the Catholic Radiothon on FM 91.3 WGMR, online at www.ourcatholicradio.org, or on the FREE Covenant Network app. Effingham area guest hosts will be on: Tuesday 2-3pm: Chris Goedde Thursday 5-6pm: Luke & Mallory Doedtman Friday 12-1pm: Cindy Vahling Your support is necessary to keep our local station on the air. Call in anytime to pledge at 314-752-7000 or 877-305-1234, or pledge online!

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!

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.



PAPER DEPOT OPEN!

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Proceeds to: Monastery Museum & Charities.

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Annual Fall Breakfast

Sunday, September 24, 2023

7 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Teutopolis Grade School Auditorium

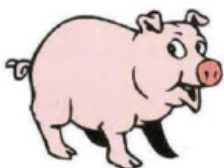
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Sacrament of Matrimony:

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. Francis of Assisi Church, 203 E. Main St. Teutopolis Sunday, February 4, 2024, call 217-961-6404 to register.

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, 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.



BAPTISM

Baptism Prep Dates

- 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.

2023
LIFE CHAIN

Sunday
October 1, 2023
Sacred Heart Parish
1:30 pm Service
2-3 pm Life Chain
on Keller Drive

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against the killing of pre-
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PRAY TO
END
ABORTION

Liturgical Ministers for September 23/24

Ministry	4:30 pm	6:30 am	8:30 am	10:30 am
Readers	Jamie Habing Dan Niemerg	Pat/Sharon Wente	John Vogt Kathy Hartke	Theresa Bushur Matt/Jennifer Weidner
Ushers	*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

DeColores Weekends

Oct. 12-15 Men’s Weekend, Leader Carl Portz of Effingham. 217-827-4101 carlportz@yahoo.com
 Oct. 19-22 Women’s Weekend, Leader Donna Davis of Shumway. 217-690-2640 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!!

TEUTOPOLIS PARK DISTRICT

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,
 Terry Hoene 217-343-4545, Donna Davis 217-690-2640,
 Kathy Adams 217-994-3144, Justin Conder 217-821-4509

SAVE THE DATE!

TURKEY BINGO

November 5, 2023

A **benefit for Heather (Hodge) Davis** will be held on Saturday, October 28, at the Carriage House Event Center, in Altamont, from 3-10:30 pm. In December 2021, Heather was diagnosed with colon cancer which has metastasized to her liver & lungs. She and her husband, Mike, and 4 boys reside in Altamont. Heather is the daughter of Todd & Tara Funneman and Mike & Vicki Hodge.

Please join us for a catered meal, live & silent auctions, family fun and live music by the Josh Holland band. Details can be found on the Benefit for Heather Davis Facebook page.

If interested in donating to the live and silent auction contact Amy Frederking at 217-821-1146 or Jessica Grobengieser at 217-821-2498.

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