

October 1, 2023 - Twenty-sixth 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



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

This Sunday we have the blessing of the animals at 1 o'clock in front of the grotto that is north of the grade school. We will begin promptly in case people want to participate in the Life Chain. There is a service at 1:30 in Sacred Heart Church in Effingham. This is followed by a Life Chain on Keller Drive from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. Signs will be furnished, and there will be refreshments afterwards.

The feast of the patron of our parish, St. Francis of Assisi, is on October 4th. Traditionally we have a prayer service called the Transitus on the evening before the feast since the Transitus commemorates the passing over of St. Francis from this life to eternal life. We will gather in church at 6:00 pm. Following the prayer service everyone is invited into the friary for visiting and refreshments. There will NOT be confessions at 6:15 on October the 3rd. We normally have confessions from 6:15 to 6:45 on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

Mark your calendar for October 9th and October 23rd. These are the dates designated for our parish to participate in the Prayer Campaign for Life. Come to the church for an hour on each of these two dates to pray for a Respect for Life.

I thank the many parishioners, who have taken the time to send me a get well card, and I especially thank those of you, who have been praying for me, for the success of the surgery, which was on Sept 6th, and for complete recovery. I met with the surgeon on Sept 21st, and he said that I was "ahead of schedule" in terms of healing and recovery. I don't go back to see him for 6 weeks. Still have to avoid bending, twisting, lifting (any thing more than 15 pounds). He said I should do "relaxed walking." I never heard of that since I usually try to increase my mileage on a walk. Thank you again for your prayers, and I very much appreciate your keeping me on your prayer list. Your prayers are working.



WELCOME!

Father Juan joined our parish this September.

My full name is Fr. Juan Carlos Ruiz-Guerrero, OFM. I was born on January 15, 1969 in Guadalajara City, in the State of Jalisco in Mexico. I am number five of ten, five sisters, four brothers and me. I entered the diocesan seminary in 1985. I joined the Franciscans in 1989 after high school and one year Philosophy. I was with the Franciscans in Mexico for one-year Postulancy, Novitiate, Post-Novitiate and two years Philosophy. I came to the United States of America in 1994 but I joined Sacred Heart Province two years later. I did Postulancy again and then renewed my vows and moved to St. Joseph Friary in Hyde Park, Chicago. I studied two years Theology and then moved to Grambling, LA for my year before Solemn Profession which took place on September 1, 2001. I returned to finish Theology at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. After three years I was ordained transitional Deacon on April 15, 2004. I did my Deacon Internship with Fr. John Eaton in Bayfield, WI and then I was Ordained a Priest on May 21, 2005.

I have been stationed at: Sacred Heart Friary in Indianapolis, IN working at St. Patrick's, Quincy, IL working as a Chaplain at the University, Chicago. IL working at St. Peter's in the loop as confessor and supply ministry.

I am SO happy and excited to be at T-Town, the cradle of our Province.

May the Lord give me the energy and health to do all that I would love to do here, at Sacred Heart in Effingham and wherever the Lord needs me.

Peace and All good. Paz y Bien.

We welcome Fr. Juan into our St. Francis of Assisi Parish family.

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, October 2 , 6:30 am: Ted Hinkle
 Tuesday, October 3 , 6:30 am: Norma & Peele (Henry) Weber
 Tuesday, October 3 , 7:55 am: James Waldhoff
 Wednesday, October 4, 6:30 am: Fred Meyer
 Wednesday, October 4, 7:55 am: Dean Matteson
 Thursday, October 5, 6:30 am: Mary Hoelscher
 Friday, October 6, 6:30 am: Kenneth Grunloh
 Friday, October 6, 7:55 am: Stella Esker
 Saturday, October 7, 4:30 pm: Dory Thoele
 Sunday, October 8, 6:30 am: Pro Populo
 Sunday, October 8, 8:30 am: Dolores Esker
 Sunday, October 8, 10:30 am: Valerie Light

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, 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.

Liturgy Schedule

The 26th Week in Ordinary Time October 2—October 8

Monday,	The Holy Guardian Angels Mass at 6:30 am Adoration 1:00 pm Monday until 6:00 am Tuesday
Tuesday,	Transitus of St. Francis, 6:00 pm Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am
Wednesday,	St. Francis of Assisi Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am
Thursday,	St. Faustina Kowalska Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos Mass at 6:30 am
Friday,	St. Bruno Blessed Marie Rose Durocher Mass at 6:30 & 7:55 am
Saturday,	Our Lady of the Rosary Mass at 4:30 pm
Sunday,	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass at 6:30, 8:30, & 10:30 am

Confession Schedule

Thursday, October 5, 3:00-4:00 & 6:15-6:45 pm
Saturday, October 7, 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, October 2

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

Tuesday, October 3

- Transitus of St. Francis, 6:00 pm, social to follow in the friary
- Guitar practice, 7:00 pm

Wednesday, October 4

- 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, October 5

- Serving practice, 3:30—4:30 pm
- Confessions, 3:00-4:00 & 6:15-6:45 pm
- Adult Choir, 7:00 pm

Saturday, October 7

- Confessions, 3:00—4:00 pm
- FOCCUS, 5:30 pm, St. Clare hall

Stewardship of Treasure

	<u>9/24/23</u>	<u>Year</u>
233 Adult envelopes	\$12,814.50	\$124,458.50
54 Online giving	\$2,272.30	\$34,418.30
Other	<u>\$1,060.85</u>	<u>\$13,339.57</u>
TOTAL	\$16,147.65	\$172,216.37
Assisi to Africa	\$486.00	\$7,767.00



Attention Homebound

Holy Communion will be brought to you on First Friday, October 6. No Communion to you on Sunday, October 8, 2023.

PRAYER CAMPAIGN FOR LIFE – Please remember to offer extra prayer and sacrifice for pro-life intentions during our 40 day Prayer Campaign, September 27-November 5. We will have a **EUCCHARISTIC DAY OF PRAYER** here on **Monday, October 9 from 9:00 am-Tuesday 6:00 am. Volunteers are needed** to commit to prayer before our Eucharistic Jesus; please use the sign-up sheets at the church entrances to commit to an hour or half hour slot. **Thank you** for your prayers and sacrifices for the end of abortion and for the defeat of legalized assisted suicide! Volunteers are also being contacted to give pro-life service at Silk Purse, to benefit the Family Life Center. To volunteer, please contact Kathy Willenborg at 217-343-3145.

Prayer: *O God, grant that we may pray and work for an end to abortion, especially in these 40 days, so that no unborn baby you have made may fail to achieve your divine intention for him or her. We pray through Christ our Lord, Amen.*



October 1, 1:00 pm
In front of grotto north of the grade school
The feast of St. Francis is October 4, and we customarily do this blessing on Sunday near his feast.

PAPER DEPOT OPEN!

Recyclables Accepted:
Newspaper, Magazines, Office Paper
Proceeds to: *Monastery Museum & Charities.*
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Religious Education News

Religion Program for children ages 3-7 during the 10:30 Sunday Mass began 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. Religion teachers will be calling sponsors.

No School October 6, teacher institute and October 9, Columbus day.

Gr. 5 candy sale for the Missions in Africa, October 12, 8:00 am in the Sr. Ethelbert center. Grades 1-6 will be told when to report to the sale.

YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

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 - First night of teen center is October 6th. Please use the sign-up Genius link sent out to help 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 is delayed until October 4th. Details to sign up will be out later that week. We will have an informational meeting on October 15th at 7:00 pm in Sr. Ethelbert dining room to discuss details for summer 2024!



TRY SOMETHING DIFFERENT!!

JOIN A MUSIC ENSEMBLE AT ST FRANCIS

Last week, I wrote “EVERYONE, young and old, adults and children, parents and even grandparents can learn a new skill, and if you are not good at it, can enjoy the experience and grow.”

By trying something new yourselves, you are setting an excellent example for your children and grandchildren.

Tell THEM to try ALL the sports, even if they are not good; and not just sports! Attempt to sing in the Children’s or Youth Choir, play the piano, try a band instrument, play the guitar or violin, be involved in a theatre production, even if you do not do these things well. Being a part of all these wonderful experiences with people with different skill sets makes you a more interesting, intelligent person.

Your child will transform from someone who thinks they are not talented enough to excel at anything, to someone who does things because it brings them pleasure. They will be more apt to discover what they truly love, and more understanding and compassionate toward others.

By the very nature of their ministry, our choir members are excited to invite and welcome newcomers who will bring gifts and talents that the group does not have. That is the beauty of reflecting God’s generous spirit.

Our choirs, Resurrection, Adult, Youth, and Children’s, as well as our Guitar Group and Brass Ensemble enjoy serving our God, our parish, and our community with the unique gifts God has given each of us.

Please join us in this ministry and come to **Adult Choir Thursday night at 7:00 pm** in the church choir loft and, by example, encourage your children and grandchildren to do the same. **Children’s Choir meets Wednesday after school** in St. Clare Hall and the **Youth Choir meets Wednesday evening before religion classes at 6:00 pm** in the church choir loft.

Peace,

Dan Williams, Director of Music Ministry



Baptism Prep Dates

- Thursday, October 5, St. Rose
- Thursday, November 2, St. Francis
- Tuesday, December 5, St. Isidore

BAPTISM 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.



For those in the area who donated to this, here’s the billboard sponsored by Effingham County Right to Life near the Hope Clinic. Thanks to all who help save Babies!! God is at work!

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The Church picnic was a huge success! From the perfect weather, to all the incredible parishioners who went above and beyond, the committee leaders, workers & volunteers. Thank you, and we look forward to next year!

Tours of the Teutopolis Monastery

Museum will be available on Sunday, October 1, 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 pm, 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.



SAVE THE DATE- NOVEMBER 5, 2023

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.



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

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

- **December 1-3, 2023—St. Peters, MO**

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:

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.

Dates are available on the diocesan website at www.dio.org under marriage and family life.

FOCCUS: Scheduled dates at St. Francis are as follows:

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| October 7, 2023 | January 6, 2024 |
| April 6, 2024 | July 6, 2024 |
| October 5, 2024 | |

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.**
- Saturday, December 9, 2023 9:00-10:30 am at **St. Anthony Church, Effingham**

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

2023 LIFE CHAIN

DEFUND PLANNED PARENTHOOD

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

A Christian Witness against the killing of pre-born children.

Signs Furnished
Refreshments following
Contact Karla Slifer for more info 217-690-5282

PRAY TO END ABORTION

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.

Liturgical Ministers for October 7/8


<u>Ministry</u>	<u>4:30 pm</u>	<u>6:30 am</u>	<u>8:30 am</u>	<u>10:30 am</u>
Readers	Kent Probst Jane Meyer	Linda Willenborg	Amy Hewing Matt Repking	Anita Deters Cathy Thoele
Ushers	*Brent Weichman Chris Deters Kyle Jansen Brian Drees Nick Deters Jeremy Niebrugge	*Tim McMahon Jim Niebrugge Robert Poe Dave Westendorf Don Tegeler Don Zerrusen	*Johnny Meinhart Jake Habing Dan Habing Paul Willenborg Kevin Schumacher Duane Kremer	*Addison Brumleve Brock Brumleve Roy Brumleve Rich Niebrugge Trent Schmid Doug Mette
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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 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Serving chicken dinners, includes baked potato, green beans & coleslaw.

Thursdays—5:00-7:30 pm
(now thru November 9)

“Touch-a-Truck” Family Event - Join us for a day of family fun, filled with trucks, tractors, and all things machinery. Free will donations will benefit the Teutopolis Civics Club. When: Sunday, October 8. 11am-1pm Where: Teutopolis Banquet Hall”



St. Thomas Church
13th Annual

HARVEST PICNIC

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8TH
4PM-7:30PM

7:00am & 10am	Mass
4pm-sold out	KC-Style Chicken Meal
4pm-7pm	A Little Southern Comfort Band
4pm-7:30pm	Kids & Teens Games by CYO
7pm	Basket Raffle Drawing
7:15pm	Grand Prize Raffle Drawing

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A boxed half chicken dinner including cheesy potatoes, green beans and a bottle of water for \$12. Hot dogs, soft pretzels and nachos also be available.

10% OF PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER IN NEWTON & CHRISTMAS LIGHTS IN THE PARK

11th Annual Newman Night, November 4 in the EIU University Ballroom. There will be a 4:30 pm Mass in the St. Philip Neri Chapel followed by the main event at 5:30 pm. Dinner tickets are \$30-adult and \$15-student. Raffle tickets available for a \$1,000 grand prize. Please consider donating to help support the ministry we provide to students on campus. Newman office: 217-348-0188 or jvogt@eiunewman.org to get your tickets.

Benefit for Heather (Hodge) Davis
 Saturday, October 28, Carriage House Event Center, Altamont 3-10:30 pm. In December 2021, Heather was diagnosed with colon cancer which has metastasized. Heather, her husband, Mike, and 4 boys reside in Altamont and she 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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