

October 8, 2023 - Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH



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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



## 27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“The stone that the builders rejected has become  
the cornerstone.” - Mt 21:42ab

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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

The parishioners of St. Francis extend our condolences and sympathies to the family of Joyce Habing who was buried from St. Francis church on September 27<sup>th</sup>. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.

The parishioners offer our condolences to the family of the father, Kenneth Bryan and his two children Walker and Rosie Bryan who died last week, and we pray for the other fatalities who died as a result of the accident.

The accident happened on the feast of the Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, and I want to thank these angels who protected all the First Responders involved in keeping our community safe last weekend. We are told there were 100 people responding with their training and gear, and they all survived! We thank the Lord, and we are grateful to the angels who protected them.

I'm sure the people involved with fighting fires know the answer, but how many times would you guess our volunteer fire department has been called out – at all hours of the day and night – to put out a fire resulting from a crash of a truck along I-70. The community is grateful for the sacrifices made by our fire fighters and the members of their families who pray for them and wait for them to come home safely. I tend to think locally, our Teutopolis Fire Department, but the recent events demonstrate how others come to help and support a local cause. We help them when their community experiences a need, and they help us when we experience a crisis.


God bless our First Responders and their families.

This past Wednesday was the feast of the patron of our parish: St. Francis of Assisi. He is a saint, who is loved by many all over the world. It would be interesting to learn how many statues there are of St. Francis in people's homes and yards and gardens. He loved nature because it was a manifestation of the beauty of God. His life was relatively short, dying when he was 44 years old, and two years before he died he received the stigmata, the wounds of Jesus on the cross. I don't know if he is the first person to receive these wounds, but he would be one of the first people. This is pictured in one of our stained glass windows on the east side of the church. We pray to St. Francis for the grace to follow Jesus like Francis did.

The blessing of the animals was originally scheduled for Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, but it is rescheduled to Sunday, 15 October, at 1:00 p.m. It will be in the green area north of our grade school, near the grotto.



**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.



**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 McMahan, Debbie Meyer, Nicholas Wentz, Gary Cornell, Sharon Ghasst, 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.

**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.

## A Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel for First Responders



Lord, I ask you through St. Michael the Archangel, to watch over all of the men and women who so generously devote themselves to helping others. Grant them courage when afraid, wisdom when they must make quick decisions, strength when weary, and compassion in all their work. When the alarm sounds and they are called to aid both friend and stranger, let them faithfully serve you in their neighbors. Amen.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 9 , 6:30 am: Bernard & Dorothy Ruholl  
Tuesday, October 10 , 6:30 am: Linus Nosbisch  
Tuesday, October 10, 7:55 am: Margaret Pruemmer  
Wednesday, October 11, 6:30 am: Dolores Esker  
Wednesday, October 11, 7:55 am: Nadine Brumleve  
Thursday, October 12, 6:30 am: Leo Pruemmer  
Friday, October 13, 6:30 am: Joan Jamison  
Friday, October 13, 7:55 am: Jonathan Carmichael  
Saturday, October 14, 4:30 pm: Paul & Marian Runde  
Sunday, October 15, 6:30 am: Pro Populo  
Sunday, October 15, 8:30 am: Luella Buscher  
Sunday, October 15, 10:30 am: Anita Holman

## Liturgy Schedule

### The 27th Week in Ordinary Time October 9—October 15

Monday,	St. Denis St. John Leonardi Mass at 6:30 am Right to Life Adoration 9:00 am Monday until 6:00 am Tuesday
Tuesday,	Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am
Wednesday,	St. John XXIII Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am
Thursday,	Mass at 6:30 am
Friday,	Mass at 6:30 & 7:55 am
Saturday,	St. Callistus I Mass at 4:30 pm
Sunday,	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass at 6:30, 8:30, & 10:30 am

### Confession Schedule

Tuesday, October 10, 6:15-6:45 pm  
Thursday, October 12, 3:00-4:00 & 6:15-6:45 pm  
Saturday, October 14, 3:00-4:00 pm

### Liturgy of the Hours with Friars

Monday-Friday—11:45 am & 4:45 pm

### Stewardship of Treasure

	10/1/23	Year
4 Annual donations	\$11,150.00	\$135,608.50
73 Online giving	\$4,030.00	\$38,448.30
Other	\$0.00	\$13,339.57
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$15,180.00</b>	<b>\$187,396.37</b>
Assisi to Africa	\$1,370.00	\$9,137.00

**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.*

## THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

### Monday, October 9

- Right to Life Adoration, 9:00 am Monday—6:00 am Tuesday

### Tuesday, October 10

- Confessions, 6:15-6:45 pm
- Guitar practice, 7:00 pm

### Wednesday, October 11

- 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 12

- Serving practice, 3:30 –4:30 pm
- Confessions, 6:15-6:45 pm
- Adult Choir, 7:00 pm
- Parish Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, Sr. Ethelbert Ctr.

### Saturday, October 14

- Confessions, 3:00—4:00 pm

### Sunday, October 15

- Blessing of Animals, 1:00 pm, in front of grotto north of the grade school.



### Attention Homebound

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound for Sunday, October 15 are Lenora Drees 217-857-3583 and Lori Mette 217-663-0869 .



### NEW DATE!

October 15, 1:00 pm  
In front of grotto north of the grade school

### PAPER DEPOT OPEN!

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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. 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 religion class** October 20, parent teacher conferences are scheduled.

**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.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
On October 22, as we observe World Mission Sunday, we stand in solidarity with the Missions of the Church in this annual worldwide Eucharistic celebration.  
Pope Francis reflected on this year's theme: "Hearts on fire, feet on the move." The Holy Father invites us to kindle the fire of Christ's love in our hearts and to actively share this warmth with the world around us. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, we go forth and bring the Good News to all corners of the world. Founded by French laywoman Blessed Pauline Jaricot in 1822, the Society for the Propagation of the Faith is an essential source of aid for the Church's missionary work. In the United States, we benefited from these donations: up until 1908, we received close to 7 million dollars, the equivalent of over 250 million today. Those dioceses in our country, considered mission territories, continued to receive subsidies. Fairbanks, Alaska, was the last of those dioceses and received its final subsidy payment this year!  
The World Mission Sunday collection assists the Holy Father to meet his Petrine obligation to build up the Church in over 1,100 dioceses and territories that are too young and/or too poor to sustain themselves. Offerings support the formation of seminarians and religious men and women, assist in the construction of schools and orphanages, and enables missionaries to build churches in remote and resource-limited areas, and to meet essential works to proclaim the Gospel and celebrate the Sacraments. Embodying this year's theme, I urge you to keep your hearts aflame and your feet moving this World Mission Sunday. Your prayers are invaluable, and your financial support provides life-giving aid to our brothers and sisters in the world's most vulnerable communities.  
Gratefully in the Lord,  
Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki  
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

## YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

October 20 - Teen center 7:00-10:00 pm  
October 27 - JH Halloween Dance 8:00-10:00 pm

**JH Parents** - 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** - We will have an informational meeting on October 15th at 7:00 pm in Sr. Ethelbert dining room to discuss details for summer 2024!

## CCW's GOLF CART RIDE

**SEARCH AROUND TOWN**

**WHERE'S PADRE? THE GREAT PICTURE HUNT!**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22—1:00 PM  
KC HALL IN PATIO AREA**

ALL LADIES OF THE PARISH ARE INVITED TO ATTEND CCW WHERE'S PADRE? GOLF CART RIDE. YOU WILL NEED TO REPORT TO THE KC HALL PATIO AREA AND REGISTER BY 1:00 TO GET YOUR "WHERE'S PADRE PICTURE HUNT INSTRUCTIONS". IF YOU BRING A GOLF CART WE WOULD LIKE TO FILL EACH ONE,  
*Please ask other ladies to ride with you.*  
AFTER YOU SOLVE THE RIDDLES, A TACO BAR WILL BE SERVED ON THE PATIO WITH SOME REFRESHMENTS.



**55 PLUS**

Join us October 19, 2023 for the 55 Plus gathering following the 12:10 pm Rosary (no Mass) in St. Clare hall. The meal will consist of soup, summer sausage, cheese, crackers, celery and peanut butter. Feel free to bring a dish or dessert to share. RSVP by calling 217-961-6404.



Are you an EIU alum? The Newman Catholic Center of EIU is hosting an alumni meet-up Wednesday, October 11th for folks in the area. It will be at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall 4 Seasons Room from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Stop by for snacks, drinks, and sharing of memories. We hope to see you there!



**November 5, 2023**

Everyone is welcome to attend the **Deanery Prayer Vigil for Life** to pray for the protection of all Life at Mother of Dolors in Vandalia on Monday October 16. Praying the rosary will begin at 6:00 pm. Fr. Seth Brown will be the celebrant for the 6:30 pm Mass. The business meeting will follow in the downstairs classroom. Refreshments will be served while current pro-life issues are discussed.

**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](http://www.dio.org) under marriage and family life.

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

- 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](mailto:kpruemer@gmail.com) or call or text 217-821-1840.



**Baptism Prep Dates**

- 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.

**“Teach us to give and not count the cost.”**



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

Below are listed the next three experiences. Sign up now as space is limited! For more information or to apply, go to [wwme.org](http://wwme.org), or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

**12/1/2023—12/3/2023, St. Peters, MO**

**2/2/2024—2/4/2024, St. Peters, MO**

**4/5/2024—4/7/2024, St. Peters, MO**

**Liturgical Ministers for October 14/15**


<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>	Kent Probst Jane Meyer	Linda Willenborg	Amy Hewing Matt Repking	Anita Deters Cathy Thoele
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<b>Servers</b>	Julien Blim Exavier Smothers Aiden Funneman	Clarissa Ruholl Lillian Ruholl Kaleb Buenker	Ella Wermert Dylan Deters Macy Petersen	Charlie Koester Grace Koester Emily Meyer

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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](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!!

**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”



**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](mailto:jvogt@eiunewman.org) to get your tickets.

The Teutopolis for Tomorrow Parks and Recreation committee will be holding its 2<sup>nd</sup> annual “Trunk or Treat” event on Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup> (Trick-or-Treat night) from 6-8 p.m. at the Teutopolis Community Park.

**Trunk or Treat is an excellent opportunity to promote your business, organization or group!!!** Last year, around 500 children participated and committee members received a lot of positive feedback. You do not need to decorate your vehicle, but, if you choose to do so, prizes will be awarded to the top 3 best decorated vehicles! Your vehicle can simply be a company vehicle with your logo! To participate as a treat-giver, please fill out the entry form online ([www.teutopolisparkdistrict.com](http://www.teutopolisparkdistrict.com)) → Forms → Online Registration → Trunk or Treat (2023).

**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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