

November 5, 2023 - Thirty-first 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



## 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

It is now history! The Eucharistic Congress for the Diocese of Springfield is now in the history books. For those, who went to the BOS Center in Springfield last Saturday, on October 28, 2023, they experienced a major aspect of the life story of our diocese.

On June 28, 2003 the Diocesan Jubilee Day was celebrated at the State Fair Grounds in Springfield with approximately 15,000 people in attendance – according to our Catholic Times magazine of October 15, 2023, page 17. It was an outdoor Mass, and some of you probably remember it. At that time I was assigned to Naval Air Station Sigonella in Sicily.

Our Eucharistic Day was celebrated with an attendance of approximately 5,000 people. (The Center would never hold 15,000!) It's a good thing it was inside because it was raining pretty hard when we came out afterwards. We had inspired speakers, an excellent choir with the members coming from parishes in the diocese, and a procession of priests that seemed to have no end. I suspect that anyone, who attended the celebration, has no regrets about coming to it. If history is the norm, then our next big diocesan celebration is in the year 2043.

Next Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00, we will gather in the cemetery for Our Prayer of Remembrance Cemetery Service. Years ago we used to gather in church for prayer, and then we would march out to the cemetery, praying the rosary as we processed. I had the idea to try something similar this year but with a procession of golf carts from the church to the cemetery.

Last Sunday evening we had our Remembrance Mass, praying in a special way for those who have died in the past year. We thank Fr. Dennis for presiding and Barb Runde for organizing the event. And we express our gratitude to Sharon Brummer for her work in having the information on the deceased - with their photo – on easels in the sanctuary.

## PARISH CEMETERY SERVICE: 2:00 PM , SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12 AT THE ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CEMETERY



**NEEDED:** The Art & Environment Committee is looking for your help. We are in need of pumpkins and gourds for our Thanksgiving decorations. If you have some to donate, please put them in a sack and leave them by the book racks in the St. Clare Hall area by November 9. *Thanks for your help.*



**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.



**American Legion Service**  
**Veterans Memorial Wall**  
**11:30 am—Saturday, November 11, 2023**  
*All Are Welcome*

### MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 6, 6:30 am: Alice Pruemmer  
Tuesday, November 7 , 6:30 am: Sue Borries  
Tuesday, November 7, 7:55 am: Jerry Brickley  
Wednesday, November 8, 6:30 am: Dolores Esker  
Wednesday, November 8, 7:55 am: Betty Runde  
Thursday, November 9, 6:30 am: Tom Miller  
Friday, November 10, 6:30 am: Mary Hoelscher  
Friday, November 10, 7:55 am: Marilyn Zerrusen  
Saturday, November 11, 4:30 pm: Lorraine Zerrusen  
Sunday, November 12, 6:30 am: Mickey Weber  
Sunday, November 12, 8:30 am: Pro Populo  
Sunday, November 12, 10:30 am: Luella Buscher

### PRAYER REQUESTS

*Please remember in your prayers:*  
Will Niccum, Joe Ruholl, Bill 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 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, Raymond Vahling, Mandy Schumacher.  
If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please call the office at 217-961-6404.

## Liturgy Schedule

### The 31st Week in Ordinary Time November 6—November 12

Monday,	Mass at 6:30 am Adoration 1:00 pm Monday until 6:00 am Tuesday
Tuesday,	Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am
Wednesday,	Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am
Thursday,	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Mass at 6:30 am
Friday,	St. Leo the Great Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am
Saturday,	St. Martin of Tours <b>Mass at 4:30 pm</b>
Sunday,	<b>32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>Mass at 6:30, 8:30, &amp; 10:30 am</b>

### Confession Schedule

Tuesday, November 7, 6:15-6:45 pm  
Thursday, November 9, 6:15-6:45 pm  
Saturday, November 11, 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, November 6

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

### Tuesday, November 7

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

### Wednesday, November 8

- 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, November 9

- Confessions, 6:15-6:45 pm
- Adult Choir, 7:00 pm
- Thanksgiving decorating, 5:00 pm

### Saturday, November 11

- Confessions, 3:00—4:00 pm
- American Legion service, 11:30 am at the Veterans Memorial Wall, all are welcome.

### Sunday, November 12

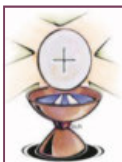
- Church cemetery service, 2:00 pm

## Wedding Bann

Jordan Ratermann & Madeline Hartke  
November 11, 2023 - 12:30 pm



### Attention Homebound



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound for Sunday, November 12 are Deb Blankenship 217-663-0862 and Brenda Henry 217-857-3964 or 217-343-6242.

**Prayer Campaign for Life** ends after today, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>. Our local area's effort was conducted in solidarity with the national "40 Days for Life" campaign, who have documented 199 babies saved so far during this 40 day period. Since 2007, there have been 23,664 babies saved, 145 abortion center closings, and 251 abortion workers quitting during 40 Day for Life Campaigns!

The reversal of *Roe v. Wade* has put abortion in the headlines, which the abortion industry doesn't want. Even in states where abortion remains legal, such as in Illinois, more people are talking about abortion and learning what it looks like. We continue to pray for hearts to change, so that all life is valued! Be inspired by the stories of some of the abortion-minded women that had a change of heart. Go to [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com) and click on Blog, and then Day 27.

**Prayer:** Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in heaven and in the earth is Yours. We pray for your continued guidance and protection. May we be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in Your work, knowing that our labor will not be in vain. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen. — *Carmen Pate*

## Tours of the Teutopolis Monastery

**Museum** will be available on Sunday, November 5, 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 LAST OPENING FOR THE 2023 SEASON!** For more information go to the parish website: [www.stfrancischurch.com](http://www.stfrancischurch.com) or to the town website at [www.Teutopolis.com](http://www.Teutopolis.com) and click on "Our Community"; or call (217) 961-6404 ext. 236.

## Stewardship of Treasure

	<u>10/29/23</u>	<u>Year</u>
218 Annual donations	\$9,059.50	\$183,250.50
49 Online giving	\$1,835.00	\$47,079.90
Other	<u>\$1,256.75</u>	<u>\$17,510.33</u>
TOTAL	\$12,151.25	\$247,840.73
Assisi to Africa	\$178.00	\$10,963.00

## Religious Education News

### Grade 3-6— Confessions during religion in November

Gr. 3-Monday, Nov. 6                      Gr. 4-Monday, Nov. 13  
 Gr. 5-Thursday, Nov. 9                 Gr. 6-Thursday, Nov. 16

**Reminder—Religion Program for children ages 3-7** during the 10:30 Sunday Mass. We will need volunteers to help. If you are interested, please call Stephanie Rauch 217-821-1868.

**Grades 1 & 2 Students will be filling Christmas shoeboxes for the needy**, which are due November 14. We are responsible for buying Bibles for each box and paying for the shipping of each box. It will cost \$10 per box. If you can help pay for the Bibles and shipping, put money in an envelope marked Christmas Shoeboxes and put it in the Sunday collection. *Thanks for your help!*



### YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

Nov. 8 - Religious Ed 7:00-8:15pm  
 Nov. 10 - Rake n Run 9:00 am- Noon  
 Nov. 15 - Religious Ed 7:00-8:15pm  
 Nov. 22 - No Religious Ed classes (Thanksgiving break)  
 Nov. 29 - Religious Ed 7:00-8:15pm



**JH Parents** - Urgent! Do your kids enjoy coming to the teen center on Friday nights? Chaperone help needed to keep the teen center open. Please use the Sign-up Genius link sent out via Remind to sign up for the upcoming Junior High Youth Ministry events! Can't find the link? Call or text Maria with questions 217-259-5189.

**RAKE N RUN** – It's almost time for our annual Rake-n-Run on Friday, Nov. 10. If you know someone who lives in town and should be on our list, please call Maria @ 217-961-1500. I also need students and parents to sign up to help! Please encourage your student to join us at 9:00 am on Nov. 10. We will rake all morning and then meet back in the teen center for a pizza lunch. Bring a rake and a smile!



### We Need Help With

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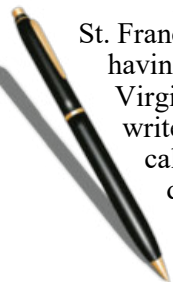
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**Any questions: 217-690-4380**



**CHWC news** - 2024 registration is underway! As of today, we only have 1 spot left! We are heading to Nashville, TN June 23-28. Forms are available on the round table at church or during religion class. Signed forms and down-payment of \$50 are due now. Turn yours in via the church office, the collection basket, or mail to church. Call or text Maria with questions 217-259-5189.

### BOOK OF ETERNAL LIFE

St. Francis parish began the practice years ago of having a "Book of Life" placed by the Blessed Virgin Mary's altar in church for parishioners to write the names of loved ones who have been called from this life. Writing the name of your departed loved one(s) in the book of life is an expression of faith that you believe your loved one is among the number of saints marching into heaven.



**Freshman painting the pumpkins that were passed out by the Junior class.**

**ASSISI FOR AFRICA** – Father Damien writes in his last newsletter: We have the privilege to have catechists' service to our boys. The fruit of their work was the day of the children's baptism. Most children outside of our home have nice clothes and many of our children were in simple clothes. There are unwanted boys. Yes, not all are welcome. There are groups of boys who smoke drugs and others have drugs. They lure our little kids to do drugs along with them. We are trying to discover where they are in order to help them change.

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BINGO

Teutopolis  
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HALL

Sunday, November 5, 2023

Workers arrive by 5:00 pm

Doors open at 5:00 pm and BINGO starts at 6:00 PM - CONCESSIONS &amp; RAFFLE ITEMS WILL BE AVAILABLE

Callers: Paul Grunloh, Kevin Weber, and Kevin Koester

Tickets and Cards: Gerald Runde, Rich Niebrugge, and Dean Vahling

Treasurer: Dean Kremer and Duane Kremer

Others: Aaron Stortzum, Dean Kreke, Greg Addis, Tom Uthell, Brian Jansen, Russ Runde, Rich Borries, Jason Runde, Nick Deters, Randy Thoele, Jordan Niebrugge, Jeff Thoele, Chris Deters, Kevin Schumacher, and Mark Probst.

### Museum and Paper Depot Volunteer Appreciation Dinner—2023

Tuesday, November 21, there will be an appreciation dinner for all Monastery Museum and Paper Depot volunteers who have helped during this past year. All the volunteers and their spouse or guest are invited to this 6:00 pm dinner which will be held at the Kountry Kitchen. Please call your reservations in by Tuesday, November 14 to Ray/Joyce Vahling 217-857-3586, Connie Nosbisch 217-994-4117 or Mark Lueken 217-663-0311. Mark your calendars and call your reservations as soon as possible. Thank you!

### 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. Mary Church, Ste. Marie, Saturday, March 9, 2024, call 618-455-3155 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, December 9, 2023 9:00-10:30 am at **St. Anthony Church, Effingham**
- Saturday, February 10, 2024 1:00-2:30 pm, on **WebEx**.

To register contact Kate Pruemmer, CFCP. Email her at [kpruemmer@gmail.com](mailto:kpruemmer@gmail.com) or call or text 217-821-1840.



BAPTISM

### Baptism Prep Dates

- 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.

### PRAY THE ROSARY FOR PEACE -

Our Lady said to the three shepherd children at Fatima, Portugal, on July 13, 1917, "Continue to say the Rosary every day in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary, to obtain the peace of the world and the end of the war, because only she can obtain it." World War I ended shortly after the last apparitions at Fatima. But we didn't fully respond to Mary's instructions at Fatima: praying the Rosary daily; repenting of sin and turning to God; fasting and offering other sacrifices in reparation for sin and for the conversion of poor sinners. And wars continue.

Can you sacrifice 20 extra minutes by coming early before the Saturday vigil or Sunday Mass, in order to pray with fellow parishioners for peace in Israel, Ukraine, and in the whole world? Could you lead the Rosary, so that we don't miss having the Rosary before each weekend Mass? We especially need leaders before 10:30 am Mass. Please sign up at the main entrance to lead the Rosary, or contact Angie Esker at 217-259-2495.



Liturgical Ministers for November 11/12				
Ministry	4:30 pm	6:30 am	8:30 am	10:30 am
Readers	Tess Probst Cari Buehnerkemper	Jim Schumacher	Jean Sehy Michael Imburgia	Maranda Martin Carrie Cople
Ushers	*Jerry M. Runde Tom Buehnerkemper Mark Weber Dr. Gerald Runde Bill Runde Aaron Stortzum	*Dean Kremer John Spannagel Pat Wentz Dave Probst Gary Deters Jim Esker	*Brian Jansen Pat Niemerg Alf Ruholl Tom Runde Maurus Schumacher Tom Uthell	*Scott Cople Dave Habing Bill Martin, Jr. Tom Schabbing Keith Vonderheide Tom Niebrugge
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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## TEUTOPOLIS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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

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

**TEUTOPOLIS PARK DISTRICT**  
**Grade 3 & 4 Basketball** (January-mid March)  
 Sign up continues (late fee applies)

**PAPER DEPOT OPEN!**  
 Recyclables Accepted:  
 Newspaper, Magazines, Office Paper  
*Proceeds to: Monastery Museum & Charities.*  
 Aluminum Cans—*Proceeds to: Teutopolis Youth Group*

Teutopolis Community Blood Drive

Sponsored by Teutopolis High

Teutopolis Banquet Hall—210 S. Pearl St.  
 Tuesday, November 7, 2023  
 12:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Please visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter Teutopolis Community to schedule an appointment.

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## 15th Annual SPAGHETTI SUPPER

Tuesday,  
November 7  
2023

4:30-7:00  
Drive-Thru  
At THS

\$9 meal includes spaghetti, salad, breadstick, cookie

Menu is sponsored by Joe's Pizza & Pasta

Teutopolis Educational Foundation

Teutopolis State Bank is matching funds up to \$1,000

**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.

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