

November 19, 2023 - Thirty-third 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

Please note that we have only one Mass on Thanksgiving morning this year, and the time of that Mass is at 9:00 a.m. Is there a better way for a family to celebrate Thanksgiving than for them to come together and give praise to our Father, Son and Holy Spirit? I think a grateful heart is a joyful heart. We realize God’s graciousness in our lives, and we almost automatically want to give the Lord thanks and praise and share our blessings with others.

At our 9 o’clock Mass thanksgiving morning we will not take up a collection of canned goods. There will be a collection or offering gathered. The total collection will go to our local Catholic Charities, and they can certainly use whatever we can give them. This is certainly part of our stewardship and sharing. Please be generous. Make your check out to the parish, and we will then give Catholic Charities one check from St. Francis Parish. I’m sure they have many people with needs for food, clothing, rent, utilities and many others.


On Monday, 20 November, our Parish Council is meeting. We will get a progress report on the Parish Census. Presumed numbers for the past few years will likely be changed and updated. The numbers 1,200 and 1,300 have been used to describe the number of families in our parish. A family could be only one person or perhaps 8 or 9 or more people. I thank those of you who participated in filling out the census form for our office so we can have current information. Some of our records in the office show children present, who have graduated from college and moved away! No one has called the office to update our records. It’s similar for marriages. Parishioners get married here and find a place to rent in the parish, and they presume their record automatically gets updated. Please call the office when there is a change with your information.

Families have their own customs for celebrating the holiday of Thanksgiving. Maybe as part of your family prayer, or during the meal, your conversation could be about what each person is grateful for.

Thanksgiving Mass: *A monetary collection for Catholic Charities will be taken at the Mass.*

REMINDER: Christmas Concert at The Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis Trip, December 2, 2023. Bus departs at 8:00 am, arriving home approximately 8:00 pm.

Attention Ministers of Holy Communion



We are in need of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for the 9:00 am Mass on Thursday, November 23 (Thanksgiving Day). Please come to the sacristy before Mass to see where you are needed. Thank you 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.



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 20, 6:30 am: Margaret Pruemmer
 Tuesday, November 21, 6:30 am: Peele (Henry) Weber
 Tuesday, November 21, 7:55 am: Dan Smith
 Wednesday, November 22, 6:30 am: Larry & Mert McMahon
 Wednesday, November 22, 7:55 am: Leo Pruemmer
 Thursday, November 23, 9:00 am: Jeff Buehnerkemper
 Friday, November 24, 6:30 am: Meg Beckman
 Friday, November 24, 7:55 am: Joe Schmidt
 Saturday, November 25, 4:30 pm: Mary Hoelscher
 Sunday, November 26, 6:30 am: Pro Populo
 Sunday, November 26, 8:30 am: Norma & Henry Weber
 Sunday, November 26, 10:30 am: Lucille Buhnerkempe

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 Wentte, 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 33rd Week in Ordinary Time November 20—November 26

Monday,	Mass at 6:30 am Adoration 1:00 pm Monday until 6:00 am Tuesday
Tuesday,	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am
Wednesday,	St. Cecilia Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am
Thursday,	St. Clement I St. Columban Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:00 am
Friday,	St. Andrew Dung-Lac Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am
Saturday,	St. Catherine of Alexandria Mass at 4:30 pm
Sunday,	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Mass at 6:30, 8:30, & 10:30 am

Confession Schedule

Tuesday, November 21, 6:15-6:45 pm
Saturday, November 25, 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 20

- Adoration, 1:00 pm Monday—6:00 am Tuesday
- Parish Council meeting, 7:00 pm, Sr. Ethelbert

Tuesday, November 21

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

Wednesday, November 22

- Childrens choir, 3:45—5:00 pm
- Bible Study 8:15—9:30 pm, Teen Center

Thursday, November 23

- Happy Thanksgiving!
- Mass at 9:00 am
- Catholic Charities monetary collection

Friday, November 24

- Parish office closed

Saturday, November 25

- Confessions, 3:00—4:00 pm



Please note: The parish office will be closed on Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

2024 calendars are available at all the entrances.



Attention Homebound

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound for Sunday, November 26 are Jodi Isley 217-857-3645 and Rita Habing 217-857-3006.

Wedding Bann

Pierce Michael Borah & Holly Marie Koester
November 25, 2023 - 1:00 pm



Donations for Flowers

We are accepting donations for flowers for Christmas and special occasions during 2024. Please put your donation in an envelope marked "FLOWERS", and place it in the collection basket, or drop it off at the parish office. If the donation is being made in memory of a loved one, please note this on the envelope also.



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Welcome to our faith Family:

Charles Georg Ghist
Son of Clint & Laura (Niernerg) Ghist

Frank James Zerrusen
Son of Darren & Brooke (Mendenhall) Zerrusen

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES FOR THE NEEDY

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 Childrens' Bibles and shipping, put money in an envelope marked Christmas Shoeboxes and put it in the Sunday collection.
Thanks for your help!

Religious Education News

Grade 3 will once again sponsor the Christmas Store on December 5, 6, and 7. Grades 1-6 will be shopping in the Sr. Ethelbert center. If you have items that children might want to purchase as gifts for their family members, contact the religious education office at 217-961-6404.



Reminder—Religion Program for children ages 3-7 during the 10:30 am Sunday Mass. If you can help, please call Stephanie Rauch 217-821-1868.



Grades 1 & 2 Students Christmas Shoeboxes for the Needy were 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 Childrens' Bibles and shipping, put money in an envelope marked Christmas Shoeboxes and put it in the Sunday collection. *Thanks for your help!*

What are YOU Thankful For?



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YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

Nov.17 - Teen center closed
 Nov.22 - No Religious Ed classes (Thanksgiving break)
 Nov.29 - Religious Ed 7:00-8:15 pm
 Dec.1 - Teen center open 7:00-10:00 pm
 Dec.6 - Religious Ed 7:00-8:15 pm
 Dec.13 - Religious Ed 7:00-8:15 pm



CHWC News - St Francis CHWC 2024 is fundraising for their trip to Nashville, TN. We have several upcoming fundraisers...

- ***Scrip sales** – This is a great way to buy the gift cards you need. These are sold at Teutopolis State Bank during lobby hours.
- ***St. Louis Cardinal calendars** – These will be sold from now until Christmas. \$17 each. Contact a camper to order yours!
- ***Our annual Cookie Sale** will be December 16th and 17th in St. Clare Hall.

The St. Francis Giving Tree project begins on Thanksgiving!

Join your parish family in this season of giving by sponsoring a gift from the Giving Tree!

How does it work?

Area nursing homes and group homes are gathering their residents' wish lists. We'll take those lists and make tags for each person. On Thanksgiving, the Giving Trees

will be set out at the entrances of church. Take a tag, purchase one (or more) items on it, wrap it, bring it back to the Mary altar at St. Francis by December 10. It's that easy! Want to spread the joy even a little further? Come to St. Francis on December 11 at 9:00 am & help sort and deliver gifts to the locations! The recipients are always so appreciative and it truly brightens their Christmas! St. Francis parish has been hosting the Giving Tree for over 25 years! **THANK YOU** for your continued generosity and for spreading Christ's love to others!



THIS DRAMA at the TGS GYMNASIUM—THS Drama proudly presents the comedy play, "The Beverly Hillbillies" December 1-3 with performances on Friday & Saturday at 7:00 pm and Sunday at 2:00 pm. Doors open 30 minutes prior to the show and admission is paid at the door.

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!

Everyone is welcome to attend the **Deanery Prayer Vigil for Life** to pray for the protection of all Life at St Anthony of Padua in Effingham on Monday, November 20. Praying the rosary will begin at 6:00 pm, Mass at 6:30 pm. The business meeting will follow in the parish center. Refreshments will be served while current pro-life issues are discussed.

Pearl Harbor

Pearl Harbor breakfast
ALL VETERANS INVITED
Sunday, December 3 after the 8:30 am Mass
Teutopolis Banquet Hall

Baptism Prep Dates



- Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at St. Isidore 2024
- Thursday, January 4, 2024 at St. Francis
- Thursday, February 4, 2024 at St. Rose
- Thursday, March 7, 2024 at St. Francis
- Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at 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.

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.

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 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

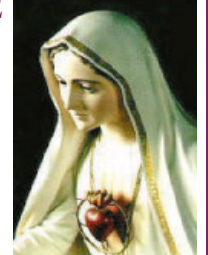
- Saturday, December 9, 2023 9:00-10:30 am at **St. Anthony Church, Effingham**
- Saturday, February 10, 2024 1:00-2:30 pm, on **WebEx.**

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

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.* We need the cooperation of everyone. Thank you.

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 25/26

<u>Ministry</u>	<u>4:30 pm</u>	<u>6:30 am</u>	<u>8:30 am</u>	<u>10:30 am</u>
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 Wente 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
Servers	Katelyn Frese Brayden Frese Jaci Buehnerkemper	Xavier Schumacher Meriel Schumacher Sapphira Schumacher	Luke Dennis Penny Dennis Krista or Kaylee Roedl	Allie Ruholl Audrey Runde Alayna Runde

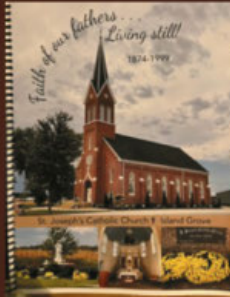
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 Lunch served by the Dieterich Women’s Club
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 Vendor Spaces Still Available. Text or call Janelle Eck at 217-343-7629 for details and registration form.



**Sesquicentennial Celebration
 St. Joseph’s Church**



St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Island Grove will be commemorating 150 years as a Faith Community throughout 2024. A public celebration is in the planning for September 8th, 2024. Orders for spiral reprints of prior centennial books are now being accepted. Pickup dates for purchases will be conducive for Christmas (2023) gift giving on orders placed in a timely manner. The purchase price for the 1974 & 1999 combination reprint is \$25 dollars (cover image included here); \$15 for the 1924 reprint. For inquires and orders, please contact Sandy Meinhart: 217-273-1758 sameinhart@gmail.com or St. Isidore Parish Office: 217-925-5788 office@stisidore.dio.org

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 2/2/2024—2/4/2024, St. Peters, MO
 4/5/2024—4/7/2024, St. Peters, MO

Humor: Muldoon lived alone in the countryside with an Irish setter he doted on. The dog died, and Muldoon went to the parish priest. “Father, me dog is dead,” he said. “Could you be saying a Mass for the creature?” Fr. Patrick replied, “No, we cannot have services for an animal in the church, but there’s a new denomination down the road. No telling what they believe. Maybe they can be doin’ something for ya. “Muldoon said, “I’ll go right now. Do ya think a couple o’ thousand is enough to donate for the service?” Fr. Patrick placed a hand on Muldoon’s forearm. “Lord’s sake, man, why didn’t ya tell me the dog was Catholic?”

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