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217-961-6477 **Parish Council:** Eric Habing Jason Niebrugge Monica Stortzum Shannon Hinkle Rhonda Meyer

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Sacrament of Reconciliation:

No Confessions during Christmas week. Anytime by appointment.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." - Mt 2:1-2

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.

From the Pastor

It seems that our season of Christmas is on a very high speed this year! This Sunday we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord already. And on Monday we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord!! With the holy days (Christmas and Solemnity of Mary) happening on Mondays this year it somewhat played a game with the calendar. One of the questions for mental health is to know what day it is and what year we are living in and where we are – basics, like here and now. We can get disoriented with the important days running so closely together.

Epiphany means manifestation, and this Sunday we celebrate how Jesus manifested himself to the magi, the three kings, who were Gentiles. He really manifested himself to all of us, and we highlight the three kings as a symbol for everyone.

Different cultures have unique ways of celebrating the visit of the 3 kings. The Navy assigned me to Puerto Rico for two years, and I learned how they celebrate this feast. The 3 Kings bring presents to the children. Lucky kids get presents from Santa and the Kings! The adults visit friends and relatives in the evenings and long into the nights! They form what looks like a parade as they travel from house to house. They bring instruments and sing and party – then they travel to the next house. Interesting also is many of the small towns have a patron saint, and on his or her feast day there is a celebration for the community.

It seems like it would be a Catholic country, but it is a dangerous country. The priest I was assigned with got mugged one Sunday evening in his neighborhood, and the Navy system for liberty is 3 people at a time instead of only two.

Some communities have the custom of blessing their homes on the feast of the Epiphany, and then they mark the year and the first initial of the 3 kings, and they place this over the front door. It would look like this: 20+C+B+M+24.

I would like to leave the Christmas decorations up until Ash Wednesday. The liturgists would not like this. There is a saying that the difference between a liturgist and a terrorist is you can negotiate with a terrorist!

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, January 8, 6:30 am: Rockney Weber Tuesday, January 9, 6:30 am: Dorothy Ruholl Tuesday, January 9, 7:55 am: Betty Buenker Wednesday, January 10, 6:30 am: Nosbisch family

Wednesday, January 10, 7:55 am: Rudolph & Catherine

Slemer

Thursday, January 11, 6:30 am: Victor & Tootie Deters Friday, January 12, 6:30 am: Henry & Norma Weber

Friday, January 12, 7:55 am: Jerry Brickley
Saturday, January 13, 4:30 pm: Norma Ruholl
Sunday, January 14, 6:30 am: Martha Wente
Sunday, January 14, 8:30 am: Mary Jo Mette

Sunday, January 14, 10:30 am: Pro Populo

Stewardship of Treasure

	12/24/23	Year
256 Envelopes	\$26,493.00	\$286,341.00
55 Online giving	\$ 2,750.00	\$ 68,523.50
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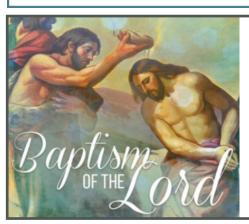
Christmas collection was \$22,327.86

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 Pruemer, Toby McMahon, Debbie Meyer, Nicholas Wente, 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, Raymond Vahling, Mandy Schumacher, Luella Waldhoff.

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please call the office at 217-961-6404.



Baptism of the Lord, Monday, January 8, 2024.

The end of the Christmas season.

Liturgy Schedule

The First Week in Ordinary Time January 8—January 14

Monday, The Baptism of the Lord

Mass at 6:30 am

Adoration 1:00 pm Monday until

6:00 am Tuesday

Tuesday, First Week in Ordinary Time

Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am

Wednesday, Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am

Thursday, Mass at 6:30 am

Friday, Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am

Saturday, St. Hilary

Mass at 4:30 pm

Sunday, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass at 6:30, 8:30 & 10:30 am

Confession Schedule

Tuesday, January 9, 6:15-6:45 pm Thursday, January 11, 6:15-6:45 pm Saturday, January 13, 3:00-4:00 pm

Liturgy of the Hours with Friars

Monday-Friday—11:45 am & 4:45 pm

SAVE THE DATE ANNUAL PRO-LIFE BREAKFAST **JANUARY 21** 2024 Hosted by Effingham Area 7AM - 12:00PM Right to Life Please Join Us! Whole Hog Sausage & Egg Breakfast Sunday, January 21 from 7am-12:00pm **Teutopolis Banquet Hall** 210 S. Pearl Street · Free-Will Donation · Dine In or Carry Out 50/50 Drawing Raffle Baskets for All Ages To volunteer (or if you have questions), please call or text Susan at 217.663.2084 Effingham Area Right to Life Thank you for supporting this primary fundraiser for Effingham Area Right to Life. If you're unable to join us for breakfast, please consider sending a donation to PO Box 861, Effingham IL 62401.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

<u> Monday, January 8</u>

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

Tuesday, January 9

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

Wednesday, January 10

- 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, January 11

- Confessions, 6:15-6:45 pm
- Adult choir, 7:00 pm

Saturday, January 13

• Confessions 3:00—4:00 pm

Sunday, January 14

• Special Collection, Catholic Times subscription



Attention Homebound

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound for Sunday, January 14 are Deb Blankenship 217-663-0862 and Brenda Henry 217-857-3964 or 217-343-6242.



55 PLUS for January

Join us January 18, 2024 for the 55 Plus gathering in St. Clare hall following the 12:10 pm Mass.

The meal is still to be decided, but come and enjoy. Feel free to bring a dessert or

side dish to share. RSVP by calling 217-961-6404.



- 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.

2024 calendars are available for pickup at all the church entrances.

Religious Education News

Grade 4 Candy Sale is January 18 in the Sister Ethelbert Center at 8:00 am. Students will be asked to bring items to sell. Proceeds go to the missions in Africa.

Grade 2 Parent Meeting for Reconciliation is scheduled for January 22 and January 24 in the Sister Ethelbert Center. The parent of each student is asked to attend one of the meetings. First Reconciliation is scheduled for March 16, 2024.

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.

This is a picture of 6R with our Jesse Tree.



YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

Jan. 10—Religious education resumes

Jan. 19—Teen center open, 7:00-10:00 pm

<u>Scrip card sales</u> – Forms are available on the church website or where cards are sold. Scrip cards are sold at Teutopolis State Bank during regular lobby hours for your convenience!



SAVE THE DATE - CHWC trivia night will be held February 17th at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall! Tease your brain and win cash prizes! Doors open at 5:30 pm with a Free Will Do-

nation dinner and trivia starts at 6:30 pm. \$20/person or \$160/team of 8. Snacks are included during trivia! Reserve your table today by contacting any camper, email Maria at mkingery@stfrancischurch.com, or call 217-961-1500.



Cheryl Fearday, a grandparent prayer sponsor for 5M, read advent stories to the class and made advent wreath replicas out of donuts.





Parish Council Nominations Each year, three persons are elected to serve on the Parish Council for a three-year term. Eric Habing, Jason Niebrugge and Monica Stortzum have served the parish for three years, and now their terms have expired. We will be voting for members the third weekend of February.

All parishioners 18 years and older are invited to nominate parishioners who they feel are most qualified to share in the pastoral care and leadership of our parish. You can nominate people by sending names to Fr. Joe, emailing them to or dropping them off at the parish office, or by placing them in the collection basket. You may also nominate yourself! Simply write the name/s on a slip of paper along with their spouse's name or their phone number. (Some people in the parish share the same name.) **Deadline to turn in nomination is January 28th.**



Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn

Children – St. Francis Church will host a pro-life Mass at 6:30 pm on Monday, January 22. The U.S. Bishops ask that this be a day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion. Our Monday Eucharistic Adoration will pause and the Holy Eucharist will be reposed at 6:00 pm, and a pro-life Rosary will begin at 6:00 PM prior to Mass. Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration in the chapel will resume immediately following Mass.

The Mattoon Deanery pro-life meeting will be held in St. Clare Hall adjoining the church after Mass. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the Rosary, Mass, Adoration and/or pro-life meeting.



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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:

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:
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, February 10, 2024 1:00-2:30 pm, on **WebEx.**
- Saturday, April 6, 2024 9:30-11:00 am, Sr. Ethelbert To register contact Kate Pruemer, CFCP. Email her at kpruemer@gmail.com or call or text 217-821-1840.



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

2/2/2024—2/4/2024, St. Peters, MO 3/15/2024—3/17/2024, Cape Girardeau, MO 4/5/2024—4/7/2024, St. Peters, MO



The **CCW** would like to extend an invitation for the parishioners of St. Francis to bring gifts to be donated to the babies and their mothers residing at The El Shaddai home.

The collection has been scheduled for the weekend Masses of the Epiphany (Jan 6th and Jan 7th). Baskets for donations will be located at any of the church entrances. Specific requests include diapers (newborn and size 1), baby wipes, non perishable foods, trash bags, paper towels, and toiletries.

Liturgical Ministers for January 13/14					
<u>Ministry</u>	<u>4:30 pm</u>	<u>6:30 am</u>	<u>8:30 am</u>	<u>10:30 am</u>	
Readers	Denise Will	Herman Brummer	Jerry Brummer Angie Esker	Sue Esker Stacey Ruholl	
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UPCOMING EVENTS

DeColores Spring Weekends:

Men's March 7-10, 2024 Led by Brian Henning call/text 217-821-3338 for more info.

Women's March 14-17, 2024 Led by Mandy Henning call/text 217-821-0799 for more info.

ALL FAITHS WELCOME!

The weekends are held at Camp Walter Scott.



SonRise Men's Breakfast - This Friday

All men of the parish are invited to attend. It's a new semester beginning in January.

The Light of Men, produced by Paradisus Dei's **That Man Is You**, a series of insightful speakers.

www.paradisusdei.org. This semester will include a unique focus on The Mysteries of the Rosary during Lent with virtual travel through the Holy Land. SonRise Friday Men's Breakfast meets at St. Anthony's Parish Center Friday mornings for men from multiple parishes. Breakfast is served at 6:10 am, program at 6:30am, followed by discussion and concluding at 7:30am. Become a better son, brother, husband, father, and friend beginning with your relationship with God. There is no charge, Contact the parish office or Dan Woods, danwoodsfache@gmail.com.

Discovering the Mass in the Bible

by Brant Pitre

Has anyone ever explained the Parts of the Mass to you? In this year of the Eucharistic Revival, when only 30% of practicing Catholics believe in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, please **join us** as we learn about the Eucharist. This will be a 10 week course beginning on Thursday, January 11th. You may attend either the 9:15 am or 6:30 pm session. Classes are held in the St. Anthony Parish Center.

To sign up and order study materials, please call the Parish Office at 217-347-7129.



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