

January 14, 2024 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH



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*Submit written bulletin notices by noon Monday.*

Diocesan website: [www.dio.org](http://www.dio.org)

Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting and  
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## Parish Pastoral Team

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Fr. Dennis Koopman, OFM, Sr. Associate Pastor

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217-961-6477

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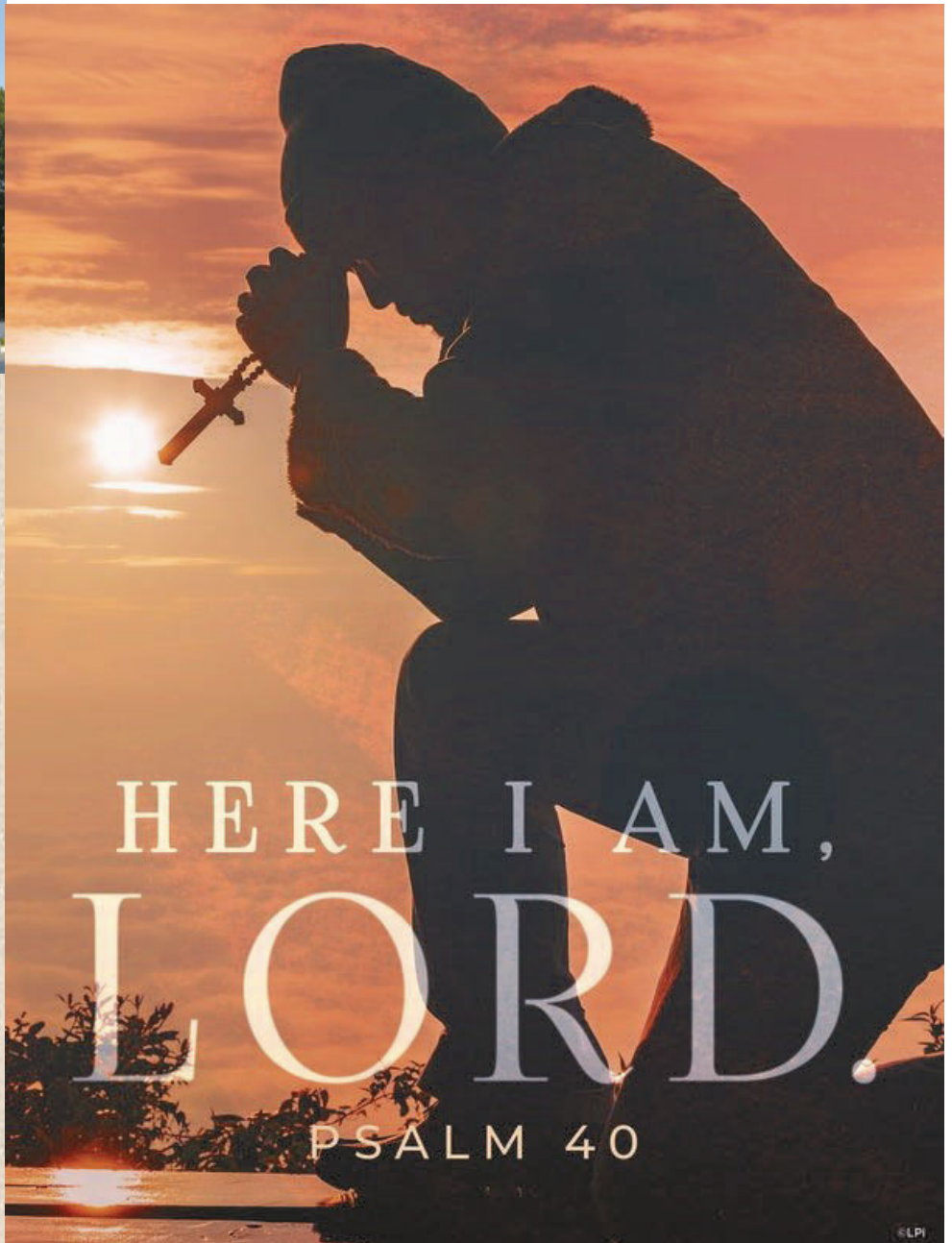
## Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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.

203 EAST MAIN ST., PO BOX 730, TEUTOPOLOIS, IL 62467

**From the Pastor**

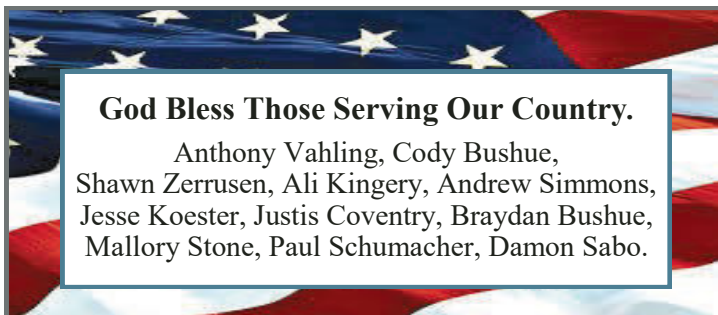
Our parishioners offer our condolences to the family of Barbara Hardiek, whose funeral Mass was Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.

This Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, our community celebrates our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of basketball in the community. We have a history to be proud of. The recent historical booklet included in the News report, provided interesting reading about basketball over the past century in Wooden Shoe Country. Generally, pride is a sin, and it can get people in a good deal of trouble, but there is also good pride. It is one's pride in their family – they have earned a sense of integrity. Their family name means something, and you can't buy it. Our community has earned a good sense of pride in terms of being hard workers, prompt and responsible on the job, willing to sacrifice and a sense of sharing with others – reaching out to the sick and suffering or the poor and those in need. I think our community is willing to work towards the future, bringing the values and traditions of the past.

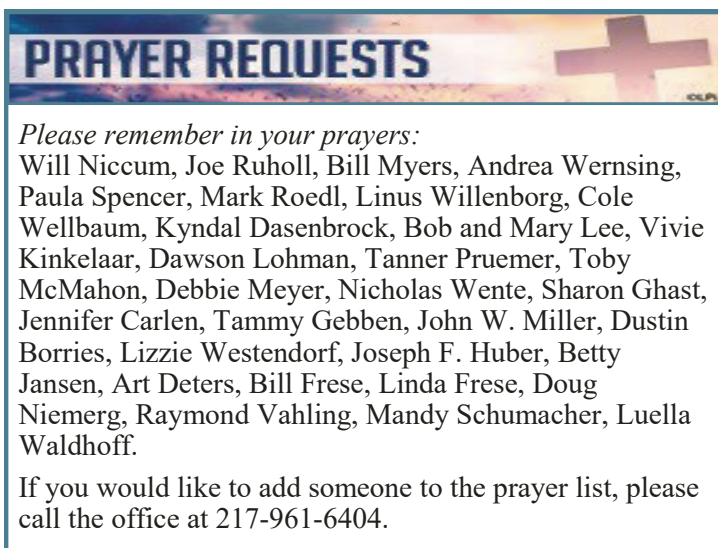
Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, is the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. Those, who were alive at the time, remember the shot in a Memphis motel that took the life of the Reverend King. Many cities in our country had riots as people expressed their anger at his assassination. We pray for the repose of his soul, and we pray for the success of his efforts for racial justice.

The 15<sup>th</sup> of January is also famous for being the birthday of our own Fr. Juan Carlos Ruiz!

And on Thursday of this week, Jan 18<sup>th</sup>, we will have Mass at 12:10 with a meal afterwards for the 55+ folks.



**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.



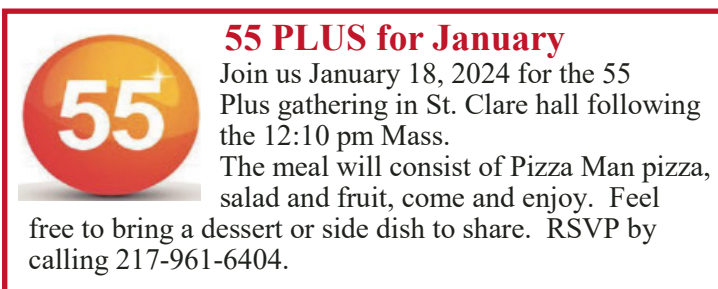
**PRAYER REQUESTS**

*Please remember in your prayers:*  
 Will Niccum, Joe Ruholl, Bill 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, 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.

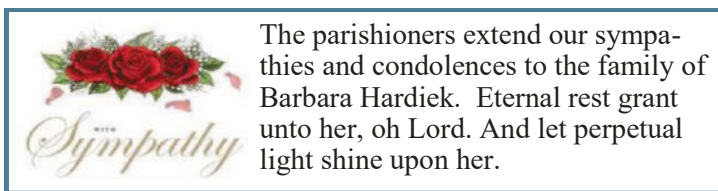
If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please call the office at 217-961-6404.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Monday, January 15, 6:30 am: Doris Niemeyer  
 Tuesday, January 16, 6:30 am: Paul Niebrugge  
 Tuesday, January 16, 7:55 am: Angela Jansen  
 Wednesday, January 17, 6:30 am: Joseph H. Buscher  
 Wednesday, January 17, 7:55 am: Sr. Helen Vahling  
 Thursday, January 18, 6:30 am: Sherry Pruemmer  
 Friday, January 19, 6:30 am: Anita Holman  
 Friday, January 19, 7:55 am: Ray Lohman  
 Saturday, January 20, 4:30 pm: Tom Hardiek  
 Sunday, January 21, 6:30 am: Philip Wendt  
 Sunday, January 21, 8:30 am: Pro Populo  
 Sunday, January 21, 10:30 am: Louis & Luella Buscher



**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 will consist of Pizza Man pizza, salad and fruit, come and enjoy. Feel free to bring a dessert or side dish to share. RSVP by calling 217-961-6404.



The parishioners extend our sympathies and condolences to the family of Barbara Hardiek. Eternal rest grant unto her, oh Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon her.

**New Address**  
**Fr. John Eaton, OFM**  
 Provincial Cuncilor  
 Province of Our Lady of Guadalupe  
 9230 W. Highland Park Avenue  
 Franklin WI 53132

**Stewardship of Treasure**

	<u>12/31/23</u>	<u>Year</u>
275 Envelopes	\$81,896.16	\$368,237.16
79 Online giving	\$8,572.30	\$77,095.80
Other	<u>\$2,606.50</u>	<u>\$28,382.19</u>
TOTAL	\$93,074.96	\$473,715.15
Assisi to Africa	\$710.00	\$17,705.00

\* Large annual donations from IRA distributions

## Liturgy Schedule

### The Second Week in Ordinary Time January 15—January 21

Monday,	Martin Luther King Jr. Day 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,	St. Anthony 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. Fabian St. Sebastian Mass at 4:30 pm
Sunday,	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass at 6:30, 8:30 & 10:30 am

### Confession Schedule

Tuesday, January 16, 6:15-6:45 pm  
Thursday, January 18, 6:15-6:45 pm  
Saturday, January 20, 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, January 15

- Adoration, 1:00 pm Monday—6:00 am Tuesday
- Liturgy meeting, 7:00 pm, St. Clare hall

### Tuesday, January 16

- Monastery Museum meeting-1:30 pm, Sr. Ethelbert
- Confessions, 6:15-6:45 pm
- Guitar practice, 6:45 pm

### Wednesday, January 17

- 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 18

- 55+ lunch following the 12:10 pm Mass
- Confessions, 6:15-6:45 pm
- Adult choir, 7:00 pm

### Saturday, January 20

- Confessions 3:00—4:00 pm

### Sunday, January 21

- Special Collection, Catholic Times subscription

**Please note:** The parish office will be closed on Monday January 15 in observance of the Martin Luther King holiday. We will reopen at 9:00 am on Tuesday, January 16.

SAVE THE DATE

## ANNUAL PRO-LIFE BREAKFAST

JANUARY 21  
2024

7AM - 12:00PM

Hosted by  
Effingham Area  
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.



### Attention Homebound



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound for Sunday, January 21 are Lenora Drees 217-857-3583 and Lori Mette 217-663-0869.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Welcome to our faith Family:

Decker Rolland Giles

Son of Kendall & Kourtney (Carman) Giles

## BAPTISM

### Prep Dates

- 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.

### 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.

### YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

- January 17—Religious education 7:00-8:15 pm
- January 19—Teen center open, 7:00-10:00 pm
- January 24—Religious education 7:00-8:15 pm
- January 28—Superbowl square fundraiser starts!
- January 31—Religious education 7:00-8:15 pm

**St. Isidore Youth Ministry Event**—Join us for the 6:00 pm Mass at St. Aloysius Church on Saturday, January 27 with a Youth Ministry Dance following at the Parish Hall. We will make time during the evening to learn new line-dance steps. Tell your friends and bring a snack to share.

**Papa Johns fundraiser - Papa Johns will be donating 15% of their pizza sales to the St. Francis CHWC group on January 31st.** It is easy! All you have to do is order from the Effingham store (217-347-4744) carry-out or delivery from 10:00 am to 10:00 pm and we benefit from those sales! Please consider ordering pizza that day for a great cause!

**Scrip card sales** – 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 17<sup>th</sup> at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall! Tease your brain and win cash prizes! Doors open at 5:30 pm with a Free Will Donation 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](mailto:mkingery@stfrancischurch.com), or call 217-961-1500.



Bringing smiles to many each year.

The upside down tree is displayed in Fr. Joe Carlos', office.

### Newman Breakfast—February 4, 7:00 am—Noon at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall

All you can eat, scrambled eggs, whole hog sausage, biscuits & gravy, hash browns, french toast sticks, cinnamon rolls, coffee, juice & milk. Baked goods for purchase and chances for raffle items. Over 80 Newman centers throughout the state of Illinois offer college students a chance to gather and practice their faith.



Proceeds from the breakfast go to the Newman Fund.

If you would like to make a monetary donation to help offset the cost of the breakfast, please make checks payable to “Knights of Columbus—Newman Breakfast:”. Please mail your donation to Lee & Angie Beckman, 114 W. Washington, Effingham, IL 62401. Donations of \$100 or more will receive two complimentary tickets to the breakfast. These tickets will be waiting for you the morning of the breakfast at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall.

*Donations of raffle items, crafts and baked goods would be greatly appreciated.* Items can be brought to the Banquet hall after 6:00 am the day of the breakfast, or call Kathy Hartke at 217-821-7076 to make arrangements.

If you would like to help work this event, please call or text Steve Will at 217-821-2382.

### FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE 2024

## February 18th

1pm-3pm

Teutopolis Banquet Hall

#### Ticket Sales

Religious Education Office WEEKDAYS

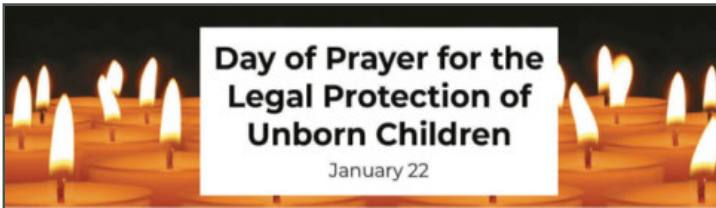
2/5/2024-2/16/2024 from 9am-11am

In St. Claire Hall After 4:30, 8:30 and 10:30 Masses

Dates to be decided soon.

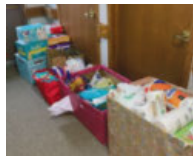
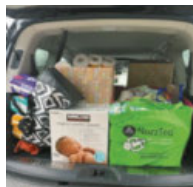
**Parish Council Nominations** Each year, three persons are elected to serve on the Parish Council for a three-year term. Eric Habing, Jason Niebrugge and Monica Stortzum have served the parish for three years, and now their terms have expired. We will be voting for members the third weekend of February.

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.



**“Thank you” doesn’t seem enough for your generosity with donations to the El Shaddai home.** Shelves that were empty are now full and the El Shaddai staff are so grateful. We are blessed to be part of such a thoughtful parish community!

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



The Cross In My Pocket I carry a cross in my pocket a simple reminder to me, the fact that I am a Christian, no matter where I may be. This little cross is not magic nor is it a good luck charm. It isn't meant to protect me from every physical harm. It's not for identification, for all the world to see. It's simply an understanding, between my Savior and me. When I put my hand in my pocket, to bring out a coin or key, the Cross is there to remind me, of the price He paid for me. It reminds me too, to be thankful, for my blessings day by day, and to strive to serve Him better, in all that I do and say. It's also a daily reminder, of the peace and comfort I share, with all who know my Master, and give themselves to His care. So I carry a cross in my pocket, reminding no one but me, that Jesus Christ is Lord of my life, if only I'll let Him be.



**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.

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

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**Liturgical Ministers for January 20/21**

<u>Ministry</u>	<u>4:30 pm</u>	<u>6:30 am</u>	<u>8:30 am</u>	<u>10:30 am</u>
<b>Readers</b>	Denise Will	Herman Brummer	Jerry Brummer Angie Esker	Sue Esker Stacey Ruholl
<b>Ushers</b>	*Charles Semple Brian Drees Brent Weichman Doug Smith Tony Runde Kyle Jansen	*Mark Willenborg Ryan Willenborg Don Tegeler Pat Wentz Dave Westendorf Don Zerrusen	*Ken Ritz John Flach Jason Niebrugge Jordan Niebrugge Clay Zerrusen Greg Bergfeld	*Brock Brumleve Addison Brumleve Roy Brumleve Dan Beckman Bruce Buhnerkempe Jason Ruholl
<b>Servers</b>	John Breer Lily Breer Shane Breer	Lucas or Kelsey Niemerg Lillian Ruholl Claressa Ruholl	Henry Thompson Mason Thompson Ella Tarter	Raegan Zerrusen Emery Zerrusen Olivia Cople

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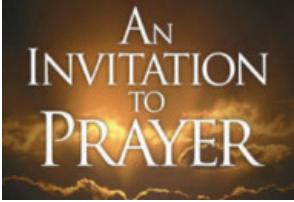
**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**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.

**Teutopolis Park District**  
*Music with Miss Lauren* (January 20 and 27, February 3 and 10): Sign up by Jan. 17.  
*Pool party* at Workman complex: January 19

**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](http://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, danwoodsface@gmail.com.

**Prayer Service For Illinois Legislative Session**



Does the direction of our state government concern you?  
 Our lawmakers need our prayers!  
 Join us on Tuesday, January 16th as we pray for laws that uphold catholic values. This is the first day of the 2024 legislative session in Springfield.  
 We will be praying at St. Anthony of Padua Church from 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm. Light refreshments immediately after. A top concern this year is the push to legalize assisted suicide. This sweeping legislation would make doctor prescribed suicide available to patients in a wide variety of situations, in direct opposition to the 5th commandment.  
 January 16, 2024 | 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm  
 St. Anthony Of Padua Church  
 101 E Virginia Avenue, Effingham IL 62401

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In the Footsteps of St. Patrick, with Father Michal Rosa

**April 18 – 28, 2024**

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