

January 28, 2024 - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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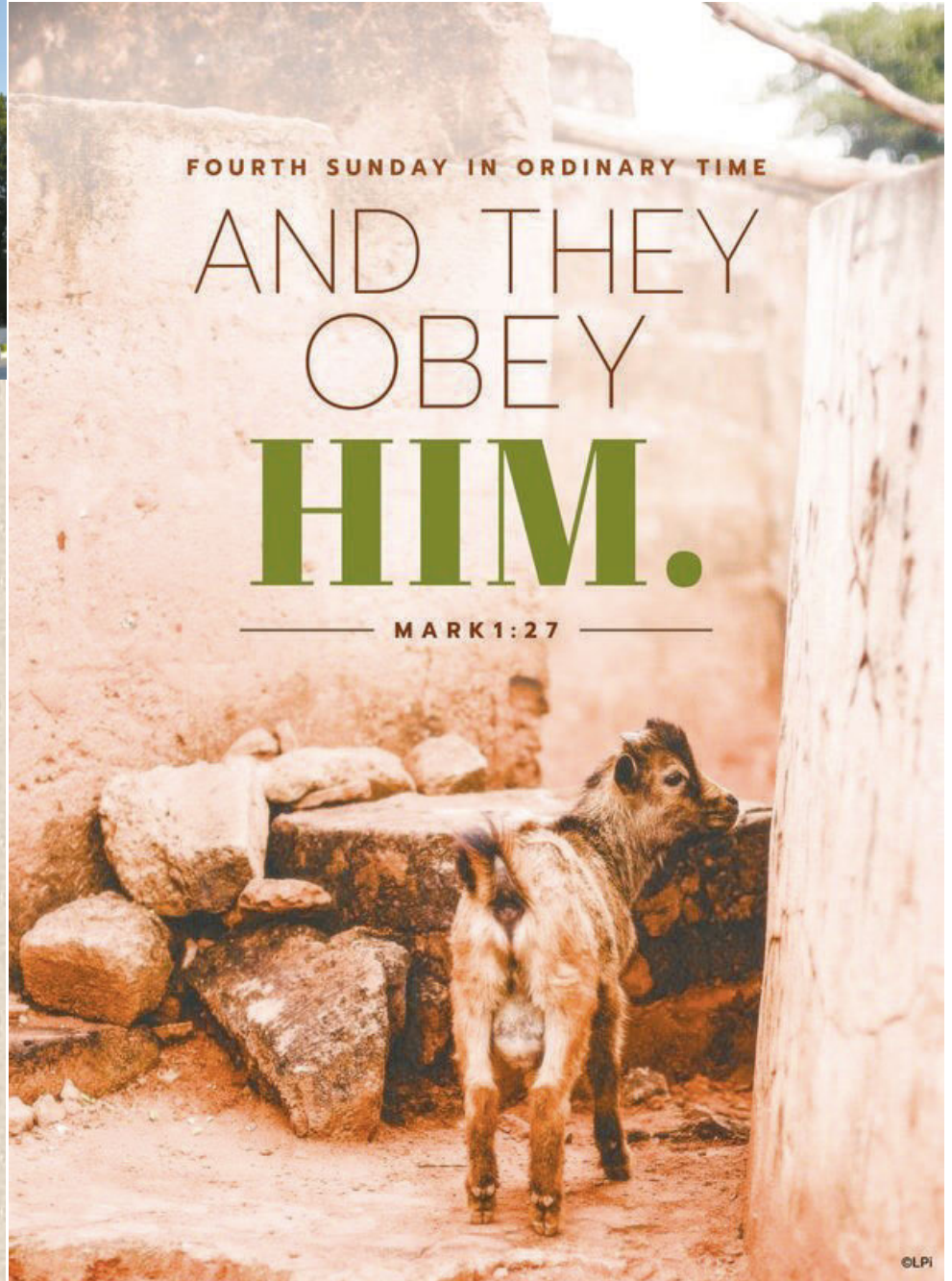
Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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.



FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AND THEY
OBEY
HIM.

MARK 1:27

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

I suspect you find it as difficult as I do to believe that Ash Wednesday is less than 3 weeks away!! And this year Valentine’s Day falls on Ash Wednesday! Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstaining. On every Friday in Lent we abstain from eating meat, and on Good Friday we abstain and also fast, meaning no food in between meals, and we eat only one meal. We can eat two smaller meals that cannot add up to one meal. The scrupulous person might get out a scale and weigh the food he is eating at the three different times, just to make sure that he or she wasn’t eating more than allowed. That’s the law. There is a spirit that is driving the law, and that spirit is one of spiritual discipline.

If we are honest with ourselves, then we have to admit that a person, who is strict about observance, is probably very legalistic. “How much can I eat before…” would be a question for the person, and legalism lends itself to a minimalism. What is the least I have to do is a concern for the strict person.

Instead of waiting for Ash Wednesday to consider a Lenten practice, why not be thinking about it now. People can give up certain foods or drinks. Some might be more interested in putting a positive spin on Lent, and they might visit relatives or friends, who are confined to a nursing home or another facility. Others might sit down and write a letter to an elderly relative they haven’t seen for a long time.

We will have Stations or Way of the Cross every Friday evening during Lent. Elsewhere in this bulletin you can read about and consider another possibility for a new Lenten practice that involves your own reading, reflecting and possibly sharing with other parishioners. We need to avoid waiting until Palm Sunday to figure out some Lenten practice we would like to develop during Lent! Ideally, we could practice something that will continue after Easter.

Palms for Burning—Please bring your old palms to church from now through February 12th. Place them in the basket in front of Mary’s altar. They will be burned and the ashes will be used on Ash Wednesday, February 14th.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Welcome to our faith Family:
 Anders Roy Martin
 Son of Lewis & Brooke (Zerrusen) Martin
 Peyton Christine Hoedebecke
 Daughter of Mitchell & Samantha (Boggs) Hoedebecke



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.

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.


MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 29, 6:30 am: Linus Nobsisch
 Monday, January 29, 6:30 pm: James Waldhoff
 Tuesday, January 30, 6:30 am: Margaret Wall
 Tuesday, January 30, 7:55 am: Susan Alfaro
 Wednesday, January 31, 6:30 am: Roy & Ilene Siemer
 Wednesday, January 31, 7:55 am: Norma & Henry Weber
 Thursday, February 1, 6:30 am: Leroy Thoele
 Friday, February 2, 6:30 am: Mary Jo Mette
 Friday, February 2, 7:55 am: Elizabeth Worman
 Saturday, February 3, 4:30 pm: Zita Niebrugge
 Sunday, February 4, 6:30 am: Pro Populo
 Sunday, February 4, 8:30 am: Joseph H. Buscher
 Sunday, February 4, 10:30 am: Mary Jo Mette

Collection for the Church in Latin America
January 27/28

The collection helps the poorest dioceses obtain basic necessities that they otherwise would be unable to afford. Catholics who generously contribute help Guantanamo-Baracoa’s priest stay on the road with funds given to the diocese to offset fuel and vehicle repair costs. In places such as Cuba, you help bring the Good News to the poor when you participate in the collection.

It is with sadness that we share the news of the passing of Fr. Vernon Olmer, OFM. We rejoice in knowing that he is with God in heaven. Eternal rest grant unto him, oh Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him.



Liturgy Schedule

The Fourth Week in Ordinary Time January 29—February 4

Monday, Adoration 1:00 pm Monday until 6:00 am Tuesday
Mass at 6:30 am

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

Wednesday, St. John Bosco
Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am

Thursday, Mass at 6:30 am

Friday, The Presentation of the Lord
Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am

Saturday, St. Blaise
Mass at 4:30 pm

Sunday, **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Mass at 6:30, 8:30 & 10:30 am

Confession Schedule

Tuesday, January 30, 6:15-6:45 pm
Thursday, February 1, 3:00-4:00 pm, 6:15-6:45 pm
Saturday, February 3, 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 29

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

Tuesday, January 30

- Monastery Museum Meeting, 1:30 pm
- Confessions, 6:15-6:45 pm
- Guitar practice, 6:45 pm

Wednesday, January 31

- 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, February 1

- Confessions, 3:00-4:00 pm & 6:15-6:45 pm
- Adult choir, 7:00 pm
- Gr. 2 parent meeting, 7:30 pm, Sr. Ethelbert


Saturday, February 2

- Confessions 3:00—4:00 pm

Sunday, February 3


- PreCana, Sr. Ethelbert Center

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.




Attention Homebound

Holy Communion will be brought to you on First Friday, February 2. No Communion to you on Sunday, February 4, 2024.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES PANTRY

is looking for volunteers on Monday, Wednesday and Friday for either 9:00-11:30 am and 12:30-4:30 pm.
Please call 217-857-1458.

FEBRUARY



2/2	Ann Hotze (85)
2/4	Don Deters (86)
2/5	Nancy Hoene (80)
2/6	Larry Kroeger (86)
2/16	JoAnn Deters (84)
2/18	Wilma Buhnerkempe (90)
2/20	Marge Wiessing (81)
2/24	Kate Schmidt (90)

Stewardship of Treasure

	<u>1/14/24</u>	<u>Year</u>
204 Envelopes	\$7,029.00	\$384,227.66
64 Online giving	\$2,972.30	\$82,545.10
Other	<u>\$912.50</u>	<u>\$30,303.69</u>
TOTAL	\$10,913.80	\$497,076.45
Assisi to Africa	\$463.00	\$23,990.00
	<u>1/21/24</u>	<u>Year</u>
214 Envelopes	\$6,938.50	\$391,166.16
54 Online giving	\$2,160.00	\$84,705.10
Other	<u>\$895.00</u>	<u>\$31,198.69</u>
TOTAL	\$9,993.50	\$507,069.95
Assisi to Africa	\$450.00	\$24,440.00

Religious Education News

Grade 6 Candy Sale is February 8 in the Sr. 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 First Reconciliation has been rescheduled to February 1 at 7:30 pm in Sr. Ethelbert Center.

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.

Ash Wednesday—February 14: Grades 3-6 will attend Mass and receive ashes, Grade 1—East basement prayer service with ashes, Grade 2—Sr. Ethelbert center for prayer service with ashes.

Lenten Mission Box—Students in grades 1-6 will receive a mission box for the poor at the beginning of Lent. They should be returned by March 20 with money for the missions.

We need your prayers!

The **St. Francis PreCana** will take place on Sunday, Feb. 4th, beginning with 8:30 am Mass and ending at 4:00 pm. We know that prayer is powerful, so we ask everyone to please pray for the engaged couples who will be attending as they prepare for marriage and for the married couples who will be speaking to them. If you are willing to commit to praying for a half hour or full hour time slot on Feb. 4th, please contact Kate Pruemer at 217-821-1840 or kpruemer@gmail.com. You can pray at home, at church, or wherever you prefer. Thank you for your help!

FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE

February 18—1:00-3:00 pm, Teutopolis Banquet Hall
Ticket Sales—Religious Education Office Weekdays

February 5-16 from 9:00-11:00 am

In St. Clare hall after 4:30 pm, 8:30 & 10:30 am Masses on February 10, 11, and 17. No sales day of dance!

Tickets are **PRESALE** only. Don't delay. \$30 for each dad/daughter pair and \$5 for each additional daughter.

Proceeds will benefit the *White Lily Project*.

Donations needed! In need of new or gently used, clean stuffed animals. Also accepting small prize items for the Hooligan stand. Please drop off in a box marked in St. Clare Hall or call 217-343-7417 for other arrangements.

Your generosity is always appreciated!

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

YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

January 28—Super Bowl square fundraiser starts!

January 31—Religious education 7:00-8:15 pm

Jan. 31 Dinner Plans? - **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!

TEAMS WANTED! - 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 with a Free Will Donation dinner and trivia starts at 6:30pm. \$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.



SPOTS OPEN! - 2 Chaperone and 3 student spots are available for our CHWC trip to Nashville June 23-28 this summer. Call Maria for more information about joining us!

You are invited to apply for THE SPRINGFIELD IN ILLINOIS DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (SDCCW)

FEMALE HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

(Scholarship includes all Catholic & Public Schools & all Catholic Churches in the Springfield IL Diocese)

FOUR \$2000 Scholarships

Springfield in Illinois Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will select the recipients from the Springfield Diocese and notify the winning applicant, her school, and parish in May 2024.

Young women who are interested in applying for the scholarship should contact their high school principal, high school guidance office or parish office for an application.

A typed completed application, essay, and two letters of recommendation are required.

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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.**



You are invited to World Marriage Day celebration in St. Louis – On Sunday, February 11 at the 12:00 pm Mass, Auxiliary Bishop Mark S. Rivituso will celebrate a Mass for World Marriage Day at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis, 4431 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, MO. A reception will follow in Boland Hall. All married couples are invited to attend and celebrate the gift of marriage. World Marriage Day honors husband and wife as the foundation of the family – the basic unit of society. It emphasizes the faithfulness, sacrifice and joy of daily married life. World Marriage Day started in Baton Rouge, LA in 1981 and was later adopted by Worldwide Marriage Encounter, who now is sponsoring this event on February 11th.



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, danwoodsface@gmail.com.

What are you going to DO for Lent 2024?

Maybe this Lent, you could do what you normally do... give up chocolate AND do something more! Join your parish friends in reading Bishop Robert Barron's book, "Lenten Gospel Reflections." The book is easy, each day has the Gospel that you would hear at daily Mass that day followed by a reflection by Bishop Barron. After his reflection, he gives you a question to ponder for how it fits in your life. The group that does the book will gather on Mondays at Sr. Ethelbert, from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. We'll provide a light dinner followed by discussion of the reflections from the week. The cost is absolutely free!

Have kids & can't find day care for them? That's ok – bring them with you. We'll hang out in Sr. Ethelbert and close the door so kids can roam in the room while we are discussing. It will be laid back and informal. It will be an opportunity to share faith with no pressure!

Registration is free but is required by February 4, so that we know how many meals and books will be needed! Call the parish office to register or follow the link on the parish Facebook page. We will meet for the first time on Monday, February 12 to give books and talk about what the sessions will look like. Then we will continue to gather every Monday until Holy Week!

Let's share faith together this Lent!

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 at 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.



Liturgical Ministers for February 3/4

<u>Ministry</u>	<u>4:30 pm</u>	<u>6:30 am</u>	<u>8:30 am</u>	<u>10:30 am</u>
Readers	Kristin Probst Jim Quatman	Cindy Esker	Phil Hartke Kathy Hartke	Maranda Martin Theresa Bushur
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UPCOMING EVENTS



PITCH TOURNAMENT
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH
2PM - 5PM
 American Legion - 106 N. Plum Street, Teutopolis IL
\$20 Entry Fee Per Two Person Team
 LIMITED TO 32 TEAMS
 Due to limited space, players only may attend the event.
 *Prize pay outs to be announced (Prize amounts based on number of registrations.)
 Register online by [clicking here](#) on the Teutopolis For Tomorrow Facebook Page OR
 Mail the [registration form](#) and check made payable to Teutopolis For Tomorrow to Kelli Wells, 316 N. Garrett, Teutopolis, IL 62467

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Monday, January 29
 Soft Drinks, water & snacks available for purchase.
 Players are welcome to bring their own alcoholic beverages.
 Questions can be directed to Kelli Wells: 217-240-0646.
 All additional funds raised to benefit Teutopolis for Tomorrow

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.
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Teutopolis Banquet Hall
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 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.
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