

February 4, 2024 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

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HEALS THE  
*brokenhearted.*

PSALM 147



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*Submit written bulletin notices by noon Monday.*

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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

I presume that most, if not all, of you have heard that Fr. Vernon Olmer was embraced by Sister Death. I found an obituary on the internet, and here is part of what I found. “He (Fr. Vernon) is survived by his Franciscan brothers, as well as his three younger brothers, Eugene, William, and George. He is also survived by many, many nieces and nephews and many great nieces and nephews.” The article continues: “Funeral services for Fr. Vernon will be held at St. Francis Church in Humphrey, NE. Funeral services will be at the church on Friday evening, February 2, from 5 to 7 pm., with a service at 7 pm. The Mass of resurrection will be celebrated on Saturday, February 3, 2024 at 10:00 a.m at St. Francis Church in Humphrey, NE. The inurnment will be in the friars’ plot in the parish cemetery in Humphrey, NE at a later date.”

Both the parishioners of St. Francis in Teutopolis and the Franciscans serving at St. Francis Parish offer their condolences to the family of Fr. Vernon, who served at St. Francis parish for many years. We wish him eternal rest and peace.

Another friar stationed at Manitowoc, and one, who is dear to our parishioners is Fr. Kenneth Rosswoog. Fr. Ken is a couple years older than Fr. Vernon.

Both men, Fr. Ken and Fr. Vernon, served the parish and this area of the Lord’s vineyard with great dedication. We are grateful for their ministry.

As you look around the church today, you notice something is missing – the beautiful decorations. The Art and Environment group, along with their valuable assistants, have done it again. How many times have we heard: “the church looks beautiful.” And it did, and it does every year. The committee members and their workers have been gifted in many areas, and decorating the church is certainly one of those areas. We thank you for sharing your blessings with us.

At the end of our Masses this weekend the priest presiding at the liturgy will bless the congregation with the St. Blasé blessing. “Through the intercession of St. Blasé Bishop and Martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Lent is right around the corner, and as you prepare for how you can make this Lent a good one, consider praying, reading, reflecting with fellow parishioners and eating with them each Monday during Lent. The author of the book is Bishop Robert Barron, who needs no introduction! If you come to the 6:30 Mass on a weekday morning, then you have probably heard me refer to and quote Bishop Barron. Before he became a bishop he was rector of the theology seminary for the Archdiocese of Chicago. He has a brilliant mind. The name of the book we will use is: Lenten Gospel Reflections.

## Ministry

Consider committing to help your Church family by joining the ministries. Please donate a small amount of your time and sign up for any of the following ministries: Ushers, servers, children’s liturgy leaders, Eucharistic ministers, cantors, musicians, readers, religion teacher, Mass walkers. Please call, (217-961-6404) or email, (parishoffice@stfrancischurch.com) the parish office to sign up. Thank you.

### 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, February 5, 6:30 am: Norma Ruholl  
Tuesday, February 6, 6:30 am: Louis & Ruth Koester  
Tuesday, February 6, 7:55 am: Ron Esker  
Wednesday, February 7, 6:30 am: James Waldhoff  
Wednesday, February 7, 7:55 am: Jeff Buehnerkemper  
Thursday, February 8, 6:30 am: Ray & Susie Stumborg  
Friday, February 9, 6:30 am: Albert Ruholl  
Friday, February 9, 7:55 am: Delbert & Eileen  
Haskenherm  
Saturday, February 10, 4:30 pm: James Waldhoff  
Sunday, February 11, 6:30 am: Steve Ruesken  
Sunday, February 11, 8:30 am: Pro Populo  
Sunday, February 11, 10:30 am: Louis & Ruth Koester

### 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. 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.



## Liturgy Schedule The Fifth Week in Ordinary Time February 5—February 11

Monday,	St. Agatha Adoration 1:00 pm Monday until 6:00 am Tuesday Mass at 6:30 am
Tuesday,	St. Paul Miki Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am
Wednesday,	Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am
Thursday,	St. Jerome Emiliani St. Josephine Bakhita Mass at 6:30 am
Friday,	Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am
Saturday,	St. Scholastica <b>Mass at 4:30 pm</b>
Sunday,	<b>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>Mass at 6:30, 8:30 &amp; 10:30 am</b>

### Confession Schedule

Tuesday, February 6, 6:15-6:45 pm
Thursday, February 8, 3:00-4:00 pm, 6:15-6:45 pm
Saturday, February 10, 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, February 5

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

### Tuesday, February 6

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

### Wednesday, February 7

- 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 8

- Confessions, 6:15-6:45 pm
- Adult choir, 7:00 pm
- Vitality study committee meeting, 7:00 pm, Sr. Ethelbert Center

### Saturday, February 10

- Confessions 3:00—4:00 pm

## SAVE THE DATE—MARCH 6 & 7

*Have you ever wondered why we do what we do at Mass? As Catholics we believe the Eucharist is the body and blood of Jesus, but what does that really mean and why does it matter? Come learn more about the Mass and the Eucharist from Fr. Luke Spannagel on Wednesday and Thursday, March 6 & 7 at St. Francis of Assisi Church—7:00 pm.*



### Attention Homebound

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound for Sunday, February 11 are Deb Blankenship 217-663-0862 and Brenda Henry 217-857-3964 or 217-343-6242.

**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.

## 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.

## Wedding Bann

Dylan Higgins & Catherine Deters  
February 10, 2024 - 12:30 pm



## 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.*

## Stewardship of Treasure

	<u>1/28/24</u>	<u>Year</u>
227 Envelopes	\$8,814.50	\$399,980.66
52 Online giving	\$2,022.30	\$86,727.40
Other	<u>\$1,022.00</u>	<u>\$32,220.69</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,858.80</b>	<b>\$518,928.75</b>
Assisi to Africa	\$350.00	\$24,790.00

## 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.

**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 2-6 will attend Mass and receive ashes, Grade 1—East basement prayer service with ashes.

**Reconciliation**—in church at 7:55 am for Grades 3-6 during Lent: Grade 3—February 26, Grade 4—March 4, Grade 6—February 22, Grade 5—February 29.

**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.

### 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 *While 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!**

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)

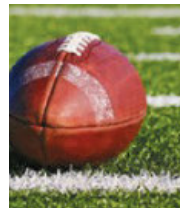
#### FOUR \$2000 Scholarships

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.

### YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

Feb. 7 - Rel Ed Classes 7-8:15 pm  
 Feb.11- Superbowl winners announced  
 Feb.14 - No Classes - Ash Wednesday  
 Feb.17 - CHWC TRIVIA NIGHT!  
 Feb.21 - Rel Ed Classes 7-8:15pm  
 Feb.23 - JH Valentines Dance  
 Feb.28 - Rel Ed Classes 7-8:15pm



### CHWC Superbowl Fundraiser

Our annual St. Francis CHWC Superbowl square fundraiser started on January 28<sup>th</sup> this year! Squares will be \$20. They can be purchased after Masses the first two weekends in February. You can also buy a square from any camper. We accept payment by cash or check. Prizes will be awarded after each quarter...\$100 after the 1<sup>st</sup>, \$200 after the 2<sup>nd</sup>, \$300 after the 3<sup>rd</sup>, and \$400 after the 4<sup>th</sup>. Thanks for supporting St. Francis CHWC!

**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 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:mkingery@stfrancischurch.com), or call 217-961-1500.

**SPOTS OPEN!** - 1 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!



### Special Lenten SonRise Men's Breakfast

This week begins a Special Lenten journey by *That Man Is You in the Holy Land*.

Rediscover the power of just one Hail Mary, and the power of the Rosary. This series includes a unique focus on **The Mysteries of the Rosary** during Lent with virtual travel through the Holy Land.

All men of the parish are invited to attend this series **beginning this Friday, February 9**, and each Friday during Lent.

SonRise Friday Men's Breakfast meets at St. Anthony's Parish Center Friday mornings for men from area parishes. Breakfast is served at 6:10 a.m., program at 6:30am, followed by discussion and concluding at 7:30am. There is no charge. Contact the parish office or Dan Woods, [danwoodsface@gmail.com](mailto: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!

Join us on Mondays through Lent for discussion & a light dinner 6:30-8:00 PM!

**CHOCOLATE AND DO SOMETHING MORE?**

**Lenten Gospel Reflections**

Join your parish friends for a weekly meal, prayer and discussion of how the Lenten Gospels are leading you closer in relationship with Jesus.

**Register by February 4**

Registration is FREE but is required so we know how many books and meals are needed.

**First Gathering is February 12**

SR. ETHELBERG CENTER, ST. FRANCIS CHURCH

ALL AGES ARE WELCOME!

Kids are welcome to hang out with the group while discussions are going on.

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BISHOP ROBERT BARRON

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## BAPTISM

### Prep Dates

- 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.

## Catholic Charities Raffle

### 4 Person Glider & Table Set

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### \$2,000 CASH PRIZE

4 - (#142A) 2' Decade Gliders with 1 - (#1621) Conversation Table (new color design on table for 2024) DARK GRAY & BLACK

CapellaVue

Drawing will be held February 24, 2024 @ 9:00 PM

**\$10 EACH**  
OR  
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To purchase tickets contact: Catholic Charities 217-857-1458, any Advisory Board Member, or on line at [www.cc.dio.org](http://www.cc.dio.org) and Effingham Catholic Charities Events Page on Facebook

## Join Us For BINGO

### COUNTRY Rhodes

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**February 24, 2024**      **7 PM to 10 PM**  
Doors will open at 6 PM

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**Up to \$100 prize per game**      **Raffle Tickets**  
\$10 Each or 3 for \$25      Available to purchase prior to event

Cash Bar \* Snacks available

Raffle Drawing will be held at 9 PM on February 24, 2024 at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall. Need not be present to win Raffle prize

**Liturgical Ministers for February 10/11**

<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>	Kristin Probst Jim Quatman	Cindy Esker	Phil Hartke Kathy Hartke	Maranda Martin Theresa Bushur
<b>Ushers</b>	*John Bushur Dave Bloemer Jeremy Niebrugge Eric Habing Dylan Bloemer Joe Zerrusen	*Jim Esker Daren Drees Robert Poe Charlie Kroeger Jared Runde Chris Hartke	*Bernie Hartke Rich Hartke Mick Deters Larry Funneman Chris Zerrusen Marcus Sheehan	*Doug Runde Larry Hardiek Jake Pals Collin Niemerg Hank Niebrugge Trent Schmid
<b>Servers</b>	Anna Probst Jacob Probst Sam Probst	Paul Huber Pearl Huber Jack Hartke	Keegan Swingler Kynley Swingler Paisley Deters	Korynn Westendorf Logan Westendorf Brianna Westendorf Leslie Westendorf (3 servers)

**Clean Linens - Janet Probst**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**



Worldwide Marriage Encounter presents weekend experiences for married couples to rekindle romance, enhance meaningful communication, and deepen and renew commitment.

Below are our upcoming Spring, Summer and Fall 2024 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.

- 3/15/2024 - 3/17/2024, Cape Girardeau, MO
- 4/5/2024 - 4/7/2024, St. Peters, MO
- 8/2/2024 - 8/4/2024, St. Peters, MO
- 9/27/2024 - 9/29/2024, St. Peters, MO
- 10/11/2024 - 10/13/2024, Springfield, IL

**SAVE THE DATE: Illinois March for Life:**  
 Wednesday, April 17, 2024. Mass at 10:00 am, Sangamon Auditorium on the UIS Campus 1 University Plaza, Springfield. Noon, rally in front of the State Capital, followed by a march around the State Capitol complex. The Mass, rally and march are intended for 7-12 graders, college students, and adults. Our parish has 2 buses reserved. Contact Diann Ruholl 217-663-2056 to join us.

St. Anthony High School students going to Catholic Heart Work Camp are hosting a **Soup Fundraiser** at the parish center on Sunday, February 25th. Chicken Noodle Soup, Chili, and Roasted Red Pepper Gouda Tomato Soup, along with sides, will be served from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Tickets are \$12, and can be purchased at the St. Anthony parish office. Thank you for supporting these students who are willing to give up a week of their summer to serve the needy.

**Teutopolis Park District:**  
 Art with Callie McMahon, Gr. 5-8 (February 17):  
 Sign up by February 14  
 Pool Party at Workman Complex: February 16

**Our Sorrowful Mother’s Ministry** in Vandalia, IL will be hosting their first retreat of 2024 on March 1-2. The theme is “Teachings on the Ultimate Weapon Against Satan and his Minions.” The speaker will be Fr. Matthew Pawlikowski. After graduating from West Point and serving in the US Army, he knows something about weapons. In this retreat, he will be speaking on the most important weapons we can possess: the spiritual weapons needed to fight the attacks of the evil one. Please go to [osmm.org](http://osmm.org) to register, and the full agenda is listed on their website. You may also contact Karla Slifer at 217-690-5282 for more information.

**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.

**Soup Supper at St. Thomas Parish Center, Newton**  
 February 11, 2024, 10:30 am—2:00 pm  
 Chili & Vegetable Soup (made same day), Hot Dogs, Ham Sandwiches, Pie, Desserts & Drinks  
 Face Painting, Games, Cake Spin, Basket Stand, Baked Goods, Instant Winner, Quilt Raffle  
 Quilt Raffle at 2:00 pm, Carry-out Available until 2:00 pm  
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