

February 11, 2024 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH



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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.



## 6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said,  
"If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he  
stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him,  
"I do will it. Be made clean." - Mk 1:40-41

## 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

The parishioners of St. Francis extend our condolences to the family of Bill Myers, who was buried from St. Francis Church Wednesday morning. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.

I don't know how many times this coincidence has happened in the past, but this Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day! As you know, with Ash Wednesday we begin the penitential season of Lent. It is a day of fast and abstinence. No meat. No eating between meals. And only one large meal such that the other two meals shouldn't add up to the one large meal. Rather than getting a scale and weighing each of the meals you eat that day, go for the spirit of fasting. You don't want to be scrupulous, but you don't want to ignore the feast for what it is either. If you are 14 years of age or older, then you must abstain. If your age is between 18 and 59, then you are obliged to fast. Years ago a couple people tried convincing me that when you turn 70 years old, you don't have to abstain any more. I don't know where it says that in canon law, but I would be interested in learning! If you are ill, then common sense takes over, and you need to eat when you can.

The three pillars for Lent are praying, fasting and almsgiving. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are two days when we have to fast and abstain. ALL FRIDAYS in Lent are days of abstinence. It's not really a penance since one can enjoy a delicious meal when it doesn't have meat in it. These are minimal expectations for a Catholic. To deliberately ignore these laws, when you are in good health, is confession material.

During Lent we have the Way of the Cross (Stations) on every Friday evening. On March 21<sup>st</sup>, Thursday, we will offer the opportunity for receiving the sacrament of Penance. 3 priests will be available for confession. We have confessions every Tuesday and Thursday evening from 6:15 to 6:45 and on Saturday afternoon from 3 to 4 o'clock. We offer 6:30 Mass every weekday morning, and coming to Mass during the week is an excellent form of prayer for Lent and any time of the year.

Beginning Saturday morning, March 2, we will start offering an 8 o'clock Mass on the first Saturday of the month. This has been requested, and we can try it. This will be something to keep in mind when we have weddings again. There aren't weddings during Lent here at St. Francis. Weddings are hardly occasions for penitence.

## What do I do for Lent this Year?

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.

**Ministers of Holy Communion**— We are in need of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for the 12:10 pm and 7:00 pm Masses on Ash Wednesday, February 14. Communion ministers are also asked to distribute ashes. Please come to the sacristy before Mass and see where you are needed. Thank you for your help!

## Ash Wednesday Masses—February 14

6:00 am, 7:55 am, 12:10 pm, and 7:00 pm

**Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe.** On Ash Wednesday our special collection supports the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation will help restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries still struggling to recover from former communist rule. Funds from this collection support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach. Please be generous to the collection today. For more information, please visit [ww.usccb.org/ceec](http://ww.usccb.org/ceec).

**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.

## 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 12, 6:30 am: Sue Borries  
Tuesday, February 13, 6:30 am: Vincent (Bing) Keck  
Tuesday, February 13, 7:55 am: Mickey Weber  
Wednesday, February 14, 6:30 am: Norma & Henry Weber  
Wednesday, February 14, 7:55 am: George Habing  
Wednesday, February 14, 12:10 pm: Unborn Children  
Wednesday, February 14, 7:00 pm: James Waldhoff  
Thursday, February 15, 6:30 am: Mary Jo Mette  
Thursday, February 15, 12:10 pm: William Myers  
Friday, February 16, 6:30 am: Duane Gruenfelder  
Friday, February 16, 7:55 am: Ted Hinkle  
Saturday, February 17, 4:30 pm: George Habing  
Sunday, February 18, 6:30 am: Clarence Beckman  
Sunday, February 18, 8:30 am: Herman J. Runde  
Sunday, February 18, 10:30 am: Pro Populo

## Liturgy Schedule The Sixth Week in Ordinary Time February 12—February 18

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,	<b>Ash Wednesday</b> St. Valentine Mass at 6:00 am, 7:55 am, 12:10 pm & 7:00 pm
Thursday,	Mass at 6:30 am
Friday,	Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am
Saturday,	<b>Mass at 4:30 pm</b>
Sunday,	<b>First Sunday of Lent</b> Mass at 6:30, 8:30 & 10:30 am

### Confession Schedule

Tuesday, February 13, 6:15-6:45 pm  
Thursday, February 15, 6:15-6:45 pm  
Saturday, February 17, 3:00-4:00 pm

### Liturgy of the Hours with Friars

Monday-Friday—11:45 am & 4:45 pm

**Parish Council Election** The parish council election will take place the weekend of February 17/18. Three vacancies are to be filled. Those on the ballot are Pete Bushur, Melissa Habing, Megan Koester, Monica Kremer, Gabe Rauch, Brian Ruholl, and Clay Zerrusen.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

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

## Stewardship of Treasure

	<u>2/4/24</u>	<u>Year</u>
236 Envelopes	\$8,952.50	\$408,933.16
74 Online giving	\$4,090.00	\$90,817.40
Other	<u>\$858.75</u>	<u>\$33,079.44</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$13,901.25</b>	<b>\$532,830.00</b>
Assisi to Africa	\$1,392.00	\$26,182.00

## THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

### Monday, February 12

- Adoration, 1:00 pm Monday-6:00 am Tuesday
- Lenten Group Study, 6:30-8:00 pm, Sr. Ethelbert

### Tuesday, February 13

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

### Wednesday, February 14

- Childrens choir, 3:45—5:00 pm
- Special collection, Aid to Central/Eastern Europe

### Thursday, February 15

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

### Friday, February 16

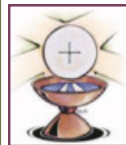
- Stations of the Cross, 7:00 pm

### Saturday, February 17

- Confessions 3:00—4:00 pm
- CHWC Trivia night, 5:30 pm at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall
- Catholic Charities speaker at Mass

### Sunday, February 18

- Secular Franciscans, 1:00-5:00 pm, church and St. Clare
- Catholic Charities speaker at Mass



### Attention Homebound

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound for Sunday, February 18 are Lenora Drees 217-857-3583 and Lori Mette 217-663-0869.

### 40 Days for Life Spring Campaign is February 14-

**March 24** - Let us join people of faith across our nation to pray and fast for an end to abortion, to close abortion centers and to restore respect for all human life. We pray because we believe unborn babies and all humans are created in the image of God. We fast because Christ told us that some demons can only be driven out by prayer and fasting. Could your family offer some of your Lenten prayer and sacrifice for the end of abortion? Please include in your prayers all mothers and fathers who have lost a child in an abortion. Pray that their hearts will be open to God's infinite mercy and they will seek His forgiveness and peace in the sacrament of Reconciliation.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Welcome to our faith Family:*

Faye Jordan Niebrugge  
Daughter of Jordan & Cheyenne (Lueken) Niebrugge  
Hayes Eugene Petty  
Son of Timothy & Jayme (Niebrugge) Petty

## Religious Education News

**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 *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!**

**SODALITY DUES**—The ladies and men's sodality dues were mailed out this week. Please return in a timely manner. Thank you.

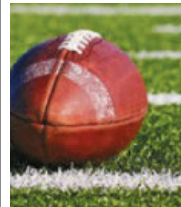


Grandparent sponsor, Karen Pruemer shared a heart treat in 1Ki and talked to the kids about their hearts and kindness!

### YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

Feb.14 - No Classes - Ash Wednesday  
 Feb.17 - CHWC TRIVIA NIGHT!  
 Feb.21 - Religious Education Classes 7:00-8:15 pm  
 Feb.23 - JH Valentines Dance  
 Feb.28 - Religious Education Classes 7:00-8:15 pm

### CHWC Superbowl Fundraiser



Our Superbowl square winners will be announced on Facebook (St. Francis Youth Ministry page) 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>. Prizes will be delivered early this week. 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! \$320 to the 1<sup>st</sup> place winner, \$240 to 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and \$160 to 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Doors open at 5:30 with a Free Will Donation dinner of McMahan meats pulled pork sandwiches, Kountry Kitchen coleslaw, chips, drinks, and homemade desserts. 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.



**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!

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.

**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.

**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.

**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, April 6, 2024 9:30-11:00 am, Sr. Ethelbert To register contact Kate Pruemer, CFCP. Email her at [kpruemer@gmail.com](mailto:kpruemer@gmail.com) or call or text 217-821-1840.

**Newman Breakfast - 2024**

Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Newman Breakfast a success. We served 540 meals! The committee *greatly* appreciated the very generous donations from KC members!

A big thank you to the businesses that supplied and donated items. Also, thank you to all those who volunteered their time or brought items for the raffle and country store.

Thanks again for supporting this great cause!



**55 PLUS for January**

Join us February 15, 2024 for the 55 Plus gathering in St. Clare hall following the 12:10 pm Mass.

The meal will consist of baked spaghetti, chicken alfredo, wings & salad from Joe's Pizza, come and enjoy. Feel free to bring a dessert or side dish to share. RSVP by calling 217-961-6404.

The **CCW quilt is ready to quilt**. It is set up in St. Clare Hall. We will be quilting on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00 to noon and 1:00 - 4:00 beginning Tuesday February 13th. We'd appreciate your help.

**Catholic Charities Raffle**

**4 Person Glider & Table Set**  
from Niebrugge Furniture Store

Or

**\$2,000 CASH PRIZE**



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

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

**\$10 EACH**

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**3/\$25**



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** Sponsored by **COUNTRY Rhodes**  
At the Teutopolis Banquet Hall

**February 24, 2024**

**7 PM to 10 PM**  
Doors will open at 6 PM

**\$30 Cover Charge**  
Includes 10 Games of Bingo & 1 Bingo Card

**Additional Cards**  
\$10 Each Or 3 Cards for \$20

**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 17/18**

<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>	Aiden Funneman Danielle Probst Madison Probst	Xavier Schumacher Meriel Schumacher Sapphira Schumacher	Grady Jansen Maggie Jansen Alyssa Myers	Raegan Zerrusen Emery Zerrusen Evan Waldhoff

**Clean Linens - Janet Probst**

**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 Capitol, 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.

Everyone is welcome to attend the **Deanery Prayer Vigil for Life to pray for the Protection of all Life** at St Michael the Archangel in Sigel on Monday February 19. Praying the rosary will begin at 6:00 pm. Fr. Dean Probst will be the celebrant for the 6:30 pm Mass. The business meeting will follow in the Council Room at the Grade School. Refreshments will be served while current pro-life issues are discussed.

**Teutopolis Banquet Hall**  
**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
 Fish & Fries  
**FRIDAY DURING LENT**  
 Fish Dinner: Fish/Shrimp,  
 Baked Potato & Hush Puppies  
 5:00-7:30 pm



**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.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**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 to register, and the full agenda is listed on their website. You may also contact Karla Slifer at 217-690-5282 for more information.

**Special Lenten SonRise Men’s Breakfast**  
 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** with virtual *travel through the Holy Land*. All men of the parish are invited to attend this series **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 6:30 am, followed by discussion and concluding at 7:30 am. There is no charge. Contact the parish office or Dan Woods, danwoodsface@gmail.com.

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