

February 18, 2024 - First Sunday of Lent

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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.



1st SUNDAY OF LENT

“This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel.” - Mk 1:15

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

This weekend we have a speaker at each of our Masses to encourage your generosity for the Catholic Charities collection. As you know, this organization helps people in many areas whether it is help with rent or utilities or food. They don't ask which parish you belong to. They are interested in meeting the needs of people presently having a difficult time. One of our three "legs" for Lent is almsgiving. The other two are fasting and prayer. Giving to our Catholic Charities collection would help to cover the need we have for giving alms. Please be generous.

We have Stations or Way of the Cross every Friday evening during Lent. This starts at 7:00 each Friday. Rarely does it last a half hour. Come and pray as we remember our Lord's passion and death. Each Friday someone, or a group, will lead us in our prayer and meditation on the suffering of Jesus.

A reminder: every Friday in Lent is a day of abstinence. People who are 14 years old, and older, refrain from eating meat. To deliberately refuse to follow this law is a serious matter. The same for Good Friday. It's a day of abstinence from meat AND it is a day of fasting: no food between meals. If you are between the ages of 18 and 59, then Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstaining. It isn't asking a whole lot from us Catholics.

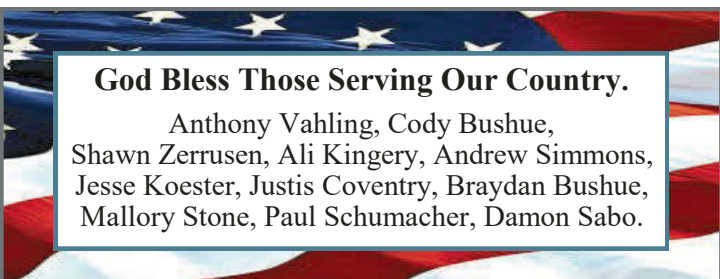
Mark March 21st on your calendar. This is exactly a week before Holy Thursday. At seven o'clock we will be offering a time for confessions.

Each parish in the diocese is supposed to have a Capital Campaign. Prior to setting a date each parish is to conduct a Vitality Study of the parish. Members of the Vitality Study in our parish are: Sharon and Herman Brummer, Michelle Niebrugge, Derek Powell, Jackie and Steve Witges, Barb Weber and Ben Zuber. I think "Vitality Study" is an interesting term to use. How vital or how alive are we as members of St. Francis Parish? We have had only one meeting so far, and I will keep you up to date on what is happening with the work of this committee. Please keep the committee in your prayers.

Annual Catholic Charities Collection. Catholic Charities serves thousands in desperate situations throughout our diocese. This comes in the form of meeting basic needs such as food, clothing, housing and medical/dental assistance as well as providing long term services in counseling, guardianship and legal assistance. Everyone is treated with dignity and respect and provided a path to hope and healing.

Catholic Charities is able to continue these services through the generosity of people like you. Thank you for your continued support.

The collection will be held the weekend of March 2/3.



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.

LENT BEGAN FEBRUARY 14TH
Lenten Regulations

- 1. ABSTINENCE**—Everyone 14 years of age and over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
- 2. FAST**—Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 is required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is permitted. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to each person's needs, but together these two should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids (including milk and fruit juices) are allowed.
- 3. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.**

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 Pruemmer, Toby McMahan, 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, Bob Thoele.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 19, 6:30 am: Herman J. Runde
 Tuesday, February 20, 6:30 am: Joe Hoedebeck
 Tuesday, February 20, 7:55 am: Don Brumleve
 Wednesday, February 21, 6:30 am: Barb Hardiek
 Wednesday, February 21, 7:55 am: Leonard & Helen Slemer
 Thursday, February 22, 6:30 am: Mike Hewing
 Friday, February 23, 6:30 am: James Waldhoff
 Friday, February 23, 7:55 am: Don Niebrugge
 Saturday, February 24, 4:30 pm: Rosie Myers
 Sunday, February 25, 6:30 am: Pro Populo
 Sunday, February 25, 8:30 am: Patty Pruemmer
 Sunday, February 25, 10:30 am: Paul & Marian Runde

Liturgy Schedule The First Week of Lent February 19—February 25

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. Peter Damian Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am
Thursday,	The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle Mass at 6:30 am
Friday,	St. Polycarp Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am
Saturday,	Mass at 4:30 pm
Sunday,	Second Sunday of Lent Mass at 6:30, 8:30 & 10:30 am

Confession Schedule

Tuesday, February 20, 6:15-6:45 pm
Thursday, February 22, 6:15-6:45 pm
Saturday, February 24, 3:00-4:00 pm

Liturgy of the Hours with Friars

Monday-Friday—11:45 am & 4:45 pm

Please Note The parish office will be closed on Monday, February 19 in observance of President’s Day.

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.

Stewardship of Treasure

	<u>2/11/24</u>	<u>Year</u>
250 Envelopes	\$9,309.50	\$418,242.66
59 Online giving	\$2,397.00	\$93,214.40
Other	<u>\$1,114.00</u>	<u>\$34,193.44</u>
TOTAL	\$12,820.50	\$545,650.50
Assisi to Africa	\$625.00	\$26,807.00

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday, February 19

- Adoration, 1:00 pm Monday-6:00 am Tuesday
- Lenten group study, 6:30-8:00 pm, Sr. Ethelbert
- Parish office closed

Tuesday, February 20

- Quilting, 9:00 am-noon & 1:00-4:00 pm, St. Clare
- Confessions, 6:15-6:45 pm

Wednesday, February 21

- Quilting, 9:00 am-noon & 1:00-3:15 pm, St. Clare
- Childrens choir, 3:30—5:00 pm
- Young adult choir, 6:00-7:00 pm

Thursday, February 22

- Confessions, 6:15-6:45 pm
- Adult choir, 7:00 pm
- Parish council meeting, 7:00 pm, Sr. Ethelbert

Friday, February 23

- Quilting, 9:00 am-noon & 1:00-4:00 pm, St. Clare
- Stations of the Cross, 7:00 pm

Saturday, February 24

- Confessions 3:00—4:00 pm



Attention Homebound

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound for Sunday, February 25 are Jodi Isley 217-857-3583 and Rita Habing 217-857-3006.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE - “He emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, He humbled himself and became obedient to death, even death on a cross.” Phil 2:7-8
Heavenly Father, help us follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Let us humbly and diligently work and pray to restore legal protection for the unborn, the disabled, the elderly and all innocent children of God whose lives are threatened. We pray for a pro-life outcome in the US Supreme Court case in late March regarding the legality of the abortion-inducing drug mifepristone. May women and young girls be protected from possible hemorrhage or life-threatening complications from having a drug-induced abortion at home.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Welcome to our faith Family:

Avery Kay Borries
Daughter of Richard & Natalie (Bohnhoff) Borries
Jarrett Joseph Kreke
Son of Tony & Emily (McMahon) Kreke

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.

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.

Grades 1-6, March 7 at 7:55 am in church, Fr. Luke will talk to the students about the Eucharist. The importance the Eucharist has in our Catholic faith



Grade 2B's prayer sponsor, Patty Ruholl visited and made a Valentines craft with the class. Catechist: Sue Esker.

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.21 - Religious Education Classes 7:00-8:15 pm

Feb.23 - JH Valentines Dance 7:00-9:00 pm

Feb.28 - Religious Education Classes 7:00-8:15 pm

JH Valentines Dance—The annual Junior High Valentines Dance will be held on February 23 from 7:00-9:00 pm in the Teutopolis Grade School gym. The dance is open to all Unit 50 junior high students. A signed permission slip and \$5 fee is required to attend. Drinks and snacks will be provided.



CHWC NEWS

Scrip card sales – Scrip cards are sold at Teutopolis State Bank during regular lobby hours for your convenience!

CHWC Superbowl Fundraiser—Michelle Morrissey, Irene Donsbach, Jake Pals and Rebekah Gaffin were our Superbowl square winners! Thanks to all for supporting St. Francis CHWC!

CHWC Trivia Night—Thanks to everyone who made Trivia night a success! We will have pictures and more information in next week's bulletin.

SPOTS OPEN!—1 Chaperone and 3 student spots are available for our CHWC trip to Nashville June 23-28. Call Maria for more information about joining us!

Eucharist: To Be in God's Presence

Friday, Feb. 23 & Saturday, Feb. 24 the Newman Catholic Community at EIU will be hosting a Lenten Mission with Mr. Thomas Schniers. The mission will focus on the centrality of the Eucharist in shaping and creating our identity as Catholics, and the transforming power of God's love. Both evenings will begin at 7 pm with a presentation and some time for prayer, with a reception at 8:30 pm. It is free and open to all. Thomas is a Theology teacher at Breese Mater Dei, as well as the baseball coach. In his free time he likes to fish, camp and play drums for gigs with the Hussey Brothers. The Newman Center is located at 500 Roosevelt Ave. in Charleston IL.

“Gathered In Worship”

Winter Lenten Retreat SDCCW

The Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women invites all women to attend our annual winter Lenten Retreat at Villa Maria in Springfield beginning at 9:00 am on **Tuesday Feb 27th** and ending at noon on **Wed. Feb 28th**, with Fr. Richard Chiola as retreat master. What a wonderful time for spiritual presentations, reflection, prayer, Holy Mass, Confession, fellowship and much more. All are welcome! Registration forms with cost and further information is available in the parish office.

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.

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.

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 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.

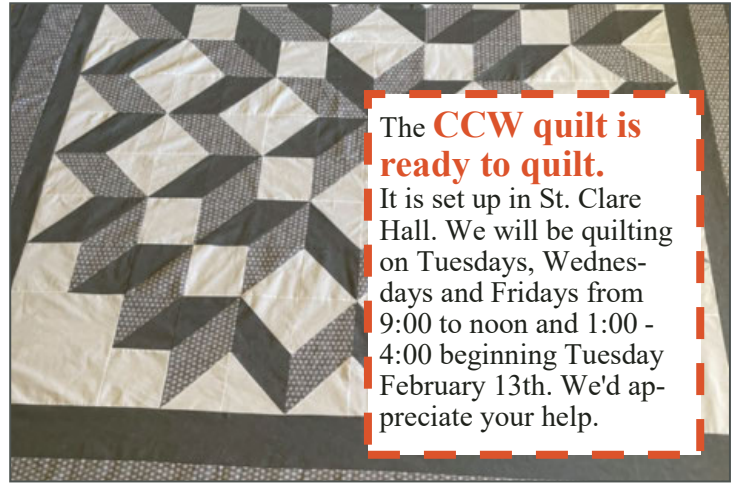
Upcoming Natural Family Planning Classes

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

Willowbrook of Effingham is in need of volunteers to come in and spend time with our residents during the mid-afternoon and/or early evening time. We are looking for interested individuals who would enjoy spending a little one on one time with our residents through small activities such as cards, puzzles, reading to them, etc.; or by leading group activities such as bingo or crafts. If there is someone that has a great joy of music in their hearts, a group sing-a-long is also welcome.

We are looking for those who would like to share an hour or two of their time during the weekdays to make a difference in the life of someone who battles with dementia.

If you are open to sharing time with us, please call, Molly Fearday, at 217-994-3364 to discuss possibilities for volunteering with us.



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 - (#162I) 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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To purchase tickets contact: Catholic Charities 217-857-1458, any Advisory Board Member, or on line at www.cc.dio.org and Effingham Catholic Charities Events Page on Facebook.

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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 24/25

<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
Ushers	*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
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 Fish Dinner: Fish/Shrimp, Baked Potato & Hush Puppies 5:00-7:30 pm



UPCOMING EVENTS


Teutopolis Park District:
 Grade 3 & 4 Instructional Volleyball (Mar 23, 30): Sign up by Mar 1
 5th and 6th Grade 5 & 6 Volleyball (Mar 16 – May 4): Sign up by Mar 1
 Baseball and Softball (late May to mid-July): Sign up by Mar 1

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!- Held at Camp Walter Scott.

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.

St. Clare Catholic Church—216 N 9th St., Altamont, IL
Sausage Breakfast—Sun., Feb. 18, 7:30-NOON
 Sausage patties, country ham, scrambled eggs, biscuits & gravy, pancakes, sweet rolls, sweet breads, milk, juice and coffee. Free will donation accepted.

St. Michael School, Sigel, IL
Swine & Dine Breakfast
 Sunday – February 25, 2024
 7:00 am – Noon



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All Proceeds Benefit St. Michael School. There will be a craft store, raffle items and mystery boxes.



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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