

February 25, 2024 - Second Sunday of Lent

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH



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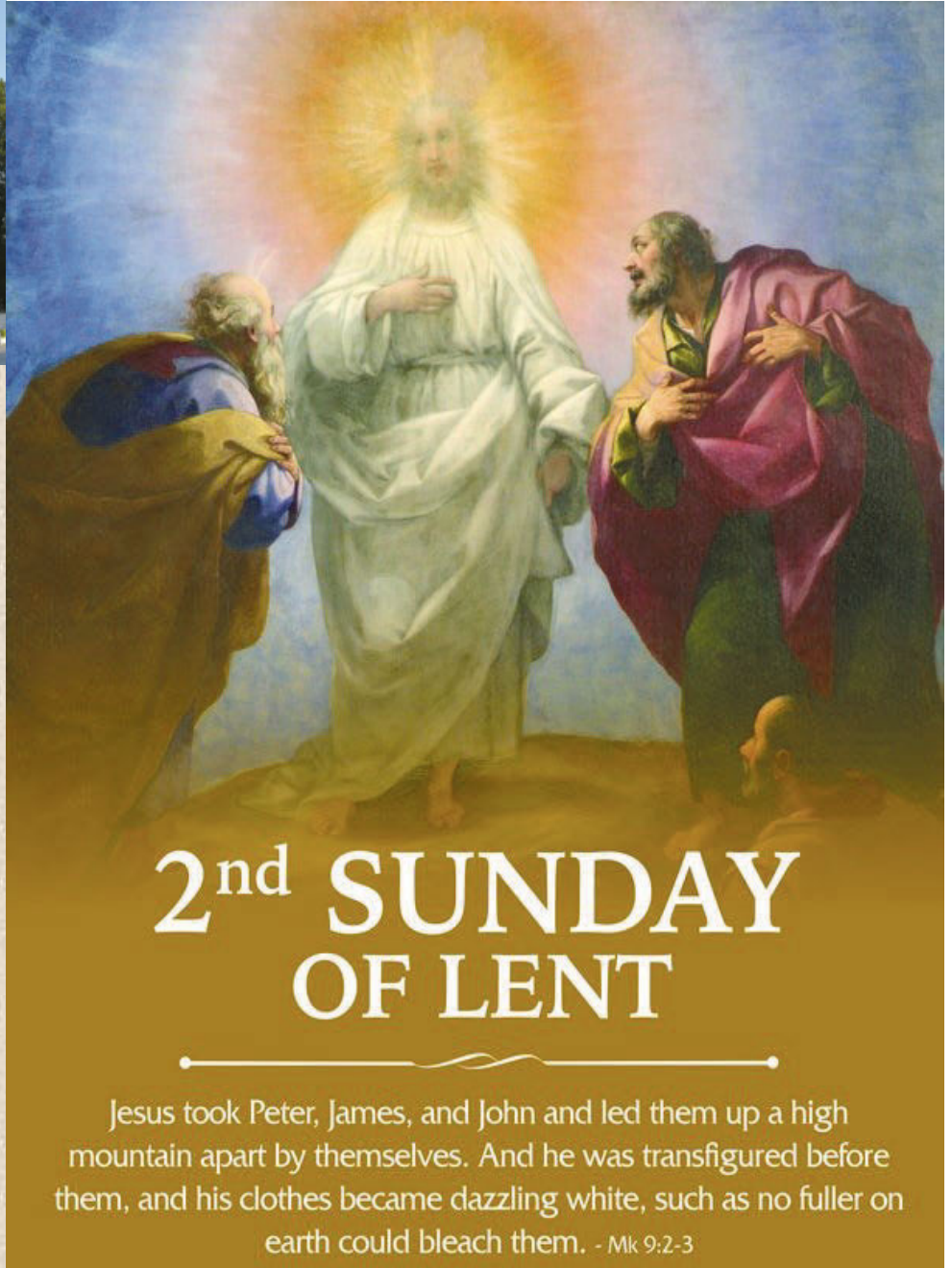
Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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.



2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. - Mk 9:2-3

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 sympathy and condolences to the families of Randy Funneman and Adolph “Sonny” Will. Randy Funneman was buried from St. Francis on Tuesday, 20 Feb, and Sonny Will’s funeral was Wednesday of this week. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

We have white smoke! The Holy Spirit has inspired our parishioners to vote for the candidates for the Parish Council at the Masses last weekend. There were 470 ballots cast. The three candidates with the highest number of votes were, in alphabetical order, Pete Bushur, Melissa Habing, and Monica Kremer. The parish thanks all the candidates, who were willing to run for the position, and we congratulate the three who were selected. Members retiring from the council tell me that they have learned a great deal from serving on the council, they never realized or knew all that goes into the smooth operation of the parish. The three parishioners, leaving the council, are Eric Habing, Jason Niebrugge, and Monica Stortzum. I believe each of them would agree that the three years have gone quickly. We are grateful for their service.

We are grateful to Dana Ruholl and Karen Smith for speaking at the Masses last weekend – Karen at the 4:30 and Dana at the Sunday Masses. Their topic was Catholic Charities. You will find an envelope for this collection in your packet, and I can’t add much to the excellent messages that Dana and Karen gave us. Please be generous. Your donation stays here and does a great deal of work for people in need. The collection will be March 2/3.

A group we seldom hear about is the group of people, who take care of your parish tithing in the sense of emptying the envelopes and preparing the funds gathered for a deposit to the bank. They serve faithfully and quietly. You would never know the hours they spend in this ministry, and it is a ministry or service for the Church. Monday evening the parish treated them and their spouses to dinner at Niemerg’s as a sign of our gratitude and appreciation for all they do. Thank you! I’ll have to add up the number of years they have served!

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.

ADORATION REMINDERS:

- ◆ Please arrive a few minutes before your hour begins.
- ◆ Please establish that your replacement has arrived before you leave. Sometimes folks drop in who can only stay for a few minutes.
- ◆ Please never leave the Blessed Sacrament alone. The schedule is in the entry to the Chapel. Call someone if necessary.

As always, thank you for your generous response to adoring Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament! There is always room for more on the schedule! Call Cindy Vahling at 217-821-3366 to sign up.

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 26, 6:30 am: Mickey Weber
 Tuesday, February 27, 6:30 am: Jerry Brickley
 Tuesday, February 27, 7:55 am: Sr. Patricia Haarman
 Wednesday, February 28, 6:30 am: Louis & Luella Buscher
 Wednesday, February 28, 7:55 am: Edwin Fulle
 Thursday, February 29, 6:30 am: Ted Hinkle
 Friday, March 1, 6:30 am: Randy Hutmacher
 Friday, March 1, 7:55 am: Virgil L. Willenborg
 Saturday, March 2, 8:00 am: Verena Brumleve
 Saturday, March 2, 4:30 pm: Henry & Norma Weber
 Sunday, March 3, 6:30 am: Pro Populo
 Sunday, March 3, 8:30 am: Albin Worman
 Sunday, March 3, 10:30 am: Larry & Mert McMahon

Liturgy Schedule The Second Week of Lent February 26—March 3

Monday,	Adoration 1:00 pm Monday until 6:00 am Tuesday Mass at 6:30 am
Tuesday,	St. Gregory of Narek Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am
Wednesday,	Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am
Thursday,	Mass at 6:30 am
Friday,	First Friday Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am
Saturday,	Mass at 8:00 am Mass at 4:30 pm
Sunday,	Third Sunday of Lent Mass at 6:30, 8:30 & 10:30 am

Confession Schedule

Tuesday, February 27,	6:15-6:45 pm
Thursday, February 29,	3:00-4:00 pm & 6:15-6:45 pm
Saturday, March 2,	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 26

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

Tuesday, February 27

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

Wednesday, February 28

- 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 29

- Confessions, 3:00-4:00 pm & 6:15-6:45 pm
- Adult choir, 7:00 pm

Friday, March 1

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

Saturday, March 2

- Confessions 3:00—4:00 pm
- Catholic Charities collection

Sunday, March 3

- Catholic Charities collection



Attention Homebound

Holy Communion will be brought to you on First Friday, March 1. No Communion to you on Sunday, March 3, 2024.



The parishioners extend our sympathies and condolences to the families of Randy Funneman and Adolph “Sonny” Will. Eternal rest grant unto them, oh Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Parish Lenten Mission with Fr. Luke Spannagel

Wednesday, March 6th at 7:00 pm: Explanatory Mass
Thursday, March 7th at 7:00 pm: The Eucharist

Wednesday night Fr. Luke will explain what is happening during the different parts of the Mass. Thursday night Fr. Luke will explain how powerful the Eucharist is and share stories about saints who were dedicated to the Eucharist. He is one of 50 priests throughout the US who were chosen by the USCCB to devote their full time to preaching about the Eucharist during the last year of the Eucharistic Revival. He is a joyful and dynamic speaker, and this will be a wonderful opportunity to grow in your understanding of the Eucharist.

MARCH



3/1	Mark Habing—80
3/1	Patricia “Pat” Poston—81
3/4	Carol Heuerman—84
3/12	Robert “Bob” Pals—87
3/12	Bernard “Ben” Runde—84
3/14	Evelyn Dhom—97
3/18	Arthur “Art” Deters—83
3/19	Harold Esker—96
3/30	Elizabeth “Betty” Buscher—83
3/31	Alice Ruholl—82

Stewardship of Treasure

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245 Envelopes	\$10,137.00	\$428,379.66
62 Online giving	\$2,916.00	\$96,130.40
Other	<u>\$1,124.00</u>	<u>\$35,317.44</u>
TOTAL	\$14,177.00	\$559,827.50
Assisi to Africa	\$441.00	\$27,248.00

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.

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 5—February 29.

Lenten Mission Box—Students in grades 1-6 received 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.

Grades 1 & 2, On March 11 at 7:55 am in church, the students will be praying the Stations of the Cross. Many students will have specific roles in the service. Parents are invited to attend.

YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

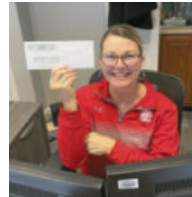
Feb.28 - Religious Education Classes 7:00-8:15 pm



CHWC NEWS

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

CHWC Superbowl Winners!



Thanks for all the support!

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!

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.

FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE - *All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord. All the families of the nations will bow down before him. Let the coming generation be told of the Lord that they may proclaim to a people yet to be born the justice he has shown.* –Psalm 22:28; 31-32

“A people yet to be born.” May we continue to tirelessly pray and work for the unborn, that they may join their families in turning to our Lord. Please mark you calendars to join our **Eucharistic Day of Prayer for Life on Monday, March 18th**.

Many thanks to these sponsors who helped make 2024's Father Daughter dance successful!

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BAPTISM

Prep Dates

- Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at St. Isidore
- Thursday, May 2, 2024 at St. Francis of Assisi
- Thursday, June 6, 2024 at St. Rose
- Thursday, July 11, 2024 at St. Francis
- Tuesday, August 6, 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.

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.

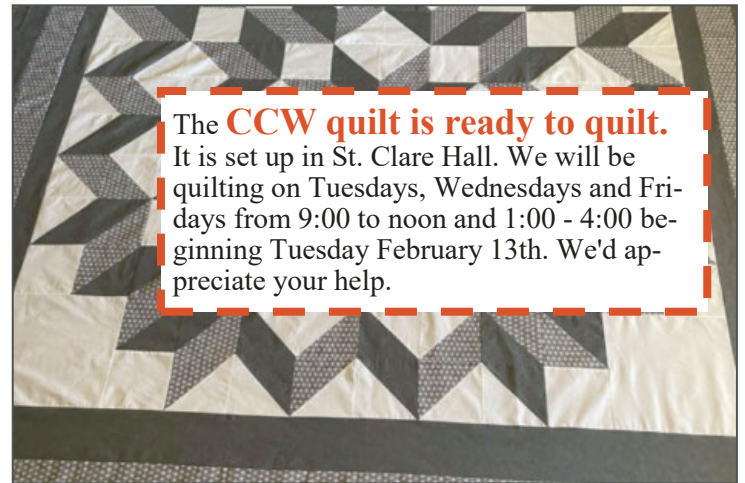
Upcoming Natural Family Planning Classes

- 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-along 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 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.



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, 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

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen!




Liturgical Ministers for March 2/3

<u>Ministry</u>	<u>4:30 pm</u>	<u>6:30 am</u>	<u>8:30 am</u>	<u>10:30 am</u>
Readers	Sr. Sandra Sudkamp Kent Probst	Jane Pruemmer	Monica Kremer Jill Schumacher	Cathy Thoele Marty Siemer
Ushers	*Scott Brumleve Chris Deters Glen Waldhoff Aaron Stortzum Jerry M. Runde Todd Probst	*Joe Esker Larry Esker Dave Probst Gary Deters Allen Koester Mike Hardiek	*Ryan Jansen Dan Habing Jake Habing Troy Bloemer Paul Willenborg Pat Niemerg	*Rich Niebrugge Greg Addis Tom Niebrugge Brian Ruholl Carl Waldhoff Logan Waldhoff
Servers	Julien Blum Exavier Smothers Owen Kremer	Ozzie Pals Evie Pals Jack Hartke	Dylan Deters Luke Ziegler Charlie Ziegler	Addisyn Koester Audrey Runde Alayna Runde

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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



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



ANNUAL FUNDRAISING BREAKFAST & SILENT AUCTION IN NEWTON
 March 9, 2024 from 7:30-10:30 am
 St. Thomas Parish Center
 We will have a full morning of breakfast, silent auction launch, Frozen characters and the Arendelle Market. Free will donation for breakfast.

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.

The Mattoon Deanery Council of Catholic Women meeting is Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at St. Anthony of Padua, 101 E. Virginia, Effingham, IL 62401. Holy Mass at 8:30 a.m., registration at 9:15 a.m. Lunch and white elephant auction (wrapped gift) will conclude the day; proceeds go to the Seminary Fund (check or cash accepted). Contact MDCCW President: Margaret Thompson (217) 232-4350 or drmathompson@gmail.com

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