

March 3, 2024 - Third Sunday of Lent

# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH



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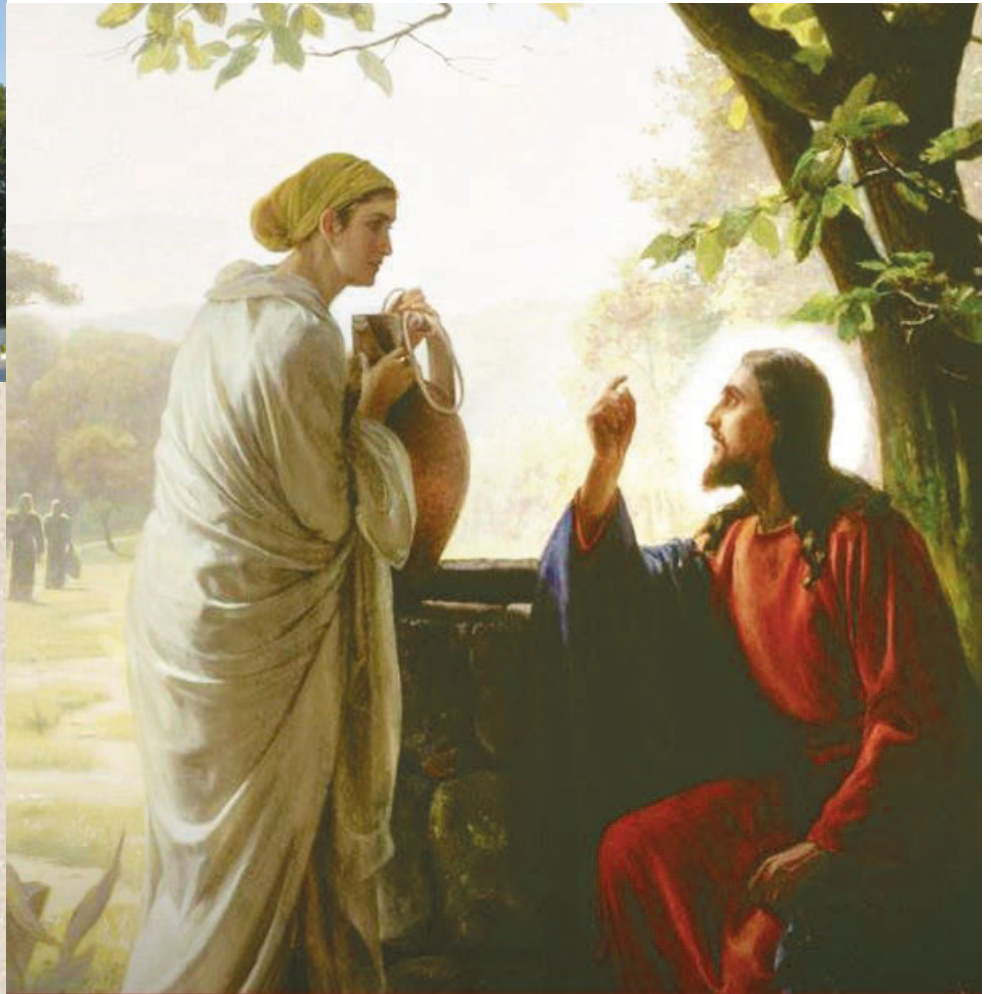
## Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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.



## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." - Jn 4:10

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## 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

There is planning taking place for the 10<sup>th</sup> National Eucharistic Congress for this summer. If you google the website, you will find that this Congress will be a “pivotal, unifying and transformative moment for the Catholic Church in the United States.” It will take place in Indianapolis, starting on July 17<sup>th</sup>, and it will close on Sunday, the 21<sup>st</sup>. The website explains what events are planned for each day at the Lucas Oil Stadium.

Plans call for people to travel from southern California, and there will be celebrations along the way. They will be passing through our community the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of July on their way to Indianapolis. There will be something in Effingham on 11 July and here in Teutopolis on 12 July. What these two days will look like is yet to be determined, but there are conversations taking place.

The Spring Clergy Conference is this Wednesday and Thursday, 6 and 7 March, in Springfield. All the pastors in the diocese are required to be at the meeting on Wednesday evening. Mass schedules will not be affected. I am sure there are some Catholic churches in the Bible Belt part of our country, who would love to have the number of people we see at our 6:30 weekday Masses in Lent.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE** – “For He shall rescue the poor man when he cries out, and the afflicted when he has no one to help him ... blessed forever be His glorious name; may the whole earth be filled with His glory. Amen.” (Ps 72: 12, 19) Let us continue to cry out for God’s help and strength to change our culture of death through our prayer and sacrifices. We will have a **Eucharistic Day of Prayer for Life on Monday, March 18th**, in the chapel. We will begin at 9:00 am and continue through 6:00 am Tuesday. Please mark your calendar and prepare to sign up to pray before our Eucharistic Lord.

### 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.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 4, 6:30 am: Vic & Tootie Deters  
 Tuesday, March 5, 6:30 am: Anita Holman  
 Tuesday, March 5, 7:55 am: James Waldhoff  
 Wednesday, March 6, 6:30 am: Bernie Ruholl  
 Wednesday, March 6, 7:55 am: Lucille Buhnerkempe  
 Thursday, March 7, 6:30 am: George Habing  
 Friday, March 8, 6:30 am: Linus Nobsch  
 Friday, March 8, 7:55 am: Bob Deters  
 Saturday, March 9, 4:30 pm: Mary Jo Mette  
 Sunday, March 10, 6:30 am: Sr. Patricia Haarmann  
 Sunday, March 10, 8:30 am: Pro Populo  
 Sunday, March 10, 10:30 am: George Habing

## 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 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.

### Training and Meeting for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

There will be a training session for anyone interested in being a Minister of Holy Communion on Tuesday, March 12 at 7:00 pm in the sacristy at church. This meeting is primarily for those who wish to join this ministry. (We really are in need of some more people to help with this ministry.) However, any Communion minister who would like a “refresher course” is more than welcome to attend. Contact Jerry Brummer (217-821-2351) if you have any questions or concerns.

*Special Collection* Next week, our parish will take up

### The Catholic Relief Services Collection.

Funds from this collection provide emergency assistance to victims of war and natural disasters: assists migrants and refugees who need housing, education and specialized legal assistance: and much more. Your support of this collection makes a difference for so many around the globe. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. To learn more, please visit [www.uscch.org/catholic-relief](http://www.uscch.org/catholic-relief).

## Liturgy Schedule The Third Week of Lent March 4 — March 10

Monday,	St. Casimir 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,	Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am
Thursday,	St. Perpetua St. Felicity Mass at 6:30 am
Friday,	St. John of God Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am
Saturday,	St. Frances of Rome <b>Mass at 4:30 pm</b>
Sunday,	<b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b> <b>Mass at 6:30, 8:30 &amp; 10:30 am</b>

### Confession Schedule

Tuesday, March 5, 6:15-6:45 pm  
Thursday, March 7, 6:15-6:45 pm  
Saturday, March 9, 3:00-4:00 pm

### Liturgy of the Hours with Friars

Monday-Friday—11:45 am & 4:45 pm

### 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.

### Stewardship of Treasure

	<u>2/25/24</u>	<u>Year</u>
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54 Online giving	\$2,160.00	\$98,290.40
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12,449.25</b>	<b>\$572,276.75</b>
Assisi to Africa	\$293.00	\$27,541.00

## THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

### Monday, March 4

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

### Tuesday, March 5

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

### Wednesday, March 6

- Quilting, 9:00 am-noon & 1:00-3:15 pm, St. Clare
- Childrens choir, 3:30—5:00 pm
- Eucharistic Revival with Fr. Spannagel, 7:00 pm

### Thursday, March 7

- Confessions, 3:00-4:00 pm & 6:15-6:45 pm
- Eucharistic Revival with Fr. Spannagel, 7:00 pm

### Friday, March 8

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

### Saturday, March 9

- Confessions 3:00—4:00 pm
- Special collection, Catholic Relief Service

### Sunday, March 10

- Daylight Saving Time
- Special collection, Catholic Relief Service
- Scout Sunday, 10:30 am Mass
- Parish council meet & greet with new members, 4:00 pm, Sr. Ethelbert
- CHWC meeting, 7:00 pm, Sr. Ethelbert



### Attention Homebound

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound for Sunday, March 10 are Deb Blankenship 217-663-0862 and Brenda Henry 217-857-3964 or 217-343-6242.

### Parish Lenten Mission with Fr. Luke Spannagel at St. Francis of Assisi Church

**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.

## 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**—March 4 in church at 7:55 am for Grade 4.

**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.

Grandmother and prayer sponsor Amy Schumacher brought in items for each student of Mrs. Webers 4th grade class to make Easter tombs. Grass is planted atop. It should be grown by Easter!!



## YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

Mar. 6 - Rel Ed Classes 7-8:15pm (Silhouette Stations practice 6:30pm)

Mar. 8 - HS Stations 7pm

Mar. 13 - Rel Ed Classes 7-8:15pm (Silhouette Stations practice 6:30pm)

Mar. 15 - JH Silhouette Stations 7pm (Silhouette Stations practice 5pm)

Mar. 15 - Teen center open 7:30-10pm

Mar. 20 - Rel Ed Classes 7-8:15pm

Mar. 27 - No Rel Ed Classes due to Holy Week



**Service hours**—Your junior high and high school students were asked at the beginning of the year to complete 20 hours of service during the school year and **Lent is a perfect time to fulfill that goal!** We will be talking about it during religion. Please help with our goal by talking to your student about how they may like to volunteer at church or contribute to the community! Blue service forms can be turned in anytime but are due **APRIL 24th!**

**Easter Day of Fun**—This annual event for kids ages 4-12 will be held March 30<sup>th</sup> from 8:30-10:30am. We will have a craft, snack, games for kids and an Easter egg hunt. Registration details will be out soon!



## CHWC NEWS

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

**Next Meeting** - Our next CHWC meeting will be Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in Sr. Ethelbert dining room! We will be voting on our summer t-shirt designs, doing trivia night evaluations, and getting a fundraiser update.

**SPOTS OPEN!**-1 Chaperone and 4 student spots are available for our CHWC trip to Nashville June 23-28. Call Maria for more information about joining us!

## 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.

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.

## PRAY FOR OUR LEADERS

# 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](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.

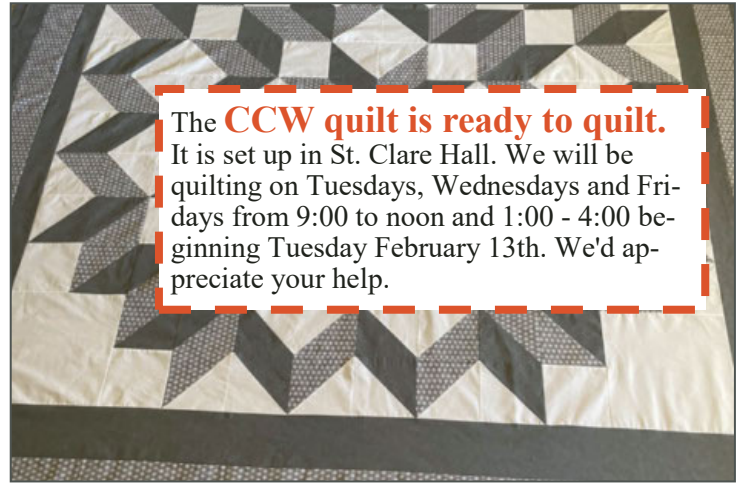
### Upcoming Natural Family Planning Classes

- 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.

**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.

**Cemetery Clean-up** Please remove any grave blankets, flowers, statues, etc. which are not attached to the headstone and which you wish to keep. Ron will be rolling the ground and cleaning up the cemetery on favorable weather days in the very near future. Thank you for your immediate attention on this matter. Let's keep our cemetery beautiful.

## RED ALERT ACTION MEETING ON MARCH 7

Illinois is proposing a new law, SB 3499, also known as the "End-of-Life Options for Terminally Ill Patients Act." However, many refer to it more accurately as the "Legalization of Assisted Suicide Act." We invite you to learn more about its potential impacts by attending the Red Alert Action Meeting on March 7 at 7:00 pm at the Effingham Event Center.



**St. Francis CCW  
EASTER BAKE SALE**  
Saturday, March, 30  
8:00—11:00 am  
Sr. Ethelbert Lobby

*Lord,*

give us the light to see ourselves as you see us. And give us the courage to change ourselves as you want us to change.

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**Any questions: 217-690-4380**


**Liturgical Ministers for March 9/10**

<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>	Sr. Sandra Sudkamp Kent Probst	Jane Pruemmer	Monica Kremer Jill Schumacher	Cathy Thoele Marty Siemer
<b>Ushers</b>	*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
<b>Servers</b>	Cameron Kremer Maddie Zane Abigail Zane	Xavier Schumacher Meriel Schumacher Sapphira Schumacher	Mitch Bergfeld Aiden Bergfeld Carter Thoele	Kaitlyn Vahling Blake Vahling Emma Vahling

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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




**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.*

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



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

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**Teutopolis Community Blood Drive**  
**Sponsored by Teutopolis High School**  
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 210 S Pearl  
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**Tuesday, March 5, 2024  
 12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.**

For an appointment call 1-800 RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org (Sponsor code TeutopolisCommunity)

Eat a healthy meal and drink an extra 16 oz. of water and fluids before the donation.  
 By donating blood at this drive, you are helping one or more graduating seniors earn a scholarship!

Come to give March 1-24 for a \$10 e-gift card to a pet supply merchant of choice! Give blood, treat your pet & make a paw-sitive impact this spring. PLUS automatically be entered for a chance to win a \$3K gift card (\$5 winners)! Terms: rcblood.org/Pets.

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