

March 10, 2024 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH



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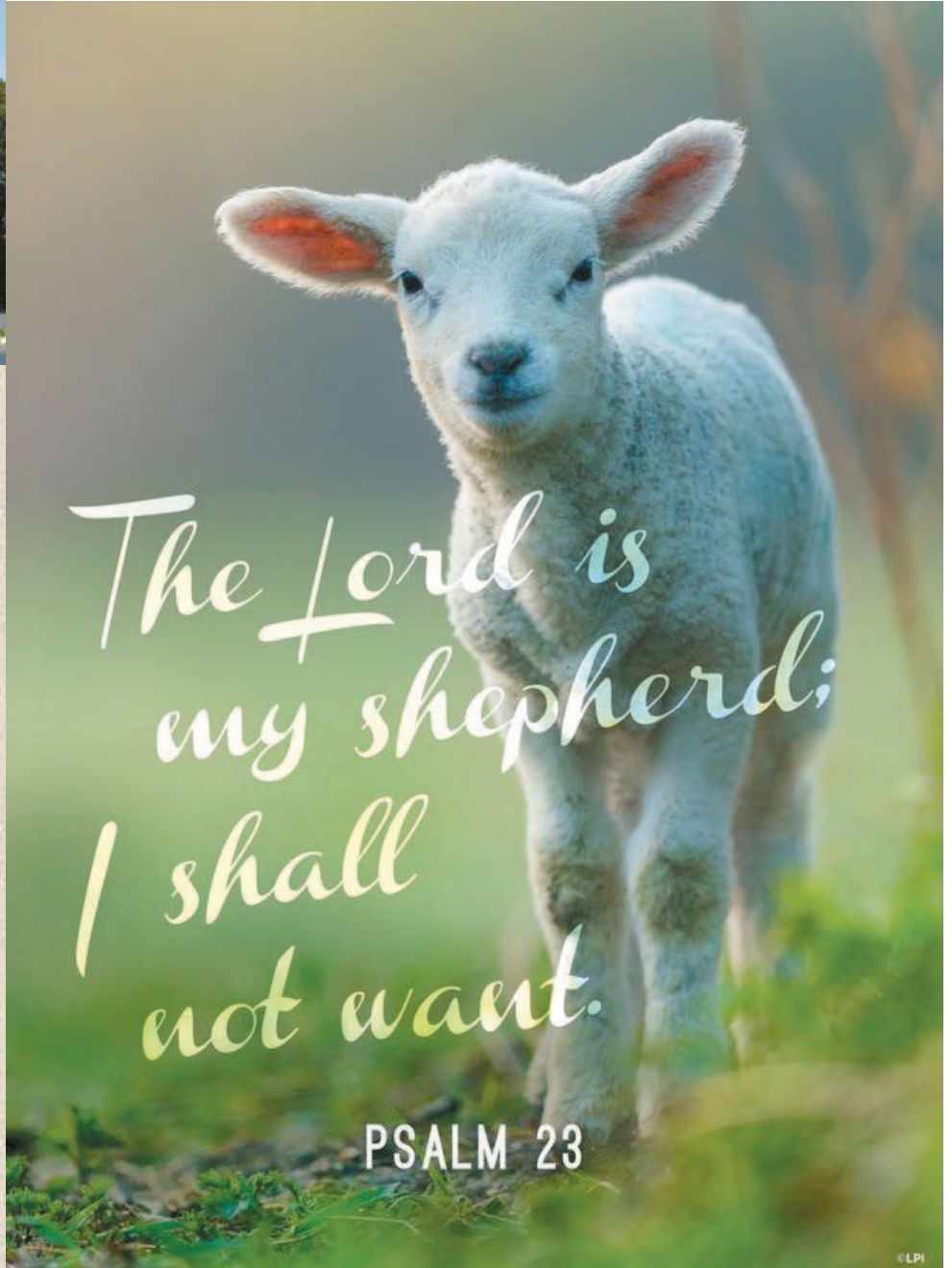
Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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.



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

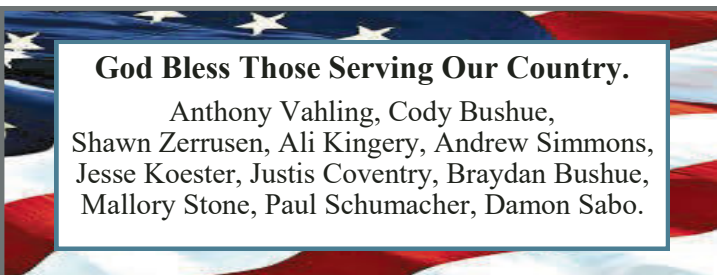
The parishioners of St. Francis extend our condolences to the family of Robert “Bob” Thoele, whose funeral Mass was this Thursday at St. Francis. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.

We are grateful to Fr. Luke Spannagel, who gave us a parish mission last Wednesday and Thursday evenings. He is the son of our parishioners: John and Donna Spannagel. He spoke to us of the Eucharist, and on Wednesday during Mass he explained what was happening at different points during the Mass. On Thursday morning he spoke to our grade school students.

Baseball, softball, tennis, soccer and other sports can accuse me of prejudice when I highlight our basketball team. How many state championships have our baseball teams won over the years? Without studying the issue, my bet is that more of our students have gone to college with baseball money rather than basketball scholarships. Basketball has a way of bringing more of the community together than the other sports do. I’ve mentioned to a couple people how when we returned from the game at Newton, there was a steady stream of lights along HWY 33. A person in a car eastbound could have wondered what is going on! It’s impressive being a part of something larger than ourselves. Years ago I think the people from the area, who were going to march in D.C. for the Right to Life, would board one of 5 buses that were heading to our nation’s capital. And when the highway curved, you could look out your window and see the buses in front of you – all traveling together.

On the radio Monday night the sportscaster commented on the fact that the Wooden Shoes have played in 9 super sectional contests in the past 13 years! That kind of thing doesn’t just happen. We produce teams (in all the sports) that we can rightfully be proud of. We have played against a couple teams that were less than good sportsmen. And it is sad to experience that kind of thing. We can be proud of the young men and women, who represent us: the players, the coaches, the managers, etc. A good reputation like this is earned over many years, and it is something for us to continue long into the future. If we ever lose that “ethic” of good sportsmanship, then we have buried the wooden shoes.

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.



HOLY WEEK MINISTRY SIGN-UPS

If you are involved in a liturgical ministry (Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, and Ushers) we are in need of your help! If you are able to volunteer your services at any of the Holy Week liturgies listed below, please sign up at the church’s main entrance:

Holy Thursday, March 28 at 7:00 pm

Good Friday, March 29 at 1:00 pm

Easter Vigil, March 30 at 8:00 pm

Thank you so much for your time and consideration. Your service makes our liturgies special and complete!

Please remember that if you are on the March schedule for either 6:30 am, 8:30 am, or 10:30 am Masses, then you are “on” for Easter Sunday at those times. If you need to, please find a substitute.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 11, 6:30 am: Rockney Weber
 Tuesday, March 12, 6:30 am: Joyce Burford
 Tuesday, March 12, 7:55 am: Ted Hinkle
 Wednesday, March 13, 6:30 am: Bernie Ruholl
 Wednesday, March 13, 7:55 am: Willis & Helen Thomas
 Thursday, March 14, 6:30 am: Albert Ruholl
 Friday, March 15, 6:30 am: Bill & Billie Pals
 Friday, March 15, 7:55 am: Mickey Weber
 Saturday, March 16, 4:30 pm: Patty Pruemmer
 Sunday, March 17, 6:30 am: Pro Populo
 Sunday, March 17, 8:30 am: Anna Ruholl
 Sunday, March 17, 10:30 am: Robert Kremer

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 Ghasst, 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.

thank you

Thank you to all who have helped with the CCW quilt! It is complete and we greatly appreciate the time and talent of those who have participated.

Liturgy Schedule The Fourth Week of Lent March 11 — March 17

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,	Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am
Thursday,	Mass at 6:30 am
Friday,	Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am
Saturday,	Mass at 4:30 pm
Sunday,	St. Patrick's Day Fifth Sunday of Lent Mass at 6:30, 8:30 & 10:30 am

Confession Schedule

Tuesday, March 12, 6:15-6:45 pm
Thursday, March 14, 6:15-6:45 pm
Saturday, March 16, 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, March 11

- Adoration, 1:00 pm Monday-6:00 am Tuesday
- Stations of the Cross, 7:55 am, Grades 1 & 2
- Lenten group study, 6:30-8:00 pm, Sr. Ethelbert
- Liturgy meeting, 7:00 pm, St. Clare

Tuesday, March 12

- Confessions, 6:15-6:45 pm
- Training and Meeting for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, 7:00 pm, in sacristy.

Wednesday, March 13

- Childrens choir, 3:30—5:00 pm
- Young adult choir, 6:00-7:00 pm
- Parish council meeting, 7:00 pm, Sr. Ethelbert

Thursday, March 14

- Confessions, 3:00-4:00 pm & 6:15-6:45 pm
- Adult choir, 7:00 pm
- Vitality committee meeting, 7:00 pm, Sr. Ethelbert

Friday, March 15

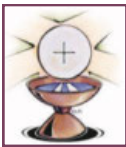
- Stations of the Cross, 7:00 pm

Saturday, March 16

- Confessions 3:00—4:00 pm
- First Reconciliation, Grade 2, 8:30 am & 10:00 am

Sunday, March 17

- Secular Franciscans, 1:00-5:00 pm, church and St. Clare



Attention Homebound

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound for Sunday, March 17 are Lenora Drees 217-857-3583 and Lori Mette 217-663-0869.

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.



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.

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The parishioners extend our sympathies and condolences to the family of Robert “Bob” Thoele. Eternal rest grant unto him, oh Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him.



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.

Grade 2 students-Reconciliation: First Reconciliation is scheduled for Saturday, March 16 at either 8:30 am or 10:00 am. Students are asked to bring their Baptismal Candle.

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 & 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.

Seder Meal in Sr. Ethelbert at 7:55 am:
March 25-Grade 1; March 26-Grade 6.

No School: March 28-Holy Thursday; March 29-Good Friday; April 1-Easter Monday.

You are invited to apply for THE SPRINGFIELD IN ILLINOIS DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (SDCCW)

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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

Mar. 13 - Religious education classes 7:00-8:15 pm (Silhouette Stations practice 6:30 pm)

Mar. 15 - JH Silhouette Stations 7:00 pm (Silhouette Stations practice 5:00 pm)

Mar. 15 - Teen center open 7:30-10:00 pm

Mar. 20 - Religious education classes 7:00-8:15 pm

Mar. 27 - No Religious education classes—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 30th from 8:30-10:30 am. We will have a craft, snacks, games for kids and an Easter egg hunt. Registration forms will be sent home with your kids!



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 TODAY, Sunday, March 10 at 7:00 pm, Sr. Ethelbert dining room. We will be voting on our summer t-shirt designs, doing trivia night evaluations, and getting a fundraiser update. Please attend!


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!

PRAY FOR OUR LEADERS

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.

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.

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.

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.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE EUCHARISTIC DAY OF PRAYER MONDAY, MARCH 18th

Please come to pray to our Eucharistic Lord for the end of abortion and for the end of the evil disregard for human life in our world. **Eucharistic Exposition on March 18th will begin at 9:00 am** and continue through Tuesday, 6:00 am. Volunteers are needed to please commit to a half hour or hour of prayer in church on the sign-up sheets at the church entrances. If you are home bound or unable to come, your prayers are needed also in whatever way you are able. Thank you for your prayers and sacrifices!

Prayer to the Blessed Sacrament

Lord Jesus, I firmly believe that the Blessed Sacrament is Your very Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity. Senses cannot grasp this marvel. Faith, however, reaches beyond what the eyes can see and assures us that You are present. We can also see You, O Lord, in the children in the womb. In a day when so many have forgotten these children, and dismiss them as less valuable than those who are born, grant that we may grow all the more convinced of their dignity and worth. Then grant, O Lord, that we may act accordingly. Amen.

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.



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Liturgical Ministers for March 16/17

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



TEAMS WANTED! – A Trivia Night hosted by Crisis Nursery of Effingham County and Kiwanis Club of Effingham County will take place on March 23rd at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall. Exercise your brain and have fun supporting two great organizations! \$300 to the First Place Team and \$200 to the 2nd Place Team, along with opportunities to win other prizes. Doors open at 6pm and Trivia starts at 7pm. Reserve your table today by contacting Meghan Rewers (217-342-3000x3; director@crisisnurseryofeffingham.com) or go to <https://forms.office.com/r/Y7CA6jefpj>.




UPCOMING EVENTS

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:
 Fitness Programs (April 1 – June 28): Sign up by March 17

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, danwoodsfache@gmail.com.



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