

March 24, 2024 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH



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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.



## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it. And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. - Mk 11:7-8

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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

Happy Palm Sunday!! Today marks the beginning of the special time of the year for all Christians: Holy Week! Another word for “holy” is “sacred” so we could call this “Sacred Week.” That has a way of making the point of what this week is all about.

We have the Sacred Triduum. Lent finishes at the commemoration of the Last Supper on Holy Thursday, which marks the beginning of the Triduum: the holy three days. Our liturgies for each day of the Sacred Triduum are filled with meaning.

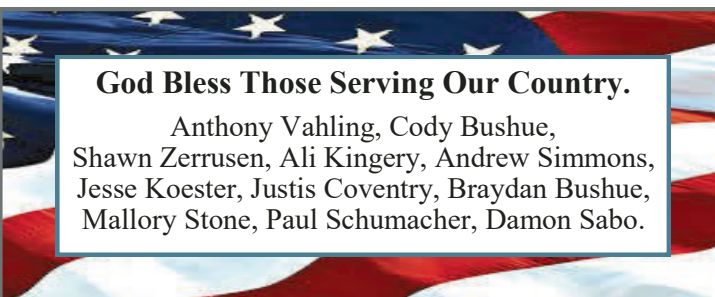
On Holy Thursday we have the anniversary of both the Eucharist and the sacrament of Holy Orders. The priests of the diocese will gather on Tuesday in Springfield for the Chrism Mass. If you have never been to the Chrism Mass, you might come to this and see how the bishop of the diocese consecrates the oils that will be used in celebrating the sacraments throughout the diocese in the coming year. I will participate in this liturgy and bring back the 3 oils that will be presented with the gifts at our Mass on Holy Thursday. Each priest has the date of his ordination anniversary, but he celebrates on Holy Thursday the anniversary of the sacrament. There is the washing of the feet, and the Blessed Sacrament will be reserved in the altar where the Blessed Mother is remembered. This time for adoration and prayer will finish at 9:30 Thursday evening.

Good Friday marks our remembering the passion of our Lord. There will be the veneration of the cross, and this is followed by the reception of the Eucharist that has been consecrated at the Holy Thursday Mass. There is quiet and silence in the church. The door of the tabernacle is opened, and the sanctuary lamp is extinguished because the Blessed Sacrament is not present – the only time during the whole year!

Holy Saturday marks the center of our faith: the resurrection of Jesus. He has risen. Christ has conquered death. We start outside with the blessing of fire. The candle is lit, and the Light of Christ comes into the dark church, symbolic of the dark world, and the darkness is pierced by the light of Christ.

Alleluia is our song. We haven’t had this word in the liturgy all Lent, but now we sing Alleluia joyfully. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

**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.



### 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.

### 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 25, 6:30 am: Jeff Buehnerkemper  
Tuesday, March 26, 6:30 am: Lester & Betty Miller  
Tuesday, March 26, 7:55 am: Nosbisch family  
Wednesday, March 27, 6:30 am: Ted Hinkle  
Wednesday, March 27, 7:55 am: James Waldhoff  
Thursday, March 28, 7:00 pm: Holy Thursday  
Saturday, March 30, 4:30 pm: Holy Saturday  
Sunday, March 31, 6:30 am: Pro Populo  
Sunday, March 31, 8:30 am: Mary Ann Wall  
Sunday, March 31, 10:30 am: Louis & Luella Buscher

## 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, John W. Miller, Dustin Borries, Lizzie Westendorf, Joseph F. Huber, Betty Jansen, Art Deters, Bill Frese, Linda Frese, Doug Niermerg, 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.

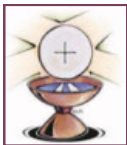
## Liturgy Schedule

### Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord March 25 — March 31

|            |  |
|------------|--|
| Monday,    | Monday of Holy Week<br>Adoration 1:00 pm Monday until<br>6:00 am Tuesday<br>Mass at 6:30 am          |
| Tuesday,   | Tuesday of Holy Week<br>Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am  |
| Wednesday, | Wednesday of Holy Week<br>Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am  |
| Thursday,  | Holy Thursday<br>Mass at 7:00 pm<br>Adoration after Mass until 9:30 pm                               |
| Friday,    | Good Friday<br>Liturgy at 1:00 pm  |
| Saturday,  | <b>Holy Saturday</b><br><b>Mass at 8:00 pm</b>   |
| Sunday,    | <b>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection<br/>of the Lord</b><br><b>Mass at 6:30, 8:30 &amp; 10:30 am</b> |

### Confession Schedule

Tuesday, March 26, no confessions  
Thursday, March 28, no confessions  
Saturday, March 30, no confessions



### Attention Homebound

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound for Sunday, March 31 are Chuck Deters 217-857-6084 and Jane Meyer 217-215-9995.



## THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

### Monday, March 25

- Adoration, 1:00 pm Monday-6:00 am Tuesday
- Social concerns meeting, 7:00 pm, St. Clare Hall

### Tuesday, March 26

- No Confessions
- Guitar Practice, 6:45 pm

### Wednesday, March 27

- Childrens choir, 3:30—5:00 pm
- Young adult choir, 6:00-7:00 pm

### Thursday, March 28

- No Confessions
- Washing of feet, 7:00 pm
- Adoration after Mass until 9:30 pm

### Friday, March 29

- Special collection, Holy Land
- Good Friday, Liturgy at 1:00 pm
- Stations of the Cross, 7:00 pm
- Parish office closed

### Saturday, March 30

- No Confessions
- CCW Easter Bake Sale, Sr. Ethelbert Center, 8:00-11:00 am
- Easter day of fun
- Art & Environment committee decorating, 7:00 am

### Sunday, 31

- Special collection, Seminarians

## SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

On **Holy Thursday**, the collection taken will go to our local Catholic Charities.

On **Good Friday**, a collection will be taken to help the work of the Church in the Holy Land.

At the **Easter Vigil** and the **Easter Sunday Masses**, the special collection will help our diocese to educate and form future priests.

Please use the envelopes included with your set; there will only be one collection at these celebrations. Thank you.

## Stewardship of Treasure

|                  | <u>3/17/24</u>     | <u>Year</u>         |
|------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 221 Envelopes    | \$7,892.00         | \$471,023.66        |
| 33 Online giving | \$1,731.00         | \$106,233.40        |
| Other            | \$896.60           | \$39,372.54         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>     | <b>\$10,519.60</b> | <b>\$616,629.60</b> |
| Assisi to Africa | \$515.00           | \$30,063.00         |

**2006 Club Car Golf Cart** for sale through Schmid Auction. Certified for street use, in good condition, gas powered engine with new battery. Proceeds to fund the Teutopolis Monastery Museum.

### 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.

**Seder Meal** in Sr. Ethelbert center 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.

**Grade 2 Parent Meeting** for First Communion and Confirmation is scheduled for 7:00 pm in the Sr. Ethelbert center on April 8 and April 10. Parents are to attend one of the meeting dates.

### YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

Mar. 27 - No Religious education classes—Holy Week

Mar. 30 - Easter Day of Fun 8:30-10:30 am

**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 8:30-10:30 am. We will have a craft, snacks, games for kids and an Easter egg hunt hosted by the Teutopolis Civic Club at 10:00 am. Registration forms were sent home with grade 1-6 kids in religion class. Forms are also available at the church office entrance and on the church website.

### CHWC NEWS

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

**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!



## Eat & Bail

No Foolin' ~ Joe's will be open

Monday **April 1**  
4:30 PM - 7:30 PM



### Eat at Joe's and support Catholic Charities!

Joe's Pizza and Pasta in Effingham is donating all tips and 20% of revenue made from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM on April 1.

Local celebrities and friends will be in jail during the event. There is only one way out...

Will you help bail them out?



**40 Days for Life – Thanks** to all who offered prayers for life this past Monday during our Eucharistic Day of Prayer for Life. We conclude our 40 Days of prayer and sacrifice for the end of abortion this Sunday, March 24. Let us reflect on the Cross of Jesus. At the end of His life on earth, by dying on the cross, Jesus opened the door to eternal life for those who heed his words and follow in his footsteps. Following Jesus and taking up our cross means we continue speaking and standing for what is right even when opposition comes. We can follow Jesus and carry our own cross by standing up for the truth in spite of persecution.

**Prayer:** *Lord, thank you for the grace of being pro-life, and of standing strong when others may ridicule or oppose us. During this 40 Day campaign, may your peace fill our souls to endure opposition or discouragement, and may we become more like your crucified and risen Son as we await in hope the final triumph of life. Amen.*

### 85th Annual Teutopolis Easter Egg Hunt



The Teutopolis Civic Club will be hosting the annual Easter egg hunt in conjunction with the Easter Day of Fun on Saturday, March 30 at 10:00 am at the mini-park. Children ages 12 and under are eligible to hunt. Prizes for varied age groups will be awarded. Children do not need to attend the Easter Day of Fun in order to participate in the egg hunt.




**St. Francis of Assisi**

**CCW EASTER BAKE SALE**

**Saturday, March, 30 8:00—11:00 am**

**Sr. Ethelbert Lobby**

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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:**  
 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.

**Just a reminder,** April 6<sup>th</sup> we will be having First Saturday Mass and Devotions. We will say the Rosary at 7:40 am, followed by Mass at 8:00 am, and concluded with a 15 minute meditation from 8:30-8:45 am. Our Lady promises that if we attend five consecutive First Saturdays Devotion, she will assist us with: Salvation of our own souls, Salvation of sinners, and Peace in the world.

How do we make reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary? There are four requirements stipulated by our Lady, which must be faithfully fulfilled on five consecutive first Saturdays of the month. Each of these practices need to be done with the intention of making reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

1. Go to confession (you may go eight days before or after the first Saturday)
2. Receive Holy Communion in the state of grace.
3. Pray five decades of the Holy Rosary.
4. Meditate 15 minutes on one or more of the mysteries of the Holy Rosary.

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**Liturgical Ministers for March 30/31**



| <u>Ministry</u> | <u>8:00 pm</u>  | <u>6:30 am</u>   | <u>8:30 am</u>  | <u>10:30 am</u>   |
|-----------------|---|--|---|---|
| <b>Readers</b>  | Sr. Sandra Sudkamp<br>Kent Probst   | Jane Pruemmer  | Monica Kremer<br>Jill Schumacher  | Cathy Thoele<br>Marty Siemer  |
| <b>Ushers</b>   | *Scott Brumleve<br>Chris Deters<br>Glen Waldhoff<br>Aaron Stortzum<br>Jerry M. Runde<br>Todd Probst | *Joe Esker<br>Larry Esker<br>Dave Probst<br>Gary Deters<br>Allen Koester<br>Mike Hardiek | *Ryan Jansen<br>Dan Habing<br>Jake Habing<br>Troy Bloemer<br>Paul Willenborg<br>Pat Niemerg | *Rich Niebrugge<br>Greg Addis<br>Tom Niebrugge<br>Brian Ruholl<br>Carl Waldhoff<br>Logan Waldhoff |
| <b>Servers</b>  | Eric Habing<br>Michael Habing<br>Alex Habing<br>Jacob Neihls  | Pearl Huber<br>Paul Huber<br>Jack Hartke   | Noah Imburgia<br>Maggie Jansen<br>Grady Jansen  | Eric Weidner<br>Evan Weidner<br>Stella Deters<br>Rex Deters                                       |

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Teutopolis Park District:**  
 Fitness Programs (April 1–June 28): Sign up continues (late fee applies)  
 Softball Clinics (April 13– April 14): Sign up by April 1  
 Summer Day Camp (May 29– June 25): Sign up by April 1  
 Summer Tennis (May 29– Jun 25): Sign up by April 1

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

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 [wme.org](http://wme.org), or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

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 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

**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.



**Our Sorrowful Mother’s Ministry** in Vandalia, IL will be hosting a retreat on April 19-20. The theme is Healing Through Deep Prayer: Our Lady of the Church; The speaker will be Fr. Aidan Nichols. Dive into healing and explore Mary’s role in the history of the Church with this holy priest. Please go to [osmm.org](http://osmm.org) to register, and the full agenda is listed on their website. The cost is \$45 to attend. You may also contact Karla Slifer at 217-690-5282 for more information.

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