

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Submit written bulletin notices by noon Monday.

Diocesan website: www.dio.org

Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting and Investigation Number (217) 321-1155

Parish Pastoral Team

Fr. Joe Carlos, OFM, Pastor Fr. Dat Hoang, OFM, Associate Pastor Fr. Dennis Koopman, OFM, Sr. Associate Pastor Fr. Juan Carlos Ruiz, OFM, Hispanic Ministry Dan Williams, Director of Music Ministry Anita Broom, Bookkeeper Barb Weber, Secretary Ron Ruholl, Maintenance

Religious Education:

Dan Niemerg, GS CRE: 217-961-6477 Maria Kingery, Youth Director & JH/HS CRE: 217-961-1500

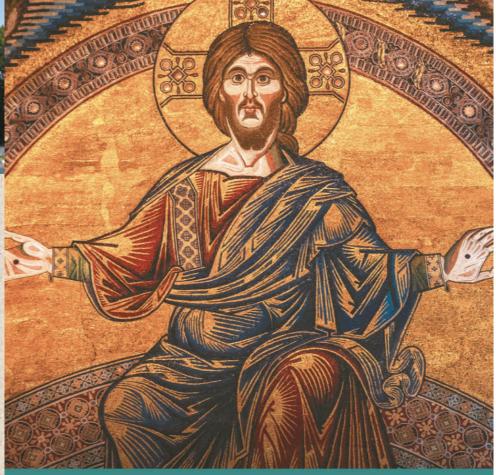
Camille Neihls, Part-time Rel. Ed. Secretary: 217-961-6477

Parish Council:

Shannon Hinkle Rhonda Meyer Dennis Runde Donna Addis Dan Blankenship Dr. Charles Runde Pete Bushur Melissa Habing Monica Kremer

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.



6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another." - Jn 15:16-17

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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

Last Sunday morning, at the 6:30 Mass (believe it, or not!) William Eugene Arndt made his profession of faith as a Catholic, received the sacrament of Confirmation and was fully initiated in the Catholic Church when he received the Eucharist for the first time! He is the husband of Emily nee Buhnerkempe, and her father, Bruce, was the sponsor for William. Bill went through the OCIA, formerly RCIA, this year with Andy and Kate Niemerg. Ordinarily he would have been fully initiated in the Church at the Easter Vigil, but Bishop Paprocki wanted the Easter Vigil for ONLY catechumens, or people, who were being baptized. Bill was baptized years ago in the Baptist church. We welcome him to our faith and to our church.

And we thank Andy and Kate Niemerg for their help with the Order of Chrisitan Initiation, OCIA. Bill is the only one from our parish, who participated in the OCIA this year, but there were several from neighboring parishes.

Later in the day last Sunday Bishop Paprocki was the principal celebrant for the 10 o'clock Mass at St. Joseph Church in Island Grove as the community is celebrating its 150 years anniversary. Concelebrants for Mass were Fr. Michael Meinhart, whose grandparents lived in the parish, Fr. Dean Probst and your shepherd, me. Deacon Joe rounded out the people vested around the altar. There was a good crowd, and everyone gathered around the front door of the church after Mass for a photo from a drone. I didn't give the drone a chance with the strong wind, but it managed to capture several good photos. Fr. Frank Folino was present in spirit. He has resigned as the pastor of St. Isidore Parish, which includes Island Grove, Dieterich and Bishop Creek. We wish Fr. Frank God's blessings as he moves on to his next assignment. I suspect there will be a new pastor appointed soon.

The attendance at the vigil Mass last Saturday evening was 574 people! There were all kinds of colors of beautiful gowns as the young ladies went out of their way, and the gentlemen looked sharp as our teens put some extra attention into their appearances for their prom, which followed Mass. I don't know how old the tradition is for our teens to come to Mass the evening of their prom, but I hope it is a custom that continues.

We have received word that Fr. Irenaeus Kimminau has died. Fr. Irenaeus was pastor of St. Francis Parish for a few years in the 1980's. Eternal rest grant unto him, O 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.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES DATE CHANGE TO THURSDAY'S

Diving into the beauty of Faith has never been easier. Please join us for Adult Education classes Thursday, May 2– May 30 starting at 6:30 pm in the Sr. Ethelbert center. The classes will be approximately an hour.



(Change due to Fr. Juan assisting St. Isidore parish.)

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, May 6, 6:30 am: Bob Thoele Tuesday, May 7, 6:30 am: Scott Westendorf Tuesday, May 7, 7:55 am: Jerry Brickley Wednesday, May 8, 6:30 am: Joe Hoedebecke Wednesday, May 8, 7:55 am: Kevin Lamb Thursday, May 9, 6:30 am: Ted Hinkle Friday, May 10, 6:30 am: James Waldhoff Friday, May 10, 7:55 am: Sr. Patricia Haarmann Saturday, May 11, 4:30 pm: Mickey Weber Sunday, May 12, 6:30 am: Richard O. Wente Sunday, May 12, 8:30 am: Pro Populo Sunday, May 12, 10:30 am: Norma & Henry Weber We will take up a collection for the **Catholic Commu**nication Campaign (CCC) on May 11/12. Please consider supporting the collection this year. Fifty percent of funds stay in the Diocese of Springfield and the other fifty percent support projects in the United States and around the world.

Through Catholic Times, social media, podcasting, and other digital methods, we are spreading the news of our diocese, teach the faith and provide hope and encouragement to people no matter where they are in their faith life.

With your generosity, we can continue creating engaging content and bringing people closer to our faith or even back to our faith.

Thank you for your gift of \$5,626.56 to Catholic Charities.

God will not be outdone in generosity. Thanks to all the parishioners who generously gave money to purchase food and to help people pay there rent or utility bills thus providing them a better quality of life.

Sister Carol Beckermann, OSF.

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 McMahon, 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 Niemerg, Mandy Schumacher, Luella Waldhoff, Kay Breer.

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

Liturgy Schedule Sixth Week of Easter May 6 — May 12

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,	The Ascension of the Lord Mass at 6:30 am
Friday,	St. John of Avila St. Damien de Veuster Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am
Saturday,	Mass at 4:30 pm
Sunday,	The Ascension of the Lord Seventh Sunday of Easter Mother's Day Mass at 6:30, 8:30 & 10:30 am

Confession Schedule

Tuesday, May 7, 6:15-6:45 pm Thursday, May 9, 6:15-6:45 pm Saturday, May 11, 3:00-4:00 pm

Liturgy of the Hours with Friars

Monday-Friday—11:45 am & 4:45 pm



Attention Homebound

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound for Sunday, May 12 are Deb Blankenship 217-663-0862 and Brenda Henry 217-343-6242.





"STORMS" to be presented by the Children's choir

The choir would like to share, with their church family and friends, what it takes to weather storms of your own. We will be performing for all the school children on Thursday morning,

May 9. Perhaps it will inspire your young students to join this ensemble next fall.

AND, so more of their church family can attend, we will present the musical again Monday, May 13, at 7:55 am.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

<u>Monday, May 6</u>

• Adoration, 1:00 pm Monday-6:00 am Tuesday

Tuesday, May 7

- Confessions, 6:15-6:45 pm
- Guitar Practice, 6:45 pm
- Catechist Appreciation, Teachers at 8:00 am and Walkers at 8:45 am, Sr. Ethelbert center.

Wednesday, May 8

• Childrens Choir, 3:45—5:00 pm

Thursday, May 9

- Confessions, 6:15-6:45 pm
- Adult Choir, 7:00—8:30 pm
- Musical "Storm" performance, grades 1-6, 7:55 am

Saturday, May 11

• Confessions, 3:00-4:00 pm

Sunday, May 12

- High School Graduation Mass, 8:30 am followed by brunch in the Sr. Ethelbert center
- JH Graduation Mass, 10:30 am
- Special collection: Catholic Communication Campaign

Stewardship of Treasure

	4/28/24	<u>Year</u>
213 Envelopes	\$6,437.50	\$524,367.66
52 Online giving	\$1,955.00	\$122,406.40
Other	<u>\$869.00</u>	\$ <u>46,729.85</u>
TOTAL	\$9,261.50	\$693,503.91
Assisi to Africa	\$55.00	\$32,396.00



The Baby Bottle Project, a fundraiser for the Family Life Center, begins on Mother's Day. Simply take a bottle provided to you at church and fill it with change or other donation and return it to church on Father's Day. Your donations will help the Family Life Center offer pro-life services

at no cost to clients, including: pregnancy tests; limited ultrasound; STI testing, treatment & risk education; baby items; and educational classes and resources. Clients are able to participate in these programs: Prenatal Education, Post-Birth, Breastfeeding Classes, Dadz Class, Momz Class and Post Abortion Support. Sexual Risk Avoidance (abstinence) Education to area schools/churches is also offered. Please support our local pro-life efforts. YOUR CHANGE CAN CHANGE A LIFE!

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 1-6 Catechists and walkers appreciation day on May 7: Teachers will meet at 8:00 am and the walkers will meet at 8:45 am in the Sr. Ethelbert Center. The students will attend Mass on May 7.

Grade 3-6 Choir will present a play to the grade 1-6 students on May 9 at 8:00 am in church. The choir will present the play to parents and other guests on May 13 at 8:00 am in church as well.

Grade 1-6 students will attend Mass on May 15. This will be the last day of religion for this school year.





Grade 1 did a bubble object lesson about how bubbles are a circle and represent Gods never ending love



for us



3rd grade did a food drive for Catholic Charities to help them stock up for summer.



Youth Ministry Calendar

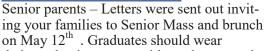
May 12-Senior graduation Mass and, 8:30 am May 12-8th Grade promotion Mass, 10:30 am June 23-28—CHWC Nashville trip July 8—Vacation Bible School week



Thanks to the teachers, parent volunteers, priests, and students who made this year of religious education a success. Our attendance numbers were great again this year. I am ex-

cited to be working on plans for next year already. We are looking to add substitute teachers, one additional teacher and helpers for next year. Please let me know if you would like to be a part of our Wednesday night program!

GRADUATION INFO



their graduation gown, without the cap and should be seated in the front pews by 8:20. Brunch follows Mass in the Sr. Ethelbert dining room.

8th grade parents –Mass celebrating 8th grade promotion will be May 12th at 10:30 Mass. Students should wear their graduation gown and should be seated in the front pews by 10:20 am.



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

<u>1 SPOT OPEN</u>— Our bus has one opening for our CHWC trip to Nashville June 23-28 this summer. Contact Maria for more information at 217-961-1500.

VBS INFO—Join us for Vacation Bible School this summer July 8-12 as we present "Cool Kingdom Party – Mary Leads us Closer to Jesus"! Registration papers will

be sent home with the Grade 1-6 Religious Ed students during religion class. The form will be available on the parish website or at the entrance to the parish office. **Registration deadline is June 1st!**





Grade School Catechists

Kathy Willenborg Lenora Drees **Rita Habing** Brenda Henry Jeanette Runde Connie Ritz Julie Probst Nora Donsbach Geralyn Koester Jean Willenborg Sue Esker Cindy Hardiek Sister Christina Melissa Ziegler Lois Meinhart Jeanine Heuerman Jenny Ruholl Tracy Dennis Lisa Uthell Holly Lynch Anita Deters Camille Neihls **Cindy Buenker** Nancy Weber Paul Willenborg Cathy Brummer Mary Deters Mick Deters Rita Feldhake Barb Runde Jessica Rhodes Penny Beckman Tina Schwinke Karen Buhnerkempe Kay McMahon Joe Zerrusen Angie Esker Maria Kingery Ted Rhodes (sub) Jodi Isley (sub) Diane Siemer (sub) Christina Probst (sub) Jane Zuber(sub) Randy Niemerg (sub) Karen Pruemer (sub) Ashley Martin (sub) Lisa Bohn (sub) Jean Sehy (sub) Beth Sturgeon (sub) Robin Imburgia (sub) Laura Deters (sub) Noelle Zerrusen (sub)

Prayer Service Leader Barb Runde Dan Niemerg

Musician/cantor

Children's Choir Dan Williams

Junior High Catechists

Jamie Habing Kate Ruholl Lisa Siemer Lauren Siemer Maria Kingery Allison Deters Dan Niemerg Emily Will (sub)

High School Catechists

Rob Zumbahlen Jeannie Burrell Lynn Huber Kate Pruemer Rich Niebrugge

Wed. Night Supervisor Scott Copple

Wed. Night Bible Study Supervisor Dan Blankenship

Mass Supervisors

Karlene Brumleve Lenora Drees Bernice Matteson **Rita Habing** Susie Niemerg Jason Niebrugge Deb Niebrugge Barb Hutmacher Gina Drees JoEllen Zerrusen Lisa Rhodes Janet Zerrusen Judy Wells Christy Repking Allison Deters Pauline Mette Mary Ellen Kremer Regina Figueroa Pauline Hoedebecke Linda Bergfeld Sr. Clara Jane Ordner

Dolores Kroeger Rosie Kremer Ruth Drees Clare Swingler Alice Walker Tess Probst Barb Runde Judy Martin Dan Flood Jane Ruholl Mary Lou Esker Jean Habing Karen Drees Alice Niebrugge Doris Deters Ken Ritz Margie Heuerman **Toots Flood** Cindy Drees Darlene Buehnerkemper (sub) Marilyn Walk (sub) Tasha Heuerman (sub) Darlene Koester (sub)

Childrens Liturgy

Michelle Niebrugge Toddie Eckelberry Gabriel Rauch Stephanie Rauch Dana Pals Melissa Habing Beth Sturgeon Ashley Wilman Michelle Fombelle Darlene Buehnerkemper Melissa Habing

R.E. Building Supervisors

Toots Flood Ruth Drees **Rick Siemer** Barb Runde Judy Lueken Larry Hardiek Carol Hartke Mark Lueken Ron Probst Larry Habing Kay Tipton Theresa Funneman Megan Koester Jamie Habing Kurt Weber Pat Weber

Gabriel Rauch Stephanie Rauch Mike Tipton Hank Niebrugge Larry Funneman Janet Dhom Jackie Witges Jean Sehy Joan Smith Nancy Pals Holly Dust Gordan Zuber Mark Hotze Dave Runde Mary Jo Wendt Monica Stortzum Maranda Martin June Grunloh Karen Fuesting Charlie Semple Mary Waldhoff Tammy Willenborg Jane Ruholl Bernice Broom Harold Hartke Mary Hartke Ann Weis Patty Kreke Patty Ruholl Tom Runde Dick Henry Jordan Thoele



Liturgical Ministers for May 11/12						
<u>Ministry</u>	<u>4:30 pm</u>	<u>6:30 am</u>	<u>8:30 am</u>	<u>10:30 am</u>		
Readers	Cari Buehnerkemper Denise Will	Lenora Drees	Jill Schumacher Jean Sehy	Carrie Copple Matt Sturgeon		
Ushers	*Tony Runde Toby McMahon Tom Buehnerkemper Brent Weichman Charles Semple Doug Smith	*Jim Niebrugge Daren Drees Robert Drees Robert Poe Mike Tipton Chris Hartke	*Alf Ruholl Kevin Schumacher Clay Zerrusen Jeff Hardiek Greg Hess Johnny Meinhart	*Hank Niebrugge Collin Niemerg Scott Copple Keith Vonderheide Jason Ruholl Denny Runde		
Servers	Katelyn Frese Brayden Frese Julien Blim Exavier Smothers	Owen Lynch Mark Lynch Luke Niemerg Kelsey Niemerg	Joey Habing Jolene Habing Kate Habing Karissa Neihls	Sam Probst Anna Probst Evan Weidner Will Bushur		

Clean Linens - Jane Ordner

UPCOMING EVENTS

Community Charitable Cookout!

Teutopolis State Bank & Sigel Community Bank Parking Lots on Friday, May 10 11:00 am—6:00 pm Price—Donation Menu: Hamburgers, Pork Burgers, Hot Dogs, Chips, Cookies & Drinks

All Proceeds Go To Teutopolis & Sigel Park Districts

Come celebrate **Ray Goeckner's 90th birthday** on Friday, May 10th with an open house at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall on the patio starting at 6:00 pm.

The Teutopolis Monastery Museum

will open its 2024 season on Sunday May 5. There is a wide variety of items on display—something to interest everyone. Spend an hour or two with us. We will be open the first Sundays of each month, through November, 12:30-4:00 pm, and offer private tours by special arrangement. Contact Connie Nosbisch, 217-994-4117, for more information.

You are invited to join our 31 CLUB.

The 31 CLUB is 31 people committed to praying for our priests of St. Francis of Assisi and is a yearlong commitment. You will pray 12 times over the course of the year. Your day of prayer for our priests will be the same day

every month. An email will be sent daily as we encourage our priests with a short note of our prayers that we offered for them. For more information contact: Nancy Meinhart. (217) 663-2355, <u>nmeinhart@yahoo.com</u>

Teutopolis Park District:

Tennis Clinics (May 13, 14, 16): Sign up by May 1



Worldwide Marriage Encounter presents weekend experiences for married couples to rekindle romance, enhance meaningful communication, and deepen and renew commitment.

Below are our upcoming 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.

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.

Day of Prayer for Life – Save the Date!

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming 50th annual Day of Prayer for Life to be held **Wednesday**, **June 19th**, at St Francis Church in Teutopolis. Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration will be held throughout the day. The Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki, Bishop of the Spring-field Diocese, will be our honored celebrant and homilist at the 7:30 pm closing Mass.



For ad info. call 1-800-950-9952 • www.4lpi.com

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