

May 12, 2024 - The Ascension of the Lord

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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.

Congratulations

2024 GRADUATES

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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

The parish staff and the Franciscans here at St. Francis wish all of our mothers in the parish a happy and blessed Mother’s Day. We pray for our mothers, grandmothers, godmothers and women, who have stepped up to the plate and have reached out to friends, nieces and nephews and have served as a mother to them.

This Sunday is also a day for graduates. At the 8:30 Mass this morning our seniors will gather to celebrate the Eucharist with their classmates, families, friends and parishioners. Their graduation is this afternoon at 2:30. If last year is any indication, you want to get there early or on time because the ceremony is well oiled in the sense that it moves along well. I’m thinking it was like an hour. And promotion exercises for our 8th graders are Wednesday evening. It is their big day, and we congratulate them. Next year they move across Highway 40 and continue their education.

I’m sure the graduates are grateful to their parents, relatives and friends and especially their teachers during their years here in the Teutopolis school system. Each of us can identify a particular teacher, who made an impression on us as we moved through our high school years.

Mother’s Day, graduations, weddings, we live in busy times. Let’s always take time for thanking God for our many blessings. A grateful heart is a happy heart.




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 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.

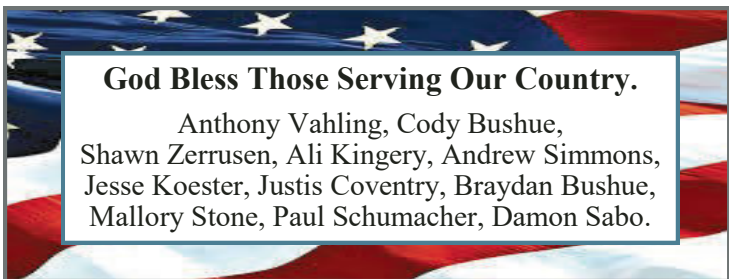
We will take up a collection for the **Retired Diocesan Priests** on May 18/19. On the feast of Pentecost we rejoice that the gifts of the Holy Spirit are given to the Church in every age. Please consider a generous response to meet the immediate retirement and health care needs of our priests. Please pray for our priests who serve so generously in various apostolates throughout our diocese. You can also mail your donation or give online at parishgiving.dio.org/secondcollections.



55 PLUS for May

Join us May 16, 2024 for the 55 Plus gathering in St. Clare hall following the 12:10 pm Mass.

Come and enjoy meatloaf, potatoes & gravy, and seven layer salad. Feel free to bring a dessert or side dish to share. RSVP by calling 217-961-6404.



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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, May 13, 6:30 am: Ray Vahling
 Tuesday, May 14, 6:30 am: Clarence Beckman
 Tuesday, May 14, 7:55 am: Bob Deters
 Wednesday, May 15, 6:30 am: Linus Nobsch
 Wednesday, May 15, 7:55 am: Helen “Glenda” Piek
 Thursday, May 16, 6:30 am: Anita Holman
 Thursday, May 16, 12:10 pm: Frank Lohman
 Friday, May 17, 6:30 am: Paul & Marian Runde
 Friday, May 17, 7:55 am: Vic & Tootie Deters
 Saturday, May 18, 4:30 pm: Scott Westendorf
 Sunday, May 19, 6:30 am: Pro Populo
 Sunday, May 19, 8:30 am: Edward Worman
 Sunday, May 19, 10:30 am: Carmen Lim

Mother's Day Blessings

Just as God gives to each rose
 A gentle touch of dew
 And gives unto each evening sky
 The lovely sunset's hue

So may he give to you
 From his enduring love
 Great happiness
 and hearts' content
 And blessings from above.

Happy
Mother's Day



Liturgy Schedule Seventh Week of Easter May 13 — May 19

Monday,	Our Lady of Fatima Adoration 1:00 pm Monday until 6:00 am Tuesday Mass at 6:30 am
Tuesday,	St. Matthias Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am
Wednesday,	St. Isidore Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am
Thursday,	Mass at 6:30 am & 12:10 pm
Friday,	Mass at 6:30 am, 7:55 am
Saturday,	St. John I Mass at 4:30 pm
Sunday,	Pentecost Sunday Mass at 6:30, 8:30 & 10:30 am

Confession Schedule

Tuesday, May 14, 6:15-6:45 pm
Thursday, May 16, 6:15-6:45 pm
Saturday, May 18, 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, May 13

- Adoration, 1:00 pm Monday-6:00 am Tuesday
- STORMS, Musical, performance for parents & grandparents, 7:55 am

Tuesday, May 14

- Confessions, 6:15-6:45 pm
- Guitar Practice, 6:45 pm

Thursday, May 16

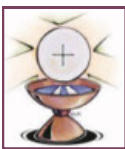
- Confessions, 6:15-6:45 pm
- 55+ lunch following the 12:10 pm Mass
- Adult Choir, 7:00—8:30 pm
- Adult education class, 6:30 pm, Sr. Ethelbert
- Parish council meeting, 7:00 pm, Sr. Ethelbert

Saturday, May 18

- Confessions, 3:00-4:00 pm

Sunday, May 19

- Special collection: Retired Diocesan Priests
- Secular Franciscans, 1:00-5:00 pm, church and St. Clare



Attention Homebound

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound for Sunday, May 19 are Lenora Drees 217-857-3583 and Lori Mette 217-663-0869.

Stewardship of Treasure

	<u>5/5/24</u>	<u>Year</u>
248 Envelopes	\$11,083.00	\$535,450.66
75 Online giving	\$3,945.00	\$126,351.40
Other	<u>\$1,124.50</u>	<u>\$47,854.35</u>
TOTAL	\$16,152.50	\$709,656.41
Assisi to Africa	\$1,511.00	\$33,907.00

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Welcome to our faith Family:

Erik Pascal Niemerg

Son of Matthew E. & Ashley J. (Toth) Niemerg

Baker Anthony Sandschafer

Son of Brock & Brittney (Beckman) Sandschafer

Bridleigh Nicole Stephens

Daughter of Jeffrey R. Stephens & Bridget N. (Reel) Polk

Ella Grace Weber

Daughter of Austin M. Weber & Kadie A. Corley

Clay Dan Willenborg

Son of Ryan J. & Casey D. (Rieman) Willenborg



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, Breast-feeding 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!**



The parishioners extend our sympathies and condolences to the family of Dale L. Pruemer. Eternal rest grant unto him, oh Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him.

Religious Education News

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

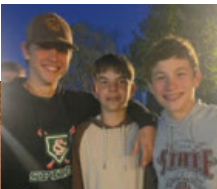
Grade 3-6 Choir will present a play to parents and other guests on May 13 at 8:00 am in Church.

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

Please consider **volunteering to help** the Religion Program for the 24-25 school year. We need a grade two teacher. I am also in need of 2 gospel teachers on Wednesday and 2 gospel teachers on Friday. Please help! You can share your faith with the kids of our parish. We could also use a few morning supervisors. The religion program runs from 7:50 to 8:40 am each morning. The morning supervision runs from 7:15-7:45 am each morning. Contact Dan Niemerg at 217-821-0295 if you can help!

Our parish **received 2 grants** for the 2023-2024 school year from the Diocese of Springfield. \$1000 used towards the Formed subscription and \$500 toward the purchase of a Smartboard.

Party in the Park after Closing Mass



High School Catechists



Junior High Catechists

YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

- May 12—Senior graduation Mass and brunch, 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 excited 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!



CHWC NEWS

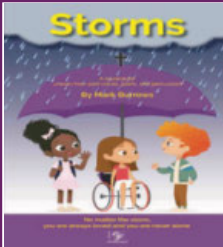
Last Meeting— We will have our last meeting on May 29th at 7:00 pm in the Sr. Ethelbert dining room or the park pavilion if weather permits. Shirts, water bottles, and other supplies will be handed out. We will also be discussing what to pack and going over the rules at camp. Please attend if possible!

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

1 SPOT OPEN— 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!**



“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.

A performance was held for all the school children **AND**, so more of their church family can attend, we will present the musical again Monday, May 13, at 7:55 am.




St. Francis Parish would like to thank the following 12 high school seniors of the class of 2024 for their 9 years of service in the server ministry. These young men and young women began this ministry in 4th grade and have continued throughout their high school years. We appreciate all the time and faithfulness you have given to this ministry. Thank you for a job well done and may God bless you in all your future endeavors!

Olivia Coppie	Gavin Runde
Anabelle Habing	Myles Stortzum
Martin Habing	Gavin Tegeler
Brett Kreke	Kaitlyn Vahling
Devin Kreke	Evan Waldhoff
Danielle Probst	Korynn Westendorf

Special mention also goes to Joey Niebrugge and Martin Habing, who have served as sacristans for the past 3 years. We appreciate all the time and sacrifice given to this ministry and the great example you have given to the parish. May God bless you always and richly reward you for your service.

BAPTISM



Prep Dates

- 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.

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.)

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 Springfield Diocese, will be our honored celebrant and homilist at the 7:30 pm closing Mass.

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, nmeinhart@yahoo.com

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 under marriage and family life.

FOCCUS:

Scheduled dates at St. Francis are as follows:
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, June 15, 2024 10:30 am-12:00 pm at St. Anthony Church in Effingham.
- Saturday, August 24, 2024 9:00-10:30 am at St. Francis of Assisi in Teutopolis, Sr. Ethelbert Center.

Contact Kate Pruemer, CFCP. Email her at kpruemer@gmail.com or call or text 217-821-1840.



Thank you to these folks for keeping the religion program in line! The breakfast brunch was a thank-you to the teachers and walkers.

Everyone is welcome to attend the Deanery Prayer Vigil for Life to pray for the Protection of all Life at St Aloysius church in Bishop Creek on Monday May 20. Praying the rosary will begin at 6:00 pm. Fr. Dean Probst will be the celebrant for the 6:30 pm Mass. The business meeting will follow in the parish hall. Refreshments will be served while current pro-life issues are discussed.

Liturgical Ministers for May 18/19

<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	Cameron Kremer Michael Habing Alex Habing	Xavier Schumacher Meriel Schumacher Sapphira Schumacher	Karissa Neihls Jaci Buehnerkemper Dylan Deters	John Pruemer Joshua Pruemer Addie Tarter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

The Teutopolis Monastery Museum
 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.

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