

September 22, 2024 - Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

# 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.



# 25<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever receives one child such as this in my name,  
receives me.” - Mk 9:37a

## 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.

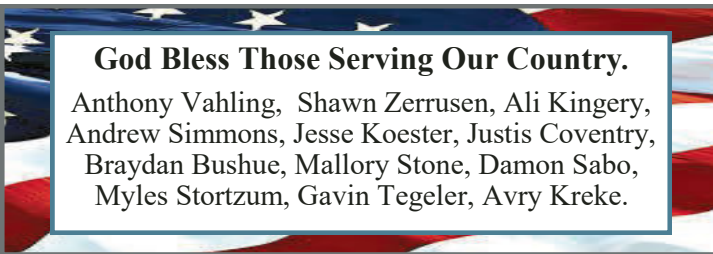
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### From the Pastor

The weather forecast for the picnic today is very promising. I hope we have favorable weather for the day and evening, and I pray everyone enjoy a safe time. Thought it would be interesting to do a study on how the parishioners celebrated picnics in the past, but time got away from me for proper research. My guess is that parishioners worked hard preparing for the picnic, and they worked hard at the picnic, and they also had a very good time. They prayed for good weather, and I like to think they got it most of the time. We are all grateful to the leaders of the parish organizations, who put in much time and energy for a successful picnic. Names will be coming. I don't want to omit anyone. We would like to make some money on the picnic, but there is a greater reason for having a picnic than raising funds – coming together and having a good time is all part of it. I can't think of a better way to begin the picnic than coming together and offering the Lord the best prayer there is: the Holy Mass.

If you read the magazine of the Diocese of Springfield, Catholic Times, which should come to your door in the mail, then you know about Priesthood Sunday. On page 11 of the current issue there is photograph of four young priests: Fr. Dominic Vahling, from our parish, Fr. Michael Meinhart from Bishop Creek; Fr. Michael Behrnt, pastor of the parish in Charleston, and Fr. Michael Trummer, originally from Neoga. The article deals with praying for your parish pastor and priests, who serve you. The article has a list of 10 things you can do for your parish priest, and # 10 is "Pray for him!" Priests need prayers as much as everyone else. On the same page, 11, there is a Prayer for Priests. We'll get it in the bulletin – if not this issue, then in the near future.

In the next bulletin I will share parts of the parish council meeting from Tuesday, 17 September.



**God Bless Those Serving Our Country.**  
 Anthony Vahling, Shawn Zerrusen, Ali Kingery,  
 Andrew Simmons, Jesse Koester, Justis Coventry,  
 Braydan Bushue, Mallory Stone, Damon Sabo,  
 Myles Stortzum, Gavin Tegeler, Avry Kreke.

<b>Stewardship of Treasure</b>		
	<u>9/15/24</u>	<u>Year</u>
231 Envelopes	\$9,879.50	\$97,516.00
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Other	<u>\$1,041.00</u>	<u>\$11,551.62</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$13,951.50</b>	<b>\$142,431.62</b>
Assisi to Africa	\$370.00	\$7,414.00


**MASS INTENTIONS**

Monday, Sept. 23, 6:30 am: Barbara Hardiek  
 Tuesday, Sept. 24, 6:30 am: Kenny Grunloh  
 Tuesday, Sept. 24, 7:55 am: Rudy Slemmer  
 Wednesday, Sept. 25, 6:30 am: Paul & Marian Runde  
 Wednesday, Sept. 25, 7:55 am: Ray Vahling  
 Thursday, Sept. 26, 6:30 am: Bernard Hardiek  
 Friday, Sept. 27, 6:30 am: Barney Esker  
 Friday, Sept. 27, 7:55 am: Carmen Lim  
 Saturday, Sept. 28, 4:30 pm: Pro Populo  
 Sunday, Sept. 29, 6:30 am: Richard & Martha Thoele  
 Sunday, Sept. 29, 8:30 am: James Waldhoff  
 Sunday, Sept. 29, 10:30 am: Sr. Patricia Haarmann

**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 McMahon, Debbie Meyer, Nicholas Wente, Sharon Ghast, Jennifer Carlen, John W. Miller, Lizzie Westendorf, Joseph F. Huber, Betty Jansen, Art Deters, Bill Frese, Linda Frese, Doug Niemerg, Mandy Schumacher, Luella Waldhoff, Tom Cornell, Gene Runde.

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



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## Liturgy Schedule The Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time September 23 — September 29

Monday,	St. Pius of Pietrelcina Adoration 1:00 pm Monday until 6:00 am Tuesday Mass at 6:30 am
Tuesday,	Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55am
Wednesday,	Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am
Thursday,	St. Cosmas St. Damian Mass at 6:30 am
Friday,	St. Vincent de Paul Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am
Saturday,	St. Wenceslaus St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions Mass at 4:30 pm
Sunday,	Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass at 6:30, 8:30 & 10:30 am

### Confession Schedule

Tuesday, September 24, 6:15-6:45 pm  
Thursday, September 26, 6:15-6:45 pm  
Saturday, September 28, 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, September 23

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

### Tuesday, September 24

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

### Wednesday, September 25

- Children's choir, 3:45-5:00 pm
- Young adult choir, 6:00-6:45 pm
- JH/HS Religious education, 7:00-8:15 pm

### Thursday, September 26

- Serving practice, 3:30-4:30 pm
- Confessions, 6:15-6:45 pm
- Adult choir, 7:00 pm
- Parish Council Meeting walk thru, 7:00 pm

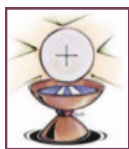
### Saturday, September 28

- Confessions, 3:00-4:00 pm

### Sunday, September 29

- Children's liturgy, 8:30 and 10:30 am Masses

**ROSARY**—Please join us at 9:30 am on  
the 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th Tuesday of each month  
at Lakeland Nursing home in the  
small dining room.



### Attention Homebound

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound for Sunday, September 29 are Chuck Deters 217-857-6084 and Jane Meyer 217-663-0578.

### Wedding Bann

Michael Lustig & Kinsey Koester  
September 28, 2024 - 12:30 pm



I, Fr. Dennis Koopman, OFM, invite couples and priests to attend the **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekend, Oct. 11 - 13, 2024, Hilton Garden Inn, Springfield, IL. Two of the several focuses of the weekend are to enliven spousal communication to be more open and trustful and then to listen with the heart. Also, to gain a deeper understanding of the power of God's grace in the sacrament of matrimony. Two unique qualities of this particular weekend are: it is being held here in our diocese, and I am on the presenting team!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter presents weekend experiences for married couples to rekindle romance, enhance meaningful communication, and deepen and renew commitment. Below are our remaining 2024 experiences. Sign-up now as space is limited! For more information or to apply, go to [wwme.org](http://wwme.org), or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.  
10/11/2024 - 10/13/2024, Springfield, IL  
12/6/2024, St. Peters, MO



## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Welcome to our faith Family:*

Jorie Jean Mayhaus  
Daughter of Cristopher & Mallory (Wade) Mayhaus

Cooper David Probst  
Son of Brent & Andrea (Palac) Probst

Lillian Marie Day  
Daughter of Jason & Valerie (Palac) Day

## Religious Education News

### Religious Education

**Presentation Mass** of the Confirmandi is Sunday, September 29. Prayer cards will be available at the back of Church. Choose a student's card making confirmation and pray for them.

*We currently have 344 students in the Grade School Religion Program spread across grades 1-6. Gr. 1-61 students Gr. 2-71 students, Gr. 3-49 students, Gr. 4-53 students, Gr. 5-58 students, Gr. 6-52 students. The program is broken up into a Mass day, Gospel study day, Prayer Service day and two days of textbook study. Students also have all student Masses on certain Holy days. We have over 50 before school supervisor volunteers, 50+ religion teachers, 50+ Mass and prayer service walkers and dozens of subs to support and back up the program when we are short staff. We are always looking for more. Contact us at 217-961-6477 to get on the sub list and help out.*

**CHOIR SEASON HAS STARTED**, please give your time to the Music Ministry Program. It is never too late to join the choir!!!

The Children's Choir meets Wednesday after school in St. Clare Hall 3:45- 5:00 pm. The 48 children in attendance last week are excited to lead Mass on September 29th.

The Adult Choir meets Thursday evenings 7:00-8:30 pm in the balcony. We led Mass last week for the 10:30 am Mass with just 9 singers in the balcony. I know there are very talented singers in the congregation at every Mass and would love to see more of you sing with our Adult Choir.

The Youth Choir, 7-12 grades, meets on Wednesday evening 6:00-7:00 pm, before Religious education, in St. Clare Hall. There have been up to 7 singers each week. Their enthusiasm is infectious, and their sound is already amazing. If you don't offer one hour a week to sing with this group, you will wish you had. The Youth plan to lead Mass October 6. You do not have to be part of the RE program to sing in choir.

As you can see and soon will hear, the Children's Choir, grades 3-6, is booming, and their joyfulness' is apparent in their developing sound.

WHAT IF WE HAD 48 ADULTS OR YOUTH IN CHOIR?

### 2024-2025 OCIA

Thinking about entering the Catholic Church or simply want to learn more about her teachings? Already Catholic but would like to dive deeper into your faith? Join us on Monday's from 7:00-8:30 pm at the Sr. Ethelbert Center for sessions of OCIA (formerly RCIA) or contact the parish office with questions or for more information. Please invite anyone you know who might be interested in learning more about life as a Catholic!

### YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

September 22—Picnic clean up at 8:00 am  
September 25—Religious education, 7:00-8:15 pm  
September 28—Oktoberfest 5:00-10:00 pm (work the inflatables)  
October 4—*First night of teen center!*



**CHWC 2025** - Location, details and meeting information to be announced soon!

### TOUCH-A-TRUCK

SEPTEMBER 22, 2024  
TEUTOPOPOLIS BANQUET HALL  
11AM-1PM

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THIS FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENT GIVES AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE DIFFERENT VEHICLES AND LEARN ABOUT THEIR USES FROM MEMBERS OF OUR OWN COMMUNITY!

FREE-WILL DONATIONS WILL BENEFIT THE TEUTOPOPOLIS CIVIC CLUB.



Come Learn about our Ugandan Mission Sunday, Sept 29, 2024 1pm Bishop Hall

**Save the Date!** The School Sisters of Notre Dame would like to reconnect with you at an Open House on Saturday, November 9, from 2:00-4:00 pm, in St. Anthony of Padua's Parish Center. More details will follow in the coming months. If you would like to receive a personal invitation or would like more information, please contact Debbie Rohrich-Tyler, Manager of Donor Relations and Events, at [drohrichtyler@ssndcp.org](mailto:drohrichtyler@ssndcp.org) or 314-633-7032.

**Attention Adorers & Substitutes:**

In October, the 1st of the month falls on Tuesday. This usually only happens a time or two each year. This is your reminder that if your hour of prayer is before midnight, the First Week of the month is Monday, October 7. If your hour of prayer is after midnight, the First Week is Tuesday, October 1. As always, thank you for your faithfulness in adoring Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament. If you have any questions, please call or text Cindy Vahling at 217-821-3366.

**"Calling all St. Francis ministers!** We have a new private group set up on Facebook to help keep our ministries connected. Whether you're looking for a substitute, have an announcement or update, this group is here to make communication easier and more efficient. Feel free to continue using the phone list if that's your preferred method of staying in touch—both options are completely available to you! **JOIN TODAY!**"

**Life Chain 2024—Sunday, October 6****Respect Life Sunday, 1:30 pm – Prayer Service**

Sacred Heart Parish Ctr. 407 S Henrietta St, Effingham, IL

**2-3 pm Life Chain on Keller Drive**

\*A Christian Witness against the killing of pre-born children

\*Help us line Keller Drive in Effingham – prayerfully, peacefully and legally – with crowds of pro-life Christians (we won't be lining up on Fayette St. this year due to construction, only Keller Drive)

\*Bring your family and friends to help make this a successful pro-life event.

\*Signs will be furnished.

\*Refreshments will be served following the event at the parish center.

\*For further information, please call Karla Slifer, Coordinator at 217-690-5282.

The Life Chain is a church and family event, not a rally or political extravaganza. Participants are to respect all other pedestrians, including those who oppose the chain and show respect to motorists who indicate other sentiments. If standing is a problem, lawn chairs are welcome. All denominations are invited and urged to attend!

**BAPTISM****Prep Dates**

- Thursday, September 5, 2024 at St. Francis of Assisi
- Thursday, October 10, 2024 at St. Rose
- Thursday, November 7, 2024 St. Francis of Assisi

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.

**Prayer for Priests**

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. **Amen.**

**Crisis Nursery of Effingham County is planning its 3rd no-cost Community Investor Breakfast, Lend a Hand Breakfast for Wednesday October 16, 2024.**

The free breakfast will kick off at 7:30am at the Holiday Inn Effingham. Community members will be invited to listen to our program's presentation, which will cover Crisis Nursery's program impact, reach and potential. Our Community Investor's support, make it possible for Crisis Nursery's services and impact to exist in our community. We hope you will join us for a morning of great food and good news! Please bring an open mind and open heart as we share more about Crisis Nursery and how you, too, can make a difference in our community. We are asking businesses and individuals to RSVP for this event to best serve our attendees, as seating is limited. You are welcome to do so by emailing [director@crisisnurseryofeffingham.com](mailto:director@crisisnurseryofeffingham.com), call 217-342-3000 ext. 2, or virtually RSVP using the QR code.

**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. Anthony of Padua, Effingham,*

November 16, 2024 Call 217-347-7129 to register.

*St. Francis of Assisi, Teutopolis, February 2, 2025*

Call 217-961-6404 to register.

*St. Mary, Ste. Marie, March 8, 2025*

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:

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, October 26, 2024 9:00-10:30 am at St. Anthony church in Effingham, IL.

Contact Kate Pruemer, CFCP. Email her at

[kpruemer@gmail.com](mailto:kpruemer@gmail.com) or call or text 217-821-1840.

**Liturgical Ministers for September 28/29**

Ministry	4:30 pm	6:30 am	8:30 am	10:30 am
Readers	Jamie Habing Mona Vahling	Pat/Sharon Wente	John Vogt Kathy Hartke	Theresa Bushur Matt/Jennifer Weidner
Ushers	*Doug Smith Toby McMahon Scott Brumleve Eric Habing Charles Semple Joe Zerrusen	*Steve Mette Larry Esker Joe Esker Mike Hardiek Joe Runde Dave Runde	*Jeff Hardiek Ryan Jansen Troy Bloemer Bernie Hartke Greg Hess Darren Zerrusen	*Bruce Buhnerkempe Dan Beckman Jake Pals Hank Niebrugge Jeff Thoele Doug Runde
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800 N 3rd St, Effingham, IL 62401

**SonRise Friday Men's Breakfast – All Men Invited**

The next SonRise welcomes former Navy Seal, Sam Blair. Sam speaks to our calling to mature manhood and the call to serve. For one hour each week Men from multiple parishes gather for hot breakfast, pray, watch to a video presentation, and then engage in small group discussions at St. Anthony's Parish Center Friday mornings. There is no charge. *Come check it out!*

All men are invited to attend. Breakfast is ready at 6:10 am, program at 6:30 am, followed by discussion and concluding at 7:30 am. Become a better son, brother, husband, father, leader, and friend beginning with your relationship with God. More info: contact the parish office or Dan Woods 217-821-1495.

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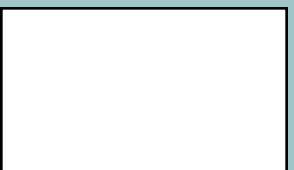
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