

# 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.

#### From the Pastor



I'm sure everyone enjoyed the concert last Sunday afternoon. We have a great deal of talent in our parish, and I thank the musicians for all the time they put into practicing and perfecting their skills, and for sharing their blessing with us. Special thanks to Dan Williams and his wife, Sandy, for their efforts in organizing the many faceted musical concert.

Last Sunday the Christmas presents went out from our giving tree. It is truly a work of generosity and faith. We announced at the Masses the previous weekend that we had ornaments still hanging on our trees at the doors. There were 75 tags! I had visions of several people shopping for 6 or 7 presents, but by noon of that Sunday ALL the tags were gone! Lisa Siemer assured me they would all be

spoken for; "happens every year" kind of thing. It's faith in God and people that drives this endeavor, and a good deal of love and generosity. We don't know who is going to open our present, and the person opening the gift has no idea who shopped for and wrapped the gift. Generosity has its own reward. We are grateful to all, who make this happen; i.e., identifying the people needing something; typing up the tags; getting the wrapped gifts from church to the people, etc. Seeing all the beautifully wrapped presents at the altar of the Blessed Virgin is a picture of "Christmas at St. Francis." Thank you to all, who participated in this genuine act of charity and love.

With three Masses on Christmas Eve and one Mass on Christmas morning I think we have ample opportunity for everyone to come and praise our Father, Son and Holy Spirit this Christmas. The Franciscans here at St. Francis wish you and your families God's blessings of joy and peace this Christmas and through the year!

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MINISTRY SIGN UP -There are ministry sign up sheets for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day in the main entrance of church. If you are commissioned to be in any of the ministries: usher, lector, gift bearer or extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, please consider sharing your ministry this Christmas season. Also, please check in the sacristy the day of the Holy day to see where you are needed. Thank you for sharing your time and ministry!



Calendar Year End Contributions Please note that the 2024 contribution ledger will close as of December 31, 2024. For contributions to be considered in the year of 2024 for tax purposes, they must be received in the parish office by 4:00 pm on December 31 or be postmarked <u>before</u> January 1. All contributions received after December 31, 2024 will be posted to the year of 2025. Thank you.

# 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.

#### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please remember in your prayers:

Will Niccum, Joe Ruholl, Andrea Wernsing, Art Deters, Mark Roedl, Cole Wellbaum, Kynda Dasenbrock, Bob and Mary Lee, Vivie Kinkelaar, Dawson Lohman, Tanner Pruemer, Toby McMahon, Debbie Meyer, Nicholas Wente, Paula Spencer, Sharon Ghast, Jennifer Carlen, John W. Miller, Lizzie Westendorf, Joseph F. Huber, Betty Jansen, Bill Frese, Linda Frese, Doug Niemerg, Mandy Schumacher, Luella Waldhoff, Gene Runde, Anne Weis, Ann Marie Koester, Maria D. Kingery, Allan Gillespie and Kourtney Giles.

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

## MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Dec. 23, 6:30 am: Eileen Yeh Tuesday, Dec. 24, 4:00 pm: June Zerrusen Tuesday, Dec. 24, 6:00 pm: Joseph H. Buscher Tuesday, Dec. 24, 10:00 pm: Special Intentions Wednesday, Dec. 25, 9:00 am: Larry & Mert McMahon

Thursday, Dec. 26, 6:30 am: James Waldhoff Friday, Dec. 27, 6:30 am: John & Jerene Meyer Friday, Dec. 27, 7:55 am: Anna Mae Waldhoff Saturday, Dec. 28, 4:30 pm: Doris Kremer Sunday, Dec. 29, 6:30 am: Pro Populo Sunday, Dec. 29, 8:30 am: Herman F. Runde Sunday, Dec. 29, 10:30 am: Ray Vahling

#### **Stewardship of Treasure**

	<u>12/8/24</u>	<u>Year</u>
215 Envelopes	\$8,842.00	\$225,404.00
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Other	\$1,101.00	\$24,787.43
TOTAL	\$12,265.00	\$319,016.99
Assisi to Africa	\$490.00	\$16,863.00

#### **Liturgy Schedule**

# Fourth Sunday of Advent December 23— December 29

Monday, St. John of Kanty

Adoration 1:00 pm Monday until 6:00 am

Tuesday Mass at 6:30 am

Tuesday, Mass at 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm & 10:00 pm

Wednesday, The Nativity of the Lord-Christmas

Mass at 9:00 am

Thursday, St. Stephen

Mass at 6:30 am

Friday, St. John

Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am

Saturday, The Holy Innocents

Mass at 4:30 pm

Sunday, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and

Joseph

Mass at 6:30 am, 8:30 am, & 10:30 am

#### **Confession Schedule**

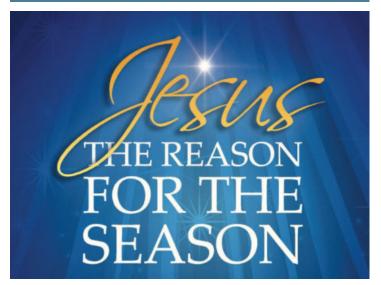
Tuesday, December 24, no confessions Thursday, December 26, 6:15-6:45 pm Saturday, December 28, 3:00-4:00 pm

#### **Liturgy of the Hours with Friars**

Monday-Friday—11:45 am & 4:45 pm



The parishioners extend our sympathies and condolences to the family of John Miller. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him.



#### 2025 St. Francis of Assisi Calendars

Calendars are available at each entrance of the church.

\*Please help yourself.\*

## THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

#### Monday, December 23

• Adoration 1:00 pm Monday until 6:00 am Tuesday

#### Tuesday, December 24

• Parish office closes at noon.

#### Wednesday, December 25

- MERRY CHRISTMAS!
- Special collection for the Catholic Children's Home
- Parish office closed

#### Thursday, December 26

- Confessions, 6:15-6:45 pm
- Parish office closed

#### Saturday, December 28

• Confessions, 3:00-4:00 pm

#### Sunday, December 29

• Children's liturgy at 8:30 & 10:30 am Mass



#### **Attention Homebound**

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

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Welcome to our faith Family:

Thea Jo Wendt Daughter of John & Rachel (Mammoser) Wendt

#### Collection for the Catholic Children's Home

The Catholic Children's Home (CCH) has been a safe harbor and a place to call home for thousands of children over the years. CCH continues their mission by meeting the emotional, social, academic and basic material needs of all the children sent for residential care or special education services. This includes an innovative program designed to serve the needs of children with severe autistic challenges. "Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him." Psalm 127:3 The children served by CCH have been chronically abused, designated "unmanageable" by their schools or simply have no place to call home. They are some of the most vulnerable in our society. The Christmas season can be a particularly difficult time for these youths as many of them are without a family. Those who have a family often lack the special care they need. Please keep these children in your prayers. With your help, the Catholic Children's Home can continue to serve the special needs of these children. Please continue to support the work of the Catholic Children's Home and *generously contribute to the special* Christmas collection on Christmas Eve.

#### **Religious Education News**

# **Religious Education**

Christmas Break: December 23-January 3, 2025. Religion program resumes January 6. We wish all a joyous Christmas break and Happy New Year!

Mark your calendars for the **Gr. 2 First Reconciliation meeting** in January. Parents may attend one of the two meeting days available. Tuesday, January 21 or Thursday, January 23, 7:00 pm in the Sr. Ethelbert center.

**Subs**—We are always looking for subs for the religion program. Contact Dan Niemerg to express your interest in being a before school supervisor, Mass walker or religion teacher.

Children's Liturgy for ages 3-7 during the 8:30 and 10:30 am Sunday Masses. The children will be asked to come forward before the first reading. Father will dismiss them to St. Clare Hall. Call Stephanie Rauch for more information or to volunteer, 217-821-1868.













We raised \$4,000 for Fr. Damien's mission in the Congo.









#### YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

Jan. 8– Religion classes resume



<u>CHWC News</u> - St Francis CHWC is fundraising for their 2025 trip to Kansas City.

<u>Scrip card sales</u> – This is a great way to buy the gift cards you need for Christmas! Forms are available on the church website or where cards are sold. Scrip cards are sold at Teutopolis State Bank during regular lobby hours for your convenience!

<u>St. Louis Cardinal calendars</u> – These will be sold from now until Christmas. \$20 each. Contact a camper to order yours!

CHWC Bake Sale—Our annual cookie and candy sale is scheduled for this weekend! Goodies will be sold in St. Clare hall after all weekend Masses! \$10 per plate of a dozen treats. We will also have Cardinal calendars for sale and museum gifts available as well!



SAVE THE DATE - CHWC trivia <u>night</u> will be held April 12 at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall!

"The Three Kings will be making their annual journey to celebrate the Epiphany this year Friday – Sunday (January 3-5). Please contact Clint Goeckner at 217-821-5311 to schedule them stop by".





Just as the Three Kings brought gifts to Baby Jesus, the CCW would like to invite the parishioners of St. Francis to bring gifts to be donated to the Crisis Nursery.

The collection is scheduled for the weekend Masses of the Epiphany (January 4 and 5). Baskets for donations will be located at any of the church entrances. A list of high demand items will be coming soon. *Thank you for donating!* 

#### **CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

The Effingham Catholic Charities is in need of volunteers! The Food Pantry needs volunteers to pick up food, sort and put away food, and help to give out food through the pantry. Second Hand Rose is in need of volunteers to run the cash registers.

These volunteer opportunities are available Monday -Friday. Please call the Eff. CC office at 217-857-1458 and ask for Crystal (Pantry) or Brigid (Second Hand Rose).



# BAPTISM

#### **Prep Dates**

- Thursday, January 2, 2025 at St. Francis of Assisi
- Thursday, February 6, 2025 at St. Rose of Lima
- Thursday, March 6, 2025 at St. Francis of Assisi
- Tuesday, April 1, 2025 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 217-821-5663; 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.

#### **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. 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 under marriage and family life.

FOCCUS: Scheduled dates at St. Francis are as follows: January 4, April 5, July 5 and October 4, 2025.

All sessions begin after 4:30 pm Mass in St. Clare hall. To register call 217-961-6404.

#### **Upcoming Natural Family Planning Classes**

• Saturday, February 15, 2025 9:30-11:00 am, virtual class on WebEx

Contact Kate Pruemer, CFCP. Email her at <a href="mailto:kpruemer@gmail.com">kpruemer@gmail.com</a> or call or text 217-821-1840.





Liturgical Ministers for December 28/29					
<u>Ministry</u>	<u>4:30 pm</u>	<u>6:30 am</u>	<u>8:30 am</u>	<u>10:30 am</u>	
Readers	Jamie Habing Jeannie Burrell	Pat Wente	Shannon Hinkle Monica Kremer	Anabelle Habing Patty or Emma Ruholl	
Ushers	*Glen Waldhoff Tim Ordner Larry Habing Toby McMahon Scott Brumleve Todd Probst	*Mike Tipton Allen Koester Steve Mette Jason Huber Joe Runde Chris Hartke	*Steve Witges Dennis Gillespie Todd Voelker Mark Probst Cory Wermert Dan Habing	*Denny Runde Carl Waldhoff Logan Waldhoff Russ Deters Brian Ruholl Jeff Thoele	
Servers	Katelyn Frese Brayden Frese Emma Isley	Sapphira Schumacher Meriel Schumacher Xavier Schumacher	Alyssa Myers Keegan Swingler Kynley Swingler	Grace Koester Anna Tarter Addie Tarter	

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# UPCOMING EVENTS



The 49th annual **Pro-Life Breakfast** 

will be held on Sunday, January 19th from 7:00 am-Noon at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall. Free will donation accepted for breakfast, which includes whole hog sausage, eggs, and a variety of home baked breads, along with juice, milk, and water. There will be a 50/50 drawing and raffle.

Volunteers are needed. Please text Susan at 217.663.2084 to sign up for a shift. Donations of breads, rolls, donut

holes, & muffins are needed, and can be dropped off on Saturday, January 18 from noon-4:00 pm at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall. This is the primary fundraiser for Effingham Area Right to Life. If you're unable to attend the breakfast, please consider sending a donation to

PO Box 861, Effingham IL 62401. Learn more by visiting "EffinghamAreaRightToLife" on Facebook.

#### Catholic Bible Study of the Book of Revelation!

Revelation literally means "to pull back the veil". This pulling back of the veil, allows us to see the nature and beauty of the Church. Come and learn with us. Sessions will begin on Thursday, January 9th at 9:30 am and 6:30 pm for 10 weeks. You may choose to attend at either time. Please call the St. Anthony Parish Office at 217-347-7129 to register for materials by **January 2nd**. If you have any questions, you may contact Kate Weber at 217-821-3003 or <a href="mailto:kateweber51@gmail.com">kateweber51@gmail.com</a>



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