ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish Office

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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 Dan Williams, Director of Music Ministry Anita Broom, Bookkeeper Barb Weber, Secretary Ron Ruholl, Maintenance

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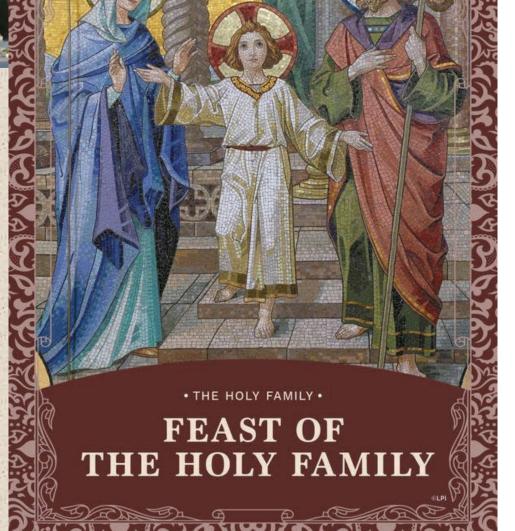
Parish Council:

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.



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 Franciscans and the staff here at St. Francis Parish wish all our families God's blessings and graces through the new year. We have two Masses on New Year's Eve: 4:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m., and on New Year's Day we have Mass at 9:00 a.m. Some will remember when this was called "Old Year's Night" vice New Year's Eve. And others will recall when there was "slick ice on the slab!"

As we reflect on the past, we have so much to be thankful for. Look around our beautiful church – our crew, who decorate our environment, do an outstanding job each time. Just being in church and slowly taking it all in is like being in another world. We thank our gifted artisans, and we are also grateful to the many people responsible for our liturgies: the choirs, the readers and ushers and altar servers and sacristans and eucharistic ministers.

Speaking of music, this is the first opportunity I've had to congratulate the 79 people responsible for the musical mosaic concert on Sunday afternoon, December 15. It was a remarkable sharing of gifts, and everyone appreciated it. The concert was quite the Christmas gift from our talented people.

Speaking of Christmas gifts, we did it again! I can't think of a better photo to capture to some degree the spirit of Christmas than photos of all the presents near our parish giving tree. The people who shop and wrap the presents don't have a clue who will open them, while the person opening the present doesn't know who gave them the gift. On behalf of all the recipients thank you to all our generous parishioners. May God bless and reward your generosity.

And from the friars I offer our thanks and appreciation to the parishioners, who have reached out to us this Christmas with their prayers, greeting cards, gifts, and warm wishes. May God bless your generosity in and through the new year.

After Mass at Evergreen Nursing Home on Thursday, the 12th, I stopped at St. Anthony's Hospital to visit any parishioners, who might be there. No one was at the front door to assist the visitors, so I walked down to the Pastoral Care Office to check the book to see if we had parishioners in the hospital, and the door was locked! Moral of the story is if you have a relative in the hospital and would like a visit from one of the parish priests, then please call the rectory and let us know.

The Christmas holiday basketball tournament has come and gone for another year. I don't know what the history is on this, but my guess is that it has certainly grown over the years and in many respects. Think of the number of miles all these teams and their fans travel to and from our Effingham community. Consider all the meals these people have consumed and the motel rooms that have been occupied.

NEW YEAR MINISTRY SIGN UP - There is a ministry sign up sheet for 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. 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!*

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, 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. 30, 6:30 am: Andrew Ruholl Tuesday, Dec. 31, 4:00 pm: Frank Wall III Tuesday, Dec. 31, 5:30 pm: John Miller Wednesday, Jan. 1, 9:00 am: Don Niebrugge Thursday, Jan. 2, 6:30 am: Joe Hoedebecke Friday, Jan. 3, 6:30 am: John F. Grunloh Friday, Jan. 3, 7:55 am: John & Carol Lawson Saturday, Jan. 4, 8:00 am: Bob Waldhoff Saturday, Jan. 4, 4:30 pm: James Waldhoff Sunday, Jan. 5, 6:30 am: Pro Populo Sunday, Jan. 5, 8:30 am: Barbara Hardiek Sunday, Jan. 5, 10:30 am: Verena Brumleve

Stewardship of Treasure

	12/13/24	Ital
255 Envelopes	\$20,891.50	\$246,295.50
64 Online giving	\$3,262.44	\$72,088.00
Other	\$1,349.00	\$26,136.43
TOTAL	\$25,502.94	\$344,519.93
Assisi to Africa	\$206.00	\$17,069.00

Liturgy Schedule

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph December 30— January 5

Monday,	Adoration 1:00 pm Monday until 6:00 am Tuesday Mass at 6:30 am				
Tuesday,	St. Sylvester I Mass at 4:00 pm & 5:30 pm				
Wednesday,	Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Mass at 9:00 am				
Thursday,	St. Basil the Great St. Gregory Nazianzen Mass at 6:30 am				
Friday,	The Most Holy Name of Jesus Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am				
Saturday,	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Mass at 8:00 am & 4:30 pm				
Sunday,	The Epiphany of the Lord Mass at 6:30 am, 8:30 am, & 10:30 am				
Confession Schedule					
Tuesday, December 31, no confessions					

Thursday, January 2, 3:00-4:00 pm & 6:15-6:45 pm Saturday, January 4, 3:00-4:00 pm

Liturgy of the Hours with Friars

Monday-Friday—11:45 am & 4:45 pm



Attention Homebound

Holy Communion will be brought to you on First Friday, January 3. No Communion to you on Sunday, January 5, 2024.



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.

FIRST SATURDAY MASS & DEVOTION

January 4, 2025 Rosary—7:40 am Mass—8:00 am Meditation—8:30-8:45 am

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday, December 30

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

<u>Tuesday, December 31</u>

• Parish office closes at noon.

Wednesday, January 1

- Happy New Year!
- Parish office closed

Thursday, January 2

- Confessions, 3:00-4:00 pm & 6:15-6:45 pm
- Parish office closed
- Baptismal preparation class at 7:00 pm, St. Clare

Saturday, January 4

- Confessions, 3:00-4:00 pm
- FOCCUS, after 4:30 pm Mass in St. Clare

Sunday, January 5

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

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Solemnity of Mary New Year's Eve 4:00 pm & 5:30 pm



Solemnity of Mary New Year's Day 9:00 am

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!



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Religious Education News

Religious Education

Christmas Break: Religion program resumes on January. 6. *We wish all a Happy New Year!*

Mark your calendars for the **Gr. 2 First Reconcilia**tion 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.

St. Francis Parish is preparing to offer an after-school program. It will be called SHOE CLUB. The club will be open to all students enrolled at Teutopolis Grade School and will operate daily on school days from 3:30-5:30 pm.

It plans to offer an after-school snack, and run activity stations students can rotate through including games, outdoor play, homework/study sessions, and arts and crafts.

It will be run from the Grade School Cafeteria.

We are currently asking for families to sign up if they plan to utilize the program for their children in the upcoming school year. Once we know student numbers we will be able to ascertain if this program will be viable.

We are also looking for adults who might like to work in the program. If you are interested or would like to know more about the program give Dan Niemerg a call on 217-500-2427.

YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

Jan. 8– Religion classes resume.

Banquet Hall!



<u>CHWC News</u> - St Francis CHWC thanks you for supporting our Advent fundraisers for the 2025 trip to Kansas City. Have a Blessed Christmas season!



SAVE THE DATE - <u>CHWC trivia</u> night will be held April 11 at the Teutopolis



1Mc had a visit from their grandparent prayer sponsor, Cheryl Fearday. They made an advent wreath from daylight donuts and wooden sticks and learned what each week means.



Grandparent sponsors Cindy Niemerg and Monica Feldhake visited Rita Habings first grade class.



Grade 3D's grandparent prayer sponsor, made advent wreaths with the class.



THE MOSAIC CONCERT "THE YEARNING" was a huge success Sunday, December 15! A total of 79 musicians from the Adult Choir, Children's Choir, Youth Choir, Guitar Group, and Brass Ensemble combined for an hour of continuous music that brought chills to the hundreds attending. These groups put in hours of rehearsal, and it showed. This unique style of concert involves each group moving throughout the building as the show is happening and can only be done with the help of many. Dan Niemerg Jr. graciously assisted adjusting the soundboard in the balcony. Tracy Dennis was in the sacristy changing the lighting for each song and Chad Hewing was in the balcony manning the spotlight borrowed from the school. Sandy Williams and Anthony Feldhake were essential in preparing the beautiful program handed out by usher Jake Pals before the concert began. Children's Choir parents Loretta Zane and Beth Sturgeon helped corral the children as they made their way from the balcony to the chapel mid-concert. Many of the singers and Brass players helped set up chairs, microphones, and move the piano. Isaac Vahling, tubist with the Brass Ensemble, even arranged one of the pieces performed.

THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU WHO ASSISTED IN ANY WAY!!!! And thank you to all of you who attended and supported the immense talent from St. Francis Church. This is the third Mosaic style concert your Music Ministry program has presented; 2022 Advent "Somebody's Knockin", 2023 Spring "Joy in the Morning", and 2024 Advent "The Yearning". If you missed this concert, given its success, you will have the opportunity in the future.



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 kpruemer@gmail.com or call or text 217-821-1840.

BAPTISN

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.

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 leasted at any of the alwach ar

located at any of the church entrances. We are grateful for everything but following are a few specific items requested: Snack itemsindividually packaged such as cheese crackers or goldfish, unscented baby wipes, ANY Enfamil formula, pull-ups (all brands) most popular sizes are 4T/5T and 5T/6T. *Thank you for donating*!



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.



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 Effingham Catholic Charities office at 217-857-1458 and ask for Crystal (Pantry) or Brigid (Second Hand Rose).



World Marriage Day

Archbishop Rozanski will celebrate a Mass for World Marriage Day at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis, 4431 Lindell Blvd.,

St. Louis, MO, on **February 9, 2025 at 12:00 PM.** All married couples are invited to attend and celebrate the gift of marriage. World Marriage Day honors married couples as the foundation of the family – the basic unit of society. It emphasizes the faithfulness, sacrifice and joy of daily married life. A reception, sponsored by Gateway Worldwide Marriage Encounter, will follow in Boland Hall.



Liturgical Ministers for January 4/5						
<u>Ministry</u>	<u>4:30 pm</u>	<u>6:30 am</u>	<u>8:30 am</u>	<u>10:30 am</u>		
Readers	Denise Will	Herman Brummer	Jerry Brummer Angie Esker	Sue Esker Stacey Ruholl		
Ushers	*Charles Semple Brian Drees Brent Weichman Doug Smith Tony Runde Kyle Jansen	*Mark Willenborg Ryan Willenborg Don Tegeler Pat Wente Dave Westendorf Don Zerrusen	*Ken Ritz John Flach Jason Niebrugge Jordan Niebrugge Clay Zerrusen Greg Bergfeld	*Brock Brumleve Addison Brumleve Roy Brumleve Dan Beckman Bruce Buhnerkempe Jason Ruholl		
Servers	Carson Runde Katelyn Frese Brayden Frese	Ozzie Pals Evie Pals Jack Hartke	Ella Tarter Luke Ziegler Charlie Ziegler	Stella Deters Rex Deters Emily Meyer		

Clean Linens - Tess Probst

UPCOMING EVEN

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 to stop by.





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Toiletries, cleaning supplies, batteries, zip lock bags, aluminum foil, WWW.ELSHADDAIHOMES.COM deodorant, diapers, baby wipes, bottles, trash bags,

laundry detergent, dryer sheets, Dreft detergent, dish soap, fruit, coffee, tea, sugar, bottled water. Thanks!



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Teutopolis Park District:

Fitness Programs (January 6-March 28): Sign up by January 1



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 kateweber51@gmail.com





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