

January 5, 2025 - The Epiphany of the Lord

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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.



## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star.

- Mt 2:10

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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**

Last Sunday we celebrated the feast of the Holy Family. Do you think there is a family in our parish that couldn't benefit in some way from the graces of this feast of the Holy Family? I know our own Franciscan family, we friars, can improve our "family life." We can renew our respect for each other and tune in and really listen when our brother is speaking, and I'm sure spouses in our families can do the same! There is always room for improvement – in everything.

On January 3<sup>rd</sup> we celebrated the feast of the Holy Name of Jesus. There is a question to give us pause: do we always use the name of Jesus with respect? I have suggested the following as a method of reminding us how to use the sacred Name of Jesus. Resolve that you will always BOW your head EVERY time you say the name of Jesus! If you are giving instructions or teaching, bow your head. If you are praying and say the sacred name, bow your head. I really don't think you can use the Lord's name disrespectfully if you bow your head when you say it.

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, which means manifestation. The magi were following a star, and they spoke with temple people, key people, who would have information for them. They found the infant Jesus in Bethlehem with Mary and Joseph. They were poor people with poor shepherds tending their flocks. God didn't manifest himself as a prince in a palace. The parents likely had the minimum clothing and material for the baby and themselves. We can ask: how does Jesus manifest himself to us? How do we get to know Jesus? Jesus uses people to show himself to others. Other people help us to know Jesus – parents, spouses, grandparents, our children, brothers and sisters, good friends -every one and any one can be possibly a manifestation of Jesus to us. God can use YOU to manifest his goodness.



**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.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Monday, Jan. 6, 6:30 am: Randy Hutmacher  
 Tuesday, Jan. 7, 6:30 am: Dorothy Ruholl  
 Tuesday, Jan. 7, 7:55 am: Anna Mae Waldhoff  
 Wednesday, Jan. 8, 6:30 am: Anita Jo Holman  
 Wednesday, Jan. 8, 7:55 am: Mary Kathryn (Mihlbachler) Bogemann  
 Thursday, Jan. 9, 6:30 am: Joseph P. Weis  
 Friday, Jan. 10, 6:30 am: Sylvester & Emma Pals  
 Friday, Jan. 10, 7:55 am: Special intentions  
 Saturday, Jan. 11, 4:30 pm: Norma Ruholl  
 Sunday, Jan. 12, 6:30 am: Pro Populo  
 Sunday, Jan. 12, 8:30 am: James & Anna Mae Waldhoff  
 Sunday, Jan. 12, 10:30 am: Roger Renschen

**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 Pruemmer, Toby McMahan, Debbie Meyer, Nicholas Wentz, 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.

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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,448.50</b>	<b>\$355,968.43</b>
Assisi to Africa	\$850.00	\$17,919.00



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.*



### Liturgy Schedule

#### The Epiphany of the Lord January 6— January 12

- Monday, St. Andre Bessette  
Adoration 1:00 pm Monday until 6:00 am  
Tuesday  
Mass at 6:30 am
- Tuesday, St. Raymond of Penyafort  
Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am
- Wednesday, Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am
- Thursday, Mass at 6:30 am
- Friday, Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am
- Saturday, Mass at 4:30 pm
- Sunday, **The Baptism of the Lord**  
Mass at 6:30 am, 8:30 am, & 10:30 am

#### Confession Schedule

- Tuesday, January 7, 6:15-6:45 pm
- Thursday, January 9, 6:15-6:45 pm
- Saturday, January 11, 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, January 6

- Adoration 1:00 pm Monday until 6:00 am Tuesday
- Grade School religious education program resumes.

#### Tuesday, January 7

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

#### Wednesday, January 8

- Jr. High and High School religious education resumes
- Children's choir, 3:45-5:00 pm
- Young adult choir, 6:00-6:45 pm

#### Thursday, January 9

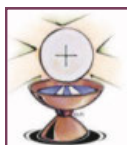
- Confessions, 6:15-6:45 pm
- Adult choir, 7:00 pm

#### Saturday, January 11

- Confessions, 3:00-4:00 pm

#### Sunday, January 12

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



#### Attention Homebound

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



The parishioners extend our sympathies and condolences to the families of Gerald Borries and Donald Deters. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Welcome to our faith Family:*

Parker James Kenter  
Son of Jason Kenter & Taylor Johnson

Myla Rose Mayhaus  
Daughter of Ryan & Lauren (Jansen) Mayhaus

**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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## A New Year's Prayer

DEAR LORD

As a new year begins, We come to You and ask for Your blessing.  
We pray that you would give us joy to fill our days, peace to fill our hearts, and love to fill our lives.

Thank You for the plans You have for us in this new year.  
We wait in anticipation to see all You will do!

Thanking God for you and praying your new year is blessed in every way.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

AMEN

Religious Education News

# Religious Education

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.



Grade 4 will be hosting a bake sale on January 16. Each student will be asked to bring items to be sold.

## YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

Jan. 8– Religion classes resume.

Jan. 17—Teen center open.



**CHWC News** - St Francis CHWC thanks you for supporting our Advent fundraisers for the 2025 trip to Kansas City. Wishing you the happiest New Year!



**SAVE THE DATE - CHWC trivia night** will be held April 11, 2025 at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall!

**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.

### PUZZLE

What letter **begins** each picture name? Circle the beginning letter. Then color the pictures.



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### MISSION

I will do three favors to help someone in my family today.

## GROWING WITH THE GOSPEL

CYCLE C



### COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.





### 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](http://www.dio.org) under marriage and family life.

**FOCCUS:** Scheduled dates at St. Francis are as follows:  
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](mailto:kpruemer@gmail.com) or call or text 217-821-1840.



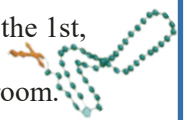
Just as the Three Kings brought gifts to Baby Jesus, the CCW would like to invite the parishioners of St. Francis to bring gifts to be donated to the Crisis Nursery.

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. We are grateful for everything but following are a few specific items requested: Snack items-individually 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.



#### Let Jesus Feed Your Marriage!

Renew your Sacrament, deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, and rekindle your romance by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. The following upcoming weekends are available in 2025. Sign-up now 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.

1/31/2025—2/2/2025, St. Peters, MO  
4/4/2025—4/6/2025, St. Peters, MO  
6/13/2025—6/15/2025, St. Peters, MO



## BAPTISM

### Prep Dates

- 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
- Thursday, May 1, at 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 217-821-5663; 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.

## 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 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>
<b>Readers</b>	Denise Will	Herman Brummer	Jerry Brummer Angie Esker	Sue Esker Stacey Ruholl
<b>Ushers</b>	*Charles Semple Brian Drees Brent Weichman Doug Smith Tony Runde Kyle Jansen	*Mark Willenborg Ryan Willenborg Don Tegeler Pat Went 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
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ADULTS  
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**HAPPY HOUR** 8-9pm @ Effingham Event Center  
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**Teutopolis Park District:**  
Fitness Programs (January 6-March 28): Sign up continues, late fee applies.



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