

January 12, 2025 - The Baptism of the Lord

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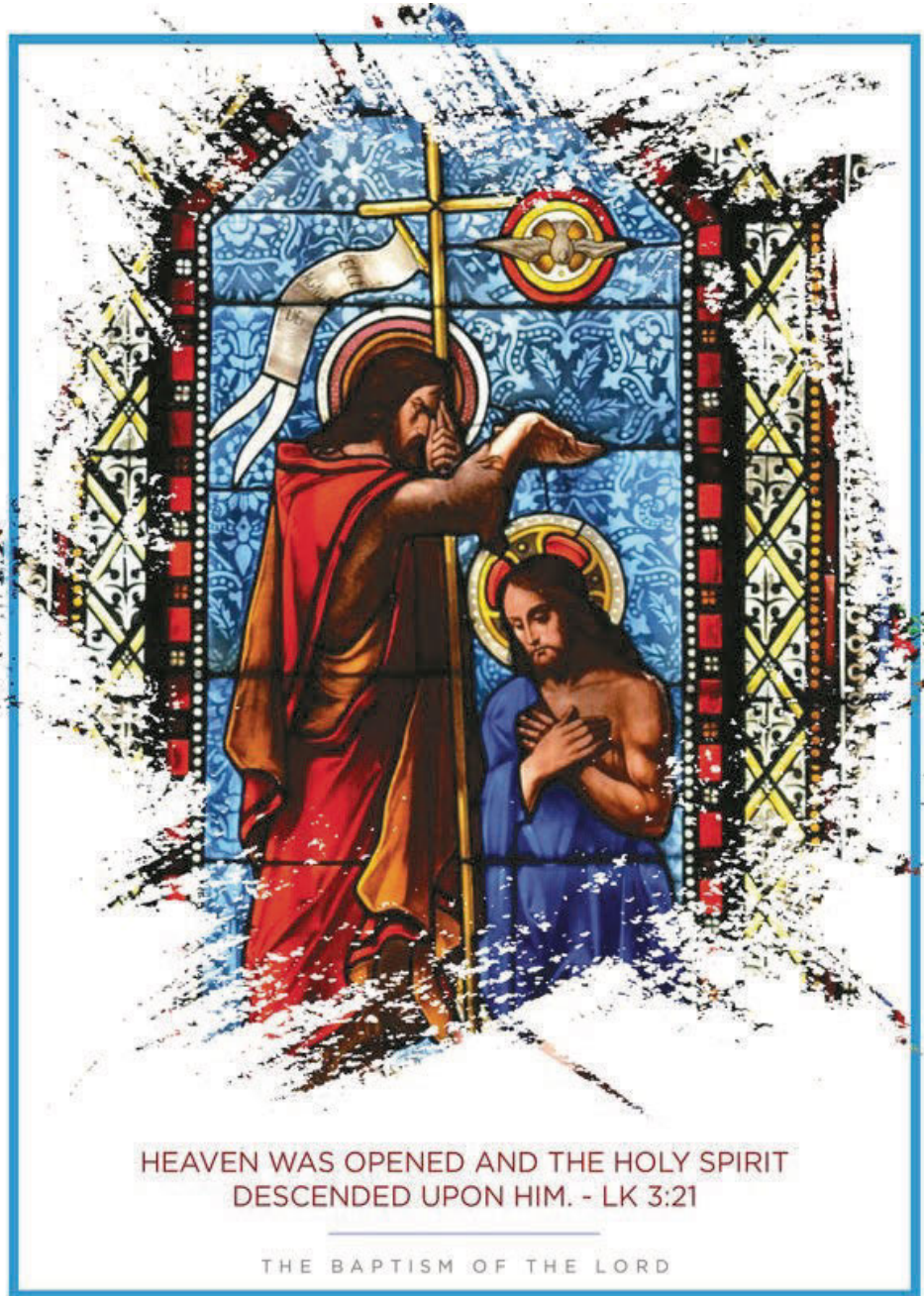
Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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.



HEAVEN WAS OPENED AND THE HOLY SPIRIT
DESCENDED UPON HIM. - LK 3:21

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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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

Today we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. On Monday we start the Ordinary Time of the year with the first week in Ordinary Time. I don't know about you, but I would like to keep the Christmas decorations in church until Ash Wednesday! One of the ladies on our decorating committee told me she received many compliments from the parishioners about our decorations, and rightfully so. The members of the art and decoration committee do an excellent job creating a dignified and attractive atmosphere for us to come together and praise God. We are all grateful to them for their gift to the Lord and to us! They work hard, and they work fast! Our church will still be beautiful, but it's going to be somewhat simple after all the decorations are gone. What remains is in our hearts and souls. God touches us in many ways, being in awe of our church is one significant way the Lord comes to us.


As we celebrate the feast of our Lord's baptism, may it be a reminder of our own baptism. I mentioned our beautiful church, and another way of using the word "church" is to describe us. Through our baptism we enter into the union with Jesus in terms of his death and resurrection. In baptism we die to sin and rise out of the waters into a new life. We are washed clean of all sin. For a baby being baptized, it's only original sin that is washed away, but for an adult it's original sin AND any sin the person ever committed is washed away! Baptism is one of the three sacraments of initiation. The other two are Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. When a person has received all three, the person is fully initiated into the life of the Catholic Church.

Please mark your calendar: next Sunday, the 19th, is our Pro Life Breakfast serving from 7:00 a.m. to noon. This occasion has quite a history, and I recall Sunday mornings with a lot of snow on the ground, but it didn't stop the people from working or from coming to the breakfast. It takes a good number of people, and they do respond. Come and do your part, even if it is only being a patron.

If you see Ron Ruholl around, tell him thank you for the great job he did with the snow removal last weekend. He spent a lot of time keeping the sidewalks, drive and parking lot cleaned off for our parishioners.



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, Jan. 13, 6:30 am: Joseph & Harriett Borries
Tuesday, Jan. 14, 6:30 am: John Miller
Tuesday, Jan. 14, 7:55 am: Dave Worman
Wednesday, Jan. 15, 6:30 am: Brian Westendorf
Wednesday, Jan. 15, 7:55 am: Frank & Marie Lohman
Thursday, Jan. 16, 6:30 am: Linus Willenborg
Thursday, Jan. 16, 12:10 pm: Sarah Semple
Friday, Jan. 17, 6:30 am: Joseph H. Buscher
Friday, Jan. 17, 7:55 am: Paul Niebrugge
Saturday, Jan. 18, 4:30 pm: Gerald Borries
Sunday, Jan. 19, 6:30 am: Pro Populo
Sunday, Jan. 19, 8:30 am: Tom Hardiek
Sunday, Jan. 19, 10:30 am: Ray Lohman

Stewardship of Treasure will be included in the upcoming bulletin.



Catholic Times, the magazine of the Diocese of Springfield, Illinois, has always been a key communication tool for our diocese. Whether it is important announcements, teaching the faith, or inspirational stories, the magazine provides tremendous value to readers.

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Liturgy Schedule

The Baptism of the Lord January 13— January 19

Monday,	The First Week in Ordinary Time St. Hilary Adoration 1:00 pm Monday until 6:00 am Tuesday Mass at 6:30 am
Tuesday,	Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am
Wednesday,	Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am
Thursday,	Mass at 6:30 am & 12:10 pm
Friday,	St. Anthony Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am
Saturday,	Mass at 4:30 pm
Sunday,	The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass at 6:30 am, 8:30 am, & 10:30 am

Confession Schedule

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

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

Tuesday, January 14

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

Wednesday, January 15

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

Thursday, January 16

- 55+ lunch following the 12:10 pm Mass
- Confessions, 6:15-6:45 pm
- Adult choir, 7:00 pm

Friday, January 17

- Teen center, 7:00-10:00 pm

Saturday, January 18

- Confessions, 3:00-4:00 pm

Sunday, January 19

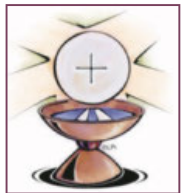
- Children's liturgy at 8:30 & 10:30 am Mass
- Catholic Times support collection
- Right to Life breakfast, 7:00 am-noon



The parishioners extend our sympathies and condolences to the families of Sarah Semple and Brian Westendorf. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Attention Homebound

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



55 PLUS-JANUARY—Join us January 16, 2025 for the 55 Plus gathering in St. Clare hall following the 12:10 pm Mass.

Come and enjoy a chicken, ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, corn and coleslaw lunch. Feel free to bring a dessert to share. RSVP by calling 217-961-6404.

Mass for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children and Deanery Pro-life Meeting

St. Francis of Assisi Church in Teutopolis will host a pro-life Mass at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, January 22. The U.S. Bishops ask that January 22 be a day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion. A pro-life rosary will begin at 6:30 pm prior to Mass. Following Mass, the Deanery Pro-life Meeting will be held in St. Clare Hall, adjoining the church. Pro-life events and issues will be discussed and refreshments will be served.

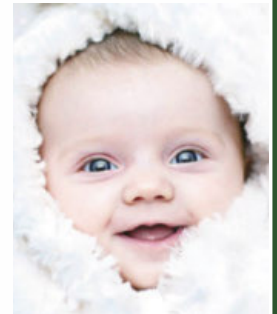


The 49th annual **Pro-Life Breakfast** will be held on Sunday, January 19th from 7:00 am-noon at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall. Free will donation accepted for breakfast, which includes whole hog sausage, eggs, and a variety of home baked breads, along with juice, milk, and water.

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.



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. 15– Religion class, 7:00-8:15 pm
 Jan. 17—Teen center open, 7:00-10:00 pm
 Jan. 22—Religion class, 7:00-8:15 pm
 Jan. 29—Religion class, 7:00-8:15 pm

Teacher needed! - We have one teaching spot open on Wednesday nights for March and April. This would be for 7th grade. Please contact Maria if you can help!



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, 3:30-5:30 pm and be run from the Grade School cafeteria.

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.

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.

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:
 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.



The **Ladies CCW Group** would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to the following: Mary Lou Gier for sending get well cards to our members; Louise Sheehan for making the baptism gowns for all the newly baptized. All St. Francis Parish members that volunteer their time and talents to the Second Hand Rose and Catholic Charities; and for the quilters, who donate their time and skills!



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.

Donations for Christmas flowers and for the flowers for special feasts in 2025 have been made in memory of the following:

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 Victor & "Tootie" Deters
 Herman & Bernadine Deters families
 Herman & Mary B. Runde



Marriage on Tap STL

Join us on Thursday, March 13, 2025, at 6:00 pm for an evening of dinner and marriage enrichment at Syberg's

on Dorsett in Maryland Heights, Missouri. Our guest speakers will be Lauren & Bill Fogarty, and their presentation is entitled, "Hold On . . . God's Unconditional Love and the Power of Prayer." The evening is sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter. Dinner is \$66 per couple/\$33 per person. Cash bar will be available. Advanced registration is required and must be postmarked by March 3, 2025. For more information, check out Marriage on Tap STL on Facebook or email us at marriageontapstl@gmail.com.

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).

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, or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

4/4/2025—4/6/2025, St. Peters, MO

6/13/2025—6/15/2025, St. Peters, MO

Liturgical Ministers for January 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	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 Wentz 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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Effingham Catholic Young Adults

JAN 14TH @7PM

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FOR YOUNG ADULTS AGES 21-35

HOLY HOUR 7-8pm @ Sacred Heart Church 405 S Henrietta St, Effingham

HAPPY HOUR 8-9pm @ Effingham Event Center 1501 W Fayette Ave, Effingham

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Start your new year with SonRise This Friday Calling All Men! Begin your year with us.

Beginning Friday Jan. 17 come to the SonRise Men’s Breakfast. A video series by *That Man Is You!* and a full hot breakfast will continue weekly in the Parish Center. This week’s topic: **Perfect Harmony No More.** Form a habit of prayer for 2025. You’ll be glad you did! All Men are welcomed. Gather at the St. Anthony Parish Center for delicious hot **Breakfast ready after 6:10 am, VIDEO program at 6:30 am**, and concluding at 7:30 am. More info: contact the parish office.

MILLIONS OF MONICAS

If you are a Catholic mother who would like to unite with other mothers in prayer for your children, you are invited to come pray with the Sacred Heart Parish Millions of Monicas group.

Millions of Monicas is a nationwide effort of mothers who come together to lift up their children of all ages. Many mothers have children who are struggling to embrace their Catholic faith or have left the church entirely. Like St. Monica, these mothers pray for their children’s joyful return to the church.

We will meet the third Monday of each month from 6:00-7:00 pm at Sacred Heart Church in Effingham. All mothers are invited! The next meeting is Monday, January 20th. For details about the nationwide efforts, visit <http://millionsofmonicas.com/>

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Toiletries, cleaning supplies, batteries, zip lock bags, aluminum foil, 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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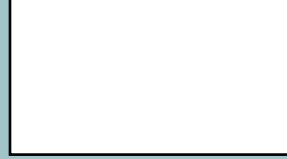


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