

February 2, 2025 - The Presentation of the Lord

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH



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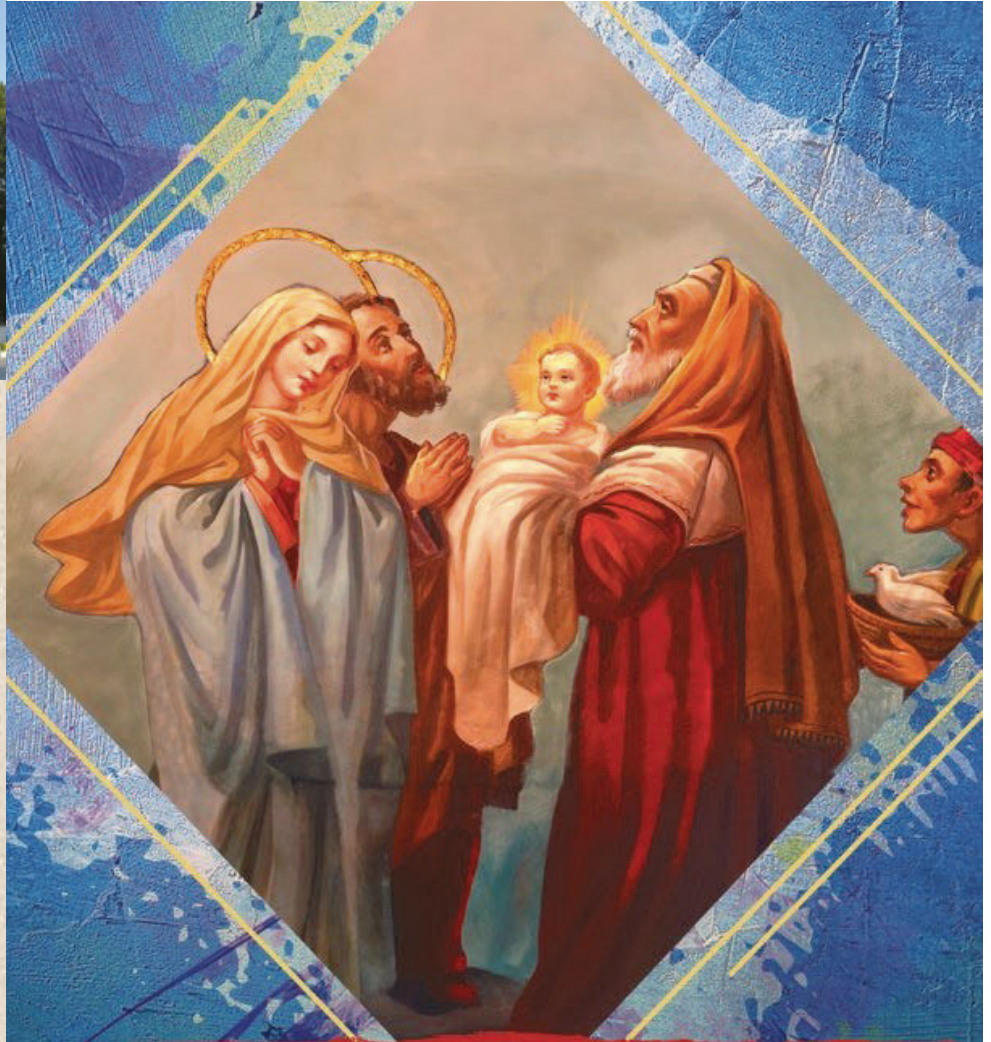
Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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.



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“Behold, this child is destined for the
fall and rise of many in Israel.” - Lk 2:34

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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

One of the requirements for couples getting married at St. Francis Parish is that they participate in a Pre Cana weekend. We offer this opportunity once a year, and it is this Sunday. So it’s not a weekend, but it’s an entire day, which is what other parishes offer. Please keep our engaged couples in your prayers as they prepare to give themselves unconditionally to their partner in holy matrimony.

This Sunday is the feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Some parishes have the custom of blessing candles on this day and having a procession.

February 3rd is the feast of St. Blasé. Traditionally people would get their throats blessed on his feast. At our Masses this weekend, the priest will incorporate the blessing of St. Blasé with the final blessing. The blessing is: “Through the intercession of St. Blasé, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

I think it’s a good thing that the parish didn’t take a vote on whether or not to leave our Christmas decorations up until Ash Wednesday! Our Art and Environment Committee does such an outstanding job each year with each feast during the year that I think it’s possible the vote could have gone to Ash Wednesday! People from other parishes have commented to me on the beauty of our church especially with the decorations this Christmas. Well done, Ladies and your Crew! Thank you very much.



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.

Stewardship of Treasure

	<u>1/26/25</u>	<u>Year</u>
250 Envelopes	\$7,908.50	\$376,580.82
54 Online giving	\$2,250.00	\$93,096.00
Other	\$840.25	\$32,792.23
TOTAL	\$10,998.75	\$502,469.05
Assisi to Africa	\$225.00	\$24,481.00

ST. BLAISE BLESSING OF THROATS

Parish Council Nominations
 It is time again to accept nominations of parishioners to serve a three year term on the Parish Council. Shannon Hinkle, Rhonda Meyer and Dennis Runde have served the parish for three years and now their terms have expired.

All parishioners 18 years or older are invited to nominate parishioners who they feel are most qualified to share in the pastoral care and leadership of our parish. You may nominate yourself! You can nominate people by dropping their names off at the parish office. Simply write the name/s on a slip of paper along with their spouse’s name or their phone number. (Sometimes there are two people with the same name nominated.)

Deadline to turn in nominations is February 5. Election will be held the fourth weekend in February.

MASS INTENTIONS


Monday, Feb. 3, 6:30 am: Leroy & Zita Niebrugge
 Tuesday, Feb. 4, 6:30 am: Joseph H. Buscher
 Tuesday, Feb. 4, 7:55 am: Don H. Deters
 Wednesday, Feb. 5, 6:30 am: Barbara Hardiek
 Wednesday, Feb. 5, 7:55 am: Bob Waldhoff
 Thursday, Feb. 6, 6:30 am: Brian Westendorf
 Friday, Feb. 7, 6:30 am: Verena Brumleve
 Friday, Feb. 7, 7:55 am: Ray Vahling
 Saturday, Feb. 8, 4:30 pm: Jeff Buehnerkemper
 Sunday, Feb. 9, 6:30 am: Delbert Habing
 Sunday, Feb. 9, 8:30 am: Pro Populo
 Sunday, Feb. 9, 10:30 am: Linus Willenborg

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, 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.

Palms for Burning
 Please bring your old palms to church from now through February 23rd. Place them in the basket in front of Mary’s altar. They will be burned and used on Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025.



Liturgy Schedule

The Presentation of the Lord February 3— February 9

Monday,	St. Blaise St. Ansgar 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,	St. Agatha Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am
Thursday,	St. Paul Miki and Companions Mass at 6:30 am
Friday,	Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am
Saturday,	St. Jerome Emiliani St. Josephine Bakhita Mass at 4:30 pm
Sunday,	The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass at 6:30 am, 8:30 am, & 10:30 am

Confession Schedule

Tuesday, February 4, 6:15-6:45 pm
 Thursday, February 6, 3:00-4:00 pm & 6:15-6:45 pm
 Saturday, February 8, 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, February 3

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

Tuesday, February 4

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

Wednesday, February 5

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

Thursday, February 6

- Confessions, 3:00-4:00 pm & 6:15-6:45 pm
- Adult choir, 7:00 pm
- Parish council meeting, 7:00 pm, Sr. Ethelbert

Friday, February 7

- Teen Center 7:00-10:00 pm

Saturday, February 8

- Confessions, 3:00-4:00 pm

Sunday, February 9

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

The annual **Newman Breakfast** will be held Sunday, February 2, from 7:00 am - noon at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall. Menu will include all you can eat scrambled eggs, whole hog sausage, biscuits & gravy, hash browns, french toast sticks, cinnamon rolls, coffee, juice & milk. Baked goods will be available for purchase, and chances will be available for raffle items.

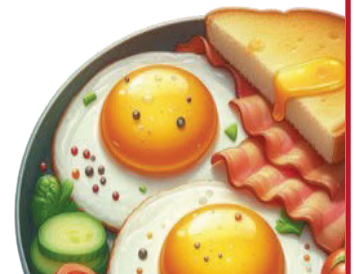
Over 80 Newman Centers throughout the state of Illinois offer college students a chance to gather and practice their faith. Proceeds go to the Newman Fund.

If you would like to make a monetary donation to help offset the cost of the breakfast, please make checks payable to "Knights of Columbus - Newman Breakfast". Please mail your donation to Lee Beckman, PO Box 897, Effingham, IL 62401.

Anyone who donates \$100 or more will receive two complimentary tickets to the breakfast. These tickets will be waiting for you the morning of the breakfast at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall. Donations of raffle items, crafts and baked goods would be greatly appreciated. Items can be brought to the Teutopolis Banquet Hall after 6:00 am the day of the breakfast, or call Kathy Hartke at (217) 821-7076 to make other arrangements.

If you would like to help work this event, please call or text Lee Beckman 217-821-5666.

Your donations of time and money make this fundraiser successful. *Thank you for your generosity in support of this worthwhile cause.*



Attention Homebound

Holy Communion will be brought to you on First Friday, February 7. No Communion to you on Sunday, February 9, 2024.

Wedding Bann

Brett Mette & Claire Hemmen
February 8 - 12:30 pm



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Welcome to our faith Family:

Hannah Marie Zuber
Daughter of Benjamin & Erica (Fisher) Zuber



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We Need Help. Your support helps us to continue to help moms and their babies to stay in the home. We appreciate your continued support. **Any questions: 217-690-4380.**

Religious Education News

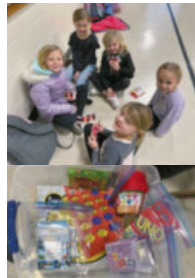
Religious Education



Grade 6 Bake Sale is February 13, 2025.

Proceeds from the sale will go to Fr. Damian’s mission in Africa and to the Sisters of Notre Dame.

The CCW generously donated a box of games for students to play in the mornings before the religion program starts. The games are a big hit with the students. A BIG thank you to the CCW! They were much needed.



Any families interested in participating in the **SHOE CLUB** after school program need to complete the paperwork emailed out by Matt Sturgeon as soon as possible. We are determining if the program will be viable. More registrations are required to run this program. If you are signing up for the next year, please indicate that on the application form.

FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE 2025

February 16th

1pm-3pm	Teutopolis Banquet Hall
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Ticket Sales

Mail In Forms will be available with the flyer sent home

In person sales:
St. Clare Hall After
8:30 and 10:30 Masses
On 2/2 & 2/9

Accepting donations of stuffed animals or small raffle prizes in St. Clare Hall

YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

- Feb. 5 - Religion class, 7:00-8:15 pm
- Feb. 7 - Teen center, 7:00-10:00 pm
- Feb. 12 - Religion class, 7:00-8:15 pm
- Feb. 14 - JH Valentines Dance, 8:00-10:00 pm
- Feb. 19 - Religion class, 7:00-8:15 pm
- Feb. 21 - Teen center, 7:00-10:00 pm
- Feb. 26 - Religion class, 7:00-8:15 pm

JH Valentines Dance - The annual Junior High Valentines Dance will be held on February 14th from 8:00-10:00 pm in the Teutopolis grade school gym. The dance is open to all Unit 50 junior high students! A signed permission slip and \$5 fee is required to attend. Forms will be available at school and at religion class. Drinks and snacks will be provided.



Jr High thru Adults March for Life Info

Join us for the annual Illinois March for Life in Springfield on March 25. A bus is rented for your convenience to leave Effingham Event Center at 7:30 am and return at 4:30 pm. This includes Holy Mass with Bishop Paprocki, the Rally at the Capital at 12 noon and the March at 1:00 pm. Bring a sack lunch. Cost is \$20 and deadline to sign up is March 1st. For more information, contact Diann Ruholl at 217-663-2056.



SAVE THE DATE - **CHWC Trivia Night** will be held **April 4, 2025** at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall! Doors open at 6:00 pm. Trivia starts at 7:00 pm!

You are invited to a **Family Lenten Retreat at St. Isidore Parish**

on Saturday, March 8 beginning with Mass at 10:00 am at St. Aloysius Church. Potluck meal will follow in the parish hall with meat and drinks provided. Our speakers will be the Norbertine priests from Springfield, IL. Adoration and Reconciliation will begin at 2:00 pm, then conclude at 3:00 pm with Benediction. There is no cost to attend but a free will offering will be accepted to assist the visiting priests with their expenses. Please bring non-perishable food items to donate to the Catholic Charities food pantry, as they are in need at this time. Babysitting will be provided, let us know if you have small children when you signup. A signup sheet is in the back of St. Aloysius Church and St. Joseph Church or you may signup by emailing office@stisidore.dio.org. Please call Karla Slifer 217-690-5282 or Stephanie Niemerg 217-821-5970 if you have questions.





MARCH FOR LIFE



Join us for the annual Illinois **March for Life** in Springfield, IL on March 25, 2025. A bus is rented for your convenience to leave Effingham Events Center (KC hall) at 7:30 am and return at 4:45 pm. This includes Holy Mass with Bishop Paprocki, the Rally at the Capitol at 1:00 pm and the March at 2:00 pm. Bring a sack lunch. Open to Jr. High thru Adults. Pray, kneel, sit, and **STAND UP AND MARCH FOR LIFE**. Cost is \$20 and the deadline for registration is March 1, for information contact Diann Ruholl at 217-663-2056.

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. 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 Pruemmer, CFCP. Email her at kpruemmer@gmail.com or call or text 217-821-1840.



BAPTISM

Prep Dates

- Tuesday, February 4, 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.

Dear St. Francis Catholic Church,

Your 2024 donations to El Shaddaie homes, that totals \$2,000 for the 2024 year, means you understand how valuable your support is to these young women and babies, and is a blessing as we care for hurting and struggling women and children. Your gift allows us to help these struggling mothers who may be struggling with the transition into motherhood.

From our family to yours we thank you again for remembering us in the ways you do throughout the year.

"I knew you before I formed you in your mother's womb." Jeremiah 1:5

Sincerely,
Lisa Krampé

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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 February 8/9

<u>Ministry</u>	<u>4:30 pm</u>	<u>6:30 am</u>	<u>8:30 am</u>	<u>10:30 am</u>
Readers	Kristin Probst Michelle Niebrugge	Cindy Esker	Phil Hartke Kathy Hartke	Maranda Martin Theresa Bushur
Ushers	*Bill Runde Dave Bloemer Jeremy Niebrugge Eric Habing Dylan Bloemer Joe Zerrusen	*Jim Esker Daren Drees Robert Poe Jim Niebrugge Jared Runde Chris Hartke	*Bernie Hartke Rich Hartke Mick Deters Larry Funneman Chris Zerrusen Scott Esker	*Doug Runde Larry Hardiek Jake Pals Collin Niemerg Hank Niebrugge Trent Schmid
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Teutopolis Park District:
Music with Miss Lauren (Feb. 15, Feb. 22, Mar. 1) – Sign up by February 7th.

SonRise Men’s Prayer Breakfast Friday
Young kids may think Mass is boring, Do You? In this Friday’s SonRise Men’s Breakfast via TMIY, Deacon Harold discusses the importance of understanding the real presence of Christ, especially in the Holy Mass. He touches how to build spiritual muscle memory and then go out into the world and share the good news.
Form a habit of prayer and hope for 2025. You’ll be glad you did!
All Men are welcomed. Gather at the St. Anthony Parish Center for **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.

 Save the Date! **A Soup Supper to benefit the St. Hedwig House of Hospitality** in Charleston, IL will be held February 2, from 3:00-7:00 pm at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall. Enjoy various soups, pork burgers, and desserts available for dine in or carry out. Raffle tickets for 4 big prizes: (1) Dinner and show at Effingham Performance Center; (2) TV and Recliner; (3) Griddle and Meat Gift Certificate; and (4) Kid’s Tractor & cart as well as for smaller bucket raffle items will be available for purchase at the event. We hope to see you there!

De Colores Spring Weekends
Say yes to a 3 day beautiful experience at camp Walter Scott.
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- So busy, don’t know which end is up?
- Distant from Jesus, but want His Peace?
- Tired of the rat race, need a break?
- Looking to refresh, rest, renew?

 So many in our area have found a treasure in DeColores. It’s your turn!
Men’s Weekend, March 20-23; Lay leader: Todd Buenker. Call or text 217-663-0932
Women’s Weekend, March 27-30; Lay leader Theresa Rutherford. Call or text 217-855-3161.

“B and B Sale”
(Book and Bake Sale)

 **Sacred Heart Parish**
405 S Henrietta St., Effingham 

Saturday, February 8
9:00am-12:00pm and after 4:00pm Mass

Sunday, February 9
After 8:30am & 10:30am Masses

New and used books, as well as delicious baked goods, will be sold in the church narthex. Coffee and cappuchino will be available Saturday and Sunday mornings and wine will be available Saturday evening.

Gift wrapping will be available if you purchase valentine treats or books for your sweetheart!

All money raised will go to the Sacred Heart CCW, earmarked for new chairs in the parish center.

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