

February 9, 2025 - The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH



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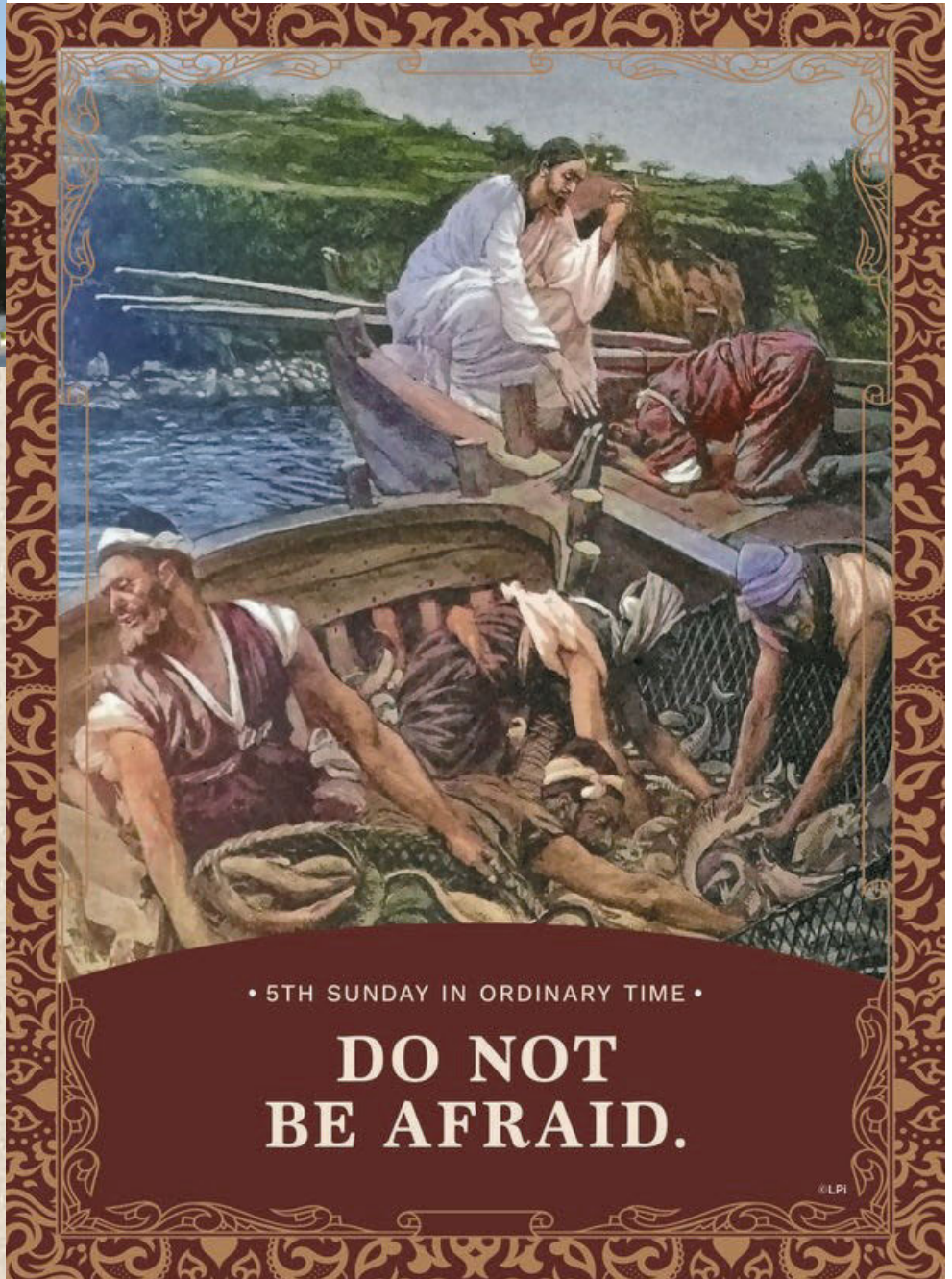
## Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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.



• 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME •

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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

Thank you for your prayers for the success of our Pre-Cana Program that was held last Sunday. Reports that I have heard are very positive. It is excellent preparation for our couples as they get ready for the commitment of holy matrimony. And the couples are grateful to the people who prepared and gave their talks on the various topics. I spoke with Fr. Dennis Sunday evening about possibly videorecording the talks next year.

This week the Parish Council met, and one of their goals was to discern a list of possible candidates to run for election to the Parish Council. I think the majority of people, who serve on the Council, are glad they did because of all they learned about the parish and what goes into it.

Another item on the agenda for the Parish Council meeting was to recommend our parish’s participation in the Diocesan Centennial Campaign. What will that participation look like – do we need to have another campaign to raise funds for the parish like we recently did for the Sr. Ethelbert Center? The Finance Council met on January 29<sup>th</sup> and came up with a recommendation for the Parish Council to consider regarding both short term and long term investments for the parish, and how this campaign for the Centennial fits in. As I understand it, the diocese wants every parish to have a Centennial Campaign.

I hope our Shoes did well against both Newton (Tuesday) and St. Anthony (Friday) this week. Dieterich gave the Bulldogs a run for their money for the National Trail Championship.



**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, Feb. 10, 6:30 am: Anna Mae Waldhoff  
 Tuesday, Feb. 11, 6:30 am: Anita Holman  
 Tuesday, Feb. 11, 7:55 am: Donna Habing  
 Wednesday, Feb. 12, 6:30 am: Loretta Will  
 Wednesday, Feb. 12, 7:55 am: Wilma Buhnerkempe  
 Thursday, Feb. 13, 6:30 am: Ellouise Wallin  
 Friday, Feb. 14, 6:30 am: Ray & Susie Stumborg  
 Friday, Feb. 14, 7:55 am: Victor & “Tootie” Deters  
 Saturday, Feb. 15, 4:30 pm: Clarence Unkraut  
 Sunday, Feb. 16, 6:30 am: Clarence Beckman  
 Sunday, Feb. 16, 8:30 am: Pro Populo  
 Sunday, Feb. 16, 10:30 am: Sonny Will

**Stewardship of Treasure**

	<u>2/2/25</u>	<u>Year</u>
218 Envelopes	\$9,897.50	\$386,478.32
70 Online giving	\$3,850.00	\$96,946.00
Other	<u>\$1,343.00</u>	<u>\$34,135.23</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$15,090.50</b>	<b>\$517,559.55</b>
Assisi to Africa	\$1,166.00	\$25,647.00

**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 McMahon, Debbie Meyer, Nicholas  
 Wentte, 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.

**ATTENTION—HELP NEEDED**  
**Ministers of Holy Communion**  
 We are in need of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for the 12:10 pm and 7:00 pm Mass on Ash Wednesday, March 5. Please come to the sacristy before Mass and see where you are needed. Thank you for your help!




**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

*Welcome to our faith Family:*  
 Millie Marie Nosbisch  
 Daughter of Cody & Emily (Ruholl) Nosbisch

Bennett Jaye Meinhart  
 Son of Mitchell & Lynae (Jansen) Meinhart

**Cemetery Clean-up** Please remove any grave blankets, flowers, statues, etc. which are not attached to headstones and which you wish to keep. Ron will be rolling the ground and cleaning up the cemetery on favorable weather days in the very near future. Thanks to your speedy attention to this matter. Let’s help keep our cemetery beautiful.



## Liturgy Schedule

### The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 10— February 16

Monday,	St. Scholastica Adoration 1:00 pm Monday until 6:00 am Tuesday Mass at 6:30 am
Tuesday,	Our Lady of Lourdes Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am
Wednesday,	Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am
Thursday,	Mass at 6:30 am
Friday,	St. Cyril, St. and St. Methodius St. Valentine Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am
Saturday,	Mass at 4:30 pm
Sunday,	<b>The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Mass at 6:30 am, 8:30 am, & 10:30 am

### Confession Schedule

Tuesday, February 11, 6:15-6:45 pm  
Thursday, February 13, 6:15-6:45 pm  
Saturday, February 15, 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 10

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

### Tuesday, February 11

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

### Wednesday, February 12

- 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 13

- Grade 6 Bake Sale, Sr. Ethelbert
- Confessions, 6:15-6:45 pm
- Adult choir, 7:00 pm

### Friday, February 14

- JH Valentine dance, TGS gym, 7:00-9:00 pm

### Saturday, February 15

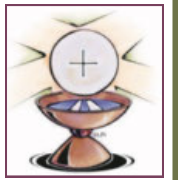
- Confessions, 3:00-4:00 pm

### Sunday, February 16

- Children's liturgy at 8:30 & 10:30 am Mass
- Secular Franciscans, 12:30-5:00 pm, St. Clare and Church

### Attention Homebound

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound for Sunday, February 16th are Lenora Drees 217-857-3583 and Lori Mette 217-663-0869.



### Wedding Bann

Dane Ruholl & Kacie Hotze  
February 15 - 12:30 pm



### ASSISI FOR AFRICA – FR. DAMIEN

There has been some concern about Fr Damien and the children's safety due to violence happening in northern Congo. Fr. Damien lives in the city of Kolwezi, which is in the south near the Zambia border. Fr. Damien is no longer capable of using a computer or sending emails. This information is from his brother, Dennis, who communicates with a Franciscan priest who lives with Fr. Damien. Dennis believes that Kolwezi is a safe area. Fr. Damien continues caring for the boys at Maison Kwetu, and is with them daily, but Dennis doesn't know anything about how the boys are doing. Dennis states, "Damien just turned age 87. He is truly a unique person as you already know and I know he depends on your generosity." Thanks so much for your prayers and donations to help orphaned or abandoned boys through Fr. Damien's ministry in the Congo.

Effingham Catholic Young Adults

Monday, February 17 Starting at 7:00PM

**Catechesis Night**

Topic: Saints & Sainly Life

with Fr. Harman & Fr. Jayke

St. Anthony Church  
101 E Virginia Ave  
Effingham, IL

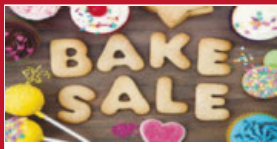
Happy Hour  
The Office Pub  
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**We Need Help.** Your support helps us to continue to help moms and their babies to stay in the home. We appreciate your continued support. **Any questions: 217-690-4380.**

### Religious Education News

## Religious Education



### Grade 6 Bake Sale is February 13, 2025.

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

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.



Mrs Weber's 4th graders decorated hearts with 1 Cor 13—Love is patient. Love is kind...Using them for prayer time.

### FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE 2025

## February 16th

1pm-3pm Teutopolis Banquet Hall

#### 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. 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 Capitol 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.

### CHWC Superbowl Fundraiser -

Our annual St. Francis CHWC Superbowl square fundraiser concludes this weekend. Prizes will be awarded after each quarter...\$100 after the 1st, \$200 after the 2nd, \$300 after the 3rd, and \$400 for the final score. Winners will be announced on Facebook St. Francis Youth Ministry page. Thanks for supporting St. Francis CHWC!



**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!



### 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.





# 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](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
- Saturday, June 14, 2025 10:30-noon, Sr. Ethelbert, St. Francis of Assisi, Teutopolis

Contact Kate Pruemmer, CFCP. Email her at [kpruemmer@gmail.com](mailto:kpruemmer@gmail.com) or call or text 217-821-1840.



## BAPTISM

### Prep Dates

- 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.

Everyone is welcome to attend the **Deanery Prayer Vigil for Life** to pray for the protection of all life at Sacred Heart Church in Lillyville on Tuesday, February 18. Praying the rosary will begin at 6:00 pm. Fr Hyland Smith will be the celebrant for the 6:30 pm Mass. The business meeting will follow in the parish hall. Refreshments will be served while current pro-life issues and events are discussed.

## 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).



**Liturgical Ministers for February 15/16**

<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>	Kristin Probst Michelle Niebrugge	Cindy Esker	Phil Hartke Kathy Hartke	Maranda Martin Theresa Bushur
<b>Ushers</b>	*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
<b>Servers</b>	Abby Zane Maddie Zane Emma Isley	Olivia Dust Lucas Niemerg Kelsey Niemerg	Lucy Esker Grady Jansen Maggie Jansen	Grace Koester Charlie Koester Jackson Meyer

**Clean Linens - Janet Probst**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**SonRise Men’s Prayer Breakfast Friday**  
 Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers is back this week with an inspiring story about the life of venerable **Augustus Tolton**.  
 Augustus Tolton, of Quincy, IL, relentlessly pursued his calling to the Catholic priesthood while facing the challenges of slavery and intense racism in America during the mid 1800s. Tolton’s story is a great witness to the value of seeing the image and likeness of God in every person standing in front of you.  
 Hear more about venerable Augustus Tolton and how you can incorporate his mindset and heart into the unique challenges present in your own life.  
 All Men are welcomed. Gather at the St. Anthony Parish Center for a **hot breakfast; ready after 6:10 am, VIDEO program at 6:30 am**, and concluding at 7:30 am.

**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?  
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 • 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.

**Teutopolis Park District:**  
 Indoor pool party-February 21, 5:30-7:30 pm at the Workman Sports and Wellness Complex

**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](mailto:marriageontapstl@gmail.com).



**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.  
**4/4/2025—4/6/2025, St. Peters, MO**  
**6/13/2025—6/15/2025, St. Peters, MO**  
**8/1/2025-8/3/2025, Cape Girardeau, MO**

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