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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

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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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Shannon Hinkle Rhonda Meyer Dennis Runde Donna Addis Dan Blankenship

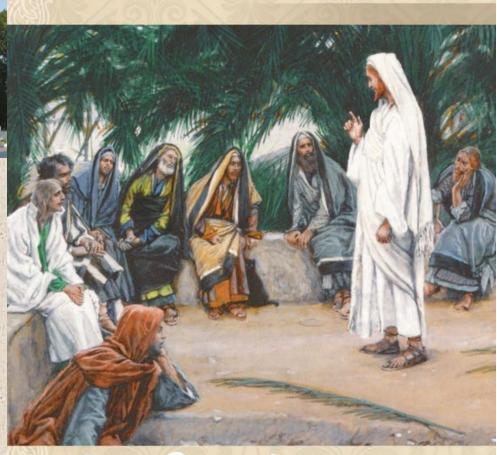
Dr. Charles Runde Pete Bushur Melissa Habing Monica Kremer

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.



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH



"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man."- Lk 6:22

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Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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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

At the 10:30 Mass last Sunday I began my homily with comments about the Super Bowl, which would be played later that day. I made a reference to it as part of our national culture. We also have a local culture, and I mentioned the atmosphere in our gym the previous Friday evening when we played St. Anthony's. The gym was "electric" for want of a different term. One of the most exciting times I've witnessed in the many games I've been to. And then, to top it off, Saturday afternoon our Wooden Shoes won their 2,000th victory in a game against Robinson. Our athletic program, for all sports, I presume, goes back to 1924! And Tyler Repking assures us that we are the 6th team in Illinois to have reached this milestone. Prior to the Mass I had thought of asking the members of the congregation to stand if they had ever played on the basketball team over the years, but then I realized that our culture is "basketball geared." Many people would be in the pews, who played on State championship teams in baseball, and others have poured hours of their time and talent into tennis, soccer, track and so forth. How often do we recognize the women's side of sports?

On my desk, and for many years I have had with me, no matter what state or country, where I was assigned, I have two wooden shoes having the names on them of the1986 male and female teams and their records: 33-0 and 31-1. That was my last year here, and it couldn't possibly have become better when you are the champions!

I draw your attention to the February 2025 issue of America Magazine. It has an interesting article in it with the title: "Why Sunday Matters: Youth sports, Mass and the meaning of rest." Going back to the fathers of the Second Vatican Council, who raised concerns about sports tempting people away from the practice of religion, Joshua J. Whitfield, the writer of the article quotes: "To put it simply, the pews are empty, but the bleachers are full." I think there is a homily in here for a future Sunday. Stay tuned in.



Stewardship of Treasure					
	2/9/25	<u>Year</u>			
231 Envelopes	\$8,457.50	\$394,935.82			
58 Online giving	\$2,352.00	\$99,298.00			
Other	\$1,111.00	\$35,246.23			
TOTAL	\$11,920.50	\$529,480.05			
Assisi to Africa	\$1,166.00	\$26,813.00			
Other TOTAL	<u>\$1,111.00</u> \$11,920.50	<u>\$35,246</u> \$529,480			



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!

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Feb. 17, 6:30 am: Gene & Lenora Runde Tuesday, Feb. 18, 6:30 am: Joseph Weis Tuesday, Feb. 18, 7:55 am: Herman J. Runde Wednesday, Feb. 19, 6:30 am: Joe Hoedebecke Wednesday, Feb. 19, 7:55 am: Don Brumleve Thursday, Feb. 20, 6:30 am: Louis & Ruth Koester Thursday, Feb. 20, 12:10 pm: Gene Runde Friday, Feb. 21, 6:30 am: Bill & Billie Pals Friday, Feb. 21, 7:55 am: Brian Westendorf Saturday, Feb. 22, 4:30 pm: Gerald Borries Sunday, Feb. 23, 6:30 am: Pro Populo Sunday, Feb. 23, 8:30 am: August & Marian Schultz family living and deceased Sunday, Feb. 23, 10:30 am: Verena Brumleve

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, Kourtney Giles, and Robert Poston.

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please call the office at 217-961-6404.

REMINDER: We will be voting for the new parish council members at each Mass next weekend (Feb. 23/24).

Liturgy Schedule

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 17— February 23

- Monday, The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order 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. Peter Damian Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am
- Saturday, The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle Mass at 4:30 pm
- Sunday, **The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time** Mass at 6:30 am, 8:30 am, & 10:30 am

Confession Schedule

Tuesday, February 18, 6:15-6:45 pm Thursday, February 20, 6:15-6:45 pm Saturday, February 22, 3:00-4:00 pm

Liturgy of the Hours with Friars

Monday-Friday—11:45 am & 4:45 pm

Attention Homebound

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound for Sunday, February 23rd are Jodi Isley 217-857-3645 and Rita Habing 217-857-3006.





55 PLUS-FEBRUARY—Join us

February 20, 2025 for the 55 Plus gathering in St. Clare hall following the 12:10 pm Mass.

Come and enjoy a meal of chicken alfredo, baked spaghetti, mostaccioli, salad

and breadsticks. Feel free to bring a dessert to share. RSVP by calling 217-961-6404.



We Need Help With

- Monetary Donations
- Non-perishable Foods
- Toiletries

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WE NEED YOUR 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**

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THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday, February 17

- Adoration 1:00 pm Monday until 6:00 am Tuesday
- President's Day—parish office is closed

Tuesday, February 18

• Confessions 6:15-6:45 pm

Wednesday, February 19

- 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 20

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

Friday, February 21

• Teen center, 7:00-10:00 pm

Saturday, February 22

- Confessions, 3:00-4:00 pm
- Parish council election at weekend Masses

Sunday, February 23

- Children's liturgy at 8:30 & 10:30 am Mass
- Parish council election at weekend Masses

CCW QUILT

All quilters welcome! We will be quilting on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:00-noon in the morning and from 1:00-4:00 pm in the afternoon, in the St. Clare hall. Contact Jean Habing 217-821-3704 or Rita Habing 217-343-4681.



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).

Religious Education News

Religious Education

No School February 17th for Presidents Day.

The **Confirmation/First Communion date has been moved** from September 6th to <u>August 30th</u>. All deadlines for paperwork submission and parent meeting dates remain the same.

Jason Niebrugge generated enthusiasm for our Faith last week when he had his Grade 6 class actively engaged in a game of Trivia to review the lesson content.





Jane Ruholl had her students eagerly thirsting for knowledge as they engaged in good discussions.





Anita Deters' 3rd grade religion class have been learning about

Vocations. The students enjoyed hearing from Fr. Dat



and just recently, Sr. Christina and Sr. Clare spoke about their life long service as Notre Dame sisters.

Mrs Drees 3rd grade class taking turns reading the Bible stories.

Knights of Columbus

In our Fourth Diocesan Synod, it was declared that we live as disciples who "make a conscious, firm decision, carried out in action, to be followers of Jesus Christ." One way that, as Catholic gentlemen, we can live out this declaration is by becoming an active member of the Knights of Columbus.

If you are at least an18 years of age and a male, please consider joining the Knights of Columbus to help in our mission to promote charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism.

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.



YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

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

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.



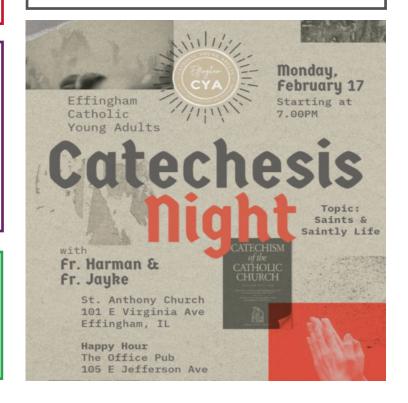
SAVE THE DATE - CHWC Trivia Night will be held April 4, 2025 at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall! Doors open at 6:00 pm. Trivia starts at 7:00 pm!



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<u>CHWC Superbowl Fundraiser</u> - Thanks to everyone who participated in our annual St. Francis CHWC Superbowl square fundraiser

concludes this weekend. Prizes were awarded to...Barb Gillock \$100, Rhonda Meyer \$200, Alayna Runde \$300, and Patricia Schlanser won \$400! Thanks for supporting St. Francis CHWC!









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, June 14, 2025 10:30-noon, Sr. Ethelbert, St. Francis of Assisi, Teutopolis Contact Kate Pruemer, CFCP. Email her at <u>kpruemer@gmail.com</u> or call or text 217-821-1840.



Our Sorrowful Mother's Ministry in Vandalia, IL will be hosting a retreat on March 7-8. Join us for an intimate retreat weekend titled "Do you Want to Be Healed?". Our retreat leader is Fr. Jerry Byrd, who is a former Baptist who not only converted, but was ordained a Catholic priest. He is from the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. His conversion was featured on EWTN. Please go to osmm.org to register, and the full agenda is listed on their website. The cost is \$45 to attend. You may also contact Karla Slifer at 217-690 -5282 for more information.





- 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.

> St. Michael School, Sigel, IL Swine & Dine Breakfast

Sunday – February 23, 2025 7:00 am – Noon

DELICIOUS ALL YOU CAN EAT MENU: Whole Hog Sausage, Eggs, Buttermilk Pancakes, Homemade Rolls, Breads, Orange Juice, Coffee & Milk.

Adults—\$10 Children 5 - 13 yrs. & Seniors—\$7.00

All Proceeds Benefit St. Michael School. There will be a craft store, raffle items and mystery boxes.



Liturgical Ministers for February 22/23					
<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	
Servers	Julien Blim Exavier Smothers Aiden Funneman	Meriel Schumacher Xavier Schumacher Sapphira Schumacher	Addison Hoene Lexi Hoene Halle Hoene	Simon Lee Charles Nemerg Robert Niemerg	

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SonRise Men's Prayer Breakfast – Family Love & Prayer

This Friday Jason Angelette gives a session about forming the Christian spirituality of marriage and family life through prayer. Families must implore God's help in prayer, draw grace and love from the Eucharist, and overcome sins in Penance.

Men, this IS your time. 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. More info: contact the parish office.

De Colores Spring Weekends

Say yes to a 3 day beautiful experience at camp Walter Scott.

If you're:

- 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.

PAPER DEPOT OPEN! Recyclables Accepted: Newspaper, Magazines, Office Paper Proceeds to: Monastery Museum & Charities. Aluminum Cans—Proceeds to: Teutopolis Youth Group

Teutopolis Park District:

Indoor pool party-February 21, 5:30-7:30 pm at the Workman Sports and Wellness Complex.

3rd and 4th Grade **Instructional Volleyball** (March 22, 29): Sign up by February 23.

5th and 6th Grade **Volleyball** (March 15 – May 3): Sign up by February 23.

Baseball and Softball (late May to mid-July): Sign up by March 1.

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.



Let Jesus Feed Your Marriage!

Renew your sacrament, deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, and rekindle your ro-

mance 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.

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





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