

February 23, 2025 - The Seventh 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.



7th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." - Lk 6:36

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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

The parishioners of St. Francis extend our sympathies and condolences to the families of Patricia Weber and Eleanor Gebben. Pat Weber was buried from our parish on Tuesday, February 18th, and Eleanor’s funeral was Friday, February 21st. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.


I understand the Father-Daughter Dance was a huge success again. If a parish or community doesn’t have this custom, it would certainly be a good one to start, an excellent bonding tool for Dads and their children.

It’s too early to tell at this point, but I am sure hoping that this Thursday our 8th graders will win first place in the state in basketball. All the teams and age groups put in a great deal of time and effort to be their best. Congratulations to our Wooden Shoe pomerettes for placing Second in State competition. Many of us don’t understand or appreciate all the work and time that our cheerleaders and pomerettes put into their gifts and talents. They are creating wonderful memories of their high school years.


We ask the Holy Spirit to help guide us in our parish council elections. We are all grateful to the candidates for being willing to step up to the plate and put their names in the hat. The Spirit will guide us in our discernment of the candidates to serve for the next three years. That might sound like a long time, but you know and I know how fast that time goes!



God Bless Those Serving Our Country.
 Anthony Vahling, Shawn Zerrusen, Ali Kingery,
 Andrew Simmons, Jesse Koester, Justis Coventry,
 Braydan Bushue, Mallory Stone, Myles Stortzum,
 Gavin Tegeler, Avry Kreke.



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.




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!

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Feb. 24, 6:30 am: Ray Vahling
 Tuesday, Feb. 25, 6:30 am: Paul & Marian Runde
 Tuesday, Feb. 25, 7:55 am: Ray Lohman
 Wednesday, Feb. 26, 6:30 am: Don H. Deters
 Wednesday, Feb. 26, 7:55 am: John Miller
 Thursday, Feb. 27, 6:30 am: Edwin Fulle
 Friday, Feb. 28, 6:30 am: Dave Worman
 Friday, Feb. 28, 7:55 am: Sonny Will
 Saturday, March 1, 8:00 am: James & Anna Mae Waldhoff
 Saturday, March 1, 4:30 pm: Albin Worman
 Sunday, March 1, 6:30 am: Pro Populo
 Sunday, March 1, 8:30 am: James Waldhoff
 Sunday, March 1, 10:30 am: Jane & Brian Austin

"As some of you may have noticed after Saturday evening's mass that there was a **newly constructed safety beacon** to ensure parishioners safety crossing the road. We hope to utilize this same safety unit after Wednesday evening religious education classes as well. There are several people to thank for this project: Eric Habing, Ron Ruholl, Leon Goeckner with Brumleve Canvas, and John Burford Electric."



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 Wente, Paula Spencer, Sharon Ghasht, 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.

Stewardship of Treasure

	<u>2/16/25</u>	<u>Year</u>
195 Envelopes	\$9,249.50	\$404,185.32
62 Online giving	\$2,831.00	\$102,129.00
Other	\$1,155.00	\$36,401.23
TOTAL	\$13,235.50	\$542,715.55
Assisi to Africa	\$250.00	\$27,063.00

Liturgy Schedule

The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time February 24— March 2

- Monday, 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, St. Gregory of Narek
Mass at 6:30 am
- Friday, Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am
- Saturday, Mass at 8:00 am & 4:30 pm
- Sunday, **The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Mass at 6:30 am, 8:30 am, & 10:30 am

Confession Schedule

- Tuesday, February 25, 6:15-6:45 pm
- Thursday, February 27, 6:15-6:45 pm
- Saturday, March 1, 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 24

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

Tuesday, February 25

- Quilting, 9:00 am-noon & 1:00-4:00 pm, St. Clare
- Confessions, 6:15-6:45 pm
- Guitar practice, 6:45 pm

Wednesday, February 26

- 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 27

- Quilting, 9:00 am-noon & 1:00-4:00 pm, St. Clare
- Confessions, 6:15-6:45 pm
- Adult choir, 7:00 pm

Friday, February 28

- Quilting, 9:00 am-noon & 1:00-4:00 pm, St. Clare

Saturday, March 1

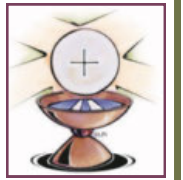
- Mass, 8:00 am
- Confessions, 3:00-4:00 pm

Sunday, March 2

- Children's liturgy at 8:30 & 10:30 am Mass
- Scout Sunday, 10:30 am Mass
- Monastery Museum opens, 12:30-4:00 pm

Attention Homebound

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound for Sunday, March 2nd are Deb Blankenship 217-663-0862 and Brenda Henry 217-343-6242.



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| 1 | Mark Habing | 81 |
| 2 | Patricia Poston | 82 |
| 3 | Dick Kreke | 80 |
| 4 | Carol Heuerman | 85 |
| 12 | Bob Pals | 88 |
| 13 | Ben Runde | 85 |
| 14 | Evelyn Dhom | 98 |
| 17 | Charlie Heuerman | 80 |
| 18 | Art Deters | 84 |
| 30 | Betty Buscher | 84 |
| 31 | Alice Ruholl | 83 |



The parishioners extend our sympathy and condolences to the families of Patricia Weber and Eleanor Gebben. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Welcome to our faith Family:

Loretta Mae Ruholl
Daughter of Scott & Chelsey (Funneman) Ruholl

Wade Steven Hutmacher
Son of Samuel & Kelsey (Ericksen) Hutmacher

FIRST SATURDAY MASS & DEVOTION

March 1, 2025 Rosary—7:40 am Mass—8:00 am
Meditation—8:30-8:45 am

"The Knights of Columbus are celebrating the 125th anniversary of the beginning of the Fourth Degree

of their membership. The first class, exemplification, of the Fourth Degree, the visible arm of the Order, was held in New York City with 1100 candidates in attendance on February 22, 1900. The Fourth Degree Assembly here at St. Francis of Assisi parish will be celebrating that momentous event with the Fourth Degree Honor Guard's presence at the 8:30 am Sunday Mass, March 9, 2025. Everyone is cordially invited to a reception at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall after that Mass with coffee, juice, milk and doughnuts. Please come and help in the celebration. We also invite members of the Third Degree to consider entering into the Fourth Degree.



Religious Education News

Religious Education

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

First Reconciliation is scheduled for Saturday March 15th . There are two sessions with the first one starting at 8:30am and the second at 10:00 am.

Grade 3 will be having confessions Monday, Feb. 24

Grade 5 will be having confessions Thursday, Feb. 27

All school Mass on Ash Wednesday, March 5, 7:55 am.



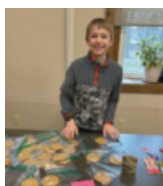
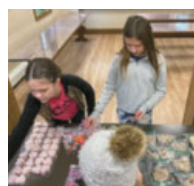
The Grade 6 Valentine's Bake Sale raised a whopping \$1710.

A big thanks to Camille and the volunteers that made it come together.



Thanks also to all the parents who sent their children in with money.

This money will be sent to Father Damien's Mission in Africa.



THANK YOU On behalf of the father-daughter dance committee, we would like to extend our deepest gratitude for your generous support of our Father-Daughter Dance. Your sponsorship played a pivotal role in creating an unforgettable evening for these girls, and we truly couldn't have done it without you.

YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

Feb. 26 - Religion class 7-8:15pm (8th Grade Confessions & Stations)

March 5 - No Religion - Ash Wednesday

March 7 - Teen center open 7:30-10pm

March 12 - CHWC Singer Dana Catherine here

March 19 - Religion class 7-8:15pm

March 21 - Teen center open 7:30-10pm

March 26 - Religion class 7-8:15pm

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 News

CHWC Singer/Songwriter Dana Catherine

will be performing here at St. Francis church on March 12th at 5:00 pm and again at 7:00 pm for religious ed classes. The event is free but donations will be collected at the door to benefit our CHWC program! Please come and listen to her story and enjoy some praise and worship music!



SAVE THE DATE - CHWC Trivia Night "The Road to Kansas City"

will be held **April 4, 2025** at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall! Doors open at 6:00 pm. Trivia starts at 7:00 pm! Cost is \$160/team of 8, and free snacks will be provided throughout the night. Call 217-961-1500 to reserve your table!

The Mattoon Deanery Council of Catholic Women

next meeting is Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at St. Anthony of Padua, 101 E. Virginia Ave., Effingham, IL. Registration at 8:00 am and following Mass. Mass at 8:30 am. Please sit towards the back of the church or on the sides since the students will also be attending Mass. Please join us for a fun and faith-filled day. We warmly welcome all ladies and their friends to come together for a day of fellowship, inspiration and community. Lunch and white elephant auction (wrapped gift) will conclude the day; proceeds go to the Seminary Fund (check or cash accepted). Whether you're a long-time member or someone looking to connect with fellow Catholic women, this gathering is an excellent opportunity to grow in your faith, strengthen your community bonds, and have a great time! Contact: MDCCW President: Margaret Thompson (217) 232-4350 or drmathompson76@gmail.com.



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



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.



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.

BAPTISM

Prep Dates

- Thursday, March 6, 2025 at St. Francis of Assisi
- Tuesday, April 1, 2025 at St. Isidore
- Thursday, May 1, 2025 at St. Francis of Assisi
- Thursday, June 5, 2025 at St. Rose of Lima
- Thursday, July 10, 2025 at St. Francis of Assisi
- Tuesday, August 5, 2025 at St. Isidore

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.

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.

Liturgical Ministers for March 1/2

<u>Ministry</u>	<u>4:30 pm</u>	<u>6:30 am</u>	<u>8:30 am</u>	<u>10:30 am</u>
Readers	Jeannie Burrell Kent Probst	Jane Pruemmer	Monica Kremer Jill Schumacher	Cathy Thoele Marty Siemer
Ushers	*Scott Brumleve Chris Deters Glen Waldhoff Aaro Stortzum Jerry M. Runde Todd Probst	*Gary Deters Larry Esker Joe Esker Jason Huber Allen Koester Mike Hardiek	*Ryan Jansen Dan Habing Jake Habing Troy Bloemer Paul Willenborg Pat Niemerg	*Rich Niebrugge Greg Addis Tom Niebrugge Brian Ruholl Carl Waldhoff Logan Waldhoff
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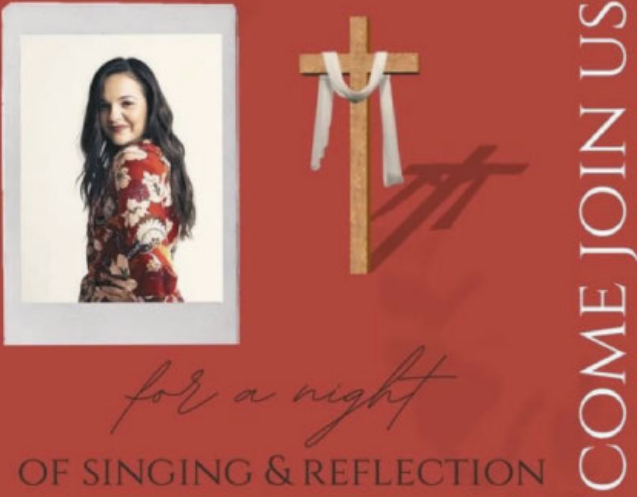
UPCOMING EVENTS

St. Francis of Assisi-Teutopolis
 Posted by Maria Kingery
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Mark your calendars for March 12th!

Join us in church for music and reflection with CHWC musician Dana Catherine!

Check out the link below for more information about her!
<http://www.danacatherinemusic.com/mission>



COME JOIN US
for a night
OF SINGING & REFLECTION

ST FRANCIS CHURCH | MARCH 12 | 5PM - ADULT
 7PM - RELIGIOUS ED

Lenten Series beginning SonRise Men’s Breakfast

Father John Burns kicks off our “Worthy of the Call” Lenten journey by sharing how lent is a calling to repent and believe in the Gospel. All Men are welcomed for this SonRise Men’s Breakfast. No charge or registration needed.

It is difficult to admit our attachment and attraction to particular sins that we struggle with, but God calls us to confront sin in this way in order to overcome it.

This FRIDAY 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.

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.

Teutopolis Park District:

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.

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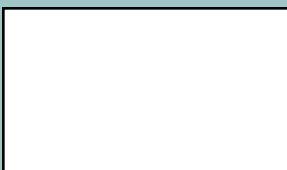
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