

March 2, 2025 - The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH



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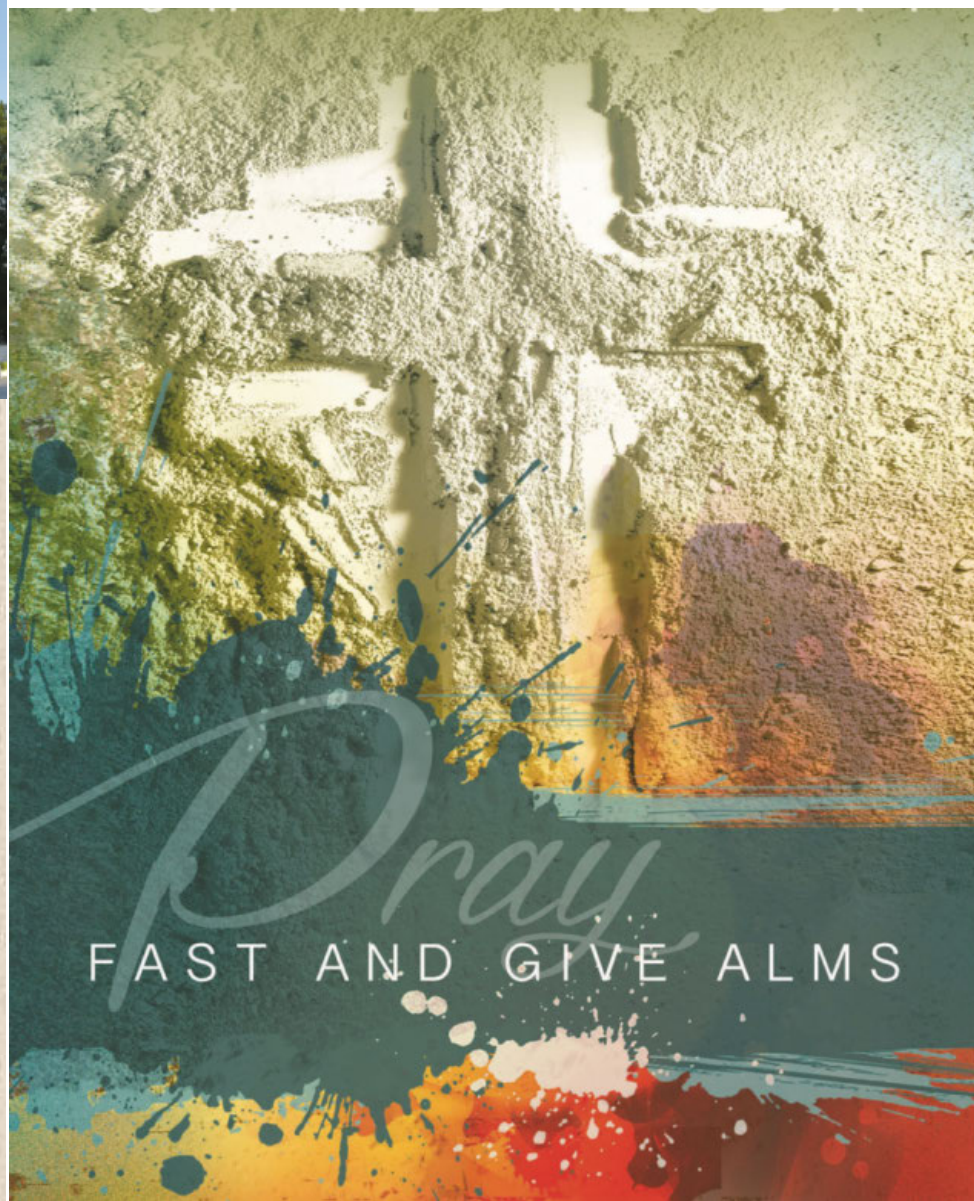
## Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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.



## LENT BEGINS MARCH 5TH

### Lenten Regulations

1. **ABSTINENCE**—Everyone 14 years of age and over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
2. **FAST**—Everyone 18 years of age and under 60 is required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is permitted. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to each person's needs, but together these two should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids (including milk and fruit juices) are allowed.
3. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.

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## From the Pastor


We have white smoke! Our parish council election last weekend went smoothly, and I am happy to share with you the results. The top three people are Lisa Siemer, Gabe Rauch and Johnny Meinhart. Congratulations! I thank all, who were willing to put their name on the ballot. In the near future, the three parishioners, who have served on the council for the last three years will be moving on, and they are: Shannon Hinkle, Rhonda Meyer and Dennis Runde. We are grateful for their service to the parish and the community. As many have said, they are glad they served because they have a much better idea of what goes into the workings of the parish. I find it interesting that Canon Law requires that each parish have a Finance Council. A Parish Council is not required!

Ash Wednesday is this Wednesday! We have 4 Masses: 6:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 12:10 p.m. and the last one at 7:00 p.m. I hope that everyone can attend Mass during those 13 hours! Ash Wednesday is not a holy day of obligation, but many people participate in the Eucharist to begin their season of Lent. Our weekday Masses all Lent see an increase of people coming to pray.


Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstaining. If you are over 18 years of age and under 60, then you have to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting means not eating between meals, and only one large meal. Abstaining means not eating meat. If you are 14 years of age, then you have to abstain on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Every Friday during Lent we have the Way of the Cross, also called “Stations.” This happens at 7:00 p.m. If you have never prayed the Way of the Cross, come on Friday evening and pray.

Start NOW to prepare how you will pray through Lent. I suggest doing something positive, and hopefully you will benefit from the penance. The three pillars of Lent are prayer, fasting and almsgiving. A good plan will incorporate all three pillars.



**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.



**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.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Monday, March 3, 6:30 am: Larry & Mert McMahon  
 Tuesday, March 4, 6:30 am: Verena Brumleve  
 Tuesday, March 4, 7:55 am: Barb Hardiek  
 Wednesday, March 5, 6:00 am: Ray Vahling  
 Wednesday, March 5, 7:55 am: Virgil & “Tootie” Deters  
 Wednesday, March 5, 12:10 pm: Brian Westendorf  
 Wednesday, March 5, 7:00 pm: Gene Runde  
 Thursday, March 6, 6:30 am: Lucille Buhnerkempe  
 Friday, March 7, 6:30 am: Bernard Ruholl  
 Friday, March 7, 7:55 am: Bill Percy  
 Saturday, March 8, 4:30 pm: Living & deceased members of August & Marian Schultz family  
 Sunday, March 9, 6:30 am: Pro Populo  
 Sunday, March 9, 8:30 am: Ray Vahling  
 Sunday, March 9, 10:30 am: Myra Ruholl

**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>2/23/25</u>	<u>Year</u>
233 Envelopes	\$8,192.50	\$412,377.82
57 Online giving	\$2,325.00	\$104,454.00
Other	<u>\$1,197.00</u>	<u>\$37,598.23</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,714.50</b>	<b>\$554,430.05</b>
Assisi to Africa	\$273.00	\$27,336.00



## Liturgy Schedule

### The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time March 3— March 9

Monday,	St. Katharine Drexel Adoration 1:00 pm Monday until 6:00 am Tuesday Mass at 6:30 am
Tuesday,	St. Casimir Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am
Wednesday,	Ash Wednesday Mass at 6:00 & 7:55 am, 12:10 & 7:00 pm
Thursday,	Mass at 6:30 am
Friday,	Sts. Perpetua and Felicity Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am
Saturday,	St. John of God Mass at 4:30 pm
Sunday,	<b>First Sunday of Lent</b> Mass at 6:30 am, 8:30 am, & 10:30 am

### Confession Schedule

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

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

### Tuesday, March 4

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

### Wednesday, March 5

- Ash Wednesday
- Children's choir, 3:45-5:00 pm

### Thursday, March 6

- Quilting, 9:00 am-noon & 1:00-4:00 pm, St. Clare
- Confessions, 3:00-4:00 pm & 6:15-6:45 pm
- Baptism prep, 7:00 pm, St. Clare Hall

### Friday, March 7

- Quilting, 9:00 am-noon & 1:00-4:00 pm, St. Clare
- Stations of the Cross, 7:00 pm

### Saturday, March 8

- Catholic Charities speaker before the Masses
- Confessions, 3:00-4:00 pm

### Sunday, March 9

- Children's liturgy at 8:30 & 10:30 am Mass
- KC 4th Degree Mass & 8:30 am
- Catholic Charities speaker before the Masses



### Attention Homebound

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

### Ash Wednesday is March 5th

Mass times are 6:00 and 7:55 am, and 12:10 and 7:00 pm, at St. Francis

**Stations of the Cross** will be every Friday evening at **7:00 pm** during Lent. A different view or theme will be held each week. This week's stations will be done by the high school students.

**"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.

**Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe** On Ash Wednesday our special collection supports the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation will help restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries still struggling to recover from former communist rule. Funds from this collection support reconstruction, education formation, and poverty outreach. Please be generous to the collection. For more information, please visit [www.usccb.org/ceec](http://www.usccb.org/ceec).

**The Mattoon Deanery Council of Catholic Women** next meeting is Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at St. Anthony of Padua, Effingham, IL. Our guest speaker at the MDCCW meeting on 3/4/25 will be Carol Toney. She is a nurse and on her last mission trip worked on a Mercy Ship. 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](mailto:drmathompson76@gmail.com).

**Hope you can join us!**

### Religious Education News

## Religious Education

The **Confirmation/First Communion date has been moved** from September 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

Grade 4 has confessions on Monday, March 3. Grade 6 has confessions on Thursday, March 6.

Grade 5 will be taking their ACRE Religion Tests for the Diocese the week of March 10-13.

3K were engaged in a thoughtful prayer circle with Anita Deters.



1ME were engaged in some quality learning.

**Attention Kindergarten Parents!** TGS kindergarten registration is open now! Please call the office to register your child for the 2025-2026 school year. .

#### Teutopolis Park District:

3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade **Instructional Volleyball** (March 22, 29): Sign up continues.

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade **Volleyball** (March 15 – May 3): Sign up continues, late fees apply.

**Baseball and Softball** (late May to mid-July): Sign up continues, late fees apply.

## YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

- March 5 - No Religion - Ash Wednesday
- March 7 - Teen center open 7:30-10pm
- March 12/13 - 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 **ASAP**. 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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!

American Red Cross

Give blood. Help save lives.

**Teutopolis Community Blood Drive**

**Teutopolis Banquet Hall**  
210 S Pearl  
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**Tuesday, March 4, 2025**  
**12:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**



# 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.

## 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.

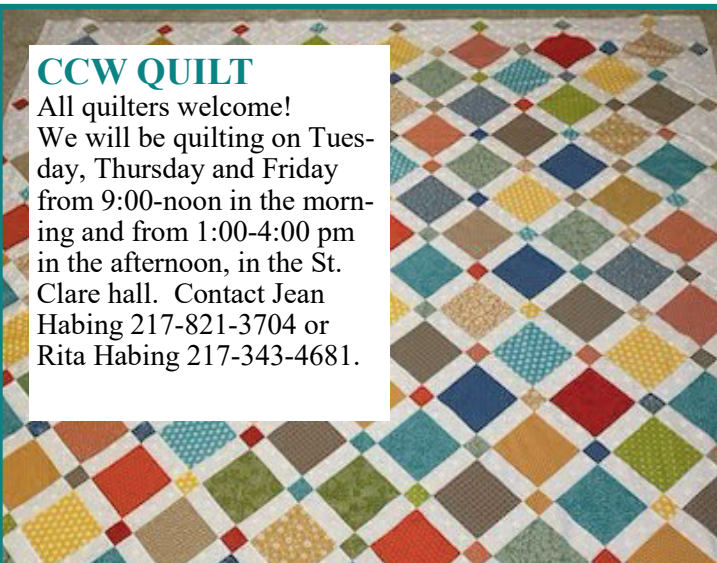
### Upcoming Natural Family Planning Classes

- Saturday, June 14, 2025 10:30-noon,  
Sr. Ethelbert, St. Francis of Assisi, Teutopolis  
Contact Kate Pruemer, CFCP. Email her at [kpruemer@gmail.com](mailto:kpruemer@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.




# 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 ASAP, for information contact Diann Ruholl at 217-663-2056.

### Put on your Assisi Attitude this Lent!

Join the fun in sharing faith for a book discussion or service opportunities. We are doing the book *Surrounded by Love: 7 teachings from St. Francis*. It's an easy read, and it gives lots of applicable lessons for our lives!

We are also offering 6 service opportunities for parishioners to put faith into action.

Discussions (no dinner this week) will start this Monday, March 3 with book pick up and a quick introduction to what the next 5 weeks will look like. Dinners and the discussions will start on March 10 at 6:30! First service opportunity starts March 9! Registration is appreciated! Call or text Lisa at (217) 821-4083 to register today!

### Assisi Attitude Service Opportunities

Register for these service opportunities and put your faith into action this Lent!

Week 1: New Parishioner Welcome: Sign up to welcome parishioners who have joined in the last year! (know someone new to the area or to the parish? Call us to make sure they are on our list!) Sunday, March 9, 11:30 am

Week 2: Feeding Cancer Families at the Hope Lodge. Located in St. Louis near BJC Hospital, The Hope Lodge allows families who have loved ones who are undergoing daily treatments to stay for free. They have a large commercial sized, communal kitchen that groups come in & bring food for the families to eat. Several of our parishioners have benefited from the Hope Lodge. How does it work? We will go in on a Tuesday to prepare, cook, and serve meals. We'll be adding a theme to bring hope & happiness to the families who are doing treatment. We will have 3 crews for this: Prep Crew that will prepare the food in the morning or mid day at St. Francis and the serving crew that will drive to St. Louis to do the serving. The 3rd crew: Donation Crew – It's the "I can't go today & can't be there to prep, but I'd love to give you food money to make it happen Crew" Typically, there are about 80-90 family members to feed at the Hope Lodge on any given day. Thursday, March 20 Crew 1 (Food Prep in TTown): 9:30 am Crew 2 (goes to STL) leave at 1:30 pm.

Call or text Lisa at (217) 821-4083 to register today!

**Liturgical Ministers for March 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>
<b>Readers</b>	Jeannie Burrell Kent Probst	Jane Pruemmer	Monica Kremer Jill Schumacher	Cathy Thoele Marty Siemer
<b>Ushers</b>	*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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<b>Servers: please arrive 15 minutes prior to Mass. Thank you!</b>				

**Clean Linens - Karen Drees**

# UPCOMING EVENTS

 **TEAMS WANTED!** – A Trivia Night hosted by *Crisis Nursery of Effingham County* and *Kiwanis Club of Effingham County* will take place on **March 15th** at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall. Exercise your brain and have fun supporting two great organizations! \$300 and a FREE table for Trivia Night 2026 will be awarded to the First Place Team and \$200 to the 2nd Place. There will be other games and prizes available throughout the night. Doors open at 6pm and Trivia starts at 7pm. Reserve your table today by contacting Kayla Schumacher (217-342-3000x3; [ad@crisisnurseryofeffingham.com](mailto:ad@crisisnurseryofeffingham.com)) or scan the QR code to register. Be sure to follow the event on Facebook for exciting updates! A special “thank you” to our presenting sponsor, Dieterich Bank, for making this event possible! 



**OPEN HOUSE & Lenten Series – SonRise Men’s Breakfast**

Father John Burns is back with another heavy and deeply spiritual lenten journey session. This week’s SonRise TMIY session asks us to contemplate the “four last things”: death, judgment, heaven, and hell. By contemplating these things, we can live in a deeper understanding of the repercussions of sin. Do you desire a life of eternal happiness and peace with the Lord in heaven? Men, join us on the journey to orient our whole lives toward Christ by avoiding that which makes us unhappy, sin. 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.

**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.

**Effingham Catholic Young Adults**

**MARCH 6TH @7PM**

**HOLY HOUR HAPPY HOUR**

 **CONFESSIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE** **FOR YOUNG ADULTS AGES 21-35**

**HOLY HOUR** 7-8pm @ St. Michael Church  
200 Church St, Sigel

**HAPPY HOUR** 8-9pm @ The Kazbar  
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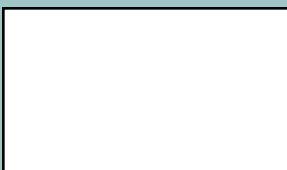
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