

March 9, 2025 - The First Sunday of Lent

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH



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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.



1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

The devil said to him, "All this will be yours, if you worship me."
Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written:
You shall worship the Lord, your God,
and him alone shall you serve."
- Lk 4:6a, 7-8

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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 condolences to the family of Nancy Hewing whose funeral was Saturday, March 8th. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.

A long time resident of Teutopolis and active member of our parish and community was buried from St. Anthony’s Parish in Effingham on Monday, March 3. Lawrence Carie and his wife, Barb, arrived in Teutopolis in 1958 right after their wedding! Over their 66 years of married life they reared their five children in the parish and were all very active in Wooden Shoe Country. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.

Wednesday we started Lent. Be good to yourself and decide today – or this weekend – how you will make this Lent your best Lent ever. How sad it would be for us to waste this precious time and come to Holy Week and think to ourselves: “I really should work on something for Lent!!” We are well aware of how fast time goes. Easter might seem like it is a long way off, but it will be here before you know it. In your plan for Lent try to include the three pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

The 4th degree of the Knights of Columbus is celebrating their anniversary at our 8:30 Mass this Sunday. Our local group of 4th degree members is increasing in number so we are glad to see this. They invite everyone to the Hall after the 8:30 Mass for refreshments.

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.
To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.

Teutopolis Monastery Museum opening dates for 2025

12:30—4:00 pm

- April 6, 2025
- May 4, 2025
- June 1, 2025
- July 6, 2025
- August 3, 2025
- September 7, 2025
- October 5, 2025
- November 2, 2025

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 10, 6:30 am: Joseph Weis
 Tuesday, March 11, 6:30 am: Bernard Ruholl
 Tuesday, March 11, 7:55 am: Patricia Weber
 Wednesday, March 12, 6:30 am: Doug Lundquist
 Wednesday, March 12, 7:55 am: Cecelia Habing
 Thursday, March 13, 6:30 am: Anita Jo Holman
 Friday, March 14, 6:30 am: Ray & Susie Stumborg
 Friday, March 14, 7:55 am: Eleanor Gebben
 Saturday, March 15, 4:30 pm: Albert Ruholl
 Sunday, March 16, 6:30 am: Don H. Deters
 Sunday, March 16, 8:30 am: Pro Populo
 Sunday, March 16, 10:30 am: Ron Starwalt

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>3/2/25</u>	<u>Year</u>
249 Envelopes	\$15,005.00	\$427,382.82
68 Online giving	\$3,680.00	\$108,134.00
Other	\$1,255.00	\$38,823.23
TOTAL	\$19,910.00	\$574,340.05
Assisi to Africa	\$1,778.00	\$29,114.00

Liturgy Schedule

The First Sunday of Lent March 10— March 16

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,	Mass at 6:30 am
Friday,	Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am
Saturday,	Mass at 4:30 pm
Sunday,	Second Sunday of Lent Mass at 6:30 am, 8:30 am, & 10:30 am

Confession Schedule

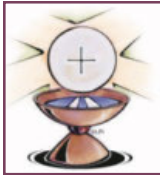
Tuesday, March 11, 6:15-6:45 pm
Thursday, March 13, 6:15-6:45 pm
Saturday, March 15, 3:00-4:00 pm

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, March 16th are Lenora Drees 217-857-3583 and Lori Mette 217-663-0869.



Catholic Charities has a rich history of providing vital services and hope to God's people in need.

In 2025, Catholic Charities will celebrate its 100-year anniversary of bringing relief and providing advocacy for the poor, sick, hungry, and weary every day throughout our diocese.

Every year, Catholic Charities serves thousands of our brothers and sisters in desperate situations throughout our 28 county diocese. This service comes in the form of meeting basic needs such as food, clothing, housing and medical/dental assistance as well as providing long term professional services in social work, counseling, guardianship and legal assistance. Everyone who is helped by Catholic Charities is treated with dignity and respect and provided a path to hope and healing.

Catholic Charities has been able to provide these services over the last century through the ongoing generosity of people like you - donors, staff, volunteers, board members, and organizations coming together to support the mission. During the weekend of March 15/16, 2025, the annual collection will again be held throughout our diocese. Thank you for your continued support.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday, March 10

- Adoration 1:00 pm Monday until 6:00 am Tuesday
- Parish Book Study, 5:00-9:00 pm, Sr. Ethelbert
- Liturgy meeting, 7:00 pm, St. Clare

Tuesday, March 11

- 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 12

- Dana Catherine performance in church at 5:00 pm & 7:00 pm with refreshments in St. Clare

Thursday, March 13

- Quilting, 9:00 am-noon & 1:00-4:00 pm, St. Clare
- Dana Catherine talk for parish, 9:00 am
- Confessions, 6:15-6:45 pm
- Adult Choir, 7:00 pm

Friday, March 14

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

Saturday, March 15

- Grade 2 First Confessions, 8:30 am & 10:30 am
- Confessions, 3:00-4:00 pm

Sunday, March 16

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

40 Days for Life Spring Campaign is

March 5-April 13. *St Francis will have a Eucharistic Day of Prayer for Life on Monday, March 24th, 9:00 am to Tuesday 6:00 am, in the chapel.* Let us join people of faith across our nation to pray and fast for an end to abortion, to close abortion centers and to restore respect for all human life. We pray because we believe unborn babies and all humans are created in the image of God. We fast because Christ told us that some demons can only be driven out by prayer and fasting. Could your family offer some of your Lenten prayer and sacrifice for the end of abortion? Please include in your prayers all mothers and fathers who have lost a child in an abortion. Pray that their hearts will be open to God's infinite mercy and they will seek His forgiveness and peace in the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Prayer
for Life



Religious Education News

Religious Education

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

Grade 5 ACRE Diocesan testing is March 10-12

JH & HS Religion classes resume Wednesday, March 12th. Students involved in the JH Silhouettes Stations need to arrive by 6:30 pm to practice in the cafeteria.

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

SCHOLARSHIP

The SDCCW (Springfield in IL Diocesan Council of Catholic Women) is pleased to recognize 2025 High School Female Graduates who exemplify our SDCCW values of Leadership, Faith and Service.

Therefore, the **SDCCW is offering four \$2,000 scholarships** to assist these young women in pursuing further education beyond high school. Please contact the parish office for more information. Application and essay are due by April 1, 2025.



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.

"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.

YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

March 12/13 - CHWC Singer Dana Catherine here
 March 14—Junior High Silhouettes Stations of the Cross, 7:00 pm
 March 19 - Religion class 7:00-8:15 pm
 March 21 - Teen center open 7:30-10:00 pm
 March 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 **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 12th at 5:00 pm and again at 7:00 pm for religious education 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!

ST FRANCIS CHURCH | MARCH 12 5PM - PARISH 7PM - RELIGIOUS ED | MARCH 13 9AM FOR MORNING REL ED VOLUNTEERS



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!

BAPTISM

Prep Dates

- 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:

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, April 12, 2025, 9:00-10:30 am, St. Anthony Church in Effingham.
- Saturday, June 14, 2025 10:30 am-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.




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 started 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 T-Town): 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 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>
Readers	Jeannie Burrell Kent Probst	Jane Pruemer	Monica Kremer Jill Schumacher	Cathy Thoele Marty Siemer
Ushers	*Scott Brumleve Chris Deters Glen Waldhoff Aaron 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
Servers	Cameron Kremer Madison Probst Cooper Parker	Clara Mette Anthony Mette Rayanna Mette Leo Mette (3 servers)	Keegan Swingler Kynley Swingler Lucy Esker	Blake Vahling Emma Vahling Jackson Meyer

Servers: please arrive 15 minutes prior to Mass. Thank you!

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 6:00 pm and Trivia starts at 7pm. Reserve your table today by contacting Kayla Schumacher (217-342-3000x3; 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!



Teutopolis Park District
Fitness Programs (March 31-June 27): Sign up by March 16

Teutopolis Banquet Hall
Friday Night Lenten Fish Fry, 5:00-7:30 pm
fish filet, shrimp, hush puppies, baked potato, slaw and French bread. Choice of large or small, kids: choice of 3.



Lenten Series for Men – SonRise Breakfast
In this session of TMIY, Father John Burns helps us see the reality of true human freedom by getting to the roots of our sins and reorienting our direction towards heaven. All Men are encouraged to join us on the journey to orient our whole lives toward Christ. 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.

Everyone is welcome to attend the **Deanery Prayer Vigil for Life to Pray for the Protection of All Life** at St. Michael the Archangel Church in Sigel on **Friday March 14**. Stations of the Cross for the Right to Life 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 small gym. Refreshments will be served while current pro-life issues and events are discussed.

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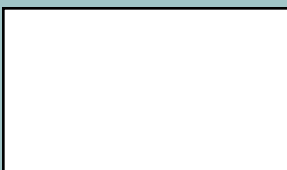
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