

March 16, 2025 - The Second Sunday of Lent

# 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.



## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." - Lk 9:34-35

## 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

We offer our congratulations to 65 of our second graders, who received the sacrament of reconciliation or confession for the first time this Saturday morning. Some came at 8:30, and others came at 10:00. This is not a sacrament of initiation. The sacraments of initiation are baptism, confirmation and holy Eucharist. These children will be confirmed by Bishop Paprocki and receive the Eucharist for the first time in August. They will then be fully initiated in the Church.

This Sunday evening we will welcome the 3 new members to the parish council and say farewell to the 3 members who have served the last 3 years. Retiring members are Shannon Hinkle, Rhonda Meyer and Dennis Runde, while the new members are Lisa Siemer, Gabe Rauch and Johnny Meinhart. We thank the retiring members for their work and service to the parish while serving on the council. I hope each of them would feel like she or he has learned more about the parish during their ministry on the council. In the Navy we called such meetings a “Hail and Farewell.”

Mark your calendar for this Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, for the Parish Penance Service. As many of you know, there really isn’t a “service” but it is more of an opportunity to receive the sacrament of penance or reconciliation. Your three priests, assigned to St. Francis Parish, will be in church and available to minister to you the sacrament of reconciliation.

For some time now we have offered the sacrament on Saturday afternoons from three to four o’clock, and on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:15 to 6:45. There will NOT be confessions this Tuesday evening from 6:15 to 6:45. See the next paragraph!

This Tuesday and Wednesday (March 18 and 19) Fr. Dat, Fr. Juan and I will be at a Priests’ meeting in Collinsville. Pastors are REQUIRED to attend the annual meeting, and from what I’ve seen not many, if any, miss the meeting. We are thankful to Fr. Dennis for presiding at both the 6:30 and the 8:00 Masses on Wednesday, the feast of St. Joseph.

Next Sunday, March 23, at the 10:30 Mass Jeremy Tomes will enter the Catholic Church. Many years ago he was baptized in the First Christian Church in Paris, IL and he has been coming to Mass with his wife, Sarah, for many years. This year he has been part of our OCIA program, the old RCIA, and now he is ready to make the step into Catholicism.

Would have been great for both Teutopolis and St. Anthony to be among the top four schools in the state for basketball this year, but it wasn’t meant to be. Our teams have made four consecutive trips to Carbondale for post season basketball, and we can be proud of those achievements. We are grateful to all of our young men and women who have played in various sports. They have given their time to practice, to sit in a bus and travel to some other school, to play their heart out and give their best. Thank you to all of them. You have served your community well with good sportsmanship and a Wooden Shoe spirit.



#### 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.

#### 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 Ghasst, 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.

#### MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 17, 6:30 am: Dave Worman  
 Tuesday, March 18, 6:30 am: Paul & Marian Runde  
 Tuesday, March 18, 7:55 am: Linus Willenborg  
 Wednesday, March 19, 6:30 am: Coy Fleener  
 Wednesday, March 19, 7:55 am: Nancy Hewing  
 Thursday, March 20, 6:30 am: Jim Probst  
 Thursday, March 20, 12:10 pm: Ken Hardiek  
 Friday, March 21, 6:30 am: Poor souls in purgatory  
 Friday, March 21, 7:55 am: Brian Westendorf  
 Saturday, March 22, 4:30 pm: Sarah Semple  
 Sunday, March 23, 6:30 am: Don Deters  
 Sunday, March 23, 8:30 am: Pro Populo  
 Sunday, March 23, 10:30 am: Mark Matteson



**55 PLUS-MARCH**—Join us March 20, 2025 for the 55 Plus gathering in St. Clare hall following the 12:10 pm Mass.

Come and enjoy a meal of ribs (provided by Bill & Karen Brumleve), mashed potatoes, baked beans and coleslaw. Feel free to bring a dessert to share. RSVP by calling 217-961-6404.

#### Stewardship of Treasure

	<u>3/9/25</u>	<u>Year</u>
216 Envelopes	\$7,967.00	\$435,349.82
59 Online giving	\$2,252.00	\$110,386.00
Other	<u>\$1,391.75</u>	<u>\$40,214.98</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,610.75</b>	<b>\$585,950.80</b>
Assisi to Africa	\$85.00	\$29,199.00

## Liturgy Schedule

### The Second Sunday of Lent March 17— March 23

Monday,	St. Patrick Adoration 1:00 pm Monday until 6:00 am Tuesday Mass at 6:30 am
Tuesday,	St. Cyril of Jerusalem Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am
Wednesday,	St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am
Thursday,	Mass at 6:30 am & 12:10 pm
Friday,	Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am
Saturday,	Mass at 4:30 pm
Sunday,	<b>Third Sunday of Lent</b> Mass at 6:30 am, 8:30 am, & 10:30 am

### Confession Schedule

Tuesday, March 18, 6:15-6:45 pm  
Thursday, March 20, 7:00 pm Penance Service  
Saturday, March 22, 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 17

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

### Tuesday, March 18

- Quilting, 9:00 am-noon & 1:00-4:00 pm, St. Clare
- No Confessions

### Wednesday, March 19

- Children's Choir, 3:45-5:00 pm
- Youth Choir, 6:00-7:00 pm

### Thursday, March 20

- 55+ lunch following the 12:10 pm Mass
- Parish Penance Service, 7:00 pm

### Friday, March 21

- Quilting, 9:00 am-noon & 1:00-4:00 pm, St. Clare
- Stations of the Cross, 7:00 pm
- Teen Center, 7:30-10:00 pm

### Saturday, March 22

- Confessions, 3:00-4:00 pm

### Sunday, March 23

- Children's liturgy at 8:30 & 10:30 am Mass

### Attention Homebound

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



## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Welcome to our faith Family:*

Sutton Christina Stock  
Daughter of Jordan & Tori (Will) Stock

Ivy James Roepke  
Daughter of Brandon & Shelby (Hotze) Roepke



The parishioners extend our sympathy and condolences to the family of Nancy J. Hewing. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon her.

## ANNUAL ST. FRANCIS CCW EASTER BAKE SALE

SR. ETHELBERT LOBBY



SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 2025, 8:00 - 11:00 AM

Bake sale items may be dropped off Friday between 2:00-4:30 pm or Saturday morning starting at 7:00 am.

## prayer

### EUCHARISTIC DAY OF PRAYER FOR LIFE, MONDAY, MARCH 24

– Please come to the chapel to pray for the protection of all human life before Jesus in the Eucharist on March 24 from 9:00 am through Tuesday 6:00 am. Volunteers are needed to sign up for a half hour or hour of prayer. We honor St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, on March 19. Scripture tells of Joseph's great role in protecting the infant Jesus and his Mother Mary. Let us pray in confidence to St. Joseph for the protection of the vulnerable unborn of today.

St. Joseph, Patron of Fathers, guide all fathers to love and protect their children. St. Joseph, Foster Father of Jesus, help families see the beauty in offering adoption or fostering/adopting children into their home. St. Joseph, Terror of Demons, cast out all demons and evil in the promotion of abortion and in abortion facilities. Amen.

## Religious Education News

### Religious Education

**The religion program is always looking for volunteers.** Reach out to Dan Niemerg at 217-961-6477, ext. 230.

**Grade 1 and 2 Stations of the Cross** is scheduled for March 31st at 7:55 am in the Church. This is open to the public.

Families, be sure to keep your children working on their **Lenten promises and contributing money to their Lent Boxes.** Lent Boxes are due back on April 9th.

**First Communion/Confirmation meetings** are at 7:00 pm in the Sr. Ethelbert Center on April 22 and April 24.

**Easter Day of Fun** is scheduled for Saturday April 19th. Be sure to return your child's note to the church by Friday, April 11th.

#### High School:

Religion class March 19<sup>th</sup> 7:00-8:15 pm

Religion class March 26<sup>th</sup> 7:00-8:15 pm

Religion class April 2<sup>nd</sup> 7:00-8:15 pm

Religion class April 9<sup>th</sup> 7:00-8:15 pm

**No classes during Holy Week.**



#### 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.

### YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

March 21 - Teen center open 7:30-10:00 pm

April 4- CHWC Trivia Night



#### CHWC News

#### March Madness tournament starting

**soon.** The cost to join the bracket pool is **\$10.00 per bracket.** You can make changes or add a bracket until the first game starts on Thursday, March 20th. Payouts as follows...

50% donated back to CHWC, 25% to first place, 15% to second place, 7.5% to third place, and 2.5% to fourth place.

You **must** have money submitted by Thursday, March 20, 2025. Pay by giving any camper or chaperone cash/check, drop it off at St. Francis Church or St. Francis Religious Education Office!

#### 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!

#### 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.

#### 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

# 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.



# 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.

## 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](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, 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](mailto:kpruemmer@gmail.com) or call or text 217-821-1840.



## White Lily Project

### Angel of Hope Statue and Memorial Garden



### 5k & 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk

### Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>

### Registration Begins at 7:00 AM

### Race Begins at 8:00 AM


Join us for the 3rd Annual 5k and 1 mile run/walk to raise funds for the Angel of Hope Statue and Memorial Garden! The race begins at the future location of our Angel of Hope Statue and Memorial Garden, in the open lot across the street from St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Teutopolis. Registration begins at 7:00 am, and the race starts at 8:00 am. All children 12 and under can register for \$5 - price will change at checkout for these youth registrations. The registration fee for participants 13 and older is \$25 until April 26th; the price will then increase to \$30. Participants can register on the morning of the event, however, we strongly encourage participants to register before the event. We plan to start the race promptly at 8:00, and to ensure that, we cannot guarantee that day-of-event registrations will receive a race timing bib. Everyone who comes to register the day of the event will still be able to register and participate in the race! White Lily Project t-shirts will be available for purchase at the 5k & 1 Mile!

To register scan the QR code or visit <https://runsignup.com/whitelilyproject>




## 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.



## 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.

**Liturgical Ministers for March 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>
<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 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
<b>Servers</b>	Owen Kreke Harrison Kreke Caroline Kreke	Meriel Schumacher Xavier Schumacher Sapphira Schumacher	Anna Tarter Addie Tarter Alyssa Myers	Logan Westendorf Brianna Westendorf Leslie Westendorf

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

**Clean Linens - Karen Drees**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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.



**SonRise Men's Breakfast this Friday!**  
 It's soon to be Halftime in Lent, keep focused on your intention. The words of St. Francis de Sales help, *"Although the end be last in the order of execution, yet it is first in the order of the agent's intention."*

Get refreshed and encouragement at SonRise Men's Breakfast. This coming **FRIDAY** at the St. Anthony Parish Center for a **hot Breakfast; ready after 6:10 am, program at 6:30 am**, and concluding at 7:30 am.

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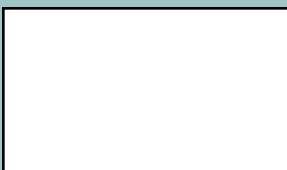
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