

March 30, 2025 - The Fourth Sunday of Lent

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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.



4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

"His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again.'"
- Lk 15:21-22a, 23b-24a

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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


Last weekend we welcomed into the church Jeremy Tomes at the 4:30 Mass. Now he is fully initiated into the Church. Congratulations, Jeremy, we welcome you. And at the 10:30 Mass last Sunday we had the First Scrutiny for Jessica Borries and Brock Lanham. We look forward to the Easter sacraments! Today we have the Second Scrutiny.

Tuesday, March 25th, we had the feast of the Annunciation, when the Angel Garbriel announced to Mary that she would be the mother of Jesus. This feast is the first of the joyful mysteries of the rosary. So we all know what is nine months away!

The day before, on March 24th, the Church celebrated the feast day of St. Oscar Romero. He is a martyr for our Catholic faith. His is a remarkable story, and he is a contemporary for us having died on March 24, 1980. St. Oscar Romero was an Archbishop from El Salvador, who campaigned for the rights of poor people and spoke out against violence during El Salvador’s civil conflict. His biography is interesting, and there is a movie about his life and death. He was assassinated while offering holy Mass in a chapel for the nuns. 250,000 people came to his funeral. When he was appointed archbishop of San Salvador in 1977, he was considered a “safe” choice. Three weeks after his appointment as archbishop, Romero was shaken by the murder of his good friend, Jesuit Father Rutilio Grande, a vigorous defender of the rights of the poor. Five more priests were assassinated in the Archdiocese of San Salvador during Romero’s years as its shepherd.

If it seems like there weren’t as many people at Mass with you last weekend, when you came to Mass, you’re right, and it doesn’t matter which Mass you attended. All four Masses were lower in attendance than usual. Our ushers count the people attending each of our Masses, so we have a metric rather than a guess. Our total last weekend was 1,206. We haven’t had that low of a number all year for any weekend. Any ideas why?

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 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.

God Bless Those Serving Our Country.

Anthony Vahling, Shawn Zerrusen,
 Andrew Simmons, Jesse Koester, Justis Coventry,
 Braydan Bushue, Mallory Stone, Myles Stortzum,
 Gavin Tegeler, Avry Kreke.

Stewardship of Treasure

	<u>3/23/25</u>	<u>Year</u>
212 Envelopes	\$8,023.00	\$452,750.82
53 Online giving	\$2,740.00	\$115,642.00
Other	\$1,111.00	\$42,495.98
TOTAL	\$11,874.00	\$610,888.80
Assisi to Africa	\$385.00	\$30,081.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 31, 6:30 am: Gene Runde
 Tuesday, April 1, 6:30 am: Anita Jo Holman
 Tuesday, April 1, 7:55 am: Eleanor Gebben
 Wednesday, April 2, 6:30 am: Brian Westendorf
 Wednesday, April 2, 7:55 am: James Waldhoff
 Thursday, April 3, 6:30 am: Ray Vahling
 Friday, April 4, 6:30 am: Donnie Niebrugge
 Friday, April 4, 7:55 am: Nadine Brumleve
 Saturday, April 5, 8:00 am: Gene Runde
 Saturday, April 5, 4:30 pm: Brian Westendorf
 Sunday, April 6, 6:30 am: Louis & Ruth Koester
 Sunday, April 6, 8:30 am: Pro Populo
 Sunday, April 6, 10:30 am: Agnes Buhnerkempe

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.



Attention Adorers & Substitutes: In April, the 1st of the month falls on Tuesday. This happens only a time or two each year. This is your reminder that if your hour of prayer is before midnight, the First Week of the month is Monday, April 7. If your hour of prayer is after midnight, the First Week is Tuesday, April 1. As always, thank you for your faithfulness in adoring Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament. If you have any questions, please call or text Cindy Vahling at 217-821-3366.

Liturgy Schedule

The Fourth Sunday of Lent March 31— April 6

Monday,	Adoration 1:00 pm Monday until 6:00 am Tuesday
Tuesday,	Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am
Wednesday,	St. Francis of Paola Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am
Thursday,	Mass at 6:30 am
Friday,	St. Isidore First Friday Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am
Saturday,	St. Vincent Ferrer Mass at 8:00 am & 4:30 pm
Sunday,	Fifth Sunday of Lent Mass at 6:30 am, 8:30 am, & 10:30 am

Confession Schedule

Tuesday, April 1,	6:15-6:45 pm
Thursday, April 3,	3:00–4:00 pm & 6:15-6:45 pm
Saturday, April 5,	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 31

- Adoration 1:00 pm Monday until 6:00 am Tuesday
- Grade 1 Stations of the Cross, 7:55 am
- Parish Book Study, 5:00-9:00 pm, Sr. Ethelbert

Tuesday, April 1

- Confessions, 6:15-6:45 pm
- Guitar Practice, 6:45 pm

Wednesday, April 2

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

Thursday, April 3

- Confessions, 3:00-4:00 pm & 6:15-6:45 pm
- Adult Choir, 7:00 pm

Friday, April 4

- Stations of the Cross, 7:00 pm

Saturday, April 5

- Confessions, 3:00-4:00 pm
- FOCCUS, after 4:30 pm Mass, St. Clare

Sunday, April 6

- Children’s liturgy at 8:30 & 10:30 am Mass
- Father & Son breakfast, K of C hall after 8:30 am Mass
- Monastery museum tours, 12:30-4:00 pm



Attention Homebound

Holy Communion will be brought to you on First Friday, April 4. No Communion to you on Sunday, April 6, 2025.



Holy Week ministry sign-up sheets

will be available on April 4 in the vestibule AND online at <https://forms.office.com/r/t2cUxsHz94>. Thank you so much for your time and consideration!

Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil

FIRST SATURDAY MASS & DEVOTION

April 5, 2025 Rosary—7:40 am Mass—8:00 am
Meditation—8:30-8:45 am



4	Barbara Thoele	81
12	Larry Hardiek	84
15	Pauline Zumbahlen	82
17	Sr. Christina Frick	85
18	Cecil Hoene	80
20	Rosie Brumleve	98
21	Janice Niemerg	90
23	Larry Pruemmer	87
24	Robert Ruholl	85
25	Ed Wiessing	83
26	Judy Lohman	81
30	Robert Poston	83
30	Patricia Weis	88



A big thanks to all who helped with the quilt! It has been completed and we appreciate those that gave their time and talents.

IT'S TIME FOR

HAM BINGO!

The K of C 4th Degree of Teutopolis will host this event Sunday, April 6—Teutopolis Banquet Hall.

Chips, hot dogs, and pulled pork will be served starting at 5:00 pm, BINGO will start at 6:00 pm. Come and enjoy an evening of food and Bingo!

Religious Education News

Religious Education

Grade 1 and 2 will be leading Stations of the Cross on Monday, March 31st at 7:55 am in the Church. All are welcome to attend.

The children's Lent Boxes are due back no later than April 9. Please encourage your child to practice ALMSGIVING. Please continue to encourage your children to be strong in their Lenten Sacrifice. Little sacrifices help them to remember to stay close to Jesus.

First Communion/Confirmation paperwork for students is due to the Religious Education office by April 7. Reminder that the confirmation sponsor form needs to be signed by their local parish.

The Seder meal is the traditional Passover meal. Grade 1 will have a Seder meal together on April 14.

Students will be participating in the VIRTUS Protecting God's Children lessons. This program is a diocesan mandate that presents age-appropriate lessons and activities to better equip your child to know their safety rights, recognize their boundaries, and to empower them to protect themselves when safe adults are not immediately available.

Lessons will be on the following dates: Gr. 1-April 25, Gr. 2-April 22, Gr. 3 & 4-April 7, Gr. 5 & 6-April 24.

Parents may opt their children out of this lesson by completing the OPT OUT Form and returning it to the office before the dates listed above. If opting out, students can still come to school as normal but should stay with the students who are not in the program in the gym or cafeteria.



Easter Day of Fun is Saturday, April 19, 8:30-10:30 am at the Grade School Gym. Forms were sent home this week and must be returned to the church office by April 11. Drop off your child at the gym and collect at the St. Clare parking lot. We are looking for volunteers from JH or HS to assist in running the program. Please sign up to volunteer.

Junior High & High School:

Religion class April 2 7:00-8:15 pm

Religion class April 9 7:00-8:15 pm

No religion classes during Holy Week.

Religion class April 23, 7:00-8:15 pm

Closing Mass for the religion program, April 30, 7:00 pm

High school graduation Mass, Sunday, May 18, 8:30 am

Junior high graduation Mass, Sunday, May 18, 10:30 am

YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

April 4- CHWC trivia night

April 4-Teen center cancelled

April 11—Teen center, 7:30-10:00 pm

April 25—Teen center, 7:30-10:00 pm



CHWC News March Madness contest continues!

Check our St. Francis Youth Ministry Facebook page for updates. 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.



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!

86th Annual Teutopolis Easter Egg Hunt

The Teutopolis Civic Club

will be hosting the annual Easter egg hunt in conjunction with the Easter Day of Fun on Saturday, April 19th at 10:00 am at the mini-park. Children ages 12 and under are eligible to hunt. Prizes for varied ages groups will be awarded.

Children do not need to attend the Easter Day of Fun in order to participate in the egg hunt.



Prayer for Life:

We praise God that abortion facilities are closing! Shawn Carney of the International 40 Days for Life has announced that Planned Parenthood (PP) facilities in Illinois, Decatur and Bloomington, are closing. *And* the flagship PP abortion facility in Manhattan has announced it will close due to financial reasons. In spite of New York being one of the most pro-abortion states, and the fact that the Planned Parenthoods in the USA receive \$750 million tax dollars per year, the power of peaceful, prayerful vigils in front of this abortion facility has brought on it's demise. A total of 45% of abortion facilities that have closed in the USA after a 40 Days for Life campaign were in pro-abortion states! Please continue to pray for an end to abortion and for respect for all human life! Thanks to all who prayed at our Eucharistic Day of Prayer this past Monday. In addition to prayer, if you would like to sign a petition to defund Planned Parenthood, go to defundplannedparenthood.com.

BLUE SUNDAY DAY OF PRAYER

April 27, 2025

Join millions of people across the nation as they unite in prayer for children experiencing abuse and neglect.

- PRAY they can be placed in safe, loving homes.
- PRAY that they remain with their siblings while in care.
- PRAY that they are given access to resources to heal their minds and bodies from their trauma.
- PRAY that parents find the healing and restoration they need to appropriately care for their children.
- PRAY for strength and patience for caregivers as they also navigate the foster care system.
- PRAY for more community members to answer the call to advocate for children as CASA volunteers.

www.casa4change.org or 855-484-6403

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.



White Lily Project
Angel of Hope Statue and Memorial Garden



5k & 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk

Saturday, May 3rd

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>



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 timely attention to this matter. Let's help keep our cemetery beautiful.

Liturgical Ministers for April 5/6

<u>Ministry</u>	<u>4:30 pm</u>	<u>6:30 am</u>	<u>8:30 am</u>	<u>10:30 am</u>
Readers	Gordon Zuber Mona Vahling	Jim Schumacher	Shannon Hinkle John Vogt	Jacob/Kate Pruemer Anita Deters
Ushers	*John Bushur Ron Probst Nick Deters Dr. Gerald Runde Tim Ordner Mark Weber	*Dave Runde Dean Kremer John Spannagel Tim McMahon Steve Mette Mark Willenborg	*Jason Niebrugge Darren Zerrusen Brian Jansen Brent McMahon Todd Voelker Duane Kremer	*Doug Mette Dave Habing Tom Schabbing Bill Martin, Jr. Jeff Thoele Bruce Buhnerkempe
Servers	Aiden Funneman Lily Stortzum Tess Stortzum	Evie Pals Lucy Esker Jack Hartke	Addison Hewing Noah Imburgia Eli Imburgia	John Pruemer Joshua Pruemer James Pruemer

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

Clean Linens - Lois Kreke

UPCOMING EVENTS

Teutopolis Park District
 Summer Day Camp (May 28-June 24): Sign up by April 1.
 Summer Tennis (May 28-June 24): Sign up by April 1.

Lenten Series for Men – SonRise Breakfast
 This Friday, Dr. Bergsma calls men to lift up your mind, as a question surrounding The Last Supper is explored - is this the source and summit of our faith? He explores a foreshadowing of the Last Supper in the rituals of the Jewish community. The Apostle John presents what happened on Holy Thursday through his eyes, as a Jewish person would view it.
 Men are welcomed this **Friday** at the St. Anthony Parish Center for **SonRise Breakfast; ready after 6:10 am VIDEO program at 6:30 am**, and concluding at 7:30 am.

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.



 **3rd Degree Exemplification**
 Thursday, April 3, 2025 at 7:00 pm

FATHER-SON BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 6 after the 8:30 am Mass
 Teutopolis Banquet Hall
 Speaker: Glenn Brummer,
 World Series Champion



St. Mary's, Shumway Parish Hall Fundraiser

MINI GOLF

Effingham Event Center
April 26, 2025
5PM-9PM
\$100 per couple
 (Individuals also welcome-\$50)
Each couple receives: 2 rounds of golf, 4 drink tickets, food and entry into a drawing.

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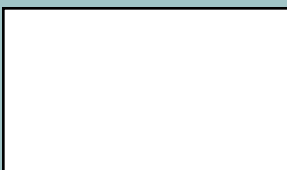
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