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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.

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.

From the Pastor

Happy Palm Sunday! We have the blessing of the palm before each Mass, and you are invited to take a piece of palm home with you after Mass. As you know, today begins Holy Week. Out of the 52 weeks of the year during this week we remember and commemorate the saving events of Jesus – Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil. You are welcome to come to any and all of our liturgical services. Their schedule is found here in the bulletin.

At 8 o'clock Holy Saturday evening we have our Easter Vigil, and we start with the blessing of the fire, which will take place outside the front entrance. I certainly hope the rain is out of our forecast! During the Easter Vigil we will have two baptisms: Jessica Borries and Brock Lanham. We are proud and happy to welcome them to the Catholic Church!

On the Sunday after Easter, called Divine Mercy Sunday, at the 10:30 Mass we will welcome two more people to our Catholic Church. They have already been baptized, so all they need to do is make a good confession, profess their faith in the Catholic Church, and we can confirm them and give them the Eucharist for the first time. They will then be fully initiated in the Church. They are: Jenny Bloemer and Cathy Deters.

CRS Rice Bowl-Catholic Relief Services provides resources to bring Lenten spirituality to life for families, parishes and school communities. We can do our part by answering Jesus' invitation to share bread for life with our sisters and brothers, so all may live with dignity. Seventy-five percent of alms collected serves CSR programs around the world. Twenty-five percent stays in our diocese to help fight hunger and poverty. The collection will be gathered on Holy Thursday, April 17, 2025.



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 Pruemer, 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 14, 6:30 am: Don H. Deters Tuesday, April 15, 6:30 am: Barbara Hardiek Tuesday, April 15, 7:55 am: Loretta Will Wednesday, April 16, 6:30 am: Jerry Niebrugge Wednesday, April 16, 7:55 am: Donald Brumleve Thursday, April 17, 7:00 pm: Holy Thursday Friday, April 18, 1:00 pm: Good Friday Saturday, April 19, 8:00 pm: Holy Saturday Vigil Sunday, April 20, 6:30 am: Pro Populo

Sunday, April 20, 8:30 am: Wilma Buhnerkempe Sunday, April 20, 10:30 am: Herman & Stella Mette

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.

PALM SUNDAY

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EASTER SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday Mass—7:00 pm

Good Friday

Solemnity Celebration—1:00 pm Stations of the Cross—7:00 pm

Saturday, Easter Vigil—8:00 pm

Easter Sunday—6:30, 8:30 & 10:30 am

Day of Prayer for Life – **Save the Date!** Please mark your calendars for the upcoming 51st annual Day of Prayer for Life to be held **Wednesday**, **June 18th**, at St Francis Church in Teutopolis. Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration will be held throughout the day, with the closing Mass at 7:30 pm.

Liturgy Schedule

Holy Week April 14— April 20

Monday, Adoration 1:00 pm Monday until 6:00 am

Tuesday

Tuesday, Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am Wednesday, Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am

Thursday, Holy Thursday

Mass at 7:00 pm

Friday, Good Friday

Solemnity celebration at 1:00 pm

Saturday, Holy Saturday-Easter Vigil

Mass at 8:00 pm

Sunday, Easter Sunday of the Resurrection

of the Lord

Mass at 6:30 am, 8:30 am, & 10:30 am

Confession Schedule

NO CONFESSIONS DURING HOLY WEEK

Liturgy of the Hours with Friars

Monday-Friday—11:45 am & 4:45 pm



Holy Week ministry sign-up sheets will be available 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

Annual St. Francis CCW

EASTER BAKE SALE

SR. ETHELBERT CENTER
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.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday, April 14

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

Tuesday, April 15

• Guitar Practice, 6:45 pm

Wednesday, April 16

- Server practice for Holy Thursday, 3:45 pm
- Children's Choir, 3:45-5:00 pm
- Youth Choir, 6:00-7:00 pm
- Adult Choir, 7:00 pm

Thursday, April 17

- Holy Thursday Mass, 7:00 pm
- CRS Rice Bowl Collection

Friday, April 18

- Church office closed, holiday
- Server practice, 9:00 am
- Good Friday Solemnity celebration, 1:00 pm
- Holy Land Collection
- Stations of the Cross, 7:00 pm

Saturday, April 19

- Decorate the church, 7:00 am
- CCW Easter bake sale, 8:00 am-11:00 am
- Easter Day of Fun, 8:30 am-10:30 am
- Server practice, 10:00 am
- Easter Vigil, 8:00 pm

Sunday, April 20

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

Attention Homebound

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound for Sunday, April 20 are Lenora Drees 217-857-3583 and Lori Mette 217-663-0869.



THank you to all who participated in the Monday night dinner and discussion of Surrounded by Love - 7 teachings of St. Francis! What a great shot in the arm for faith! Special thanks to Kevin and Sharon Schumacher and Hank and Deb Niebrugge for organizing all the fantastic dinners!! Thanks to the families that provided a meal and to the dessert and bread makers that made our time together that much sweeter! And thanks for the groups that participated in the Lenten service projects: welcoming new parishioners, serving food to cancer patients and families at the Hope Lodge, packing blessing bags for the homeless, serving meals and smiles to the homeless at St John's Breadline, and delivering Assisi Attitude bags to the matriarchs and patriarchs of our parish! We have one service opportunity left for Lent - Eastern Illinois Food Bank on April 15! St. Francis Parish has ROCKED being the hands and feet of God this Lent! May we all be instruments of God's peace!

Religious Education News

Religious Education

The Seder meal is the traditional Passover meal that includes reading, drinking grape juice, telling stories and eating special food. **Grade 1** will have a Seder meal on Monday, April 14. **Grade 6** will have their Sedar meal on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 15 and 16.

Parent meetings for First Communion and

Confirmation students are the following dates: Tuesday, April 22 at 7:00 pm, Sr. Ethelbert center. Thursday, April 24 at 7:00 pm in Sr. Ethelbert center. Please plan to attend one of these to get the information needed for the special day at the Cathedral.

The Diocesan mandated training for students to prevent child abuse and protect children is scheduled on the following dates: Gr. 1: Friday, April 25, Gr. 2: Tuesday, April 22, Gr. 5 and 6 Thursday, April 24.

Those parents who have opted their children out need not send them to religion on that day. Opt out students can join in with the other non-attending grade school students in the cafeteria/gym or they can come to school later that day.

Last day of grade school religion for the year is May 22 with a whole school Mass at 7:55 am.

If you are thinking about volunteering to help in the Religion program, WE NEED YOU.

Please think about volunteering in either the grade school program or the JH/HS program on Wednesday evenings. Contact Dan Niemerg st 217-961-6477.

Adult Education

After Lent, St. Francis will start adult class/bible study on the very popular TV series, "The Chosen". Interested?

Let me know a day/time that works best for you!

There is no cost for this program.

Contact Maria Kingery at 217-961-1500.

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:

No religion classes during Holy Week, April 16.

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 Brunch to follow Mass in the Sr. Ethelbert center.

Jr. High graduation Mass, Sunday, May 18, 10:30 am

YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

April 25—Teen center open (last one of the year), 7:30-10:00 pm, *need chaperones!*



CHWC News

March Madness contest

Thanks for playing in our March Madness contest! Payouts are as follows..., \$110 to first place, \$66 to second place, \$33 to third place, and \$11 to fourth place. Winners announced in the bulletin next week!



CHWC Trivia Night

"The Road to Kansas City" CHWC trivia night a success! 1st place winners were Meat Salad. 2nd place team was The Trivial Pursuits and 3rd place went to The Smartinis! The total amount raised for our CHWC program was \$12,000!

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.

all who offered prayer and sacrifice for a culture of life in any way during this 40 Days for Life Spring Campaign, which ends Palm Sunday, today. God only knows the power of our continued prayers in promoting Life! "Death is swallowed up in victory. Where, O death is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? ... Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." (1Cor. 15: 54-57) Lord Jesus, what words can there be to praise You for what You have done in conquering death and opening for us the way to eternal life? ... by Your own Paschal Mystery, death itself has been swallowed up in victory! When You rose from the grave, You did not simply conquer Your own death; You conquered ours. You robbed death of its power, and therefore You robbed abortion of its power ... Bless us, Lord Jesus, as we fight to protect our most vulnerable brothers and sisters from the violence of abortion ... Remind us, Lord, that we are not just working for victory; we are working from victory! Victory is our starting point! You have Risen and are alive forevermore! May You be praised, O Jesus, for You are the Lord of Life, forever and ever. Amen! (ProLifePrayers.com)

PRO-LIFE PRAYER/40 DAYS FOR LIFE - Thanks to

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

- 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: 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 am-noon, Sr. Ethelbert, St. Francis of Assisi, Teutopolis. Contact Kate Pruemer, CFCP. Email her at kpruemer@gmail.com or call or text 217-821-1840.

White Lily Project

Angel of Hope Statue and Memorial Garden



8:00 am.

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

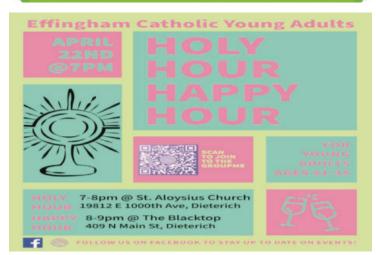
To register scan the QR code or visit https://runsignup.com/whitelilyproject

Everyone is welcome to attend the **Deanery Prayer Vigil for Life** to Pray for the Protection of All Life at St. Mary Help of Christians Church in Green Creek on **Thursday April 24**. Praying the rosary will begin at 6:00 pm. Fr. Adam Prichard will be the celebrant for the 6:30 pm Mass. The business meeting will follow in the parish hall. Refreshments will be served while current pro-life issues and events are discussed.

Liturgical Ministers for April 19/20				
<u>Ministry</u>	<u>8:00 pm</u>	<u>6:30 am</u>	<u>8:30 am</u>	<u>10:30 am</u>
Readers	* Sign ups	Jim Schumacher	Shannon Hinkle John Vogt	Jacob/Kate Pruemer Anita Deters
Ushers	*Sign ups	*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	Jacob Neihls Eric Habing Alex Habing	Olivia Dust Paul Huber Pearl Huber	Noah Imburgia Eli Imburgia Alyssa Myers	Maddie Zane Abby Zane Owen Repking Alexis Lane
	Servers: please arrive 15 minutes prior to Mass. Thank you!			

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UPCOMING EVENTS





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Teutopolis Comprehensive Plan Update

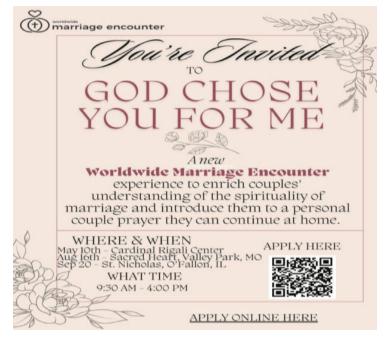
PUBLIC MEETINGS

April 23 at 7:00 pm—Teutopolis Banquet Hall
A suggested plan will be presented on the previous survey.
WE ARE HOPING THE COMMUNITY WILL
ATTEND AND SHARE IDEAS AND OPINIONS.

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.







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