

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH



2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

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Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." - Jn 20:28-29

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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

We join people from all over the world as we pray for our holy father Pope Francis and that God reward him for his service to the Church and to the world. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. And we pray for the Holy Spirit to guide the work of the cardinals, who will elect our next pope.

As we announced last week, at our 10:30 Mass this morning we will have the reception of two people, who have been baptized in a Christian church and are now ready to join us as Roman Catholics. Cathy Deters and Jenny Bloemer will make their profession of faith as Catholics, receive the sacrament of Confirmation and then receive Eucharist for the first time. They will be fully initiated in the Catholic Church. On Easter, at the vigil, I fully initiated two more people: Jessica Borries and Brock Lanham. My apologies to Jessica. In that Easter bulletin I put the name Jenny Borries instead of Jessica Borries! Maybe I was thinking of the name Jenny as in Bloemer or it could have been case of senior-itis. And if that is the situation then you can expect more mistakes!

Our parishioners extend our condolences to the family of Charles Hartke, who was buried from St. Francis Parish this past Tuesday. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.

And I join many others in their disappointment that because of the death of Pope Francis, the canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis, scheduled for today in Rome, is now cancelled or postponed until we have a new pope. I can only imagine the thousands of people with plane tickets and other reservations, who had to cancel their plans.

We are all grateful to the many people, who contributed to make our celebration of Easter such a wonderful event. We always admire the work of the Art and Environment Committee with their decoration of our church. You do such a magnificent job with each season of the liturgical year. Those responsible for the various roles in the liturgy are always inspiring – the members of the choir for the many liturgies during holy week; the ministers of the Eucharist, the readers or lectors, ushers, sacristans and many others.



The parishioners extend our sympathy and condolences to the family of Charles A. Hartke. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 28, 6:30 am: Kenny Hardiek Tuesday, April 29, 6:30 am: David Ruholl

Tuesday, April 29, 7:55 am: Ray & Susie Stumborg Wednesday, April 30, 6:30 am: Eleanor Gebben Wednesday, April 30, 7:55 am: Paul Schmidt Wednesday, April 30, 7:00 pm: All students Thursday, May 1, 6:30 am: Gene Runde Friday, May 2, 6:30 am: James Waldhoff Friday, May 2, 7:55 am: Jerry Brickley Saturday, May 3, 8:00 am: Kenny Hardiek Saturday, May 3, 4:30 pm: Barbara Hardiek

Sunday, May 4, 6:30 am: Pro Populo

Sunday, May 4, 8:30 am: Richard & Martha Thoele Sunday, May 4, 10:30 am: Charles Hardiek

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	4/20/25	<u>Year</u>		
299 Envelopes	\$12,909.50	\$497,261.82		
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TOTAL	\$18,125.51	\$671,513.15		
Assisi to Africa	\$210.00	\$32,516.00		

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, Ann Marie Koester, Maria D. Kingery, Allan Gillespie, Kourtney Giles, Robert Poston, and Philip Mette.

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please call the office at 217-961-6404.

Liturgy Schedule

Second of Easter (Divine Mercy) April 28— May 4

Monday, St. Peter Chanel

St. Louis Grignion de Montfort

Adoration 1:00 pm Monday until 6:00 am

Tuesday

Mass at 6:30 am

Tuesday, St. Catherine of Siena

Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am

Wednesday, St. Pius V

Mass at 6:30 am, 7:55 am

Thursday, St. Joseph the Worker

Mass at 6:30 am

Friday, St. Athanasius

Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am

Saturday, St. Philip

St. James Mass at 8:00 am & 4:30 pm

Sunday, Third Sunday of Easter

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

Confession Schedule

Tuesday, April 29, 6:15-6:45 pm Thursday, May 1, 3:00-4:00 pm & 6:15-6:45 pm Saturday, May 3, 3:00-4:00 pm

Liturgy of the Hours with Friars

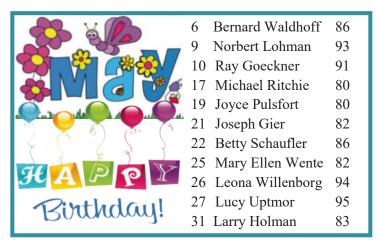
Monday-Friday—11:45 am & 4:45 pm



Attention Homebound

Holy Communion will be brought to you on First Friday, May 2. No Communion to you on Sunday, May 4, 2025.

Welcome our new members (OCIA program) in the St. Clare Hall after 10:30 am Mass, April 27, 2025. Jennie Bloemer, Jessica Borries, Cathy Deters, and Brock Lanham



THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday, April 28

- Adoration 1:00 pm Monday until 6:00 am Tuesday
- Parish council meeting, 7:00 pm, Sr. Ethelbert

Tuesday, April 29

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

Wednesday, April 30

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

Thursday, May 1

- Confessions, 3:00-4:00 pm & 6:15-6:45 pm
- Baptism preparation class, 7:00 pm, St. Clare Hall
- Adult choir, 7:00 pm

Saturday, May 3

- Confessions, 3:00-4:00 pm
- THS Prom Mass, 4:30 pm
- Family Life Center speaker at 4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, May 4

- Children's liturgy at 8:30 & 10:30 am Mass
- Catholic Home Mission collection
- Family Life Center speaker at each Mass
- Monastery museum tours, 12:30-4:00 pm

FIRST SATURDAY MASS & DEVOTION

May 3, 2025 Rosary—7:40 am **Mass**—8:00 am **Meditation**—8:30-8:45 am

The **message of The Divine Mercy** is simple. It is that *God loves us – all* of us. And, He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC:

A - Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him

repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

B - Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

C - Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that all the graces of His mercy can only be received by our trust. The more we open the door of our hearts and lives to Him with trust, the more we can receive.



Religious Education News

Religious Education

May 1 is Priest Appreciation Day in the Religion Program. The whole school will honor our priests with a small celebration in the church.

celebration in the church. May 6 is Parish Appreciation for Catechists Day.

There will be an all school Mass and a get together for our

catechists and Mass supervisors in Sr. Ethelbert.

8:00 am - Catechists 8:45 am - Mass Supervisors

May 22, the **last day of school**, we will conclude the religion program with an all school Mass.

Thanks to all parents and students for a great job with the donations. Fr. Damien relies heavily on your support. \$1,786 was raised from student Lenten box donations for Assisi for Africa.

A *grand total* of \$10,972 was raised this year through all the religious program fundraising activities.



Gr. 1 Seder Meal



The 3D class prayer sponsor came with an Easter jelly bean prayer and eggs filled with candies. She explained the origin of dying eggs and the reason why Easter eggs are so popular.



YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR



CHWC News

<u>CHWC Campers</u> - An email was sent out to fill out your online forms for camp registration. Deadline to have those submitted is May 1!

Junior High & High School:

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.



Fr. Dennis visited the 6R class and had them thoroughly entertained and asking lots of questions.





The Gr. 3 classes have been collecting food for the local pantry over Easter. Today they sent their collection off with big smiles on their faces.



Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 30—July 3. Please complete the form located at the back of the Church or sent home with your child from the Religion program and return it to the church office with \$20. The theme for this year's VBS is "Wilderness Adventure Through the Sacraments." We will need 35 junior high/high school volunteers to help the program run. If you are interested in volunteering for the program, please fill in that section on the forms located at the back of the church. We also need some adult volunteers, so please indicate on the form how you might be able to help. Questions can be directed to Dan Niemerg 217-961-6477.

Hello from *Crisis Nursery of Effingham County!!* Our mission is to prevent childhood trauma, abuse and neglect through a free, emergency childcare program that is available 24/7/365 to all families with children ages 0 to 6 years. We also work to support families through our childcare supply distribution, as well as by linking them to available/local resources that best meet their needs.

We are reaching out to share about an important day coming up in April, which is "Blue Sunday". Blue Sunday takes place each year on the last day of April, which is Child Abuse Prevention Month. This year Blue Sunday will be recognized on Sunday, April 27th. Since 1983, the U.S. has recognized Blue Sunday as a "National Day of Prayer for Children Who Have Been Abused and Those Who Rescue Them."

BLUE SUNDAY DAY OF PRAYER

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 12, 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:

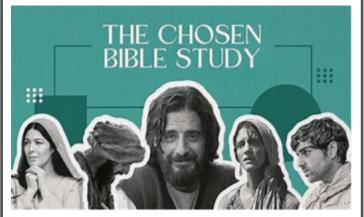
Dates are available on the diocesan website at www.dio.org under marriage and family life.

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.



Adult Education

Adult bible study starting soon! We will be covering "The Chosen", Season 1. We will have 4 classes now and then resume the other 4 in the fall. We will meet from 6:30-8pm each night in Sr Ethelbert. We will watch the show first and then have discussion after. Feel free to come to any or all of the classes!

June 2 - Episode 1 June 9 - Episode 2 June 16 - Episode 3 June 23 - Episode 4 Call Maria @ 217-961-1500 to sign up! There is no cost for this program.

Teutopolis Monastery Museum - Open May 4, 2025 - 12:30-4:00 pm

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LOOKING FOR FOURTH DEGREE SWORDS

The Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus would appreciate and are asking families of deceased Fourth Degree members if they might be willing to donate their family member's sword, that might be lying in a drawer or hanging in a closet, back to the Knights so that a new Fourth degree Knight may use it. Such a gift would be greatly appreciated. If the sheath and baldric are available, they would be appreciated also. Please drop it off at the St. Francis parish office, and Fr. Dennis Koopman, OFM, will collect them and bring them to their meetings. Many thanks and prayers for your help and generosity.

Ministry	4:30 pm	<u>6:30 am</u>	8:30 am	<u>10:30 am</u>
Readers	Cari Buehnerkemper Denise Will	Lenora Drees	Jill Schumacher Jean Sehy	Carrie Copple Matt Sturgeon
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UPCOMING EVENTS

COMMUNITY CHARITABLE COOKOUT!!

Place: Teutopolis State Bank & Sigel Community Bank Parking Lots

Date: Friday, May 9th Time: 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Menu: Hamburgers, Pork Burgers, Hot Dogs, Chips, Cookies and Drinks

Price: Donation

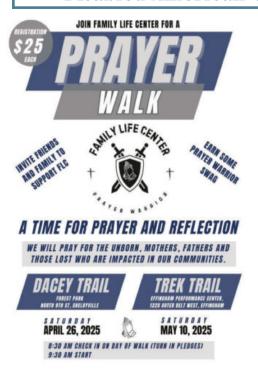
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SonRise Men's Breakfast

This week, Paul George joins us and inspires us to embrace the challenges of our lives as men through holy grit, embracing grace from God, and trust in the Lord's holy will.

God is calling us men to join our grittiness and our holiness together, as well as integrate it to every aspect of our lives. Come this **FRIDAY** to the St. Anthony Parish Center for **SonRise Breakfast. It's ready after 6:10 am, program at 6:30 am**, and concluding at 7:30 am.









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