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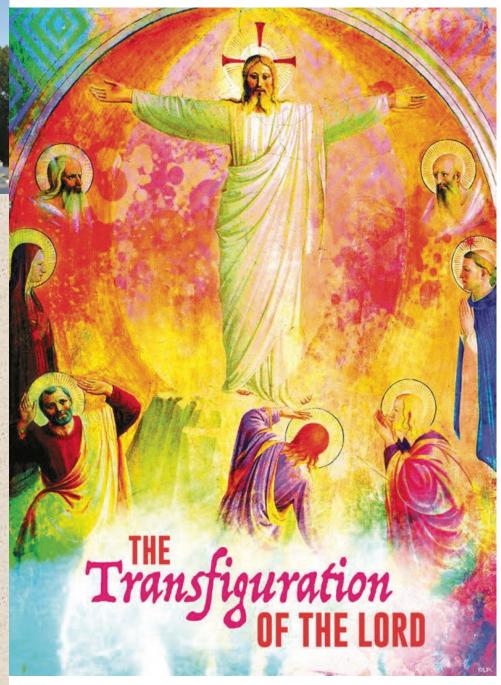
Saturday: 3:00-4:00 pm Thursday before First Friday: 3:00-4:00 pm Anytime by appointment.

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

Saturday, August 2, is the feast of Our Lady of the Angels of the Portiuncula. This feast is portrayed in the large mural hanging over the arch marking the entrance into the sanctuary of our church. Francis, I grant your petition is what's written in Latin. Francis asked the Lord to grant a plenary indulgence to those who come to the chapel of the Portiuncula and pray. His wish was granted. Over time this privilege was granted to any church that the Franciscans staffed, and now I think it is good in any Catholic church. To gain a plenary indulgence the faithful need to visit a church, between noon Saturday and midnight Sunday, recite the Creed, and other prayer of one's choosing, and the Our Father for the intention of the Holy Father, celebrate the sacrament of penance and reception of Holy Communion. This would obviously be a very busy time to visit the city of Assisi! Portiuncula means little portion, and I figure that little chapel outside of Assisi was a little bit of heaven on earth for St. Francis. It didn't take long for the friars to build a very large church over the little portion or chapel.

August 15th is the feast of the Assumption of Mary, a holy day of obligation. We will have Masses on the vigil at 7:00 p.m. and then on the holy day itself at 6:00 a.m. and 12:10.

Next Sunday Sr. Ann Fearday will speak at all our Masses on her work and ministry with The Adorers of the Blood of Christ. Please be generous in supporting her work and that of her Sisters.

Most of you have already heard that Fr. Dat Hoang is being transferred this month. He will be going to Chicago, to St. Peter's Church in the Loop. While the parish of St. Rose will be receiving a new pastor, our St. Francis parish will receive a new associate pastor. Fr. Dat replaced Fr. Thinh Tran, who moved to Alaska where he has enjoyed his missionary work. I know several of you keep in touch with him. He is wondering about the future since two friars working with him are being moved or transferred to St. Louis. How this will impact him is certainly on his mind.

Coming up soon is our Garage Band Night! This is the 16th of August, and after all the Masses that weekend Mr. Dan Dust from St. Isidore's will speak representing the 4th Degree of the Knights of Columbus. If you have considered the idea of joining the 4th degree, now is the time to do it. The numbers are growing, and it's a good time to join your fellow Catholics with the mission of the Church.



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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 4, 6:30 am: Jeff Buehnerkemper Tuesday, August 5, 6:30 am: Victor & Tootie Deters Tuesday, August 5, 8:00 am: Ray Lohman Wednesday, August 6, 6:30 am: Clarence Unkraut Wednesday, August 6, 8:00 am: James Waldhoff Thursday, August 7, 6:30 am: Robert Helregel Friday, August 8, 6:30 am: Norma Ruholl Friday, August 8, 8:00 am: Jack Hardiek Saturday, August 9, 4:30 pm: Barbara Hardiek Sunday, August 10, 6:30 am: Doug Lundquist Sunday, August 10, 8:30 am: Jerry Niebrugge Sunday, August 10, 10:30 am: Pro Populo



PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember in your prayers:

Will Niccum, Joe Ruholl, Andrea Wernsing, Art Deters, Mark Roedl, Cole Wellbaum, Kyndal 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, Maria D. Kingery, Mandy Schumacher, Luella Waldhoff, Kourtney Giles, Robert Poston, Brant Mayhood, Bill Hardiek, Tony Bierman, Judy Lueken and Ron Worman.

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

Liturgy Schedule

Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time August 4 — August 10

Monday, St. John Vianney

Mass at 6:30 am

Adoration 1:00 pm Monday until 6:00 am

Tuesday

Tuesday, Mass at 6:30 am & 8:00 am

Wednesday, The Transfiguration of the Lord

Mass at 6:30 am & 8:00 am

Thursday, St. Sixtus II and St. Cajetan

Mass at 6:30 am

Friday, St. Dominic

Mass at 6:30 am & 8:00 am

Saturday, St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

Mass at 4:30 pm

Sunday, Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Confession Schedule

Saturday, August 9, 3:00-4:00 pm No confession on Tuesday & Thursday until after Labor Day.

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, August 10 are Deb Blankenship 217-663-0862 and Brenda Henry 217-343-6242.



Teutopolis Monastery Museum will be open Sunday, August 3, 2025 12:30-4:00 PM

The Ferd Metten artworks are still on display but will be returned to the Tarble Art Center at EIU after this date.

CHOIR SEASON IS NEARLY HERE!!!!

St. Francis Music Program will host a CHOIR SWIM

PARTY AUGUST 23rd 10 am - Noon at the Newton Pool. In the past, we have reserved the pool in the evening, but this year, in an effort to get even more participation we invite anyone interested in singing in a choir this year to join us for a fun-filled morning. We will swim until noon and then we have reserved the large pavilion near the pool for food and more fellowship from noon until 1:00 pm.

Anyone interested in singing with the **Children's Choir** or the **Youth Choir** or the **Adult Choir** or the **Guitar Ensemble** are welcome...and bring your families and friends please.

Once again this year, we will be entertained by the amazing magic of Mr. John Johnson. If you attended last year's opening party, you were lucky to see his skill. Please spread the word that the entertainment will be well worth the trip to Newton, even if you don't take advantage of the pool.

Of course, families are invited to join the fun. Bring parents, sisters, brothers, friends, all are welcome. In order to safely accommodate everyone in the pool and to provide food for all, we need to know how many people to expect. Please RSVP asap: dwilliams@stfrancischurch.com

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday, August 4

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

Tuesday, August 5

• Guitar practice, 6:45 pm

Wednesday, August 6

- Rel. Ed supervisor meeting-TGS gym, 7:00 am
- Rel. Ed walker meeting, Sr. Ethelbert, 7:45 am
- Rel. Ed catechist meeting, Sr. Ethelbert, 8:45 am

Friday, August 8

• SonRise Men's Group, starting with a 6:30 am Mass, St. Clare until 7:30 am

Saturday, August 9

- Confessions, 3:00-4:00 pm
- Mission Coop speaker, Sr. Ann Fearday

Sunday, August 10

• Mission Coop speaker, Sr. Ann Fearday



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

Bishop Thomas John Paprocki invites **all couples who have been married 50 years or more** to a special Anniversary Mass on Sunday, September 21 at 2:00 pm at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield.

This celebration honors your beautiful witness to the vocation of marriage. A light reception will follow Mass. RSVP by September 9 at dio.org/events, or contact Gracie Ortiz at gortiz@dio.org or 217-698-8500. Let us honor your milestone of faith and love!





Religious Education News

Religious Education



Confirmation and First Holy Communion for our Grade 3 students is scheduled for August 30 at the Cathedral in Springfield. Confirmandi should arrive from 9:30 am onwards. (There is a Mass going on there at 8:30 am.) When arriving at the Cathedral, go to the sign-in table and check-in. At 10:00 am the Bishop will take all the Confirmandi downstairs for a question and answer session. Parents can enjoy adoration in the Cathedral during this time. Confes-

sionals will be open as well. No photography during the Mass. There will be photo opportunities for the whole group and individually with the Bishop.

On Sunday August 31st the Confirmandi will be honored at the 10:30 am Mass at St. Francis of Assisi. All should attend in full dress from the day before. After, there will be photo opportunities with Fr. Joe and a whole class picture will be taken.

Sunday the 17th is Presentation weekend for the Confirmandi. At all the Masses on the weekend you will be able to select a card for a student getting confirmed and pray for them.

Sign up is open for the Religious Education program. Please go to the St. Francis homepage and fill out the online form. It can be found under the Religious Education heading.

The **first day of religion** in the grade school begins on Monday, August 18.

Junior High and High school religion begins on Wednesday, September 3rd at 7:00 pm.

The Religion program is looking for volun-

teers to help out in both the Grade School program and the Jr. High/High School program. Please speak with Dan Niemerg at 217-500-2427 about your interest in helping out.

Volunteer Meetings for the Grade School

program are booked for August 6 and 7. Please attend one of those days.

7:00 am Building Supervisors at the Grade School Gym 7:45 am Mass walkers at Sr. Ethelbert

8:45 am Catechist at Sr. Ethelbert

YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

Aug 6—CHWC 6:30 am Mass/breakfast

Aug 6—Bible study 8:00-9:00 pm

Aug 13—CHWC 6:30 am Mass/breakfast

Aug 13—Bible study 8:00-9:00 pm

Aug 20—Bible study 8:00-9:00 pm

Aug 27—Bible study 8:00-9:00 pm

NCYC info— We are gearing up for the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis this November 20-22. NCYC is a 3 day experience of prayer and community for high school students to encounter Christ. There are many resources there for kids contemplating higher education options. For more information, go to NCYC.us. Registration forms are available at the entrance to the church office. This and the deposit of \$100 are due ASAP!

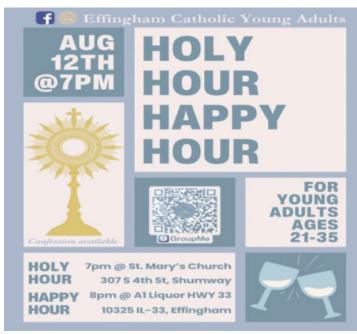


Note from Maria - This year's Catholic Heart Workcamp was so special! I judge this by what I witness as the kids encounter Christ! First of all, we had such a joy-filled priest for the week named Fr. Vu. He is involved in campus ministry, CHWC, and FOCUS ministry. Adoration on Tuesday this year was out of this world, literally! Another chaperone and I agreed that we wish that more members of our community could have witnessed Jesus working in that room! We also had an amazing keynote speaker named **Maggie Craig.** She was a powerful speaker and talked about the kids forming their own **fish tornadoes** to keep their faith strong when they returned home from the week. Please look her up and listen to her podcasts. Our musicians that week were The Hussey Brothers from Charleston, IL. They did an amazing job entertaining the youth AND leading them through the high and lows of the emotions of Catholic Heart. One of the most difficult parts of CHWC is to take that feeling home! Why am I telling you this?... so that if you see one of the students that went on the trip, you can ask them about their experiences!

Adult Education

The Chosen Monday night Bible study will resume September 8th for 4 weeks as we finish season 1!

College Students! - Pick up a Newman Connection flyer at the church entrances and connect with your campus by scanning the QR code! You won't regret it!





For more information call 217-347-7129 or visit www.stapicnic.com

Our Sorrowful Mother's Ministry in Vandalia, IL will be hosting a retreat on the evening of Sept 5 and all day on Sept 6. Join us for this upcoming retreat titled "The Power and Protection of the Seven Swords of St Michael". Fr. Giacomo Capoverdi will be our retreat leader for this event. Come and learn how virtues empower you to reach holiness and give protection for yourself and your family. Please go to osmm.org to register, and the full agenda is listed on their website. The cost is \$45 to attend. You may also contact Karla Slifer at 217-690-5282 for more information.

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:

St. Anthony of Padua, Effingham, November 15, 2025 Call 217-347-7129 to register.

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

FOCCUS: The scheduled date at St. Francis of Assisi is: October 4, 2025.

The session will begin after 4:30 pm Mass in St. Clare hall. To register call 217-961-6404.

Upcoming Natural Family Planning Class

Saturday, August 23, 2025 9:00-10:30 am virtual class on WebEx.

Contact Kate Pruemer, CFCP. Email her at kpruemer@gmail.com or call or text 217-821-1840.



• 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 217-821-4553; 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.



Liturgical Ministers for August 9/10					
<u>Ministry</u>	<u>4:30 pm</u>	<u>6:30 am</u>	8:30 am	<u>10:30 am</u>	
Readers	Henry Siemer Jim Quatman	Cindy Esker	Angie Esker Jerry Brummer	Marty Siemer Stacey Ruholl	
Ushers	*Kyle Jansen Dave Tegeler Dave Bloemer John Bushur Dylan Bloemer Ron Probst	*Daren Drees Jason Huber Jim Esker Gary Deters Ryan Willenborg Mark Willenborg	*Chris Zerrusen Mick Deters Steve Witges Brent McMahon Rich Hartke Pat Niemerg	*Jason Ruholl Scott Copple Russ Deters Keith Vonderheide Dave Habing Tom Schabbing	
Servers	Claire Probst Danielle Probst Brooklyn Runde Server	Xavier Schumacher Meriel Schumacher Sapphira Schumacher s: please arrive 15 minutes	Lucy Esker Noah Imburgia Eli Imburgia s prior to Mass. Thank you	Jason Kreke Lily Kreke Lane Beckman	

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UPCOMING EVENTS

"SonRise Men's group moves to T-town for the summer. During the summer, the SonRise Men's group will worship together at St. Francis of Assisi church for 6:30 am Mass. Following Mass, the men will meet in the St. Clare room for coffee and reflection until 7:30 am. All men of all parishes are welcomed."

Men's & Women's Fall DeColores Weekends

<u>Men's Weekend:</u> October 16-19; Lay Leader: Tim Hodge. Call or Text him at 217-821-0113

Women's Weekend: October 23-26; Lay Leader: Sandy Deters. Call or Text her at 217-259-2417

The 4th Degree of Assembly 0196 in Teutopolis, IL is pleased to announce that **there will be an exemplification on Sunday, September 7.** The 4th Degree Knights is a Catholic men's organization that fosters patriotism and responsible citizenship. Some of the activities a sir knight can participate in includes being in an honor or color guard at celebrations, funerals, and civic support of veterans and seminarians preparing to become a military chaplain. Why not take the next step in your faith and religious development? Everyone who is a 3rd Degree knight member and interested in becoming a sir knight is encouraged to contact the Faithful Navigator, Dan Dust at 217-690-3124 or call the Faithful Scribe, Leon Gobczynski at 217-343-2112.



Austin Luckett

You are invited to share in the 35th annual Family Camp/Renewal Days for Family and Friends of People with Physical / Intellectual Disabilities

on September 20-21, 2025 at
Lake Williamson Christian Center, Carlinville, IL.
Participants share in activities: swimming, hay ride,
dancing, mini golf, crafts, archery, sharing in song and
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For information, contact Sacred Heart Church,
Effingham, IL at 217-347-7177.



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