

January 11, 2026 - The Baptism of the Lord

# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH



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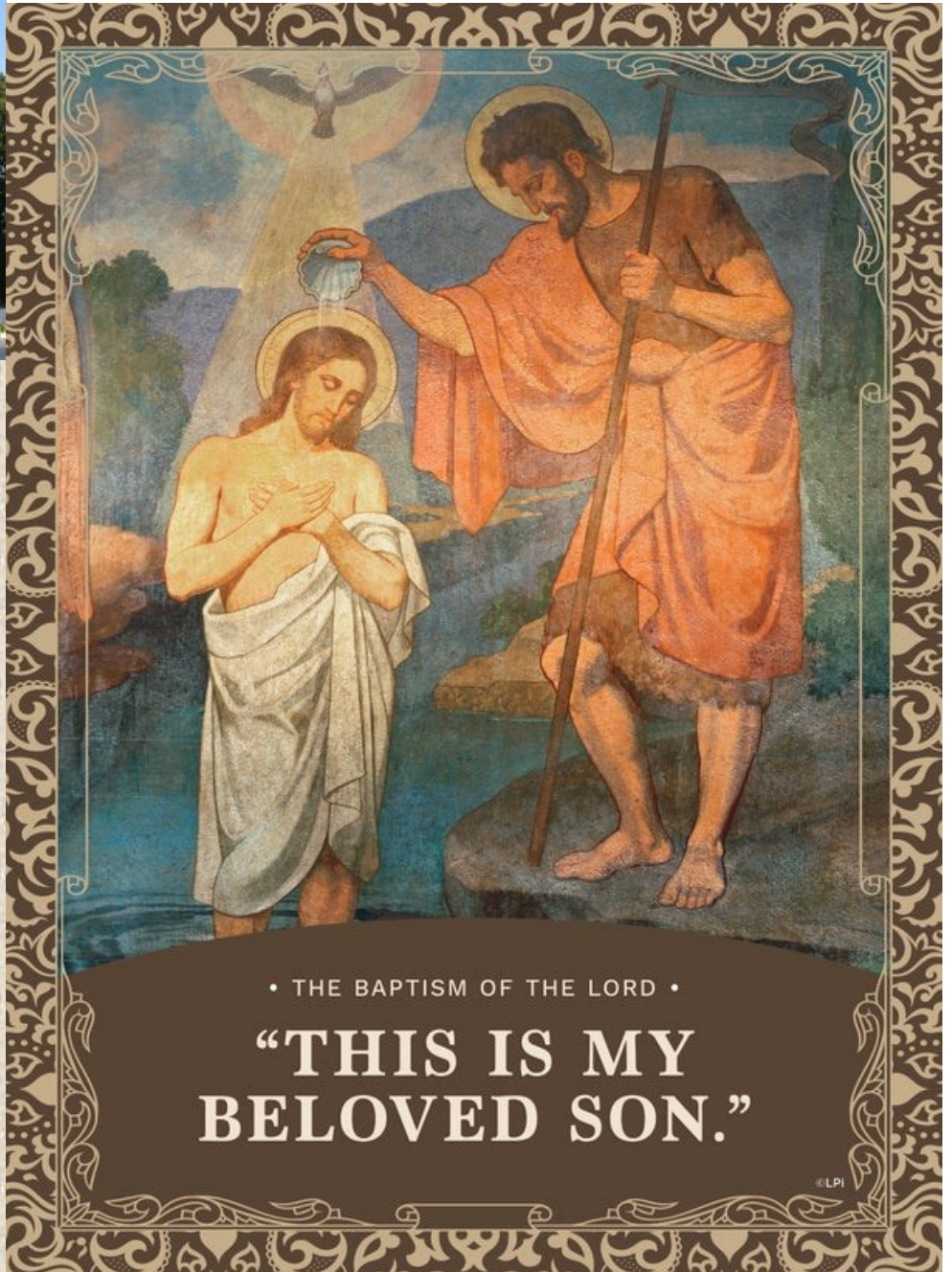
## Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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.



• THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD •

# “THIS IS MY BELOVED SON.”

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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 register.

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### From the Pastor


Today we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. This also marks the end officially of the Christmas season. Our vestments for Mass will be green marking the Ordinary Time of the year. I have mentioned previously that the season is called “ordinary time” NOT to distinguish it from the extraordinary time of the year, but rather it is ordinary in the sense of ordinal or numbered. A week from today, January 18<sup>th</sup>, is the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Soon our decorations in church will be coming down, and I know there are many of us who would like to keep them up for a couple more weeks. I heard someone say they kept their tree up one year and changed the ornaments to eggs for the Easter time and red, white and blue décor for the memorial time. I hear more comments about how beautiful our church looks, and I never get tired of hearing these positive comments about our decorating committee- the men and women who serve. I thank you once again.

I also take this opportunity to thank you, our parishioners, for your support of our parish. First thing that many people think of is the financial support, and this season is recognized by many for the generosity people have in reaching out to help others and support programs. Supporting the parish is certainly based on finances, but our tithing consists also of our time. How often do you see signs by the front doors asking for more people to serve as readers, ushers, ministers of the Eucharist, and there are other ministries like song leaders, acolytes or Mass servers, or how about: money counters and sacristans? Rarely thanked but deeply appreciated, taking care of the collections is a donation of time and talent.


As many of you know, I served as a Navy chaplain for 15 years, which wasn’t long enough to earn a retirement, but it was long enough to get some benefits. This week I had an echocardiogram on Tuesday and the dermatologist did a body scan on Wednesday. I got to know Dr. Ruben Boyajian from a couple surgeries removing basal cell carcinoma (skin cancer) from various parts of my body. I hate the thought of his retiring some day because so many people in the community have come to know him and love him. Had I served five more years in the Navy I could have a full retirement (that the Franciscans would get!), but those would be 5 less years I could visit my mother. My brother and sister were very good about visiting and assisting my mother while I served. No regrets. I always say that God has given me good assignments whether in a parish or in the Navy. I try to have an attitude of gratitude.

*The parishioners wish to extend a warm welcome to all who are visiting our Church this weekend. Thank you for joining us in worship. We hope you enjoy your visit and we pray for your safe return home. For those newly moved into the area, we invite you to contact the parish office to register as a member of our parish family. God’s blessings to you all.*

 The parishioners extend our sympathy and condolences to the families of Greg Pruemer and Theresa Glant. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

**God Bless Those Serving Our Country.**  
Anthony Vahling, Shawn Zerrusen,  
Jesse Koester, Andrew Simmons,  
Braydan Bushue, Mallory Stone,  
Myles Stortzum, Gavin Tegeler, Avry Kreke,  
Anthony Roley, Maddie Zane,  
William Hewing.

**55 PLUS-JANUARY—**  
Join us *January 15, 2026* for the 55 Plus gathering in St. Clare hall following the 12:10 pm Mass. Come and enjoy a meal of chicken, ham, potatoes, gravy, noodles, green beans, corn and slaw.



**PRAYER REQUESTS**

*Please remember in your prayers:*

Joe Ruholl, Art Deters, Doug Niemerg, Nicholas Wente, Joseph F. Huber, Maria D. Ruholl, Mandy Schumacher, Kourtney Giles, Robert Poston, Bill Hardiek, Tony Bierman, Judy Lueken, Toots Flood, Julie Roudabush, Anita McKerrow.

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

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Monday, Jan. 12, 6:30 am: Dick Runde  
Tuesday, Jan. 13, 6:30 am: Donald Deters  
Tuesday, Jan. 13, 7:55 am: Tom Hardiek  
Wednesday, Jan. 14, 6:30 am: Kenneth Hardiek  
Wednesday, Jan. 14, 7:55 am: Dan Niemerg  
Thursday, Jan. 15, 6:30 am: Greg Pruemer  
Thursday, Jan. 15, 12:10 pm: Anita Jo Holman  
Friday, Jan. 16, 6:30 am: Joseph H. Buscher  
Friday, Jan. 16, 7:55 am: Theresa Glant  
Saturday, Jan. 17, 4:30 pm: Paul Niebrugge  
Sunday, Jan. 18, 6:30 am: Pro Populo  
Sunday, Jan. 18, 8:30 am: Ken & Barbara Hardiek  
Sunday, Jan. 18, 10:30 am: Verena Brumleve

## Liturgy Schedule The Baptism of the Lord January 12— January 18

Monday,	First Week in Ordinary Time Mass at 6:30 am
Tuesday,	St. Hilary Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am
Wednesday,	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,	St. Anthony, Abbot Mass at 4:30 pm
Sunday,	<b>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Mass at 6:30 am, 8:30 am, & 10:30 am

### Confession Schedule

Tuesday, January 13, 6:15-6:45 pm  
Thursday, January 15, 6:15-6:45 pm  
Saturday, January 17, 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, January 12

- Adoration 1:00 pm Monday until 6:00 am Tuesday .
- OCIA 7:00-8:15 pm Sr. Ethelbert

### Tuesday, January 13

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

### Wednesday, January 14

- JH & HS Religious education, 7:00-8:15 pm

### Thursday, January 15

- 55+ lunch following the 12:10 pm Mass
- Confessions, 6:15-6:45 pm

### Saturday, January 17

- Confession, 3:00-4:00 pm

### Attention Homebound

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound for Sunday, January 18 are Lenora Drees 217-857-3583 and Lori Mette 217-663-0869.



**Flowers for the altar**—donations for Christmas flowers and flowers for special feasts in 2025 were made in memory of the following;

Robert & Myrna Haskenherm  
Clarence & Teresa Worman  
Robert Waldhoff  
Dick Runde  
Art & Luella Buenker  
Bernard & Clara Hartke  
John F. Grunloh  
Ila Marie Probst  
Ed & Nancy Hewing  
Ken Hoelscher  
Laura Henry  
Pat & Bernie Wendt  
Evelyn & Howard Henry  
Ed & Julie Jansen  
Joe & Margaret Gier  
Paul & Marian Runde  
Linus Willenborg  
Pete & Ann Wentz  
Ben & Mary Weber  
Richard & Leona Brumleve  
Ferd & Anna Vahling,  
Ray Vahling  
Mary Lou Vahling  
Steve Jahn  
Tim & Julie Lynch  
Sr. Helen Vahling, OSF

Brenda Vahling  
Jack Hardiek  
Bernard & Anna Niemeyer,  
Ernest & Rose Koester  
Richard & Esther Hardiek  
Mark Hardiek  
Geneva Hardiek,  
Alberta Schultz  
Leo Schmidt  
Louis & Clare Kroeger family  
Henry & Pauline Hoene family  
Rose Mary Krone  
Bertha & Lawrence Willenborg  
Helen & Ferd Breer,  
Leona & Virgil Willenborg  
Daniel Anthony Ruholl  
James & Vera Kroeger  
James & Margaret Kenter  
Connie Sudkamp  
Clarence & Dorothy Probst,  
Harold & Edith Sudkamp  
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Ermand & Dorothy Thoele  
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Doug Hinkle  
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Joseph Weis  
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John Kemme  
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Dick Runde  
Clete Deters  
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Brad Buening  
Bob Deters  
Alice Hoene  
Grace Hotze  
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Lloyd & Lois Flood  
Tom Weishaar  
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Art Brumleve  
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Vic & Tootie Deters  
John & Florence Sehy  
Charles & Grace Hotze  
Dianna Hotze  
Melvin Uthell  
Rich Goldstein  
Edwin & Marie Zerrusen

Religious Education News

# Religious Education

**Diocesan mandated VIRTUS Lessons are scheduled for the following days:**

**Grade 3 and 4** on Monday, January 12

**Grade 2** on Tuesday, January 13

**Grade 1** on Tuesday, January 20

**Grade 5 and 6** on Thursday, January 22.



**Grade 4 Bake Sale Day** is Thursday, January 15.

**Reconciliation Meetings are scheduled for parents of students completing their First Reconciliation.** Parents must attend one of these meetings in the Sr. Ethelbert center. Bring a Baptism certificate to the meeting.

Tuesday, January 27 at 7:00 pm

Thursday, January 29 at 7:00 pm

**No School** Monday, January 19 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

## Teutopolis For Tomorrow All Committee Gathering & Celebration



Wednesday, January 14, 2026  
6:30 – 8:00 pm  
Teutopolis Banquet Hall Serving Room

T4T Committee Updates and Celebrations of successes for year 2025. Bring Ideas for 2026 and Beyond

All people interested please Contact:  
(217) 821-6083

## BAPTISM

### Prep Dates

- Thursday, February 3, 2026 at St. Rose, 7:00 pm
- Thursday, March 5, 2026 at St. Francis, 7:00 pm
- Thursday, April 2, 2026 at St. Isidore, 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.

## YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

Jan 14 - Bible study 8:15-9:00 pm

Jan 16 - Teen center open! 7:00-10:00 pm

Jan 21 - Bible study 8:15-9:00 pm

Jan 28 - Bible study 8:15-9:00 pm



CHWC News



**CHWC Superbowl Fundraiser** - Our annual St. Francis CHWC Superbowl square contest will start on January 25<sup>th</sup> and end on Superbowl Sunday, Feb 8<sup>th</sup>. Prizes will be awarded after each quarter...\$100 after the 1st, \$200 after the 2nd, \$300 after the 3rd, and \$400 for the final score. Winners will be announced on Facebook St. Francis Youth Ministry page. Get your square from any CHWC member!



**SAVE THE DATE** - CHWC trivia night will be held March 13th at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall! Doors open at 6:00 pm. Trivia starts at 7:00 pm!

## Adult Education

**"The Chosen" Bible Study**- Classes resumed January 5th! We open with a bible verse of the week, watch an episode of the show and finish up with group discussion questions. Sound interesting? Call 217-961-1500 to join our group!

Fr. Carmen would like to acknowledge and thank the many parishioners who offered prayers and/or sent gifts over the Christmas Holiday Season. I am overwhelmed by the generosity and kindnesses that have been offered since my arrival and especially now during the Season of Christmas. Your welcome and openness has been a real sign of the Love Christ has for His Church. A wonderful example to emulate and proof that Jesus is alive and well in this community.

A promise of prayerful remembrance is offered daily at the altar and in moments of prayer with the hope that God will generously bless all of you with rich blessings of health, happiness, Peace and Joy that will extend itself through the times ahead. Thank you and God richly bless and protect you all.

Fr. Carmen, OFM

## The Effingham Area Right to Life

is hosting its

### 50th ANNUAL PRO-LIFE BREAKFAST

on Sunday, January 18th from 7:00 am-Noon.

The event will be held at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall (210 Pearl St, Teutopolis, IL). Free-will donations will be accepted, and you'll enjoy whole hog sausage, eggs, pancakes, homemade breads, and drinks. There will be numerous basket raffles, quilt raffle, and a 50/50 drawing. EARTL is accepting donations of cinnamon rolls, breads, and muffins. These can be dropped off on Saturday, Jan. 17, from Noon-4:00 pm at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall.

To volunteer for a shift, please text Susan Vogt at (217) 663-2084. For more information about the breakfast follow "Effingham Area Right to Life" on Facebook.



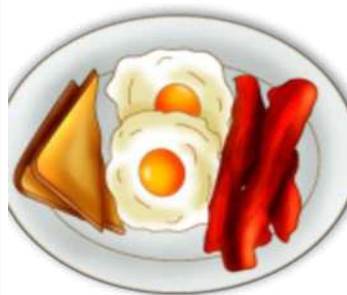
## Newman Breakfast – February 1st

The annual Newman Breakfast will be held Sunday, February 1st from 7 am until noon at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall. The menu will include all you can eat scrambled and fried eggs, whole hog sausage, biscuits and gravy, hash browns, French toast sticks, cinnamon rolls, coffee, juice, and milk. Baked goods will be available for purchase, and chances will be available for raffle items.

Over 80 Newman Centers throughout the state of Illinois offer College students a chance to gather and practice their faith. Proceeds from the breakfast go to the Newman fund. If you would like to make a monetary donation to help offset the cost of the breakfast, please make checks payable to "Knights of Columbus- Newman Breakfast". Please mail your donation to Brian and Gail Hardiek, 414 Wooden Shoe RD, Teutopolis, Il 62467.

Anyone who donates \$100 or more will receive two complimentary tickets to the breakfast. These tickets will be waiting for you the morning of the breakfast at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall.

**Donations of raffle items, crafts, and baked goods would be greatly appreciated.** Items can be brought to the Teutopolis Banquet Hall after 6 am the day of the breakfast, or call Kathy Hartke at 217-821-7076 to make arrangements.



If you would like to help work this event, please call or text Brian Hardiek at 217-857-3915.

Your donations of time and money make this fundraiser successful. Thank you for your generosity in support of this worthwhile cause.


Effingham Catholic Young Adults

**JAN  
13TH  
@7PM**

**HOLY  
HOUR  
HAPPY  
HOUR**



*Confession available*



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**HOLY  
HOUR** 7pm @ St. Anthony  
101 E. Virginia Ave. Effingham  
Evening Prayer (Vespers) @7:45p

**HAPPY  
HOUR** 8pm @ The Office Pub  
105 E. Jefferson Ave. Effingham



## 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. Francis of Assisi, Teutopolis,**

February 1, 2026

Call 217-961-6404 to register.

**St. Mary, Ste. Marie, March 14, 2026**

Call 618-455-3155 to register.

Dates are available on the diocesan website at [www.dio.org](http://www.dio.org) under marriage and family life.

**FOCCUS:** The scheduled date at St. Francis of Assisi is: January 3, 2026, April 11, 2026, July 11, 2026 and October 3, 2026.

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, Jan. 17, 10:00-11:00 am virtual class on WebEx  
Saturday, March 7th, 1:00-2:30 pm at St. Anthony Church  
Contact Kate Pruemer, CFCP. Email her at [kpruemer@gmail.com](mailto:kpruemer@gmail.com) or call or text 217-821-1840.



**Liturgical Ministers for January 17/18**

Ministry	4:30 pm	6:30 am	8:30 am	10:30 am
Readers	Denise Will	Herman Brummer	Jerry Brummer Angie Esker	Sue Esker Stacey Ruholl
Ushers	*Charles Semple Brian Drees Brent Weichman Doug Smith Tony Runde Kyle Jansen	*Mark Willenborg Ryan Willenborg Don Tegeler Pat Wentz Dave Westendorf Don Zerrusen	*Ken Ritz John Flach Jason Niebrugge Jordan Niebrugge Clay Zerrusen Greg Bergfeld	*Brock Brumleve Addison Brumleve Roy Brumleve Bill Arndt Bruce Buhnerkempe Jason Ruholl
Servers  <i>Please arrive 15 minutes prior to Mass. Thank you!</i>	Claire Probst Danielle Probst Faith Probst	Xavier Schumacher Meriel Schumacher Sapphira Schumacher	Jackson Willenborg Dalton Willenborg Piper Willenborg	Lane Beckman Penny Dennis Kierstyn Dasenbrock

Clean Linens - Tess Probst

**UPCOMING EVENTS**



**Let Jesus Feed Your Marriage in 2026!**  
Renew your Sacrament, deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, and rekindle your romance by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience! The following upcoming weekend experiences are available. Sign-up now as space is limited! For more information or to apply, go to [wwme.org](http://wwme.org), or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.  
2/6/2026-2/8/2026, St. Peters, MO  
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6/12/2026-6/14/2026, St. Peters, MO

**Calling All Men – SonRise prayer group**  
Join men from over half a dozen churches for hot breakfast on **Friday, January 16**, 6:15 am, prayer, program and discussion from 6:30 – 7:30 am, at the St. Anthony Parish Center, Effingham.  
In the program from *That Man Is You*, this week, Jeff Joaquin shares a comprehensive story of conversion - this personal Prodigal Son story and pathway back to the merciful embrace of the Father.  
No cost or registration needed.

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*Proceeds to: Teutopolis Youth Group*

*St. Isidore Parish* is hosting a  
**DEANERY DATE NIGHT**

Join us for the monthly Deanery Date Night!  
**Sunday, January 18th**  
**4pm-7pm**  
**St. Aloysius Church**  
**\$30 per couple**  
Childcare Provided  
4pm Prayer Service in St. Aloysius Church  
Speakers, Kramer & Andrea Soderberg  
Catered meal from Niemerg’s Steakhouse



RSVP with the QR code by January 12  
Or contact the office  
[office@stisidore.dio.org](mailto:office@stisidore.dio.org)  
or 217-925-5788

**Flame of Love Rosary Prayer Group**

Wednesdays from 3:30-4:10 pm  
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