

### Organist Meeting

There will be a St. Aloysius Church organist meeting after the 8:00 Mass on Sunday, March 6th.

### Youth Ministry—180

St. Rose Catholic Church of Montrose Youth Ministry has reserved the Oneeighty Club in Effingham for Saturday, March 5th from 7:00 to 9:00 pm and has invited the local youth ministry groups to join them. St. Isidore youth ministry is welcome to attend.

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### Young Adults (20-40 year olds)

Each week during Lent on Friday nights there is a gathering of faith sharing in the Museum Dining Room at St. Francis. The Stations of the Cross are at 7:00 pm in the church and then they gather afterwards. It is okay to join in even if you missed a Friday or two. Fr. Ed would love to see you!

### Pray before the Blessed Sacrament!!!

In May 2015 St. Isidore Parish began having the Blessed Sacrament exposed from 9:00 am Tuesday until 6:00 am Wednesday each week in St. Aloysius church. There are 21 hours/time slots during this period of time and we have 43 people signed up so each week there is continuous prayer during this time. The schedule can vary from week to week. The current schedule will remain the same. We are inviting you to sign up to pray before the Blessed Sacrament and see if we can get 2 schedules going at the same time. You can also sign-up to be a substitute.

A sign-up sheet is in the vestibule of both churches. Contact Fr. Joe, Gene & Alice Drees or Dale & Lora Repking with any questions. You can also ask anyone already on the schedule. It is a quiet time for prayer, reflection and being with the Blessed Sacrament.

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### Couples Night Out

The annual Couples Night Out will be held Sunday, March 6th beginning with a Prayer Service at 6:30 pm at St. Aloysius Church followed by dinner & speaker at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center. The scheduled speaker is Fr. Ron Hilt.

\*\*\*\*\*All Freshmen Students\*\*\*\*\*

We need your talents for the Couples Night Out on Sunday, March 6th at the Parish Center at Bishop Creek. Be at the hall by 5:45 pm ready to serve the dinner. Please dress up, nice pants or khakis, no jeans. Along with your service you will receive great food, fun and fellowship.

### Appreciation Party

The Golden Circle Nutrition Program at Dieterich is having an appreciation party on Monday, March 7th at noon for all volunteers who drive for Meals on Wheels and all volunteers who quilt, help serve, clean off tables, etc. A meal will be served and we will play bingo. Please call Norma Deters at 925-5461 to make a reservation. The menu will be Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, 7 layer salad, mandarin orange cake.

### Pre-Cana Workshops 2016

March 19 ~ St. Mary, Ste. Marie; 618-455-3155

October 1 ~ Sacred Heart, Effingham; register at [www.dio.org](http://www.dio.org)

Any questions, call Darlene at 347-7177

November 13 ~ St. Isidore Parish; 217-925-5788

### Baptism Class

Parents are required to attend a baptism class before they have their child baptized. This can be done before the child is born. Upcoming classes are:

Tuesday, April 5 ~ St. Isidore, Brian & Karla Slifer 536-5573

Thursday, May 5 ~ St. Francis, Teutopolis, 857-6404

Thursday, June 2 ~ St. Rose, Montrose, Kelly Thoele 924-4553

### Hall Contacts

Immaculate Conception Hall——

——Charlie & Rita Niemerg; 925-5376

St. Aloysius Hall & Pavilion ——The Parish Office; 925-5788

St. Joseph Hall——Paul Meinhart; 663-0124

### Cemetery Contacts

Immaculate Conception —————Jerry Niemerg 925-5342

St. Aloysius——Rich Probst 925-5637 or Paul Beckman 925-5143

St. Joseph——Steve Schumacher 683-2326

### Natural Family Planning Classes

Do something great for your marriage! Learn NFP. All are welcome, whether you are married, engaged, or just curious. Attend an Introductory Session to learn about the Creighton Model FertilityCare System, which teaches women and couples to identify the naturally occurring times of fertility and infertility in a woman's cycle. This system can be used to avoid or achieve pregnancy, identify and treat women's health problems, and assist couples suffering from infertility. The Creighton Model FertilityCare System is very effective, relatively inexpensive, and completely in line with Catholic moral teaching. The introductory session is free, but please contact Kate Pruemmer, FCPI at [\(217\)821-1840](tel:2178211840) or [kpruemmer@gmail.com](mailto:kpruemmer@gmail.com) to register or to obtain more information.

#### 2016 Introductory Sessions:

March 12<sup>th</sup> 2:00-3:30pm at St. Francis, Teutopolis

April 23<sup>rd</sup> 1:00-2:30pm at St. Anthony, Effingham

May 14<sup>th</sup> 1:00-2:30pm at St. Isidore, Bishop Creek

July 23<sup>rd</sup> 11:00am-12:30pm at St. Anthony, Effingham

August 13<sup>th</sup> 10:00-11:30am at St. Isidore, Bishop Creek

October 22<sup>nd</sup> 10:00-11:30am at St. Anthony, Effingham

November 12<sup>th</sup> 1:00-2:30pm at St. Isidore, Bishop Creek

### Meals on Wheels Schedule

March 21-24: Dieterich

call Michelle Kuhl at 618-686-2092 if you can help

April 4-8: Island Grove

April 11-15: Bishop Creek

### “Butterfly Kisses” Father/Daughter Dance

The Father Daughter Dance will be held Sunday, March 6th, 12:00-3:00 pm at the Teutopolis Grade School Auditorium. All tickets are ADVANCED SALES ONLY!! Any questions please call Debi Probst at 857-3101.

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

The Gospel today is the story of the prodigal son, which is really all of our stories, because we have all fallen short of the mark at times. God always waits for us with open, loving arms. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends on April 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>. To register or for more information call 314-649-7317 or go online to [www.stl-wmme.org](http://www.stl-wmme.org).

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"If today you hear God's voice...."  
Reflections for the Jubilee Year of Mercy  
With Fr. Ed Shea, OFM  
St. Francis of Assisi Church  
Wednesdays 7:20 to 8:20 pm  
March 9, 16 & 23

"For the Bible Tells Me So"  
Reflections on the Scriptures for Lent 2016  
With Fr. Ed Shea, OFM  
St. Clare Hall at St. Francis Church  
Saturday, March 12th ~ 9:00 to 11:00 am

### DeColores Spring Weekend's

The Men's Weekend, March 31-April 3, 2016 Lay leader, Joe Sudkamp at 217-994-0031; [jksudkamp@frontier.com](mailto:jksudkamp@frontier.com).  
Spiritual Director: Father Tom Meyer

The Women's Weekend, April 7-10, 2016. Lay leader, Bitsy Trummer, 217-294-3179 [bitsy-trummer@hotmail.com](mailto:bitsy-trummer@hotmail.com)  
Spiritual Director: Fr. Ron Hilt

For more information about the spiritual, fun-filled weekends, please call Mary Sur at 217-342-2003.

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**Names do define us.** There is a lot of name calling in the Bible readings proclaimed today. "Brothers and sisters" – those bound together in Christ. "New creation" – those drowned in baptismal waters washing away original life. "Ambassadors for Christ" – those who proclaim the Savior's presence among us by behaviors and actions and, perhaps, even words. "Tax collectors and sinners" – harsh names, but names of those with whom Jesus eats. "Children" – at first, selfish and misbehaving, but then full of sense and repentant because the parent is full of love and forgiveness.



- What name will I claim and use this week?
- Then, how will I behave?

### Sounds of Swing Dinner and Dance

A dinner & dance will be held Saturday, March 19 at St. Thomas Parish Center. Doors open at 5:30 pm, meal served at 6:00, band at 7:00 pm. \$17/person. Reservations must be made in advance by calling St. Thomas School 618-783-3517 by March 11th. All proceeds go to the St. Thomas School Music Program.

### Sacred Heart Fish Fry

Sacred Heart, Effingham will host a "No Fish, Fish Fry" on Friday, March 11 from 4:30—7:30 and will feature *Joe's Pizza* cheese pizza and meatless pasta, salad, breadsticks and dessert.

And will have a Fish Fry on Friday, March 18 serving fish, mac & cheese or baked potato, slaw or applesauce, chips, drink & dessert from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

### Effingham County Right to Life News

Sacred Heart, Lillyville, will host the March 21st prayer vigil for life. There will be a Mass at 6:30 pm and praying the rosary will begin at 6:00 pm. The 7:30 business meeting will be in the parish hall.

The annual Right to Life Rummage sale will be Thursday, March 17th and Friday, March 18th in the Effingham KC building. Please bring your good, useable items on Wednesday, March 16 from 6:00 am—5:00 pm. **Please note—No TV's, computers or printers will be accepted.** Sale hours are 7:00 am to 5:00 pm on Thursday and 7:00 am to 2:00 pm on Friday. Volunteers are needed on Wednesday and to pack leftovers on Friday at 2:30. Men would be greatly appreciated to move heavy cartons. \$3.00 bag sale all day Friday. For more info-call Mrs. Jack Koester at 217-857-3060.

### Chiara Center Events, Springfield, IL

**Food and Faith Series at Chiara Center:** Join us for dinner and a presentation by Father Dominic Garramone, the Bread Monk. This discussion will focus on the spirituality of bread making from an expert Benedictine monk who was featured on PBS and has published books. The event will be held Friday, March 11, 2016 from 6-8p.m. and the cost \$20 per person or \$35 per couple. Please call 217-523-0901 for a reservation.

**"Ah" Day of Quiet: March 21, from 9 a.m. to 3p.m.**  
Consider of day of quiet to explore the deep rest in God's mercy during Holy Week at Chiara Center. Reflections on the sacredness of the paschal mystery will be offered in the morning by Sister Rosie Miller OSF, Chiara Center Program Director. Reflection material will be available in contemplative spaces; lunch and snacks included in the \$20 fee. Massage is available for an additional fee and appointment. Please call 217-523-0901 for reservation.