

Dear Parishioners,

After his respite in India since the first of the year, I want to welcome back Fr. Joe Koyickal who is back with us this weekend. Hopefully he has returned well rested and renewed in mind and body. We did miss him. But in the spirit of gratitude, I want to thank Fr. Carl Schmidt who has helped us in these weeks that Fr. Joe was away. Fr. Carl's presence here in Effingham has allowed us to keep the normal schedule of Masses. For his priestly ministry, I want to thank him on behalf of all of us.

This weekend, we celebrate the last weekend in our month of January. Isn't it sometime this week that the groundhog is supposed to come out and depending upon whether he sees his shadow or not determine how much more of winter we will experience? I don't know about you, but I only hope that this furry animal will give us some hope that we will have an early Spring. I am tired of these dreary days. A little sun would do wonders for the psyche. As we usher in our new month of February, let the thought of Spring remain in our thoughts as we endure this new and shortened month.

This week, January 31-February 5, we celebrate Catholic School's Week. The theme of this celebration is Catholic Schools--"Dividends for Life." There will be many differing activities throughout this week and you are invited to share in many of them. Our Mass this year will be held in the Sacred Heart Gym on Thursday, February 4, at 10:00 a.m. The Catholic schools from the Effingham area will gather to celebrate the Eucharist together. This is also a very good time to thank each and every one of you for supporting our Catholic schools throughout the years. Ever since our parish was established in 1858, the St. Anthony Schools have played a vital role in the ministry of this Church. Our forefathers knew as we know that our Catholic Schools do provide "dividends for life" for our young people. These dividends not only give them the tools to succeed in this world, but I also hope and pray that our schools give the values, the morals, and the faith tradition of the Catholic Church to our young people who are journeying toward their eternal goal, heaven. The former is the role of any good school. The latter is the role of our Catholic school as we try our best to instill faith, encourage participation in Church, support parental efforts in respect for all life, and promote the values and morals of Christ-like living. We also pray that service to God and the Church are priorities for not only our students

but also to our parents who support our efforts in having a Catholic school. Although we often fall short of these ideals, nevertheless, the Catholic schools are our way of providing for our young people with the "dividends for life, now and forever." My thanks is extended to our parish families who sacrifice so much to make our Catholic schools possible throughout the many years of their existence.

Two weeks ago, our brothers and sisters in Haiti suffered a tremendous earthquake that devastated their country, killed thousands of people, and released havoc on an already poor country. One just needs to turn on the news and hear the grim reports coming from this country. As a response, we took up a special second collection for the people of Haiti. As usual, your response has been overwhelming. At this point in time, we will be sending \$10,309.45 to help our brothers and sisters in Haiti. I also want to commend our St. Anthony Grade School students who raised approximately \$1,600 for the people of Haiti, along with our St. Anthony High School students who contributed and/or raised \$6,232.26. Your generosity to the "least of our brother and sisters" who are in need continues to reflect the stewardship of this parish family. I thank you for sharing your treasures.

At this point in time, we have not heard from our sister parish in Ferrier. We've been in contact with the Oblates who minister there and our sister parish seems to have been spared the damage that other parts of Haiti are experiencing. But because of poor communication, nothing is certain. In the meantime, we are hearing pleas from the Oblates for money to help them purchase food for the people who are suffering the most.

This weekend, one of the representatives of St. Anthony serving on a joint committee with Sacred Heart will be speaking at all of our Masses about the new joint fund-raiser entitled "Games for Giving!" This Casino Night will be held on Saturday, March 13th, at the Effingham K. of C. Building and will benefit the Effingham Catholic Schools.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: Two inexperienced hunters bought a bird dog. They took the dog out to give it a try. After a long while one man said to the other, "Well, we'll throw him up in the air one more time. If he still doesn't fly, well have to return him."

Fr. Leo Enlow

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 1, 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mass; 3:30 p.m. Communion Service at Evergreen: William F. Meyer, Buff family, Special Intention

Tuesday, February 2, 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mass: Eileen Carson, Henry & Esther Poterucha family

Wednesday, February 3, 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mass: Ray F. & Josephine Nuxoll & family, Mary Kroeger

Thursday, February 4, 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mass: Jack Jansen Anniversary, Lawrence Sur, Eugene Dasenbrock Anniversary

Friday, February 5, 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mass; 2:00 p.m. Communion Service at Lakeland: Joe, Elizabeth, Harold & Maurice Metten, Leo Enlow, Sr., Lawrence & Vivian Jansen, Mary Kyle, Dick Behl, Agnes (Nuxoll) Cohorst Anniversary

Saturday, February 6, 6:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Mass: Phillip Gaddis Anniversary, Clara & Clarence Springer, Louis Tegeler family, Francis Brumleve

Sunday, February 7, 7:30, 9:15 and 11:00 a.m. Mass: Henry & Geraldine Nolan, Cliff & Lucille Kaufman, Parishioners of St. Anthony

Bereavement Support Group

St. Anthony Parish Center
7 p.m. Tuesday February 2 & 160

Let us prayerfully remember those who call to God for help during their illness

Lectors & Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Our annual education and training meeting will be **Monday, February 15** at St. Anthony Church.

Lectors will meet at 6:30 p.m.

Eucharistic Ministers will meet at 7:30 p.m.

We welcome those who are new to this ministry.

We ask that **all current Lectors and Extra-ordinary ministers of Holy Communion be present** since it is important that time is spent reflecting on these important parts of what we do every week.

If you have any further questions, contact Deacon Joe at 868.5736.

2010 Fundraising Calendar Update

Congratulations to **Bruce McNary, Arcola**, winner of the **January 22** drawing for **\$50**

To Date:	1753 tickets sold	\$26,198 raised
Goal:	2500 tickets sold	\$45,000 raised

You don't have to have a calendar but you do need a ticket. They are available in the parish office, \$25 each.

Coffee & Donuts ~ 2/7**Teen Mission Camp Bake Sale - 2/6 & 7**

Come and share in fellowship after the 9:15 Mass for Coffee & Donuts. You can also leave afterwards with goodies from the Bake Sale.

Teen Mission Bake Sale, 2/6 & 7, is taking place after ALL the weekend Masses in the parish center. Anyone wanting to make bakery donations can do so.

Why Catholic?

The *Why Catholic?* Lenten sessions begin the week of February 15 and conclude the week of March 22.

The next two weekends, at the entrances of church, there are forms to fill out for those who want to participate in the Spring sessions.

Please note if you already belong to a group, you do not need to fill out a form, your group leader should be contacting you.

If you haven't already, please prayerfully consider this opportunity as part of your Lenten practice this year.

The current Small Community Leaders should begin contacting their groups in the next week or two to make the necessary arrangements for the sessions. We continue to study the Creed as part of our journey through the catechism.

Children's Liturgy**Has your child attended yet?**

All 3 and 4 year old parishioners are encouraged to join the Children's Liturgy program during 9:15 Mass. Come to Church and leave from there as a group and be returned to Church.

Council of Catholic Women

The ladies of the parish will be meeting Monday, February 1 in the parish center at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you then.

SAMBA

Next meeting is Monday, February 1 at 6:30 pm in the high school band/chorus room.

Fish Fry February 19, 4-7p @ High School by Country Rhodes/Eat before leaving to game

**Spaghetti Supper ~ Tuesday ~ February 9
Before St. Anthony/Teutopolis Game**

World Youth Day is sponsoring a Spaghetti Supper in the Multi Purpose Room before the Boys Basketball game at St. Anthony High School. Serving is 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Adults \$6.00 Children \$4.00 (Dine in or Carry out) Tickets may be purchased at the door.

“Games for Giving” Casino Night

St. Anthony and Sacred Heart Parishes are excited to announce the upcoming "Games for Giving" Casino Night to be held on Saturday, March 13. This new and unique fellowship opportunity will serve as the Effingham Catholic Schools Fundraiser to benefit St. Anthony and Sacred Heart Schools.

To ensure the success of this fundraiser, we are seeking event sponsors and volunteers. If you and/or your business would like to help with a \$100 sponsorship, please contact Joyce Stock at JStock@siemermilling.com or Amy Braunecker at a.braunecker@mchsi.com. Donor's names/businesses will be recognized in promotional and advertising materials as well as throughout the event.

To assist the professional casino event company that's been hired we need volunteer dealers/bankers. Dealers should be at least 25 years old, and must attend one of two training sessions. Volunteers are needed for one 2-hour shift. If you would like to volunteer contact Traci Chojnicki at tracichojnicki@hotmail.com or Kate Passalacqua at katep@weisinsurance.com.

Please note if you cannot attend the “Games for Giving” event, you may still purchase a ticket to be entered into the raffle at the end of the event. You need not be present to win. This is going to be a fun and exciting night of entertainment -- Plan to join us on Saturday, March 13!

**Father Daughter ~ Sweetheart Dance
Saturday ~ February 6 ~ 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

Spend the afternoon at the Effingham V.F.W. with Dad/Grandpa/Uncle for dancing, dessert, pictures and fun! Cost is \$5 per person. If you wish to order a corsage for your sweetheart for \$4 please call Burkland's, 342-4184.

? call Christy Elder, 821.9595/Sharon Buenker, 343.4501.

Cut out form below and mail to below address

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Name _____

Phone # _____

Number attending _____

Amount Enclosed _____

Mail to Sweetheart Dance, 17363 N Deer Creek Drive,
Effingham IL 62401 by 1.29.10

**Catholic Schools Week January 31-February 6
“Dividends for Life”**

Grade School

- Monday Little Theatre on the Square's presents “Frankly Ben” for grades 3-8, 10:00-11:00
- Tuesday Student Council will host breakfast for the staff. During the week students will collect items for care packages for the troops. Students will make cards to send with the packages.
- Wednesday Karaoke type contest at 1:30 - up to five students to a group. Jeans day
- Thursday All School Mass at Sacred Heart. Dress-up
- Friday Sweats/sweatshirt day - Grade 8 vs. staff Volleyball and games starting at 1:15.

High School

- Tuesday Wear your favorite college or professional athletic jersey day with jeans. Donate a nonperishable food item for Catholic Charities
- Wednesday Teacher Appreciation Day
- Thursday Professional Dress Day - All School Mass at Sacred Heart, 10:00 a.m. Catered lunch for our volunteers and students. Trivia Contest held after lunch. Teams will be either 2 boys or 2 girls within same class.
- Friday Jean Spirit Day ~
9-2 Community Services Blood Drive: Are you 16 and older and want to donate blood? 16 year olds need parent permission form. Open to the Community. All are Welcome!

Pray for Vocations

Church Cleaners for February

Cleaning our church is done Saturday mornings, **8:30-9:30**. If your name appears we need to see you sharing your God given talents. ***If unable to come please call a replacement.***

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| <i>Hille, Matt</i> | <i>Hoene, John/Aimee</i> |
| <i>Hirt, Craig/Molly</i> | <i>Hoene, Kevin/Rachel</i> |
| <i>Hochdaffer, Richard/Carol</i> | <i>Hoene, Kevin/Sara</i> |
| <i>Hodge, Kelly/Devvie</i> | <i>Hoene, Mike/Cindy</i> |
| <i>Hodge, Tim/Karla</i> | <i>Hoene, Tony/Marg</i> |
| <i>Hoelscher, Bill/Lisa</i> | <i>Hoene, Bill/Barb</i> |
| <i>Hoene, Frank/Janet</i> | <i>Hoffman, Don/Mary</i> |

Ushers for February

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| 4:30 p.m. Saturday | Bernie Sandschafer, Jim Stuckey |
| 7:30 a.m. Sunday | Ron Bloemer, Don Went |
| 9:15 a.m. Sunday | Todd Schuette, John Dietzen |
| 11:00 a.m. Sunday | Jim Boos, Al Church |

If you have questions please call Matt Unkraut at 217-821-7178.



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Catholic Schools Week: *Dividends for Life*: January 31-February 5

January 30-31, 2010

For the calendar...

- ☉ CSW begins January 31st
- ☉ **February 2**, Food Drive
- ☉ **February 3**, "Thank a Teacher" Day
- ☉ **February 4**, Professional Dress Day; All Schools Mass @ Sacred Heart School (10:00am); Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon @ 12:00; Trivia Contest, 1:00-2:00; Early dismissal, 2:15.
- ☉ **February 5**, Community Blood Services Blood Drive, 9:00-1:30, Enlow Center MPR
- ☉ **February 5**, WYSE Team Regional @ Lake Land
- ☉ **February 12**, 2:15 Mass in MPR
- ☉ **February 15**, No School
- ☉ **February 17**, Mass @ 12:10, Ash Wednesday,
- ☉ **February 18**, 8th Grade Preview, 1:00-2:45
- ☉ **February 26**, 2:15 Mass in MPR

Volunteer Luncheon Scheduled

A Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon has been scheduled for Thursday, February 4th, during Catholic Schools Week. The lunch will be catered by Niemerg's and will begin at 12:00. Thankful students will man the buffet line as volunteers, staff and students enjoy the lunch together.

Tracking the Bulldogs...



...Did you hear about **Greg Schmidt** and **Alex Bauer**? These two seniors took on the challenge to compete in the Eastern Illinois University Scholar Bowl Meet before Christmas and won the entire tournament! Scholar bowl sponsor, **Mrs. Kelly Thoele**, reports that Greg and Alex were the only two from the team who could participate in this meet. They wanted to take their chances and were rewarded for their efforts with a first place trophy. Congratulations, Greg and Alex!

...The boys basketball team spear-headed the school's effort to collect donations for Haitian Earthquake Relief. Through a school-wide collection, passing the hat at the basketball game,

and the team's solicitations for donations, the Bulldogs raised over \$6,000.00 for Catholic Relief Services and their Haiti Relief Fund. **Coach Britton** and his boys thank everyone who contributed to this cause.

...Congrats to **Lauren Hoelscher** and **Myles Baker** on being named Homecoming queen and king, respectively. Homecoming Week events concluded with the dance on Saturday, January 16.

...**Nicholas Nosbisch** has been named a Student Council area representative. Nicholas is a freshman.

...**Mr. Matthew Poston** has announced the 2009-2010 WYSE team roster:

Myles Baker, Alex Bauer, Kelli Griffin, Kelly Jansen, Marty Jansen, Kathleen Kay, Taylor Oltman, Allie Kabbes, Caroline Robb, Greg Schmidt, Kelsi Swanson, Breanne Tabbert, Drew Willenborg, and April Wenthe. The first competition for the team is on February 5th at Lake Land College.

...**Devvie Hodge** of Illinois State Police District 12 Effingham recently presented an "Above 90% Seat Belt Award" to St. Anthony High School. During a recent random test, 95% of SAHS students were using their seatbelts! Out of twenty schools tested, St. Anthony ranked third. Way to go, Bulldogs!

February's Activity Schedule

Girls Basketball:

Feb. 01 vs. Lawrenceville
 Feb. 04 @ Brownstown
 Feb. 08-11 Regional Tournament
 Feb. 15-18 Sectional Tournament
 Feb. 22 Supersectional
 Feb. 26-27 State

F/S Boys Basketball:

Feb. 11 vs. North Clay
 Feb. 1-8 @ Neoga Tournament

Varsity/JV Boys Basketball:

Feb. 02 vs. Windsor
 Feb. 05 vs. Cowden-Herrick
 Feb. 09 vs. Teutopolis
 Feb. 12 @ Brownstown
 Feb. 13 @ Highland
 Feb. 16 vs. Altamont
 Feb. 19 @ Casey-Westfield
 Feb. 22-26 Regional Tournament

Wrestling:

Feb. 06 Regional Tournament
 Feb. 13 Sectional Tournament
 Feb. 19-20 State

Scholar Bowl:

Feb. 04 @ Stew-Stras
 Feb. 11 vs. St. Elmo, B.C.
 Feb. 18 NTC JV Tourney @ Neoga, 4:30

OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS	
Annual collection budgeted goal for year ended 6/30/10	\$ 1,924,000
Actual collections through 01/24/10 (30 weeks-\$36,666 average)	1,099,975
Balance required to reach goal (22 weeks)	<u>\$ 824,025</u>
Average weekly goal for remaining 22 weeks	<u>\$ 37,456</u>
Actual offerings received for 01/24/10	<u>\$ 28,274</u>
Last Year Total for 30 weeks (32,569 average)	<u>\$ 977,061</u>

During discussion at the last Parish Finance Council meeting, the following comparison was noted. At the beginning of this fiscal year, which began July 1, 2009, we owed the diocese \$434,950. As of 12/31/09 the amount has grown to \$537,005. Current projections for the 6/30/10 year-end show the amount owed the diocese will reach \$695,000. This will be due for ACSA and Catholic Times short falls and pension and health insurance premiums. Everything received and all participation is appreciated, but not reaching various revenue targets has had, and will, have this affect.

Haiti relief collections: Parish \$10,309
 St. Anthony Schools \$ 7,832

Quilters are Quilting

February 1, 2, 3, 5 ~ 9am - 4pmFebruary 4 ~ 9am - Noon

If you would like to **help** with the current CCW quilt and/or **learn** about quilting please come to the parish center weekdays.

Calendar of Events 1/24 - 1/30

- Sun,** 9:15a Children’s Liturgy, pc sm
- Mon,** 7p, Council of Catholic Women meeting, pc
- Tue,** 7:15a, Yoga, pc sm
7p, Bereavement Support, pc
- Wed,** 3p, Intermediate Choir, Church
5:30p, Handbells
6:30p, PSR
7p, Adult Choir, Church
- Thur** 6:30p, Mens Choir, Church
7p, RCIA, pc lg
- Fri,** 3p, Intermediate & Jr. H Choir, pc

Music Ministry Schedule

January

- 30 4:30p, Men’s Choir/Barbara Konrad
- 31 7:30a, Madonna Broecker/Sara Smith
9:15a, YACS/Allie Kabbes
11:00a, Nikki Quandt/Teresa Thies

February

- 6 4:30p, Adult Choir/Margaret Niebrugge
- 7 7:30a, Fran Bergfeld/Barbara Konrad
9:15a, TBA/Barbara Konrad
11:00a, Nikki Quandt/Allie Kabbes

Thank You

The Bryant family would like to thank all of the coaches, high school athletes, and participants that were involved with the Tom Bryant Memorial Shooting Camp. It was another successful year and we couldn’t do it without you. We appreciate all that you do.

Rural King Fundraiser - February 14-21

Save your receipts from these dates only and turn into the parish office. Start planning what to buy.

SCRIP News ~ Update

Beginning February 6, SCRIP cards will be sold every weekend in the parish center after 4:30 Mass on Saturdays and after 9:15 Mass on Sundays.

VOLUNTEER MEETING ~ Wednesday, February 10 we will be holding a **Volunteer meeting between 6:30 - 7:00** in the parish center. If you’ve previously offered to volunteer please come to this meeting. Your Stewardship of time and talent would be greatly appreciated. SCRIP order forms are available on the St. Anthony website, click on SCRIP fundraising.

Super Bowl Pre-Game Entertainment - February 7
St. Anthony Concert Series

For your Super Bowl pre-game entertainment on Sunday, February 7, at 4:00 p.m. the EIU Honors Concert Choir and Camaerta will be in concert in the church. Notable early classics as well as contemporary works can be expected. Camareta Singers will bring to life madrigals with an emphasis on music composed pre-1750. The choirs are under the direction of Dr. Richard Rossi. Local talents are Ashley Hubbard and St. Anthony alumni Megan McDevitt. The 45 minute concert is open to the public and a free will donation will be taken.

Gym Time with Dad and the Kids

During the month of February, Mom's Ministry will sponsor Gym Time with Dad and the Kids on Sundays from 1:30 to 3:30 pm in the Grade School gym. Kids, if Dad can't make it, bring your Mom along! Bring your own soft/rubber balls and activities. This is a great chance for the kids to get out of the house and run off excess energy during these cold winter weeks. For more information contact Craig Kabbes at 347-8784.