

**Dear Parishioners,**

I have been somewhat in a fog for the past two weeks. The last thing that I anticipated three weeks ago was to be celebrating the death of my father. It has taken its toll on me both physically and emotionally and hopefully God's grace will help me endure the next several weeks. Since my mom and dad have named me the executor of their will, there are many things that I have to do in compliance with the law and the role of an executor. Many of you who were in similar situations with your families know of what I speak. Sometimes it seems so overwhelming but with the help of some competent people, this role of being an executor will be fulfilled. But I was not ready for it to happen so soon. I do want to say that your love and support have been overwhelming and I truly do appreciate all that you have done for me. With the death of the last parent, the connection to the home in which one is raised is brought to an end. This closure does bring sadness for the home in which I was raised, found support, and could always return is no longer. This sadness is somewhat tempered as I realize that my home today is where I place my head—namely here in Effingham with the people who now provide me with support and prayers. Thank you. I am indebted to all of you for your prayers, acts of kindness, and thoughtfulness. Your cards, your expressions of sympathy, and your generous contributions towards the memorial to St. Anthony Church will always be appreciated. I can't thank you enough. On behalf of my family and myself, I do want to thank you all for your love and support, your kindness and thoughtfulness upon the death of my dad. I will be forever grateful to you.

This weekend, the Church celebrates the 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time. In our gospel for this weekend, Jesus responds to his disciples who were arguing about who was the greatest. Jesus states boldly, "If anyone wishes to be first, that person shall be the last of all and the servant of all." This weekend, we also celebrate in the Catholic Church what we call "Catechetical Sunday." This weekend recognizes those who are truly the servants among us, sharing their faith with others. On the front cover of our bulletins this week, we print the names of those among us who are in some way catechists of our parish, either by word or example, sharing the faith and the love of Christ with others. To all those listed and to all those who are catechists by nature, especially all of our parents, I thank you for your service to God, to the Church, and to our parish family.

This past weekend, several couples of our parish shared with engaged couples their many differing life struggles in the sacrament of marriage. On behalf of the parish family, I want to thank Deacon Joe and Pat Emmerich, Eric and Nicole Zeller, Todd and Kathy Buenker, Jim and Leigh Hammer, Greg Dust, and Sr. Alicia Drone. Without these parishioners who shared their experiences of marriage and helped in the efforts of this day, this day would not be possible. So I thank each and every one of you for sharing your time and experiences with these young couples who will be married in the future.

I also want to thank Fr. Carl Schmidt who has helped me and our parish in the absence of a parochial vicar. Without Fr. Carl, I could not have kept our Mass schedule as it is. Many thanks, Fr. Carl, for your priestly ministry and service. We look forward to the arrival of Fr. Joe Koyickal, our newly appointed parochial vicar who will be arriving on Monday September 28. Please continue to pray for your priests, and especially for more priestly vocations.

I remind you that the "Why Catholic!" program will begin soon. This is a diocesan wide program that offers adult education for parishioners. This year the topic is the Creed. If you have not signed up and are interested in learning more about your faith, please call Deacon Joe Emmerich. He will be more than happy to find you a group of adults who share your same interest as well as sharing the same available time slots.

This weekend, we again have inserts in our bulletin concerning our annual Corvette Raffle. This raffle, as you know, benefits St. Anthony High School. It is held in conjunction with MidAmerica's Fun Fest weekend, September 25-27. We would appreciate any help and support that you can give to us.

**ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:** A teacher was giving a lesson on the circulation of the blood. Trying to make the matter clearer, she said, "Now class, if I stood on my head, the blood, as you know, would run into it, and I would turn red in the face."

"Yes," the class said.

"Then why is it that while I am standing upright in the ordinary position the blood doesn't run into my feet?"

A little fellow shouted from the back, "Cause your feet ain't empty."

**Fr. Leo J. Enlow**

**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, September 21, 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mass; 3:30 Communion Service at Evergreen:** Dr. Henry & Esther Poterucha family, Ruth Green Anniversary, Clarence & Anna Bushur, Herman Mette

**Tuesday, September 22, 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mass:** Dennis Koester Anniversary, Lenora Runde, Mary Niemeyer, Lawrence & Barb Carie family, Linda Koester

**Wednesday, September 23, 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mass:** Agnes Wernsing, Clem & Clara Goldstein family, Elizabeth Mueller

**Thursday, September 24, 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mass:** Cindy Koenig, For All Priests, Doris Stumborg, Gertrude Deters

**Friday, September 25, 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mass:** Sidona Lau Anniversary, Gary Walk, George & Philomina Haarman

**Saturday, September 26, 6:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Mass:** Alan & Francis Haarmann, Ted Wortman, Walter Bussman Anniversary, Richard C. Dietzen, Ben Goldstein Anniversary, Maurice Imming Anniversary, Dick Behl, Florence Bushur

**Sunday, September 27, 7:30, 9:15 and 11:00 a.m. Mass:** Clem Luchtefeld Anniversary, Don Elmore, Leo Enlow, Sr., Floyd & Anna Campbell, Jim & Virginia Poeppelmeyer, 25th Wedding Anniversary of Matt & Marla Green, Paul Baker Anniversary, Parishioners of St. Anthony

**Fr. Daren's Mailing Address**

If you wish to write Father Daren, his new address is:

The Rev. Daren J. Zehnle  
Sacred Heart Church  
721 North Springfield Street  
Virden, Illinois 62690



**RCIA**

RCIA classes are open to all those who wish to inquire into the Catholic faith. Classes at St. Anthony Parish begin in September, and registration for this year's program is in progress. If you, or someone you know, would like more information about RCIA or would like to register to begin this process please call Sister Alicia at the parish office, 217-347-7129.

**Pray for Vocations**

**Children's Liturgy**

We are happy to announce that the parish started a Children's Liturgy program last Sunday, September 13. The children will enter Mass with their parents and then leave right before the readings. They will be accompanied by the teachers and helpers into the parish center for their own lesson. They will return to Mass at the presentation of the gifts. This curriculum will be the same as what the Kindergarten and 1st graders use and will be offered during 9:15 Mass at a cost of \$10. *Coordinators, teachers and helpers are needed to ensure the success of this program!* This will fulfill the Sunday Mass requirement. To register your child and to volunteer your talents, please contact Nancy Bushur at 217-342-4479 or nbushur@hotmail.com.

**Adult Enrichment/Catechist Formation**  
with Fr. Ted Bracco, OFM

Fr. Ted will be presenting *A Brief History of the Modern Papacy from Pope St. Pius X to Pope Benedict XVI* on Tuesdays, Sept 22, 29 and Oct 6, 13, 20 and 27. This will be from 7-9 p.m. in the St. Anthony Parish Center. The cost is \$15 payable the first night.



We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of Ray Burk. May God and our prayers console them at this time and may he rest in peace.



**Bereavement Support Group**

St. Anthony Parish Center  
7pm Tuesday evenings  
Next support group meets 9/22

**let us pray that health will soon be restored to the sick and convalescing . . . .**

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| Rick Ashley           | Carolyn Koerner   | Steve Sehy            |
| Mary Baker            | Amy Koester       | Ron Shoffstall        |
| Catherine Beckler     | Terry Kraft       | Rosemary Soltwedle    |
| Jim Bloemer           | Sue Kronerwitter  | Jodi Sparks           |
| Jim Brady             | Michelle Kuhl     | Eric Stein            |
| Lisa Crosson          | Paul Lange        | Tom Stillwell         |
| Art Dasenbrock        | Minnie Luchtefeld | Lester Stoner         |
| Doris Dasenbrock      | Donna Martin      | Lee Thomas            |
| Alexis Didier         | Lori Mathews      | Rebekah Volk          |
| Phyllis Jean DuFrene  | Bertha Mette      | Sr. Cordula Wekenborg |
| Maureen Funneman      | Agnes Meyer       | Craig Welch           |
| Joan Gardewine Ashley | Jolly Michels     | Joyce Westjohn        |
| Kris Jansen           | Mildred Nash      | Mark Worman           |
| Michael Kay           | Tony Osthoff      |                       |
| Lisa Kingery          | Diane Rallo       |                       |



### ***Why Catholic?.....The Profession of Faith***

If you are interested you are encouraged to sign up for the *Why Catholic?* renewal program set to begin October 5-November 9, 2009. Last year over 250 parishioners studied The Sacraments.

The fall session this year centers on the Profession of Faith .....What We Believe.

For those past participants who will continue their faith formation with their small groups this fall, we say, “*Welcome Back!*” If your small community leader has not contacted you, please contact them or the parish office and kindly inform us of your intention of continuing so we can order an adequate number of supplies.

For those wanting to join us this fall, “*Welcome*”, and please fill out the sign up sheets . Return the completed form to the parish office or in the collection basket. Sheets are available at the parish office.

*Why Catholic?* helps nourish faith and enhance our Catholic identity. It is founded on encouraging us to *live* the reasons *why* we are Catholic, and so lead us to a faith that is lived more deeply and meaningfully to God, and to others. It combines the best of faith-learning, faith sharing, and faith living.

*Why Catholic?* explores the important truths of our faith, as they are presented in the Catechism of the Catholic Church and in the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults. It is a parish-based process of adult faith formation, through small Christian communities. It invites us to explore how our faith affects the way we see ourselves and our purpose in life, both as individuals and as a community.

Please consider responding to this renewal opportunity as part of your lifelong faith development journey. If you have further questions regarding *Why Catholic?*, please contact the parish office or Deacon Joe at 868-5736.

### **Evening of Reflection October 6**

All ladies of the parish are invited to an “Evening of Reflection” to be held at the Newman Center at EIU in Charleston on October 6. Fr. John Titus will be speaking on Our Lady of Guadalupe. The evening will begin at 6:30 p.m. and end at 8:30. Father will have Mass and the evening will end with refreshments and fellowship. Bring a carload or more to this special evening. Phone 217-868-2042 if you have questions.

### **LUMINARIES FOR LIFE October 3 & 4**

*Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,  
and before you were born I consecrated you*  
Jeremiah 1:5

Our church leaders are continually encouraging us to stand up for the weakest among us, those who have no voice. Luminaries for Life is a way for our parish to do just that, to publicly affirm our pro-life beliefs. Hundreds of luminaries will be displayed in silent memorial on the steps of St. Anthony Church on the weekend of Respect Life Sunday.

Remember to pray for the unborn especially at this time. Parents, please take a few minutes to visit the display with your children. Use this as an opportunity to discuss with your children what it means to be pro-life and to protect life starting at conception. You have tremendous influence on their beliefs and your guidance is needed to counter the many anti-life messages they hear from the media and others.

Students will be decorating bags and jars to create the luminaries. Participants include all the PSR (parish school of religion) students, all grade 3, 4, and 5 students at St. Anthony Grade School, and the grade school art club. This display is a way for each student who creates a luminary to individually express their pro-life support.

Watch for the lighted display on the nights of October 3 & 4. In case of inclement weather, October 10 & 11 will be chosen.

Special thanks to the Effingham Knights of Columbus and the students of St. Anthony High School for providing funds.

### **Teen Mission Camp Bake Sale**

After all Masses October 3 & 4

This is a fundraiser for the Teen Mission Campers trip to Walpole Island Indian Reservation July, 2010. If anyone wants to make bakery donations it would be appreciated. Please bring donated bakery to the parish center before any of the Masses.

### **Mark Your Calendar**

Come One, Come All ~ Bring the Family  
Annual Space Camp Breakfast

Sunday, October 25  
7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

St. Anthony Parish Center



*The Sixth Grade Class and Parents Thank You for  
Your Support*

### St. Anthony High School Corvette Fundraiser

In this Sunday's Bulletin we have stuffed a pamphlet explaining St. Anthony High Schools Corvette raffle fundraiser.

This fundraiser has been running every year starting in February and ending in September at MidAmerica Motorworks FunFest each year since 1998. It has netted more than \$1,000,000 over those years.

More than 95% of those netted funds wer raised out of the Corvette hobby crowd and not from local parishioners. We have had questions however from fellow parishioners, Can I also buy?

We welcome your participation and encourage the purchase of our grand prize corvette raffle tickets. Please read over our Corvette raffle pamphlet and hopefully buy your tickets.

We only have 1500 tickets at \$100. The grand prize of a New 2010 Corvette or \$55,000 cash could brighten anyone's end of summer.

Sincerely,  
Tom Wegman  
Chairman

Rev Msgr Leo Enlow  
Pastor

### Fall Fest

Saturday ~ October 3

St. Anthony High School

Following 4:30 p.m. Mass in Church

The St. Anthony Booster Club would like to invite you to our annual Fall Fest being held behind St. Anthony High School next to Bulldog Field. It will start with a meal immediately after the 4:30 p.m. Mass in Church. Meal prices will be \$5 Adult/\$3 student. Our Fall Athletes and Coaches will be introduced during the evening so come on out and meet them. Season Tickets and Booster Club Memberships will also be available to purchase.

We appreciate your support.

### Annual Magazine Drive

St. Anthony High School is currently holding their annual magazine drive. The High School library is seeking donations of magazine subscriptions for student use through this drive. If you are interested in sponsoring one or more subscriptions, please call Mrs. B in the library for a list of magazines we would like to have. Deadline: Friday, October 16. The library will also accept donations of recently published, gently used books.

Thank You.

### Saint Anthony SCRIP Program

**THANK YOU** to all the parents and parishioners for ordering your SCRIP cards! Our school fundraiser is off to a great start but we need your *continued* support. SCRIP means substitute money – in the form of the retailer's gift cards. Every gift card purchased gets us closer to reaching our goal. Since our kickoff five weeks ago, our sales have exceeded \$27,000 and we have earned nearly \$1,250.00 for our schools. Keep up the good work!!

In addition to over 500 national retailers, we offer gift cards from the following local establishments:

*Baseball Card Connection ~ Prime Sole (Athlete's Shoe) ~ Chandra's Salon & Boutique ~ Splash & Dash Carwash Effingham Tire & Auto Center ~ The Rosebud Theatre ~ Joe's Pizza & Pasta ~ The Thomas Shop ~ Martin's IGA Visionary Eyewear ~ Niemerg's Steakhouse ~ Witt's Smokehouse & Deli ~ Nuxoll Food Center ~ Wortman Printing Company ~ Over the Moon*

Coming Soon..... Firefly Grill

If you are interested in your business being part of our list of local retailers, please contact Michelle Kinkelaar (217.868.9219) or Dawn Grubb (217.343.2806) and let us tell you how *EASY* it is to be involved.

Orders for SCRIP gift cards are placed weekly. Order forms can be brought to one of the schools, the Parish Center or dropped in the Sunday collection. Orders are placed on Mondays and come in on Fridays. SCRIP cards will be sold on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> weekends after 4:30 Mass on Saturdays and 9:15 Mass on Sundays in the Parish Center. Orders can also be picked up or dropped off at this time.

If you are interested in volunteering to work the table after Mass, during sporting events, sorting, or order pickup/drop off, please contact Dawn Grubb or Michelle Kinkelaar. Any assistance would be appreciated!

You can now print off a SCRIP order form by visiting [www.stanthony.com](http://www.stanthony.com) and clicking on Scrip Fundraising and then SCRIP ORDER FORM at the bottom of the screen.

**Thank you to the following businesses for their generous donations to the SCRIP Program. Wortman Printing Company ~ 2500 envelopes and Koerner Distributors ~ SCRIP Banners**

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You can now receive email updates regarding parish, school and alumni events

<b>OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS</b>	
Annual collection budgeted goal for year ended 6/30/10	\$ 1,924,000
Actual collections through 09/13/09 (11 weeks-\$24,185 average)	( 266,039)
Balance required to reach goal (41 weeks)	<u>\$ 1,657,961</u>
Average weekly goal for remaining 41 weeks	<u>\$ 40,438</u>
Actual weekly offerings received for 09/13/09	<u>\$ 22,478</u>
Last Year Total for 11 weeks	<u>\$ 242,312</u>

...What is St. Anthony Church? What is it, who is it, for you? These past few weeks have seen hundreds, maybe thousands, attending funeral Masses and prayerfully supporting their loved ones. Not just on Sundays, but each day, Masses are celebrated. Last year 37 infants and 8 older children and adults were baptized; 64 were confirmed and 46 received first communion. There

were 21 marriages and 24 deaths. These totals do not include RCIA or other meetings and conferences.

Your weekly contributions make all the Church activities possible. Please prayerfully consider what God has given you. Are you being a good steward of those gifts?

**Calendar of Events**

- Sat,** 5:30p, SCRIP ordering/pick up, pc
- Sun,** 9:15 Children's Liturgy  
10:15a, SCRIP ordering/pick up, pc
- Tue,** Bereavement Support Grp, pc sm
- Wed,** 5:30p, Hand Bells, pc lg  
6:30p, PSR, grade school  
7p, Stewardship, pc sm  
7p, Adult Choir, Church
- Thurs,** 7p, RCIA, pc lg  
7:30p, Mens Choir, Church

**When God Whispers: De Colores Weekend: Listen!**

Men's weekend Nov. 12-15  
Women's weekend Nov. 19-22  
For more information contact Brian Schuette, 217-347-8776 or Mel & Nancy Weber 217-857-6262.

**Catholic Charities Food Pantry**

Please drop off any nonperishable food items for the Catholic Charities Food Pantry by the memorial wall. These items are being collected the weekend of September 26/27.

**Effingham Knights of Columbus**

The Effingham Knights of Columbus are hosting their annual picnic for members and their families, Sunday, September 20. Lunch starts at noon followed by a kiddie tractor pull at 2:00 p.m. along with other fun and games including face painting, clowns, ice cream, kids raffle and horse and buggy rides. Members are encouraged to invite and bring a prospective members and his family. Call Grand Knight Greg Koester, 821-7731, with any questions.

**Catholic Charities Fall Fun Run**

Saturday, September 26 ~ 8 a.m.

Register at 7 a.m. at the Teutopolis Community Park Pavilion. For questions or to register call Mark Hemmen, 217-924-4441, Catholic Charities 217-857-1458 or go to [www.cc.dio.org](http://www.cc.dio.org) to print form.

*All proceeds will support the mission and ministries of Catholic Charities.*

**Photo's Needed**



Do you have photos (digital or traditional) that illustrate the beauty of our church or pictures of our students or parishioners that capture the spirit of St. Anthony? Photos could be featured on our website or in a St. Anthony

publication. For more information or to submit photos, email Eric/Nicole Zeller or Brad/Carrie Koenig at [Fundraising@stanthony.com](mailto:Fundraising@stanthony.com) by Sept. 21 or call 342-9207.

**Prayer Vigil for Life**

St. Michael's Sigel, will host the September 21 prayer vigil for life. Fr. Bud Degrand will be celebrant and homilist for the 6:30 p.m. Mass. Praying the Scriptural Rosary will begin at 6 p.m. (Note time change.)

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**Life Banquet**

The annual Life Banquet will be held in the Keller Convention Center on September 24. If you would like to support the ministry by hosting a table please call the Family Life Center at 342-5433 during business hours.

3rd Annual M.D.A. Golf Tournament  
September 26 @ Fore-Way Golf Course  
Registration 9:30 a.m. Tee-Off 10:00 a.m.  
Four-Man Scramble ~ \$50 per Golfer  
Call Kate for more information, 821-0976.