

**Dear Parishioners,**

As I look at my calendar, this is the last weekend in the month of September. I look back at this month and wonder where the time went. This month has come and gone with the “busyness” of life—the completion of our new school building, the start of a new school year, Fr. Daren’s new appointment as pastor and his transfer, and the various sports programs that occupy the time and attention of students and parents. Needless to say, it will be a month that I will always remember for it brought some drastic changes in my life. As I was reflecting upon this month of September, it has been quite a memorable month for all of us. Change has been the theme—whether we like it or not.

Fr. Daren has officially moved out of the rectory. It’s a little different for me, not having someone with whom to share the living quarters. But this Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, will once again change that situation. On behalf of the parish family, I want to welcome Fr. Joseph Chandy Koyickal, SAC. Fr. Joe is a member of the Pallotine order (Societas Apostolatus Catholici—Society for the Catholic Apostolate or short, SAC.) and comes to us from the Milwaukee province. He was born in India on January 19, 1955 and was ordained a priest on October 19, 1980. He holds a number of degrees from differing universities/seminaries in India and most recently was involved in the Clinical Pastoral Education Program at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. Fr. Joseph has also served in differing parishes both in India and Milwaukee as a priest and pastor. I ask you to make him feel at home with us and welcome him with supportive and loving arms. I am very excited to have him with us and hope and pray that adjustments will be made both on his part and our part with regard to his service here at Saint Anthony Church. Again, please welcome Fr. Joe as a Catholic priest who will serve us in his ministry as a priest of our diocese.

On this last weekend in our month of September, the Church celebrates the 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. In today’s gospel, John says to Jesus, “Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us.” This is an interesting statement. Sometimes in our lives we try to put God into a box, making sure that God can act in only the way that we recognize and with what we are comfortable. But as always, God is mystery and we have to let God be God in our lives. So Jesus says in response, “do not prevent

him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us.” And so I am sure that John would have to take a big gulp, not quite understanding these words of Jesus. We often find ourselves in the same situation, realize that God does work through differing people and in mysterious ways. Let God be God in our lives and just enjoy and be amazed at His mysterious presence and activity in the life of His creation.

Our new RCIA class has had three sessions already and the openness and willingness of the people in our new class is truly inspiring. We have 12 inquirers seeking to learn more about the Catholic Church and its teachings. I ask you to keep all of us in your prayers as we continue this journey of faith.

I want to remind the parents of our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders that their Parent meeting to discuss the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist will be held on Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. in the parish center. This meeting will be informative as we prepare these 2<sup>nd</sup> graders for their reception of their First Reconciliation and their First Holy Communion. Besides informational, this meeting will also challenge our parents, helping them realize that they are the first teachers of their children in the ways of faith and that they need to take an active role in helping us prepare their children for these sacraments. If you cannot be present, please call Sr. Alicia at the parish center to inform her of your absence and to make an appointment to gain the same information. It would be great to have 100% attendance.

The St. Anthony Booster Club Fall Fest will be held next Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, following the 4:30 p.m. Mass at Church. The meal and introductions will take place next to Bulldog Field at St. Anthony High School. Please support their efforts.

**ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:** The kindergarten teacher asked the class, “who was the first man on the Earth?” After some thoughtful silence, one boy volunteered emphatically, “Hoss.!” The teacher, caught off guard, asked, “who did you say?” “Hoss,” the boy repeated. “No,” the teacher corrected, “it was Adam.” “Oh, yeh,” the boy said, “I knew it was one of the Cartridges.” (For those of us who grew up watching the western, Bonanza, we will probably be the only ones to get this one.)

Fr. Leo

**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, September 28, 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mass; 3:30 Communion Service at Evergreen:** Joseph Adducci, Otto Goldstein, John & Lidwina Pike, Joyce Budde

**Tuesday, September 29, 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mass:** Ben & Florence Goldstein, Joe, Elizabeth, Harold & Maurice Metten, For the Sick

**Wednesday, September 30, 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mass:** Don Grunloh, Special Intention, Alberta Schultz Anniversary, Leonard Kinkelaar, Jim & Virginia Poepelmeyer

**Thursday, October 1, 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mass:** George Willenborg, Colin Byrnes Woods

**Friday, October 2, 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mass; 2:00 p.m. Communion Service at Lakeland:** Alice E. Haarmann Anniversary, Norbert & Virginia Koester, Frank & Betty Esker family, Jack Kabbes Anniversary, Ruth & Bud Overbeck, Special Intention

**Saturday, October 3, 6:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Mass:** Dan Sullivan, John (Jack) McHall, Bill & Carrie Henning, Leonard Kinkelaar

**Sunday, October 4, 7:30, 9:15 and 11:00 a.m. Mass:** Walter Heuman Anniversary, Edwin & Mary T. Fehrenbacher, Mickey Reynolds, Colin Byrnes Woods, Martha Having, Quintin & Marie Siemer, Don Boos, Dawn Conkling, Parishioners of St. Anthony



**Bereavement Support Group**

St. Anthony Parish Center  
7pm Tuesday evenings  
Next support group meets 10/6

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

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

**Baptism Class**

Any parents wishing to have their children baptized at St. Anthony need to attend a Baptism class every 3 years. The next class is Monday, September 28 at St. Anthony Parish Center starting at 7:00 p.m. Call to register, 347-7129.

**Protecting God's Children Workshop**

All St. Anthony Grade and High School parents, coaches and volunteers are required to attend the workshop. All Coaches need this prior to coaching any of the children. Any others wanting to volunteer in the schools also need this. To register call the parish office weekdays between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., 347-7129.

**Tuesday, October 6 at 6:30-9:30pm**

**St. Anthony Parish Center**

**Children's Liturgy**

All 3 and 4 year old parishioners are invited to join the Children's Liturgy program during 9:15 Mass on Sundays. Come and participate in worksheets pertaining to the weekly scriptures.

**Mandatory Sacramental Meeting**

ALL Parents of 2nd graders of St. Anthony school and PSR **MUST** attend this meeting about Reconciliation and First Communion on:

**Wednesday ~ October 7  
6:30 p.m. @ Parish Center**

If impossible for you to come you must call Sister Alicia at the parish office, 347-7129.



**Coffee, Donuts and Fellowship**

**Sunday ~ October 4**

Come to the parish center after the 9:15 a.m. Mass and spend some time visiting.

*Wedding Banns*

- Gina Wohltman/Anthony Imburgia  
Bailey Lustig/Andrew Goeckner  
Lisa Repling/Michael Geier*

**Adult Enrichment/Catechist Formation**

with Fr. Ted Bracco, OFM

Fr. Ted is 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 from 7-9 p.m. in the St. Anthony Parish Center. The cost is \$15.

## 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.

### Council of Catholic Women (CCW)

The next regular monthly meeting is Monday, October 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the parish center. Hope to see as many of our lady parishioners attending as we all belong.

**Did You Know???** The parish CCW is responsible for:

*Taking care of funeral dinners* (set up/clean up/desserts)

Jeanne Fauss and Marge Percy coordinate this

*Baptismal white garments*, Catherine Westendorf coordinates this

### 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.



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

There is still time to sign up for the fall session of WHY CATHOLIC?.

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

*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.

If you have further questions regarding *Why Catholic?*, please contact the parish office or Deacon Joe at 868-5736.

### 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.

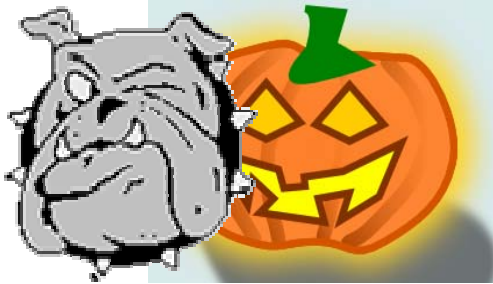
### SAMBA Meeting ~ Oct. 5 ~ 6:30 p.m.

Plan to attend the next SAMBA meeting in the grade school band room. Come and view the NEW and IMPROVED St. Anthony Grade School Band and Chorus rooms. See what we have to offer. See you there!!!

### 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. If you are interested in sponsoring one or more subscriptions, call Mrs. B in the library for a list of magazines. Deadline: Friday, October 16.

*Thank You*



# PAW PRINTS

*Thank you, Mid-America!*

## TRACKING THE BULLDOGS...



...Did you know that 141 St. Anthony High School students are participating in the Fall sports program? That number represents a whopping 66% of the student population!

...St. Anthony High School sponsors a Fellowship of Christian Athletes group. **Mr. Zaccari** and **Mr. Britton** are the sponsors. The group meets on Wednesday mornings before school for prayer and fellowship. Captains for the FCA are **Troy Pike**, **Allie Kabbes**, and **April Wenthe**. The group is making plans for ways to put their faith in action. Last year, the FCA sponsored a coat drive to aid local families.

...Class officer elections have been held with the following results:

### Seniors

*Sponsors: Mrs. Stolz & Mr. Zaccari*  
President: **Cody Sandschafer**

VP: **Marty Jansen**  
Secretary: **David Orr & April Wenthe**

Treasurer: **Derek Rohlfing**

### Juniors

*Sponsor: Mrs. Brooks*  
President: **Michael Nosbisch**  
VP: **Michael McHugh**

Secretary: **Shelby Antrim**

Treasurer: **Anna Mitchell**

### Sophomores

*Sponsors: Mrs. Gillespie & Mrs. Joy Jones*

President: **Lauryn Ragland**

VP: **Josh Wall**

Secretary: **Michael Kabbes**

Treasurer: **Liz Wortman**

### Freshmen

*Sponsors: Mrs. King & Mr. Scherzer*

President: **Nick Nosbisch**

VP: **Emmie Schultz**

Secretary: **Lauren Horn**

Treasurer: **Patrick Martelli & Amber Wenthe**

...Season ticket sales are underway. The student who sells the most season tickets wins an LCD television. The top selling class gets a free pizza party at lunch. Adult tickets are \$30.00 — student tickets are \$15.00. The contest ends October 31. See your favorite SAHS student to get your season ticket!

...The Student Council magazine drive is underway. Proceeds from this fundraiser are divided between the Student Council and the individual classes.

...Mrs. Deters and Miss Cyrus have announced *Into the Woods* as this year's school musical production. The show will go on in December!

**St. Anthony High School**

**September 26, 27, 2009**

### October Calendar Notes:

- ☺ Oct. 3, Fall Fest
- ☺ Oct. 12, Columbus Day, No School
- ☺ Oct. 14, Effingham Celebration Breakfast @ Rosebud Theater; Testing Palooza! @ SAHS.
- ☺ Oct. 16, End of the First Quarter Grading Period
- ☺ Oct. 22, Fall Frolic, 2:00 student dismissal
- ☺ Oct. 22 & 23, Parent-Teacher Conferences (by appointment)
- ☺ Oct. 23, No School due to Parent-Teacher Conferences
- ☺ Oct. 30, Student Council Halloween Carnival for SAGS & SHGS primary grades
- ☺ Oct. 30, Student Council-sponsored Costume Contest for students and staff!

## October Home Sports/Activity Schedule

**October 1:**

Soccer v Mattoon, 4:30

**October 2:**

Baseball — NTC Tourney, TBA

**October 3:**

F/S VB Tourney, 9:00am

FALL FEST (4:30 Mass @ church; Fest follows @ SAHS)

**October 5:**

Baseball — NTC Tourney

VB v Cumberland, 6:15

**October 6:**

Tennis v Teutopolis, 4:30

VB v Stew-Stras, 6:15

**October 7:**

Baseball — NTC Tourney

**October 8:**

Soccer v Teutopolis, 4:30

**October 9:**

Baseball — NTC Tourney

**October 12:**

IMEA auditions @ EHS/EJHS

**October 13:**

XC v Teutopolis/Neoga, 4:00

**October 15:**

VB — NTC Tourney (SAHS hosts)

**October 17:**

VB — NTC Tourney (SAHS hosts)

XC — Bulldog Invitational, 9:00

**October 19:**

VB v Arcola, 6:15

Scholastic Bowl v Neoga/

Brownstown, 6:30

**October 20:**

VB v Dieterich, 6:15

**October 26:**

Scholastic Bowl v T-Town/Beecher City, 6:30

**October 27, 29:**

VB — Regionals (SAHS hosts)

*GO, BULLDOGS, GO!*

### **Testing Palooza!**

Students will be taking the following tests on October 14:  
Seniors: ASVAB  
Juniors: ACT or PSAT  
Sophomores: PLAN

<b>OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS</b>	
Annual collection budgeted goal for year ended 6/30/10	\$ 1,924,000
Actual collections through 09/20/09 (12 weeks-\$24,022 average)	( 288,268)
Balance required to reach goal (40 weeks)	<u>\$ 1,635,732</u>
Average weekly goal for remaining 40 weeks	<u>\$ 40,893</u>
Actual weekly offerings received for 09/20/09	<u>\$ 22,230</u>
Last Year Total for 12 weeks	<u>\$ 263,787</u>

. . . .Approximately 70 parish leaders, including spouses attended the spiritual retreat led by Deacon Pete Moore from the Catholic Stewardship Consultants. Comments heard after the close on Saturday afternoon, praised Deacon Moore for the job he did as well as the experience that the attendees received. Many of you have made

cursillo weekends or other retreats and know the benefit of prayer and quiet time. Prayer and Mass attendance are very good uses of time as we proceed down the stewardship path.

**Sign Up at [www.stanthony.com](http://www.stanthony.com) To Receive St. Anthony Email Updates**  
**You can now receive email updates regarding parish, school and alumni events**

**Calendar of Events**

- Sun,** 9:15 Children’s Liturgy
- Mon.** 7p, Baptism Class, St. Anthony, pc
- Tue,** 7p, Fr. Ted’s Class, pc sm
- Wed,** 5:30p, Hand Bells, church  
6:30p, PSR, grade school  
7p, Adult Choir, pc lg
- Thurs,** 7p, RCIA, pc lg  
7:30p, Mens Choir, Church
- Sat,** Fall Fest following 4:30p Mass in Church  
5:30p, SCRIP, pc

**Church Cleaners for October**

**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.*** Questions call Amy Niebrugge.

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| <i>Greene, Troy/Patty</i>     | <i>Grunloh, Ed/Lori</i>       |
| <i>Greuel, Ron/Marlene</i>    | <i>Grunloh, Richard</i>       |
| <i>Griesbaum, Carol</i>       | <i>Grunloh, Susan</i>         |
| <i>Griffin, Lee/Theresa</i>   | <i>Grunloh, Ted/Jean Anne</i> |
| <i>Griffith, Don/Shannon</i>  | <i>Haarman, Cynthia</i>       |
| <i>Grinestaff, Greg/Diana</i> | <i>Haarman, Mark/Megan</i>    |
| <i>Grubb, Brian/Dawn</i>      | <i>Haarman, Sam/Dorothy</i>   |

**Sacred Heart PTA ~ Country Carnival**

October 3 ~ 4-7:30 p.m.  
 Parish Center  
 Chili supper with hotdogs/nachos & all the fixing's  
 (free will donation)

Victim Assistance Coordinator/Safe Environment Coordinator for Diocese of Springfield in Illinois is Patricia Kornfeld, 217-321155; email: [pkornfeld@dio.org](mailto:pkornfeld@dio.org)

**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.

**Space Camp Breakfast**

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



**Save the Date!!**

Trivia Night  
**Saturday, Oct 17 after 4:30 Mass**

Food ~ Fun ~ Friends  
*When did Joe’s Pizza open in downtown Effingham?*

*Yoga begins October 6 in the parish center, 7:15 a.m.*

**Some Important Dates**

- Oct 3 Pro-life Mass and rosary vigil in Granite City. Interested in attending call Sue Palmer 342-6729
- Oct 6 Evening of Reflection with Fr. John Titus at EIU Newman Center. Can you drive or need a ride call Maureen Broeker, 347-3793/Betty Boos 868-2042
- Oct 14 Diocesan Council of Catholic Women convention at St. Thomas Decatur. Forms on back of Aug 30 Catholic Times
- Oct 18 Rosary for Life at the Healing Garden, St. Anthony Hospital, 1:30 p.m. (In case of rain, rosary will be in the hospital chapel)