

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Today we are filled with Easter Joy! Our Lord is risen! We celebrate the Mystery of Easter.

Here is the mystery of Easter: we want to see and believe, but since the resurrection is so out of our human experience we simply cannot understand. As we know from Scripture, belief came gradually to those first witnesses, and then only when they had a personal encounter with Jesus (some disciples “ate and drank with him” in our first reading this Sunday). Our own belief in the risen Jesus gradually grows throughout our life as we continually encounter him in our own eating and drinking with him. We encounter the risen Jesus in the Eucharist when we eat and drink with Him....when His Body and Blood become our nourishment. We also encounter the risen Jesus in each other as we witness by the goodness of our lives to Gospel values. We are a new creation in this resurrection life---the source of our Easter joy! THE mystery: we share in eternal life---risen life with no end.

We celebrate in a very special way another source of Joy for our Church: Paula Bushby, Christina Dawes, Russell Mathis, Vickie Mathis, Haylee Mathis, Lexie Mathis, Todd Rietz, Helen Zheng, Kaitlin Carpenter, Justin Field, and John Workman who experienced or completed the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil this weekend. These men and women became invited to experience the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) because of other people who witnessed in their personal life the Easter mystery. Through others, they saw something that called them to want to experience and embrace the Catholic faith. Since September of last year, they have journeyed faithfully through the weeks of study and reflection guided by their sponsors and the volunteers on the RCIA team. A special thank you to Sr. Alicia Drone ASC, Jeanne Patterson, Joyce Kabbes, Pati Jansen, Pat Emmerich, Robert Siler, Joe Sudkamp, Jim Hammer, Ann Platt, and past team members Msgr. Leo Enlow and Fr. Joseph Koyickal, SAC, who studied, prepared, and instructed the newest members of our Church. Please be sure to welcome these people and make them feel at home with our parish family.

Our liturgies are an outward sign of our faith journey. We believe and therefore we worship. Literally hundreds of people...all the choirs, musicians, cantors, sacristans, lectors, Extra- ordinary ministers of Holy Communion, ushers and greeters, altar servers (and their parents), church cleaners, parish staff, and all in the congregation and many others...through planning, prayer, and participation, bring the Joy of Easter to our parish this year.

As sure as Easter arrives each spring so does another very special event in the lives of those children in our parish who will be receiving their First Holy Communion on Sunday

May 1 at 1:30 p.m. Let’s keep this special day in our prayers, not only for these children, but for their parents and their families and relatives who will experience and celebrate this joy filled occasion.

We will be celebrating (over the next several weekends), the Sacrament of Baptism welcoming the youngest (and perhaps the tiniest!) new members into this community of believers.

We pray also for the Sacrament of Holy Orders for two transitional deacons at the Cathedral on April 30th and ordination to the priesthood for one deacon later in May. These future leaders and ministers need our prayers.

When you read the bulletin, celebrate with your prayers, those people who are beginning a new life as a married couple, as this time of year the church traditionally experiences weddings practically every weekend. May this Sacrament continue to be a source for life giving grace.

Easter Joy reminds us of and renews us with hope and new life! May the Joy of the resurrected Christ fill you each day!

Deacon Joe

Pro-Life Corner

Please pray for a growing respect for all human life from conception to natural death, and for a growing knowledge of the immensity of God’s Divine Mercy. Especially pray for families in which relationships have been wounded by an abortion decision: that they learn to forgive each other and support each other through the long process of healing.

(USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities)

Thank You

The Committee of the Taste of St. Anthony, the WYD Pilgrims and their parents want to extend a big Thank You to Midland States Bank, participating privileged chefs, all of our donors and ESPECIALLY to each and every one of YOU that came out to enjoy the evening with us. Our evening was a HUGE success and only because of all of you. Thank You for your support!

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to receive St. Anthony Email Updates

You will receive email updates regarding parish, school and alumni events you might want to attend.

Pray for Vocations

Mass Intentions

Monday, April 25, 6:30 a.m. Mass:

Tuesday, April 26, 6:30 a.m. Mass: Joe, Elizabeth, Harold & Maurice Metten, Becky Hawickhorst, Frank Knapton Family

Wednesday, April 27, 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mass: Jim Jansen, Fletcher Jansen Anniversary, Clem & Clara Goldstein Family, Larry Passalacqua, Charles Brummer Anniversary, Oliver & Maxine Westendorf Family, Clara Hartke Anniversary

Thursday, April 28, 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mass: Frank H. Schniederjon, 49th Wedding Anniversary of Art & Jeanne Willenborg, Gary Walk, Jim Bourgeois, Gene McDevitt Anniversary, Tony & Hilda Pike, Frank G. Schniederjon Anniversary

Friday, April 29, 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mass: Leonard Niebrugge, Maurice Goldstein

Saturday, April 30, 4:30 p.m. Mass: Kathy Johnson, Margaret Sur, Special Intention

Sunday, May 1, 7:30, 9:15 and 11:00 a.m. Mass: Lenora Runde, Norbert & Virginia Koester, Don Passalacqua, Philip Gaddis & Family, 57th Wedding Anniversary of Harold & Bertha Bushur, Mickey Reynolds, George & Louise Willenborg, Council of Catholic Women, Vi Kabbes, Vincent Weishaar, Parishioners of St. Anthony

Mother-Daughter Breakfast

On Sunday, May 1, after 7:30 a.m. Mass, the annual Mother-Daughter breakfast will take place in the parish center. If you plan to attend, please call Maureen Broeker (347.3793) or the parish office (347.7129) to reserve your place. If you have a group, we will need to know how many are in the group so we can be sure you will be seated together. Mary Ellen Eversman will be the quest speaker. Her topic is "Dr. Gertrude Engbring, a native daughter." We hope to see many of you there. Meanwhile, please put your dues and your quilt chances (marked CCW quilt chances) in the collection basket as soon as possible.

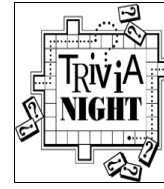
Ushers for May

4:30 p.m. Saturday	Steve Bourgeois, Ken Bourgeois
7:30 a.m. Sunday	Mike Hoene, Mike Mitchell, Jim Bierman
9:15 a.m. Sunday	Kevin Roepke, Joe Jansen
11:00 a.m. Sunday	Larry Goldstein, Michael Goldstein

Let us pray for all our family members, parishioners, friends and the world who call to God for help during their illness. May health soon be restored to them.

Deborah Alldredge	Janet Flach	Luke Johnson	Esther Poterucha	David Thies
Tearia Baker	Karlene Frese	Dee Kiefer	Jeff Poston	Lee Thomas
Jim Bloemer	Art Fuesting	Amy Koester	Dorothy Pruemer	Charlie Vansaghi
Linda Clineff	Clarence Funneman Sr.	Linda Lofton	Diane Rallo	Esther Walk
Lisa Crosson	Cliff Grunloh	Marie McDaniel	Richard Rentfrow	Craig Welch
Art Dasenbrock	Kaitlyn Holste	Bill Mette	Steve Sehy	Valentine Wente
Alexis Didier	Kris Jansen	Tony Niebrugge	Ron Shoffstall	Michael Wheeler
Andrew Dinsdale	Jeaneane Jenne	Gary Niemerg	Ellie Swannell	Mark Worman
Dustin Doedtman	Alissa Jarrett	Mary Ellen O'Brien	Mildred Tegeler	

Trivia Night - April 30, 7pm



Food, Fellowship, Fun - sign up your team of 6-8 for Trivia Night at St. Anthony parish center. Call the parish office, 217.347.7129 to register or to be placed on a team. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.. Bring a snack to share with your table and drinks will be provided with purchase. \$10 per person. Contact Kristie Boggs for additional information 217-343-8822

Bereavement Support Group

St. Anthony Parish Center
7 p.m. Tuesday, April 26



Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, April 25 in observance of Easter.



A Loss
in the Church
Family

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

Visitation will be at Hall Funeral Chapel Sunday, April 24th from 4pm -8pm, with the funeral on Monday, April 25th, at 10:00am here at St. Anthony Church.

Save the Date!

**St. Anthony Booster Club
Family Golf Outing**

sponsored by Cardinal Golf Course
Sunday, May 29

Golfers of all ages are welcome.
More information to come
in the following weeks.



Easter Decorations

Living & Deceased Members of the Joe & Pat Emmerich Family

Dr. Henry & Esther Poterucha

In Remembrance of Albert & Bernice Seiler

In Memory of Mary Kyle by Frank & Betty Esker

In Memory of Joyce & Wes Wilson and James O'Brien by Dave & Mary Ellen O'Brien

Living & Deceased Members of the Bill & Jeanne Huelsbusch family

In Memory of Bob Dirks by Ramona

In Memory of Otto J. Goldstein by the family

In Loving Memory of the Gapsis & Beigelbeck family Anonymous

In Memory of Alex Pickett and Ethel & Maurice Brumleve

In Memory of the Bloss & Vansaghi families by Charlie & Jan Vansaghi

In Memory of Andy & Alice Sur and Don & Betty Elmore by the Roger Sur family

Living & Deceased Members of the Robert & Anne Kenter family

Living & Deceased Members of the James & Charlotte Kantor family

In Memory of Marilyn Smith

In Memory of Margaret Barlage

Agnes & Leo Reiss from Children & Grandchildren

In Loving Memory of Ronald R. Niebrugge from his family

In Loving Memory of the Parents of Glen & Cindy Mitchell: Clay & Alice Dilworth and Joe & Wanda Dirks

In Memory of Frank & Rose Emmerich by Patti, Kent, Rob & Chris Devall

Frances & Charles Brummer

In Memory of Albert A. Willenborg, John Willenborg, Jim Mahon and Jeremy Hubbard by Dan & Margie Willenborg and family

Anonymous

In Loving Memory of Carl Koerner, Jr from his family Lawrence & Barb Carie family

In Memory of Eugene Dasenbrock

In Loving Memory of Mickey Reynolds & James Kortte by Duane, Marsha, Amber, Jason, Andy & Colin

In Loving Memory of the Al & Martha Having family Living & Deceased Members of the Sean & Alf

Niebrugge by the Niebrugge family

In Loving Memory of Al Niemerg & Joyce Budde by Marie Niemerg

Easter Decorations

Allie & Helen Goeckner and Alf & Catherine Koester by Clete & Betty Koester

Happy Easter Dad

Living & Deceased Members of the Francis Brumleve family & the Harry Willenborg family by Dave & Marty Brumleve

In Loving Memory of Tom Doehring given by Sharon & Jessica

In Loving Memory of Joseph & Marie Adducci and Bob Dirks by Pat & Cathie Dirks & family

In Memory of Vincent Weishaar and Albert Haarmann by Kurt Haarmann family

In Memory of Larry Passalacqua & Chloe Passalacqua given by Mickey Passalacqua

In Memory of Peter & Katharina Grujanac, Lorenz & Susan Kollinger, Shirley Kay, Lennie & Emma Kulp, John M. & Lorraine Kay from John & Ingrid Kay and family

In Memory of Johnny Schaefer from the family

A Special Remembrance by David & Jamie Schuette family

In Honor of Our Parents and Grandparents by David & Jamie Schuette

In Loving Memory of Robert Swingler by the Mike & Shelly Martelli family

Mass Servers

Weekday Masses, April 25-29

25-29	6:30 a.m.	Megan Hodge/Abby Buenker
27	8:30 a.m.	Anna Schutzbach/Morgan Wilson

Weekend Masses, April 23/24, 30/1

Saturdays	4:30 p.m.	John Hartke, Rachel Wortman, Christopher Jones
Sundays	7:30 a.m.	Jay Niebrugge, Kyle Bourgeois, Bryan McChuen
	9:15 a.m.	Nick Martelli, Patrick Martelli, Chandler Martelli
	11:00 a.m.	Joseph Kabbes, Donovan Hammer, Tierney Hammer

Weekend Masses, May 7/8, 14/15, 21/22, 28/29

Saturdays	4:30 p.m.	Megan Hodge, Elizabeth Falconburg, Isabel Moore
Sundays	7:30 a.m.	Michael Stephens, Thomas Stephens, Ann Bushur
	9:15 a.m.	Maddi Tegeler, Patrick Tegeler, Kristin Slaughter
	11:00 a.m.	Maryann Saba, Andy Saba, Ty Bracey

Wedding Banns

Jennifer Ruesken/Mark Berg

Parish Office Staff Position

St. Anthony Parish is seeking applicants to fill the parish secretary position. Applicants should understand Microsoft Office®, be creative, and capable of multitasking. Handling confidential information, and being a flexible team member is a must. The position is full time and Diocesan benefits apply.

Send letter of application and resume to:
Charlie Brumleve
St. Anthony of Padua Church
PO Box 764
Effingham, IL 62401
Applications due May 6, 2011.

St. Anthony Grade School

St. Anthony Grade School is a Catholic, co-educational school that provides a learning environment steeped in tradition and committed to excellence in education. St. Anthony Grade School is currently seeking applications for the position of:

Principal

Qualified applicants should be Catholic and possess the current Illinois Type 75 Certificate, a record of successful administrative experience in an educational setting, and a strong commitment to fostering an innovative and quality learning environment.

Send letter of application, resume, and credentials by May 2, 2011 to:

Charlie Brumleve
St. Anthony of Padua Church
PO Box 764 Effingham, IL 62401
cbrum@stanthony.com

SAMBA Meeting

The next monthly meeting for SAMBA is Tuesday, May 3. They meet at the High School at 6:30 p.m. All interested band boosters are encouraged and invited to attend.

Catholic Charities Volunteers

During this Month of Volunteer Appreciation, the staff of Catholic Charities would like to acknowledge all of the generous people who donated their time and talents. Their assistance with the Food Pantry, Ramblin Rose and Second Hand Rose Resale Shoppe makes each of these services a success.

To celebrate and recognize their service, Catholic Charities will be hosting a breakfast for all of its volunteers on April 28th, from 7:30am to 10:00am in the Catholic Charities Conference Room.

Peace and Blessings,
Carrie Crippen
SHR Manager, 217-857-1482

2011 Fundraising Calendar Update

Congratulations **Thomas Johnson,**
West Chicago, IL
winner of the **April 15, 2011** drawing for **\$50**

The \$4000 Tuition & Fees Drawing is just around the corner! Make sure you have purchased raffle tickets for your chance to win! Calendars and raffle tickets will be available outside of church after each Mass now through May 20. Don't miss out!

Church Cleaners for May

Cleaning our church is done Saturday mornings, **8:30-9:30**. If your name appears we need to see you and your family sharing your God given talents. Those needing service hours are always welcome.

If unable to come please call a replacement.

<i>Niebrugge, Gary & Deb</i>	<i>Niemann, James & Donna</i>
<i>Niebrugge, Justin & Kristy</i>	<i>Niemerg, Carl</i>
<i>Niebrugge, Kevin & Misty</i>	<i>Niemerg, Chandra</i>
<i>Niebrugge, Margie</i>	<i>Niemerg, Janice</i>
<i>Niebrugge, Michael & Toni</i>	<i>Niemerg, Nick & Carissa</i>
<i>Niebrugge, Nick</i>	<i>Niemerg, Tony</i>
<i>Niebrugge, Niki</i>	<i>Nosbisch, Mike & Mindy</i>
<i>Niebrugge, Ron & Jennifer</i>	<i>Nosbisch, Phil</i>

1991 Class Reunion

The class of 1991 will have their 20th reunion this summer. Classmates, please forward your contact (name/address/email) information to: mattwaldhoff@yahoo.com More information will be coming soon.

Spring Concert

The Spring Concert this year will be a little different than we have presented it in the past. This year, the Junior High Chorus members and Band members of St. Anthony will perform separate concerts. BUT the chorus members of the Junior High and the High School will combine their concert time. The schedule is:

CHORUS CONCERT:

Who: Junior High and High School Chorus

When: May 15th at 2:00pm

Where: St. Anthony of Padua Church

Details: The Junior High will be performing first followed by the High School and then the Junior High will join the High School for the final piece. This concert will be approximately 30-40 minutes. The students are asked to be there at 1:30pm and attendance is mandatory.

Thank you!

Kimberly Deters

OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS	<u>04/18/11</u>	<u>YTD (since 7/1/10)</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Received (328 env)	\$ 29,314	\$1,399,375	\$1,432,372
Goal (LY YTD + 6%)	\$ 34,990	\$1,518,314	
Difference	(\$ 5,676)	\$ (118,939)	
Scholarships	\$ 95	\$ 34,010	
Haiti Parish	\$ 242	\$ 20,686	
			<u># of Families</u>
ACSA Assessment	\$ 72,291	\$ 37,537	275
Catholic Times Assessment	\$ 18,157	\$ 4,060	270

... By now you have seen the beautiful statue of Jesus and two children, which sits on the southwest corner of the grade school. You also may have initially noticed the concrete block, then the appearance of the statue and now the next step, the bricked base. The final steps will be the planting of bushes around the base and the illumination of the statue. The statue was donated by the family of Dr. John and Helen Dust, in their memory. The successful placement of it involved the expertise of Bart Willenborg and Effingham Monument and Graham

Wagner of Wagner Masonry. Even though the statue creator gave measurements for the base, it did not originally fit properly. But, the bricks and top, and then bushes and light do and will enhance this beautiful remembrance even more. Thank you Dust family, Bart and Graham..Our parishioners continue to improve the parish buildings and activities. Thank you all for taking ownership in so many ways.

Calendar of Events 4/24-5/1

- Mon** NO SCHOOL
Parish Center Office Closed
- Tue** 7p, Bereavement Support Group, pc
- Wed** 5:30p, Bells
6:30p, PSR School
7p, Choir
- Thur** 5:15, Men's Choir
7p, RCIA, pc lg
- Sat** 7p, Trivia Night, pc lg
- Sun** 7:30a, Mother Daughter Breakfast, pc lg
1:30p, 1st Communion

Music Ministry Schedule

April

- 24 7:30a Emily Calhoon/Barbara Konrad
9:15a St. Cecilia/Teresa Thies
11:00a Allie Kabbes/Allie Kabbes

April/May

- 30 4:30p Bell Choir
- 1 7:30a Barbara Konrad
9:15a Rachell Wortman/Barb Konrad
11:00a Emily Calhoon
1:30p Intermediate Choir

The Cross at the Crossroads

...is in need of volunteers to help greet and educate visitors to the Cross. This is a great opportunity to meet new people and see how Faith impacts each of our lives. Contact Kathy at 217.342.4100 for more information.

Artisan Fair

The Vision 2020 Retail/Tourism Committee is hosting its 6th annual Artisan Fair on the Courthouse Square. Hours are 5-8pm on Friday, April 29 and 10am-4pm on Saturday, April 30. Be sure to stop by the St. Anthony booth while at the Fair!

12th Annual

Austin Luckett Memorial Golf Scramble

...will be held Friday, May 13 at Cardinal Golf Course. Proceeds benefit the mission and ministries of Catholic Charities. \$75 per golfer includes green fees, cart, food & beverages. To register, sponsor a hole, or make a donation, please call Catholic Charities, 217.857.1458.

2011 Mission Work Camp Playhouse Raffle

Once again the mission work group is raffling a playhouse. Ticket price: 1-\$5.00 or 10-\$20.00. Drawing will be held on May 15th at noon. Free delivery within 25 miles. We will be selling after the Masses on April 30th-May 1st and May 14th & 15th. Tickets may also be purchased at the parish center. For further information contact Glen Pankonen at 217-347-0575.

“Four Voices” In Concert - May 1st - 3:00 p.m.

Four Voices, a jazz vocal quartet, will present a concert at Wesley United Methodist Church on 4th Street in Charleston. Four Voices presents music of the famous Four Freshmen, a well known male vocal group which became popular in the 1950-60's. The members are Thomas Birkner, Belleville; Allan Horney, Charleston; Craig Lindvahl, Effingham; and Joe Wolfe of Atwood. They are accompanied by piano, bass and drums. All seats \$5. Available at the door and in advance at the parish offices of St. Charles Borromeo, Charleston & Immaculate Conception, Mattoon. (Cash only)

Blood Drive

May 15 St. Anthony Parish Center
More information will be coming.

The Family Life Center

...is seeking a manager for the Silk Purse Thrift Store. The Silk Purse is an extension of the Family Life Center ministry and serves to financially and actively support the work of the Center. A high school diploma is required. Experience in retail sales, customer service and computer skills helpful. Applications obtained at the Family Life Center, 605 Eden Ave, Effingham