

First Sunday of Lent

Matthew 4:1-11

As we open the penitential season of Lent, we are reminded that in our sinfulness and weakness we are dependent on Christ. Lent is also a time to recall our Baptism, the first stirrings of God's life in us. The first reading from Genesis reveals that God breathed his own life into humankind, into each of us. In addition, Lent is a call to penance focused on dying to self in order to live for Christ.

The Gospel reading takes us into the narrative in which Jesus, led by the Spirit, prepares for his ministry by praying and fasting in the desert. The devil faced Jesus with three familiar temptations: to use his power to be materially secure (never hungry), physically safe (comfortable), and politically successful (in control). These are normal human impulses – Jesus is also human – but he rejects them. He does this by repeatedly turning to God and his word. He centers himself in another kind of power, far greater and mysterious than what the devil offers. It is the power of love. This is the power that will save us.

How do we know about these temptations if “Jesus was led into the desert alone”? No one else was there to witness his struggle. Yes, all three synoptic gospels relate the temptations of Christ, so he himself must have related this incident to his apostles. Why is the telling so important? Jesus wants us to know that even he was tempted and that he struggles with the forces of evil. No doubt, they were allowed by God to help us confront our own evil tendencies and inclinations.

Security, esteem and power. Jesus rejects Satan's proposals. He remains faithful to the Father, obeying him and trusting that his Father will rescue him. Where will our Lenten desert journey take us? What must replace our desire for security, esteem and power?

The cornerstone for any type of transformation or conversion is fasting, prayer and acts of charity. There can be no spiritual life without these three virtues. And this is what Lent is all about, interior and exterior conversion. We are called to change our attitudes.

For reflection or sharing:

Do I love being in control and controlling others?

Do I put myself above others?

Do I “lord it” over people weaker than I am?

Do I have all the answers?

Do I become anxious if I don't have all the material security I think I need? Or.

Do I allow Divine Providence to care for my every need?

I must allow my heart to change, to go in a new direction all over again. Lent is a time of growth, a time to forge a stronger relationship with our Lord who stands ready to help.

Not one of us can hope to avoid trials, pitfalls, heartaches and temptations. Our very human nature makes sure that from time to time we will revert back to sinful habits and seek power, esteem and security in its many guises.

I would like to close with a quote from Sr. Joan Chittister, osb:

*“Lent is an event. It is a happening. The purpose of Lent is to confront us with ourselves in a way that's conscious and purposeful, that enables us to deal with the rest of life well. Lent is not a 'penitential season' It is a growing season. It requires us to determine what is worth dying for in our own lives and what it may be necessary for us to become if we really want to live.”*

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**Stations of the Cross ~ Friday's at 7:00 p.m.**

**Through April 15 in the Church**

**All are welcome to come.**

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*During Lent pray as a family for vocations in priesthood and religious life for men and women.  
Then continue after Easter as a daily prayer.*

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### Mass Intentions

**Monday, March 14, 6:30 a.m. Mass; 3:30 p.m. Mass at Evergreen:** Living & Deceased Members of the Catholic Daughters of America, Mary Tegeler, Don Grunloh Anniversary

**Tuesday, March 15, 6:30 a.m. Mass:** Eileen Carson, Frank Beigelbeck, Diane Pickens Anniversary, Edward & Agnes Poeppelmeyer, Evelyn & Joe Frey family, Dick Behl & family, Henry Hoene

**Wednesday, March 16, 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mass:** Marlene Goeckner, Ed J. Feldhake Anniversary, Don Elmore Anniversary, Leo Nosbisch

**Thursday, March 17, 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mass:** Joe, Elizabeth, Harold & Maurice Metten, Hugh McHugh

**Friday, March 18, 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mass; 2:15 p.m. Communion Service at Lakeland:** Joeseph & Christine Quatman, Clarence Walk family, Steven Smith Anniversary

**Saturday, March 19, 4:30 p.m. Mass:** Ethel Brumleve, Alan Haarmann, Richard & Catherine Will family, Louis Waldhoff, Nick Dust Anniversary

**Sunday, March 20, 7:30, 9:15 and 11:00 a.m. Mass:** James J. Mette, LeRoy Borries family, Florence Koelsch Anniversary, Clem Willenborg Anniversary, Parishioners of St. Anthony.

### Bereavement Support Group

St. Anthony Parish Center  
7 p.m. Tuesday, March 29

### Mass Servers

**Weekday Masses, March 14-18**

14, 15 6:30 a.m. Maryann Saba/Andy Saba  
16 8:30 a.m. Laura Deters/Page Koester  
17, 18 6:30 a.m. Maddi Tegeler/Patrick Tegeler

**Weekend Masses, March 12/13, 19/20, 26/27**

Saturdays 4:30 p.m. Grace Zeller/Scott Rentfrow/Kelly Rentfrow  
Sundays 7:30 a.m. Maddie Schuette/Michael Goldstein/Swade Unkraut  
9:15 a.m. Keri Utz, Anna Utz, Greg Utz  
11:00 a.m. Nicholas Goeckner/Natalie Goeckner/Emily McDevitt

### Pray for Vocations

#### Pro-Life Corner

The human person can be a very powerful instrument for good. But we also know that when used improperly, the human person can do some pretty terrible things. This has happened many times throughout the history of our own country. Not too long ago slavery was legal and women were not allowed to vote. It's hard to imagine, but it's true. And today the beating heart of a baby in his mother's womb is not even granted the right to be born.

The biggest difference between other civil rights movements and the right to life movement is that the people whose rights are being taken away by Roe vs. Wade are not here to stand up for themselves. They can't show the people in power that they are just as human as everyone else, they can't march around Washington like the women who were denied the right to vote, they can't give powerful speeches like Fredrick Douglass or Martin Luther King. The millions of unborn babies that have been affected by abortion aren't here to stand up for themselves.

We will be the voice of those who were never allowed to speak, we will hold the signs that they were never able to make and in about two hours we will march for those who were never allowed to take their first step.

Yes, and THAT's why what you do is so important.

(An excerpt from the homily at the Mass for Life on 1/24/11, just prior to the March for Life in Washington DC)

***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  
Tearia Baker  
Jim Bloemer  
Ron Brown  
Linda Clineff  
Lisa Crosson  
Art Dasenbrock  
Alexis Didier  
Andrew Dinsdale

Dustin Doedtman  
Bryce Evans  
Janet Flach  
Karlene Frese  
Art Fuesting  
Cliff Grunloh  
Marilyn Helton  
Kaitlyn Holste  
Kris Jansen

Jeaneane Jenne  
Luke Johnson  
Dee Kiefer  
Amy Koester  
Linda Lofton  
Marie McDaniel  
Bill Mette  
Gary Niemerg  
Mary Ellen O'Brien

Esther Poterucha  
Jeff Poston  
Dorothy Pruemer  
Diane Rallo  
Richard Rentfrow  
Steve Sehy  
Ron Shoffstall  
Mildred Tegeler  
David Thies

Lee Thomas  
Charlie Vansaghi  
Esther Walk  
Craig Welch  
Valentine Wente  
Michael Wheeler  
Lori Sue Worman  
Mark Worman

### Reconciliation Schedule

#### All the Saturdays during the Season of Lent

Saturdays 3:30 p.m. – until all heard

#### Parish Reconciliation Service

April 10 7:00 p.m. St. Anthony

#### PSR Reconciliation Service

April 13 6:30 p.m. St. Anthony

#### School Times

March 16	10:00 a.m.	Freshmen & Juniors
	1:00 p.m.	Sophomores & Seniors
March 21	9:30 a.m.	5th & 6th grade
	10:30 a.m.	7th & 8th grade
March 22	9:30 a.m.	3rd & 4th grade
	10:30 a.m.	2nd grade

### Anointing Mass

Sunday, March 27 ~ 1:00 p.m.

*Any parishioners interested in receiving the Sacrament of the Sick should come. Please offer to bring those family members or neighbors needing assistance to church for this Mass. There will be a reception following in the parish center. This Mass does fulfill the Sunday obligation.*

### Eucharist Adoration

#### Prayer Service in Church

The next Eucharistic devotion and Benediction will take place on **Sunday evening March 27, at 6:30 p.m.** Our prayer will include music, scripture and time for reflection as we ask God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit to inspire our leaders, any of our priests who may be discerning coming to lead us, and those who make the decision on whom to send.

### 2010 & 2011 Fundraising Calendar Update

Congratulations **Kate & Roy Weber, Effingham** winners of the **March 4, 2011** drawing for **\$50**

Calendars and tickets are available in the parish office Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 for \$25.

### Sales Position

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Victim Assistance Coordinator/Safe Environment Coordinator for Diocese of Springfield in Illinois is Patricia Kornfeld, 217-698-8500 ext 155; email: [pkornfeld@dio.org](mailto:pkornfeld@dio.org)

### Games for Giving ~ Casino Night

Saturday, March 12

#### Effingham Knights of Columbus Building

Happy Hour is from 6 - 7 p.m. with gaming from 7 - 11 p.m. Big raffle drawing held at 11:30 p.m.

*Tickets are \$50 and include: entry to casino, Happy hour beverage, \$300 fun money, food throughout the evening, and an opportunity to win one of the top prizes.*

**Can buy tickets at the door!**

### 7th Grade Annual Wax Museum

All are invited to attend the 7th Grade Annual Wax Museum presentation on Monday, March 14. The museum will be open from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. and again from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Please enter the school through the front doors on North Second Street. The playground/parking lot will be **off limits for parking** unless it is raining. The students have put a lot of hard work in to their presentations and would welcome visitors. We hope to see you there.

### All I Really Need to Know

#### I Learned by Being in a Bad Play

St. Anthony High School is pleased to present, "All I Really Need to Know I Learned by Being in a Bad Play." This one act comedy is being performed at St. Anthony High School MPR Friday, March 18 at 7pm with a Dinner Theater offered on Saturday March 19 beginning at 5:30. Tickets are \$5 on Friday and \$15 for adults/\$12 for children on Saturday. Dinner provided by Ruby Tuesdays. Tickets are available for purchase at the High School. Only a limited number of seats are available for the Saturday production. Contact Dawn Grubb 217-343-2806 with any questions.

### Murder Mystery Dinner Party to Die for

On Friday, April 1 from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. Murder is on the menu at St. Anthony Parish Center...the villain will be among the guests...trust no one...everyone will have secrets to hide...prepare to be immersed in an evening of murder, blackmail, intrigue and backstabbing. Tickets are \$35 each or a table of 8 is \$250. Call Julie Hoffman to purchase tickets at 217.246.5328. Ticket includes dinner, show and cocktails, door prizes, silent auction and a raffle.

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Your special recipe

April 16, 2011

### Taste of St. Anthony Street Fest

For more information contact Mike Martelli

[mmartelli@consolidated.net](mailto:mmartelli@consolidated.net)

# Booster Club



## *From the Desk of the President.....*

**2011**

Dear Bulldog Fans,

This is my fourth and final year of serving as a Booster Club officer and in the time that I have been involved I have often heard comments of how much work it is to be a Booster Club Officer. While it is a fact that there is a time commitment when you are a Booster Club officer, the truth is that the Booster Club would not be possible without the dedication, support and hard work of our members, our volunteers and our friends. So on behalf of the Booster Club officers I would like to thank all of you for supporting St. Anthony athletics, and I think you should take great pride in the fact that your support allows St. Anthony to offer sports programs to our student athletes and for our enjoyment that I believe are at a very high level.

As I'm sure you are aware the Booster Club funds our athletic programs for the grade school and high school 100%. What you may not know is that at this time we are able to offer 20 different sports programs to our students at the two schools and our annual budget has grown to \$60,000. The Booster Club pays for uniforms and equipment, buses and fuel, officials, meals and hotels, tournament entry fees, trophies, plaques, banners, scholarships and more. We also frequently fund large capital expense projects. For example, recently the Booster Club donated \$47,000 to the grade school gym renovation, purchased a bus for around \$6,000 and gave \$4,000 towards the new batting cage. And we have some big projects that will need to be funded in the near future, like updating our fleet of buses, and a possible lighting project and new scoreboards in the high school gym. As you can see your support is not only very much appreciated...it's very much needed.

So, how do we generate enough money to fund a \$60,000 annual budget and other capital expense projects? The answer again is through your support. You support the Booster Club by participating in our activities and functions. These activities and functions include the Koerner Golf Outing which provides approximately 1/3 of the revenues for the Booster Club, Fallfest, Steak Stag, Springfest, membership dues, season ticket sales, concession sales (at approximately 100 sporting events each year), admissions to sporting events, Turkey

Tournament, volleyball tournaments, Christmas Tournament, Bulldog Challenge 5k Run, all of the regional and sectional tournaments that we host, including the grade school track sectional, private donations and more. And this year Jerry Moon and Dick Kabbes have graciously offered to let the Booster Club have the Cardinal Golf Course for a day so that we can hold a golf outing. This will be held sometime in May or June and this is a great opportunity for us to raise a significant amount of money for the Booster Club, so please participate if you can.

In closing, I would like to say that all of these activities require a lot of work and many volunteers, and the help that we have received over the years has been tremendous. So thanks to all of you again for supporting St. Anthony athletics, and if you know of anyone that you think might be interested in supporting the Bulldogs who is not currently a Booster Club member, please invite them to one of our activities or have them contact one of the officers.

Go Bulldogs!



*Dan Wortman*

Dan Wortman 821.1404

Officers:

Dan Woltman	240.0300	Chris Kabbes	663.0847
Chris Tingley	821.2836	Ryan Ragland	821.2636

### **St. Anthony Booster Club Spring Fest March 26 - St. Anthony Parish Center**

The St. Anthony Booster Club will be holding it's annual His-n-Hers Spring Fest Celebration on Saturday, March 26. The Booster Club Members of the Year will be announced at this event. Social Hour starts at 6:00 pm with dinner being served at approximately 7:30 pm. Entertainment for the evening is Myles, Dirk and Larry. Tickets are \$25 per person and can be purchased by calling Dan Wortman 821.1404, Dan Woltman 240.0300, Chris Tingley 821.2836, Chris Kabbes 663.0847, Ryan Ragland 821.2636 or Mike Hoene 821.6817. Tickets will also be available at the door.

<b>OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS</b>	<u>03/06/11</u>	<u>YTD (since 7/1/10)</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Received (353 env)	\$ 28,665	\$1,229,101	\$1,264,937
Goal	\$ 34,990	\$1,340,833	
Difference	\$( 6,325)	\$ (111,732)	
Scholarships	\$ 871	\$ 31,589	
Haiti	\$ 100	\$ 17,861	
ACSA Assessment	\$ 72,291	\$ 35,027	
Catholic Times Assessment	\$ 18,157	\$ 3,960	

. . . Fundraisers are varied activities in the St. Anthony Parish and usually encompass all 3 legs of the Stewardship stool: time, talent and treasure. This year we have had the Online Auction, and still have SCRIP sales, calendar sales, the Corvette raffle and the Casino night this Saturday at the K of C Building. The auction netted about \$6,000, like last year. SCRIP sales continue to increase and we should recognize the \$22,000 budgeted. Calendar sales are lagging a little behind but it is not too late to buy a ticket for the

weekly and larger drawings. Last year's net was almost \$35,000. It is also not too late (on Saturday) to buy a ticket for the Gifts for Giving drawing. Good Luck!

**Calendar of Events 3/13-20**

- Sun** 9:15a, Children's Liturgy, pc  
10-11a, SCRIP, pc
- Tue** 7:15a, Yoga, pc  
7p, Confirmation
- Wed** 5:30p, Bells  
6:30p, PSR, school  
7p, Adult Choir, church
- Thur** 6:15p, Men's Choir, church  
7p, RCIA, pc
- Fri** 7p, Stations of the Cross, church

**Mom's Ministry**

The next meeting is Wednesday, March 16 from 8-10 p.m. Please join them as they learn about St. Patrick. Enter through door #3 (north side) at the High School. We begin promptly with the rosary at 8:00 p.m. Questions call Amy Blanchette at 690.4893

**New Lenten CD's Available**

Check out the new series of Lenten CD's along with many other new titles in the vestibule of Church. Popular speakers include Matthew Kelly, Fr. Larry Richards, Fr. John Corapi, Fr. Benedict Groeshel, Scott and Kimberly Hahn. What a great and easy way to deepen your faith this Lent! The suggestion donation is \$3.

**Pre-Cana**

Sacred Heart Parish Pre-Cana is Saturday, April 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in their Parish Center. Contact their parish office at 217.347.7177 to register.

**Music Ministry Schedule**

**March**

- 12 4:30p Men's Choir/Barbara Konrad
- 13 7:30a TBA/TBA  
9:15a Guitar Group/Theresa Thies  
11:00a Pueri Cantores/Stacey Gibson
- 19 4:30p Jr High/Kim Deters  
7:30a TBA/TBA  
9:15a Adult Choir/Margaret Niebrugge  
11:00a TBA/TBA

**Plastic Grocery Bags ONLY!!!**

We received word from Wal-Mart that they can only accept plastic grocery bags. They will and **do not accept** empty bread bags, dry cleaning bags, prepackaged food bags or bubble wraps. Please help us keep only plastic grocery bags in our recycle container. This is a very good fundraiser for the schools.

Thank you to everyone who is able to help.

**Good Search**

St. Anthony Schools continues to earn a donation every time you search the internet using the internet search engine, [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com)

Thank You to everyone who uses this. We are only generating small amounts but they add up. If you do not use this please check this out. We have a link on the home page titled "Good Search". Just click it on and it will take you to the link. You can also shop from the Good Search site that links you to many stores. We receive a percentage from those stores. Please check out the stores .

Again, Thank You!

**Events**

- 3/13 St. Mary's, Ste. Marie Annual Brunch**, 8am-noon in the parish center  
**St. Mary's, Neoga, Soup Supper**, 3-6:30p in Assumption Hall
- 3/19 Broadway For Life ~ March 19 - Effingham Performance Center:** Curtain time is 7:00 p.m. Tickets and parking are free. Opportunity will be given to make a donation to the Family Life Center. Call 217.342.5433 to reserve tickets.
- 3/20 St. Isidore Parish Spring Breakfast**, 7am-noon at St. Aloysius Parish Center, Bishop Creek.