

On this Third Sunday of Lent we hear a great grumbling-story from the book of Exodus. The people so recently freed from slavery, are wandering in the desert and, as you can imagine, they are thirsty. As they yearn for the “good ol’ days”, the wells of their past, the waters as “they used to be back there”, just as we would have in their dusty shoes and sandals. Moses pleads with God to spare him from being stoned and give the people some water. So in this land called Massah/Meribah (dry and desolate) God and Moses answered their question “Is the Lord with us or not?”, and poured out refreshing water from the rock for these dried up people. God was there, but they could not remember. We probably have visited these places often in our desert wanderings and dark times.

Sometimes it is so hard for us to find the Lord in the dry hours of our lives. We forget, too, that God is here with us. We thirst for the fresh and saving water of His comfort in our lives. Today in the reading from Romans the author assures us that the Spirit pours God’s love into our hearts like rain. Love is a primordial need, very much like our need for water; we have a “God-sized hole” within us, yearning for the greatest love there is. Often we use other, lesser things to satisfy this great need for God: food, work, looks, drugs, accomplishment, sex, drink, etc.. All of these are good in themselves, yet taken to excess they lose their effect and we are left humming, “Is that all there is?” These lesser wells of satisfaction are quick to run dry or, with excess, their waters become toxic.

The Gospel is a long story of a noontime meeting between Jesus and the woman at a well. While Jesus is sitting at the well in a district in Jericho where Jews are not welcome, a woman comes for water. Respectable women of the town do this family duty early in the morning. This woman with a well-known past, which she assumes Jesus does not know, approaches and Jesus greets her with a request for a drink of water. The woman is a shameful person according to the religious tradition; Jesus knows her past but does not hold it against her. In their conversation she reveals that she has drawn from five other wells though they have left her thirsting for something else. He promises her a well within her that springs up with saving water and that will never run dry. She senses something interiorly, drops her bucket and returns to town fetching the town’s folks to “come out to see for yourselves if this man might be the Christ.” The whole town drinks from the well of saving waters. The eternal, saving waters of baptism to give us life and the other sacraments continue to satisfy our thirst and hunger for God’s life and love.

S. Alicia Drone, ASC

On the lighter side:

The economy is so bad that I got a pre-declined credit card in the mail.
CEO’s are now playing miniature golf
Motel Six won’t leave the light on anymore.
A picture is now only worth 200 words.

**Stations of the Cross ~ Friday’s at 7:00 p.m.
Through April 15 in the Church
All are welcome to come.**

***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.***

Pro-Life Corner

Can you defend your pro-life beliefs with friends or classmates? What would you say?

Consider the pro-abortion position that the baby hasn’t developed enough to have real value. True, embryos and fetuses are less developed than the adults they’ll one day become. Why is this relevant? Four year-old girls are less developed than 14 year-old ones. Should older children have more rights than their younger siblings? Some people say that self-awareness makes one human. But if that is true, newborns do not qualify as valuable human beings. Six-week old infants lack the immediate capacity for performing human mental functions, as do the reversibly comatose, the sleeping, and those with Alzheimer’s Disease.

(An excerpt from an article by Scott Klusendorf)

Anointing Mass

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

Any parishioners interested in receiving the Sacrament of the Sick should cometo this Mass. 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.

Reconciliation Schedule

All 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

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 28, 6:30 a.m. Mass; 3:30 p.m. Communion Service at Evergreen: Norbert & Virginia Koester, Robert F Feldhake Anniversary, Albert Seiler Anniversary

Tuesday, March 29, 6:30 a.m. Mass: Ann M & Leo Zacha, Francis Kaufman

Wednesday, March 30, 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mass: Betty Elmore Anniversary, Beatrice Gardewine Anniversary, Mary Dietzen

Thursday, March 31, 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mass: Louis & Charlene Thies family, Francis C Brumleve, Alice Sur

Friday, April 1, 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mass; 2:15 p.m. Communion Service at Lakeland: Leo Haarmann, Sally Ferry, John Dust

Saturday, April 2, 4:30 p.m. Mass: Clarence & Marie Dust, Tom Doehring, Jim Kelley, James O'Brien, Andy & Alice Sur, Vickie Reed

Sunday, April 3, 7:30, 9:15 and 11:00 a.m. Mass: Frank & Dada Beigelbeck, Charles J Wiedman Anniversary, Kim Bushue, Cliff & Lucille Kaufman, Chloe Passalacqua, Parishioners of St. Anthony

Bereavement Support Group

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

Pray for Vocations**Mass Servers**

Weekday Masses, March 28-31

28-30 6:30 a.m. Claire Wortman/Kelly Rentfrow

30 8:30 a.m. Abby Brown/Elizabeth Falconburg

31 & April 1 6:30 a.m. Kyle Willenborg/Kristin Slaughter

Weekend Masses, March 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

St. Anthony Booster Club**His-n-Her Spring Fest**

Saturday March 26 - Parish Center

Social Hour starts at 6:00 p.m. with dinner being served at approximately 7:30 p.m. Entertainment for the evening is Myles, Dirk and Larry. Tickets are \$25 per.

Baptism Class

Anyone wishing to have their child(ren) baptized at St. Anthony's need to attend a Baptism class every 3 years. The next class is Monday, March 28 at St. Anthony Parish Center at 7:00 p.m. Call the parish office to register, 347-7129. *There are no baptisms during Lent.*

Easter Decorations

Anyone wishing to make a donation for Easter Decorations in the church are welcome to do so. You can do this by sending donations to: Easter Decorations, P.O. Box 764, Effingham IL 62401 or place them in an envelope marked "Easter Donations" and put in the collection basket. If you wish a name or family listed in the April 24 bulletin, please include this information.

CCW News

ATTENTION LADIES: Chances for the quilt which will be raffled at the May Breakfast are in the bulletin this week. Please fill them out and return them in the collection basket in an enveloped marked "Quilt Chances" or bring them to the meeting on **April 4**. We will be voting on the officers for next year at the meeting. Also we will have a program on gardening tips from Rita Kemme. We have been invited to a salad supper at Sacred Heart on April 5.

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

Janet Flach

Karlene Frese

Art Fuesting

Cliff Grunloh

Marilyn Helton

Kaitlyn Holste

Kris Jansen

Jeaneane Jenne

Alissa Jarrett

Luke Johnson

Dee Kiefer

Amy Koester

Linda Lofton

Marie McDaniel

Bill Mette

Tony Niebrugge

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

Day of Prayer for Mrs. Mary Ellen O'Brien

After being diagnosed with ALS this past fall, Mary Ellen stopped teaching at St. Anthony Grade School. She has dedicated herself to Catholic education for the past 21 years. St. Anthony Grade and High School will be praying for Mrs. O'Brien on **Thursday, April 14**. We are asking you to unite your prayers with ours this day for Mrs. O'Brien. The high school will have Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel throughout the school day. Consider joining the grade school rosary at 2:10 pm in Church, attending Mass, stopping by the Church to pray or pray from your home. There will be a rosary said before the 8:30 am Mass on Thursday. There will be the closing prayer in Church at 5:30 pm including the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and the Rosary. Let us together unite our prayers interceding for Mrs. O'Brien.

Prayer for Lent

Lord Jesus, we pray throughout the season of Lent that you will open our minds and stir our hearts to follow you more faithfully. We know that you died for us when we were still sinners, and we know we are sinners still. But you have given us a longing to be the people you want us to be: faithful, hope-filled and loving. Help us to make the most of these forty days marked by fasting, prayer and almsgiving so that we might draw near to you and give you greater glory. Amen.

Church Cleaners for April

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.

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| <i>Myers, Aaron/Cayla</i> | <i>Niebrugge, Angela</i> |
| <i>Myers, Nichole</i> | <i>Niebrugge, Tony</i> |
| <i>Myers, Sarah</i> | <i>Niebrugge, Bruce/Joyce</i> |
| <i>Myers, Theresa</i> | <i>Niebrugge, Chris/Cindy</i> |
| <i>Navarro, Javier/Ellen</i> | <i>Niebrugge, Christopher</i> |
| <i>Newberry, Lloyd/Judy</i> | <i>Niebrugge, Dan/Toni</i> |
| <i>Newman, Norma</i> | <i>Niebrugge, Don/Paula</i> |
| <i>Niebrugge, Aaron/Becca</i> | |

SCRIP is Desperate for HELP

SCRIP is in *desperate* need of volunteers to sell cards through the week. If you could even volunteer one two-hour shift a week, SCRIP would love to have you! Without volunteers, the SCRIP store cannot keep its selling schedule. Please volunteer!!! Please contact Dawn Grubb (217-343-2806) or Kristie Boggs (217-347-8737) if you can help out in any way.

2011 Fundraising Calendar Update

Congratulations **Judy Nosbisch, Effingham** winners of the **March 18, 2011** drawing for **\$50**

The **big drawing** is just around the corner! The prize for **\$4000 tuition** and books credit or **\$2500 cash** is May 20. Be sure your raffle chances are purchased so you don't miss out! Calendars and/or tickets are available in the parish office Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 for \$25.

Teaching Positions

St. Anthony Grade School is seeking applicants to fill two positions beginning with the 2011-12 school year.

- Grade 3
- Kindergarten

Send letter of application and resume to:

Mary Lynn Byers
St. Anthony Grade School
405 N Second Street
Effingham, IL 62401

Applications due April 8, 2011.

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.

Men Mark Your Calendar

Men's Breakfast ~ Sunday, April 10

Come to the breakfast and listen to **Effingham: a reason to be joyful** presented by Dr. Nash Naam. "In the middle of the social, political and economic turmoil that surround us we continue to be blessed by our community. Effingham is not only a place to live in, but also a haven of serenity, comfort and joy for all of us; its citizens. Let us celebrate our community and appreciate it for what it is: a reason to be joyful."

First Annual

"Taste of St. Anthony"

Benefiting World Youth Day Pilgrims

sponsored by Midland States Bank

April 16, 2011

St. Anthony Parish Center (inside & out)

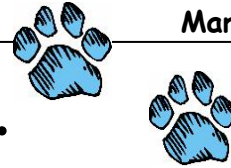
Contact Parish Office for tickets

Tasting
5:30 - 7:30p.m.

Entertainment
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Paw Prints

March 26-27, 2011



For the calendar .

- * Apr. 1, School Mass in Church 8:30am
- * Apr. 1, Murder Mystery Dinner Party 6:30pm in Parish Center
- * Apr. 5, Open Campus Lunch (Voting)
- * Apr. 7, Open Campus Lunch (Grade School Matinees K-4 (9:30) & Gr. 5-8 (1:00))
- * Apr. 7, Spanish Scholar Bowl @ SIU-C
- * Apr. 8, School Mass in Church, 8:30am
- * April 8-10, Jr. High Musical
- * Apr. 14, WYSE State @ U of I
- * Apr. 14, SAA Banquet @ EHS
- * Apr. 15, School Mass in Church, 8:30am
- * Apr. 20, Faculty Meeting, 3:00
- * Apr. 22-25, Easter Break
- * Apr. 29, School Mass in Church, 8:30am
- * Apr. 29, Senior Etiquette Luncheon, 12:00, Parish Center

SCHOLAR BOWL TEAM WINS THE REGIONAL!

The Scholar Bowl team, coached by Mrs. Amy King and Mrs. Cheryl Stolz, won second place in the NTC Championship at Beecher City on January 28. They also won the IHSA Regional Championship at Neoga on March 7. Team members include Aaron Wall, captain, Josh Hanner, Ryan Hoelscher, Michael Kabbes, Jenny Schmidt, Marilyn Sudkamp, Jordan Tabbert, and Mitchell Wortman. The team competed in sectional competition at Fairfield on March 12.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

SAHS students Katie Bishop, Maggie Brown, Hailey Bushue, Naomi Gray, Lena Grunloh, Jared Having, Sohpie Hoffman, Michael Kabbes, Noah Prince, Lauryn Ragland, Jenny Schmidt, Andrew Stephens, Keri Utz, Jackie Wortman, Liz Wortman, and Mitchell Wortman were inducted into the National Honor Society on March 21. Membership is based upon excellence in scholarship, leadership, service and character.

Tracking the Bulldogs...



Members of the 2010-2011 WYSE (Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering) team are front row, L to R: Ann Bushur, Michelle Jansen, Anna Mitchell, Briana Schuette, and Liz Wortman; top row: Makenzie Weishaar, Jenny Schmidt, Marilyn Sudkamp, Noah Prince, Leah Sloan, Mitchell Ragland, Michael Kabbes, Kelly McHugh, and Lauryn Ragland and Coach Mr. Matthew Poston. Not pictured is Coach Mrs. Joy Jones.

The team brought home first place in Division 300 of sectional competition held at Eastern Illinois University on March 8 with a point total of 490/500. Results were Makenzie Weishaar-2nd Biology; Michael Kabbes-2nd Chemistry; Lauryn Ragland-3rd Chemistry; Marilyn Sudkamp-1st Physics; Leah Sloan-2nd English; and Mitchell Wortman-2nd Math.

The team also earned first place (point total of 500/500) in Division 300 regional competition at Lake Land College on February 10. Results were Makenzie Weishaar-1st Biology & 2nd English; Ann Bushur-2nd Biology; Michael Kabbes-1st Chemistry & 2nd Math; Lauryn Ragland-2nd Chemistry; Anna Mitchell-1st Math; Noah Prince-2nd Math & 2nd Physics; Marilyn Sudkamp-1st Physics. State competition is Apr. 14 at the U of I.

ATHLETICS ...

Baseball

- Apr. 1 @ East Richland
- Apr. 2 @ Schlarmann
- Apr. 4 vs. Brownstown
- Apr. 5 vs. Mattoon (V)
- Apr. 5 @ Mattoon (F/S)
- Apr. 6 @ South Central
- Apr. 7 @ Centennial
- Apr. 8 @ Tuscola Invite (V)
- Apr. 8 vs. Charleston (F/S)
- Apr. 11 @ Newton
- Apr. 12 @ Beecher City
- Apr. 13 @ Windsor
- Apr. 15 vs. Altamont
- Apr. 16 vs. Harrisburg
- Apr. 19 @ Teutopolis
- Apr. 20 @ Charleston
- Apr. 25 vs. Dieterich
- Apr. 26 @ Sullivan
- Apr. 27 vs. Stew Stras

- Apr. 28 vs. Triad
- Apr. 29 vs. St. Teresa
- Apr. 30 @ Shelbyville

Track

- Apr. 2 @ Greenville Invite
- Apr. 5 vs. Ttown/EHS/Stew
- Apr. 8 @ Shelbyville Inv. Girls
- Apr. 9 @ Geo Washington HS
- Apr. 12 vs. Newton/Cowden
- Apr. 15 @ Sam Bennett Inv. Girls
- Apr. 16 @ Pana Open Boys
- Apr. 18 vs. Neoga/StE/Windsor
- Apr. 19 @ Robinson Girls F/S
- Apr. 26 @ Shelbyville
- Apr. 29 @ Newton Inv. Boys

Bass Fishing

- Apr. 2 @ Borah Lake Olney
- Apr. 9 @ Newton Lake

Boys Tennis

- Apr. 4 @ Mt. Zion
- Apr. 5 vs. Hillsboro
- Apr. 9 @ Triad

- Apr. 11 @ Newton
- Apr. 12 vs. Paris
- Apr. 16 @ St. Thomas More
- Apr. 18 @ Mattoon
- Apr. 19 @ Charleston
- Apr. 26 @ Casey
- Apr. 28 @ EHS
- Apr. 30 @ Centennial Dbles Inv.

Softball

- Apr. 12 vs. Newton
- Apr. 14 vs. Neoga
- Apr. 16 vs. Mulberry Grove
- Apr. 18 vs. St. Elmo
- Apr. 20 @ Stew Stras
- Apr. 25 vs. Teutopolis
- Apr. 27 @ Paris
- Apr. 28 @ Altamont
- Apr. 29 SB @ Sullivan



OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS	03/20/11	YTD (since 7/1/10)	Last Year
Received (323 env)	\$ 25,373	\$1,280,057	\$1,320,037
Goal (LY YTD + 6%)	\$ 34,990	\$1,399,239	
Difference	\$ (9,617)	\$ (119,182)	
Scholarships	\$ 126	\$ 31,835	
Haiti Parish	\$ 345	\$ 19,013	
ACSA Assessment	\$ 72,291	\$ 36,172	
Catholic Times Assessment	\$ 18,157	\$ 3,990	

. . . The ACSA information shows we currently owe \$36,119, almost half of the assessment. While many parishioners ask about funds which stay here versus go to the Diocese, any amount still due for ACSA has to be taken from the parish funds and sent to the Diocese. What we hear and know about ACSA is that 40% of its funds are used for Education Services and Seminarians and clergy needs. While education needs have been ongoing, the help for seminarians and vocations could not be more timely. Additionally, any amount paid

directly to ACSA and not taken from the Parish, does not add to the base used for the next year's assessment. Please help if you can.

Calendar of Events 3/20-26

- Sat** 6p, Booster Club Spring Fest, pc
- Sun** 9:15a, Children's Liturgy, pc
10-11a, SCRIP, pc
1p, Anointing Mass
6:30p, Eucharist Adoration Prayer Service, church
- Mon** 7p, Baptism Class, pc
- Tue** 7:15a, Yoga, pc
7p, Fr. Ted's Class, pc
7p, Bereavement Support, pc
- Wed** 6:30p, PSR, school
7p, Choir
- Thur** 7p, RCIA, pc
- Fri** 6:30p, Murder Mystery Dinner, pc
7p, Stations of the Cross, church

Mentoring Program

St. Anthony Parish has agreed to be a sponsor for the Unit 40 Mentoring Program and Big Brothers, Big Sisters 2011 Bowl for Kids' Sake. Bowling dates are scheduled for March 29 at 6 pm and March 31 at 4 and 6 pm at Silver Dollar Lanes or April 2 at 6pm and April 5 at 4 and 6 pm at K-Bowl.

Unit 40 Mentoring & BBBS are recruiting bowling teams of 4-5 people from the community. Teachers, principals, mentors, friends, family, church groups, youth groups, co-workers, etc. can form teams to bowl. Bowlers can be any age or skill level. Each individual bowler collects pledges (minimum of \$30) which go to support the Unit 40 Mentoring and BBBS programs. On bowling night, there is pasta and soda for bowlers and door prizes. There are also great prizes for top fundraisers. Teams can dress up or decorate their area if they'd like. Program t-shirts will have a palm tree on them, so bowlers can use that as a theme too if they'd like - anything to have more fun!

St. Anthony Parish is happy to support the efforts of the Unit 40 Mentoring Program and Big Brothers, Big Sisters and to support our own St. Anthony parishioners that volunteer their time and talent as mentors for these groups. For sign-up information and pledge sheets, contact Christy Mesnard at 217-540-1413 or email mesnardc@u40gw.effingham.k12.il.us.

Music Ministry Schedule

March

- 26 4:30p Bell Choir/Barbara Konrad
- 27 7:30a Jackie Wortman/Nic Worman
9:15a St. Cecilia/Teresa Thies
11:00a High School/Kim Deters
1:00p Anointing Mass
6:30p Prayer Service/Pete Althoff

April

- 2 4:30p Kim Deters/Kim Deters
- 3 7:30a BJ Kortte/Nic Worman
9:15a Adult Choir/Margaret Niebrugge
11:00a Kim Deters/Kim Deters



**Coffee, Donuts and Fellowship
Sunday April 3**

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

DeColores Spring Weekends

Men's is March 31-April 3
Women's is April 7-10

Contact Jerry Vogt at 844.2321 or Tom and Patti Jansen at 618.238.4339 to register or for more information.

Events

- 3/27 Holy Cross Parish Center, Longaberger Basket Bingo,** Doors open 12:30, games begin 1:30p, at Wendelin.
- Sacred Heart Church, Lillyville, Spring Breakfast, 7a-Noon,** wheelchair accessible
- 4/1 April Fool No Fish-Fish Fry** at Sacred Heart Parish Center, 4:30-7:30p, Pasta or Cheese pizza, benefit Sacred Heart Space Camp

Bolivia Mission Trip

Carol Toney is going for her annual mission trip to Bolivia South America. If you wish to send a monetary donation send to Sacred Heart Mission Team Carol Toney, PO Box 870, Effingham IL 62401.