

**Dear Parishioners,**

As we begin another new year, I would like to wish each and every one of you a special blessing. This blessing is as follows:

*Every good gift comes from the Father of light.  
May He grant you His grace and every blessing  
and keep you safe throughout this new year.*

*May He grant you unwavering faith, constant hope,  
and love that endures to the end.*

*May He order your days and work in His peace,  
hear your every prayer, and lead you to everlasting  
life and joy.*

*May almighty God bless each and every one of you this  
new year.*

This new year will bring a change into the life and the workings of this parish family. I keep telling myself that change can be good for it shakes us from those comfort zones that become a part of our lives. But that doesn't mean that we have to like it, and, as for me, I don't. I always hate saying goodbye for you have been family to me for over 21 years. But I will adapt with what is required, always carrying in my heart the love that I have for this parish family. My life has been enriched by the support and generosity of St. Anthony Parishioners. I do have one request. Please make it a point to welcome Fr. Dave Peters as the new interim parochial administrator. He deserves a chance to know this parish as the caring and loving people that you are. Furthermore, when a new pastor does arrive, give him the same chance that you gave to me. And finally, please do not compare my pastorate with your new one. Every pastor will do things differently and as you adapted so well to my style of operating, give the new pastor a chance and you will find yourselves adapting to his style. After all, it is Christ Jesus whom we all serve and we all belong to Him.

We still have not received any word concerning our new parochial vicar from India. Last time that I received notice, he was supposed to be here sometime in this month of January. Fr. Dave Peters will be arriving on Monday, January 10th. Therefore, January 10<sup>th</sup> will also be my departure date. By the way, the staff of St. Peter's has already filled up my calendar with meetings the first week that I am there. Please keep me in your prayers as I will remember you. Next week will be my final bulletin column here at St. Anthony.

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. This day has sometimes been called "little Christmas" for it is the day that Jesus manifests (shows) Himself to the non-Jewish world. As the magi, our reps at the nativity scene, brought forward gifts of frankincense, myrrh, and gold, so may each of us continue to offer our time, talents, and treasures to the Incarnate Word of God. Our gifts, like the magi, are the symbols of our lives, our faith, and our love.

I want to thank all those who helped prepare the Church, inside and out, for our Christmas celebration. I also thank the parishioners who donated to our decorations so that the inside of our Church beautifully reflected the Christmas theme. As far as decorating next year, both inside and out, some of you will have to step forward if this decoration will be done. Chances are your new pastor might not enjoy decorating for Christmas as I do. It's one of those skills that I received from my dad and you have been recipients of those decorating skills for these many years. But next year will be different—so please use your time and talents so that this tradition continues. I also want to thank our musicians, cantors, different choirs, lectors, servers, and ushers, for sharing their talents with us this Christmas. Each of your roles added to our celebrations—so thank you!

**ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:** Little Johnny ran up to his uncle's chair. "Unc, tell me again—what do you want for Christmas?"

The uncle smiled and repeated, "I just want some peace and quiet."

Johnny's face drooped a bit as he replied, "I know, but I just came back from the mall and they're out of it."

**And Another:** You can always tell the Christmas season is here when you start getting incredibly dense, tinfoil-and-ribbon-wrapped lumps in the mail. Fruitcakes make ideal gifts because the Postal Service has been unable to find a way to damage them. They last forever, largely because nobody eats them.

(Dave Barry—"Simple Homespun Gifts.")

Happy and Blessed New Year,

Fr. Leo Enlow and the entire parish staff

**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, January 3, 6:30 a.m. Mass; 3:30 p.m. Communion Service at Evergreen:** Henry Hoene, Genevieve Gapsis, Louis & Charlene Thies, Vicki Reed

**Tuesday, January 4, 6:30 a.m. Mass:** Eugene Dasenbrock family, Rosemary Soltwedel Anniversary, Frank & Betty Esker family, 17th Wedding Anniversary of Bob & Kelly Willenborg

**Wednesday, January 5, 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mass:** Cecelia Kaufman, Jim Jansen, Joseph & Christine Quatman, Clarence Braun Anniversary, Pauletta Zimmerman

**Thursday, January 6, 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mass:** Alphonse Mette, Barb Voelker

**Friday, January 7, 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mass; 2:15 p.m. Communion Service at Lakeland:** Peter Grujanac Anniversary, Gerald & Dennis Koester, Tom Doehring

**Saturday, January 8, 4:30 p.m. Mass:** Anton Dasenbrock family, Emma Hoene

**Sunday, January 9, 7:30, 9:15 and 11:00 a.m. Mass:** Bede Stockman, Joe, Elizabeth, Harold & Maurice Metten, Robert Swingler, George & Louise Willenborg family

**MASS INTENTIONS**

If you are interested in scheduling Mass Intentions for 2011 you can come to the parish office any weekday between 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. You can also write down your requests and put in the collection (marked Masses) or mail them to Mass Intentions, P.O. Box 764, Effingham IL 62401.

**Bereavement Support Group**

St. Anthony Parish Center  
7 p.m. Tuesday, January 4

**Coffee, Donuts and Fellowship**

**This Sunday January 2**

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



**Baptism Class**

The next class is Monday, January 24 at St. Anthony parish center at 7:00 p.m. This is required every three years. Call the parish office to register, 347-7129.

**YEAR END CONTRIBUTIONS**

Be sure your contribution is included in the year it is intended. If you mail your 2010 year-end contribution, it should be **dated and post marked 2010**. If you hand deliver your year-end contribution, it should be dated 2010 and received by 4:00 p.m. on Monday January 3, 2010.

*If you are planning a donation of stock, please be aware that we can give credit when the shares are in our name and control. Your tax advisor can show you how a donation of stock could benefit you.*

Thank You

***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  
Tira Bloemer  
Ron Brown  
Linda Clineff  
Lisa Crosson  
Art Dasenbrock  
Alexis Didier  
Andrew Dinsdale  
Michael Dirks  
Dustin Doedtman

Sally Ferry  
Janet Flach  
Karlene Frese  
Art Fuesting  
Tom Goldstein  
Cliff Grunloh  
Jim/Marilyn Helton  
Kaitlyn Holste  
Kris Jansen  
Luke Johnson  
Ingrid Kay  
Ted Keller

Dee Kiefer  
Jim Kinkelaar  
Amy Koester  
Linda Lofton  
Marie McDaniel  
Bill Mette  
Mary Ellen O'Brien  
Jan Pagel  
Esther Poterucha  
Jeff Poston  
Laurie Prewitt  
Dorothy Pruemmer

Diane Rallo  
Richard Rentfrow  
Lisa Rexroat  
Steve Sehy  
Martha Schmidt  
Nathan Schmidt  
Ron Shoffstall  
Lester Stoner  
Mildred Tegeler  
David Thies  
Lee Thomas  
Mike Anthony Thomas

Charlie Vansaghi  
Rebekah Volk  
Esther Walk  
Craig Welch  
Marilyn Wentz  
Valentine Wentz  
Michael Wheeler  
Lori Sue Worman  
Mark Worman  
Barb Zaccari

*My dear friends in Christ,*

*Since I became your new bishop this past June, I have had the pleasure of writing to you in my column in Catholic Times, the official newspaper of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois.*

*Being a part of the Catholic press is a great pleasure for me. I am proud to be publisher of a publication that provides our diocese with news of the Church, the nation and the world.*

*The purpose of the Catholic press is more than merely reporting "what" is happening. The Catholic press tries to explain the meaning fo world and national developments through the lens of our Catholic faith. In Catholic Times you can read about important events in our parishes and schools. Your diocesan newspaper brings you the stories of people living fervent, faith-filled lives right here in the 28 counties of our diocese.*

*I have found Catholic Times to be interesting, informative and solidly grounded in Catholic teaching. Throughout the year, readers can count on Catholic Times to inform, educate, teach, serve and inspire the people of God in central Illinois.*

*As is the long-standing custom here, I expect Catholic Times to be sent to each household in the diocese, either digitally or through the mail. At \$15 annually, Catholic Times is a most inexpensive and valuable way for us to keep informed on the vital issues that affect us and our faith. Please renew your subscription by using your from your packet.*

*With thanks for your generous support of Catholic Times*

*Sincerely yours in Christ*

*Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki*

*Bishop of Springfield in Illinois*

**➡➡ Confirmation Meeting ◀◀**

This is a **required** meeting for **all the parents of students and students** who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year at St. Anthony's. The meeting will be held

**6:30 p.m.**

**Wednesday, January 12**

**Parish Center**

If you are **absolutely unable** to attend, please contact Sister Alicia Drone , 347-7129, as soon as possible. A make-up meeting will be required.

**Natural Family**

**Planning Community**

**Gathering**

This is the first ever gathering on Wednesday, January 5 at 7 p.m. in Effingham. ALL are invited! That means: big families and small

families, young couples and single persons. No mater your age or marital status. Gather with other Catholics in the area and find how to spread the good news about true married love. Drinks and Hors doeuvre provided. Send questions and RSVP to:

cteveda@dio.org or call 217.321.1132

**Pro-Life Corner**

Pro-life initiatives are inspired by the conviction that the Creator, not the state, endows each person with the inalienable right to life. Laws that permit abortion are inherently unjust and weaken the very foundations of a state based on law. (Bishop William E. Lori, Supreme Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus)

**Newman Center Pre Cana**

The EIU Newman Center will present a Pre-Cana conference Friday evening and Saturday, February 11 & 12. This is for couples who are planning marriage within the next year. The cost is \$30 for materials and lunch will be provided. For more information or to register contact the Newman Catholic Center at, 217.348.0188 or newman@eiunewman.org

**Luminaries for Life**



Luminaries for Life, a public display of our pro-life beliefs, will be held on January 22nd and 23rd in commemoration of the tragic Supreme Court decision, Roe v. Wade. Thirty-eight years ago this court decision led to the legalization of abortion throughout all nine months of a pregnancy. St. Anthony High School students will each decorate a luminary to express their pro-life support. Please pray for inspiration for the students as well as for those who view the display.

**Bereavement Support Group**

We will be meeting every Tuesday evening in the parish center at 7pm now through January 4.

**Pray for Vocations**

### SCRIP Cards

**A Very Big THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the SCRIP program in 2010.** We could not have been a success without your assistance whether by volunteering to help or in purchasing cards. **Please continue** to be involved in the St. Anthony SCRIP program. Please show others how to use the program and help it grow.

*Need help getting started in the SCRIP program? Just give us a call or stop by the days the store is open and we will be glad to assist you. It's a great way to support our schools! Any of the parish secretaries will be happy to explain how easy it is to get started! Just call 347.7129.*

Before you go shopping plan what you want to purchase and come to the SCRIP store to purchase your SCRIP cards to use at the stores. Individual SCRIP cards also make excellent gifts for family, friends, and those hard to buy for people.

A condensed list of vendors is available on our parish website, [www.stanthony.com](http://www.stanthony.com), at the parish center, or you can access the complete list on [www.glscrip.com](http://www.glscrip.com). There are HUNDREDS of possibilities for the perfect gift!

Stop by the parish center store on Monday (10am-2pm), Wednesday (9am-2pm), Friday (10am-2pm), Saturday (5:15-6p) and Sunday (10-11a) for cards or to place orders.

Please think about volunteering to help at the SCRIP store. The more persons (families) involved the better it is for all the volunteers.

Thank You for Supporting St. Anthony's!

### 2010 Fundraising Calendar Update

Congratulations **Mark Larimer, Salem IL** winner of the **December 24** drawing for **\$50** and **Millie Baker, Effingham** winner of the **December 25** drawing for **\$500**

*We want to thank everyone who participated in the 2010 Calendar Fundraiser.*

<i>We have sold over</i>	<i>1876 tickets</i>
<i>raising around</i>	<i>\$46,900</i>
<i>Goal</i>	<i>\$45,000</i>

### Quilts

Are you interested in quilts? Then you must call Rita Niccum, 342.6810, to view the 6 quilts she has. These are for fundraising for the Council of Catholic Women (CCW) who supply the host, wine, candles and much more for our church. The cost of the quilt is \$989. Call Rita to pick the one you want.

### Need Information on Civil War Quilt

Does anyone have history information on the Ladies of the Church (Old St. Anthony Church) who would have been involved with making quilts for the Civil War Veterans when they came home? Persons might have some knowledge of information to share from their relatives about this project/history. If you do know something you can write it down and send it to Robin, PO Box 764, Effingham IL 62401 or you can call Robin in the office, 347.7129 between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

### 2011 Fundraising Calendars On Sale

Did you purchase your 2011 Fundraising Calendars? If not or if you need more they are available in the parish office Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for \$25. There are \$12,000 in prizes listed in the calendar.

To Date: 452 tickets sold ~ \$11,300 raised  
Goal: 2,500 tickets sold ~ \$45,000 raised

Therefore, if anyone is in  
**CHRIST**  
anyone  
he is a new  
**CREATION**  
the old has gone, the new has  
**COME!**  
Christ  
2 Corinthians 5:17

### New Year's Resolutions

*Pray for your parish family*  
*Learn how SCRIP cards work*  
*Study harder at school*

*If you have not Volunteered do so once a month*  
*If you have nothing nice to say don't say anything*

COMING SPRING 2011

**WANTED**

Cooks, start mastering your special recipe  
**WE NEED YOU!**

**OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS** - Repeat

Annual collection budgeted goal for year ended 6/30/11	\$ 1,819,500
Actual coll. through 12/19/10 (25 weeks-\$29,273 avg.) (+4.2%)	<u>\$ 731,838</u>
Balance required to reach goal	<u>\$ 1,087,662</u>
Average weekly goal for remaining 27 weeks	<u>\$ 40,284</u>
Actual offerings received for 12/19/10	<u>\$ 43,793</u>
Last Year Total for 25 weeks (\$28,087 average)	<u>\$ 702,171</u>

. . . MERRY CHRISTMAS! Our Lord continues to give joy and peace through the power of his spirit, his guidance, and his love, if only we take the time to listen.

. . . Even though calendar pages have been turned here is hoping that your 2010 ended well and the new year is filled with prayer, and service and blessings.

. . . As you can tell, the printing schedule has

preempted weekly reporting again. Everything should be up-to-date next weekend. Thank you for your assistance in making St. Anthony Parish and Schools such excellent facilities for worship and learning of academics and faith.

**Calendar of Events 1/3 - 1/8**

- Mon** NO CCW
- Tue** 7:15a, Yoga, pc  
7p, Bereavement Support Group, pc
- Wed** 6:30p, PSR Mass
- Thur** 7p, RCIA, pc

**Effingham Area Life Caravan**

Pro-Life bus trip to Washington DC for the March for Life Rally has a bus leaving from Effingham on Sunday, January 23. It will return Tuesday, January 25. cost of the bus trip is \$150 plus enough money necessary for approximately 5 meals. Call Liz Kremer 217.342.9677 or 217.273.9677 for registration forms or if you have any questions.

**Angels of the Council**

The Effingham Deanery Council of Catholic Women is asking for support to help us remain a vital organization, committed to support, educate, and empower catholic women in spirituality service and leadership. Please consider being an "Angel"! Choose the level you wish:

Archangels \$5, Principalities \$10, Powers \$15, Virtues \$20, Dominions \$30, Thrones \$35, Cherubim \$40, Seraphim \$50 or more.

Make checks payable to Effingham DCCW and mail to Betty Boos, Effingham DCCW President, 10130 E 1500th Ave, Effingham IL 62401.

Questions or need more information call 217.868.2042.

**Effingham County Veteran's Memorial Sign-up**

There is a Memorial Addition planned on the County Court House grounds. The committee is looking for all military persons with honorable discharge who may have: been born in Effingham County; or moved & lived in Effingham County; or enlisted from Effingham County. You need to fill out a verification form to have your name placed on the Memorial. Pay nothing. Fill out verification form found in the parish office.

**Music Ministry Schedule**

**January**

- 1 9:00am Barbara Konrad
- 2 7:30am Sara Wendt/Barbara Konrad  
9:15am Maura Voyles/Barbara Konrad  
11:00am TBA/Allie Kabbes
- 8 4:30pm Pueri Choir/Stacy Gibson
- 9 7:30am Fran Bergfeld/Barbara Konrad  
9:15am St Cecilia/Teresa Thies  
11:00am Adult Choir/Margaret Niebrugge

**Yoga**

There is NO Yoga from now through January 3. It will start up again on January 4.

**Cash Bingo**

Cash Bingo will be held on Sunday, January 9 at Holy Cross Parish Center, Wendelin from 1-4pm. 4 games for \$1. Cash prizes awarded and concessions available.

**Retreats**

Jan 29 **Couples Retreat Weekend** at Villa Maria Catholic Retreat Center on Lake Springfield; \$50 per couple, begins at 9am and concludes Sunday at 3pm. Sunday Mass included and an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday night. To register call Patrick 217.321.1121 or [potoole@dio.org](mailto:potoole@dio.org)

Jan 21-22 **Retreat for Catholic Men** at Villa Maria Retreat Center, Springfield. Join other Catholic men to discuss issues of Christian living and to deepen your connection to Christ. Cost \$25. For more information call 217.698.8500 ext 121

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)