

Faith. Academics. Service.

Catholic Schools

January 29 – February 5



“Fostering growth in knowledge and faith”



Dear Parishioners,

This week we are reading from the first chapter of the Gospel of Mark. There is no infancy narrative in this gospel. It seems that almost immediately Jesus went to work. It is significant that the first miracle of healing in this gospel is the healing of a demoniac. When we think of the healing miracles we probably tend to think of the physical healings. I think the fact that He healed a demoniac first, points to the mission and the depth of the love of God.

God wants to heal us to the depths of our humanity. He wants to heal our soul. He wants to heal our relationships. If we were to list the top ten things we wanted God to do in our life, I wonder how many of us would choose matters of the soul. On an average day our choices would probably lean toward things that we consider to be more immediate; healing of physical ailments, injuries, and diseases, or things having to do with our family, friends, job, or financial situation.

Our greatest and most enduring need is the health of our soul. In today's Gospel Jesus went right to that issue. The most important thing to our soul is a healthy relationship with God and others. By commanding the unclean spirit out of the man Jesus began the healing of soul and body. This event points to the mission of Christ Jesus. He came to free us from evil and open the way to a restored relationship with God and the appropriate relationships with others.

This week we celebrate Catholic Schools Week. We have the privilege and gift of Catholic education in our parish because of the sacrifice of past generations and even that of our own. The education of our young people in the ways of our Faith is our most important apostolate. It is also a very big job and our most expensive work. I thank all of our parishioners and donors who have been so generous with their finances, time, and talents. This strong commitment and generosity is what makes Catholic education in our parish possible. Please encourage those who are not already in our education system to consider participating in what we have to offer.

In all three of our parishes, from PSR and CCD to Grade School to High School we have very dedicated people helping us educate our children. I thank the teachers, and staff, and the many volunteers who make this work possible and successful. I also thank the students who step up to our challenges of their ability and give us great examples of God's grace at work in the world.

The best way we can thank God for this gift in our parishes is to use it well and keep working to improve it.

I also am very grateful for all the efforts the past couple of weeks in working and praying for a respect for the dignity of all human life. Keep up the good work! God bless us all!

In Christ,

Fr. David Hoefler



Coffee & Donuts

Join us for Coffee and Donuts after the 9:15 Mass on Sunday, February 5. We will be making a Valentine Craft and Valentine Cards to take to the residents in area retirement homes.

Have a Smart Phone? Use your QR Reader app (or download one for free) to scan our QR Code. A QR Code is a two-dimensional barcode that contains encoded information.

St. Anthony's QR Code takes you to www.stanthony.com where you can read our bulletins online or access any of our parish and school web pages.

Try it out!



Pro-Life Corner

In the 39 years since Roe v. Wade was decided, abortion supporters have frequently claimed that abortion should be "safe, legal and rare". Consider the 3 components of this slogan.

Safe? Safe for whom? For America's unborn children it is certainly not safe.

Legal? Sadly, yes, abortion is legal through all 9 months of a pregnancy.

Rare? The leading cause of death in the U.S. (according to the Centers for Disease Control) is diseases of the heart. They caused almost 600,000 deaths in 2009. That same year abortion caused twice as many deaths -- over 1,200,000. If the unborn were properly recognized, the CDC would be listing abortion as the **leading cause of death** in our nation. To use the word "rare" in a description of abortion is a huge misrepresentation. Don't be deceived by such false claims. Don't be lulled into complacency by such empty promises.

Please pray for an end to the leading the cause of death.

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 30, 6:30 a.m. Mass: Lawrence & Irene Kalina Family
8:30 a.m. Mass: Melvin Heurman Anniversary

Tuesday, January 31, 6:30 a.m. Mass: Joseph L. Brumleve
8:30 a.m. Mass: Alf Willenborg Anniversary

Wednesday, February 1, 6:30 a.m. Mass: Ray F. & Josephine Nuxoll Family
8:30 a.m. Mass: Harold Bushur, Betty Elmore

Thursday, February 2, 6:30 a.m. Mass: Parishioners of St. Anthony
8:30 a.m. Mass: Joe Griesbaum

Friday, February 3, 6:30 a.m. Mass: Eugene Dasenbrock Anniversary, Harold Zehner
8:30 a.m. Mass: Hugh McHugh

Saturday, February 4, 4:30 p.m. Mass: Kenny Koenig

Sunday, February 5 7:30 Mass: Clara Springer Hardiek Anniversary
9:15 Mass: Gene A. Niccum Anniversary
11:00 Mass: Parishioners of St. Anthony

Mass Intentions for the weekends in 2012 are fully scheduled, but there are many weekday openings available. Stop by the Parish Office if you are interested.

Mass Servers**Weekday Masses, January 30-February 3**

Jan. 30-Feb. 1	6:30 a.m.	Carly Spraul/Kaitlyn Zeller
Feb. 2-3	6:30 a.m.	Alex Brandenburger/Sydney Gibson
Jan. 30	8:30 a.m.	Chandler Martelli/Emily McDevitt
Jan. 31	8:30 a.m.	Will Clausius/Abby Brown
Feb. 1	8:30 a.m.	Donovan Hammer/Cole Hoene
Feb. 2-3	8:30 a.m.	Grade School Provides

Weekend Masses in February

4:30 p.m. Sat.	Abby Buenker/Elizabeth Falconburg/Makenzie Koenig
7:30 a.m. Sun.	Kyle Bourgeois/Dawn McGuire/Keri McGuire
9:15 a.m. Sun.	Jon Blanchette/Blake Esker/MaKayla Koenig
11:00 a.m. Sun.	Will Clausius/Olivia Clausius/Joseph Kabbes



If you would like someone who is sick included in our prayer list please call the Parish Office at 347-7129.

Due to the large number of requests to be placed on the prayer list, names will be left on the list for one month and then removed, unless we receive a call to continue.

Please pray for those who are ill, those in hospitals and nursing homes, for those recovering from surgery, and for all those serving our country.

Also, Deb Alldredge, Duane Feldhake, Bob Hawickhorst, Brandt Jarrett, Jeanene Jenne, Tammy Keller, Mary Lawyer, Mary Ellen O'Brien, Ken Polarek, Ron Shoffstall, Roger Smith, Pat Tate

Teen Mission Work Camp Bake Sale

Teens from our Parish will be helping the needy residents of Milwaukee June 17th – 23rd. We will be having a bake sale fund raiser next week-end after all Masses. If you can help us with a donation of baked goods it will be greatly appreciated. Please drop off baked goods at the Parish Center before the Mass you are attending. If you don't want to bake goods, stop in after Mass and purchase some! Thank you.

Calendar of Events Jan. 28-Feb. 5

Sat., Jan. 28	5:30-6:30 Scrip Store Open
Sun., Jan. 29	10:15-11:15 Scrip Store Open
Mon., Jan. 30	10-2 Scrip Store Open 6:30-9:30 Protecting God's Children
Tues., Jan. 31	10am All Schools Mass, HS 5:30pm Bell Choir 7pm Bereavement Support
Wed., Feb. 1	9-2 Scrip Store Open 3pm Intermediate Choir 6pm Adult Choir (Note new time) 6:30pm PSR 6:30 Parish Council Mtg. 7pm High School Open House 7:30 Stewardship Mtg.
Thurs., Feb. 2	4pm Confessions in Church 6:15 Men's Choir 7-9 RCIA
Fri., Feb. 3	8-2 High School Blood Drive 10-2 Scrip Store Open 3pm Pueri Cantores Choir
Sat., Feb. 4	5:30-6:30 Scrip Store Open
Sun., Feb. 5	10:15-11:15 Scrip Store Open 10:15-11:00 Coffee & Donuts

**WEDDING BANNS**

*II Brad Jansen / Jordan Traub
February 11, 2012*

Protecting God's Children

St. Anthony Church will host a Protecting God's Children training class from 6:30-9:30 p.m., Monday, January 30 in the Parish Center. Any adult volunteers in the school system are required to attend. Please call 347-7129 to register.

**Pre-Cana**

St. Anthony will host a Pre-Cana Workshop Sunday, March 4, 2012. Please call 347-7129 to register. Size is limited to 15 couples.

Stewardship Scripture Quotation

Moses told the people, "A prophet like me will the Lord, your God, raise up for you from among your own kinsmen." God still provides among His people the gifts and talents necessary to continue the work of His Church. What gifts are yours to share?

The Victim Assistance Coordinator/Safe Environment Coordinator for Diocese of Springfield in Illinois is Patricia Kornfeld, 217-698-8500 or email: pkornfeld@dio.org

St. Anthony Grade School: Principal

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 accepting applications for the position of Principal.

Qualified applications should be Catholic and possess or be enrolled in a program leading to the current Illinois Type 75 Certificate. Eligible candidates should also have a demonstrated commitment to promoting Catholic identity, a record of successful administrative experience in an educational setting, and a strong dedication to fostering an innovative and quality Christ-centered learning environment.

For more information regarding St. Anthony Grade School and the principal position,

visit www.stanthony.com/ourschools/gradeschool.

Submit letter of application, resume, and credentials by February 6, 2012, to: St. Anthony of Padua Church, Attn: Charlie Brumleve, PO Box 764, Effingham, IL 62401 or cbrum@stanthony.com.



Luminaries for Life

January 28 and 29

(was postponed due to the weather)

*Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you.*

Jeremiah 1:5

In January 1973 the Supreme Court legalized abortion in the United States. Most of our current high school students were born about 20 years later in the 1990s. At that time, 27% of pregnancies ended in abortion. *Over one quarter of our high school generation has been wiped out by abortion!*

Our church leaders continually encourage us to stand up for the weakest among us, those who have no voice. Luminaries for Life is one way for our parish to do that, to publicly affirm our pro-life beliefs on the 39th anniversary of the tragic Roe v. Wade court decision.

Hundreds of luminaries will be decorated by St. Anthony High School and PSR students and placed on the church steps as a visible memorial to the one-quarter of their generation no longer with us. The luminaries serve as a beacon of hope for the future of all the unborn.

Visit the lighted display on the evenings of January 28 & 29. As you view the display please pray for an increased respect for life.

Special thanks to the Effingham Knights of Columbus and the students of St. Anthony Schools for providing funds. In the event of inclement weather Feb. 4 & 5 will be chosen.



2012 Fundraising Calendar Update

Congratulations

01/20/2012—\$50 Winner:

Leslie Ochs, Teutopolis

Tickets for the 2012 Calendar Raffle are available! Stop by the parish office to pick yours up today!

Ushers for February

Saturday 4:30 p.m. Carol Gapsis/Eric Althoff
Sunday 7:30 a.m. Tony Weber/Ron Bloemer
Sunday 9:15 a.m. Dick Day/Dennis & Ann Deters
Sunday 11:00 a.m. Jim Boos/Al Church

All Ushers are asked to attend a meeting after 11:00 Mass on Sunday, February 25. Please make an effort to attend.

Church Cleaning Crew for February

Church cleaning is done Saturday morning from 8:30-9:30. If you are unable to clean, please call a replacement.

Nick Schuette	Tim Schuette
Todd/Lisa Schuette	Brian/Jill Schultz
Doug/Michelle Schultz	James/Laura Schultz
Jerry/Jane Schultz	Lisa Schultz
Michael/Marisa Schultz	Robert/Audra Schultz
Amber Schumacher	Chuck/Allison Schumacher
Don/Mary Schutzbach	Mike/Crystal Schutzbach
Charles/Donna Schwerman	Kenny Scott

St. Anthony Schools Open House Opportunities

High School: St. Anthony High School is planning an open house for Wednesday, February 1 for all 2012-2013 incoming freshman and interested families. The open house begins at 7:00 pm. Please feel free to extend the invitation to families that may be interested in learning more about St. Anthony High School! Contact the high school office at 342-6969 with any questions.

Grade School: St. Anthony Grade School is planning an Open House for Tuesday, February 21 for all 2012-2013 new families of incoming (new) students in grades K-8. The Open House begins at 6:30 p.m. Please feel free to extend the invitation to families that may be interested in learning more about St. Anthony Grade School! Contact the grade school office at 217-347-0419 with any questions.

A separate registration night is planned for Thursday, March 22, for all new students for the 2012-2013 school year in grades K-8. Existing school families with incoming kindergarteners will receive an invitation for the March 22 registration night.



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Catholic Schools Week Events at St. Anthony Grade School

Monday, January 30th – CATHOLIC IDENTITY – Catholic Schools Week Signs will be posted on the classroom doors. Little Theatre will put on two plays; one at 10:00 a.m. for grades K-4 and one at 12:45 p.m. for grades 5-8.

Tuesday, January 31st – FAITH – dress up day – All Schools Mass at St. Anthony High School at 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, February 1st – SERVICE – Student Council will provide a teacher breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Students may wear a sports related shirt if they bring in a canned good. Contest between homerooms of each grade to bring in the most canned goods. The class in each grade that brings in the most canned goods will get to wear jeans on Thursday. Service to our school – each class will do something as a service to the school.

Thursday, February 2nd – ACADEMICS – Students will write a thank you note to parents thanking them for the opportunity to attend St. Anthony Catholic School. Winning classes from Wednesday will wear jeans.

Friday, February 3rd – CELEBRATE ST. ANTHONY – Students may wear sweats and each department will spend an hour in the gym playing organized games.

Catholic Schools Week Events at St. Anthony High School

Monday, January 30th - Pajamas/Sweats Day...Students may wear pajamas or sweats for a \$2.00 cash donation or two non-perishable food items for Catholic Charities.

Tuesday, January 31st - Professional Dress Day...Students and staff from Newton St. Thomas, Sigel St. Michael, Sacred Heart and St. Anthony Grade Schools and SAHS will attend the All Catholic Schools Mass in Enlow Center at 10:00am. (Everyone is invited to this special Mass.) At 12:00 noon, Niemergs will cater a lunch for volunteers, staff, and students. (\$5.00 per student for lunch) At 12:45pm, the movie, *The Help*, will be shown in the MPR.

Wednesday, February 1st - Western Day...Students may wear western attire for a \$2.00 cash donation or two nonperishable food items for Catholic Charities.

Thursday, February 2nd - Summer Day...Students may wear school appropriate shorts and T-shirts for a \$2.00 cash donation or two nonperishable food items for Catholic Charities.

Friday, February 3rd - Jeans/Jerseys Spirit Day...Students may wear jeans and jerseys for a \$2.00 cash donation or two non-perishable food items for Catholic Charities. A Community Services Blood Drive is in the MPR from 9:00am-2:00pm. Open Campus lunch is from 11:35am-12:25pm.



PINK OUT Day at the High School Boys' Basketball Game



Fill the stands with PINK on Friday, February 3 at the high school boys' basketball game! 6:15 PM start

Join St. Anthony Grade School and High Schools students as they show their support for High School Guidance Director Tammy Keller in her fight against breast cancer. The students will also celebrate Mrs. Brenda Milleville, a 7 year breast cancer survivor, and Mrs. Sandy Gillespie, an 8 year survivor!

In combination with Catholic Schools Week, St. Anthony High School will include daily activities to create awareness around breast cancer and to also raise money for cancer research.

Proceeds from the week and also from the game will be donated to Crossroads Cancer Center for their Cancer Care Specialists of Central Illinois Charitable Fund and to St. Anthony Hospital's Women's Wellness Center.

Be sure to join us! Show your support by wearing pink!



OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS:

	Actual	Budget	Last Year
1/22/12	\$ 23,493	\$ 34,990	\$ 21,275
YTD <small>(since 07/01/11)</small>	\$1,070,313 ⁽⁻⁴⁾		\$1,074,842
12 month totals		\$1,819,500 <small>(10.0)</small>	\$1,653,511
Scholarships	\$ 25	\$ 19,380 YTD	
Haiti Parish	\$ 140	\$ 16,421 YTD	
ACSA	\$ 43,853 ^(1/9)	\$ 89,029	
Catholic Times		\$ 18,157	

Today kicks off Catholic Schools Week for our 527 students and 69 school personnel, who include teachers, school offices and maintenance, and lunch program. Additionally one or more of 35 substitute teachers could be teaching each day and there are 16 coaches for the sports involving grades 7 through 12. These are all supported by our 3,660 parishioners (o.k. maybe some are a little too young yet) many of which are volunteering in some form every week. So there are many of us who will help celebrate the best things about Catholic Schools: Faith. Academics. Service....Please let us know if

you have any questions about the contribution information you have received for 2011 and thank you for your financial support....This year our Sunday Envelope budgeted total is the same as last year - \$1,819,500. When it was first shown, it was 6.1% above the prior year. As we can see, this year it is 10% above last year. For the first 4 months, through October, we were \$4,290 ahead of last year, 10-11, and \$63,708 ahead of 09-10. This week ends the next "division" of the year and hopefully, we will still be on track to meet our needs. The totals during this period, November through January, for the past two years were \$602,205 in 10-11 and \$692,292 in 09-10. Next week we will let you know how we compare.

St. Thomas School is Newton is hosting a Country Rhodes "All You Can Eat" fish, shrimp, and chicken dinner. Date is Sunday, January 29, 11:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. Ticket prices are \$8.50 per adult and \$5.50 for children 12 and under.

Catholic Charities Hoedown—The annual Catholic Charities Dinner Dance will be held Saturday, February 4, 2012 at the Effingham K of C Hall. Ticket price is \$40.00 per person and can be obtained from Advisory Board Members Kent Schmidt, Ed Grunloh, or by calling Catholic Charities at 857-1458.

Newman Breakfast will be Sunday, February 5 from 7am-noon at the Teutopolis K of C Hall. All you can eat whole hog sausage, scrambled and fried eggs, pancakes and hash browns will be served. Also crafts and baked goods will be available. Over 40 Newman Centers throughout the state of Illinois offer college and campus students a chance to gather and practice their Catholic faith. All proceeds go to the Newman Fund. Donations of craft and baked goods and mystery boxes are needed. Donations can be brought to the K of C Hall on Saturday or after 6am on the day of the breakfast.

CASINO NIGHT IS FAST APPRAOCHING! With the great success of last year's Casino Night fundraiser, we have again decided to team with Sacred Heart Parish to host the casino event on Saturday, March 10 at the Effingham Knights of Columbus. We are in need of committee chairs from St. Anthony Parish to help with the planning and implementation. The committee chairs might be a couple, or a few friends, or even a pair of couples looking to have fun and to help ensure another great fellowship and fundraising event. If you're interested in being a part of this exciting event or would like to sign up as a casino dealer, please contact Carrie Koenig at 217.342.6969 or email at ckoenig@stanthony.com.

Rural King Fundraiser February 12-19, 2012

Save your original Rural King receipts for purchases made between February 12th-19th. In return, Rural King will donate 5% of the total receipts to St Anthony Church. You can drop off your receipts in the collection basket, at the church office, or mail them to P.O. Box 764, Effingham. What an easy way for the church to raise funds!

Join Us For A Marriage Retreat

St. Anthony Mom's Ministry presents: A Mini-Marriage Retreat on Saturday, February 11th from 6-10 pm in the St Anthony Parish Center. Come join in as Fr. David Hoelfer leads us in an evening of reflection on how God intended marriage to be. Take this time to discover ways to grow deeper in love with your spouse. We will begin and end our evening with time to socialize so plan to bring an appetizer to share. Please RSVP to Tessie Kabbes at tess@consolidated.net or 347-8784.

St. Thomas the Apostle School in Newton, IL is looking for a part-time band director. This position will become available starting in August 2012. The position is part-time and consists of 4 afternoons a week. Deadline to apply is February 13th, 2012. Please send cover letter, resume, and transcript to St. Thomas School, Attn.: Vicki Wenthe, 306 W. Jourdan, Newton, IL 62448.

Father-Daughter Sweetheart Dance

Join us for the third annual Father-Daughter Sweetheart Dance, Sunday, Feb. 12th from 1-3 pm in the St. Anthony parish center. Spend the afternoon with Dad/Grandpa for dancing, dessert, pictures & fun! Tickets are \$5 per person (payable to St. Anthony Parish), and registration is due by Feb. 5th. For questions or if you would like to help with planning, decorating, or providing baked goods & small desserts for the dance, please contact Christy Elder@ 821-9595. Burkland's is also offering corsages at a discounted rate if ordered by Feb. 8th.