



Dear Parishioners,

It's hard to believe that we are already here at the first Sunday of Advent. Even while we have been anticipating this day because of the change in the translation of the Roman Missal, it still seems to have come a bit stealthily. The Latin root of the word "advent" means to "come." This is the season in which we await the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ the King with heightened anticipation and hope.

The Church begins this season with the anticipation of the second coming of Christ. We still hear the themes we were hearing at the end of Ordinary Time over these last few weeks. We are reminded that Jesus is coming back and that we must be prepared. This is given with a sense of urgency. In the Gospel for this weekend we read, "May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'" This seems easy enough to do but the truth is "you do not know when the lord of the house is coming." Even though we knew the first Sunday of Advent was to be November 27th this year, even though we were preparing for the new translation and going into the preparations we normally do for this time of year, it still seemed to come quicker than expected.

After this first Sunday of Advent the focus will begin to change toward the first coming of the Christ. We will walk through that great moment in salvation history that changed the way we look at the world, the coming of the Savior. First we will hear John the Baptist announce His coming. Then we will hear the Annunciation by the angel Gabriel and witness the Incarnation, the moment when Jesus was conceived in Mary's womb on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Finally we will hear from Elizabeth who proclaims the presence of the Lord in Mary's womb. We see hope turn to joy. It all leads us to Christmas when we will witness the fact that God is truly among us in the flesh, in Jesus Christ.

As we move through Advent we are reminded that the long awaited Savior did finally come to us at an unexpected time and in an unexpected way. This should heighten our expectation that the second coming of our Lord Jesus is also approaching. We go through many preparations to celebrate the first coming of the Christ. Are we spending the same kind of time and energy preparing for the second

coming? Most likely, that second coming will be the time of our death. That has been true so far for 2000 years. At that time the decorations and preparations to prepare our house for Christmas won't even compare to the importance of the preparation of our life to meet Jesus Christ in eternity. Advent urges us to await and prepare for that time with great hope and joy.

As we prepare our calendars for this busy season, please make plans to attend the Evening of Repentance and Prayer for Those Harmed in the Church. Bishop has asked the whole diocese to do this on the night of December 12th, at 7:00 p.m. In the Effingham Deanery we will do this at St. Francis of Assisi in Teutopolis. Bishop has asked that we do not schedule any other events that night so that as many as possible can attend.

Also put on your calendars that our Advent Reconciliation service will be Sunday December 11th, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Anthony Church. As always, this is a wonderful way to prepare to meet our Lord.

In Christ,
Fr. David Hoefler

Eucharistic Minister/Sacristan/Lector Training

There will be a training session for Eucharistic Ministers, Sacristans, and Lectors at 7:15 p.m., December 8, in the church. This training is for new volunteers, as well as anyone else who would like to brush up on their skills.



Pro Life Corner

Give thanks for "40 Days for Life"!

40 Days for Life is a pro-life campaign that seeks to turn hearts and minds from a culture of death to a culture of life through prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil. They've had amazing success since their first coordinated campaign in 2007. Reports document 5,045 lives that have been spared from abortion (there are likely many more they don't know about). 61 abortion workers have quite their jobs and walked away from the abortion industry.

These focused 40 day campaigns are proof that prayer works. Please pray for the continued rapid growth and success of this movement. After so many years of legalized abortion, many people of faith are experiencing a renewed sense of hope!

Visit www.40daysforlife.com for more information.

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

Mass Intentions

Monday, November 28, 6:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Mass: Richard Will, Andrew Niebrugge Anniversary

Tuesday, November 29, 6:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Mass: Chuck Henkelman

Wednesday, November 30, 6:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Mass: Clem & Clara Goldstein Family, Ted Richards Anniversary, Maurice Ormrod, Anton Osthoff

Thursday, December 1, 6:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Mass: Mary Tegeler Anniversary, Phil Kinkelaar Anniversary, Catherine Rickelman, Russ & Mary Uptmor, Ray, Carlene, Bob & Joe Went

Friday, December 2, 6:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Mass: Mary Kyle, Albert G. Willenborg Anniversary, Barbara Voelker, John & Fran Schultz Family, Doug Niebrugge

Saturday, December 3, 4:30 p.m. Mass: Richard Will Anniversary, Vicki Reed Anniversary, Buff Family, William & Agnes Kabbes, Stella Mette Anniversary, Arlen Clayton, Norman & Bernice Rentfrow

Sunday, December 4, 7:30, 9:15 and 11:00 a.m. Mass: Eugene Dasenbrock Family, Kim Bushue, Charles J. Wiedman, Tom Bryant Anniversary, Ray E. Ashley, Marie Dasenbrock, Parishioners of St. Anthony

Mass Servers

Weekday Masses, November/December

Nov. 28-30	6:30 a.m.	Will Kabbes/Makenzie Koenig
Dec. 1-2	6:30 a.m.	Riley Ashton/Olivia Clausius
Nov. 28	8:30 a.m.	Kelly Rentfrow/Andy Saba
Nov. 29	8:30 a.m.	Bryar Jansen/Abby Buenker
Nov. 30	8:30 a.m.	Jon Blanchette/Makayla Koenig
Dec. 1&2	8:30 a.m.	Grade School Provides



We will be celebrating a **Community Advent Penance Service** at St. Anthony Church, Sunday, December 11 at 7:00 p.m. There will be a number of priests available for hearing confession. Confessions are also heard 30 minutes prior to any Mass, and First Friday from 4:00-5:00 p.m.



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, Glenn Ehrhart, Duane Feldhake, Brandt Jarrett, Jeaneane Jenne, Jane Kabbes, Mary Lawyer, Marie McDaniel, Mary Ellen O'Brien, Ken Polarek, Kay Schwartz, Ron Shoffstall, Lee Thomas, Judy Willenborg.

Calendar of Events Nov. 26-Dec. 2

Sat., Nov. 26 5:15-6pm, SCRIP

Sun., Nov. 27 10-11am, SCRIP
12am-2pm, Calendar Ticket Pickup

Mon., Nov. 28 10am-2pm, SCRIP
7pm, Baptism Class at Sacred Heart
7-8:30pm, Adult Choir

Tues., Nov. 29 5:30pm, Bell Choir
6:30pm, Bible Study Sacred Ht. PC
7pm, Bereavement Support

Wed., Nov. 30 9am-2pm, SCRIP
3pm-Intermediate Choir
6:30pm PSR, grade school
7:30pm Adult Choir

Thurs., Dec. 1 6:15pm, Men's Choir
6:30pm, Mission Trip Info Meeting
7-9pm, RCIA

Fri., Dec. 2 10am-2pm, SCRIP
3pm, Pueri Cantores Choir



December Coffee & Donuts includes a visit from St. Nicholas!

Please come fellowship with us on December 4 after 9:15 Mass in the Parish Center at this extra special "Coffee & Donuts" event. Along with coffee and donuts, you and your family will enjoy the CCW Candy and Bake Sale, holiday music, and a visit from St. Nicholas! Join us in celebrating the beginning of Advent!



A Special Christmas Gift

St. Anthony Church will be accepting donations for the Christmas Season decorations. If you would like to make a donation towards the decorations, please place it in an envelope marked "Christmas Decorations" and mail to PO Box 764, Effingham, IL 62401 or place in the collection basket. Please include how you would like your donation listed in the bulletin.

How to Submit Bulletin Articles

Please submit written bulletin articles to: bulletin@stanthony.com or mail to Bulletin, PO Box 764, Effingham IL 62401. Articles must be in the office by **noon Monday** prior to publication.

Ushers for December

Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Bill Schmidt/Don Pulsford
Sunday 7:30 a.m.	Ken Stuckey/Don Wente
Sunday 9:15 a.m.	Gregg Kabbes/Kent Schmidt
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Chris Kabbes/?
4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve	Kirk Hartke/Richard Worman Bill Schmidt/Don Pullsford
7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve	Craig Kabbes/Troy Greene
Midnight Mass	Mark Reiss/Vic Jansen
8:00 a.m. Christmas Day	Clarence Unkraut/Ralph Kortte
10:00 a.m. Christmas Day	Dick Day/Dale Fitzpatrick

Church Cleaning Crew for December

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

Matt/Kelly Sager	Bernie/Mary Sandschafer
Brian/Jamie Sandschafer	Dennis/Deb Sandschafer
Matt Schabbing	Michael/Rosalie Schabbing
Ryan Schabbing	Scott/Michelle Schaefer
Steven & Kathy Schallert	Gary & Lynn Schaufler
Ben/Michelle Scherzer	Connie Schimmelpfenning
Jayne Schmidt	Kent/Liz Schmidt

Don't Forget to Turn in Your Commitment Card

We're still in the midst of our annual Stewardship Renewal. If you haven't returned your Commitment Card, you still can mail it to the parish. You'll soon receive an extra card in the mail, or there are extra cards in church. Returning your card is an important part of being an active member of St. Anthony Parish. Please take this opportunity to express your support for our parish with your time, talent, and treasure.



**Council of Catholic Women Holiday
Cookie/Candy Sale
December 3 & 4
Parish Center**

The Annual Cookie/Candy Sale is coming SOON and we need all the parishioners of the parish to start baking. This is one of CCW's biggest fundraisers of the year. This helps with the purchasing of hosts, wine, candles and other everyday needs for the Mass and celebrations. Please bring baked goods to the Parish Center December 3 between 10 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.. The sale will begin after the 4:30 Mass and after all Sunday Masses.

Lost and Found

Lost & Found We have several items in Lost and Found in the Parish Office. Are you missing a winter coat? Canon Battery Charger and Batteries? Hat? Scarf? Umbrella? Reading Glasses? Stop by and see if you can claim your items.



**2011 Fundraising Calendar Update
2012 Calendar Sales**

Congratulations to the following winners:
Carl & Cathy Heiden
\$2,000 in Scrip Gift Cards!

Sales for the 2012 Calendar Raffle are under way! This year, we are taking a team sales approach. November 13 was the first drop off date for calendar sales. Our overall goal is to sell 2000 tickets for this year's calendar raffle!

**Invitation to Ladies of the Parish**

Ladies of the parish are invited to attend the **Council of Catholic Women's Christmas Party** on Monday, December 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center.

Turkey, dressing, drinks and table service will be provided. Please bring a covered dish for our potluck meal and ask a friend to join you. Salads, potatoes, vegetables, desserts, and rolls are needed. *Ladies with January and February birthdays are being asked to help serve the dinner.*

Chances for the quilt being raffled that night are in the bulletin and are 6 for \$5.00. You may put your chances in the church collection basket marked **CCW Quilt** prior to the dinner, or bring to the dinner.

Again we are sharing our Christmas Blessing with our sister parish in Haiti. Please bring a monetary donation for their Christmas gift.

Mission Trip to Haiti

Plans are being made for a Mission Trip to our sister parish St. Charles Borromeo in Haiti. An informational meeting for anyone interested in attending will be held in the St. Anthony Parish Center at 6:30 p.m. on December 1 to begin planning for the Fall 2012 trip. For more information call Eric Althoff at 347-0195 or Carol Toney at 821-7607.

**HOLIDAY SHOPPING WITH SCRIP!**

We are now offering SCRIP Store Gift Certificates! This is a wonderful gift for those on your list who are difficult to buy for. They can come to our SCRIP Store and choose their gift from over 350 different retailers. Please see the information in this week's bulletin.

A special "Thank You" to Stevens Industries. They purchased their employee holiday gifts through the SCRIP store, earning our schools over \$300!

Pray For An End To Abortion



St. Anthony High School

November 26-27, 2011

Paw Prints



For the calendar . . .

- * Dec. 1, "Grease" Musical Matinee for SAGS & SHS, 1:00
- * Dec. 2, School Mass in Church, 8:30; SAHS Musical "Grease", 7:00
- * Dec. 3, SAHS Musical "Grease", 7:00
- * Dec. 4, SAHS Musical "Grease", 2:00; Homecoming Week
- * Dec. 6, Homecoming Game vs. Beecher City & Homecoming Coronation, 6:15
- * Dec. 8, Immaculate Conception Mass in Church, 8:30
- * Dec. 9, School Mass in Church, 8:30
- * Dec. 10, Homecoming Dance, 8:00-11:00; ACT
- * Dec. 13, 5th Grade through High School Band Christmas Concert, MPR, 7:00
- * Dec. 15, SAHS Chapel Mass, 7:10
- * Dec. 16, School Mass in Church, 8:30
- * Dec. 18, Junior High & High School Chorus Christmas Concert in Church, 2:00
- * Dec. 19, End of 2nd Quarter
- * Dec. 20-22, Semester Exams
- * Dec. 23-Jan. 3, No School (Christmas Break)
- * Dec. 27-28, Bulldog Classis Boys Basketball Tourney
- * Jan. 4, First Student Attendance Day

SAHS HOSTS TESTING PALOOZA & CAREER/COLLEGE FAIR

On October 12, freshmen, sophomores, and juniors took their standardized tests (EXPLORE, PLAN, or ACT/PSAT). Seniors attended a career presentation by keynote speaker, Scott Lensink, president of Lake Land College, and then participated in the "Define, Decide, Design: A Career Exploration" workshop. To conclude the morning, all staff and students were treated to a cookout.

Pictured above, the students spent the afternoon attending a College/Career Fair in Enlow Center. Sixteen college reps, including Northern, U of I-Champaign, U of I-Springfield, St. Louis College of Pharmacy, SIU-E, SIU-C, just to name a few, were available. The National Guard, Marines, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard were also represented. Many career leaders in the medical field, finance, education, engineering, vocations, and many more professions, also spoke to the students and shared their preparation for their respective career paths.

Organizers of the day were Guidance Director Mrs. Tammy Keller and Mrs. Beth Hartrich, Intern.

OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS:			
	Actual	Budget	Last Year
11/13/11	\$ 29,865	\$ 34,990	\$ 32,256
YTD (since 07/01/11)	\$559,262(-.6)	\$ 619,172 (10.0)	\$ 562,884
12 month totals		\$1,819,500 (10.0)	\$1,653,511
Scholarships	\$ 636	\$ 14,135 YTD	
Haiti Parish	\$ 937	\$ 8,926 YTD	
ACSA	\$ 27,236	\$ 89,029	
Catholic Times		\$ 18,157	

Thanksgiving is now only a memory, and maybe an extra pound or two, but we are still thankful for our parish, for all of you involved with the various ministries, for the countless hours of volunteer actions. Thank you. ... Due to the timing requirement for this bulletin, this is being written on Friday so the weekend amounts are not known, but will be included with the December 4 bulletin. ... The new SCRIP coordinators, Amy Blanchette and Devvie Hodge, have been working very hard to help the program. Thanks to them for their efforts. Something new is a gift certificate to the SCRIP store. A

certificate can be purchased and used as a gift for someone, especially if you do not know which cards they might be interested in. The receiver then trades the certificate for their selected gift cards. Either way, your use of this program benefits the schools. ... Our parish is fortunate to be remembered in the wills of parishioners. Have you considered that way to continue your support, even when you have reached the eternal goal for which we strive?...12/31/11 is quickly approaching. If you are looking at end-of-the-year contributions, donations of stock may still be the most beneficial for you, in spite of the market uncertainty. If your stock has appreciated, you are entitled to deduct the current fair market value of the stock and not pay capital gains tax on the amount of the increase in value. Had the stock been sold, the capital gains would apply.

Baptism Class

Anyone wishing to have their child baptized at St. Anthony Church is required to attend a Baptism class. The next class is at 7:00 p.m., Monday, November 28 at Sacred Heart Parish Center. Please call the church office to register. 347-7129.

The **National Night of Prayer for Life** will be observed from 9:00 p.m., December 8 to 1:00 a.m., December 9 in the St. Anthony Hospital Chapel. Fr. Ralph Zetzl will be celebrant of the 12:00 a.m. Mass.



Christian superstar group MercyMe is bringing their Christmas show to the Effingham Performance Center, Friday, December 9. Tickets are available at the EPC Box Office M-F 11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. or online at www.ticketmaster.com



Grease, The Musical

St. Anthony High School is proud to present “Grease, The Musical”! Performances are Friday, December 2 at 7:00 p.m., Saturday, December 3 at 7:00 p.m., and Sunday, December 4 at 2:00 p.m.

Tickets are available in the High School Office. All performances are in the St. Anthony High School Multi-Purpose Room.

EIU Honors Choir & Camerata

Join the EIU Honor Choir and Camerata on Friday, December 9 at 7:30 p.m. for a concert in St. Anthony’s church. St. Anthony Alum Ms. Megan McDevitt (2008) will be performing a solo in German with the choir.

St. Isidore Council of Catholic Women is hosting a **Christmas Walk**: “Showing Our Homes for St. Hedwig Haus”, Sunday, December 4 from 1-4 p.m. Homes on the walk are: Joe & Tina Brummer, Jerry & Alice Goeckner, Rodney & Brandi Lidy, & Sue Sandschafer. The Bishop Hall is also on the walk showing Christmas table settings, nativity sets, Christmas trees, and villages, plus refreshments and live entertainment. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased in the church office, FNB Dieterich, National Trail Bank, Washington Savings Bank, or Teutopolis Bank. Proceeds for the walk will go to the St. Hedwig Haus in Charleston. It is a home for women and children in need, of which Fr. John Titus is a board member. Also, Operation Santa—Christmas Quilt will be raffled off at 5:00 p.m. Proceeds go to Military Men & Women. For more information contact Christy Repking 536-6045 or Alice Drees 925-5288.

St. Anthony and Sacred Heart Parishes are once again hosting The Reason for the Season Breakfast on Sunday, December 11 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Keller Convention Center. Enjoy a full breakfast of biscuits & gravy, pancakes, eggs, and sausage. View the Christmas trees in the Winter Wonderland and get your photo taken with Santa Claus. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for children ages 3-10. Advanced tickets available at Catholic Charities or Keller Convention Center. Tickets are also available at the door. All proceeds from the breakfast will benefit Effingham Catholic Charities.

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