

Dear Parishioners,

We are told in the first reading this week that we should seek wisdom. “Whoever watches for her at dawn shall not be disappointed ... whoever for her sake keeps vigil shall quickly be free from care.” Then we hear in the Gospel the parable of the wise and the foolish virgins. These readings speak of waiting and being ready, of being prepared.

I notice in the Gospel all of the virgins fell asleep, the foolish and the wise alike, since the bridegroom was long delayed. When he finally came, the wise were still somehow ready and the foolish were not. There seems to be something more necessary in preparation for the coming of the Lord than just being in a constant state of anticipation and alertness. The attribute in both of these readings that is held up for us is wisdom.

The first reading tells us that all that is necessary for wisdom is to seek her. Watching for her dawn tells us that wisdom should be among the first things we want to attain. This reading is also telling us that we have to wait for wisdom. I was given some very good advice once. I was told that this is a gift God absolutely wants us all to have. We just have to ask for it and then watch for it. Of course like any other gift it develops with use as well.

Through the Gospel parable Jesus reminds us that we can't get it vicariously from someone else. We have to ask, watch, wait, and practice the use of wisdom. This is part of the road to holiness. As I have told the students holiness is like any other gift. I have to use it and develop it with God's grace. I can't skip practices and not do homework and then expect to borrow someone else's jump shot at the game or someone else's math skills on the test.

The oil in the virgin's lamps is holiness. The wise virgins had plenty of oil because they had been using God's grace in the everyday moments of their life. This is how they were prepared. The foolish virgins apparently always just thought it would be there but didn't make use of it enough. In our everyday life the wisdom and holiness we are talking about looks like prayer, use of the sacraments, love of God and neighbor, serving others, etc. Prayer should include contemplation, or times to be quiet and let God speak. All of these kinds of things put us on the right path and holiness comes along and picks us up.

In terms of the Mass we could take this parable to heart with some direct advice and reflection. How do we prepare for Mass? Do I take time during the week to read the readings for the next Sunday so I will be more able to receive the grace God wants to give me? Do I take some quiet time before and after Mass to prepare to listen and let what God has given me sink in? Do I observe the one hour fast before receiving Holy Communion? Do I get to confession regularly? Besides preparing the soul do I dress and act like I'm going to the wedding feast of the Lamb. Do I treat Mass as the most important hour of prayer in my week or day? If I were the person held up as the example of a practicing Catholic, what would that image say to people?

This week I am trying to offer a few thoughts in my homily about the state of our parishes. Of course we will always be challenged to be better. None of us are perfect so there is always room for growth. However, the main message I want to give is a message of thanks! Thank you for the very warm welcome you have all given the four of us new priests. Thank you for all the prayers you offer for us and be assured we are always praying for you. Thank you for the great foundation you have helped to build in these parishes already. Thank you for the great commitment you all continually make to the Faith and to our parishes. Thank you for your wonderful generosity. Thank you for your willingness to do what it takes to make all of this work. Thank you for your good hearts. I am so grateful to be here with you and I look forward to what the Lord will have us do together!

In Christ,

Fr. David Hoefler

This Tuesday, November 8th, begins a week of retreats for our high school students. Please keep them in your prayers during this important time in their spiritual formation.

Talk about Vocations with your family

Mass Intentions

Monday, November 7, 6:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Mass: Herbert & Elsie Deters, Bob & Florence Schuette Family, Marlene Goeckner Anniversary, Louis & Charlene Thies Family, George Barlage, Joe Breer, Frank Moross, Catherine Rickelman

Tuesday, November 8, 6:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Mass: Jim & Marcella Bourgeois, John & Fran Schultz Family, Lisa Crosson Family, St. Anthony High School Kairos Retreatants

Wednesday, November 9, 6:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Mass: Joe, Elizabeth, Harold & Maurice Metten, Verena Brumleve Anniversary, Herman & Stella Mette, St. Anthony High School Kairos Retreatants

Thursday, November 10, 6:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Mass: Jack Kabbes Family, Vondenbosch Family, Gertrude Koebel Anniversary, Agnes Reiss Anniversary, St. Anthony High School Kairos Retreatants

Friday, November 11, 6:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Mass: 70th Wedding Anniversary of Frank & Christine Kortte, Catherine Nuxoll Anniversary, John Steppe Anniversary, Marcella Hochdaffer Anniversary, Cecilia Walk Family, Al & Frances Haarmann Family

Saturday, November 12, 4:30 p.m. Mass: John Niemann, Dan Sullivan Anniversary, Norbert & Eleanore Goeckner Family

Sunday, November 13, 7:30, 9:15 and 11:00 a.m. Mass: Clarence Braun, Frank & Betty Esker Family, Don Grunloh, Harry, Hilma & Alf Willenborg Family, J. Leonard Boos, Jolene Arend, 70th Wedding Anniversary of Frank & Christine Kortte, Parishioners of St. Anthony

Pray Every Day to End Abortion

Mass Servers

Weekday Masses, November 7-11

Nov. 7-9	6:30 a.m.	Sophie Moore/
Nov. 10-11	6:30 a.m.	Liam Hammer/Shea Kinkelaar
Nov. 7	8:30 a.m.	Will Clausius/Samantha Brandenburger
Nov. 8	8:30 a.m.	James Kabbes/JohnHartke
Nov 9	8:30 a.m.	Emily McDevitt/Maddie Schuette
Nov 10 -11	8:30 a.m.	Grade School Provides

November Weekend Masses

Saturday	4:30 p.m.	John Hartke/Kyle Hartke/Emily McDevitt
Sunday	7:30 a.m.	Patrick, Chandler, and Nick Martelli
	9:15 a.m.	Abbie Schmidt/Jacob Schmidt/Alex Deters
	11:00 a.m.	Jack Woelfer/Sydney Gibson/Drew Gibson



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, Ruth Hunt, Brandt Jarrett, Jeaneane Jenne, Mary Lawyer, Mary Ellen O'Brien, Ken Polarek, Pete Sangirardi, Kay Schwartz, Ron Shoffstall.

Calendar of Events Nov. 5-11

Sat., Nov. 5	5:15-6pm, SCRIP
Sun., Nov. 6	10-11am, SCRIP 10am, Coffee & Donuts
Mon., Nov. 7,	10am-2pm, SCRIP 6:30pm, CCW Salad Supper
Tues., Nov. 8	5:30pm, Bell Choir 6:30pm, Bible Study Sacred Ht. PC 7pm, Bereavement Support
Wed., Nov. 9	9am-2pm, SCRIP 3pm-Intermediate Choir 6:30pm PSR, grade school 7:30pm Adult Choir
Thurs., Nov. 10	6:15pm Men's Choir 7:00pm RCIA
Fri., Nov. 11	Parish Office Closed 7:00 pm, Veterans Day Mass

**Veteran's Day Mass
St. Anthony Church
7:00 p.m., Friday,
November 11**



What better way to say "Thank You" to our veterans and current active military personnel than by attending our annual Veteran's Day Mass on Friday, November 11 at 7:00 p.m. Effingham American Legion Post 120 will form the honor guard. Everyone is invited to attend. The St. Anthony Pastoral Council will host a reception in the parish center following the Mass.



Coffee and Donuts will be served after 9:15 Mass in the Parish Center **Sunday, November 6.**

**Council of Catholic Women
Monday, November 7, 6:30 p.m.**

Please join us in hosting the ladies from Sacred Heart in the Parish Center for a Soup & Salad Supper. A representative from St. Anthony Hospital will speak about Women's Wellness. Watch the bulletin for chances for the Christmas Quilt Raffle!

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



May the souls of Bernice Rentfrow, Arthur Fuesting, and Ida Hille sing praises with the Angels in Heaven Forever.



Bereavement Support

7:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 8

St. Anthony Parish Center

Bereavement Support will meet every Tuesday throughout November and December.



Sunday Communion Ministers are needed to bring Eucharist to those confined to their homes on the second, third, fourth and fifth Sunday of each month. Please contact Sr. Jane Marie at 347-7129 if you are willing to help this much needed ministry.

Pro-Life Corner

Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the **moment of conception**.

Prenatal diagnosis is morally licit (permitted), "if it respects the life and integrity of the embryo and the human fetus and is directed toward its safeguarding or healing as an individual....It is gravely opposed to the moral law when this is done with the thought of possibly inducing an abortion, depending upon the results: a diagnosis must not be the equivalent of a death sentence. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2270, 2274)

A prenatal diagnosis must not be the equivalent of a death sentence. What a powerful statement! Tragically, 90% of pregnant women who are given a Down syndrome diagnosis choose to have an abortion. Please pray that parents feeling overwhelmed by a prenatal diagnosis will choose life for their child either through adoption or by raising the child themselves. Pray for all those whose hearts ache from the sin of abortion: that God will soothe and heal them with the balm of his mercy. There is no sin greater than God's mercy.

"Circle of Friends" Pro-Life Fundraiser

Sacred Heart Church is inviting "home-based business" owners to display their products in their Parish Center on Sunday, November 20 from 8:00am to 1:00pm. This is a great opportunity to start Christmas gift shopping ~ cash and carry items will be available, and you will have the opportunity to order products. A portion of all sales will be donated to the Pro-Life movement in Effingham. If you own a home-based business and would like to reserve a table for your products, please contact Darlene at the parish office at 347-7177. Information is also available at www.sheff.org.

2011 Fundraising Calendar Update

Congratulations to the following winner:

Bryan McDonald

The kickoff for the 2012 Calendars was last weekend. Stop by the Parish Center any time to purchase your calendars and tickets

2011 Stewardship Renewal

Today all parish families are asked to bring their Commitment Card to Mass. During Mass, as a parish community, we offer God our gifts of time, talent, and treasure. Our goal is to be a Stewardship Parish—a community who is noticeably committed to prayer, parish ministry, and generous financial support. All three are equally important. May God bless you.

Lil'ettes Dance Clinic

Saturday, November 19 from 1:00-3:00pm
St. Anthony Enlow Center Grades 1st through 8th welcome! Learn a routine to perform with the Bellette Dance Team during halftime of the St. Anthony Thanksgiving Tournament on Tuesday, Nov 22nd. \$25 per student (t-shirt included) Registration forms will go home with students. Contact Lynn Vogel at lvogel@stanthony.com by November 14 to sign up!

Mom's Ministry

Please make plans to join us on the 3rd Wednesday of every month for our regularly scheduled meetings. Fr. Brian Alford joins us November 16 to offer his vocation story and to also speak about our November discussion topic - Purgatory. Our evening begins at 8:00 pm with the rosary. Enter through door #3 in the back of the high school. All mothers welcome. Mandatory attendance/membership is not required; come when you can, as we grow in our faith and friendships. Learn more at www.stanthony.com/ministriesprograms/momsministry

Teen Mission Work Camp

Now is the time to register for Catholic Heart Work Camp June 17-23, 2012. Camp is open to any teen going into the 8th grade in the fall of 2012 through 1st year college students. No experience is necessary. Adult leaders are also invited to attend. For more information call Glenn Pankonen at 663-7821, or pick up information at St. Anthony Grade School, St. Anthony High School, or the Parish Office.

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.

SAMBA Apple Pie Fundraiser

St. Anthony High School Band and Chorus students are taking pre-orders for Apple Pies. Cost is \$12 and will be available November 11 from 12-2 p.m. in the Parish Center. Only 300 pies are being sold! Contact any member of SAHS band or chorus or call the high school office at 342-6969 to place your order.

6th Grade Space Camp Fundraisers - Last Chance

6th Grade students are selling cheesecakes and wreaths after Masses this weekend to help raise money for their trip to Space Camp in Huntsville, AL. This is your last chance. The sale ends November 8th. Please stop by their table outside of church or contact any 6th grade student to place your order. Thank you for your continued support!

This week a letter will be sent to all who have not yet had time to respond to the **Annual Catholic Services Appeal**. If you are among this group, please prayerfully consider how you can help your diocesan Church Family.



7th Annual Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner

The Effingham County FISH Organization is sponsoring the 7th Annual Free Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner on Thursday, November 24, 2011 at Christ's Church, 2511 Veterans Dr., Effingham, IL .

This free dinner is open to all Effingham County residents and their families who would like to enjoy Thanksgiving with others. The dinner will be on Thanksgiving Day starting at 11:30am. Home delivered meals will be available for homebound individuals. There will also be volunteers available to transport those who wish to attend the dinner but are without transportation.

For those persons wishing to attend the meal, please RSVP by November 21, 2011 by contacting Susan Elke at 868-5913, Harold Heth at 868-2854 or the Effingham Senior Center, 347-5569. Please let us know when you RSVP if you need transportation.

For those who need home delivered meals, please contact the Senior Center at 347-5569 by November 21, 2011.

We are also in need of volunteers to help set up the church hall, package and deliver meals to the homebound, transport individuals who need transportation to and from the church and serve those people attending the meal. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Susan Elke at 217-868-5913.

This is not a dinner just of Seniors, all in the county and their families are welcome.

For additional information, please contact Susan Elke at 217-868-5913

Assistance Requested

Each November we are afforded the opportunity to use a special envelope designated for financial contributions to cemetery upkeep. This offering, added to other income, allows us to maintain our cemetery in the manner we all prefer. Any extraordinary projects are often financed by individuals or families.

We urge you to visit the cemetery often and review changes that have occurred during the year. Two noteworthy projects are the shrubbery planting along the south fence and the construction of new concrete pads south of the flag pole.

As mentioned, the cemetery board receives no direct assistance from church funds from St. Anthony or Sacred Heart Parishes. It is very important, and necessary, for your personal participation in this annual appeal. We need to carry on the tradition our ancestors established many years ago. We have a beautiful and well maintained cemetery we are all proud of. Please be generous in your support.

St. Anthony & Sacred Heart Cemetery Board

Music Ministry Schedule

Saturday, Nov. 5,	4:30 Mass	Adult Choir
Sunday, Nov. 6,	7:30 Mass	Kim Deters
	9:15 Mass	Pueri Cantores
	11:00 Mass	Olivia Clausius
Saturday, Nov. 12	4:30 Mass	Men's Choir
Sunday, Nov. 13	7:30 Mass	BJ Kortte
	9:15 Mass	St. Cecilia
	11:00 Mass	Hand Bell Choir
Saturday, Nov. 19	4:30 Mass	Intermediate Choir
Sunday, Nov. 20	7:30 Mass	Sara Wendt
	9:15 Mass	Adult Choir
	11:00 Mass	Jr. High Choir



The Winter Contest for the grade school has been announced. The winning class will receive their choice of a bowling party or class party during Christmas break. Each week the top seller in the school will be recognized.

HOLIDAY SHOPPING WITH SCRIP! Don't forget your SCRIP cards as you begin your holiday shopping. We have already begun to stock additional gift cards for your shopping convenience. We are offering extended HOLIDAY shopping hours on Friday, Nov 18th from 10am -4pm at the Parish Center and 4-6 at the "Meet The Bulldogs" night at St. Anthony High School. This will give those parents who pick up their students an opportunity to visit the SCRIP Store as well as those who would like to visit us after work.

Don't forget, SCRIP cards are sold after every 4:30 and 9:15 Mass in the Parish Center.

OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS:

	Actual	Budget	Last Year
10/30/11	\$ 31,426	\$ 34,990	\$ 33,161
YTD <small>(since 07/01/11)</small>	\$506,471 <small>(.9)</small>	\$ 552,399 <small>(10.0)</small>	\$ 502,181
12 month totals		\$1,819,500 <small>(10.0)</small>	\$1,653,511
Scholarships	\$ 175	\$ 12,478 YTD	
Haiti Parish	\$ 40	\$ 7,789 YTD	
ACSA	\$ 13,426	\$ 89,029	
Catholic Times		\$ 18,157	

Today is a very good day to give thanks. It is true that we will celebrate Thanksgiving in a couple of weeks, and we always think of others then, but this weekend we have returned our commitment cards and our involvement is a way of saying "thanks" to God for His goodness. Our parish is so dynamic because of your involvement. Many activities occur, many people are involved and the schools and buildings have thrived. Our thanks is given

to the many, many volunteers who keep all the wheels turning. Last weekend we heard from 4 parishioners who said yes, to the question asked of them, about whether they would share their own stewardship examples. We are very appreciative of their saying "yes"...Included in the bulletin this weekend is the Parish financial report for the fiscal year ended 06/30/11. It compares the results for the past 4 years and the budget for the current year on one side and on the other it shows last year compared to the estimate for that year as well as the estimate (budget) for the current year. Please contact Charlie in the parish office, or any of the finance council members, if you have any questions. Whether asked or not, please prayerfully consider how you can help.

St. Mary's Shumway Confirmation Class will be having a Pancake and Sausage breakfast on Sunday, November 6, 2011 from 7:00 am - 12:00 pm at the Shumway Kluthe Center. Free will donations will be accepted. All proceeds will benefit the group's trip to the March For Life in Washington, DC.

Christ the King Catholic Church in Greenup is hosting a Christmas Bazaar Saturday, November 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Cash & Carry products will be available from Wreaths By Malani, Tastefully Simple, Lia Sophia, Scentsy Candles, Upper Case Living, Longaberger, Signature Home Styles and Pete's Family Patterns. Breakfast & Lunch will be available.

SAMBA Pasta Supper & Meet the Bulldogs

Join us on November 18 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the St. Anthony High School Multi-Purpose Room for a pasta supper as we welcome the 2011-2012 basketball season! Meet the Bulldogs will follow the pasta supper.

The Teutopolis Lions Club will host its 42nd Annual Breakfast Sunday, November 6, 2011 from 7:00 a.m. to noon at the Teutopolis Grade School Auditorium. All you can eat hat & cheese omelets, pancakes, sausage, eggs, bread, coffee, juice and milk will be served. Proceeds support various community projects.

Helen Matthes Library Community Survey: Whether you are an avid library user or have not been in a while, we'd like your help to plan our services for the future. Consider being a part of our Strategic Plan Survey by taking part online at: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/VNKGGMNK> or you can stop by the library at 100 E. Market Avenue to fill out a paper copy. The survey takes about 5 minutes to complete and the deadline is Wednesday, November 9.

BINGO will be played the 1st and 3rd Friday of every month at **St. Thomas Parish Center in Newton**. Doors open at 6 and BINGO starts at 7pm. Must be 18 or older to play!

St. Mary Help of Christians (Green Creek) will hold their Fall Brunch Sunday, November 13, 2011 from 7:00 a.m. to noon. Menu includes sausage, ham, eggs, pancakes, homemade rolls and breads. The basement is now handicapped accessible.

St. Thomas School in Newton is holding a Breakfast in the Parish Center on Sunday, November 13. Scrambled eggs, sausage, ham, biscuits & gravy, pancakes, rolls and drinks will be served from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

The **Effingham Deanery Council of Catholic Women** will meet Thursday, November 17 at Annunciation Parish in Shumway. The evening will begin at 6:30 p.m. with Mass and installation of our new officers followed by a meeting. The focus will be on "Convention", both Diocesan and National, with round table discussions sharing highlights and insights. Please bring canned food items for Catholic Charities. All women of the Deanery are invited to join together for a spiritual lift as stories are shared. Be a friend and bring a friend. For questions please contact DCCW President Betty Boos at 217-994-9096 or bettyb42@mediacombb.net

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