

Dear Parishioners,

The one line that stands out to me from the **readings this weekend** is “Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.” Just one short thought about this ... It all belongs to God. Even Caesar. It’s all gift. So we know who it belongs to. Now as the Responsorial Psalm says, “Give the Lord glory and honor.” How good are we at recognizing the source of our gifts and how good are we at giving the glory and honor to God?

All of the readings this weekend have a common theme. They all tell us that it is the Lord that provides for us at the most basic level. He sustains our life by feeding us. In the second reading Paul tells us that whether fed or hungry “I can do all things in him who strengthens me. ... My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.” Our greatest need is salvation, love, union or communion with God and others. This comes to us in the form of a meal.

The Mass and banquet for vocations last weekend was a **wonderful event! I am very grateful** to the Knights of Columbus for hosting the event and to the many parishioners from all three of our parishes who helped make it a success. Thanks also to the 400 who attended. What a wonderful show of support for our seminarians! It’s no wonder this area seems to have an exceptional potential for vocations.

Of the **20 seminarians** we now have in our diocese, several come from our area. **Braden Maher** has been in the seminary and is now in his fourth year of college seminary. He is from St. Anthony Parish. **Cody Sandschafer** just started college seminary this Fall. He is from Sacred Heart Parish. **Willie Jansen** just started college seminary also this Fall and is from Dieterich. **Rev. Mr. Zach Edgar** is now a Transitional Deacon and will be ordained a priest in the Spring. He is from Vandalia. **Wayne Stock** is also from Vandalia and just started college seminary this Fall. Please keep these men in your prayers as they continue to discern the call to the priesthood and prepare themselves for ministry. Men like these are the future of our Priesthood. Thank God for their generous response to the Holy Spirit!

The good news continues! We also have two men who have begun studying in the five year program for the Permanent Diaconate this Fall. **Pat Bauer** is from Sacred Heart and **John Kay** is from St. Anthony. They have both generously responded to the Holy Spirit and will somehow work a college course load and spiritual formation into already busy lives. God bless them and their wives and families for such a generous commitment! Please keep them also in your prayers. The Diaconate is part of the tri-partite ministry of the priesthood. It is made up of the three levels of Deacon, Priest, and Bishop. The Diaconate is an ancient institution that is first noted in the Book of Acts. The Transitional Diaconate is for those who are on the way to being ordained into the Sacred Order of the Priesthood. The Permanent Diaconate had been dormant for centuries and was reinstated as a result of the Second Vatican Council. Pat Bauer and John Kay are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Holy Orders as Permanent Deacons. The ministry of this Sacred Order is primarily to Preach the Gospel and to serve. I am sure Deacon Joe Emmerich will be happy to have their help, as will I.

Congratulations again to the **School Sisters of Notre Dame** on their 150th anniversary. Thanks to all of you who attended and helped make it a wonderful celebration. I am grateful for the many ways the SSND have helped nourish our Faith and build up our parishes in this part of the world.

Our three parishes will be hosting the **Vigil for Life prayer** service over the next few months. This service includes the rosary and Mass. Annunciation in Shumway will host it on Monday, October 17th at 6:00 P.M. St. Anthony will host on Monday, November 21st. Sacred Heart will host on Monday, January 16th.

You may have noticed the **Great Adventure Bible Study** announcements. I have had experience with this Bible Study and I think it is the best one I have ever seen. It is very engaging and informative even though it is DVD driven. Jeff Cavins is the speaker on the DVD and easily keeps our attention. Even though this is a long commitment on the calendar, I have rarely seen people in a group lose interest. In fact it usually has people looking for ways to start it again. The Great Adventure is a walk through the story line of the Old Testament. It does not go through the books of the Bible cover to cover but of course shows how you could attach the books it doesn’t cover to your reading list if you would like. After attending this Bible Study I don’t think you will look at Sacred Scripture the same again. I also think you will be much more motivated to continue your reading and study of the Bible. Please make plans to attend.

Take a look at the **parish picnic results**. The numbers look great. Thanks again for all the hard work and participation! Speaking of good results, I was so very impressed by **Alumnite** last weekend. It was very well prepared. We had a great crowd and everyone really seemed to enjoy it. Thanks to the many people who worked hard to make it a success. Thanks also to the many who attended. It was great to celebrate 100 years of St. Anthony High School with you!

Also, there will be a short **retraining for all Eucharistic Ministers, lectors and current servers**, after all the masses next weekend, October 22 /23. Please plan on spending a few minutes after the Mass you attend for a short retraining session.

In Christ,

Fr. David Hoefler

Mass Intentions

Monday, October 17, 6:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Mass: Mildred Tegeler, Otto Goldstein, Linda Lofton

Tuesday, October 18, 6:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Mass: Albert "Al" Niemerg, Lawrence E. Brumleve Family, David Probst Anniversary

Wednesday, October 19, 6:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Mass: Francis Haarmann, Rob & Florence Schuette Family, 48th Wedding Anniversary of Don & Marilyn Pulsford, Lawrence & Helen Waldhoff Family, William & Agnes Kabbes, Bernie & Marcie Burford Family

Thursday, October 20, 6:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Mass: Joseph Kabbes Anniversary, 4th Wedding Anniversary of Jeff & Cathy Causey, Walter Kowalski Anniversary, Margaret Ormrod

Friday, October 21, 6:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Mass: Chuck Henkelman, Evelyn Krone, Bob Roepke

Saturday, October 22, 4:30 p.m. Mass: John & Fran Schultz Family, Lawrence & Elizabeth Feuerborn Family, Mort Harris Family

Sunday, October 23, 7:30, 9:15 and 11:00 a.m. Mass: 55th Wedding Anniversary of Carl & Dorothy Bushur, Scott Hanfland, Mr. & Mrs. Herman Habing, Leonard Kinkelaar Family, Nick Dust, Leo Martin, Parishioners of St. Anthony

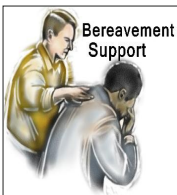
Mass Servers

Weekday Masses, October 17-21

Oct. 17-19	6:30 a.m.	Will Niebrugge/Abby Repking
Oct. 20-21	6:30 a.m.	Braedon Quandt/Zach Wortman
Oct. 17	8:30 a.m.	Andy Saba/Michael Lustig
Oct. 18	8:30 a.m.	Bryar Jansen/Drew Gibson
Oct. 19	8:30 a.m.	Abby Buenker/Kelly Rentfrow
Oct. 20-21	8:30 a.m.	Grade School Provides

October Weekend Masses

Saturdays	4:30 p.m.	Sophie Moore, Isabel Moore, Christopher Jones
Sundays	7:30 a.m.	Keri McGuire, Dawn McGuire, Kyle Bourgeois
	9:15 a.m.	Bryar Jansen, Katie Kabbes, James Kabbes
	11:00 a.m.	Olivia Clausius, Will Clausius, Megan Hodge



Bereavement Support

7p.m. Tuesday, October 25
Parish Center

Bereavement Support will meet every Tuesday throughout November and December.



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.

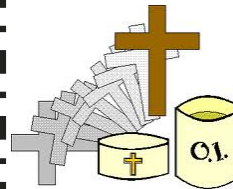
Also, Deb Alldredge, Duane Feldhake, Ida Hille, Ruth Hunt, Brandt Jarrett, Marilyn Lane, Mary Lawyer, Mary Ellen O'Brien, Ken Polarek, Cathy Polarek, Pete Sangirardi, Leah Sloan, Michael Wheeler, Nancy Reed, Ron Shoffstall

Calendar of Events Oct. 15-21

Sat., Oct. 15	5:15-6pm, SCRIP
Sun., Oct. 16	10-11am, SCRIP
Mon., Oct. 17	10am-2pm, SCRIP
Tues., Oct. 18	5:30pm, Bell Choir
Wed., Oct. 19	9a-2p, SCRIP 3p-Intermediate Choir 6:30 PSR, grade school 6:30 Brd of Ed, grade school 7:30 Adult Choir
Thurs., Oct. 20	6:15 Men's Choir 7:00 RCIA
Fri., Oct. 21	3p - Pueri Cantores Choir 10a-2p, SCRIP



*May the soul of Kenny Koenig
sing praises with the Angels in
Heaven Forever.*



This weekend, October 15/16, during all Masses, the Sacrament of Anointing will be offered to all who would like to avail themselves to this healing grace.

Sacrament of Anointing

Anyone who cannot walk to the front of the church, please use the front pews - the celebrant Priests will come to you.

Memorial Mass

**A Tribute to Life of our Beloved Dead
6:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 2**

We invited family, friends, and parishioners to celebrate a life that was lived and to share the sorrow that is present. Gathering as family and parish family, may our Eucharist be a tribute to a life lived and returned back to God this past year. It is an opportunity for ALL of us to worship together to remember our loved ones on All Souls Day. Take time to remember our deceased loved ones at Eucharist, All Souls Day. A reception will be held in the Parish Center after the Eucharistic Celebration.

WEDDING BANNERS

(III) Michele Dick & David Kehoe
(II) Jodi Jackson & Eric Thoele

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

Bible Study **Has Your Bible Been Collecting Dust? Discover How to Read It.**



In *The Bible Timeline* Study, you will discover the major people, places, events and themes of the Bible—getting the “big picture” of salvation history. Perhaps for the first time in your life, you will understand the overview of the Bible story, which will make your Bible reading and even the Sunday Mass readings come alive like never before. *The Bible Timeline* study will be offered at Sacred Heart Church in the parish center on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:00pm, beginning October 18. To learn more, or to register contact Kate Pruemer at 347-7177 or k.pruemer@sheff.org

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.



Space Camp Fundraisers

The sixth grade students are busy on their Space Camp fundraisers for their trip to Huntsville, AL, in March. The Space Camp **breakfast** of eggs, pancakes, biscuits & gravy, sausage, rolls & juice is scheduled for October 23rd, from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Cost is \$5.00 for children ten and under, \$7.00 for those 11 years and older. **Cheese-cakes and wreaths are available for sale after masses this weekend.** The “**Boo**” **Run Run**, is to be held on October 29th. There will be a 5K Run/Walk and a 1 mile Fun-Run/Walk. They are currently accepting registration forms for this event. If you have not already been asked, please contact a sixth grade student regarding any of these fundraisers. Thank you for your continued support. The students always enjoy their experiences in Huntsville, AL.

New Volunteer Opportunity: Sacristans are needed for Masses at St. Anthony Church. *Sacristan* is described as “an officer who is charged with the care of the sacristy, the church, and their contents.” Duties would be to make sure everything is set up before Mass, to prepare sacred vessels in the sanctuary, and to cleanse them after. If you are interested please contact the Parish Office at 347-7129. If you have any questions, please call Alice Conlin 347-7548. Training will be provided for all people interested.

2011 Fundraising Calendar Update

Congratulations to the following winner:
John & Cynthia Seiler, St. Peters, MO
Stop by the Parish Center to purchase your ticket. There are still 3-\$500 drawings, 1-\$2,000 Scrip Card Drawing and 11-\$50 drawings left this year! Watch the bulletin for a kickoff celebration for the 2012 Calendars!

St. Anthony High School Blood Drive



The Student Council at St. Anthony High School will be hosting a Blood Drive Tuesday, October 18 from 8am-2pm in the Multi Purpose Room. The goal for the day is 60 units. Take time to give the Gift of Life!

World Mission Sunday

Next Sunday, Pope Benedict XVI calls every Catholic in the world to celebrate our vocation to be missionary. It’s World Mission Sunday.

As Catholics around the world—here at home and in the Missions—gather at the Eucharist around the table of the Lord, we are to pray for the Church’s worldwide missionary work. We pray for those awaiting the “Good News” of our Lord’s great love for us and for the missionaries who offer the poor and suffering the light of Christ. And we are to offer financial help through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith for more than 1,150 dioceses in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Islands.

Effingham County
Vision 2020



Effingham County Vision 2020 will hold its next Community Celebration of Excellence Breakfast Wednesday, October 19 at the **St. Anthony High School Enlow Center.**

As part of the Educational spoke, Effingham County Vision 2020 is seeking \$250 donations for the Effingham County Promise Fund.

For each \$250 donation, \$200 is placed into the Promise Fund which is a student scholarship program.

Since SAHS has the privilege of hosting the Breakfast this fall, we are encouraging your donation to the Promise Fund to support scholarship opportunities for St. Anthony High School students.

With your donation, you will also receive recognition in one EDN Vision 2020 page, your name on promotional flyers for the breakfast, & 2 tickets to the Breakfast on October 19.

If interested in donating to the Promise Fund, please contact the Effingham Chamber of Commerce at 217-342-4147 or Carrie Koenig at 217-342-6969.

Parish School of Religion

Another year of classes is in session for St. Anthony parishioners grades one to twelve who attend public schools. The sixty-seven students have settled into a routine of hour-long classes each Wednesday at 6:30p.m. Any parish family that has children eligible for these classes, is invited, rather, urged to enroll them. Devoted and generous members of St. Anthony Parish lead the students through tenets and practices of the Catholic Faith.

The eight children preparing for First Reconciliation are learning a lot about the sacrament—how God’s love for them is endless and forever. In much simpler words and ways they are learning that the words of absolution say that reconciliation of the penitent comes from the mercy of the Father; it shows the connection between the reconciliation of the penitent and the paschal mystery of Christ; it stresses the role of the Holy Spirit in the forgiveness of sins; and finally, it underlines that forgiveness is given through the ministry of the Church.

The parents of second grade children very recently attended a meeting to help them help their children better prepare for the sacrament of reconciliation. During the meeting the second grade teachers of St. Anthony Grade School and of Parish School of Religion explained their method of instructing and preparing the children for their First Reconciliation. Fr. Hoefler and Fr. Rimaz urged the parents to avail themselves and their children of the sacrament frequently. Reconciliation, being a healing sacrament, helps restore our broken relationship with God and with others.

I thought I would take this opportunity to refresh some of the Church’s teaching on the sacrament of Reconciliation and the sacramental nature of the Church

A common objection to sacramental confession is, “Why do I need the Church (the priest) to forgive my sins, when I can talk directly to God?” The objection would make sense if we believed the Church was simply a group of people who share the same beliefs about Christ and share in similar religious practices. In that understanding of the Church each of us would relate individually with God and gather for worship, share social events, service work and for mutual support. In this thinking, the Church would seem to be an extremely helpful, but optional, aspect of our relationship with God. But the Church is a sacrament, that is, a visible sign and instrument of the mystery of Christ at work in the world. We believe that the Church both “contains and communicates” grace, the saving presence of Christ. Because together we are this sacramental sign of Christ, when one sins, the harmony of the Church is disrupted and its ability to bring God’s saving grace to the world is weakened. The Church absolves sins because as humans we benefit from the healing encounter with Christ in the very human interaction of priest and penitent, and in order to restore the harmony and integrity of the Church, which is Christ’s presence here on earth. The authority to absolve sins is passed on through the apostolic ministry of the Church. Yet this is not simply the power to absolve sins,

but also the responsibility to help the penitent come closer to Christ through the Church.

Sacramental absolution does not necessarily erase all effects. It is one thing to have a splinter removed, another for the wound to be healed. Some of the healing takes place through our acts of penance, and certainly through ongoing efforts to reconcile with those we have harmed by our sin. One can do penance, fasting, eagerness to love passionately and to live fully attentive to the needs of those around us and the demands of the Gospel. Our progress toward a healed relationship cannot be done alone, but through the love, support, and challenge we find within the communion of the Church, both here on earth and in heaven.

With children---When there is a rift in the family---an argument or fight between siblings, disobedience that causes anger between parent and child, an insult or lack of attention that causes friction between spouses---help children experience the healing power of words and gestures in the process of reconciling. Be sure to say, “I forgive you” when it is needed and follow up with a hug or gentle touch. Sometimes a simple, spontaneous blessing prayer that includes a sign of physical affection, like a kiss or cross signed on the forehead, helps to ritualize forgiveness and letting go of hurt.

Sister Alicia Drone



Pro-Life Corner

Families with lots of children are no longer considered examples of generosity, but rather irresponsibility. [Our culture says that] children with severe disabilities are not special angels sent to us by God, but drains on the economy; better that they were not born. And the elderly are burdens. But if we succeed in pushing away everyone who is dependent, then were left with ourselves, our ego-centric, sin-rationalizing, defensive, irritable and vain selves. If we never learn to give till it hurts, till the painful reality that were not the center of the universe sinks in, we will fail at marriage, at parenthood, at citizenship, even at simple neighborliness.

~ William E. May, PhD, On Being a Burden to Ones Family, Culture of Life Foundation Briefs, March 26, 2010

PRAYER VIGIL FOR LIFE: St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Shumway will host the October 17th Prayer Vigil for Life. The Rosary begins at 6pm with Fr. Hoefler celebrating Mass at 6:30pm There will be a 7:30 business meeting in the lower level of the church. A short segment of the October Lifetalk video will be viewed prior to the meeting. A library of pro-life items will be available. Current pro-life legislation will be addressed. Refreshments will be served.

OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS:

	Actual	Budget	Last Year
10/09/11	\$ 26,147	\$ 34,990	\$ 20,832
YTD (since 07/01/11)	\$421,020 (8.9)	\$ 425,229 (10.0)	\$ 386,572
12 month totals		\$1,819,500 (10.0)	\$1,653,511
Scholarships	\$577	\$10,610 YTD	
Haiti Parish	\$802	\$ 5,024 YTD	
ACSA	\$13,426	\$89,029	
Catholic Times		\$18,157	

It seems that we hear about stewardship more often than in the past, but then, the need for all three legs of the stewardship stool, are needed as much they ever have been. And **thanks to everyone involved**, the time, talent and treasure opportunities are usually met. If you are not involved yet, there is always room to become part of the action, however. Like, during the **picnic**. The results of this year's country carnival are included in this bulletin. The weather was great, people worked, some long and often, and the resulting revenues were the 4th highest, ever. Costs did increase, but the net proceeds were in line with the budgeted estimate. Thank you chair people, workers and participants. Like, during the **ACSA campaign**. Our first ACSA

report is in and 95 parishioners have pledged \$13,426 so far. Looking at the past 5 and 10 years, this first report has averaged 137 parishioners over the past 5 or 165 over the past 10 years. The pledges have been \$14,306, over 5, and \$18,160, over the past 10 years. The parish definitely needs your help. Our assessment is \$89,029. Our hope for parishioner help is at least \$54,029, so the amount due from the parish would still be \$35,000. The remaining \$75,600 is slightly more than \$60 per family. Please give what you are able. **Seminarians** are funded from these monies given to the Diocese. Sunday's Mass and Dinner organized by the K of C #665 was very special.

Teutopolis K of C Mentally & Physically Handicapped Breakfast will be held Sunday, October 16 from 7am until Noon. Sausage, eggs, hash browns, bread and drinks will be served. There will also be a Country Store, Craft Raffle and Bake Sale. All Proceeds will be used locally.

OktoberFest: Join in the fun at the first annual OktoberFest, Sunday, October 16 from 12-8p.m. at the Newman Catholic Center in Charleston. OktoberFest will feature food, croquet and bags tourney, games and music. Proceeds will support the St. Hedwig Haus of Hospitality, a new Catholic Worker House dedicated to assisting women and children in distress.

God is Calling You! DeColores Weekends

Men's Weekend is October 20-23, 2011. Women's Weekend is October 27-30, 2011.

For more information contact Jerry/Susan Vogt 217-844-2321 or Tom/Patti Jansen 618-238-4339.

Men's Steak Stag: The St. Anthony Booster Club Steak Stag will be held at the Parish Center, Thursday, October 27. Social Hour begins at 6:00pm. Steak, baked potato, salad and dessert will be served at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased from any of these Booster Club Officers: Dan Woltman 347-0740, Chris Tingley 821-2836, Chris Kabbes 347-8831, Mike Gibson 868-9928 or Ryan Ragland 821-2636. Tickets are also available at the High School Office or Parish Office.



The "BOO" Run, Run



St. Anthony Space Camp will be holding a 5K Run/Walk Saturday, October 29. Cost is \$20 in advance of October 10 and \$25 after. Halloween costumes are encouraged!! Contact Cindy Beesley for more information at 342-6298

St. Clare Catholic Church in Altamont is hosting their annual Chili Supper Sunday, October 30. Serving will be 3:30-7:00pm in the church basement. Free-will donations will be accepted. Menu includes chili, chicken noodle soup, BBQ sandwiches, hot dogs, desserts, and drinks. Carry-outs will be available.

Springfield Area Catholic Men's Conference invite all men to attend **Fathers in Faith and Family** Saturday, November 5, 2011, at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, in Sherman, IL. Rev. Thomas Paprocki will celebrate Mass at 8:00a.m. Breakfast will follow. Fr. George McInnis will be the keynote speaker. Cost is \$15.00 prepaid, \$18.00 at the door. Please contact John Szerletich 217.528.0081, Gene Mitchell 217.492.9924 or Jerry Daniels 217.744.8855 for tickets or more information.

The annual national convention of the **National Council of Catholic Women** is being held in Chicago this year, November 9-12 at the Downtown Marriott Hotel on Michigan Avenue. The theme is "Campaign for Human Dignity-Love in Action". Workshops, general sessions speakers, and concurrent sessions have been chosen to support the pro-life theme. Details of the convention and registration can be found on the NCCW website at www.nccw.org.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Pantry requests have been high lately and the shelves are very low. Any donations would be appreciated and can be dropped off Monday thru Friday 8:30 to 4:30. Drop off at the office/pantry side of the building

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