

Many of us are familiar with people who constantly change their minds or have difficulty making up their minds. Such things as what to have for dinner, where to go on vacation, what to wear, can drive those who are part of this existence a little crazy at times. But for the most part, none of this changing of mind or indecisiveness has any serious consequences.

In today's Gospel, two sons change their minds about how they carry through on their response to their father's command to go out and work in the vineyard. Eventually the work in the vineyard gets finished. But the point in the parable goes beyond simply doing the work. Jesus is telling us something important about "the kingdom of God" and salvation. We can not afford to dilly dally around about our belief and actions, both of which we must carry through and be consistent. "What is your opinion?" Jesus asks in the opening lines of this Scripture passage. Perhaps he is not seeking an answer from the chief priests and elders as much as he is challenging them (and us!) to do what they say they believe. Believing is doing God's will. No matter what we say, the real issue is what we do (as with the two sons in the gospel). Any change of mind we have should be about turning ourselves from talking about it to putting our words into action. This is the "way of righteousness" and how we enter the kingdom of God.

This change of mind does have serious consequences: whether we gain salvation or not! No matter what we say, the issue is what we believe and how we act on that belief. Here, belief is equated to doing God's will. This is the "way of righteousness"; this is the way of salvation. The reality is all of us are a little bit like both sons at once. Sometimes we hear and faithfully respond to God's will, but there are those other times our actions seemingly do not carry through what we hear and believe. The good news for each and every one of us is that God does not change his mind! He loves us and continues to call us into a closer relationship. Whether we say yes or no (or constantly change our minds by our actions) God keeps calling us! We are the ones who need a 'change of mind'. We are the ones who must believe in God's offer of salvation and faithfully do God's will.

The second reading helps us on this pathway of thinking and believing: "we are to be of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing...regard others as more important than yourselves" This is the kingdom perspective which is to change our focus from ourselves to others. When we are able to do this, we are able to focus on God and his divine will for us. Jesus was the perfect model, for "he emptied himself...becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross."

All of this of course is easier said than done. The change of mind described in the gospel entails emptying ourselves for the sake of others. We can do this everyday in just the small things that come our way. God keeps calling, everyday!

Speaking of opening our hearts and being of one mind, we continue each Sunday to learn of the changes to the New Roman Missal that become effective the First Sunday of Advent (the last Sunday in November). These changes are being explained via bulletin columns and Sunday homilies so we are prepared and begin to understand as well as respond properly (our action!) during celebration of the Mass. Now might be a good time to reflect on our thoughts about these changes and how willing we are to embrace them by studying and learning more about what we do each week in our liturgical celebrations. Are we "saying one thing and doing another" like the sons in the gospel? "Lex orandi, lex credendi", lex vivendi", as we worship, so we believe, so we live! Liturgical worship is not an "add on" for a Catholic Christian. It is the foundation of Catholic identity; expressing our highest purpose. Worship reveals what we truly believe and how we view ourselves in relationship to God, one another and the world into which we are sent to carry forward the redemptive mission of Jesus Christ. As we worship so we live! Let us be attentive to these changes. This is great opportunity to learn more about why we do what we do when we gather together in our parish.

There are a couple, among many, upcoming events that recognize the importance of faith in action. On Sunday October 9th, a celebration has been planned honoring the work of the School Sisters of Notre Dame in our area. One only needs to reflect on the impact these dedicated Sisters have had on education, faith formation, and ministry in our area. See the announcement in the bulletin regarding how you can participate in this special event.

Later that same day, our dedicated Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a vocations banquet and fundraiser to support the seminarians and vocations in our diocese. Each of us knows first hand the importance of new vocations and supporting those who are studying in the seminaries. While these young men are responding to a call from God, we are asked by the K of C to help respond to the material needs necessary to form future clergy and religious. Please consider lending your support to both of these endeavors.

Deacon Joe Emmerich



This weekend our brothers and sisters representing the **Christian Catholic Families of Bethlehem** will be selling Crucifixes, religious art work, and rosaries - all made of olive wood which is native to Israel and Bethlehem. Since tourism has greatly depleted, Christian families in the holy land, who depend on tourists, have been greatly affected. **Sale of these goods will help them very much and also give you the opportunity to have "something" authentic from the holy land.** Please browse and buy some articles. It is for a good cause and also a help to your personal devotion. More information can be found at: www.bcfmission.com

Mass Intentions

Monday, September 26, 6:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Mass: Eileen Carson, Alan Haarmann, Maurice Imming Anniversary, Richard C. Dietzen, Allie Gebben, Frances Hakman Anniversary

Tuesday, September 27, 6:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Mass: Joe, Elizabeth, Harold & Maurice Metten, Don Elmore

Wednesday, September 28, 6:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Mass: Ray F. & Josephine Nuxoll Family, Lloyd & Caroline Verdeyen Family, J. Leonard Boos, John & Fran Schultz Family

Thursday, September 29, 6:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Mass: Frank H. Schniederjon, Helen Gower, Russ & Mary Uptmor, Ray, Carlene Bob & Joe Wente

Friday, September 30, 6:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Mass: Leo Haarmann, Alberta Schultz Anniversary, Albert Goeckner Anniversary, Jim & Virginia Poeppelmeyer

Saturday, October 1, 4:30 p.m. Mass: Bill & Caroline Braun, George Willenborg, SAHS Class of 1966, Colin Woods Anniversary, Ludvina Kinkelaar

Sunday, October 2, 7:30, 9:15 and 11:00 a.m. Mass: Alice E. Haarmann Anniversary, Norbert & Virginia Koester, Jim Jansen, Linda Koester, Jack Kabbes Anniversary, Colin Woods, Paul Baker Anniversary, Anna & Floyd Campbell

Mass Servers

Weekday Masses, September 26-30

Sept. 26-28	6:30 a.m.	Joseph Kabbes/Keri McGuire
Sept. 29-30	6:30 a.m.	Parker Seachrist/Maddi Tegeler
Sept. 26	8:30 a.m.	Drew Gibson/Bryar Jansen
Sept. 27	8:30 a.m.	Makayla Koenig/Michael Lustig
Sept. 28	8:30 a.m.	Kelly Rentfrow/Andy Saba
Sept. 29-30	8:30 a.m.	Grade School Provides

Weekend Masses, October 1/2,8/9,15/16,22/23,29/30

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 Group
7:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 27
Parish Center



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, Marilyn Lane, Mary Lawyer, Leah Sloan, Michael Wheeler, Nancy Reed, Ron Shoffstall

Calendar of Events September 24-30

Sat., Sept. 24	5:15-6pm, SCRIP
Sun., Sept. 25	10-11am, SCRIP
Mon., Sept. 26	10am-2pm, SCRIP 7pm Baptism Class
Tues., Sept. 27	5:30pm, Bell Choir 7pm Bereavement Support
Wed., Sept. 28	9a-2p, SCRIP 3p-Intermediate Choir 6:30 PSR, grade school 7:30 Adult Choir
Thurs., Sept. 29	6:15 Men's Choir 7:00 RCIA
Fri., Sept. 30	3p - Pueri Cantores Choir 10a-2p, SCRIP



Coffee & Donuts
Sunday, October 2
After the 9:15 Mass
in the Parish Center

WEDDING BANNS

(II) Sarah Mietzner/Eric Morales
 (II) Theresa Will/Jared Vogt

CHILDREN'S LITURGY
begins this Sunday, Sept. 25



Volunteers are needed to assist the Children's Liturgy during 9:15 mass. An adult teacher and assistant are needed to teach every other month. If interested, please contact Nancy Bushur, 342-4479.

Baptism Class

The next class is this Monday, September 26 at St. Anthony parish center at 7:00 p.m. Call the parish office to register, 347-7129.

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

The annual Life Chain event will be held on Respect Life Sunday, October 2. Pastor Kevin Colclasure of Cornerstone Christian Church will lead us in prayer and song at 1:30 p.m. in the Sacred heart Parish Center. Chain will form at 2:00. At 3:00 p.m. refreshments will be served in the parish center. Signs will be furnished and if standing is a problem, please bring a lawn chair. Children are welcome but parents are asked to keep a watchful eye.

October Ushers

Saturday 4:30: Dick Rhodes/Ted Grunloh
Sunday 7:30: Bob Thies/Chuck Schuette
Sunday 9:15: Kevin Bushur/Matt Unkraut
Sunday 11:00: Joe Ungrund/Al Church

Church Cleaners for October

Cleaning our church is done Saturday mornings, **8:30-9:30**. If your name appears please bring your family and share your God given talents. Those needing service hours are always welcome.

If unable to come please call a replacement.

<i>Tom & Sherri Rhodes</i>	<i>Jeff & Julie Richards</i>
<i>John & Rachel Ricketts</i>	<i>Todd & Kristine Rietz</i>
<i>Dan & Ellen Ritz</i>	<i>Thomas & Sharon Robb</i>
<i>Lori Roderick</i>	<i>Jeff & Kristen Rodgers</i>
<i>Dale Roedl</i>	<i>Gary & Phillis Roepke</i>
<i>Jim & Julie Roepke</i>	<i>Kevin & Kelly Roepke</i>
<i>Kevin & Jennifer Roewe</i>	<i>Jennifer Rogers</i>

The fourth year of **Why** "WHY CATHOLIC?" **Catholic?** begins the week of October 3 for six weeks. All small group leaders whose groups plan on meeting this fall should contact the parish office indicating the number of books your group needs. The subject matter for the fall session focuses on prayer. Also, mark your calendar for an evening of reflection on Monday, November 14 in the parish center, as part of *Why Catholic* program through Renew International. Book orders needed to be placed by September 16th. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Joe at 868-5736.



We have announced our grade school contest that will run through October 30th. The class with the most orders will attend a St. Anthony High School basketball team. During half-time, they will be recognized for their achievement. If you would like to support a student with your purchase, you may designate your order to them when purchasing at the Parish Center. September Month to Date Sales are \$28,306. Recently, our patrons have asked about the return of Visa or American Express cards. American Express Cards are now available only on the www.shopwithscrip.com website in \$25, \$100, or \$200 increments with a 1.25% going back to the school. Need a gift in a hurry? Scrip is now offering gift card holders with envelopes for all occasions for only \$1. We have a wide selection of local and national retailers and restaurants gift cards in stock. Let us be your one-stop gift shop. Thank you for supporting SCRIP!



**AlumNite 2011:
 A Century of Class
 October 8 at St.
 Anthony High School**

AlumNite is 2 weeks away! Looking forward to seeing everyone!

We still have room for your old uniforms, letterman's jackets, and any other school spirit items! Drop them off at the high school and we'll be sure to get them back to you after the event. The theme rooms are going to look great!

We continue to keep you posted on our website and on Facebook. Check us out!
<http://www.stanthony.com/ourschools/alumni/>

St. Anthony Grade School will be collecting any and all telephone books for recycling. The collection period will end mid-October. You may drop off the books at the school, give them to students who attend St. Anthony, or call the school office for assistance at 217-347-0419.

**Luminaries for Life
 October 1 & 2**

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you". Jeremiah 1:5

Our church leaders are continually encouraging us to stand up for the weakest among us, those who have no voice. Luminaries for Life is a way for our parish to do just that, to publicly affirm our pro-life beliefs. Hundreds of luminaries will be displayed in silent memorial on the steps of St. Anthony Church on the weekend of Respect Life Sunday.

Remember to pray for the unborn especially at this time. Parents, please take a few minutes to visit the display with your children. Use this as an opportunity to discuss with your children what it means to be pro-life and to protect life starting at conception. You have tremendous influence on their beliefs and your guidance is needed to counter the many anti-life messages they hear from the media and others.

Students will be decorating bags and jars to create the luminaries. Participants include all the PSR (parish school of religion) grade school age students, all grade 3, 4, and 5 students at St. Anthony Grade School, and the grade school art club. This display is a way for each student who creates a luminary to individually express their pro-life support.

Watch for the lighted display on the nights of October 1 & 2. In case of inclement weather, October 8 & 9 will be chosen.

Special thanks to the Effingham Knights of Columbus and the students of St. Anthony Grade School for providing funds.

Calendar

- * **Sept. 25**, Special Olympics Volleyball Enlow Center
- * **Sept. 30**, School Mass @ Church 8:30
- * **Oct. 7**, No School (Teacher Institute)
- * **Oct. 8**, AlumNite
- * **Oct. 10**, No School (Columbus Day); IMEA Auditions
- * **Oct. 12**, Testing Palooza/Career Day
- * **Oct. 14**, Magazine Drive Ends; School Mass @ Church 8:30; First Quarter Ends
- * **Oct. 18**, Red Cross Blood Drive 8:00-2:00 (open campus lunch); Report Cards given to students
- * **Oct. 19**, Vision 20/20 Breakfast; Faculty Meeting 3:00
- * **Oct. 20**, Mass in Chapel 7:10am; Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:00-6:30
- * **Oct. 21**, No School (P/Teacher Conf. 8:30-11:30)
- * **Oct. 22**, ACT Test
- * **Oct. 28**, School Mass @ Church 8:30; Student Council Halloween Carnival for Primary Grades
- * **Oct. 31**, Student Costume Day

St. Anthony High School

September 2011

Paw Prints

**Tracking the Bulldogs...**

The students shown above were welcomed to SAHS for the 2011-2012 school year: *Bottom Row, L to R:* Hannah Piggush (EJH), Rachel Schultz (Stewardson), Chloe Malone (Sacred Heart), Rachel Beals (EJH); *Middle Row:* Tyler Ebeling (EHS), Branden Kurzeja (Robinson), Fabiola Rosi (Italy), Channing Dial (St. Elmo), Darcey DePaolo (Vandalia), Megan Nuxoll (Sacred Heart), Megan Schmidt (Mt. Vernon); *Top Row:* Matteo Secchi (Italy), Logan Rogers (Vandalia), John Sandschafer (Sacred Heart), Georgio Pillitteri (Italy), Mack McWhorter (Sacred Heart), Alexander Curl (Sacred Heart), Peter Keller (Sacred Heart), Marco (YuMing) Chan (Hong Kong).

Welcome, SAHS Staff!



Four staff members have been welcomed to St. Anthony High School this year. Mrs. Marlene Brandt is a part-time secretary. She and husband Steve have two children at SAGS. Mr. Kevin Palmer is the new Athletic Director. He has one daughter and one granddaughter. Mrs. Christy Hiatt is teaching Art I, Art II, and Ceramics. She and husband Kevin have two young sons. Mrs. Crystal Tipton teaches P.E. and monitors Study Hall. Crystal and husband Jon have two young daughters. Welcome!

OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS:

	Actual	Budget	Last Year
09/18/11	\$ 22,158	\$ 34,990	\$ 22,943
YTD (since 07/01/11)	\$344,265 (11.6)	\$ 344,265	\$ 308,618
12 month totals		\$1,819,500 (10.0)	\$1,653,511
Scholarships	\$377	\$8,922 YTD	
Haiti Parish	\$120	\$4,010 YTD	
ACSA	\$89,029		
Catholic Times	\$18,157		

each week for over six months as well as each evening of the FunFest. The brain-child of Tom Wegman, who organizes and works the booth and chairs the raffle itself, for the past 14 years, this raffle has benefitted SAHS with net proceeds of almost \$1.1 million. This remains the biggest fundraiser for either of the schools.....We are past one month of school and the reports have been very good, so congratulations to faculties and administrators, to students and to their parents.

REJOICE AND RENEW 83rd Annual DCCW Convention

Effingham Deanery is hosting a spirit-filled day Wednesday, September 28 at the Thelma Keller Convention Center. Keynote speaker Carolyn King will deliver a message of hope and courage that will inspire you to discover more deeply the love and transforming power of God in your life. Contact Joyce Knodle 217-538-2085 or Martha Fearday 217-844-2075 for more information.

St. Anthony's Women's Wellness Center & St. Anthony's Diagnostic Center

...cordially invites you to an Open House, Thursday, September 29 from 2-6 p.m. Tour the newly renovated Women's Wellness Center featuring digital mammography, bone densitometry and new boutique. Tour St. Anthony's Diagnostic Center and learn more about the diagnostic tests available and find out about the services offered by Visiting Physicians in the following specialties: Pediatric Gastroenterology, Psychology, and Rheumatology. Tours begin in the lobby of the Effingham Medical Center, 900 W Temple Ave.

CORN MAZE

St. Paul's Lutheran Church on the blacktop between Montrose and Dieterich is hosting a Corn Maze, concessions, games, and fun activities for all. Cost is \$3 per person, children 5 and under are free. Dates are September 17/18/24/25, and October 1/2 from 2-6 p.m.. There will be a teen flashlight night Oct. 8 from 7-10. \$5 admission includes a flashlight, bring your own for \$1.00 off.

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.

This weekend, the 2011 St. Anthony High School Corvette raffle came to its conclusion. The drawing was held Sunday, during Mid-America Motorworks' Corvette FunFest. The Increase Your Odds winners were drawn by Carrie Koenig; Fr. Dominique Rimaz drew the 1st Prize and Fr. Brian Alford drew the ticket of Haley Klitzing, a 2004 SAHS alumna, as winner of a 2012 Corvette Grand Sport Coupe or \$55,000 cash. Our thanks to the Yagers and all the Mid-America crew for their continued support of our raffle and thanks also to all the volunteers – the weekend workers at the FunFest, the office personnel who take calls, answer questions and sell tickets all year, and thanks, especially to Sue Kabbes and Julie Richards who process tickets

SPRINGFIELD DIOCESE VOCATION SUPPORT BANQUET

The Effingham Knights of Columbus will be hosting a banquet on Sunday, October 9 to support Vocations in the Springfield Diocese. The evening will begin with a 3:30 P.M. Mass by Bishop Paprocki at Sacred Heart Church with a Social Hour and Banquet to follow at our Council facility. Keynote speaker will be Bishop Paprocki. Proceeds from the banquet will be used to support and promote Vocations in the Springfield Diocese. Tickets are \$30 each and are available at St. Anthony and Sacred Heart Parish offices. They are also available from Robert Walker 821-6176 or Richard Feldhake 342-6985.

School Sisters of Notre Dame 150th Anniversary

A 150th Anniversary Celebration is being planned on October 9, 2011, which includes a 10:30 Mass at St. Francis Church, a sit-down meal and an open house at Teutopolis KC's Hall. Former nuns stationed at the motherhouse in St. Louis and elsewhere will be in attendance. A bus trip to St. Louis to visit the Notre Dame Mother house and their homes for the elderly and retired sisters is being planned for October 20. Contact Sue Esker at 217-857-6249 for reservations and more information.

Mom's Ministry

Mom's Ministry is hosting a fall family cookout at 6:00p.m. Friday, October 14 at the Effingham K of C Hall Pavilion. Hot dogs, brats, burgers, s'mores, and paper products will be provided. Please bring a dish along with chairs and your own cooler. RSVP to bhoene@mchsi.com if you can make it. We hope to see you there!

Please make plans to join us at 8:00p.m. on the 3rd Wednesday of every month. Fr. Hoefler will be joining us in October and Fr. Alford in November. Enter through door #3 at the high school. Mandatory attendance/membership is not required; come when you can as we grow in our faith and friendship.