

Dear Parishioners,

The readings this weekend speak of community and love for our neighbor. In this sense I think we should respond to our neighbors in East Africa as the Holy Father has asked. People in Somalia and eastern parts of Africa are suffering from drought and famine. Many children are dying of hunger, thirst, or disease or they are being orphaned by this crisis. The U.S. Church is responding through CRS which is already at work in the area providing food, clean water, and other emergency supplies. I know we have many of our own needs in these economic times. However, few of us have to worry about anything as catastrophic as this. We will have a special collection to help the people of East Africa next weekend. Please consider and pray about making a generous response.

In Christ,  
Fr. David Hoefler

Dear Parishioners,

As Father Hoefler mentioned this past Sunday, the next few months will be spent addressing the various changes to the translation to texts of the Mass that will go into effect on the first Sunday of Advent. One of the changes that many people are aware of is one of the first changes that we will encounter in the celebration of the Mass. After the sign of the cross, the priest greets the people with one of a few different options, the most simple being: "the Lord be with you." Presently, the response of the people is: "and also with you." When the changes take effect, the response will now be: "and with your spirit." This might sound just a little strange to us, but there is a good reason for it. To explain it, let me point to another change first. One of the new options for the greeting from the priest after the sign of the cross will read like this: "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all." This does not sound too different, but there is a key difference. We are used to hearing the word fellowship, but now we will use the word communion. Communion is a very rich term in theology. There are basically two aspects of communion. On the one hand, there is the horizontal notion of communion which is expressed in our relationships with one another. In the second reading, St. Paul speaks of how the entire law can be summed up in the command to love our neighbor. When we do this, we are said to be in communion with our neighbor. The Gospel speaks of restoring that communion which can be lost through sin. While this communion is very important to work at, it is impossible to authentically build this communion apart from the other notion of communion which is the vertical communion that exists between us and God. The communion is given to us initially in Baptism where we enter into the new life of grace with God.

By entering into this communion, we share in the very life of God, who is love, as St. John tells us. Through this communion, we are then able to love others and thus build communion with them. In the Mass, we enter into the greatest act of communion, for we receive the very Body and Blood of Christ and thus grow deeper in that communion with God. The gift of the Eucharist has been entrusted by Christ to His Church through His ordained ministers. They act in the person of Christ the head in making this communion with God possible through the sacraments. When we respond to the priest: "and with your spirit", we recognize the grace of the spirit of Christ in him through his sacred ordination to the priesthood as he celebrates Mass, not as himself, but as an instrument through whom Christ alone works, for it is Christ alone who fosters and nourishes that communion with God which finds its most important expression in the Mass.

In Christ,  
Fr. Alford



**Coffee & Donuts**  
**This Sunday, September 4**  
**After the 9:15 Mass**  
**in the Parish Center**



### Pro-Life Corner

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) sharply criticized a new preventive services mandate requiring private health plans to cover female surgical sterilization and all drugs and devices approved by the FDA as contraceptives, including drugs which can attack a developing unborn child before and after implantation in the mothers womb.

Cardinal DiNardo, chairman of the Committee on Pro-Life Activities of the USCCB, states: The drugs that Americans would be forced to subsidize under the new rule include Ella, which was approved by the FDA as an emergency contraceptive but can act like the abortion drug RU-486. It can abort an established pregnancy weeks after conception. The pro-life majority of Americans Catholics and others would be outraged to learn that their premiums must be used for this purpose.

Responding to the proposal, the USCCB urged Congress to support the Respect for Rights of Conscience Act (H.R. 1179). Those who sponsor, purchase and issue health plans should not be forced to violate their deeply held moral and religious convictions in order to take part in the health care system or provide for the needs of their families or their employees, wrote Cardinal DiNardo. To force such an unacceptable choice would be as much a threat to universal access to health care as it is to freedom of conscience.

**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, September 5, 9:00 a.m. Mass at Effingham Knights of Columbus Building**

**Tuesday, September 6, 6:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Mass:** Bill & Carrie Henning, Henry & Esther Poterucha Family, Otto Goldstein

**Wednesday, September 7, 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mass:** Mike Goeckner, Gregg McCullough, George & Louise Willenborg, Margaret Woods Anniversary, Frank R. Nuxoll

**Thursday, September 8, 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mass:** Special Intention, Leonard Niebrugge, Jack Kabbes and Family, John Niemann

**Friday, September 9, 6:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Mass:** Ethel Brumleve Anniversary, Bob & Florence Schuette Family, Catherine Rickelman

**Saturday, September 10, 4:30 p.m. Mass:** Norbert Goeckner, St. Anthony Class of 1956, Rose Gebben Anniversary, Sean Niebrugge Anniversary, Herb Gaffigan St.

**Sunday, September 11, 7:30, 9:15 and 11:00 a.m. Mass:** Norbert & Virginia Koester, Louis & Florence Goldstein, LeRoy Borries Family, Mary Catherine Richards Anniversary, Vivian Jansen Anniversary, Bede Stockman

**Calendar of Events September 3-10**

**Sat., Sept. 3** 5:15-6p, SCRIP, pc  
**Sun., Sept. 4** 10-11a, SCRIP, pc  
 10a Coffee & Donuts, pc  
**Mon., Sept. 5** Parish Office Closed  
**Tues., Sept. 6** SAMBA @ Joe's Pizza  
**Wed., Sept. 7** 9a-2p, SCRIP, pc  
 6:30 PSR, grade school  
 6:30 Parish Council  
 7:30 Adult Choir, Church  
**Thurs., Sept. 8** 7:00 RCIA, pc  
**Fri., Sept. 9** 10a-2p, SCRIP, pc

**LABOR DAY MASS**

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting Mass at 9:00am in the Columbus room at the K of C Hall Monday, September 5. After Mass the Knights will be providing coffee, milk, juice, donuts and cookies for all to enjoy.

**Mass Servers**

**Weekday Masses, September 6-9**

Sept. 6-7	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Cade Walsh/Will Willenborg
Sept. 8-9	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Claire Wortman/Olivia Clausius
Sept. 6	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	Elizabeth Falconburg/Emily McDevitt
Sept. 7	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	Kyle Hartke/Christopher Jones
Sept. 8-9	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	Grade School

**Weekend Masses, September 3/4, 10/11, 17/18, 24/25, 2011**

Saturdays	4:30 p.m.	Allison, Madison & Mariah Bushue
Sundays	7:30 a.m.	Jay Niebrugge/Maddie Schuette/Maggie Brown
	9:15 a.m.	Samantha Brandenburger/Abby Brown, Miranda Rohlfing
	11:00 a.m.	Ty Bracey/Natalie Goeckner/Nicholas Goeckner

**WEEKDAY MASS NOTICE**

Please note: Beginning Tuesday, September 6, 2011 there will be 6:30 and 8:30 Mass, every weekday morning.

*The parish office will be closed for Labor Day on Monday, Sept. 4th!*

Dear Parishioners,

On September 1<sup>st</sup>, as usual, we will begin taking Mass intentions for the next calendar year. It has come to my attention that we will need to make some adjustments in the process. It is the policy of the diocese, according to canon law, that only one intention can be scheduled per Mass. There is an allowance for more than one Mass intention for two Masses each week. To be in compliance with this regulation we will begin our change of policy January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012. There will be only one intention scheduled for each Mass after that point in time. The exception will be 8:30 Mass on Wednesdays and 6:30 Mass on Fridays. These will be the two Masses each week in which we will schedule up to 10 intentions each. Because of this change in scheduling, Mass intentions will be limited to 5 per family each year. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Fr. Hoefler

**Let us pray for all who call to God for help during their illness. May health soon be restored to them.**

Deborah Alldredge	Dustin Doedtman	Ruth Hunt	Marie McDaniel	Richard Rentfrow
Tearia Baker	Celeste Dust	Kris Jansen	Brian Niebrugge	Stan Richardson
Ali Stevenson Blase	Doris Anne Eden	Jeaneane Jenne	Doug E Niebrugge	Steve Sehy
Jim Bloemer	Glenn Ehrhart	Brandt Jarrett	Gary Niemerg	Ron Shoffstall
Gerard Broeker	Duane Feldhake	Luke Johnson	Jack Nisbet	Ellie Swannell
Ruben Bushue	Janet Flach	Ingrid Kay	Mary Ellen O'Brien	Lee Thomas
Jeanette Chambers	Karlene Frese	Thresa Kessler	Cathy Polarek	Chris Utz
Linda Clineff	Art Fuesting	Dee Kiefer	Ken Polarek	Esther Walk
Lisa Crosson	Cornelia Gardewine	Carolyn Koerner	Esther Poterucha	Craig Welch
Alexis Didier	Caroline Hoene	Amy Koester	Jeff Poston	Valentine Wentz
Andrew Dinsdale	Kaitlyn Holste	Bill Mette	Diane Rallo	Michael Wheeler
				Mark Worman

**WEDDING BANNS**

(III) Brett Bennett/Jennifer Roewe  
 (II) John Althoff/Kirsten Johnson  
 (I) Derek Schorman/Laura Westendorf

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY PROGRAM  
begins Sunday, September 25**

All 4 & 5 year olds are invited to join the Children's Liturgy each Sunday during 9:15 Mass. Please call Nancy Bushur at 342-4479 if you are interested.

SAMBA (St. Anthony Music Boosters Association) will meet September 6, 2011 at Joe's Pizza in Effingham for dinner and a meeting. Anybody is welcome to attend!

**Council of Catholic Women Quilting**

The CCW is looking for quilting ladies. We are going to quilt a Christmas Quilt on the following dates: Sept. 6,7,9,10 from 9am-4pm, Thursday, Sept. 8 the time will be from 9am-noon. The following week will be the same times and days. Everyone who is interested is welcome to join us. Come and stay as long or short of a time that you wish. All help is appreciated! Call Rita Niccum at 342-6810 if you have any questions.

**Council of Catholic Women Salad Supper**

The St. Anthony Council of Catholic Women will begin the 2011-2012 year with a salad supper on Monday, September 12 at 6:30 p.m. Please bring your favorite salad or dessert and join us for food and fellowship. An assortment of meat dishes will be provided by the officers.

**Healing the Grieving Heart  
An Adult Grief Support Program**

Have you experienced loss through the death of a loved one or friend? St. Anthony Hospital is offering a program consisting of six sessions held on consecutive Monday evenings. Topics include understanding your grief, understanding others' reaction to your grief, reconstructing your life, and experiencing life anew. The next session begins September 19 at 6:30 in the hospital auditorium. Preregister by calling Community Relations 217-347-1529.

The 2011-2012 **Annual Catholic Services Appeal** weekend will begin Saturday, September 17 & 18. The theme for this year's **Appeal** is **"Give Thanks."** Christ calls us to consider our gifts and to return a portion of them to him through our parish and the larger Church, our diocese. Joining with other parishes in our diocese, we can work together to care for the Church by sharing God's gifts through the **Annual Catholic Services Appeal**.

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

Have you returned your RSVP for AlumNite? They were due September 2! If you forgot, go ahead and send it in. We would enjoy having you join us for a night of fun looking back on the last 100 years.

We have had the questions come up - can I attend AlumNite if I'm not an alumni? The answer is **ABSOLUTELY!** We have many faithful supporters of St. Anthony Church and schools who have as much vested in Catholic education as our alumni. Please join us!

We continue to keep you posted on our website and on Facebook Check us out!

<http://www.stanthony.com/ourschools/aummi/>

**FROM THE CHOIR LOFT**

It's time for choir rehearsal to begin for the coming year. All choirs will begin after Labor Day. No previous music experience is required, just a love of the Lord in song

*Adult Choir* is open to any parish member from high school through adult. We meet on Wednesday evenings from 7:30-8:30pm in the choir loft and sing twice a month at Mass.

*Bell Choir* is open to any parish member. Rehearsal is in the church from 5:30-6:30 pm on Tuesday. The ability to read music or count is helpful, but not necessary. If you find singing not to your music taste, but enjoy music, this might be the choir for you. The Bell choir rings the Mass monthly.

*Intermediate Choir* is open to all parish students in grade 3-5. Practice is in church weekly on Wednesday from 3-4pm. The choir sings weekly at the Thursday school Mass and once monthly at a weekend Mass.

*Men's Choir* is open to all men of the parish. Rehearsals are Thursday evening from 6:15-7:15pm downstairs at the piano. The men sing at Mass once a month.

*Pueri Cantores Choir* is a special occasion choir open to parish members who are in 4th grade through high school. Rehearsals are Friday after school from 3-4pm in church. The choir attends a day long festival in February and sing once monthly at Mass.

**Starting Dates**

Bell Choir	Sept. 6, 5:30pm	Church
Intermed. Choir	Sept. 7, 3:00pm	Church
Adult Choir	Sept. 7, 7:30pm	Choir Loft
Men's Choir	Sept. 8, 6:15pm	Church Piano
Pueri Cantores	Sept., 9, 3:00p,	Church

If you find choir not convenient for you, but you would like to be a Cantor, your voice would be greatly appreciated. Pianists and organists are greatly needed! This important ministry needs you. Please consider stepping forward and sharing your talents. Please contact Barb at the parish center at 347-7129 or email [bkonrad@stanthony.com](mailto:bkonrad@stanthony.com) if you have any questions about the St. Anthony Music Ministry program.

### 2011 Fundraising Calendar Update

Congratulations to the following winner:

**August 26, 2011** drawing for **\$50 - Ted Grunloh**

Stop by the Parish Center to purchase your ticket. There are still 3-\$500 drawings, 1-\$2,000 Scrip Card Drawing and 17-\$50 drawings left this year!

### **Pre Cana**

...is being hosted by St. Anthony Church Sunday, September 11 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. To register call 347-7129.

### **WHY CATHOLIC?**

The fourth year of Why Catholic? begins the week of October 3 for six weeks ending the week of November 6. 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 need to be placed by September 16th. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Joe at 868-5736.

**C.E.F.S. Golden Circle Nutrition Program** is in need of drivers to deliver meals to Home Bound Seniors in Effingham. Meals are delivered Mon-Fri after 10:30 from the Ron Diehl Center (Hendelmeyer bldg.) or 11:30 from the hospital. Most routes take about 1 hour. If you can help please call Helen Grunloh at 347-2851.



### **Bereavement Support Group.**

7 p.m. , Tuesday, September 13  
St. Anthony Parish Center

### **God is Calling You!**

God is calling you to a **DeColores** weekend on Thursday evening and ending at noon on Sunday. This weekend leads to a closer relationship with Jesus and a renewal of faith. Share inspiring talks, the Eucharist, the Way of the Cross, etc. You will enrich your faith and have fun with new friends. There is no charge for the weekend; a free will offering will be made at the end.

The Men's Weekend is October 20-23 with leader Bob Ferguson

The Women's Weekend is October 27-30 with leader Susan Vogt.

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

### **RCIA**

RCIA classes are open to all those who wish to inquire into the Catholic faith. Classes at St. Anthony Parish begin this month. If you, or someone you know, would like more information about RCIA call Sister Alicia at the parish office, 217-347-7129.

### **PSR—Parish School of Religion**

Letters and registration forms for the 2011-12 classes have been mailed. Your prompt response is greatly appreciated. If anyone did not receive a form and requires one, call the parish office, 347-7129.

**PARENTS of 7th Grade Public School Students** we have a **2-year Confirmation program** in the PSR. If your child will be a candidate for Confirmation in the 8th grade, 2012-13, be sure he/she is attending religion classes this year as well as next year.



**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.

### **Join the Heartland Half Marathon and Race for a Cause!**

Run with Mary Ellen O'Brien's Family and Friends and help reach their goal to raise \$10,000.

In autumn of 2011, Mary Ellen was diagnosed with ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease. This progressive neurodegenerative disease affects nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord, and robs the body of its ability to do almost anything. Since the diagnosis, Mary Ellen has battled the illness with unparalleled strength and courage.

ALS is an illness that affects everyone it touches, from the patient, to the family, to the community. To honor the grace and courage that Mary Ellen has displayed, several members of her family are running in the Heartland Half Marathon on Sunday, September 11, as a show of love and support. They are asking for donations/sponsorships to be dedicated to the school that Mary Ellen dedicated herself to - St. Anthony of Padua Grade School.

Free t-shirts are available for the first 100 people kind enough to donate \$25 or more. You don't have to run the race to donate, though many will be there to lend their love and support.

To learn more about the Heartland Half Marathon go to:  
[http://www.runeffingham.com/heartland\\_half\\_marathon/](http://www.runeffingham.com/heartland_half_marathon/)

To donate to Mary Ellen's "Race For A Cure" go to:  
<http://www.active.com/donate/stanthony>

OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS	(8/28/11)	YTD(since 7/1/11)	Last Year
Received (Goal \$34,990)	\$26,504	\$278,754	\$ 212,861
Budget	06/30/12		06/30/11
Year Totals	\$1,819,500		\$1,653,511
Scholarships	\$ 234	\$5,265	
Haiti Parish	\$ 80	\$2,804	
ACSA Assessment	\$ 89,029		
Catholic Times Assessment	\$ 18,157		

....The weekly offerings are reported here because they are so important to the ongoing activities and overall accomplishments of the parish. They represent 54.3% of all revenue. As you can see, this year we have received \$278,754 compared to \$246,382 last year. Thank you very much. Our annual goal and need this year is \$1,819,500. Two years ago the total received was \$1,714,590 and last year (7/1/10-6/30/11) the total was \$1,653,511. We have seen that with the involvement of our entire parish, all of our activities can be funded. The weekly donations, along

with the monthly, periodic and annual contributions are used: to provide for our priests; to provide one-half of school operations; to provide pastoral care and religious education; and to allow the parish staff, including marketing and music, to serve the parish.



**The Cross at the Crossroads** 10th Anniversary Celebration will be held Sunday, September 11, from 5-7pm at The Cross grounds. IGA and Culvers will provide free food and ice cream, live Christian music will play from 5-6pm, an ecumenical prayer service at 6pm, children's balloon release and an attempt at the Guinness World Record for the largest human cross at 6:30pm. During the closing ceremony Cross representatives will light lanterns in memory/honor of loved ones, and will send them up into the night sky. A limited number of lanterns are available, and can be reserved with a \$20 tax deductible donation to The Cross Foundation, by contacting Kathy at 217-342-4100. All attendees at the event will receive a free gift. Additional information is available by contacting Christy at 217-821-5287.

The Knights of Columbus **World Day of Prayer for Peace** seeks to unite Knights, Catholics and all people of good will, regardless of their religious faith, in prayer for peace. While September 11 will always be remembered for the tragic loss of life, Knights hope that this somber occasion will be the foundation of an annual opportunity for a day of earnest prayer for peace in the world. To commemorate this tragedy with dignity and hope, the Supreme Council passed a resolution in 2004 to observe September 11 as a day of prayer for peace. "The World Day of Prayer for Peace will bring to the world the Church's message of peace and reconciliation, so that religion will always be a cause for mutual respect and harmony, and never for violence or hatred," said Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson. Effingham Council 665 will be hosting a Rosary for World Peace on the Effingham County Courthouse Square at 5m. After the rosary, those attending are encouraged to go to the 10th Anniversary Celebration for The Cross.

**PATRONIZE OUR ADVERTISERS**

We wish to thank the many merchants who are generously supporting our weekly bulletin with their advertising. We hope that all parishioners will patronize these services and businesses who make it possible.

**St. Mary of the Assumption Picnic**

St. Mary of the Assumption Parish in Sainte Marie is holding their annual Pre-Labor Day Picnic Sunday, September 4, 2011. A chicken/pork loin dinner will be served from 11-5. Other attractions include raffles, stands, and games for all.

**Mattoon K of C Fall Festival**

Come to the Mattoon Knights of Columbus Fall Festival 5K, Race the Cross on September 18, 2011. The 1 Mile Fun Run will start promptly at noon. The cost is \$10 for early registration and \$15 for late registration. All pre-registered entrants under 12 will be given a participation medal. The 10K and 5K run will begin at 12:15 and feature chip timing for fast and accurate results. Cost for the timed races is \$21 for early registration and \$26 for late registration. Packet pickup will be available Saturday from 6:30 to 7:30pm or on race day from 10:00-11:45am at the K of C Hall. Race day registration will be from 10:00-11:30 am. A special "bragging rights" traveling trophy will be awarded to the group or organization with the most participating members. New this year is a special Knights of Columbus Council Division. A traveling trophy will be awarded to the largest council participating in all of the running and walking events. All paid participants in the timed races will receive a coupon for a free drink and hamburger. See <http://www.mattoonkofc.org> or contact Duane Deters at 310-4161 for more information.



Watch the bulletin for upcoming information regarding the Catholic Charities Spaghetti Dinner on September 18 and Fun Run on September 24.

**FAMILY CAMP/RENEWAL DAYS**

...for family and friends of persons with special needs will be Sept. 24-25 at Lake Williamson Christian Center in Carlinville. Cost is \$85 per adult, families of 3 or more \$77 per adult, children 6-11 \$50, children under 5 are free. Cost includes overnight lodging, 3 meals and all activities. Registration forms are available from Elaine Vonderheide ~ email [mewv23@mediacombb.net](mailto:mewv23@mediacombb.net), call 342-2718, or call the Office for Social Concerns 217-698-8500, ext. 167.