

Dear Parishioners,

Today we celebrate the 5th Sunday in our season of Lent. Our gospel reading for this weekend gives us the hope of the resurrection. Jesus takes a common experience of the people of His time, namely, the planting of seeds to illustrate His preaching about dying and rising. He tells the people of His time and our time that “unless the grain of wheat falls to the earth and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.” For those who have lost loved ones in death, this particular gospel is often chosen for it proclaims what we believe about death and about resurrection. It is quite comforting to know that those whom we loved on earth, those who have touched our lives, that there is hope for them in death, namely, rising to produce new life, the fullness of life with our God. This is our faith--this is our hope. Without the mystery of this Paschal Mystery, dying and rising, our lives here on earth really have no meaning. With the mystery of the Paschal Mystery, our lives on earth become more meaningful as we live for Christ, with the hope that some day we will live with Him forever in the resurrection. As we enter the next two weeks, we will encounter in God’s Word and our celebrations the very Paschal Mysteries of Christ, mysteries that give us hope even in death.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week. Since Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of next week, April 9, 10, and 11 celebrate the Triduum/Easter, there will be special times for these celebrations. I ask you to clip and save, preventing you from phoning the parish and freeing us from unnecessary phone calls.

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord’s Supper

7:00 p.m. at St. Anthony Church
7:00 p.m. at St. Mary Church, Shumway

Good Friday of the Lord’s Passion

1:00 p.m. at St. Anthony Church
7:00 p.m. at St. Mary Church, Shumway

Holy Saturday Night, the Easter Vigil

8:00 p.m. at St. Anthony Church
8:30 p.m. at St. Mary Church, Shumway

Easter Sunday

7:30, 9:15, & 11:00 a.m. at St. Anthony Church
8:30 a.m. at St. Mary Church, Shumway

Next Sunday, April 5, we will be celebrating our community lenten penance service here at St. Anthony at 7:00 p.m. Parishioners who have not received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for Lent are invited and encouraged to attend. There will be several priests present for individual confession of sins. Please come and complete your Lenten renewal. We will also be hearing individual confessions during Holy Week beginning at 12:00 Noon until 1:00 p.m. each day. Hopefully one of these times will help you celebrate this Sacrament of Forgiveness in order to assist you in making your baptismal renewal at Easter.

Next Thursday, April 2, Bishop George Lucas will be in our parish to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for our students. I do want to thank our parents for helping to prepare their young people for this sacrament and remind these same parents that just because their young people completed their initiation into the Church it doesn’t give them a vacation from their faith. They will be expected, as they are now, to continue their learning about our faith life, to practice it by attending Mass each weekend, and to continue their works of service. To many parents unfortunately think that Confirmation completes their journey of faith—rather, it continues it. The sacrament is not magical. The Holy Spirit can only work in and through us if we have the proper disposition. I encourage you to keep the disposition that these young people have before Confirmation so that the Holy Spirit will find in them His temple in which He can live and dwell. I also want to thank our teachers for their involvement in preparing our young people: Mrs. Brenda Milleville, Mrs. Ann Church, and Sr. Alicia Drone.

Our last Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will be next Friday, April 3, at 7:00 p.m. These devotions will not be celebrated on Good Friday. You are encouraged to do the stations on your own.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: The little boy greeted his aunt with a hug and said, “I’m glad to see you! Now maybe daddy will do the trick he has been promising to do.”

The aunt was curious. “What trick is that?”

The little boy replied, “I heard Daddy tell Mommy that he would climb the walls if you came to visit again.”

Fr. Leo J. Enlow

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 30, 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mass; 3:30 p.m. Communion Service at Evergreen:

William & Agnes Kabbes, Beatrice Gardewine Anniversary, Betty Elmore Anniversary

Tuesday, March 31, 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mass:

Louis & Charlene Thies family, Francis C. Brumleve, Alice Sur

Wednesday, April 1, 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mass:

Special Intention, John & Anna Doedtman family, Clem Goldstein family

Thursday, April 2, 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mass:

John & Mary Goldstein, Andy & Alice Sur, Edna Fafford, Don Grunloh

Friday, April 3, 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mass; 2:00 p.m. Communion Service at Lakeland:

Frank & Betty Esker family, Frank & Nada Beigelbeck, Nick & Marie Dust family, George & Philomena Haarman

Saturday, April 4, 6:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Mass:

Andrew Tonelli Anniversary, Amelia Worman Anniversary, Jason Flack, Joseph Adducci, Don & Linda Koester 50th Wedding Anniversary, Jim Green, Arlene Pals

Sunday, April 5, 7:30, 9:15 and 11:00 a.m. Mass:

Mickey Reynolds, Alice E. Haarmann, Loretta Schlanser, Edwin & Mary T. Fehrenbacher family, Dawn Conklin, Jim Mahon, Celeste Willenborg Anniversary, Robert Valenti, June & Mardell Stephans, Parishioners of St. Anthony

Pray for Vocations

let us pray that health will soon be restored to the sick and convalescing

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| Mary Baker | Joe Hoffman | Eleanor Mross |
| Catherine Beckler | Doris Jansen | Mildred Nash |
| Robert Belmore | Kris Jansen | Eileen Petersen |
| Jim Bloemer | Katie Jenson | Jessie Radas |
| Jim Brady | Jeaneane Jenne | Diane Rallo |
| Joyce Budde | Raymond Jones | Vicki Reed |
| Carol Burger | Lisa Kingery | Larry Roewe |
| Lisa Crosson | Lenny Kinkelaar | Scott Schlipmann |
| Blake Durdel | Janet Knabe | Ron Shoffstall |
| Art Dasenbrock | Amy Koester | Jodi Sparks |
| Doris Dasenbrock | Kathleen Koester | Chelsey Spruell |
| Denise Devall | Linda Koester | Irene Steppe |
| Alexis Didier | David Koon | Eric Stein |
| John Dust | Sue Kronerwitter | Doris Stumborg |
| Fr. Leo Enlow | Michelle Kuhl | Virginia Stumborg |
| Sue Esker | Paul Lange | Lee Thomas |
| Pam French | Frances & Harry | Leonard Unkraut |
| Art Fuesting | Luchtefeld | Doris Vogt |
| Maureen Funneman | Marie Martens | Rebekah Volk |
| Joan Gardewine Ashley | Donna Martin | Donna Wilson |
| Joe Hettermann | Lori Mathews | Mark Worman |
| Molly Hirt | Bertha Mette | Michael Yariho |
| Caroline Hoene | Herman Mette | |
| Heather Hoene | Jolly Michels | |

Reconciliation Schedule
All the Saturdays during the Season of Lent

Saturdays: 3:30 p.m. until all heard



Parish Reconciliation Service

April 5 7:00 p.m. St. Anthony Church

PSR – Grades 2-12

April 1 6:30 p.m. St. Anthony Church



Easter Decorations

Anyone wishing to make a donation for Easter Decorations in the church are welcome to do so. You can do this by sending donations to: Easter Decorations, P.O. Box 764, Effingham IL 62401 or place them in an envelope marked Easter Donations in the collection basket. If you wish a name or family listed in the bulletin, please include this information. The listing will be in the Easter Sunday Bulletin, April 12.

BOARD OF EDUCATION APPLICATION

Interested in becoming a member of the St. Anthony Board of Education? Please stop by the parish office and pick up an informational packet between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. weekdays. Applications are due back in the office **by April 14**. To be eligible for the position, a person must be 18 years of age, a registered member of St. Anthony Parish, and not be a paid employee, parent, sibling, or child of any employee of any diocesan parish program. Please plan to **attend the April 20** Board of Education meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the parish center.

LIVE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday, April 3

7:00 p.m.

St. Anthony Church

Come to the church and pray with our PSR students presenting the Stations. This will be the last Stations before Easter.

Victim Assistance Coordinator/Safe Environment Coordinator for Diocese of Springfield in Illinois is Patricia Kornfeld, 217-321-1155; email: pkornfeld@dio.org

**St. Anthony Council of Catholic Women Meeting
Our Men are Invited to Attend**

The next monthly meeting is Monday, April 6 at St. Anthony Parish Center starting at 7:00pm. The speakers for the evening will be 3 men who have been involved with prison ministry at Jacksonville Penitentiary for the last 9 1/2 years. They are Ken Polarek and Larry Roewe of St. Anthony and Eric Thompson of St Michael's Sigel.

The regular meeting will follow along with refreshments. This will be opened up to the whole parish, men and women. Call Kathy Polarek with questions at 342-4218.

WHY CATHOLIC?

The Lenten Session of the *Why Catholic?* concludes next week. Since we began last fall, participants have explored and studied the Sacraments of our Catholic Faith. Much learning and several small faith communities have been part of the outcome of these sessions. Discovering answers to questions about our faith provides for growth in the faith as well as, on occasion, more questions.

Across the diocese as well, some people have indicated that there are questions that have come up as a result of this process. There is now a link on the home page of the diocesan website, www.dio.org, where people can go and submit their questions. There will be an attempt to answer some questions either on the website or in the Catholic Times. The Bishop has indicated that he may take on some of these questions in his column in Catholic Times.

Coming up May will be a retreat experience presented by the diocese to wrap up Year I of *Why Catholic?*. Fr. Bruce Nieli, will be in our diocese presenting the retreat titled, "Eucharistic Bread for the Journey". Dates and places will be announced soon.

Church Cleaners for April

Cleaning our church is done Saturday mornings, **8:30-9:30**. If your name appears we need to see you sharing your God given talents. ***If unable to come please call a replacement.*** Questions call Amy Niebrugge.

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| <i>Dutton, Jude</i> | <i>Eley, Cliff/Sue</i> |
| <i>Dy, Gina/Phillip</i> | <i>Emmerich, David/Jennifer</i> |
| <i>Eder, James/Cindy</i> | <i>Emmerich, Jacob/Melissa</i> |
| <i>Eggers, Joan</i> | <i>Emmerich, Joe/Pat</i> |
| <i>Einhorn, Jim/Debbie</i> | <i>Erskin, Dwight/Karen</i> |
| <i>Einhorn, Myra/Tom</i> | <i>Esker, Joe</i> |
| <i>Elder, JR/Christy</i> | |

Ushers for April

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| 4:30 p.m. Saturday | Ken Bourgeois/ Steve Bourgeois |
| 7:30 a.m. Sunday | Phil Koerner |
| 9:15 a.m. Sunday | Jeff Having/ Jeff Speer |
| 11:00 a.m. Sunday | Preston Barr/ Bob Dust |

If you would like to be an usher or have questions please call Matt Unkraut at 217-821-7178.

Coffee and Donuts
Sunday ~ April 5 ~ Palm Sunday
After 9:15 Mass
Come to the parish center for some eats and rewarding fellowship.

Remember the Old, Welcome the New

St. Anthony Grade School Open House
Saturday, April 11, 2009
1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

St. Anthony Grade School is hosting an open house. The purpose of this open house is to give alumni a chance to reminisce while they walk through the old building prior to its demolition. In addition, the new building will be open for viewing. Please enter through the current grade school. You may also view or share your memories online by going to www.stanthony.com and clicking on "View the Memory Blog of St. Anthony Grade School" or "Submit Your Own Memory."

Kindergarten News

We are happy to announce that St. Anthony Grade School will have two classes of kindergarten for the 2009-10 school year. This will allow for an excellent teacher-to-student ratio and class size in the range of 12-15. The teachers for these classes will be Mrs. Holly Funneman and Mrs. Pat Brumleve. Mrs. Funneman is currently teaching at the Early Learning Center. Mrs. Brumleve has been a teacher at St. Anthony for the past three years teaching 1st grade and teaching at the Effingham Coop Pre school prior to here.

Each of the kindergarten rooms will have state of the art technology since they will have both a SmartBoard and a SmartTable. This technology will enhance the curriculum which will include religion. The kindergarten curriculum will lay the foundation for the years to come.

There will be an opportunity to view the kindergarten rooms on Holy Saturday, April 11, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. when there will be an Open House for the old and new buildings. You are invited to come. We are still accepting registrations for Kindergarten as well all grades. Please contact the grade school office at 347-0419 at any time during regular hours.

Hall of Fame

Nominations for the St. Anthony High School Academic Hall of Fame are being accepted now through April 15, 2009. Nomination forms can be found on the St. Anthony High School website (www.stanthony.com). The new Academic Hall of Fame class will be announced and introduced at the St. Anthony Feast Day Dinner in June. For more information, please call the high school at 342-6969.

PAW PRINTS



Welcome
Kelheim
Exchange
Students!

*St. Anthony
High School*

Heard in the halls...

...The musical had a fun and successful run last week. The directors, cast and crew are breathing a sigh of satisfied relief on a job well done. Next up for the stage crew is the dinner theater and the Fine Arts banquet.

...The WYSE team brought home another trophy from the sectional tournament. **Matthew Poston's** gang took first place in the event. The team is looking forward to the state tournament on April 9.

...The senior class was on retreat this past week. The boys headed to St. Louis on Thursday, and the girls made a trek to deep southern Illinois to spend the weekend at Camp

Ondessonk. **Phil Zaccari** and **Ben Scherzer** went with the boys on their experience. The girls were led by **Robin Westendorf**, **Tessie Kabbes**, and **Jenny Bierman**.

...ACT Prep classes are underway. **Mrs. Jones** (Math), **Mrs. Stolz** (English), **Mrs. Bierman** (Science), and **Mrs. King** (Reading) spend three hours putting interested students through the ACT paces on various evenings throughout the week in preparation for the April test date.

...St. Anthony High School welcomed four Kelheim exchange students and a teacher to school on Tuesday. Student hosts are

Alex Bauer (Claus), **Leah Sloan (Silke)**, **Taylor Oltman (Ludwig)**, & **Jessica Rhodes (Alexandra)**. Teacher host is **Kenny Thies (Christian)**. **Cheryl Stolz** and **Charlie Brumleve** are St. Anthony's Kelheim Exchange chairpersons. The group will be feted at a farewell dinner on April 3rd at St. Anthony High School.

...Students and staff will take an Easter break on Good Friday and the Monday following Easter. The Stations of the Cross will be prayed in the chapel during religion classes on April 9.

...Congratulations to **Craig Brummer** for winning the DAR Good Citizenship Award.

For the calendar...

- ☺ April 2 — Spanish Scholar Bowl Meet @ SIU-C
- ☺ Kelheim Farewell Dinner, SAHS MPR
- ☺ April 4 — ACT Test
- ☺ April 9 — WYSE State
- ☺ April 10 — Good Friday, No School
- ☺ April 12 — Happy Easter!
- ☺ April 13 — No School
- ☺ April 16 — Bulldog Breakfast Club meets @ Joe Sippers, 7:00am
- ☺ April 16 — SAA Banquet @ EHS
- ☺ April 20 — BOE Meeting
- ☺ April 24 — Dinner Theater
- ☺ April 29 — Fine Arts Awards Night, 7:30pm
- ☺ May 1 — Career Luncheon for Senior Class, 12:00pm, Parish Center
- ☺ May 2 — Prom

Spring Sports Home Calendar — April

Softball

April 3 JV v Olney, 5:00
 April 7 v Beecher City
 April 8 v Charleston
 April 14 v Newton (JV/V)
 April 16 v Neoga
 April 18 v Mulberry Grove
 April 20 v St. Elmo
 April 24 v Dieterich

April 27 v Teutopolis

Boys Tennis

April 6 v Mt. Zion
 April 14 v Paris
 April 30 v Fairfield

Track & Field

April 14 v Newton, Cowden
 April 20 v Neoga, St. Elmo

Baseball

April 1 v Central A & M
 April 6 v Brownstown
 April 7 v Mattoon
 April 15 v Olney F/S
 April 17 v Altamont
 April 25 v Marshall (JV/V)
 April 27 v Dieterich (JV/V)
 April 29 v Stew-Stras

DINNER THEATER!
**"Miss Twiddle
 and the
 Devil"**

April 24, 2009
SAHS Enlow Center
6:30pm
342-6969 for tickets

OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS	
Annual collection budgeted goal for year ended 6/30/09	\$ 1,872,000
Actual collections through 03/22/09 (38 weeks)	<u>(1,153,613)</u>
Balance required to reach goal (14 weeks)	<u>\$ 718,387</u>
Average weekly goal for remaining 14 weeks	<u>\$ 51,313</u>
Actual weekly offerings received for 03/22/09	<u>\$ 20,063</u>

Capital Debt Retirement and SAHS Maintenance Fund	
Pledges to date (107.5%)	<u>\$913,464</u>
Amount received (97.2%)	<u>\$888,341</u>


.....Hear ye! Hear Ye! The curtain on this fiscal year is slowly closing. Please pray and think about all that is right in your life. Who can be properly credited for our blessings? As you ponder, please check whether your ACSA pledge has been sent. We budgeted a shortfall of (\$37,000) but after the last report we are projecting a shortfall of (\$49,000) on pledges of \$36,281, which are \$13,000 below last year. Thank you Lord, for all that we are and St. Anthony, please pray for us.

Calendar of Events

- Sat 6:30p, Booster Club Spring Fest, pc lg
- Sun 8:30a, Men’s Breakfast, pc lg
1p, Moms Ministry “March Madness” High School
- Tue 7:15a, Yoga
- Wed 5:30p, Handbells, church
6:30p, PSR 1st grade at the school
6:30p, PSR Reconciliation, Church
7:30p, Choir
- Thurs 7p, Confirmation, Church
- Fri 2:15p Stations, Church
5:30p, Vespers, Church
7p, Live Stations, Church

Earth Day 2009

Earth Day 2009 will be celebrated with a variety of educational programs and entertainment at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, IN, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 18. The 11th annual event is hosted by White Violet Center for Eco-Justice, a ministry of the Sisters of Providence. This year’s theme will focus on issues of food, farming and wellness and will feature educational materials on simple changes people can make in their daily lives to positively impact Earth. Mini-workshops, vander exhibits, musicians and food items are available. For a full schedule, visit www.WhiteViolet.org, or contact Candace Hack at 812-535-2935 or at chack@spsmw.org.



Bereavement Support Group
St. Anthony Parish Center 7pm Tuesday evenings
Next support group meets 4/7

FOOD PANTRY PICK UP 3/28 & 29
Please leave food by the Memorial Wall outside on the west side of church.

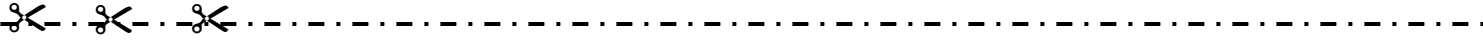
U.S.O. Tour for Matt Poss & Rolling Thunder
Former alumni, Matt and Larry Passalacqua, Mike McDevitt and Dirk Baker will travel with their band to perform with the U.S.O. for our troops. They are awaiting their depart date and locations. For more information and how to help visit www.mattposs.com or call Kelly Willenborg, 254-2179. Prayers for safe travel would be greatly appreciated.

Found

A bracelet was found in the paper recycling bags, and a set of keys was found in ladies church bathroom. Please contact the Parish Center for more information at 347-7129.

ODD JOBS

25 teens are going to a Mission Work Camp this summer in Racine, Wisconsin. They are looking to do odd jobs for donations to raise funds needed to go. Each teen needs to raise \$480. Please call Glenn Pankonen at 347-0575



Press on to the Goal: St. Anthony Parish History, 1958-2008

Order your copy today of the *Press on to the Goal: St. Anthony Parish History 1958-2008*. The pre-sale price for Press on to the Goal is \$30. Pre-sale orders will be taken through May 1. After May 1 the price will increase to \$40. Release of the book is scheduled for the Feast of St. Anthony on June 13, 2009.

Name _____ No. of Copies _____ Amount Enclosed _____
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