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St. Anthony of Padua
First Eucharist
April 26, 2009



Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we celebrate the Third Sunday in our Easter season. Our gospel for this weekend takes place immediately after the two disciples tell the other apostles about the appearance of the Risen Christ and how they recognized Him in the “breaking of the bread.” While they were still speaking, our gospel tells us that the risen Christ once again appears in their midst. They were all taken aback and did not know what to make of this appearance. Being troubled, some even thought it to be a ghost. This is when Jesus invites them to “look at my hands and my feet. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have.” After that, Jesus then asks them, “Have you anything to eat?” They gave Him some fish and He ate it in front of them. Then our gospel states, “He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,” especially those that concerned His death and resurrection. He then told them, “You are witnesses of these things.” These differing appearances helped the disciples sort things out and helped them to understand His life, death, and resurrection. These were mysteries that needed time to be absorbed, needed His continual appearances for their reassurance and certitude. And that Jesus accomplished in these appearances, preparing them to be witnesses who would proclaim and live out these mysteries of faith. May all of us be encouraged by these appearances and proclaim with our lips and lives that “Jesus Christ is risen, Alleluia!”

As we look ahead, I want to remind the women of our parish that the Mother/Daughter breakfast will be held on Sunday, May 3, after the 7:30 a.m. Mass. The guest speaker is a friend of mine, Sr. Raphael Ann Drone, and her presentation should be enriching and rewarding. I encourage you to get your reservations, inviting your mothers, daughters, aunts, and nieces. Donations will be accepted to help with the cost of the breakfast. This breakfast is an annual event for the ladies of the parish and a long-standing tradition. Please join the ladies on Sunday, May 3rd.

One of the projects our Council of Catholic Women has accepted is the “Water for Life” project. This project will assist other countries in providing quality water to drink. Water towers are placed at the entrances of the Church and you are asked to help fill them with your monies and loose change. Quality water is something we take for granted but is a tremendous need in certain parts of the world.

This Sunday, April 26th, the second graders from our parish will be receiving their First Holy Communion at a special Mass at 1:30 p.m. Their

names are listed on the front cover of our bulletin this week. For the past several months, these young people have been preparing for this day with an eagerness and innocence that is so refreshing. My hope and prayer is that this day will be one of many as these young people receive the Eucharist each and every Sunday with their parents. It is always a sad commentary when asked “why these young people do not attend our weekend liturgy” to hear them say that their parents did not take them. For our parents who have helped in their preparation for this day and for our parents who will make sure that this day continues in their lives each Sunday, I do thank you. You are truly fulfilling your mission as Catholic parents. I also want to thank our teachers who have been working with them and helping them prepare for this day: Gina Gardewine, Jason Frichtl, Nichol Koester, Anne Wilson, and Sr. Alicia Drone.

As you know, we are anticipating moving into our new St. Anthony Grade School this summer. In anticipation of this move, the kitchen, cafeteria and library will be closed on May 4th. I ask our parents to make sure that their young students have their sack lunches available to them. I apologize for the inconvenience but timing at this stage is very important in order to make our transition to the new school a reality. Please be patient with us as your sacrifices will be worth it.

I hope that all of our parishioners received their first “parish newsletter.” This newsletter is to keep you informed about the differing talents being shared in the parish and an encouragement for you to get involved in some way. The newsletter will be sent on a monthly basis and is under the direction of Catholic Stewardship Consultants. Our desire is to become a “Catholic Stewardship Parish.”

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: On Easter Sunday in a Catholic Church, a four-year-old boy pointed to a statue and asked his mother, “Who is that lady?”

His mother replied that she was Mary, the mother of baby Jesus.

“I thought you said Mary had a little lamb,” the youngster said, bringing laughter to the neighboring pews.

Fr. Leo Enlow

“Jesus has turned all our sunsets into dawns”
Clement of Alexandria (150 A.D.)

Mass Intentions

Monday, April 27, 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mass; 3:30 p.m. Communion Service at Evergreen:

Gerald N. Stephens Anniversary, Charles Brummer Anniversary, Fletcher Jansen Anniversary, Clara Hartke Anniversary

Tuesday, April 28, 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mass:

Clara Thies family, Art & Jeanne Willenborg 47th Wedding Anniversary, Gene McDevitt Anniversary, Larry Passalacqua, Gary Walk, Frank G. Schniederjon Anniversary

Wednesday, April 29, 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mass:

Leonard Niebrugge, Poor Souls in Purgatory, Margaret Roewe, In Thanksgiving, Sr. Florentia Koelch

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

Agnes Wernsing, Florence Sehy

Friday, May 1, 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mass; 2:00 p.m. Communion Service at Lakeland:

Harold & Bertha Bushur family, George & Louise Willenborg, Howard Having Anniversary, Don Passalacqua, Lenora Runde Anniversary, Vi Kabbes, Linda Root Anniversary

Saturday, May 2, 6:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Mass:

Louis Bushur, Joe Griesbaum, Wilbert Haarmann, Karoline Beigelbeck, Dan J. Sullivan family, Lenora Runde

Sunday, May 3, 7:30, 9:15 and 11:00 a.m. Mass:

Norbert & Virginia Koester, Henry & Geraldine Nolan, Mickey Reynolds, Clarence & Lena Steger, Charlie & Debby Lustig, 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 | Kris Jansen | Eleanor Mross |
| Catherine Beckler | Jeaneane Jenne | Mildred Nash |
| Robert Belmore | Raymond Jones | Eileen Petersen |
| Jim Bloemer | Lucille Kaufman | Diane Rallo |
| Jim Brady | Lisa Kingery | Vicki Reed |
| Joyce Budde | Lenny Kinkelaar | Sharon Riley |
| Carol Burger | Janet Knabe | Larry Roewe |
| Lisa Crosson | Amy Koester | Scott Schlipmann |
| Marie Cyr | Kathleen Koester | Steve Sehy |
| Blake Durdel | Linda Koester | Ron Shoffstall |
| Art Dasenbrock | David Koon | Jodi Sparks |
| Doris Dasenbrock | Terry Kraft | Chelsey Spruell |
| Denise Devall | Sue Kronerwitter | Irene Steppe |
| Alexis Didier | Michelle Kuhl | Eric Stein |
| Art Fuesting | Paul Lange | Doris Stumborg |
| Maureen Funneman | Frances & Harry | Virginia Stumborg |
| Joan Gardewine Ashley | Luchtefeld | Lee Thomas |
| Bill Hall | Marie Martens | Leonard Unkraut |
| Joe Hettermann | Donna Martin | Rebekah Volk |
| Molly Hirt | Lori Mathews | Donna Wilson |
| Caroline Hoene | Bertha Mette | Jerry Worman |
| Heather Hoene | Herman Mette | Mark Worman |
| Joe Hoffman | Jolly Michels | Michael Yariho |
| Doris Jansen | David Mross | |

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- ...Current schedule for transition to new building
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| May 4 | Kitchen, lounge, chorus room, band room and cafeteria closed |
| May 4 | Library closed |
| May 5 | Janitor workroom moved |
| May 14-15 | Library moved |
| May 16-17 | Labeling of all internal items in current school |
| May 18 | Asbestos abatement team sets up in cafeteria area |
| May 19 | School ends |
| May 20 | Gym closed and floor covered |
| May 22-31 | Moving starts |
| May 29 | Asbestos abatement completed |
| June 1 | Start of demolition |



BAPTISM CLASS:

Parents wishing to have their children baptized need to attend a Baptism class every 3 years. The next class is Tuesday, April 28 at Sacred Heart Parish Center at 7:00pm. Please call to register, 347-7129.



Bereavement Support Group

St. Anthony Parish Center
7pm Tuesday evenings
Next support group meets 5/5

Water For Life

We take it for granted that we can turn on a faucet and get clean water every time. What if you or your children had to spend several hours a day searching for and then having to carry the water back? **April 26 is Water For Life Sunday.** Please fill the water towers at the entrances of church after Mass on Sunday. Give to those who don't have clean drinking water.

MASS INTENTIONS

Have you scheduled intentions for 2009? Would you like to schedule additional Intentions in **May**? Please stop in the parish office weekdays between 9:00a.m. and 4:00p.m. or mail your requests to Mass Intentions, P.O. Box 764, EffinghamIL 62401.

Mother/Daughter Breakfast

May 3, after the 7:30 a.m. Mass

Sister Raphael Ann Drone Guest Speaker

Sister Raphael Ann Drone, ASC (Adorer of the Blood of Christ) has been teaching scripture to Freshmen religion classes at Althoff Catholic High School in Belleville, Illinois. Sister Raphael Ann received her BA in English Literature from St. Louis University, taught in Catholic elementary schools in Southern Illinois and Southeast Missouri. She volunteered to go to Liberia, West Africa as a missionary. Sister ministered as a teacher/principal/school superintendent in Liberia for 17 years both in the bush (country) area and in the city. After returning from Liberia, she served as vocation director for her religious community. She then studied at Catholic Theological University in Chicago and received her MA in Pastoral Studies.

Sister Raphael Ann is the 4th of 8 siblings, a younger sister to our Sister Alicia Drone, ASC. She was born and raised on a small farm in Ridgway, Illinois. She has a marvelous sense of humor and is a great story teller.

Please RSVP to Maureen Broeker, 347-3793 or Anna Sparling, 342-6273 by Wednesday, April 29.

Let them know how many are coming to the Mother/Daughter Breakfast (mom's, daughter's, aunts, nieces). Donations will be accepted to help with the cost of the food.

**Catholic Charity Food Pantry Drop Off
Sunday, April 25/26**

One item they are requesting is larger size diapers. You can place non perishable items by the Memorial wall between the church and parish center. They can always use box and can meals, jelly, peanut butter, crackers, toilet paper, soup and much, much more. Thank You!

St. Anthony Grade School seeking teacher applicants for second grade beginning with 2009-10 school year.

Send letter of application and resume to:

Mary Lynn Byers

St. Anthony Grade School

412 N Third Street

Effingham IL 62401

Applications due May 4, 2009.

Church Cleaners for May

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.

Esker, Kevin/Kelly

Esker, Louis/Darlene

Esker, Robert/Nancy

Esker, Terry/Gail

Faber, Tim/Sandra

Fackler, Peter

Falconburg, Louie/Stacia

Fallert, Jason/Stacia

Fallert, Julie

Farrey, Bill

Fauss, Stephen

Fearday, Gene/Rhonda

Fearday, Joe/Rachael

Fehrenbacher, Kathy

Ushers for May

4:30 p.m. Saturday

7:30 a.m. Sunday

9:15 a.m. Sunday

11:00 a.m. Sunday

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

Ted Grunloh, Rick Chambers

Mike Hoene/Mike Mitchell/Jim Bierman

Tim Stephens, Carl Koester

Jeff Clausius, Bill Nuxoll

Saint Anthony's Century, 1858-1958

Pick up a copy or two of the reprinted *Saint Anthony's Century, 1858-1958* for \$30 through May 1. After May 1 the price will be \$35. Come to the parish offices Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. for a copy. Just think, you can start reading this and have it finished by the time the next 50 years comes in June.

Payment should be directed to: St. Anthony of Padua, P.O. Box 764, Effingham IL 62401

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 _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Order forms and payment should be directed to: St. Anthony of Padua, P.O. Box 764, Effingham IL 62401



SAHS Paw Prints



WYSE Team

Congratulation to the WYSE Team who competed in the State WYSE Academic Challenge at the University of Illinois on Thursday, April 9, finishing 4th as a team in their division. Team members who finished in the top 10 were:

Myles Baker	4th in Chemistry
Drew Willenborg	2nd in Mathematics
Marty Jansen	5th in Mathematics
Craig Brummer	6th in Mathematics

Additional WYSE team members are: Alex Bauer, Amy Goeckner, Heather Esker, Jenny Brown, Courtney Dalton, Kathleen Kay, Taylor Oltman, Caroline Robb, Allie Kabbes & Greg Schmidt. The team is coached by Mr. Matthew Poston.

Congratulations to the entire team on another great year!

No School Hot Lunch available in May

SAHS parents are reminded that effective **Monday, May 4**, the St. Anthony Grade School kitchen will be closed so that renovation and reconfiguration of the space can be completed for use with the new school building. **There will be NO SCHOOL HOT LUNCH served at the high school from May 4 through the remainder of May.** Students will still be able to order from our vendors until exams begin, or should bring a sack lunch from home.

Parents Mass Planned

A Mass for all SAHS students and their parents is scheduled for **FRIDAY, MAY 8 at 12:00 NOON** at the church. Monsignor Leo will celebrate this Mass honoring parents' support and contributions towards their child's development as Christian people. Students will be dismissed for the day following the Mass.



Spring Band & Chorus Concert

Parish members are invited to attend the Spring Band & Chorus concert on Monday, May 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the high school multi purpose room. This is a free event and always an enjoyable evening of entertainment.

Society for Academic Achievement

Congratulations to this year's inductees into the Society for Academic Achievement, sponsored by the Effingham Noon and Sunrise Rotary clubs. SAHS students selected for SAA membership this year were:

Seniors: Jenny Brown, Craig Brummer, Heather Esker & Amy Goeckner

Juniors: Myles Baker, Kathleen Kay, Caroline Robb & Drew Willenborg

Sophomores: Kelly McHugh, Michael McHugh & Anna Mitchell



9th Grade Physical Reminder

A reminder to incoming freshman and their parents that all freshmen are required to have a completed physical form on file in the high school office by mid-October to be compliant with state law. Physical forms will be sent home with all SAGS and SHGS 8th graders. **Sports physicals DO NOT fulfill the freshman physical requirement.** No separate sports physical is needed for freshmen.

Luncheon for Seniors & their Parents

On Friday, May 15, seniors and their parents are invited to a luncheon at 12:00 NOON in the St. Anthony Parish Center.

The lunch will follow graduation practice (11:00 a.m.) and will include a light meal and viewing of the senior slide show.

Parents who plan to attend this luncheon are asked to RSVP to the school office at 342-6969.

Upcoming Home Events

- May 1 Senior Career Luncheon
Baseball vs St. Teresa 4:30
- May 2 Baseball vs Shelbyville (DH) 11:00
Prom @ Keller Convention Center
- May 4 Baseball vs Mt. Zion 4:15
Softball vs Mattoon (DH) 4:30
Spring Concert 7:30 p.m.
- May 5 Baseball vs St. Elmo 4:30
Softball vs Nokomis 4:30
Tennis vs Highland 4:30
- May 6 Baseball vs Neoga 4:30
- May 7 Tennis vs Greenville
Academic Awards Banquet 6:30
- May 8 Parent Mass 12:00 noon @ Church
- May 11 Frosh/Soph Track NTC Meet 4:00
Baseball vs Flora 4:30
- May 13-15 Baseball & Softball City Series

OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Annual collection budgeted goal for year ended 6/30/09	\$ 1,872,000
Actual collections through 04/19/09 (42 weeks)	<u>(1,258,231)</u>
Balance required to reach goal (10 weeks)	<u>\$ 613,769</u>
Average weekly goal for remaining 10 weeks	<u>\$ 61,377</u>
Actual weekly offerings received for 04/19/09	<u>\$ 20,668</u>

***Capital Debt Retirement and
SAHS Maintenance Fund***

Pledges to date (107.5%)	<u>\$913,464</u>
Amount received (97.4%)	<u>\$889,416</u>

.....For the 42 weeks of this fiscal year, we are 7.8% over last year's YTD total of \$1,167,009. Thank you. 298 letters were recently sent to school parents with tuition, fee and other information for the next school year. Hard to believe the initial ground breaking for the new grade school was only 6/1/08. Great job by all involved, getting this far. Now the plan is to begin demolition of the existing school on 6/1/09. Please help by praying for a safe and successful completion

Calendar of Events

- Sun 1:30p, 1st Communion, Church
- Tue 7:15a, Yoga
7p, Baptism Class at Sacred Heart
- Wed 6:30p, PSR, grade school
- Thur 7p, RCIA, pc
- Sun 8:30a, Mother/Daughter Breakfast, pc

Meet the Author - Mary Pat Kelly

Mary Pat Kelly, author of Galway Bay, will talk about her book at Helen Matthew Library May 3 at 2 p.m. Her book has won praise from many award winning authors including Frank McCourt, author of Angela's Ashes. He said "As they say in Ireland, Take your ease with this book. You'll need time for laughter and tears and pure magic." The book covers one family's epic journey over 6 generations. Registration required for this free class. Call 342-2464 x 2 to reserve your spot.

Nurses Scholarship Fund, 40&8

***Pancake and Sausage Breakfast
This Sunday, April 26***

This breakfast is the 30th Annual Benefit for the Nurses Scholarship Fund, 40&8, Effingham County Voiture 1439. Serving is from 7 a.m. till noon at the Effingham American Legion Hall which is wheelchair accessible. Adults \$5 and under 12 \$3.

Honor Catholic Charities Volunteers

Catholic Charities will honor their volunteers on Thursday, April 30 with a Continental Breakfast from 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. It is being held in the conference room at Catholic Charities. RSVP to 857-1458 or 857-1482 by Monday, April 27.

***Who have you complemented this past week
for doing something wonderful, big or small.***

Annual Preschool Screening, Unit 40

Effingham Unit #40 annual preschool screening is April 28, 29 and 30 at St. John's Lutheran Church Education Annex between the hours of 8am-noon and 3-6pm. These screenings are offered free of charge. For more information and/or appointment call Andria Verdeyen at East Side School, 540-1380.

FACE Holding Auditions

FACE (Fine Arts County of Effingham) is holding auditions for our summer musical **Oklahoma** by Rogers and Hammerstein, Monday and Tuesday, May 11 & 12 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Anthony High School Enlow Center. There is a need for 11 men and 8 women, plus crew. These are all singing roles and while most roles are younger people (late teens or twenties with some older roles), anyone is encouraged to audition. Anyone wishing to audition should prepare a short vocal (1-2 minutes) to demonstrate their singing range and volume. In addition, there will be cold reading from the script.

FUN FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY!

Gloriously funny Late Nite Catechism performs 3 shows at The Rosebud Theatre May 8 & 9. Part catechism class, part stand-up routine. To coordinate a group, please contact Deana Nuxoll at 217-540-2787, ext 221.

**Annual Austin Lockett Memorial Golf Scramble
Friday, May 15 ~ Rain or Shine**

Cardinal Golf Course - \$75 per player/ 4 person teams

All proceeds from this annual scramble benefit the mission and ministries of Catholic Charities. If interested in playing, sponsoring a hole, contributing a prize, or making a financial contribution contact Catholic Charities, 217-857-1458. The playing fee includes Green fees, cart rental, food and beverages.

Victim Assistance Coordinator/Safe Environment Coordinator for Diocese of Springfield in Illinois is Patricia Kornfeld, 217-321155; email: pkornfeld@dio.org