

Dear Parishioners,

Today, the Church celebrates Christ's entrance into Jerusalem to accomplish His paschal mystery. As Jesus enters into the city, the people wave "palm branches," welcoming Jesus as Messiah and King. But these acclamations will change as people see Jesus arrested and respond with the crowds, "crucify Him, crucify Him." And so on this day that we call Palm Sunday, we experience the fickleness of our human nature. But this Sunday as well as the Holy Week is not about our foolishness, our stubbornness of heart, but rather is about God's love for everyone of us. The depth of this love is captured by St. Paul in his letter to the Philippians which is found in our second reading of our Mass today: *Christ Jesus, though He was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, He emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, He humbled Himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on the cross.* As we enter into this holiest of weeks, may each of us experience the love that God has for us, and in turn, embrace these same paschal mysteries in our lives, as we humble ourselves and accept the crosses in our lives.

The following is the liturgy schedule for Holy Week. I ask you to save it as a reference for our gatherings this week, preventing 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

I also remind you that our parish offices will be closed on Good Friday as well as on Easter Monday, April 6. Any business with the office must be taken

care of before or after these days. To allow the priests an opportunity to be home for Easter, there will be NO MASSES on Monday, April 6. If there is any emergency, please call one of the secretaries and/or Charlie Brumleve who in turn will know how to reach us. Thank you for your understanding.

We also have a tradition in our Church which is based upon Jesus' invitation to some of His disciples to "watch and pray" with Him in the Garden of Gethsemane as Jesus awaits His betrayal. In an effort to cover the time slots, we suggest the following times for families whose last names begin with these letters. However, families can come anytime that evening—the suggested times are so that we can cover the three hour invitation.

Volunteers from the end of the Holy Thursday celebration to 8:30 p.m.

Families A thru H: from 8:30-9:30 p.m.

Families I thru P: 9:30-10:30 p.m.

Families Q thru Z: 10:30-11:30 p.m.

We will conclude the evening of "watching and praying" with Jesus with special night prayers.

Many families participate in the rice bowls during the season of Lent. The monies collected may be placed in the special "rice bowl" collection containers located in the front of the Church. As a word of caution, please do not leave these bowls except before or immediately after our weekend Masses. Your sacrifices can also be placed in an envelope and then put into the collection. We will be collecting these bowls for the next three weeks. I want to thank each and every one of you for participating. Your fasting, abstaining, and sacrifices will truly help the poor.

During Holy Week, I want to remind you that there will be a priest available for individual confessions each day except Good Friday from Noon to 1:00 p.m. Please take this opportunity to renew yourselves in the love and mercy of our God.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?" Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble." And it should! Please celebrate the Triduum with us.

Fr. Leo Enlow

Mass Intentions

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

Dr. Henry & Esther Poterucha family, Al Knabe, Ted Wortman, Bill & Carrie Henning, Clarence & Marie Dust

Tuesday, April 7, 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mass:

Gerry Bishop, Charles & Grace Hotze and family, Robert & Ramona Dirks family, Lawrence & Irene Kalina family

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

Ron Schmidt, Marcella Niebrugge, Phil Zaccari Anniversary

Thursday, April 9 ~ 7:00 p.m.

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Howard Goellner, Tom Doehring, Walter Kowalski, Katie (Lohman) Arnold Anniversary, Clarence Feldhake Anniversary, Alf & Sean Niebrugge, Deb Hutchinson, Joseph & Evelyn Frey family, Phil & Anna Mae Hopley and family

Friday, April 10 ~ 1:00 p.m.

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

Saturday, April 11 ~ 8:00 p.m.

Easter Vigil

Albert Worman, Albert Haarmann family, Charles & Grace Hotze and family, Frank & Sue Hoelscher 50th Wedding Anniversary, Richard & Catherine Will family, Bernie Burford, Noble Davis, Joseph Adducci

Sunday, April 12, 7:30, 9:15 and 11:00 a.m. Mass:

Linda Sur, Albert Niemerg, Clarence Kemme, Hugh McHugh, Edward & Agnes Poepelmeyer, Ted Richards, Edward Savickas, Francis Flach, Parishioners of St. Anthony

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

Mary Baker
Catherine Beckler
Robert Belmore
Jim Bloemer
Jim Brady
Joyce Budde
Carol Burger
Lisa Crosson
Marie Cyr
Blake Durdel
Art Dasenbrock
Doris Dasenbrock
Denise Devall
Alexis Didier
John Dust
Fr. Leo Enlow
Sue Esker
Art Fuesting
Maureen Funneman
Joan Gardewine Ashley
Bill Hall
Joe Hettermann
Molly Hirt
Caroline Hoene

Heather Hoene
Joe Hoffman
Doris Jansen
Kris Jansen
Jeaneane Jenne
Raymond Jones
Lisa Kingery
Lenny Kinkelaar
Janet Knabe
Amy Koester
Kathleen Koester
Linda Koester
David Koon
Sue Kronerwitter
Michelle Kuhl
Paul Lange
Frances & Harry Luchtefeld
Marie Martens
Donna Martin
Lori Mathews
Bertha Mette
Herman Mette
Jolly Michels

David Mross
Eleanor Mross
Mildred Nash
Eileen Petersen
Diane Rallo
Vicki Reed
Larry Roewe
Scott Schlipmann
Ron Shoffstall
Jodi Sparks
Chelsey Spruell
Irene Steppe
Eric Stein
Doris Stumborg
Virginia Stumborg
Lee Thomas
Leonard Unkraut
Rebekah Volk
Donna Wilson
Mark Worman
Michael Yariho

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

Coffee and Donuts

Sunday ~ April 5 ~ Palm Sunday
After 9:15 Mass

Come to the parish center for some eats and rewarding fellowship.

St. Anthony Council of Catholic Women Meeting

Our Men are Invited to Attend

Monday, April 6 ~ 7:00 p.m., Parish Center

The speakers for the evening are 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 is open to the whole parish, men and women. Call Kathy Polarek with questions at 342-4218.

Pray for Vocations

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.



Parish Offices will be closed on Friday, April 10 and Monday, April 13 in observance of Easter.



We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of Otto Golstein, who died and was buried in our parish. May God and our prayers console them at this their time of grief.



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



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.

From the Choir Loft

Congratulations to Christy Cyrus, our Grade and High School Band Director, for pulling off the “double – double” in the month of Musical March Madness.

The first weekend of March, Christy took high school students to solo and ensemble contest at Red Hill where among tough judging excellent results were achieved. Next on March 18 she organized and hosted the all day Catholic Grade Schools Bi-annual Band festival at the KC Hall with 5 schools participating. Then, the very next day as Head Director, the spring musical “Clue” opened to a successful 4 day run at the high school. To finish off the 5 weekend month, on March 28, Christy led her Jr. High band students to the Solo & Ensemble contest in Mattoon where all 11 St. Anthony Band students received a First Rating!

All of these events are major undertakings unto themselves and Christy managed them all in 30 days. We thank Ms. Cyrus for her dedication to our students and congratulate her on a job well done!!!



St. Anthony Moms Ministry next meets Wednesday, April 15 in the Parish Center. Please arrive between 7:45-7:55 p.m. We promptly begin the rosary at 8:00 p.m. This Ministry is intended for moms who still have children in their care and for future moms. Fr. Daren will continue with his questions/answers about our faith. Join us where moms can pray together, grow in faith together and network together in building stronger Catholic families. For more information please contact Amy Blanchette 690-4893.

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...The facility is starting to look like a school...carpeting has been installed in all first floor classrooms...the lockers, cabinets and bookcases have been delivered and installed in many rooms...a very large thank you to all those who helped unload and move this casework into the new school...the administration area and the new media center is shaping up as well....look for information on the tours which will be available on April 11...stay tuned...

Remember the Old, Welcome the New

St. Anthony Grade School is hosting an open house Saturday, April 11 from 1-4pm. The purpose 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 St. Anthony Grade School will have 2 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 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.

You can view the kindergarten rooms on Holy Saturday, April 11, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. during the Open House for the old and new buildings. We are 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.



April News

April 5, 2009

UPCOMING DATES

4/6-7	Gr. 8 Choices Program
4/8	Student Council Egg Sale
4/9	Holy Thursday Service, 2:15 p.m.
4/10	No School - <i>Good Friday</i>
4/11	SAGS Open House, 1:00-4:00
4/13	No School - <i>Easter Monday</i>
4/25	Band performs @ Six Flags
4/26	First Communion, 1:30 p.m.
4/27	Grade 2 Free Day
4/28	Spring Music Concert, 7:00 p.m.
4/30	Gr. 7 & 8 Field Trips
5/1	Library books due
5/11	Last day for Computer Lab 15
5/13	Last day for Computer Lab 105
5/18	Grade 8 Promotion

MOVING

We will be needing lots of help to move the classroom furniture, library books, the textbooks and supplies, as well as the teachers' personal items. In addition we have many areas (cafeteria, storage areas, etc.) that need cleaned out. Mrs. Dawn Grubb has volunteered to help coordinate this massive undertaking. We will share more details with you in the near future. Please be thinking about how you might be able to help.

LUNCH REMINDER

As of May 4th students will need to bring a sack lunch since the kitchen will not be accessible. The school will have milk and water for sale for 30 cents each.

PARENT PICK-UP REMINDER

Please refrain from using your cell phone while picking up your children. This action endangers not only your children but others we well.

HOLY THURSDAY

The Holy Thursday service here at school will begin at 2:15 in the gym on April 9. You are invited to attend.

THE LAST YEAR

Since this is the last year in this building those teachers who attended school here have formed a committee to plan some activities to commemorate this last year.

Activities planned include the **SAGS Open House**, to be held on Saturday, April 11, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Come journey through the current school building and reminisce with current students and alumni of St. Anthony Grade School. You will have an opportunity to write down your memories of the classrooms/school and look at old yearbooks from both the grade school and high school years. The current eighth graders are creating a video of their school memories from first to eighth grade. This video will be shown during the open house in computer lab 105 on the SmartBoard. In addition the new building will be open for viewing on April 11, from 1:00-4:00. Please enter through the current grade school. You may also view or share your memories by going to St. Anthony's web page at www.stanthony.com and click on "View the Memory Blog for St. Anthony Grade School" or "Submit Your Own Memory". Hope to see you there and/or hear from you!

BRIDGE CLUB

On March 10, St. Anthony Bridge Club hosted a five-school tournament, with 48 students participating. Those schools present were Beecher City, Dieterich, Effingham, Teutopolis, and St. Anthony. Thank you to the parents who helped by serving, providing snacks, and cleaning up after this competition. Congratulations to all eleven St. Anthony students who participated. The students that placed are:

Mariah Bushue & Tierney Hammer	- first place
Ian Harris & Swade Unkraut	- third place
Gus Koester & Adam Seiler	- third place
William Connerton & James Ritz	- third place
Madison Bushue & Natalie Goeckner	- fourth place

The last school competition was at Beecher City on Tuesday, March 31. As the season comes to an end, we'd like to thank Rich Brummer, Lois Hartke, and Paul Hartke for volunteering their time to help with the Bridge Club. These three have shown the students the meaning of service, and the students are very grateful to them for giving of their time.

OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS	
Annual collection budgeted goal for year ended 6/30/09	\$ 1,872,000
Actual collections through 03/29/09 (39 weeks)	<u>(1,178,037)</u>
Balance required to reach goal (13 weeks)	<u>\$ 683,963</u>
Average weekly goal for remaining 13 weeks	<u>\$ 53,381</u>
Actual weekly offerings received for 03/29/09	<u>\$ 24,424</u>

Capital Debt Retirement and SAHS Maintenance Fund	
Pledges to date (107.5%)	\$913,464
Amount received (97.3%)	\$888,466

.....Shortly after Easter you will receive the first of St. Anthony Parish's monthly newsletters. Please let us know what you think and whether there is something in particular you would like to see included. The newsletter and the pending web-site changes are being done to improve these conduits of communication. Maybe with March behind us, the real Spring weather will not be afraid to stay around. Congratulations to St. Anthony Band Director Christy Cyrus, our performing musicians and the "Clue" cast for jobs well done. Hope yours is a grace-filled Holy Week.

Calendar of Events

Noon - 1p, Confessions Mon-Thurs this week

- Sun 10a, Coffee/Donuts, pc lg
7p, Parish Reconciliation, St. Anthony Church
- Mon 7p, CCW, pc lg
- Tue 7:15a, Yoga
7p, Bereavement Support Grp, pc sm
- Wed 5:30p, Handbells, church
NO PSR
7:00p, Choir
- Fri No School/Offices Closed

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, vender 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.

Pictorial Directory Update

The directory committee has been working hard preparing it for printing. It was sent to Olan Mills in Mid March for them to set up for printing. We are hoping to have it available in June. Thank you for your patience.

Free Symposium for Family Caregivers

This is an evening of information, exhibits, door prizes and relaxation for those people who are providing care for older adults. They hope to address the concerns of spouses, adult children and other caregivers. This will be Thursday, April 16 beginning at 4:30 and done at 9:00 p.m. at the KC building in Effingham. To register call St. Anthony's Hospital at 217-347-1529 by Monday, April 13.

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.

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



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.

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