

Dear Parishioners,

After a very long and busy weekend with our annual parish picnic, things around the parish seem to have slowed down. That however, is the first impression. Instead, with the beginning of the school year fast approaching, there is no respite for any of our administrators, teachers, staff, and maintenance personnel. It is this time of the year that school plans are being finalized, classes are being readied, and our students and teachers reluctantly are anticipating the first days of school. It has been quite a summer with the demolition of our old grade school building and the finishing touches on the new school building. There are a few construction details that need to be worked through, but the building will be ready to welcome our teachers, parents, and students on August 19th. I do want to thank all those parents, students, and parishioners who helped this summer with the transition from the old to the new. All of you were a tremendous help—so thank you! I also hope that many of you took the opportunity to view our new school—there is only one word to describe it, WOW! We can be very proud of our newest structure and hope and pray that it will draw more young people closer to Christ and the sacraments and make a difference in our world.

Once again I want to thank our two co-chairs for our annual picnic this year—Eric and Julie Chojnicki, and Kurt and Lisa Strullmyer. Your planning, coordinating, and executing of our picnic this year was wonderful. Thank you again for all your hard work—we do appreciate your time and talents. Besides our co-chairs, I cannot thank enough the workers and chairpersons of the various stands and activities. You are the unsung heroes who follow through and make our picnic the success that it is. In fear of missing many, I will not even attempt to name you. Just know that I appreciate, as well as this parish family appreciates your time and efforts extended in preparation for this weekend as well as following through during the weekend event. We are not sure of how well we did financially but we hope to publish the results in a later bulletin.

As we look ahead, I want you to help us in preparation for our next RCIA class. We are in need of people who might be interested in finding out more information concerning the Catholic Church. If you know of someone who might be interested in asking questions, seeking answers, and finding out more about our Church, please contact Sr. Alicia at the parish office. We also ask that you invite them yourselves, and even bring them to the classes. Our

first class for our next RCIA session will be Thursday, September 10th, at 7:00 p.m. in the parish center. Please help us spread the word by inviting family members, neighbors, or friends to these sessions. There are no strings attached and anyone can quite at any time. So, if you know of someone who might be interested, please let us know. All it takes sometimes is an invitation.

Just a reminder that St. Anthony Schools will have their first day of school next Wednesday, August 19th. This day along with Thursday, August 20th will be ½ days. The first full day will be Friday, August 21st. I also want to remind our students who are attending the public schools that their first PSR class will be Wednesday, September 9th. However, there will be an informational meeting for parents and students on Wednesday, August 26th, at 6:30 p.m. in the parish center.

The “Why Catholic” program will begin the new session on the Creed this September. The sign-up for these sessions will be the weekend of September 12-13th. Please consider joining a group and finding out more about your Catholic faith in an informal setting.

Since Fr. Daren will be leaving us on the weekend of September 12-13th, we are planning on a farewell reception for him on Sunday, August 30th from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. During this open house we will be serving a light meal along with some cake and drinks. Please reserve this date in your calendar and make it a point to come and bid Fr. Daren a fond farewell, thanking him for his years of priestly service to our parish.

Last weekend, we introduced to our parish family the SCRIP program. In this program, you buy some cards from us from businesses for which you spend your money anyway and we in turn receive a percentage back. It’s a great bargain for everyone.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: A woman was driving home from a business trip in Arizona when she saw an old Navajo woman walking on the side of the road. She stopped the car and asked the Navajo woman if she would like a ride. With a silent nod of thanks, the old woman got into the car. The old woman sat silently through the trip until she noticed a brown bag on the driver’s seat. “What’s in the bag?” she asked. “It’s a bottle of wine,” the driver replied. “I got it for my husband.” “Good trade,” the Navajo woman said.

Fr. Leo L. Enlow

Mass Intentions

Monday, August 17, 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mass; 3:30 p.m. Communion Service at Evergreen: Dorothy Hoffman Anniversary, John Buff, Bruno Wajs

Tuesday, August 18, 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mass: Agnes Wernsing, Florence (Swingler) Goldstein Anniversary, 53rd Wedding Anniversary of Frank & Betty Esker, Clarence Bushur Anniversary

Wednesday, August 19, 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mass: Dr. Henry & Esther Poterucha family, Don Grunloh, Robert Belmore, Marion Zehner, Trudi Koebel

Thursday, August 20, 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mass: Marcella Niebrugge

Friday, August 21, 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mass; 2:00 p.m. Communion Service at Lakeland: Ed & Rose Niebrugge family, Eugene Dasenbrock family, Gary Walk, George & Philomena Haarman

Saturday, August 22, 6:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Mass: Celeste Thoele Anniversary, Gertrude Kreke Anniversary, Burnie Burford, 45th Wedding Anniversary of Richard & Maureen Brummer, St. Anthony High School Class of 1959

Sunday, August 23, 7:30, 9:15 and 11:00 a.m. Mass: Herman & Stella Mette, Andrew Kinkelaar Anniversary, George & Louise Willenborg family, Franklin & Margaret Platz, Otto Goldstein, Frank Dooling Anniversary, Joe & Anna Bloemer, Parishioners of St. Anthony



Bereavement Support Group

St. Anthony Parish Center
7pm Tuesday evenings
Next support group meets 8/25

Protecting God's Children Workshop

All St. Anthony Grade and High School parents are urged to attend one of the below workshops. Any grandparents wanting to volunteer in the schools also need this. To register call the parish office weekdays between 9 a.m. and 4p.m., 347-7129.

8/20, 6:30-9:30pm, St. Anthony Parish Center

Wedding Banns

- (III) Jaclyn Dust/Chad Miller
- (I) Stacey Burwell/Marty Jansen



RCIA

RCIA classes are open to all those who wish to inquire into the Catholic faith. Classes at St. Anthony Parish begin in September, and registration for this year's program is in progress. If you, or someone you know, would like more information about RCIA or would like to register to begin this process please call Sister Alicia at the parish office, 217-347-7129.



We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of Richard (Dick) Behl and Carol Burger. May God and our prayers console them at this time and may they rest in peace.

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

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| Rick Ashley | Carolyn Koerner | Ron Shoffstall |
| Mary Baker | Amy Koester | Jodi Sparks |
| Catherine Beckler | Linda Koester | Eric Stein |
| Jim Bloemer | Terry Kraft | Tom Stillwell |
| Jim Brady | Sue Kronerwitter | Lester Stoner |
| Ruth Brumleve | Michelle Kuhl | King Sutton |
| Lisa Crosson | Paul Lange | Lee Thomas |
| Art Dasenbrock | Minnie Luchtefeld | Rebekah Volk |
| Doris Dasenbrock | Donna Martin | Sr. Cordula Wekenborg |
| Alexis Didier | Lori Mathews | Craig Welch |
| Phyllis Jean DuFrene | Jolly Michels | Joyce Westjohn |
| Maureen Funneman | Mildred Nash | Donna Wilson |
| Joan Gardewine Ashley | Diane Rallo | Mark Worman |
| Dolores Hinkle | Delores Richter | |
| Kris Jansen | Larry Roewe | |
| Lucille Kaufman | Scott Schlipmann | |
| Lisa Kingery | Steve Sehy | |

PSR—Parish School of Religion

Parent/Student Meeting August 26, 6:30 p.m.

This meeting is in the parish center. All parents and students are required to attend. 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, 2010-11, be sure he/she is attending religion classes this year as well as next year.

Baptism Class

Parents wishing to have their children baptized need to attend a Baptism class every 3 years. The next class is Monday, August 17 at Sacred Heart parish center at 7 p.m. Please call the parish office to register, 347-7129.

Thank You from Father Ben

"There is no place like home," is the most appropriate adage for me, when I celebrated my 50th Anniversary to the Priesthood at St. Anthony's on July 12th. The parish staff, choir, classmates, and parishioners made St. Anthony, not only a home for me, but also for my 100 plus out of town guests. Would that I could say more, but dare I say less than, *THANK YOU!*

Rural King Fundraiser

August 10 through the 16th

Rural King will give a percentage rebate to our church on any purchase made the week of August 10-16. It means you shop the local Rural King Store during that week. *There are no exclusions on what is purchased.* At the end of the week you turn in your receipts **dated August 10-16** to the parish office. **The receipts MUST be the ORIGINALS.** We then total the receipts and mail them into the Corporate Office. Rural King will verify the total of the receipts minus sales tax and send us a check. *How simple is that!*. Please send your receipts to St. Anthony Church, RK Fund Raiser, P.O. Box 764, Effingham IL 62401 **before August 20**. You can also drop receipts off at the parish office.

Thank you for supporting your Church.

Pictorial Directory/History Book/DVD

All the above items are now available in the parish office for your pick up. If you ordered one or more of the above or if you wish to purchase any of these please stop by the office. You can come to the parish office during the week between 9am and 4pm.

Moms Ministry

Come Celebrate Our Faith!

Do you wonder why the Catholic faith has certain practices? Would you like to know the meaning behind their purposes? Come find out the symbolism behind many of our traditions.

St. Anthony Mom's Ministry will meet on Wednesday, August 19 in the Parish Center. Please arrive between 7:45 and 7:55 p.m.; we will promptly begin the rosary at 8:00pm. Fr. Daren will be enlightening us on many rituals and gestures of remembrance of God in the Catholic faith.

Come join us as we begin this new ministry where moms can pray together, grow in faith together, and network together in building stronger Catholic families. This Ministry is intended for moms who still have children in their care and for future moms. For more information contact Karie Sudkamp at 868-9001.

A Very Big Thank You!

We wish to thank everyone who helped and participated in the planning, assembly, cleanup and having a good time. Thank You chairpersons and volunteers. You made the picnic a success.

Kurt & Lisa Strullmyer
Eric & Julie Chojnicki

If anyone has comments or suggestions for next year's picnic please email Lisa or Julie at lisastrull@yahoo.com or juliechojnicki@hotmail.com

Wholly Hog Stand Thanks

We want to thank the Tom and Janet Haarmann family and the Kurt and Margie Haarmann family for the donations of the hogs. We thank Paul and Lois Hartke for the donation of the processing of the hog.

From the Choir Loft

Choir Choir Choir!!!!!!!

Returning for our 151st year, The Adult choir is open to all high school age and above parishioners who have a love of music and enjoy singing. The first fall rehearsal is September 9 at 7 p.m. in the parish center. All former and new members welcome. A fall schedule will be handed out at this first meeting. If you are unable to attend please contact Barb at the parish center office during regular office hours.

NEW ~ Men's Choir

Open to MEN only. All men of the church are invited to join in the first ever men's choir. The first meeting of this group is Thursday, September 10 at 7:30 p.m. for one hour in the parish center. Men this is your chance to start a unique music ministry. Come and see what it is all about.

Intermediate Choir

This choir begins Friday, September 11 at 3 p.m. after school in Mrs. Deters Grade School Chorus room. I-Choir is open to all 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders. Practice will last one hour and parents must pick up their students at the main door of the grade school using the circle drive. A schedule of rehearsals and Mass will be sent home with your student following this first meeting.

Clavinova Club

The St. Anthony Clavinova Club after school program is open to all parish children regardless of their skill level. If you are interested in joining this group piano club, please contact Barb Konrad at the Parish office for registration. Classes will be held on Tuesday and Thursday after school at the high school beginning September 8th. The Adult Clavinova Club will begin in October. Details to follow at a later date.

WHY CATHOLIC?

Why Catholic? Year 2

Retreat: Wednesday, September 2, at St. Anthony

Discovering God in the Ordinary

God said, "Come no nearer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place you stand is holy ground." Exodus 3:5

Kick off your shoes. Take off your distractions, busyness, and worry and rediscover God:

- ➔ in creation
- ➔ within yourself
- ➔ in the "Stuff" of Life

A Retreat for: the total parish; young adults; RCIA team and participants; Sacramental preparation; Catechist; small group members; members of Pastoral staff; Parish organizations; senior citizens; everyone! This is scheduled at the parish center from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

SCRIP is Here!!!



What is SCRIP? SCRIP basically is substitute money or gift card. You can use the cards for your groceries, gas, back to school needs and eating out.

With just a little planning on your part, you can help St. Anthony Schools. For example, you can order a \$100 Wal-Mart gift card from SCRIP at face value, Wal-Mart gives 2% back to St. Anthony Schools. There are a wide variety of national retailer and restaurant gift cards available through SCRIP, as well as several local retailers and restaurants. Every participating business offers a different discount.

Beginning in September on the first and third weekends after 4:30 Mass on Saturdays and after 9:15 Mass on Sundays cards may be ordered in the parish center.

Some of the local businesses participating are: Arby's, Bath & Body Works, Dominos Pizza, iTunes, Joe's Pizza & Pasta, Kohls, Little Caesar's, Long John Silvers, Marathon, Martins IGA, Maurices, Menards, Niemerg's, Pizza Man, Prime Sole, The Rosebud Theatre, Splash & Dash Car Wash, Subway, TGI Fridays, Walgreens, Wendy's Witt' Smokehouse & Deli, Starbucks, Steak N Shake.

For more information contact Michelle Kinkelaar, 217-868-9219 or Dawn Grubb, 217-343-2806.

St. Anthony Booster Club is looking for

The St. Anthony Booster Club is looking for an individual to be in charge of Admissions at Boys Varsity and JV Basketball games. This individual would be responsible for selling tickets and scheduling ushers at all home basketball games including tournaments. If interested please contact Dennis Worman 347-0176 or Mike Hoene 821-6817

Kitchen Update

Last week the stoves and ovens became "live" with both gas convection and ansul system installation. The existing stainless salad sink was rejuvenated by John Boos & Co. This week, with masons finished, the compressors will be set for the walk-ins and dishwasher exhaust. The kitchen equipment and hoods have cost \$65,000 and so far \$58,976 has been received. If you have been considering becoming involved financially, it is not too late to help completely fund this beautiful new kitchen.

Coaching Positions Available St. Anthony Grade School

Basketball

6th grade girls coach

7th grade girls coach

Track

Boys coach

Girls coach

Contact Kevin Palmer if you are interested in any of the above positions. He can be reached by email kpalmer@stanthony.com or call 217-342-6969.

Celebrating 50 years of Marriage or Longer

Come to a special celebration at St. Agnes Parish in Springfield on September 27 starting at 1:00 p.m. with a musical program, Holy Mass with renewal of wedding vows will start at 2:00 p.m., with a reception afterward. If you or your loved ones have been married 50 years or longer and would like to receive an invitation and/or a special certificate, please call the Office for Marriage and Family Life at 217-698-8500 ext. 132, or email mbutski@dio.org. Check the Catholic Times for a registration form to mail in!

A Prayer for Priests

Lord Jesus, in Saint John Mary Vianney you have given the Church a living image of yourself and a personification of your pastoral charity.

Help your priests during this Year for Priests to live good lives by being close to him and his example.

Grant that they may learn from the saintly Curé of Ars how to rest contentedly before the Holy Eucharist; to know that only your Word enlightens us each day; to know how tender is the love with which you welcome repentant sinners; how consoling is the confident abandonment to the care of the Holy and Immaculate Mother; how necessary is the ever-vigilant battle against Evil.

Amen.

OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS	
Annual collection budgeted goal for year ended 6/30/10	\$ 1,924,000
Actual collections through 08/9/09 (6 week)	(154,238)
Balance required to reach goal (46 weeks)	\$ 1,792,173
Average weekly goal for remaining 46 weeks	\$ 38,131
Actual weekly offerings received for 08/9/09	\$ 22,411

Capital Debt Retirement and SAHS Maintenance Fund	
Pledges to date (107.5%)	<u>\$913,564</u>
Amount received (97.6%)	<u>\$891,851</u>

. . .Our Weekly Offering total of \$154,238 for the first 6 weeks of this fiscal year is \$20,486, 15.3% ahead of the \$133,752 total for the first 6 weeks last year. That is a great beginning for our attempts to fund the Parish and School operations. Also after 6 weeks, the scholarship fund has received \$5,461 compared to \$1,812 last year. This year's goal is \$25,000. Last year, a little over \$21,000 was received. Thanks for all your efforts.

Prayer Vigil for Life

St. Charles Borromeo Church, Charleston, will host the August 17 prayer vigil for life. Father John Titus, pastor, will be celebrant and homilist for the 6:30 p.m. Mass. Praying the Scriptural Rosary will begin at 6 p.m. A short segment of the August Lifetalk news video will be viewed prior to the 7:30 business meeting. Everyone is urged to join us in prayer to end abortion.

Life Banquet

The annual Life Banquet will be held in the Keller Convention Center on September 24. If you would like to support the ministry by hosting a table please call the Family Life Center at 342-5433 during business hours.

Pray & Talk about Vocations

Dre's, Cre's, and All Catechists

Wednesday, August 19 ~ 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Special gathering for Dre's, Cre's, and all catechists, new and old, ministering in the Effingham Deanery. There is a light, evening brunch being served at the Teutopolis Museum off of Garrett St. behind St. Francis Church, along with an informative evening presented by Sister Jane Boos and Vicki Compton of the Diocesan offices. There will be explanation of the "Just(ice) Faith" program, lollow up action ideas to the Why Catholic gatherings. NO CHARGE; no obligations, just questions or comments. Must call 857-6477 to register by Tuesday, August 18. Bring your favorite snack or dessert.

When God Whispers: De Colores Weekend: Listen!

Men's weekend Nov. 12-15

Women's weekend Nov. 19-22

For more information contact Brian Schuette, 217-347-8776 or Mel & Nancy Weber 217-857-6262.

Calendar of Events

- Mon,** 7p, Baptism Class @ Sacred Heart parish center
- Wed,** 9a, Prayer Shawl, parish center small
- 6p, All High School Parent Mass, church
- 7:55p, Mom's, parish center small
- Thurs,** 1p, Protecting God's Children, Parish Center

**Effingham Knights of Columbus
First Degree Initiation**

As a Catholic, are you interested in promoting Vocations to the priesthood or religious life? Are you looking for more opportunities to volunteer to help those less fortunate? The Knights of Columbus offers this and much more. The Effingham Knights of Columbus will hold a First Degree Initiation at 6:30 p.m. on August 19. Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to practical Catholic men, age 18 years or older. A candidate must have a proposer who is a member and both the candidate and member should be there no later than 6:15 p.m. A social meeting at 7:30 p.m. will follow. Candidates are asked to contact Grand Knight Greg Koester at 217-821-7731.

Effingham Knights of Columbus

They are hosting a 4th Degree installation of officers for area 4th Degree Assemblies. It will be held a Sacred Heart Church in Effingham after a 2 p.m. Mass on Sunday, August 23. Assemblies from Effingham, Teutopolis, Newton, Mattoon and others will be attending. A light lunch with refreshments will be served at the Effingham KC Building following. Dress should be suit and tie. Everyone is welcome. Call Bob Walker, 217-821-6176 for more information.

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