

Dear Parishioners,

Summer vacation has come to a close. Each year I question myself at this time, “where did summer go?” I really don’t have any answer to my question other than the summer months seem to fly by, especially the older you get. And when I keep asking the same question, I know that I am getting older. Nevertheless, our schools, both public and St. Anthony, have been open since this past Wednesday. I hope and pray that this new school year finds our young people eager to learn, open to knowledge, and respectful of both teachers and peers. I also want to remind our young people, and I hope that our parents are reinforcing this, that they are to be respectful of their school buildings as well as anything in those buildings. All of us have an investment in these buildings, both public and private, and our young people should assume a responsibility for the care of them, as they would their own homes. As we begin another year of learning, we pray:

Blessed are you, God our Father,
maker of the universe; you have sent
Jesus to be our brother and to save us
in your love. Bless us as we begin
this year and help us in all we do for
you. Let your Holy Spirit give us light
and lead us to you through Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.

Parents of our PSR students, those attending the public schools, are reminded of a special meeting this Wednesday, August 26th, at 6:30 p.m. in the parish center. Classes for this program will start on Wednesday, September 9th, in our new grade school.

The weekend of August 30th is filled with differing activities. First, the Knights of Columbus will be here at the 7:30 a.m. to celebrate their fifth Sunday Communion and Breakfast. We are always happy to have the Knights with us since they do so much for our parishes and community. Then from Noon to 2:00 p.m. we will be having an open house for Fr. Daren. As you know, Fr. Daren will be leaving us on September 12th, as he has been appointed the pastor of Sacred Heart Church, Virden, and St. Patrick Church, Girard. This open house is our way of saying thank you to Fr. Daren for his years of service to St. Anthony as well as an opportunity for us to personally bid our farewell to him. I hope that each of you takes time out of your schedules to come and greet and thank him.

As pastor of the parish, each year I must give an accounting to you of our finances. Our fiscal year ended June 30th, and we are expected to publish our

finances as soon as possible. And so this weekend, we are giving you the results of your financial sacrifices.

Whenever I look at our financial picture, I become a little frightened, because once again we are at a deficit between our revenues and our spending. Furthermore, we used to have a surplus on reserve on which we could tap, but that was dissolved years ago trying to meet our budgets. This year, in an effort to balance our budget, we eliminated one position in our grade school, and froze all of our salaries for this year. But since we added kindergarten, the overall number of positions remained the same. We also budgeted with our new school increased maintenance needs as our reports indicate. We can’t continue to raise tuition, for then we lose students. The only way is to increase our Sunday collections. If our deficit continues, we will be forced to continue to eliminate positions, with the results being that our class sizes will increase, which goes contrary to what we believe is important. I don’t know what else to do with the economy the way it is. We were very fortunate to have an anonymous gift of \$200,000 or our debt to the diocese would be even greater.

If you look at the financial picture, our total receipts for this year were \$3,121,076, with our budgeted receipts being \$3,347,760. So from budgeted to actual, we were already in a deficit of \$226,000. Then our disbursements, the majority being salaries and employee related benefits (dictated by the diocese), were \$3,293,608. So from this perspective, we are at a deficit of \$172,532. Then if you add on our Annual Catholic Services Appeal bill along with Catholic Times bill because we did not make our goals, we have another \$61,715 added to the deficit. So as of this fiscal year, we are at a net cash deficit of \$252,389. Now you can see why I am a little frightened. To make the picture ever so clear, we have been operating out of deficit spending not only this year but, as you recall, the last two years. We keep borrowing from the diocese to pay our bills. So with this year’s deficit, and the combined deficits from the last two years, we owe the diocese \$435,000. The good part is that our construction projects are all paid for. We have no debt except the operational ones that have been occurring over the past years. But I have confidence in the generosity of our people and trust that they will respond to our needs. We are trying, but costs (health care, pension)—ACSA and Catholic Times also increase each year. Please help us so that I can sleep peacefully at night once again.

Fr. Leo J. Enlow

Mass Intentions

Monday, August 24, 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mass; 3:30 p.m. Communion Service at Evergreen: Norbert & Virginia Koester, John & Lidwina Pike, Francis Haarmann, Tom Doehring Anniversary, Norman Roewe Anniversary

Tuesday, August 25, 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mass: Charles Jansen family, Joe, Elizabeth, Harold & Maurice Metten, Doris Stumborg

Wednesday, August 26, 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mass: John Mette Anniversary, Leonard Niebrugge Anniversary, Johnny Schaefer Anniversary, Ben Beckman Anniversary, Matthew McNeely Anniversary, Katharina Grujanac

Thursday, August 27, 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mass: Alex Pickett Anniversary, Don & Betty Elmore, Ted Wortman, For All Priests, Eric Heuerman Anniversary

Friday, August 28, 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mass: Walter Kowalski, Nada Beigelbeck Anniversary, Herb Gaffigan, Sr. Anniversary, Mary Katherine Hoene

Saturday, August 29, 6:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Mass: LeRoy Borries family, Andrew Kinkelaar family, Henry Holkenbrink, Harry, Hilma & Alf Willenborg

Sunday, August 30, 7:30, 9:15 and 11:00 a.m. Mass: Edwin & Mary T. Fehrenbacher family, Charles Jansen Anniversary, Maurice Goldstein, Harold Sehi Anniversary, Joe & Wanda Dirks, Francis C. Brumleve Anniversary, John & Helen Dust, Parishioners of St. Anthony



Bereavement Support Group

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

Wedding Banns

(11) Stacey Burwell/Marty Jansen



Fr. Daren's

Open House

Sunday ~ August 30

12 Noon - 2:00 p.m.

Come to the parish center following next Sunday between noon and 2 p.m.. This is a chance to say your farewells to Fr. Daren before he leaves September 12 for his new assignment.

Pray for Vocations



We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of Mary Niemeyer. May God and our prayers console them at this time and may she rest in peace.

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

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

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.



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.



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.

Please contact the parish office if you plan on attending.

Thank You

The residents and staff of Wetherell House appreciate the dinner tickets for the Sunday dinner at the St. Anthony's Parish Picnic donated by the parishioners. It was truly appreciated very much.

*Thank You!
Wetherell House*



Coffee & Donuts Fellowship

Sunday ~ September 6

Come to the parish center after the 9:15 a.m. Mass and spend some time visiting.

Don't forget to bring the children

Mass Intentions

If you have not scheduled Mass Intentions for this year or wish to schedule additional for this year please stop in the parish office weekdays between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. You can also mail your requests to Mass Intentions, P.O. Box 764, Effingham IL 62401.

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.

Children's Liturgy

Earlier this summer, the Pastoral Council issued a survey to families with 3 and 4 year old children to rate the interest level of a pre-school program. We are happy to announce that the parish is interested in reigniting a Children's Liturgy program. The children will enter Mass with their parents and then leave right before the readings. They will be accompanied by the teachers and helpers into the parish center for their own lesson. They will return to Mass at the presentation of the gifts. This curriculum will be the same as what the Kindergarten and 1st graders use and will be offered during 9:15 Mass at a cost of \$10. *Coordinators, teachers and helpers are needed to ensure the success of this program!* This will fulfill the Sunday Mass requirement. To register your child and to volunteer your talents, please contact Nancy Bushur at 217-342-4479 or nbushur@hotmail.com.

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.

ATTENTION ~ Notice for Everyone about Church/Parish Center Parking Lot

Due to work on the playground-parking lot at the new grade school, the grade school students will be using the Church/parish center parking lot for recess and parent pick-up. The south half of this parking lot will be used for recess from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. At dismissal the entire parking lot will be used for parent pick-up.

DISMISSAL ORDER – PARENT PICKUP

Parent Pickup will be at the Parish Center parking lot. Vehicles should enter the parish center parking lot from E. St. Louis Avenue, by way of N. Fourth Street. After students are safely in their vehicle, vehicles will exit the parking lot onto N. Fourth Street. Families with last names beginning with the letters A-K should use the south lane/aisle of the parking lot (farthest from the parish center), while those whose last name begins with the letters L-Z are to use the north lane/aisle (closest to the parish center).



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.

Rural King Fundraiser

August 10 through the 16th

You can still turn in original receipts for the dates August 10-16 to the parish office. We 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 You can also drop receipts off at the parish office.

Thank you for supporting your Church.

Kitchen Update

Our St. Anthony family has done it again! Thank you so much to all the contributors to the kitchen project. The \$65,000 has been raised! The exhaust and return air were set last week as were, the compressors for the walk-in's. We are planning to have the kitchen in operation on Monday, August 31, 2009. Thanks again.

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

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 kpalm@stanthony.com or call 217-342-6969.

Counselor Training ~ Scouting

On Sunday, September 13 from 1-4pm at the Catholic Pastoral Center in Springfield there will be Scouting Counselor training for adult leaders who need certification as facilitators, moderators or counselors for the Ad Altare Dei, Pope Pius XII, Mary the First Disciple or the Spirit Alive religious awards program. For more information contact Kyle Holtgrave, 217-698-8500 ext. 154 or kholtgrave@dio.org or contact Kim Mills, 217-347-7531.

OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Annual collection budgeted goal for year ended 6/30/10	\$ 1,924,000
Actual collections through 08/16/09 (7 weeks)	(173,610)
Balance required to reach goal (45 weeks)	\$ 1,792,173
Average weekly goal for remaining 45 weeks	\$ 39,826
Actual weekly offerings received for 08/16/09	\$ 19,372

Capital Debt Retirement and SAHS Maintenance Fund

Pledges to date (107.5%)	<u>\$913,564</u>
Amount received (97.6%)	<u>\$891,851</u>

. . .The school year has officially begun! We have seen and heard more excitement this year and that is no surprise. What a beautiful and equipped school building. This year 51% of the support for the school operations will be provided by the parish. Tuition and fundraisers weigh in at 49%. The lifeblood of the parish revenues is the weekly offerings. Some of which are made weekly, some monthly, some annually. Thank you for the start this year. Last year our total was \$156,107 after 7 weeks.

Calendar of Events

- Mon,** 7p, Baptism Class @ Sacred Heart parish center
- Tue,** 7p, Bereavement Support Grp, pc sm
- Wed,** 6:30p, PSR Parent Meeting, pc lg
7p, Stewardship, pc sm
- Thurs,** 1p, Protecting God's Children, Parish Center

Mom's Ministry...First Friday Mass and Coffee

During the months of September through May Mom's Ministry will be having a First Friday Coffee at the home of Tessie Kabbes. We encourage you and your children to attend 8:30 a.m. Mass and come for coffee following. For more information call Tessie at 347-8784. The First Friday devotion among Catholics are related to the Sacred Heart of Christ. First Friday practices date to the last decades of the 17th Century, when Jesus appeared to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque and spoke to her of His Sacred Heart. Among the promises Our Lord revealed to St. Margaret Mary, the 12th specifically referenced practices for first Fridays: *In the excess of the mercy of my Heart, I promise you that my all powerful love will grant to all those who will receive Communion on the First Friday, for nine consecutive months, the grace of final repentance: they will not die in my displeasure, nor without receiving the sacraments; and my Heart will be their secure refuge in that last hour.*

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.

3rd Annual M.D.A. Golf Tournament
September 26 @ Fore-Way Golf Course
Registration 9:30 a.m. Tee-Off 10:00 a.m.
Four-Man Scramble ~ \$50 per Golfer
Call Kate for more information, 821-0976.

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.

Effingham Knights of Columbus

Their Fifth Sunday Communion will be August 30 at the 7:30 a.m Mass at St. Anthony Church with a breakfast at the Knights of Columbus afterwards. Effingham County States Attorney Ed Deters will be the speaker after the breakfast. All Knights and their families are encouraged to attend the Mass and breakfast. Contact Bob Kurtin, Lecturer, 217-347-7369 or Grand Knight Greg Koester, 217-821-7731 if attending for a count for the breakfast.

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!

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.