

Dear Parishioners,

The Diocesan Administrator, Msgr. Carl Kemme, has asked all the parishes in the diocese this weekend to celebrate the Mass for the Election of a Bishop. Because of this request, our readings and prayers will not be found in our missalettes. The parishes in our diocese are praying that our Holy Father, the Pope, will appoint a new bishop that will help us continue to build up the Body of Christ in this diocese of Springfield in Illinois. We further pray that this appointment comes without much delay so that our diocese will once again be led by one of the successors to the apostles. A special prayer has been designated to be said by all parishioners as we await the working of the Holy Spirit. Please cut this out and pray on a daily basis:

“Lord God, you are our eternal shepherd and guide. In your mercy grant your Church of Springfield in Illinois a shepherd who will walk in your ways and whose watchful care will bring us your blessing. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.”

If you received our bulletin last weekend or attended Mass with us, I had the task of presenting our financial picture from the past year. As our records indicate, we are in a financial pinch as we owe the diocese for operational expenses over the past several years. This year, in an effort to help us through this new budgeted year, we were forced to raise the tuition. Even though we might have lost a number of students, we really did not have much choice if we were to decrease our deficit for this year. Once again, I want to reiterate we will work with all

parents with regard to tuition so that any student who wishes to attend our Catholic school will be given the opportunity to do so. I also ask all those who read this financial report to talk to any of the Finance Council Members—Charlie Brumleve, Dave Brumleve, Todd Kabbes, Jim Hecht, or Ken Vogt—if you have any questions and/or concerns. Each member would be more than happy to discuss the financial picture with you. This is a much better approach than to draw differing conclusions and then sharing the negativity with others. Once again I want to reiterate that all of our buildings have been paid for, and that the debt that we have, \$450,000 is from operational expenses—not from any construction. This debt primarily is the result of declines in fundraisers, increases in employee

benefits over the past several years, our inability to reach our ACSA goal and Catholic Times goal, and our commitment to keep salaries at a competitive range in order to maintain our quality teaching staff. I only hope that you understand the report and will continue to give generously in support of our efforts.

One of the ways that you can assist us financially this year is to take part in what we call our SCRIP program. In this program, you buy cards from us to be used for your groceries, gas, restaurants, and a variety of other goods that we use all the time. For the cards that you use which are substitutes for money we will receive a certain percentage back from businesses. Please consult the bulletin for further details. As I said, it won't cost you other than what you would have normally bought—but it helps us. Beginning in September on the first and third weekends after 4:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday and 9:15 a.m. Mass on Sunday, you can come to the parish center and order your cards or pick up previous ordered. This is one fundraiser that will not cost you other than what you would have bought anyway at these various stores. The only thing that this SCRIP program requires is a little planning on your part, buying the cards instead of using cash. And our schools become the benefactors from your planning. So please help us!

We want to welcome the Knights of Columbus who are here with us for the 7:30 a.m. Mass as they are celebrating their Fifth Sunday Communion. I also remind you that Fr. Daren's farewell reception will be held this Sunday, Aug. 30th, from 12:00-2:00 p.m. Please come for a light menu and thank Fr. Daren for his service to our parish.

Finally, please consult our bulletin with regard to the WHY CATHOLIC retreat on September 2nd, and Fall program starting in September.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: A Church secretary takes a call. The caller says, “Is the head hog at the trough there?” The secretary says, “Please sir, do not refer to our pastor as the head hog at the trough. That is very insulting.” “Oh, I'm sorry. I meant nothing by that. It's just a local phrase we use in the part of the country I come from. The real reason I called was to donate \$50,000 to your building fund.” The secretary says, “Hold on. I see the Big Oinker coming through the door right now.”

Fr. Leo J. Enlow

Mass Intentions

Monday, August 31, 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mass; 3:30 p.m. Communion Service at Evergreen: Kathleen Repking, Frank Waldhoff, For the Sick

Tuesday, September 1, 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mass: Catherine Will, Louis & Charlene Thies family, Doris Stumborg

Wednesday, September 2, 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mass: Daniel Stephens, Sr., Tony Tegenkamp Anniversary, Marcella Niebrugge Anniversary

Thursday, September 3, 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mass: Alphonse Mette family, Frank Nuxoll, Herman & Stella Mette

Friday, September 4, 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mass; 2:00 p.m. Communion Service at Lakeland: Mary Kyle, Nick Dust, Frank Dooling family

Saturday, September 5, 6:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Mass: Clara Thies family, Celeste Reiss & family, Bill & Carrie Henning, Lou Hille & family, Peter & Katharina Grujanac family, Louis Waldhoff Anniversary, St. Anthony High School Class of 1969

Sunday, September 6, 7:30, 9:15 and 11:00 a.m. Mass: Tom Bryant, Michael Goeckner, George & Louise Willenborg family, Mary Manuel & family, Alf Niebrugge family, Lori Bohn Anniversary, Parishioners of St. Anthony



We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of Clifford Kaufman and Marie Martens.. May God and our prayers console them at this time and may they rest in peace.

Pray for Vocations

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

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



**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.

*Wedding Banns
(III) Stacey Burwell/Marty Jansen*



**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

PSR—Parish School of Religion

Begins ~ Wednesday, September 9

6:30 p.m. ~ St. Anthony Grade School

All St. Anthony public grade and high school students are urged to attend PSR. 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, 347-7129, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays.

From the Choir Loft

Choir Choir Choir!!!!!!!

Adult Choir's 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 is Thursday, September 10 at 7:30 p.m. for one hour in the parish center. 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.

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 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.

"Pink Out" Day for St. A Hospital Cancer Center

St. Anthony High School v Effingham High School

September 1 ~ St. Anthony High School

Food 4:30-6:30/Varsity Volleyball Match 7pm



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.

our_future@work update

.... Incredibly, our new school opened to accept students....Great achievement due to the planning of the various committees and the hard work from our general contractor and subcontractors and the patience of our parishioners, teachers and parents ... CONGRATULATIONS and thank you ... Over the next few weeks the elevator will be installed, the north parking lot completed and the band / stage area readied for use ... the parish is planning a dedication ceremony in the next month or two to acknowledge the blessed gift we have received ... stay tuned!

CCW News Notes

... **Attention Ladies:** St. Anthony Council of Catholic Women will be having their first meeting of the fall on Tuesday, September 8 at 6:30 p.m. This will be a salad supper. Each lady is asked to bring either a salad or a dessert. Come and meet your officers and committee chairwomen and enjoy some great food and fellowship.

... Did you know that as a member of St. Anthony you are automatically a member of the CCW?

... Did you know that one of the main responsibilities of our organization is to buy the hosts, wine and candles that are used at Mass and other church celebrations?

... Come and find out what else we do!

Photo's Needed

Do you have photos (digital or traditional) that illustrate the beauty of our church or pictures of our students or parishioners that capture the spirit of St. Anthony? Photos could be featured on our website or in a St. Anthony publication. For more information or to submit photos, email Eric/Nicole Zeller or Brad/Carrie Koenig at Fundraising@stanthony.com by Sept. 21 or call 342-9207.



PAW PRINTS

News and Notes

Three teachers with diverse educational experiences are new to the St. Anthony High School staff in 2009-2010.

Mrs. Jerris Cross will teach AP Literature, Speech, English II, and Creative Writing. Mrs. Cross served as an Arabic translator in the Navy before beginning her teaching career in Florida. Originally from Beardstown, Illinois, Mrs. Cross and her husband, **Tom**, have moved to the Effingham area.

Miss Amanda Jones is an Effingham native and will be teaching Spanish II at the high school and beginning Spanish in grades 4-8 at St. Anthony Grade School. Miss Jones lived in Honduras for a year and a half teaching missionaries' children before returning to Effingham and

her job at St. Anthony.

Miss Julie Runde, who calls Teutopolis home, taught in the St. Louis Inner-city schools for two years before returning to the Effingham area. Miss Runde is the new Learning Resource teacher and will also teach Exploratory Science.

Welcome to St. Anthony High School, Mrs. Cross, Miss Jones, and Miss Runde!

The Student Council and volleyball squad are teaming up to raise money for the St. Anthony Hospital Cancer Center. September 1st has been designated as "**Pink Out Day**," and all students are encouraged to wear jeans and a pink shirt for a one dollar donation to support efforts to fight cancer.

Additionally, SAHS has challenged the Effingham community to join in to help "**Pink Out the town**" on September 1st. "Pink Out" activities will continue that evening when the Bulldogs take on the cross-town rivals in what promises to be a spirited volleyball match. The varsity match is set to begin at 7:00pm. The goal is to "**Pink Out the gym**," so fans are encouraged to wear pink or purchase a commemorative pink t-shirt at the match.

St. Anthony Volleyball parents will be grilling sandwiches (4:30-6:30), conducting raffles, and holding a serving contest among other fund-raising activities. The Effingham Flaming Hearts will also be participating in the fund-raising events.

St. Anthony High School

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Calendar Highlights

- ☺ 09/01/09, Pink Out Day
- ☺ 09/02/09, Diocese Fall Regionals, 11:48 dismissal
- ☺ 09/07/09, Labor Day, No School
- ☺ 09/17/09, First Quarter Midterm
- ☺ 09/27/09, Special Olympics Volleyball Tourney, SAHS



September Home Activity Calendar

SEPTEMBER 1

VB v Effingham, 6:15
B/G XC v Olney, 4:15
Soccer v Vandalia, 4:30

SEPTEMBER 3

Soccer v Olney, 4:30
VB v Edwards County, 6:15

SEPTEMBER 8

Soccer v Carlyle, 4:00
Girls Golf v Effingham, 4:00

Tennis v Hillsboro, 4:30
Baseball v Beecher City, 4:30

SEPTEMBER 9

Baseball v Brownstown, 4:30

SEPTEMBER 10

B/G XC v EHS, 4:00
Soccer v EHS, 4:00
Baseball v North Clay, 4:30

SEPTEMBER 12

Soccer v Mater Dei, 11:00

SEPTEMBER 14

Baseball v Ramsey, 4:30

SEPTEMBER 15

VB v Cowden-Herrick, 6:15

SEPTEMBER 17

Baseball v Dieterich, 4:30
VB v Brownstown, 6:15

SEPTEMBER 19

Tennis, Bulldog Invitational, 9:00am
Baseball v Putnam County, 4:30

SEPTEMBER 21

Girls Golf v Mattoon, 4:00

SEPTEMBER 22

Tennis v Effingham, 4:30

SEPTEMBER 23

Baseball v South Central, 4:30

SEPTEMBER 24

Soccer v Salem, 4:30

OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Annual collection budgeted goal for year ended 6/30/10	\$ 1,924,000
Actual collections through 08/23/09 (8 weeks-\$24,266 average)	(194,129)
Balance required to reach goal (44 weeks)	\$ 1,729,871
Average weekly goal for remaining 44 weeks	\$ 39,315
Actual weekly offerings received for 08/23/09	\$ 20,519

**Capital Debt Retirement and
SAHS Maintenance Fund**

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

. . . Hopefully, you have taken the time to read Fr. Leo’s column last week and reviewed the report of revenues and expenses for the fiscal year ended 06/30/09. We have received a few questions and would be happy to answer any you may have. Knowing schedules and lives change, if you would like to make your regular contributions electronically, please let us know. At least 35 parishioners currently have chosen that method.

Calendar of Events

- Sun,** 7:30am Mass, KC 5th Sunday Communion, St.A
Noon-2p,Fr. Daren’s Farewell Reception, pc
- Mon,** 7p, Baptism Class @ Sacred Heart parish center
- Tue,** 4:30p, “Pink Out” tailgate, SAHS
7p, St. Anthony v Effingham “Pink Out” Volleyball,
SAHS
- Wed,** 6:30p, Why Catholic? Retreat, pc lg
- Sun,** 10a, Coffee & Donuts, pc

Church Cleaners for September

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>Goldstein, Gerald</i> | <i>Goodwin, Rex/Janice</i> |
| <i>Goldstein, Larry/Susan</i> | <i>Gray, John/Barbara</i> |
| <i>Goldstein, Mark/Shari</i> | <i>Gray, Tim/Dianne</i> |
| <i>Goldstein, Paul/Janie</i> | <i>Green, Mary Jo</i> |
| <i>Gomez, Jesus/Elizabeth</i> | <i>Green, Matt/Marla</i> |
| <i>Gonzalez, David/Heather</i> | <i>Green, Richard/Susan</i> |
| <i>Gonzalez, Juan/Therese</i> | |

Ushers for September

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| 4:30 p.m. Saturday | Brent Puckett, Dick Rhodes |
| 7:30 a.m. Sunday | Tony Weber, Ron Althoff |
| 9:15 a.m. Sunday | Craig Kabbes, John Dietzen |
| 11:00 a.m. Sunday | David Schuette, Kevin Behl |

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

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.

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!

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.