

Dear Parishioners,

It's hard to believe that this is the last weekend in our month of July. With the way the weather has been, it seems more like October than July. But we will be paying for this beautiful weather with some very hot, humid, and muggy days ahead. Personally, I always hate to see this month come to an end because it marks the end of vacations for some, and the thought of a new school year for others. Since we cannot control time, we will try to live the remaining days of summer one day at a time.

This weekend would be an excellent starting point to talk about stewardship. As you should know, stewardship is the recognition that everything that we have, everything that we are, our gifts from a God who loves us. This recognition is the beginning of living a life of stewardship. The next step in stewardship is a basic trust in this God whose generosity will never be outdone. If we have this basic trust, then we will have no difficulty returning to God a portion of what He has given to us, be it our time, talents, or treasures. Our gospel is a basic affirmation of this trust in God. Jesus has a large crowd surrounding Him and listening to His Words. He knows that He will have to provide for them, not wanting them to leave hungry. He asks Philip, "where can we buy enough food for them to eat?" As the gospel tells us, "He said this to test him because He knew what He was going to do." It was an impossible task—not even 200 days wages would have covered the cost. And so what Jesus does is to take what they have, 5 barley loaves and two fish, and He feeds the 5000 people gathered. The miracle of the loaves and fish tell us in no uncertain terms that God will take what we have, be it our time, talents, and treasures, and will multiply them over and over again. When we are generous to our God, His generosity will never be outdone. Do you believe this? If we can say, "yes," then we are beginning to be a stewardship person; and hopefully, a stewardship parish.

This past weekend, representatives from Catholic Charities spoke at all of our Masses, asking us to contribute to the work, service, and ministry of Catholic Charities here in Effingham. There was some confusion so we only took up a second collection after two of our Masses. If anyone did not contribute to this charitable service to our community, I ask you to use your parish envelopes to do so. If anyone else other than parishioners would also like to contribute, I ask you to put your donation in an envelope and just mark it Catholic Charities. With the way our economy is

today, this community charity is going to be in need of our help if we are to meet the many needs of those who are hurting or suffering. If you can help, please do so by using your parish envelope marked Catholic Charities.

On Thursday, July 16th, I had the privilege to meet Fr. Daren's replacement and had lunch with him in Springfield. His name is Fr. Joseph Koyickal, SAC, who will be coming to us on October 1st. Fr. Joseph is a member of the Pallotine order and has served for seven years as a pastor of a parish in Milwaukee. He currently is completing his Clinical Pastoral Education Program at Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota. He has a dual citizenship, India and the United States. He was born in India in 1955 and ordained on October 19, 1980. I truly do look forward to his coming and hope and pray that you, like you always do, welcome him with open arms and hearts in the service of this parish family. Welcome, Fr. Joseph.

Fr. Ben Meyer left us last Thursday, July 23rd, to return to his home in Denver, Colorado. It is always a great time to have him with us as he adds so much to our rectory, Church, and community. He is an excellent example of a dedicated priest and I can't thank him enough for all that he does for our parish. When he is here, I can always leave without any worry. So, on behalf of our entire parish family, and myself personally, I thank you Fr. Ben for your visit with us. May God bless you in all that you do.

Can you believe that in two weeks, we will be celebrating our parish picnic? If you haven't signed up, or if no one has asked you to work, there are many opportunities. Don't wait for a phone call—call any of the numbers of the chairpersons and they will help you find some stand, activity, or game that is in need of workers.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: A first assignment for a trainee in an auto-body shop was a car needing a new fender and some door repairs. The trainee spent hours doing a perfect job, but when the owner came to pick it up, he wasn't pleased. "What's wrong?" the trainee asked. Pointing to the side of the car, he complained about the paint not matching, uneven gaps between panels, and a host of other problems. He demanded an explanation. The trainee smiled and said, "the repairs were to the other side."

Fr. Leo J. Enlow

Mass Intentions

Monday, July 27, 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mass, 3:30 p.m. Communion Service at Evergreen: Agnes Wernsing, Jim Mahon Anniversary, Mary Kyle Anniversary, Ferd Breer Anniversary

Tuesday, July 28, 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mass: Andrew Kinkelaar, Andrew & Terry Lee Niebrugge, Elsie Hook Anniversary

Wednesday, July 29, 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mass: Louise Willenborg, Clem & Clara Goldstein family

Thursday, July 30, 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mass: Daniel Stephens, Sr.

Friday, July 31, 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mass; 2:00 p.m. Communion Service at Lakeland: Sean Niebrugge, Ted Wortman Anniversary, John (Jack) McHale

Saturday, August 1, 6:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Mass: Maurice Brumleve Anniversary, Rodney Goodwin Anniversary, St. Anthony High School Class of 1979, Joe Bushur

Sunday, August 2, 7:30, 9:15 and 11:00 a.m. Mass: Anton Dasenbrock family, John & Mary Goldstein, Elsie Deters Anniversary, Nick Koste Anniversary, Pauline & Henry Engbring family, Harry & Helen Haarmann, Paul Baker, Parishioners of St. Anthony



We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of Ron Niebrugge, Sr. who died this past week. May God and our prayers console them at this time and may he rest in peace.

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

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

Wedding Banns

(III) Melissa Mietzner/Eric Schumacher
(I) Jaclyn Stephens/Adam Jansen

**Coffee & Donuts****Fellowship****Sunday ~ August 2**

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

Don't forget to bring the children

Baptism Class

Parents wishing to have their children baptized need to attend a Baptism class every 3 years. The next class is Monday, July 27 at St. Anthony parish center at 7 p.m. Please call the parish office to register, 347-7129.

Pictorial Directory Pick up

After all Masses this weekend, **July 25 & 26** the new pictorial directory will be handed out to those families/individuals who had their picture taken by Olan Mills and/or those who submitted their picture for the directory. Come to the parish center after the Masses. After this weekend come to the parish office during the week only from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Protecting God's Children Workshops:

The following groups **MUST** take one of these workshops if they have not, **BEFORE they can have contact** with St. Anthony students and children, 0-18 years of age. **ALL Coaches, Teachers, Subs, PSR staff, Volunteers and Staff & Helpers.** To register call the parish office between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., 347-7129.

8/12, 6:30-9:30pm, St. Anthony Parish Center

8/13, 1:00-4:00pm, St. Anthony Parish Center

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

PSR—Parish School of Religion

Letters and registration forms for 2009-10 classes have been mailed. Your prompt response is greatly appreciated. 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.

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

RECOGNIZE *God's Attention Getter* in your life

GROW in an awareness of the Potter who continues to form you into a vessel of love

CELEBRATE the lives of ordinary people, who led extraordinary lives

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.

our_future@work update

... Please note that an open house with tours will be available at our new grade school from 2-4pm on Saturday August 8 ... The new school will be ready for students on August 19 with the exception of the elevator and the band room /stage The kitchen will be ready for equipment installation the first week of August ... The parking lot southwest of the new school is being graded and paved as of this writing ... Goff Gym has received a new coat of paint, new lights and new ceiling tiles as well as a full fire protection system and 2 gym level locker rooms ... Teachers have been busy at work detailing their rooms and the administration team is hard at work planning for the new school year ... stay tuned!

Kitchen Update

The 2 convection ovens and 3 stoves are being stored for reuse. The new walk-in cooler and walk-in freezer are almost installed. The dishwasher will be reused, thanks in part to John Boos & Co, but needs a new hood. Additionally, a new hood to vent the stoves and convection ovens was installed, because the old one could not be reused. Added to the new kitchen will be a tilt skillet, a warmer/proofer and a garbage disposal. The estimated costs for the walk-ins, equipment and hoods is \$65,000. So far \$58,134 has been received. Thanks to all those who have been involved. If you would still like to participate financially with the new grade school, the kitchen is another area that benefits students in all 13 grades, as well as the faculty.

St. Anthony Jr. High Baseball

Meeting for **players and parents**

Monday ~ July 27 at 6:00 p.m.

St. Anthony High School Multi-purpose room

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.

Pray & Talk about Vocations

St. Anthony High School BACK-TO-SCHOOL INFORMATION

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| August 11 | <u>Registration*</u>
Seniors, 9:00am
Juniors, 10:00am
Sophomores, 11:00am
*JA- FA Photo will be taking individual yearbook photos during registration. |
| August 11 | Freshman Orientation*, 6:00pm, Enlow Center, MPR
*Ja Fa Photo will take individual yearbook photos beginning @ 5:30. |
| August 12 | New Employee Meeting @ SAGS, 8:30am
High school fall sports practices may begin. |
| August 17 | Teacher In-service, 8:30am
CPR/AED Training (Staff) |
| August 18 | Teacher In-service, 9:00am |
| August 19 | Student Half Day, 11:48 dismissal
Assembly (8:20) plus 5 th , 6 th , & 7 th periods |
| August 19 | Back-to-School Mass for all SAHS students and parents, 6:00pm, St. Anthony of Padua Church. Handbook review in the Parish Center will follow Mass. |
| August 20 | Student Half Day, 11:48 dismissal
Early Bird (7:40) plus 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , & 4 th periods
Teacher In-service, 1:30-3:00 |
| August 21 | First Full Day of Classes, 2:50 dismissal |
| August 25 | Freshman Retreat @ Bishop Creek
8:30-2:30pm |

St. Anthony Parish Picnic ~ August 8 & 9

Picnic Tickets

Please take a moment to pick up your Picnic Raffle tickets in the church entrance. As you sell your tickets you can turn in the money and stubs early to the parish office.

Picnic Information

The picnic is fast approaching. Please continue planning for your donations to the:

Cake Stand ~ from your warm ovens. Start baking and freezing. (Cake boxes will be available for ONLY this stand, at the entrance of church.)

Country Store ~ from your gardens and ovens. (Homemade jams/jellies, breads, pies, cookies, puppy chow, caramel corn . . .)

Fancy Works ~ You can drop off items for the stand on Thursday, August 6, between 5 and 8 p.m. Please enter from the north side of the high school by going down the stairs and follow the signs. If you need something picked up please call Angie at 868-9753 to make those arrangements. Thank you for sharing your talents with us.

Hamburger Stand ~ Thank You to those who have already generously donated this year: Leonard & Rosemary Bushur. If you are interested in donating for the cost of meat and processing for the hamburger stand, please contact Kirk and Emily Hartke at kirkandemily@yahoo.com or 342-1031. Your donation is appreciated!

Mystery Box ~ Small gifts for someone to pick from. Please mark with the age, gender and price on each gift. Each family is asked to spend \$5- \$10. You can put them in the box in church marked Mystery Stand.

New Menu for 2009 Parish Picnic

Fried Chicken & Pork, baked potato, corn, salad bar, sweet yeast roll, dessert, tea & lemonade, Adults \$8/Children \$4.

The menu changed this year due to the grade school facility being under construction. In years past the grade school kitchen, freezers, and walkin refrigeration were utilized.

Garden Produce needed for New Dinner Menu

We are in need of your extra garden produce for the picnic dinner. **Tomatoes, Peppers, and Cucumbers** will be needed for the salad bar. We appreciate your generosity! You may bring them to the Parish Center Kitchen

Thursday and Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Saturday 9 a.m. to Noon and Sunday after 8 a.m.

PICNIC STAND CONSTRUCTION

@ High School @ 5:00 p.m. ~ Thursday, August 6

All stand chairperson(s) need to be there and bring your own help. Bring your hammer and other tools you need to construct your stands. **DO NOT bring a saw!!** Any questions call Greg Bushur 868-5708.

“Catholic Charities Dinner Tickets”

Every year we are blessed by many generous people making donations for us to supply free meals to our local group homes and Catholic Charities for the Sunday dinner. If you would like to help with this you can place money for tickets (\$8 for Adult, \$4 for Child) in an envelope marked “Catholic Charities”. You can place this in the collection basket, bring to the parish office or mail to at P.O. Box 764, Effingham IL 62401. God Bless you for your support!

Dinner Pies/Cakes ~ Families with last names beginning with **A-N need to bring 2 pies** and those with **O-Z need to bring 1 cake**. If you can't bake those bring cookies, cupcakes, etc. Of course you can bring **your specialty**. REMINDER there is no refrigerator space. Pie pans are in back of church.

"Attention Runners and Walkers"

The **3rd Annual Bulldog Challenge Run/Walk** in memory of Colin Woods is a 5K run & 2 mile walk on August 8 at 8:30 a.m. at St. Anthony High School. Registration is \$20. Registration forms available online at www.stanthony.com. Race proceeds donated to St. Anthony Booster Club school's soccer, track and cross country teams.

Church Cleaners for August

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.

<i>Gilpin, Troy/Sarah</i>	<i>Goeckner, Mark/Dawn</i>
<i>Giometti, Dennis/Nancy</i>	<i>Goeckner, Neely</i>
<i>Goeckner, Brock/Susan</i>	<i>Goeckner, Paul/Mary</i>
<i>Goeckner, Gary/Meg</i>	<i>Goeckner, Sandy</i>
<i>Goeckner, Kent/Susan</i>	<i>Goeckner, Travis</i>
<i>Goeckner, Larry/Trudy</i>	<i>Goldstein, Dave/Jayne</i>

Ushers for August

4:30 p.m. Saturday	Bart Willenborg/Bob Behrman
7:30 a.m. Sunday	Dan Worman/Mike Mathy
9:15 a.m. Sunday	Frank Esker/David Lustig
11:00 a.m. Sunday	Hank Stephens/Paul Rexroat

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

OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Collection 7/19/09.....	\$ 22,113
Collection YTD (3 weeks).....	\$ 65,110
Collection Last Year (3 weeks).....	\$ 55,272

Capital Debt Retirement and SAHS Maintenance Fund

Pledges to date (107.5%)	\$913,564
Amount received (97.6%)	\$891,701

. . .The collection need for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, will be included here when the budget is finalized. Last year's total was \$1,510,473 and was about \$362,000 short of our needs. Because of this we owe the Diocese for bills unpaid as of 06/30/09. More details to follow.

St. Anthony After School Program

Help Wanted! The After School Program is looking for junior/senior high school students and college-age individuals interested in working alongside child care professionals and children between the ages of 5-12 years. The individual will be responsible for supervision of the students and assisting the program leader. This will be a paid part-time position. Interested candidates should send resume to:

dlkabbes@yahoo.com and/or:
Debbie Kabbes,
807 Park Hills Drive,
Effingham, IL 62401.

For additional information please contact Debbie Kabbes at 217-347-5809.

*Pray for good weather for the farmers
and the upcoming picnic*

Service Hour Opportunity!

Just Berries Strawberry Farm needs help. The family-owned farm is located 1 mile East of Stewardson. Call Carolyn Beitz @ 343-8348 to schedule a time to help with berry patch maintenance. Early morning hours and supervised.

Teen Mission Work Camp 2010

I have 25 reserved spots for next year's camp to Walpole Island Indian reservation in Ontario, Canada. I will take applications now until filled. These 25 reserved spots are only good until September 1st. This is a very popular camp and I'd expect that any spots I have to return will be used by other groups. All I need now is a \$50.00 non-refundable deposit to hold your spot at this camp.

For more information call Glenn Pankonen at 347-0575.

Effingham Deanery Council of Catholic Women

These ladies will gather on Wednesday, August 5 at St. Charles Borromeo in Casey for a wonderful opportunity to share, organize, be empowered, educated and refreshed spiritually. This will begin at 6pm with Mass followed by the meeting.

Calendar of Events

Mon, 7p Baptism Class, St. Anthony parish center
Tue, 7p, Bereavement Support Group, pc sm

First Communion Pictures

There are still some First Communion pictures to be picked up. Come to the parish center office from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday - Friday.

8th Grade Promotion Pictures

You may pick up your 8th grade promotion pictures at the parish center office, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday - Friday.

When God Whispers:

A 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.

Unit 40 Preschool & K-8 Registration: If you received a letter in the mail in June from Unit 40 Preschool Program, Kindergarten or 1st - 8th, please come to registration. If you did not receive a letter, please call after August 7 for eligibility. Call East Side 540-1380. Registration is at **Effingham High School.**

Aug 4	A-G	12pm-6pm
Aug 5	H-Q	12pm-6pm
Aug 6	R-Z	10am-2pm

Check your letter to see what you need to bring with you to registration.

*Help Your Church and Schools by selling
as many Picnic tickets that you can.*

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