

Dear Parishioners,

As I look at our calendar, this weekend is the last weekend in our month of June. This seems hard to believe as I think that school has just recently let out for summer vacation—but our calendar says otherwise. Over a month of our summer vacation is completed and I keep asking myself where has it gone? I'm just as busy now as I was when school was in session.

This weekend the Church celebrates the 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Our readings today confront the reality of evil in the world. Our first reading from the Book of Wisdom maintains that God does not do evil—that “God did not make death, nor does He rejoice in the destruction of the living.” The conclusion drawn from this reading is that if there is evil in the world, it is not because of God. God “formed man to be imperishable; the image of His own nature He made him.” So if evil is present, if death is a reality, it is “by the envy of the devil, and they who belong to his company experience it.” Many of our evils in society would be diminished if only we do God’s Will, if we reflect the very nature in which we are made, if we follow the Commandments. I know that this is a simple answer to a very difficult question, and doesn’t explain all the evils in our world. But if everyone lived the Commandments, we wouldn’t need prisons, we could rid ourselves of some social diseases, and perhaps the world would be a better place. I know that this is idealistic—but it is a beginning step in ridding ourselves of evil in the world.

Next Wednesday, July 1st, I will be leaving on vacation to join my entire family in the northern woods of Wisconsin. Since I have related to you the hazards of this vacation—swarming mosquitoes, biting deer flies, and the occasional twisted ankle from looking for golf balls in the woods—I won’t have to relate them again. But I will be leaving on Wednesday and will be returning sometime on Friday, July 10th. There are a number of reasons for this shortened vacation but suffice it to say some things just didn’t work out as planned. In my absence, Fr. Ben Meyer will once again be with us. He is always a breath of fresh air and we enjoy his presence with us. This year is very special to him and to the Church for he is celebrating 50 years as a priest of God. As his home parish, we are privileged to celebrate this occasion with him on Sunday, July 12th, at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. After this celebration, our parishioners are invited to a social in the parish center right after the Mass. I invite all of you to attend this special day in the life of one of our

own—Fr. Ben Meyer. We are so very proud of him and feel very privileged that he wants to celebrate this occasion with us. So please mark your calendars for Sunday, July 12th.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Kelly McDevitt for her many years of service to St. Anthony High School as the school secretary. Kelly has retired and is pursuing other interests. On behalf of the many students, the faculty, and the administration of our high school, thank you Kelly for your ministry to our Church and school.

Next weekend, July 4-5th, we welcome Fr. Deogratias Mwikira, a priest from the Catholic diocese of Bukoba, Tanzania, East Africa, who will be preaching at all the Masses in conjunction with the Missionary Coop Plan of the diocese. The diocese of Bukoba, is densely populated with a population of 2,900,500 of which 73% are Catholics. The country of Tanzania is one of the ten poorest countries of the world. The Church in Bukoba has been striving to solve severe problems that have been pressing on people for a long time. These problems are social and economic. The diocese delivers both religious and social services to the local population. These include education and health care, all of which are provided on a non-sectarian basis. The faith is very strong in the diocese but the Church, due to the poverty in the country, is facing many needs. And it is in these needs that we can be of help. I ask you to listen attentively to Fr. Deogratias’ message and then, as usual, respond with your generous hearts. Even though times are difficult for us, the people who are being served by this diocese, are truly impoverished and need our help. Thanks for listening.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: Bulletin Bloopers:

“Don’t let worry kill you—let the Church help.”

“Ladies, don’t forget the rummage sale. It’s a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around your house. Bring your husbands.”

“Miss Charlene Mason sang ‘I will not pass this way again,’ giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.”

“For those who have children and don’t know it, we have a nursery downstairs.”

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment, and gracious hostility.”

Fr. Leo J. Enlow

Mass Intentions

Monday, June 29, 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mass; 3:30 p.m. Communion Service at Evergreen:

Verena Brumleve, Peter Paul Vondenbosch family, Clarence & Clara Willenborg family

Tuesday, June 30, 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mass:

Mary Louise Hoffman Anniversary, Frances Beckman Anniversary, Louis J. Thies Anniversary, Eugene Dasenbrock family

Wednesday, July 1, 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mass:

Poor Souls In Purgatory, Special Intention

Thursday, July 2, 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mass:

LeRoy Borries Anniversary, April D. Baron, Frankie Waldhoff, Herman & Stella Mette

Friday, July 3, 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mass; 2:00 p.m. Communion Service at Lakeland:

Dr. Henry & Esther Poterucha family, Ted Wortman, Nick Dust, Lou Hille family

Saturday, July 4, 6:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Mass:

Howard Goellner, Margaret Byrnes Woods, Joe Griesbaum, Otis, Marcella & Tom Bryant, Andrew Kinkelaar family

Sunday, July 5, 7:30, 9:15 and 11:00 a.m. Mass:

Clem Green, Tom Bryant, Margaret Byrnes Woods, Clarence & Marie Dust, Clarence & Anna Bushur, Parishioners of St. Anthony

**Pray & Talk
about Vocations**



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

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

**No Coffee & Donuts in July
See you August 2nd**

MASS INTENTIONS

Have you scheduled Mass Intentions for 2009? If you would like to schedule additional Intentions in **July** and **August** please stop in the parish office weekdays between 9:00a.m. and 4:00p.m. or mail your requests to Mass Intentions, P.O. Box 764, Effingham IL 62401.

Radio Mass

Our 4:30 p.m. radio Mass crew is in need of more volunteers to assist in recording the Saturday evening Mass. Please contact Robin at the parish office if you can assist in this ministry. No experience necessary, we will train you!

Baby Bottles for Life

The Baby Bottles for Life you took home with you on Mother's Day weekend can be brought back to the church or parish office. All donations help the Family Life Pregnancy Care Center.



Wedding Banns

- (III) Allison Steber/Eric Koester
- (II) Jennifer Schuette/Kurt Kabbes



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.



Offices Closed

The parish offices will be closed on Friday, July 3. They will reopen Monday, July 6.



Bereavement Support Group

St. Anthony Parish Center
7pm Tuesday evenings
Next support group meets 6/30

Vacation Bible School

“Caring For All God’s Creatures”

VBS will be the week of July 6 - 10 at Sacred Heart School from 9:00 a.m. to Noon each day. If you have any questions, contact Sharon Buenker 343-4501; Jackie Tegenkamp 618-267-7977 or Darlene at the parish office 347-7177.

VBS is in need of baby food jars for a craft project. Please put in box in church.

From the Choir Loft

The second concert in our summer Classical Concert Series will feature the local group, St. Johns Brass. They will perform selected works on Sunday, July 12, at 7:00 pm in the church. This 45 minute concert is open to the public and a free will donation for the artists will be taken.

Members of the group include our own Adult Choir trumpeter, Amanda Moloney and Glen “Lip” Lewis on trumpet, Dennis Lading and Justin Marxman on trombone and Brian Milleville on tuba. This is a treat to hear this excellent group of talented musicians in concert at St. Anthony Church.

Church Cleaners for July

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>Frichtl, Jason</i> | <i>Gardewine, Terry</i> |
| <i>Fuhr, Ron/Kathryn</i> | <i>Gardewine, Todd/Gina</i> |
| <i>Gabb, John/Suzanne</i> | <i>Geen, Art/Sarah</i> |
| <i>Gable, Mark/Christine</i> | <i>Gengler, Dean/Betty</i> |
| <i>Gaddis, Breann</i> | <i>Gephart, Glen/Coleen</i> |
| <i>Gaddis Brent</i> | <i>Gibson, Michael/Stacy</i> |
| <i>Gaddis, Pat/Vickie</i> | <i>Gilbert, Dave/Terri</i> |

Ushers for July

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| 4:30 p.m. Saturday | Ken Stuckey/Don Niebrugge |
| 7:30 a.m. Sunday | Carl Bushur/Jeff Mihlbacher |
| 9:15 a.m. Sunday | Mark Tegeler/Brad Koenig |
| 11:00 a.m. Sunday | Jeff Kinkelaar/Mike Schabbing |

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

SAMBA Meets

SAMBA's next meeting is Monday, July 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the High School band room. All parents of grade school and high school students involved in band, chorus, or drama are invited. We hope to see you there to begin planning for the next school year!

“Oklahoma”

FACE and SAMBA will present Rogers & Hammerstein’s “Oklahoma!” at the Enlow Center at St. Anthony High School. Dinner Theatre performances are Friday, July 24 and Saturday, July 25 at 6:30 p.m. Dinner Theatre tickets are \$25. Theatre-only performances will be held on Thursday, July 23 at 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday, July 26 at 2:00 p.m. Theatre only tickets are \$15 for adults and \$7 for students. Send payment along with a self-addressed, stamped envelope to SAMBA, P.O. Box 6003, Effingham, IL 62401. Or call 347-FACE (3223) during normal business hours. All profits will benefit the Fine Arts programs at St. Anthony schools.

Volunteers Needed

SAMBA and FACE have an immediate need for volunteers to help with set building, costumes, stage and technical crew for their production of "Oklahoma!". If you are able to help, please contact Laura Connerly at 821-5196 **as soon as possible.**

Time - The Foundation of Stewardship

You may have read in the June Stewardship Newsletter about “*Time The Foundation of Stewardship*”. It talks about Fr. Damien and his works with the lepers. He found his strength in the Mass, the greatest prayer of the Church. Prayer was the impetus behind the generosity of this faithful servant of God, and is the fuel that ignites every heart to flame in love. Without prayer, without the grace that flows from the sacraments, we are incapable of leading lives of service and responding to God’s call!

How much time do you dedicate to prayer each day? One hour? 15 minutes? None at all? When pondering the three T’s of stewardship – time, talent and treasure; the time component holds the position of greatest importance; it serves as the fertile ground from which the gifts of talent and treasure blossom. Only by spending time in prayer each day and receiving the sacraments are we able to consistently and generously donate our talent and treasure to the Church.

Have you considered joining a parish ministry or volunteering your talents in service? Wonderful! But before you make a commitment; be sure you will be there to honor that commitment. Make prayer part of your foundation. Identify a prayer schedule that is manageable. This may mean arising 20 minutes early each day to offer your work to the Lord, or attending daily Mass once a week. Every prayer commitment is unique and personal.

***St. Anthony Parish Picnic
August 8 & 9***

Want to work at a stand? Go to stanthony.com and click on the bulletin link across the bottom of the page and then find the June 14 bulletin. Look on page 5 of that bulletin at the various stands and call the chairperson for the stand(s) you or your family might want to work at. Call and see if they need volunteers. We have an update for the Dinner Chair. Please call Aimee Moore at 342-5828 for any information about the dinner. What a great way to meet people and be a volunteer. The Picnic will be here soooooon.

Picnic Tickets

Look what's coming July 9th! You will find at the main entrance of Church, envelopes with your names on them containing your picnic tickets. Look at the prizes listed on the tickets for this year and sell those tickets. Imagine you or someone winning prizes you purchased chances on or sold chances to.

"Attention Runners and Walkers"

- Challenge your former classmates, friends and family to take part in the **3rd Annual Bulldog Challenge Run/Walk** in memory of Colin Woods. The race is scheduled for August 8 at 8:30 a.m. at St. Anthony High School. A 5K run and 2 mile walk is planned.

Advance registration (deadline 7/20) is \$15 and includes a t-shirt. Registration the day of the race is \$20. Registration forms are available online at www.stanthony.com. Click on the link on the home page. Race proceeds will be donated to the St. Anthony Booster Club for the school's soccer, track and cross country teams.

Any business or individual interested in being a race sponsor, please contact Kevin Roepke at 347-7038 for more information.

Fancy Works Stand

Have you started or finished any items? This year this stand is hoping to see many of our parishioners newly made treasures. People visiting the stand are always looking for those items people spend time making. They ooh and aah over the simplicity to the intricate works, wood making items, quilts, baby blankets and many of the other original works. If you have not started making something please start today.

Thank you for sharing your talents with us.

our_future@work update

... work has begun on the north side of the building with the foundation for the stairway and elevator area completed...the laying of brick and block has also begun...a new locker room is being built in northwest corner of Goff Gym...the kitchen construction continues with all walls being framed and plumbing roughed in...stay tuned!

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.

Kitchen Update

Phase 2 is running at a good clip. The basement location of the elevator well has been created as clean-up of the old buildings continues. Drywall should be almost installed in the new kitchen. A new walk-in cooler and walk-in freezer have been purchased. The 2 convection ovens and 3 stoves have been moved and will be reused. The dishwasher will be reused, but needs a new hood. Additionally, a new hood to vent the stoves and convection ovens is needed 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 \$43,034 has been received. Thanks to all those who have done so. 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.

Catholic Charities Food Pantry

The next collection to help put items on Catholic Charities Food Pantry is this weekend, June 27/28. They can use non-perishable items. Please leave them by the Memorial Wall between the Church and parish center next weekend. They thank you for all you are doing to help others.

OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Annual collection budgeted goal for year ended 6/30/09	\$ 1,872,000
Actual collections through 06/21/09 (51 weeks)	<u>(1,483,775)</u>
Balance required to reach goal (1 weeks)	<u>\$ 388,225</u>
Actual weekly offerings received for 06/21/09	<u>\$ 20,499</u>

**Capital Debt Retirement and
SAHS Maintenance Fund**

Pledges to date (107.5%)	\$913,564
Amount received (97.6%)	\$891,551

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**Come to the Parish Office
to purchase/order**

The DVD's ARE HERE! You can pick up your pre-ordered copy in the parish office between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays. *Sesquicentennial DVD, 1858-2008* is a short presentation of the 150 years of St. Anthony Church. You can purchase a copy in the parish office for \$10.

St. Anthony Century Book, 1858-1958 ~ This is a reprint of the original book. The cost is \$35 and we have copies in the office.

Press on to the Goal, St. Anthony Parish History 1958-2008 ~ This is a continuation of the reprinted book. Come to the parish office and order your copy. The cost is \$40.

Mission Trip to Racine Wisconsin

These are the teens and adults that went on a mission trip this past week to serve the needy residents of Racine Wisconsin. We thank you for your support. If you see any of us at church be sure to stop and ask about our camp experience

Craig Brummer	Jay Kowalski
Mary Jo Bushur	Michael Nosbisch
Emily Calhoon	Nicholas Nosbisch
Heather Esker	Paige Oltman
Jack Fifer	Devan Quandt
Theo Fifer	Charlie Schultz
Ashley Goldstein	Christopher Schultz
Lauren Hoelscher	John Schultz
Ryan Hoelscher	Rory Woods
Layna Hoffman	Mitchell Wortman
Allie Kabbes	William Hoelscher
Connor Kabbes	Patti Jansen
Michael Kabbes	Robert Mette
	Glenn Pankonen

Sacred Heart Picnic June 27 & 28

Grounds open Saturday 5pm - midnight and Sunday Noon - 11pm. Chicken & Ham dinner served from 11am to 7pm in their air-conditioned parish center. Auction Sunday at 2pm.

Calendar of Events

Tue 7p, Bereavement Supt Grp, pc sm

Knights of Columbus July 4th Mass

Come to the Effingham Knights of Columbus pavilion on July 4th for their Mass. It will begin at 9:00 a.m.



St. Michael Church Picnic

Sunday ~ July 19
Picnic begins at 11:00 a.m.
Dine in air-conditioned gym, 11a-7p

Pray for those who are homebound

Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs

...proudly presents Helping Hometown Heroes, Tuesday, July 7 from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Illinois National Guard Armory, Various State and Federal Agencies will be available. To Inquire call 217-342-8493.

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