

Dear Parishioners,

The long awaited month of May has finally arrived. During this month, there are many things happening for us as a parish and school. Exams will be here soon, followed by promotions and graduations. Another school year is coming to a close and summer vacation is just around the corner. As we close this school year, there will be much activity in our grade school in the next few weeks. The old school building, which served us so well for many years, will be prepared for demolition. As we make the final preparations, we will begin the process of moving into the new building. That means that we will be in need of many volunteers to move books, desks, and other accumulative materials. Please check our bulletins for the times needed for assistance and I ask you to volunteer a day or two in making our transition easier for everyone involved. As I said, there will be much happening in the next few weeks as we close our school year.

Today as we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Easter, this Sunday could be designated as "Good Shepherd Sunday." In our gospel, Jesus proclaims, "I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me." The role of the shepherd was to protect the sheep, feed the sheep, lead the sheep, and bind up the wounds of the sheep. Through His life, Jesus fulfills this mission of the good shepherd, even to the point of laying down His life for His sheep. This is what we celebrate this Easter season. May each of us hear the voice of our good shepherd, calling us to follow Him ever more closely. As we celebrate "Good Shepherd Sunday," I also challenge you to pray for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The voice of the shepherd remains constant, calling our young people to follow as shepherds of the Church. The only problem is that there are so many distractions, so many other voices enticing our young people, that they fail to hear the voice of the Good Shepherd to come and serve in the Church. To further the distraction, there are many parents of our young people who do not provide the thought, let alone the encouragement, to follow the voice of Christ in serving the Church. Some day, unfortunately, we will be without priests in local parishes and wonder why. Let us pray that our young people will discern God's call in their lives and respond willingly with loving hearts to serve the Good Shepherd and His Church.

This Sunday, the Council of Catholic Women will be having their annual Mother-Daughter breakfast

in the parish center after our 7:30 a.m. Mass. Our guest speaker is Sr. Raphael Ann Drone, a Precious Blood Sister from Ruma, Illinois. I have known Sr. Raphael Ann since my seminary days and she, like her sister, Sr. Alicia, are well grounded in their faith, their vocation, and their service to the Church. We welcome Sr. Raphael Ann Drone to our parish. I hope that our women will enjoy her message to them this Sunday.

As I have stated previously, we have engaged Catholic Stewardship Consultants to help us become a "stewardship parish." You have seen some results of this in our first newsletter that you received via the mail. Other newsletters will be forthcoming. Part of their package to us is a "stewardship retreat" for the leaders of our parish. This "retreat-workshop" begins this Friday, May 8th at 6:30 p.m. and ends on Saturday, May 9th sometime in the afternoon. I ask your prayers for us as we begin this process of becoming a stewardship parish.

One of the reasons we need to be stewards of this parish is to get more people involved and take ownership of this Church. With fewer vocations, we need to have our parishioners actively involved, and actively participating in our Sunday liturgies. All of us need to recognize our blessings in life, and upon recognizing these blessings, then offer back to God, the source of our blessings, our time, talents, and treasures. All three offerings go hand in hand in becoming a stewardship Church.

Last October, Ken Vogt, a member of our Finance Council spoke at all of our Masses, encouraging people to continue to give to help us make our ends meet in this parish. Many of you responded very generously and for several months we were meeting our budgeted goals. However, after our last Finance Council meeting, we are most aware of a growing deficit (\$350,000) that leads all of us to be quite worried. Most of the deficit is reflected in a decline in Sunday envelopes (average is \$29,000 and our budget is \$36,000 per Sunday), the decline of our Catholic Schools fundraiser, the increase in ACSA (shortfall of \$49,000), and the increase in health insurance (to \$8,000 per employee). As you can see our Sunday envelopes are not meeting our goals. I ask you to reconsider your stewardship and respond as generously as you can, sharing your gifts of time, talents, and treasures.

Fr. Leo J. Enlow

Mass Intentions

Monday, May 4, 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mass; 3:30 p.m. Communion Service at Evergreen:

Andrew & Terry Lee Niebrugge, Leo & Clara Westendorf family, Henry & Anna Repking, Antoinette Schultz, Joe & Suzette Brumleve, Marcella Bourgeois Anniversary

Tuesday, May 5, 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mass:

John & Lidwina Pike, Ed & Rose Niebrugge family, Special Intention, Walter Kowalski, Otto Goldstein

Wednesday, May 6, 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mass:

Frank & Louise Vonderheide, Ray Will, Kelly Brown

Thursday, May 7, 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mass:

Dr. Henry & Esther Poterucha family, Russ & Mary Uptmor, Ray, Carlene, Bob & Joe Went, Henry Worman Anniversary

Friday, May 8, 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mass; 2:00 p.m. Mass at Lakeland:

Florence Goldstein Anniversary, Sean Niebrugge

Saturday, May 9, 6:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Mass:

Anton Dasenbrock family, David Probst, Wes & Joyce Wilson, Karen Hall Anniversary, Arlene Pals

Sunday, May 10, 7:30, 9:15 and 11:00 a.m. Mass:

Deb Hutchinson, Mary Maduscha, Dawn Conkling, Evelyn Caldwell, Gerry Bishop, Mary Kyle, Joe & Wanda Dirks, Helen R. Dust, Parishioners of St. Anthony

Pray for Vocations

MASS INTENTIONS

Have you scheduled intentions for 2009? Would you like to schedule additional Intentions in **May**? 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.

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

Mary Baker	Caroline Hoene	Eleanor Mross
Catherine Beckler	Heather Hoene	Mildred Nash
Robert Belmore	Kris Jansen	Diane Rallo
Jim Bloemer	Jeaneane Jenne	Larry Roewe
Jim Brady	Lucille Kaufman	Scott Schlipmann
Joyce Budde	Lisa Kingery	Steve Sehy
Carol Burger	Janet Knabe	Ron Shoffstall
Lisa Crosson	Amy Koester	Jodi Sparks
Marie Cyr	Linda Koester	Irene Steppe
Art Dasenbrock	Terry Kraft	Eric Stein
Doris Dasenbrock	Sue Kronerwitter	Leonard Unkraut
Denise Devall	Michelle Kuhl	Rebekah Volk
Alexis Didier	Donna Martin	Donna Wilson
Maureen Funneman	Lori Mathews	Mark Worman
Joan Gardewine Ashley	Herman Mette	
Joe Hettermann	Jolly Michels	
Molly Hirt	David Mross	

our_future@work update

...**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** ... We are in need of volunteers at 1pm on May 11th to assist in moving the books from the old library to the new media center. The books will all be packed and ready to move. We need able bodied volunteers to carry the box of books up to main level where they will be carted to the new school. We will also need assistance on May 22,23,26 and 27 to assist in moving the classrooms. If you are able to assist please call the grade school at 347-0419 or email Mrs. Byers at mlb@stanthony.com

Cross with a Rooster??

Does anyone have a **picture of the cross with a rooster** that was mounted on the top of the church steeple **until 1941**? The Sesquicentennial DVD creators would like to have a copy for the DVD.

Please drop it off by parish center office **by May 12**. *Thank You!*



Bereavement Support Group

St. Anthony Parish Center
7pm Tuesday evenings
Next support group meets 5/5

BABY BOTTLES FOR LIFE

This is the 9th year as a fundraiser for the Family Life Pregnancy Care Center. The bottles will be available for pick up after all Masses Mother's Day weekend, May 10, and returned on Father's Day weekend. The main purpose of the Center is to save the lives of the unborn. Help them continue to reach abortion vulnerable women with hope and help by taking the baby bottles home and fill with change or bills. *God Bless & Thank You*

Our Bulletin Publisher Representative

Brian Bastic, representing Diocesan Publications (Our Bulletin Publisher) will be at the parish the week of May 18. He will be renewing present advertisements and seeking new ones. If interested please call the parish office 347-7129. We feel this is an excellent service and that the sponsors get good coverage with their ads. **THANKS TO YOU**, and **DIOCESAN PUBLICATIONS**, the bulletin is published weekly at no cost to the parish.

**Sesquicentennial DVD-
St. Anthony Parish 1858-2008**

*"I wonder of the stories
These three bells would relate
If they could tell of all they've seen
Up to the present date."
The Bells of St. Anthony*

In conjunction with the St. Anthony High School Multimedia class, a DVD has been created to give the history of St. Anthony Parish witnessed by these bells. The video spans the 150-year history of our parish including the current construction of the new grade school. The DVD is available for \$10.00 and can be preordered using the order form at the bottom of this page. The DVD will be released on The Feast of St. Anthony, June 13th.

St. Anthony Grade School seeking teacher applicants for second grade beginning with 2009-10 school year.

**Send letter of application and resume to:
Mary Lynn Byers
St. Anthony Grade School
412 N Third Street
Effingham IL 62401
Applications due May 4, 2009.**

9th Grade Physical Reminder

A reminder to incoming freshman and their parents that all freshmen are required to have a completed physical form on file in the high school office by mid-October to be compliant with state law. Physical forms will be sent home with all SAGS and SHGS 8th graders. **Sports physicals DO NOT fulfill the freshman physical requirement.** No separate sports physical is needed for freshmen.

Saint Anthony's Century, 1858-1958

Pick up a copy or two of the reprinted Saint Anthony's Century, 1858-1958 for \$35. You can come to the parish offices in the parish center Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. for a copy. Just think you can start reading this one and have it finished by the time the next 50 years comes in June. You can order the next 50 years, Press on to the Goal, by returning the form below.

Payment should be directed to: St. Anthony of Padua, P.O. Box 764, Effingham IL 62401

Press on to the Goal: St. Anthony Parish History, 1958-2008

Order your copy today of the *Press on to the Goal: St. Anthony Parish History 1958-2008*. The pre-sale price for Press on to the Goal is \$40. Release of the book is scheduled for the Feast of St. Anthony on June 13, 2009.

Name _____ No. of Copies _____ Amount Enclosed _____
Address _____ Phone _____

Order forms and payment should be directed to: St. Anthony of Padua, P.O. Box 764, Effingham IL 62401

St. Anthony Sesquicentennial DVD (1858-2008)

Order your copy today of the **St. Anthony Sesquicentennial DVD, 1858-2008**. The cost of the DVD is \$10. Release of the DVD is scheduled for the Feast of St. Anthony on June 13, 2009. This DVD was created within our parish.

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May News

May 3, 2009

REMINDERS

- Transportation reimbursement claims may be filed in the grade school office from May 18th through May 22nd. This reimbursement is available to parents or legal guardians who must provide transportation to and from school because free transportation is not available for their children. The student must either live 1-1/2 miles or more from school or live less than 1-1/2 miles from school but must be transported due to a serious safety hazard approved by the Illinois Department of Transportation.
- Tuition, fees and fines must be paid in full by May 15th.
- Physical and dental exams are required for students entering grades 2 and 6 in the fall.
- Physical, dental, and eye exams are required for students entering Kindergarten in the fall.
- Sports Physicals will be available for \$20, by appointment only during June & July, with Dr. Eckstein's Office, 217/342-5405.

LUNCH REMINDER

As of May 4th students will need to bring a sack lunch since the kitchen will not be accessible. The school will have milk and water for sale for 30 cents each.

UPCOMING DATES

- 5/1 Library books due
- 5/8 Last day for A/R Store
- 5/11 Last day for Computer Lab 15
CDA Mtg for Contest Winners, 7:00 p.m., KC Bldg
- 5/13 Last day for Computer Lab 105
Gr. 1 to Ballard Nature Center
- 5/14 Behavior Celebration
- 5/15 Gr. 2 to Scovill Zoo, Decatur
- 5/18 Grade 8 Awards, 8:45 a.m.
Promotion, 7:00 p.m.
- 5/19 Gr. 4-7 Awards, 8:45 a.m.
Gr. 2-3 Awards, 10:30 a.m.
2:00 All School Mass
Last day of student attendance
- 5/20 Teacher Institute
- 5/21-28 Move into new building

MOVING

We will be needing lots of help to move the classroom furniture, library books, the textbooks and supplies, as well as the teachers' personal items. In addition we have many areas (cafeteria, storage areas, etc.) that need cleaned out. Mrs. Dawn Grubb has volunteered to help coordinate this massive undertaking. If you are able to help, please contact the grade school office at 347-0419. Thanks to all those who are able to volunteer. It is appreciated.

CONGRATULATIONS

Several of our students have had success in various competitions recently.

Solo & Ensemble Contest

Band Results - all first place

Cameron Voyles (bell solo)
Noah Lohman (alto saxophone solo)
James Ritz (alto saxophone solo)
Emily Wortman (trumpet solo)
Tierney Hammer & Sarah Wortman (clarinet duet)
Sarah Wortman (clarinet solo)
Brianna Siemer (flute solo)
Luke Jansen (trumpet solo)
Kate Richards (trumpet solo)
Tierney Hammer (clarinet solo)

Piano Results

Nate Schmidt & Emily Wortman (duet) - first place
Nate Schmidt (solo) - first place
Luke Jansen (solo) - first place
Emily Wortman (solo) - second place
Sarah Wortman (solo) - second place

Catholic Daughters of America Contest

Poetry Division I

2nd place - Ashley Dietzen
3rd place - Mary Claire Wegman

Essay Division I

2nd place - Kristin Slaughter

Essay Division II

1st place - Lauren Horn

Computer Art Division II

1st place - James Ritz

Art Division I

1st place - Hunter Niebrugge
3rd place - Will Clausius
3rd place - Jared Hutchison

Art Division II

3rd place - Erin Goeckner

OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Annual collection budgeted goal for year ended 6/30/09	\$ 1,872,000
Actual collections through 04/26/09 (43 weeks)	<u>(1,285,518)</u>
Balance required to reach goal (9 weeks)	<u>\$ 586,482</u>
Average weekly goal for remaining 9 weeks	<u>\$ 65,164</u>
Actual weekly offerings received for 04/26/09	<u>\$ 27,287</u>

Capital Debt Retirement and SAHS Maintenance Fund

Pledges to date (107.5%)	<u>\$913,464</u>
Amount received (97.4%)	<u>\$889,851</u>

.....Trying to properly communicate the weekly contributions and on-going parish needs, several different formats have been utilized. If we look at the numbers above, a little differently, we see that our annual goal of \$1,872,000 is \$36,000 per 52 weeks. Our actual of \$1,285,518 collected over 43 weeks, averages \$29,896. The difference between \$36,000 and \$29,896 is \$6,104, which times 43, is \$262,422. This is the shortfall to date. Our average collection over the past 3 months has been \$23,776. If this continues for the next 9 weeks it will create a total shortfall of \$372,000 for the year.

Calendar of Events

- Sun 8:30a, Mother/Daughter Breakfast, pc
- Tue 7:15a, Yoga
7p, Bereavement Supt Grp, pc sm
- Wed 6:30p, PSR Closing Mass, church
- Thur 7p, RCIA & family Closing Mass

Ministry of Care

After reading the first newsletter, that went out in April in the mail, you might want to share your time in the Ministry of Care. Sister Jane Marie Hotze, our Pastoral Associate, invites you to consider one of these rewarding Ministry. If you would like more information about the Ministry of Care call her at the parish office at 347-7129.

Lead the Rosary: A volunteer or volunteers are needed to lead the rosary at Evergreen Nursing Home on the 4th and/or 5th Wednesday at 3:30 p.m.

Eucharist to the Homebound: On Wednesday and Sunday we have our volunteers visiting our homebound parishioners. They visit our homebound and give them the Eucharist.

FACE Holding Auditions

FACE (Fine Arts County of Effingham) is holding auditions for our summer musical **Oklahoma** by Rogers and Hammerstein, Monday and Tuesday, May 11 & 12 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Anthony High School Enlow Center. There is a need for 11 men and 8 women, plus crew. These are all singing roles and while most roles are younger people (late teens or twenties with some older roles), anyone is encouraged to audition. Anyone wishing to audition should prepare a short vocal (1-2 minutes) to demonstrate their singing range and volume. In addition, there will be cold reading from the script.

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

Raffles for Teen Mission

The following raffles are to benefit our teens going to a mission work camp in Racine, Wisconsin in June. Tickets sold after Masses and at the parish center. More information call Glenn Pankonen, 347-0575.

Thank you for your support!

Cub/Cardinal Baseball Ticket Raffle

Purchase raffle tickets to win 4 tickets to a Cubs vs Cardinals game on Thursday, May 21 at 7:15 p.m. at Busch Stadium. Tickets are in the 3rd/4th row near the autograph section on the 1st base line. Great Seats!!! Can't make that date they can be exchange for a different game, same seats.

Tickets: \$5 or eight for \$10

Drawing Sunday, May 17

Playhouse Raffle

This is a playhouse that the teens helped build, using the skills they will need during their camp week in Racine.

Tickets: \$5 or 10 for \$20

Free delivery within 30 miles

Have you talked about Vocations?

FUN FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY!

Gloriously funny Late Nite Catechism performs 3 shows at The Rosebud Theatre May 8 & 9. Part catechism class, part stand-up routine. To coordinate a group, please contact Deana Nuxoll at 217-540-2787, ext 221.

**Annual Austin Lockett Memorial Golf Scramble
Friday, May 15 ~ Rain or Shine**

Cardinal Golf Course - \$75 per player/ 4 person teams

All proceeds from this annual scramble benefit the mission and ministries of Catholic Charities. If interested in playing, sponsoring a hole, contributing a prize, or making a financial contribution contact Catholic Charities, 217-857-1458. The playing fee includes Green fees, cart rental, food and beverages.