

Veteran's

Day

St. Anthony of Padua

*Veteran's Day Mass
Wednesday, November 11*

7:00 p.m.

Reception following

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday celebrates the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Our readings today fit perfectly with our theme of being a “Stewardship Parish.” In our first reading from the Book of Kings, Elijah went to the home of a widow in Zarephath. He asked her for a cup of water to drink and a bit of bread to eat. The widow answered him, “As the Lord, your God lives, I have nothing baked; there is only a handful of flour in my jar and a little oil in my jug. Just now I was collecting a couple of sticks, to go and prepare something for myself and my son; when we have eaten it, we shall die.” Wow! This widow was honest in speaking to the prophet—she was so poor that she was preparing her last meal. And yet, Elijah asks for a share of her meal. The widow hears Elijah pronounce, “the jar of flour shall not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry.” Because of her sharing from her very needs with the prophet, our reading states that “he was able to eat for a year, for the jar of flour did not go empty nor the jug of oil run dry.” Once again, if we practice the true stewardship, meaning that God takes the first fruits of our time, talents, and treasures—we too have the same reassurance that we will never go without our basic needs. This takes much trust to be a steward. And it seems to go against every thought process we have. For the way that we sometimes operate, we give back to the Lord only after we pay our taxes, house payments, car payments, dues to clubs, tuition, and other items—and then what is leftover, we give to the Lord. But this runs contrary to being a steward. To be a steward, Christ comes first—with our time, talents, and treasures, and then only after that do we pay our bills and taxes. You might say, well, I might not have enough? But what is enough in our vocabulary. Did the widow have enough before she gave from her need? No! But that is the best part of stewardship—when we are stewards, our jars will not go empty nor will our jugs run dry—God will provide.

Today is called Commitment Sunday. For the past two weeks, we have been leading up to this weekend with our homilies, talks, and mailings. Today all parish families are asked to bring their Commitment Card to Mass. During Mass, as a parish community, we offer God our gifts of time, talent, and treasure. Our goal, as I stated before, is to be a Stewardship Parish—a community who is noticeably committed to prayer, parish ministry, and generous financial support. All three are equally important. May God bless you as you make your commitments.

If you did not attend Mass this weekend here at St. Anthony, I ask you to return these commitment cards to the parish via the mail, collection, or just dropping them off. Each of you also received an envelope that will keep your commitment between you and God. Once again, we do not view these individual cards but only the tabulations that come from them. The only exception to this is when you have volunteered to be in some type of parish ministry—in order for us to include you, we will be given your names with the ministry desired. I am hoping that we have 100% participation. Help us realize that goal by sending in your commitment cards.

Next Wednesday, November 11th, is Veterans Day. All of the Veterans who have served our country as well as family members and parishioners are invited to attend this special Mass that evening at 7:00 p.m. in St. Anthony Church. In this Mass, we will pray for our country, pray for those who have given their lives in the service of our country, and to thank our many veterans for their contribution to keeping our country free.

Once again, I remind you that November is the special month that we remember those “who have gone before us in death.” One of the gifts that we have been given is the gift of St. Anthony Cemetery. In my years as your pastor, we have been able to expand our cemetery for many years to come as well as not only maintain but also improve this burial place for our loved ones. We still need your help as we continue our progress. There are special envelopes in your packet of parish envelopes to encourage you to help us in making improvements to the cemetery. The many lots that have been purchased are used to maintain the cemetery—especially the cutting of grass. This is quite costly especially in a wet year. But if we want to improve areas, we need this special collection to help us. Thanks for your support!

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: An old man was sitting on his porch, when a young man walked up with a pad and pencil in his hand. “What are you selling, young man?” he asked. “I’m not selling anything, sir,” the young man replied. “I’m the census taker.” “A what?” the man asked. “A census taker. We are trying to find out how many people are in the United States.” “Well,” the man answered, you’re wasting your time with me. I have no idea.”

Fr. Leo J. Enlow

Mass Intentions

Monday, November 9, 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mass; 3:30 p.m. Mass at Evergreen: Agnes Wernsing, Living & Deceased Members of the Catholic Daughters of America, Verena Brumleve Anniversary, Don Kabbes, Senior Kairos Retreat Participants

Tuesday, November 10, 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mass: Gerry Bishop, Jack Kabbes & family, Gertrude Koebel Anniversary, Tony Osthoff

Wednesday, November 11, 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mass; 7:00 p.m. Veteran's Mass: LeRoy Borries family, Cecilea Walk family, Catherine Nuxoll Anniversary, Leo Reiss family, Marcella Hochdaffer, Al Haarmann family

Thursday, November 12, 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mass: John Niemann Anniversary, Ralph H. Koester, Bertha Mette, Ronald R. Niebrugge

Friday, November 13, 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mass; 2:00 p.m. Mass at Lakeland: Frank & Betty Esker family, Clarence Walk family, Harry & Hilma Willenborg family

Saturday, November 14, 6:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Mass: Terry Lee Niebrugge Anniversary, Helen Breer Anniversary, John Steppe, Otis Bryant Anniversary, Pete Niebrugge Anniversary

Sunday, November 15, 7:30, 9:15 and 11:00 a.m. Mass: Henry & Geraldine Nolan, Frank & Louise Vonderheide, Doris Stumborg, Mary Katherine Hoene, Bertha Mette, Joann Warren, Ronald R. Niebrugge, Parishioners of St. Anthony



Bereavement Support Group

St. Anthony Parish Center
7pm Tuesday evenings
Next support group meets 11/17

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

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| Mary Baker | Lisa Kingery | Eric Stein |
| Catherine Beckler | Carolyn Koerner | Tom Stillwell |
| Jim Bloemer | Amy Koester | Lester Stoner |
| Jim Brady | Terry Kraft | Lee Thomas |
| Lisa Crosson | Michelle Kuhl | Joyce Vahling |
| Art Dasenbrock | Dorothy Levitt | Rebekah Volk |
| Doris Dasenbrock | Minnie Luchtefeld | Sr. Cordula Wekenborg |
| Alexis Didier | Donna Martin | Craig Welch |
| Larry Fehrenbacher | Agnes Meyer | Valentine Wente |
| Joan Gardewine Ashley | Jolly Michels | Joyce Westjohn |
| Bruce Hartke | Mildred Nash | Michael Wheeler |
| Jim Jansen | Diane Rallo | John Wiedman |
| Kris Jansen | Steve Sehy | Mark Worman |
| Tessie Kabbes | Ron Shoffstall | |
| Michael Kay | Rosemary Soltwedle | |

**Veteran's Day Mass
Wednesday, November 11
7:00 p.m.
St. Anthony Church**

What better way to say "Thank You" to our veterans than by attending our annual Veteran's Day Mass on Wednesday, November 11 at 7:00 p.m. Effingham American Legion Post 120 will form the honor guard. Everyone is invited to attend. The St. Anthony Pastoral Council will host a reception in the parish center following the Mass.

Stewardship Renewal Begins

This weekend, each parish family is asked to make commitments of time, talent and treasure and return your Commitment Card to Mass. If you forget your card you can mail or deliver them to the office, or you can put them in the collection basket. Please use the return envelope you received with the mailing. We will not look at the cards returned but forward them to the Stewardship group for tabulations. Thank you for taking time for this very important step in our Stewardship program.

Pray for Vocations

Eucharistic Ministers

Please be aware that hand sanitizers are available on the credence table (where the cruets of water and wine are located). They are being made available for your use during this early and intense flu season

PIX

Anyone who has a pix at home and is not using it would you please return it to Sister Jane Marie in the parish office. You can drop them off between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. during the week. We thank you for giving of your time in this much needed ministry.

Offices Closed

The parish offices will be closed Wednesday, November 11 and reopen Thursday.

**St. Anthony Grade School Dedication
& Open House**

Please join the St. Anthony community for a Dedication Mass and ceremony on

*Sunday, November 22
4:00 p.m. Mass
Goff Gym*

After the Dedication Mass, refreshments will be served and the building will be open for viewing until 7 p.m.

Scrip Cards

Order in time to use for Christmas

Beginning this weekend, November 7, SCRIP cards will be sold each weekend through the end of December after all the Masses. Would you like to volunteer to sell SCRIP cards??? We can use support after church or during school events. Contact Dawn Grubb, to volunteer, at dawngrubb@consolidated.net.



Order SCRIP cards that Catholic Charity can hand out to those in need. *What a wonderful Stewardship gift.*

What do you do with all those old, used SCRIP cards? Turn them back in! You can now drop off all of your used cards at the Parish Center through November 30.

Bowl of Chili & Fundraising Information

Join us for a bowl of chili on **November 15** in the Parish Center **following the 11:00 a.m. Mass**. You will have the opportunity to learn more about a couple of new fundraising events we have in the works! What better way to hear first hand about what is being planned in and for our church. Come and get informed and have a bite to eat.

*Fear knocked at the door. Faith opened it,
and lo, there was no one there.*

St. Anthony Email Updates

Have you heard people talking about receiving an email about something happening at St. Anthony? Why not be part of this by signing up. Read below what you can do. Join the others to stay informed.



Holiday Cookie/Candy Sale

Council of Catholic Women

December 5 & 6 in the Parish Center

The Annual Cookie/Candy Sale is coming SOON and we need all the parishioners of the parish to start baking. This is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year. This helps with the purchasing of host, wine, candles and other everyday needs of the Mass and celebrations. We need everyone of the parish to bring their baked goods to the parish center December 5 between 10:00 a.m. through the 4:30 p.m. Mass. The sale begins before the 4:30 Mass and after all weekend Masses.

The St. Anthony CCW Officers thank you for supporting this Council.

Baptism Class

Any parents wishing to have their children baptized at St. Anthony need to attend a Baptism class every 3 years. The next class is Monday, November 22 at St. Anthony Parish Center at 7:00 p.m. There will be NO class in December. Call to register, 347-7129.

Your Assistance, Please

The Fall season is well underway and winter is rapidly approaching. This is a special time to honor and remember our loved ones who are no longer with us. A method of remembrance in a financial way can be achieved by utilizing the envelope in your November packet that is labeled "Cemetery Fund".

The Cemetery operates on income derived from sale of burial plots, donations and bequeaths. As mentioned in previous years the Cemetery is NOT funded by either parish. Therefore, it is very important for everyone to contribute accordingly so your cemetery can continue to be maintained properly. Your contributions received during this November appeal helps us meet our normal annual expenditures. Specific project donations are welcome anytime during the year. It certainly would not have been possible to achieve some of the past improvements without the generous donations from various parishioners. Several future projects include additional concrete pads, an entry marker at the Fourth Street entrance and more landscaping (trees and shrubs).

Your generous support is always appreciated. We welcome all suggestions and questions ~ Just contact any Cemetery Council Member ~ Your input will always be considered.

The Cemetery Council

Sign Up at www.stanthony.com To Receive St. Anthony Email Updates
You can now receive email updates regarding parish, school and alumni events

**SAMBA's Meet the Bulldogs Dinner
Joe's Pizza & Pasta
November 13 ~ 4-7 p.m.
St. Anthony High School**

\$6 Adults ~ \$4 Childs (10 and under)

Proceeds will benefit the school music programs.

This dinner is held prior to "Meet the Bulldogs". Come for a good meal and entertainment to be followed by showing off our upcoming basketball teams. Admission to the gym is \$1.00 with proceeds being donated to Catholic Charities.

World Youth Day Apple Pies

Want to purchase an apple pie to bake at Thanksgiving or later in the year for \$12? The 2011 WYD participants are now taking orders for apple pies only. To order, contact Brett Seagle, 342-9399, or seagletax@consolidated.net or contact WYD participants. Pies will be available for pick up on Saturday, November 14 after the 4:30 p.m. Mass.

Collections

Our Schools continue to collect Box Tops for Education, Campbell Soup labels, plastic bags, old cell phones and printer cartridges. These are great ways to benefit the schools and yes, the environment. Thank you for helping.

Odd Jobs are still needed

The teens going to work camp at Walpole Island Indian Reservation next summer are trying to raise funds for the trip. If you have any odd jobs around your home, we will work for a donation. Please contact Glenn Pankonen, 347-0575 with questions or jobs. Thank You for your support.

"All are Welcome"

Come and join the ladies of the Effingham Council of Catholic Women on **Tuesday, November 10 at Sacred Heart Church (Effingham)**. The evening will begin at **6:00 p.m.** with **Mass and installation of new officers** in the church. We will follow in the parish center with guest speaker Carol Gapsis doing a presentation on the Healing Garden at St. Anthony Memorial Hospital. There will be sharing of memories and traditions of All Soul's Day celebrations, a convention report, raffle tickets available to the Fox Theater, and a 50/50 drawing, and refreshments.

Make a De Colores Weekend!

Men's weekend Nov 12-15.

Women's weekend Nov 19-22

For more information contact Tom/Patti Jansen, 618.238.4339 or John/Kathy Adams, 618.438.5381

Important School Notice

Please note that there is a change in the November school calendar. **The students will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 10.** (The high school will also be dismissed early.) **NO BUSES will run at this time.**

Catholic Children's Home Open House

In September, 1879, a group of Precious Blood Sisters from Ruma, Illinois, opened an orphanage, Pio Nono Orphan Asylum in Piopolis, Illinois. In 1884, Bishop Peter J. Baltus of the Alton Diocese requested the sisters to relocate the orphanage to the City of Alton to serve more children in the Diocese. As the number of children increased under the care of the Sisters, so did the need for a larger residence. Then Bishop James Ryan, realizing the need for more accommodations for the growing number of children, implemented the plans of establishing a larger home. The people of the Diocese responded generously to his appeal and the new building was ready in the fall of 1923. That building, located at 1400 State St., is the current location of the Catholic Children's Home.

Since Bishop Ryan's appeal, the types of services need for the children continue to change. With the changing needs, the people of the community have continued to respond generously. In honor of 130 years of service to needy children and continued support, you are invited to the

Catholic Children's Home Open House

Sunday, November 22, 1-5 p.m.

1400 State St, Alton, Illinois

You will enjoy refreshments and have the opportunity to meet Children's Home staff and take a tour.

If you or someone you know has a story, memory, or thought to share about the Home, please send to 1400 State Street, Alton IL 62002 Attention Michael Montez or email to info@catholicchildrenshome.com or call 618.465.3594.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

*Loving God, you call all who believe in you
to grow perfect in love by following in
the footsteps of Christ your Son.*

*Call from among us more men and women who
will serve you as religious. by their way of life,
may they provide a convincing sign
of your Kingdom for the Church
and the whole world.*

We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS	
Annual collection budgeted goal for year ended 6/30/10	\$ 1,924,000
Actual collections through 11/01/09 (18 weeks-\$24,598 average)	442,763
Balance required to reach goal (34 weeks)	<u>\$ 1,481,237</u>
Average weekly goal for remaining 34 weeks	<u>\$ 43,566</u>
Actual weekly offerings received for 11/1/09	<u>\$ 23,412</u>
Last Year Total for 18 weeks (21,943 average)	<u>\$ 395,970</u>

. . . Thank you's go out to Emily, Kelly and Ken for the gift of their time and communication talent last Sunday. As Fr. Leo has been writing and saying, this week culminates the 3 weekends for this year's Stewardship Renewal. Please be sure your forms are completed and returned. . . During October, the Diocese receives the count of Mass attendance. This year the highest populated Mass was 4:30, followed in order by 9:15, 11:00 and

7:30. This did not change from last year. This year the average attendance for a Sunday was 1,499. Last years was 1,488. For the 4 months ended October 2009, the total received for Scholarships is \$10,581. Our estimate for this year is \$24,000 but the need is even greater. Thanks for your ongoing support.

SOCIAL MARKETING GURU NEEDED! St. Anthony's Marketing Team is interested in developing the social networking capabilities of our parish and schools. If you are skilled in communicating via Facebook, MySpace, Twitter and other social media outlets and are interested in volunteering your time to parish and school marketing efforts, please contact Emily Hartke at kirkandemily@yahoo.com or Brooke Seagle at bseagle@stanthony.com

Calendar of Events

- Sun,** Coffee/Donuts after 9:15 Mass, pc lg
9:15 Children's Liturgy, pc sm
1p, Bereavement Mass, Church, pc
- Mon.** 9a-4p, Quilting, pc sm
6:30p, CCW Salad Supper, pc lg
- Tue,** 7:15a, Yoga, pc lg
9a-4p, Quilting, pc sm
6:30p, Protecting God's Children, pc lg
7p, Bereavement Support Grp, pc
- Wed,** 5:30p, Hand Bells, church
6:30p, PSR, grade school
7p, Adult Choir, pc lg
- Thurs,** 7p, RCIA, pc lg

Music Ministry Schedule

- November
- 7 4:30, Adult Choir/Margaret Niebrugge
- 8 7:30, Fran Bergfeld/Abbey Dougherty
9:15, St. Cecilia/Teresa Thies
11:00, Bell Choir/Barbara Konrad
- 13 4:30, Kim Deters/Kim Deters
- 14 7:30, Madonna Broeker/Allie Kabbes
9:15, Adult Choir/Margaret Niebrugge
11:00, Nikki Quandt/Abbey Dougherty
- 21 Men's Choir/Barbara Konrad
- 22 Fran Bergfeld/Abbey Dougherty
St Cecilia/Teresa Thies
YACS/Allie Kabbes
4pm, Intermediate & Jr. High Choir/

Fall Breakfast - Sunday, November 8

St. Mary's in Shumway has a Fall Breakfast to help raise money for the Confirmation Class to attend the Right to Life March in Washington, DC in January, 2010. Serving is 7am - Noon and included pancakes, sausage, breads and more. A free will donation is asked.

Effingham Noon Rotary International Food Fair

...takes place Sunday, November 8 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Sacred Heart School Gym. You will be sampling food from around the world and Effingham. You will be supporting the dozen or more projects for the very poor around Quetzaltenango, Guatemala's second largest city. Cost is \$10 Adult/ \$6 Children 12 and under.

Pray & Talk about Vocations

Event

- 11/8 7a-Noon, St. Mary's Breakfast, Shumway
8-11:30a, St. Thomas Breakfast, Newton
- 11/22 6p, Community Thanksgiving Service, First Christian Church, 901 N Henrietta, Effingham

Knights of Columbus Memorial Mass

This is for Brother Knights who have passed away this last year. Everyone is welcome to attend on November 18 at the Effingham Knights of Columbus building at 7:00 p.m. A light snack and refreshment will be served after the service.