

**Dear Parishioners,**

Today the Church returns to “Ordinary Time” and celebrates the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in this season of the Church. Even though this time of the year is termed “ordinary” it nevertheless is a time that is filled with God’s grace, an experience that is far from ordinary. As we share in this grace of God in this new year, let each of us be aware of God’s love continually unfolding in our lives as we draw closer to Him and be filled with His very life, called grace. As we celebrate this “ordinary time” the Church returns to its color of green, indicating the hope that we have for growth in our faith, our hope, and our love.

Our gospel reading for this particular Sunday is the story of the wedding feast of Cana. One of the mysteries of Jesus’ incarnation is the fact that Jesus has entered our history to make all things new. He has replaced the Old Covenant with a New Covenant of love. In the story of the wedding feast of Cana, Jesus changes water into wine. By this miracle He shows that He replaces the Jewish manner of forgiveness and purification (symbolized in the six stone jars) with the forgiveness that is present in this water made wine, a sign of His blood shed on the cross for our redemption. This is the third of the “epiphanies” of Jesus, manifesting to people who Jesus is as the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In several discussions with differing parishioners, they were remarking about the positive increases in our weekly collections for December and through last Sunday. The particular feature of “our weekly offerings” seems to draw a lot of attention from the readers of our bulletins. As I look back at what our people have done for the past six weeks, it is really overwhelming as it reflects the generosity of this parish family. In a down economy, and after so many contributions to a new school, our collections for the past several weeks reflect a type of stewardship that is beyond measure. For all of you who have made this possible, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. Your stewardship, your sense of ownership, your willingness to give back to God a share of your blessings—all I can say is, “thank you.” I challenge you to continue your stewardship for God’s generosity will never be outdone. To the extent that we give generously to our God, to that extent does He generously give back to us a hundredfold. Again, thank you for your stewardship.

The following is from the National Council of

Catholic Bishops in Washington D.C. “Congress continues to debate health care reform. While the House passed a bill that prevents the federal government from funding elective abortions, and includes provisions making health care affordable and accessible for all, the Senate rejected this and passed a bill that requires federal funds to help subsidize and promote health plans that cover elective abortions, while forcing purchasers to pay directly for other people’s abortions. These two bills must now be combined into one bill that both the House and Senate will vote on in final form. The U.S. bishops continue to strongly oppose abortion funding, while calling for critical improvements in conscience protection, affordability for the poor and vulnerable, and access to health care for immigrants. In your bulletins, you will find an insert from the Bishop’s Conference asking you to please contact your congressional representatives immediately and urge them to address these moral issues. The insert includes a web site that allows you to send an email message to Congress with a click of a button. The bishops have asked for our swift action and our prayers. Thank you for your help. We can help make sure that health care reform will protect the lives, dignity, conscience and health of all. Health care reform should be about saving lives, not destroying them.”

As Congress debates some of these moral issues, we unfortunately must remember the Roe vs. Wade decision this Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, which legalized infanticide (abortion). To help us remember and ask God’s forgiveness for violations committed through acts of abortion, we will have a luminary display on the steps of our Church this weekend. These luminaries have been decorated by our students and are made present to help us respect and promote life, from the womb to the tomb.

**ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:** Some questions to ponder:

What hair color do they put on the driver’s licenses of bald men?

As income tax time approaches, did you ever notice...when you put the two words “The” and “IRS” together, it spells “Theirs.”

Why do croutons come in airtight packages? Aren’t they just stale bread to begin with.”

**Fr. Leo Enlow**

**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, January 18, 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mass; 3:30 p.m. Communion Service at Evergreen:** Mary Katherine Hoene, Mary Kroeger

**Tuesday, January 19, 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mass:** Caroline Braun, Albert Tegeler family, Special Intention

**Wednesday, January 20, 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mass:** Mary Willenborg, Leo Enlow, Sr., Special Intention, Carl P. Koerner

**Thursday, January 21, 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mass:** Andrew Luchtefeld, Harold Haarmann

**Friday, January 22, 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mass; 2:00 p.m. Communion Service at Lakeland:** Clara Bridges Anniversary, Gerald Koester Anniversary, LeRoy Borries family, Charlie & Jan Vansaghi family

**Saturday, January 23, 6:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Mass:** Dorothy Kabbes, 50th Wedding Anniversary of Dick & Carolyn Kabbes, Maurice Ormrod, Harold Pike, Luella & Richard Roepke

**Sunday, January 24, 7:30, 9:15 and 11:00 a.m. Mass:** Johnny Schaefer family, Jack Kabbes & family, Clarence & Myrtle Thies family, Ray F. & Josephine Nuxoll, John Niemann, Joe Fruchtl Anniversary, Mary Platz Lewis, Parishioners of St. Anthony

**MASS INTENTIONS**

If you have not scheduled any Mass Intentions for 2010 you can now do this. If you have scheduled intentions you can do more in January & February. Come to the parish office any weekday between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. or write down your requests and mail them to the parish office: Mass Intentions, P.O. Box 764, Effingham IL 62401.

**Bereavement Support Group**

St. Anthony Parish Center  
7 p.m. Tuesday January 19, 2010

*Let us prayerfully remember those who call to God for help during their illness . . . .*

Adeline Bailey	Kris Jansen	Steve Sehy
Mary Baker	Michael Kay	Susan Seiler
Jim Bloemer	Lisa Kingery	Ron Shoffstall
Jim Brady	Amy Koester	Eileen Steppe
Gerard Broeker	Michelle Kuhl	Lester Stoner
Lisa Crosson	Dorothy Levitt	Lee Thomas
Art Dasenbrock	Brian Madlem	Joyce Vahling
Don Dasenbrock	Donna Martin	Rebekah Volk
Doris Dasenbrock	Bill Mette	Craig Welch
Hilda Davis	Jolly Michels	Valentine Wente
Alexis Didier	Hailee Mouch	Joyce Westjohn
Sally Ferry	Mildred Nash	Michael Wheeler
Bruce Hartke	Dorothy Pruemer	Mark Worman
Jim Jansen	Diane Rallo	

**Children's Liturgy****Has your child attended yet?**

All 3 and 4 year old parishioners are invited and encouraged to join the Children's Liturgy program during 9:15 Mass on Sundays. Come and participate in worksheets pertaining to the weekly scriptures. Come to Church and they will leave from there as a group and return to Church.

***Pray & Talk about Vocations*****Why Catholic?**

**The *Why Catholic?* Lenten sessions begin the week of February 15 and conclude the week of March 22.**

Sign up Sunday is coming up at the end of January. If you haven't already, please prayerfully consider this opportunity as part of your Lenten practice this year. The current Small Community Leaders should begin contacting their groups in the next week or two to make the necessary arrangements for the sessions. We continue to study the Creed as part of our journey through the catechism.

***Wedding Banns***

*Jackie Worman/Derek Having*

**Baptism Class**

Anyone wishing to have their children baptized at St. Anthony's need to attend a Baptism class every 3 years. The next class is Monday, January 25 at Sacred Heart Church in the **lower level** at 7:00 p.m. Call to register, 347-7129.

**Commitment Card?**

***Thank you to everyone who has returned their card. We will be receiving more results soon from the latest cards returned.***

Please return cards even if you do not answer everything on it. Return your Commitment Card to the parish office by mail to: PO Box 764, Effingham IL 62401; put it in the collection basket or bring it to the office.

### Luminaries for Life

*Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrate you.....Jeremiah 1:5*

In 1973 the Supreme Court legalized abortion in the United States. About 20 years later, in the 1990's, 1.4 million abortions were performed every year. 27% of pregnancies ended in abortion. Over one quarter of this generation has been wiped out by abortion!

Our church leaders are continually encouraging us to stand up for the weakest among us, those who have no voice.

Hundreds of luminaries will be displayed on the steps of the church to affirm our pro-life position on the anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision. Watch for the lighted display on the evenings of January 16 & 17. Please take a minute to visit the display with your children and use it as an opportunity to discuss with them the importance of respecting life starting at conception. As parents, you have tremendous influence on their beliefs and your guidance is needed to counter the pro-abortion messages they hear from the media and others.

Special thanks to the Effingham Knights of Columbus and the students of St. Anthony High School for providing funds. Thank you to the St. Anthony High School art classes for decorating the luminaries.

If inclement weather, January 23 & 24 will be chosen.

### Lectors & Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Training

Our annual education and training meeting will be Monday, February 15 at St. Anthony Church.

Lectors will meet at 6:30 p.m.

Eucharistic Ministers will meet at 7:30 p.m.

We welcome those who are new to this ministry and thank you and those who continue to serve for willingly sharing your time and talent as part of your stewardship commitment.

During this meeting you will be asked to fill out a form indicating your scheduling preference as well as any other necessary updates. For those who are new to the ministry, the last half of the meeting will have time set aside to actively participate in a practice session to assist you in becoming familiar with your service.

We are asking that **all current Lectors and Extra-ordinary ministers of Holy Communion be present** since it is important that time is spent reflecting on these important parts of what we do every week.

If you have any further questions, contact Deacon Joe at 868.5736.

***Our Volunteers Are Priceless~Thanks for Sharing***

### 2010 Fundraising Calendar Update

Congratulations to **Eric Althoff** winner of the **January 8** drawing for **\$50**

Watch this spot weekly to see if you're our next winner! Visit [www.stanthony.com](http://www.stanthony.com) for the complete winner's list.

To Date:	1670 tickets sold	\$24,123 raised
Goal:	2500 tickets sold	\$45,000 raised

Please keep selling! There are winners every Friday of the year with more big winners to be named. You don't have to have a calendar but you do need a ticket. They are available in the parish office.

*Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:*

*The Church in Latin America is vibrant, diverse in culture, and grounded in deep faith. The lived faith of Catholics in Latin America summons all believers to action-to be disciples of Christ, sent by his Spirit as missionaries and leaders in their parish communities.*

*The proceeds of the annual **Collection for the Church in Latin America** are distributed to diocese, parishes, religious congregations, seminaries and other Catholic institutions throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. These essential funds assist in the formation of priests, religious, lay ministers, missionaries, pastoral agents, catechists and youth ministers.*

*In 2007, as a result of your generosity, the Church in the United States was able to fund a record number of 562 projects-including 75 parish-based projects and 105 formation projects in more than 224 dioceses in 23 countries. The Collection also supports the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development in its work on behalf of the Church in Latin America. This year, I ask you to contribute generously again to this worthy Collection.*

*Together, let us ask the Lord and Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, to continue to bless us in all that we do.*

*Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Reverend Monsignor Carl A. Kemme  
Diocesan Administrator*

### Crown Financial Ministries

Every day we find ourselves at the intersection of our money and our life - contemplating which steps we'll take, and in what direction. Will it be "God's way" or "My way?" If interested in joining the next Crown biblical financial study group, please contact Ken Vogt 536.5370 or Greg Dust 868.5678 or Kate Weber 857.3310.

### Mom's Ministry

Mom's Ministry will meet on Wednesday, January 20 in the High School Chapel and Library from 8-10 p.m. Please enter in the back (door #3). Come and join us this month as we learn more about the Mass and its Biblical roots.

### St. Anthony Scrip Cards Update

~We are back to our regular schedule for selling cards after 4:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday and between 10 and 11 on Sundays the 1st and 3rd weekends of each month. Orders can also be picked up or dropped off at this time.

~Orders for SCRIP gift cards are placed weekly and can be brought to one of the schools, the Parish Center or dropped in the Sunday collection. Orders are placed on Mondays and come in on Fridays.

If interested or know someone interested in volunteering your/their talents to work: the table after Mass, during sporting events, sorting, or order pickup/drop off, please contact Michelle Kinkelaar or Dawn Grubb.

Online ordering is now available at [www.stanthony.com](http://www.stanthony.com) and click on Scrip Fundraising for more information and online code.

*Michelle & Dawn thank you for your continued support.*

### Good Search

St. Anthony Schools can earn a donation every time you search the internet using the internet search engine, [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com). Please check this out if you do not already use it. We have a link on the home page titled "Good Search". Just click it on and it will take you to the link. Thank You!

### Early Morning Walking in Goff Gym

Beginning Monday, January 4, Goff Gym will be open for early morning walking and/or running from 5:30 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.

### One Day Retreat

All are Welcome to join the St. Francis Fraternity of Secular Franciscans for this One Day Retreat. Spend a day learning about the lives of St. Francis & St. Clare on Saturday, January 30. Doors open 9 a.m. and it begins at 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. **Registration needed by January 25.** Contact Angela Geltz, 217.343.8828, [geltzangela@yahoo.com](mailto:geltzangela@yahoo.com) or Kathy Adams, 618.483.5381, [oremus@altamont.net](mailto:oremus@altamont.net)

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

### Save This Date

Please save Saturday, March 13 for the Effingham Catholic Schools Fundraiser and Fellowship Event, Games For Giving! This event is organized by our Parish Relations Committee and a special group of volunteers from both St. Anthony and Sacred Heart Parishes to benefit Effingham Catholic Schools. It will be held at the Effingham Knights of Columbus. Details are coming.

Sign Up at [www.stanthony.com](http://www.stanthony.com) to receive St. Anthony Email Updates  
You can now receive email updates regarding parish, school and alumni events

### Catholic Heart Work Campers

The Teutopolis area Catholic Heart Work Campers are sponsoring a soup supper with a variety of soups, hot dogs, ham sandwiches and LOTS of yummy desserts. Come from 3-6:30 pm to the T-Town KC this Sunday, January 17.

### Prayer Vigil for Life

The monthly prayer vigil for life will be held in St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital Chapel Monday, January 18. Fr. Ralph Zetzl will be the celebrant and homilist for the 6:30 p.m. Mass.

### *Have you Thanked God this week?*

### Pro-Life Rosary

Pro-Life Rosary to end abortion will be Friday, January 22, at 5:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church. Everyone is encouraged to join us to pray for the sanctity of Life.

### Catholic Charities Winter Carnival Ball

The date is Saturday, February 6 at the Teutopolis K of C Hall. Event begins with the Social Hour at 6pm and dinner at 7pm. Tickets are \$40 per person and can be purchased from Kent Schmidt or Barbara Waldhoff. You can also call Catholic Charities, 217.857.1458 or go to [www.cc.dio.org](http://www.cc.dio.org)

### Card Party's/Bingo

#### Bingo

St. Michael's, Sigel ~ Sunday, January 31, 7pm \$5 a card

#### Card Party

St. Michael's, Sigel ~ Sunday, January 17 & February 21, games begin at 6pm. Admission is \$5.

<b>OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS</b>	
Annual collection budgeted goal for year ended 6/30/10	\$ 1,924,000
Actual collections through 01/10/10 (28 weeks-\$37,273 average)	1,043,642
Balance required to reach goal (24 weeks)	<u>\$ 880,358</u>
Average weekly goal for remaining 24 weeks	<u>\$ 36,682</u>
Actual offerings received for 01/10/10	<u>\$ 60,951</u>
Last Year Total for 28 weeks (32,965 average)	<u>\$ 923,019</u>

. . . Thank you, again and still. The end-of-year, beginning-of-year giving has raised us to budget and beyond. At least, as of January 10. For the 28 weeks of this year, we are 13% ahead of last year. This has been an outstanding year, especially when you include the move to the new grade school. But it is not over. Each day the needs of the students and staffs and the outreach of the parish is enabled by your generosity. Thanks for this start.

**Quilters are Quilting**

January 19, 20, 22, 25, 26, 27, 29 ~ 9am - 4pm . . . . . January 21, 28 ~ 9am - Noon

If you would like to **help** with the next CCW quilt and/or **learn** about quilting please come to the parish center weekdays beginning Tuesday, January 19.

**Calendar of Events 1/10 - 1/16**

- Sat,** 5:30p, Scrip, pc
- Sun,** 9:15a Children’s Liturgy, pc sm  
5:30p, Scrip, pc
- Tue,** 7:15a, Yoga, pc sm  
7p, Bereavement, pc
- Wed,** 5:30p, Handbells  
6:30p, PSR  
7p, Adult Choir, Church
- Thur** 6:30p, Mens Choir, Church  
7p, RCIA, pc lg

**Broadway for Life ~ February 21**

The Family Life Center is please to announce the 7th annual production of Broadway for Life will be February 21 at St. Anthony High School. This year production, “Our Family”, will feature highlights from a variety of famous Broadway shows, such as Les Miserables, Fiddler on the Roof and Hello Dolly. Curtain time 3:00 p.m.

**2010 Census Team Needs Help**

Here are great temporary, part-time opportunities now available with the 2010 Census: Census Takers, Census Crew Leaders, Census Crew Leader Assistants, Recruiting Assistants, Census Clerks.

Test location is Cornerstone Christian Church, 3600 S. Banker, Effingham every Monday and Thursday at 2 pm and 6 pm. and every Tuesday and Wednesday at 10 am and 2 pm through January 31 Applicants must bring driver’s license and social security card to testing location and pass a written test. More details at [www.2010censusjobs.gov](http://www.2010censusjobs.gov)

**Music Ministry Schedule**

**January**

- 16 4:30p, Intermediate Choir/Barbara Konrad
- 17 7:30a, Fran Bergfeld/Barbara Konrad  
9:15a, Adult Choir/Margaret Niebrugge  
11:00a, TBA/Abbie Dougherty
- 23 4:30p, Jr. High/Kim Deters
- 24 7:30a, Fran Bergfeld/Barbara Konrad  
9:15a, St. Cecilia/Teresa Thies  
11:00a, High School/Kim Deters

**Effingham Co. Right to Life Breakfast**

Sunday, January 17 7am-12:30pm, Teutopolis Grade School Auditorium.

**Free Throw Contest-Effingham K of C**

The Effingham Knights of Columbus #665 is hosting their annual Free Throw Shooting Contest Sunday, January 24 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Anthony High School. This is following the Tom Bryant Basketball camp. To participate you must be between the ages of 10 and 14 as of January 1, 2010. There will be 10 participants, 5 boys and 5 girls from each age group, that will advance to the District Competition. Please contact Jerry Hecht at 217.246.1547 for further information or an application form. You can register at the event.

**Fifth Sunday Communion**

The Effingham Knights of Columbus will have a Fifth Sunday Communion January 31 with the 8:30 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Church in Effingham. Breakfast follows at the Effingham K of C. Everyone is invited and all Knights and their families are encouraged to attend Mass and breakfast. RSVP to Greg Koester, 347-2716 or Bob Kurtin 347-7369.