

Dear Parishioners,

“To Jesus Christ, our Sovereign King, Who is the world’s salvation, All praise and homage do we bring, and thanks and adoration. Christ Jesus, victor! Christ Jesus, ruler! Christ Jesus, Lord and Redeemer!” This is the first verse and refrain of the song that we all know, To Jesus Christ, our Sovereign King. How fitting that I begin my column with these words because today is the Solemnity of Christ the King.

Just a reminder that today brings to conclusion our liturgical year of grace. Our new calendar year for the Church begins next weekend with the First Sunday of Advent. During this new liturgical year, the Church celebrates the Year C in the Sunday cycle of readings and Year 2 in the weekday cycle of readings in Ordinary Time.

On the Solemnity of Christ the King, we celebrate what we call the “Rite of Acceptance” in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. In this rite, those who have been studying the Catholic faith in the RCIA process assemble publicly for the first time at our 9:15 a.m. Mass and declare their intention to the Church that they will continue their formation. In turn, the Church accepts them as persons who intend to become its members. On behalf of St. Anthony Church, we accept the following people who have completed their precatechumenate period: Mindy Koenig, Jamileh Naddaf-Sloan, Sean McCollegan, Kelly McCollegan, Tara McAllister, Ralph Vogel, Laura Link, Krissy Rietz, Michelle Pagone, and Larry Masengale.

This Thursday, November 26th, is Thanksgiving Day. As a people of faith, we will gather for Mass at 9:00 a.m. at St. Anthony Church, or 8:30 a.m. at St. Mary Church, Shumway, to give our God thanks for the blessings that He has given to us. **THERE WILL BE NO OTHER MASSES ON THAT DAY.** To allow the priests to be with their families, there will be **NO MASS ON FRIDAY NOR ON SATURDAY MORNING** at St. Anthony Church. Thank you for your understanding.

Because next weekend is the First Sunday of Advent, some families use an Advent wreath to help them prepare for Christmas. This is a beautiful custom and practice and keeps our eyes focused on the real meaning of Christmas. The ceremony of the Advent wreath is another way to share our time with our God in prayer. May I suggest the following prayer as you light each of the candles:

Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ; He is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, He is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, He is the Savior of every nation.

Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ’s promise to bring salvation. May He come quickly and not delay. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

I don’t know if you noticed, but our playground for our new grade school is now back in order. The equipment from our old playground was dismantled and stored until the new school was completed. Then a number of the men of the parish got together and put everything back together as well installing new drainage system, spreading mulch, and installing fences to protect some equipment. We owe a debt of gratitude to the following men who shared their gift of talents and time with us: Larry Niemerg, Jim Wolters, Don Koester, Harold Bushur, Ron Hakman, Charlie Platz, Louis Thies, Glenn Pankonen, and Tom Wegman. We also want to thank Effingham Builder’s Supply for the use of their equipment, Kabbes Trucking for materials and hauling, and Mark Croxell from Stillwater Enterprises for the chip mulch. Each time our children use this equipment, we will be forever grateful for your dedication and commitment to St. Anthony Church/School. Thanks!

We are still hoping that more of our commitment cards will be returned. They were mailed to all of our parish families and we are hoping that they will be returned to us. **If you have not returned your commitment cards, please do so as soon as possible. If you need another one, they are at the exits of our Church. We would like everyone to participate as a member of our Church.**

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: A pastor told the story of the time the young Jesus and His family went to Jerusalem, and when they started home, His family discovered that Jesus wasn’t with them. He asked where Jesus was. And they responded, “He was in the Temple.” Then he asked, “what was Jesus doing?” There was a long silence until a four-year-old Haley replied, “He was reading the bulletin.”

Fr. Leo J. Enlow

Mass Intentions

Monday, November 23, 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mass; 3:30 p.m. Communion Service at Evergreen: Ron Schmidt, Josephine Pavell Anniversary, George L. & Lucille Niebrugge, Cindy Koenig, Bernie Burford family, Clarence & Anna Bushur

Tuesday, November 24, 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mass: Deb Hutchinson Anniversary, John Gapsis, Sr. Anniversary, Joyce Wilson

Wednesday, November 25, 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mass: Joe, Elizabeth, Harold & Maurice Metten, Mary Niemeyer, Robert Swingler

Thursday, November 26 ~ Thanksgiving Mass ~ 9:00 a.m.

Mary Louise Hoffman, Clarence Kemme, Hugh McHugh, Ben Goldstein Anniversary, Albert & Amelia Worman, Becky Hawickhorst, Marie Martens, John & Helen Dust, Noble & Lucille Davis, Andy & Alice Sur, the Walter Bussman family

Friday, November 27 ~ No Mass

Saturday, November 28, 4:30 p.m. Mass: Andrew Niebrugge Anniversary, Ray Niemerg Anniversary, Richard Will, Joe & Suzette Brumleve, 64th Wedding Anniversary of Charlie & Gert Harris, the Heurman-Jurgens families

Sunday, November 29, 7:30, 9:15 and 11:00 a.m. Mass: Maurice & Margaret Imming, Harold Haarmann family, Gary Walk, Florence Sehy, Doris Stumborg, Jim & Virginia Poepelmeyer, 50th Wedding Anniversary of Jerry & Marcella Schutzbach, Robert Swingler, Parishioners of St. Anthony

Let us prayerfully remember our friends, family members and parishioners who call to God for help during their illness

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

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You

Thank you Fr. Leo, Fr. Schmidt and Deacon Joe Emmerich, the Pastoral Council, The Effingham American Legion Post 120, the veterans that participated in the Veterans Day Mass and the parishioners and others who attended. We especially thank Fr. Leo for making this an annual event.

St. Anthony Grade School Dedication & Open House

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

This 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.

Don't Forget to Turn in Your Commitment Card

We have received back about 300 Commitment Cards. If you haven't returned your Commitment Card please bring it or mail it to the parish office. Returning your card is an important part of being an active member of St. Anthony of Padua. Please take this opportunity to express your support for our parish with your time, talent, and treasure! If you misplaced your card we have more in the parish office.

Children's Liturgy

All 3 and 4 year old parishioners are invited to join the Children's Liturgy program during 9:15 Mass on Sundays. Come and participate in worksheets pertaining to the weekly scriptures.

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.

Living with Loss during the Holidays

Living with loss while others are celebrating the Holidays can be difficult when one has lost a loved one.

A holiday support group will meet each Tuesday through December 29 at 7:00 p.m. in St. Anthony Parish Center. All are welcome once, twice, each time. We want to walk with you in prayer and presence.

Holiday Cookie/Candy Sale

Council of Catholic Women

December 5 & 6 in the Parish Center

The Annual Cookie/Candy Sale is coming 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 Council of Catholic Women Officers thank you!



Invitation to Ladies of the Parish



Ladies of the parish are invited to the **Council of Catholic Women's Christmas Party on Monday, December 7** at 6:30 p.m. in the parish center.

Turkey, dressing, drinks and table service will be provided. Please bring a covered dish for our potluck meal and ask a friend to join you. Salads, potatoes, vegetables, desserts, and rolls are needed. *Ladies with September and October birthdays are being asked to help serve the dinner.*

Chances for the quilt being raffled that night were in the bulletin last weekend and are 6 for \$5. You may put your chances in the church basket **marked CCW Quilt** preceding the dinner, bring to the dinner or mail to: Ann Platt, 1113 Diana Ct, Effingham IL 62401.

Again we are sharing our Christmas Blessing with our sister parish in Haiti. Please bring a \$3 donation for their Christmas gift.

St. Anthony CCW Officers

Christmas Wreaths/Cheese Cakes

Those who placed orders for wreaths with the Space Camp students can come to the NORTH side of the high school on Sunday, November 22, between 9:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. You can pick them up then.

Cheese Cakes will be **delivered by the students** to the person who placed the order. Please do not come looking for your order.

The Space Camp students thank you for supporting them in raising funds to travel to this educational event.

Warm Feet and Seats Project

This is the project to help Catholic Charities and FISH with their Christmas Store. We are collecting **NEW socks and NEW underwear** in the sizes of infancy to 18 years of age. A box is in the back of church now to December 3 for you to place items.

Thank you for your continued participation in this wonderful and caring project.

Scrip Cards Update

Another NEW local retailer added to the list. RMC Cinemas has joined our locals listing with \$20 increment cards and 10% going back to the school.

SCRIP cards are sold each weekend through the end of December **after the Saturday 4:30 Mass and from 10-11 on Sundays.** You can also place orders by dropping them off at the parish office between 9a-4p.

Orders can be dropped off **this week but they will not be available for pick-up for Thanksgiving.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Can you help with SCRIP cards??? We need support after church or during school events. Contact Dawn Grubb, to volunteer, at dawngrubb@consolidated.net.

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.

6th Grade Girls Basketball

There will be an informational meeting for all prospective 6th grade girls basketball players and their parents. We will meet on Tuesday, November 24 at 6:00 p.m. in Goff Gym. Any questions, contact Jeff Richards, 821.2583.

Stewardship

Do everything with a mind that lets go. Do not expect praise or reward!

No joy can equal the joy of serving others!

Give help rather than advice!

There must be more to life than having everything!

May it be, O Lord, that I seek not so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. Because it is in giving oneself that one receives; it is I forgetting oneself that one is found; it is in pardoning that one obtains pardon.

New Parish Relations Committee

St. Anthony and Sacred Heart Parishes have recently formed a Parish Relations Committee (PRC) to help create fellowship opportunities for both parishioners and students of the respective parishes. In addition, the Parish Relations Committee (PRC) will work together to enhance communication between the parishes and schools. The committee members from Sacred Heart Parish include Deana Nuxoll, Jamie Miller, Dennis Carie, Christy Hakman, and Diana Ludwig. St. Anthony members include Emily Hartke, Brooke Seagle, Aimee Hoene, Greg Koester, and John Dietzen. If you'd like to join this committee, or have ideas for the group, please contact Emily Hartke at 217.342.1031 or Christy Hakman at 217.347.7177.

The Parish Relations Committee (PRC) is excited to announce a JOINT FELLOWSHIP & FUNDRAISING EVENT to help promote Catholic education in the Effingham and surrounding areas. This newly created event will be a fun and engaging fellowship activity, will serve as the Effingham Catholic Schools fundraiser, and will replace the previously held car raffle. **Please save the date for Saturday, March 13, 2010.** More information will be coming soon with details of this exciting and unique event.

Pray & Talk about Vocations

20th Annual National Night of Prayer for Life

This will be December 8-9 in St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital Chapel. With over 50 million abortions performed in America since 1973, we will beg our Blessed Mother for her powerful intercession, combining our celebration of the feast of Immaculate Conception with the day Our Lady of Guadalupe first appeared to St. Juan Diego. Our Lady changed hearts then! Prayers begin at 9 p.m. Tuesday, December 8 and continue until 1 a.m. Wednesday, December 9.

Holiday Craft Bazaar/Soup Luncheon

On Saturday, December 5 at Immaculate Conception, Shelbyville you can get Breakfast from 8:30-10:30 and Lunch from 11-2. You will also be able to take part in the crafts, bake sale and basket raffle.



Free Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner

Effingham County FISH Human Service is sponsoring the 5th Annual Free Thanksgiving Dinner on November 26. This will be at St. Anthony of Padua Church, 101 E Virginia. The meal is open to all Effingham area residents and families that would like to spend the meal with others. Serving begins at 11:30 a.m. Home delivered meals available. Volunteers will be available to provide transportation needing a ride.

Those interested in attending please make a reservation by November 23 by calling Susan Elke, 217.868.5913, Harold Heth, 217.868.2854 or Effingham Senior Center, 217.347.5569.

Volunteers are NEEDED to decorate, package and deliver meals to homebound, provide transportation and serve during the meal. If interested call Susan Elke at the above number.

This meal is not just for seniors, but for anyone in Effingham County.

Nativity's of Our Lord

"A walk through the Nativity of Our Lord" presented by the Knights of Columbus of Litchfield. There will be more than 100 different nativity's or displays. Several are from different countries. There will be an ornament tree with special nativity ornaments. Display is free and open to the public Friday, December 4, 4-7pm, Saturday December 5, 10-7:30, and Sunday, December 6, 1-4pm

Madrigal Dinner

A fun evening of food and entertainment to benefit the St. Francis area youth. This is an American form of dinner theater. It is set in the Middle Ages, and is generally comedic in nature. The dates are December 11, 12 and 13. Teutopolis Grade School Auditorium is the location. Tickets must be purchased in advance, by reservation only. Tickets are \$20 per person and available starting on December 3 by calling 217.857.6404 ext. 311.

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.

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

OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS	
Annual collection budgeted goal for year ended 6/30/10	\$ 1,924,000
Actual collections through 11/15/09 (20 weeks-\$25,379 average)	507,578
Balance required to reach goal (32 weeks)	<u>\$ 1,416,422</u>
Average weekly goal for remaining 32 weeks	<u>\$ 44,263</u>
Actual weekly offerings received for 11/15/09	<u>\$ 25,810</u>
Last Year Total for 20 weeks (22,845 average)	<u>\$ 456,904</u>

. . . As of last Sunday's tasty chili lunch the final wraps are off the latest fundraisers. Thanks to the committee chair couples. You are receiving the recaps in the bulletin again this week. Please take a look and pass the news along. There are no teams of sellers, but if everyone sells one, two, three, four or more, hey, we will have reached the goal of 2500 chances. Reminder that there is no Catholic

Schools Car Raffle and no teams for the Calendar Raffle. Only, at least one winner a week, a chance to win over \$12,100 in cash prizes and another way to help the schools, and the lucky winners..

Calendar of Events

- Sun,** 9:15 Children's Liturgy, pc sm
4p, Grade School Dedication Mass, Goff Gym
- Mon,** 7p, Baptism Class, pc
- Tue,** 7:15a, Yoga, pc lg
7p, Bereavement Support Grp, pc
7p, Adult Choir
- Wed,** 5:30p, Hand Bells, church
8:30a, Grade School All School Mass
11:30a, High School All School Mass
NO PSR
- Thurs,** 9a, Thanksgiving Mass
11:30a, FISH Thanksgiving Meal, pc
NO RCIA
- Sat** 5:30p, SCRIP, pc
- Sun** 10-11a, SCRIP, pc

Music Ministry Schedule

- November
- 21 4:30, Men's Choir/Barbara Konrad
 - 22 7:30, Fran Bergfeld/Abbey Dougherty
9:15, St Cecilia/Teresa Thies
11:00, YACS/Allie Kabbes
4:00 pm, Intermediate & Jr. High Choir/Goff Gym
 - 28 4:30, Jr. High Chorus/Barbara Konrad
 - 29 7:30,
9:15, Adult Choir/Margaret Niebrugge
11:00, High School Chorus/Barbara Konrad
- December
- 5 4:30p, Adult Choir/Margaret Niebrugge
 - 6 7:30a, Fran Bergfeld/
9:15a, YACS/Allie Kabbes
11:00a, /Kim Deters

Parish Missions

4-Day Parish Mission, Sunday November 29 - December 2 at 7pm each night at St. Michael Archangel in Sigel. Fr. Dennis Koopman, O.F.M. of the St. Gratian Friary, Countryside IL will be presenter. The Mission Theme: Awakening Our Faith in Challenging Times.

**Thanksgiving Service
Effingham Ministerial Community**

The service is Sunday night, November 22 at 6 p.m. at First Christian Church, 901 N Henrietta, Effingham. The speaker is John Hackmann, associate pastor at Centenary United Methodist Church. The whole community is invited.

Christmas Store "Christmas for Kids"

Again this year FISH and Catholic Charities are working together to provide a better Christmas for needy families. Parents in need will come, by invitation, to shop free for toys for the children and to receive a food box.

We are in desperate need of people to help pick-up donated items from drop-off locations. This job would require about 2 hours, one day a week starting now. All items collected need to be taken to the FISH warehouse. Please call Karen Luchtefeld if you know anyone willing to help or if you would like to help, 217.342.6889.

Knights of Columbus Children's Christmas Party

The party will be Thursday, December 10 with doors opening at 6 p.m. Santa Claus will arrive at 7 p.m. with games and refreshments prior to and during Santa's visit. There will also be a drawing for a girls and a boys bicycle.

Knights of Columbus Adult's Christmas Party

The party is Sunday, December 20 with doors opening at Noon. Social Hour from Noon to 1 p.m. with meal served at 1 p.m. The Sawyer Brothers Band will begin at 2 p.m. and play until at least 4 p.m.