During a life emergency, while offices are closed, please contact (217) 703-1042.

Welcome
We extend a warm welcome to all our guests and visitors who have joined us at today’s liturgy. We hope that you feel at home here. Please let us know if we can be of any assistance while you are among us.
Passing On the Flame of Faith

One of my favorite moments every year is the Easter Vigil. The church is pitch dark and eerie quiet. The words of salvation are announced, and the Easter Candle is marked with the nails of the Cross. The Easter Candle then like a Victory torch is carried into the dark church proclaiming the Victory of Christ Jesus over sin and death. The triumph of his light, his glorious resurrection, literally begins to dispel the darkness from the Church. Then the light spreads. The victory spreads as other candles are lit from the Easter Candle. The glorious and triumphant light of Christ’s victory is passed on from person to person. And the darkness is dispersed.

This awe-striking moment each year sums up beautifully what St. Paul says today in the second reading “I handed on to you as of first importance what I also received.” St. Paul passed on the tradition that he received. He handed on the good news of the Victory of Christ Jesus. That Jesus died in accordance with the Scriptures, offering the perfect sacrifice of love and obedience that takes away the sins of the world. And death could not contain him! Jesus rose in his glorified body in accordance with the Scriptures. He said he would rise, and he did!

But then the Risen and Glorified Christ appeared to Mary Magdalene. He also appeared to Peter and the other apostles. Finally, we hear today that he appeared to St. Paul and 500 witnesses. The Resurrection of Christ Jesus and his glorified body is not some made up fairy tale or myth. No, the Resurrection of Jesus is based on historical facts and evidence including these eye-witnesses. It is from the witness of this awe-striking fact that the faith began to spread and the Church that Christ instituted began to flourish.

And this is our call as well, to pass on the faith. Not because I am forced to, but I desire to pass on this unbelievable story. Because this Person, Jesus Christ, changed my life and can help transform other lives by the power of His Cross and Resurrection. And what better aspect of our lives can we pass on to our family and friends? We pass on so many traditions and stories that we are passionate about. This is why I love the Easter Vigil. Slowly the light spreads, and the darkness is dispersed as we pass on the flame of faith!

In Christ’s Mercy,
Fr. Mark Tracy

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Ted Willenborg. May he enjoy eternal peace and happiness in Heaven.

Please pray for Restoration of Religious Liberty, those who are ill, those in hospitals and nursing homes, those recovering from surgery, and all those serving our country. Also, Adelaide Anderson, Steve Bierman, Millie Braun, Ruth Bushue, Rosemary Bushur, Mary Lynn Byers, Nick Compton, Drew Conder, Mary Conder, Lisa Crosson, Doris Dasenbrock, Myra Einhorn, Mary Einhorn, Karen S. Flach, Judy French, John Gapsis, Richard Gerth, Stacia Gorden, Katie Guffey, Francis Herboth, Mike Herboth, Charlie Hicks, Mark Jirak, Ingrid Kay, Susan Keenan, Steve Koebel, Clete Koester, Elisabeth Koester, Dan Kruger, Mary Lawyer, Craig Lindvahl, Lloyd Ludwig, Mrs. Don McDevitt, Penny Meyer, Geraldine Miller, Rory Miller, Brenda Milleville, Florence Peters, Kenneth Polarek, Susan Pritchett, Jill Quandt, Marty Reed, Marcia Rexroat, Gustie Unkraut, Shirley Valenti, Paul Vogt, Allen Wente, Leonard Willenborg, Paul V. Willenborg, Dr. Mel Willenborg, Jerry Worman, Pauline Worman.
### Mass Intentions

**Monday, February 11:**
6:30 a.m. Mass: Kim Bushue Anniversary  
8:30 a.m. Mass: Bernie Burford Family; William & Agnes Kabbes

**Tuesday, February 12:**
6:30 a.m. Mass: Jack & Illa Nisbet 70th Wedding Anniversary  
8:30 a.m. Mass: Charlie Gebben

**Wednesday, February 13:**
6:30 a.m. Mass: Mary West Faircloth  
7:15 a.m. Mass at Shumway: LeRoy & Mary Ann Borries

**Thursday, February 14:**
6:30 a.m. Mass: Joe, Elizabeth, Harold, & Maurice Metten  
8:30 a.m. Mass: Paul & Lois Hartke Family

**Friday, February 15:**
6:30 a.m. Mass: Mark Kenter; Bob & Becky Hawickhorst Family  
8:30 a.m. Mass: Dan Sullivan Family

**Saturday, February 16:**
4:30 p.m. Mass: John Steppe

**Sunday, February 17:**
7:30 a.m. Mass: Parishioners of St. Anthony  
9:15 a.m. Mass: Otto & Mardell Goldstein  
11:00 a.m. Mass: Ruben & Ruth Bushue Family

### Calendar of Events

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| Sun 2/10 | 10:00am Radio Mass AM 1090 or FM 99.5 & 96.3  
10am to 11am to Scrip Sales in the Parish Center
| Mon 2/11 |       |         |
| Tues 2/12 | 9am to 1 pm - Scrip Sales in the Parish Center  
6:15pm Grief Support in the Parish Center |
| Wed 2/13 | 4:00pm | Grade School Open House |
| Thur 2/14 | 9am to 1 pm - Scrip Sales in the Parish Center  
6:30pm - Kate Weber’s Bible Study |
| Fri 2/15 | 6am - SonRise Men's Group  
9am to 1 pm - Scrip Sales in the Parish Center |
| Sat 2/16 | 9am to 11 am - Scrip Sales in the Parish Center  
5:30pm - Ministry Fair in the Parish Center |

### Embracing Authentic Love: Humanae Vitae Explained Three Day Speaker Series

What is God's plan for love and family life? Why is the Church against contraception? What exactly is Natural Family Planning? Humanae Vitae, the papal document which clarified these teachings, calls us to love in a way that respects God's beautiful design for marital love and life. Join us on Feb. 17th, 18th, and 19th from 7:00-8:30 pm at St. Anthony Parish Center in Effingham to learn about these beautiful but challenging teachings.  
Who can come? This event is for any adult; married, single, young, and old, in the Effingham Deanery area!  

**Talks and Speakers:**
- **Sunday, Feb. 17th** - Humanae Vitae: Understanding Love and Marriage in the Image of God with Joe Gehret  
- **Monday, Feb. 18th** - The Struggle is Real: Embracing the Truth Behind the Church's Teachings with Patty Schneier  
- **Tuesday, Feb. 19th** - A Medical Perspective on the Effectiveness of Natural Family Planning and NaPro (Natural Procreative) Technology with Dr. Gavin Puthoff, MD

### Lent/Easter Liturgy Committee Meeting Date Change

Ever wonder what it takes to plan for the Easter season at church? We are looking for several parishioners to serve on a committee to help plan our Liturgy for Lent and Easter. This would include decorating for Lent & Easter, Music, and details for the Triduum services. There will be a planning meeting on **Tuesday, February 26th at 6:30pm** in the parish center. Please join us and share your talents for this ministry. Please call the parish office at 347-7129 if you are interested or if you have any questions.

### Scrip Store

The Scrip Store is fully stocked and ready for all your purchases! Winter is a good time to renew your living spaces! Or invite all your friends over for a party! The Scrip store has all the gift cards to help you to do all that! And don’t forget that if you have a student at St. Anthony School you can send an order with your child to give to their teacher who will get it to the scrip store and your student will bring home your scrip gift cards! An easy and convenient way to purchase from the Scrip store! Also, the online ordering for ecards has been simplified so give it a try! All purchases whether physical cards or ecards help St. Anthony schools!

### Parish Lenten Mission Speaker

Please join us and become inspired this Lenten Season at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church.  
**March 10th-12th @ 7:00pm, nightly**
- Mission Title-The Power of Three  
- Speakers - Deacon Joel and Lisa Schmidt  
- Meal provided at the parish center starting at 5:30 on each night.  
- Babysitting available at the grade school – RSVP by March 1 for babysitter at 217-347-7129

More details to come in the following weeks. Keep your eye on the bulletin!
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### De Colores Spring Weekends
**Spring into action: making a De-Colores weekend.**

Say yes to a 3 day beautiful experience at Camp Walter Scott. Share in inspiring talks, renew your faith, and make new friends. For more information, please call Mary Sur at 217-342-2003.

* The Men’s Weekend, March 21st - 24th: Lay leader: Brian Koester; contact @ 217-821-4716 or goodwithhands67@yahoo.com
* The Women’s Weekend, March 28th - 31st: Lay leader, Betty Zumbahlen @ 217-844-3328; bettyzumbahlen@gmail.com

### Pro-Life Corner
**Do You Know Roe?** *Roe and Doe* legalized abortion through all nine months of pregnancy.

Many people don’t realize that *Roe v. Wade* legalized abortion through all nine months of pregnancy. *Roe* says abortions may not be restricted at all during the first 3 months and in the second 3 months may be regulated only for the mother’s health. After “viability” *Roe* allows abortion to be prohibited but must make an exception for the woman’s life or health.

But in *Roe*’s companion case, *Doe v. Bolton*, the Court defined “health” to include “all factors -- physical, emotional, psychological, familial, and the woman’s age -- relevant to the well-being” of the mother. In most states, that is broad enough to permit virtually any abortion in the 7th, 8th, or 9th months of pregnancy if any of these reasons is invoked.

For more information, search “USCCB do you know Roe” on the Internet.
Sacrament of Marriage: Please contact our office at least 9 months before your anticipated wedding date to begin your spiritual preparation. One or both persons must be registered and actively living their faith at St. Anthony Church for at least 6 months to celebrate their wedding here. All couples planning to be married at our parishes must attend a Pre-Cana program, Natural Family Planning program and FOCCUS evaluation. For those who were former members here, they must be registered and actively living their faith at the parish where they reside. The latest a wedding can begin is 1pm.

Sacrament of Baptism: Baptisms are celebrated during Mass on Saturdays & Sundays (not during Lent or Advent). A family must be registered & actively living their faith at St. Anthony Church for 6 months to assure faith will be shared with the new born child. Godparents must also be registered in a Catholic parish or other Christian church & actively living their faith. A Baptism Class is held and is required for all parents. We ask that both parents attend this class together. Godparents are also encouraged and welcome to attend. For more information, please call the parish office.

Pre-Cana Workshops
St. Mary’s of the Assumption in St. Marie
Or you can go to dio.org/familylife/ Marriage-preparation.html to find other area dates.

Natural Family Planning Class
2019 Sessions:
Saturday, March 9th 9:00am - St. Isidore, Bishop Creek
Friday, April 26th 6:00pm - St. Anthony, Effingham
Saturday, June 1st 2:00pm - Sacred Heart, Effingham
Saturday, July 13th 10:00am - St. Anthony, Effingham
Friday, August 23rd 6:30pm - St. Francis, Teutopolis
Saturday, Sept. 28th 9:30am - Sacred Heart, Effingham
Saturday, November 9th 1:30-3:00pm at St. Isidore, Bishop
To register Contact Kate Pruemer at 217-821-1840 or kpruemer@gmail.com.

Dave Ramsey - Financial Peace University
With the great success of the Financial Peace University last fall, we would love to offer another session, if there is enough interest. This is a nine week course, and would start sometime after Easter. Please give the parish office a call (347-7129) by February 28th, if you would be interested in attending.

7th Annual St. Anthony Treasure Sale is Friday, April 5th & Saturday, April 6th. Save! Save! Save! You bring it...we’ll sell it! For questions call Alice Conlin @ 343-8372 or Pat Brumleve @ 821-7129. More information will follow in the coming weeks.

As a reminder during cold and flu season, please remember to protect your health and that of others. Proper steps would include:

- If you have a serious cold or the flu, please stay home on Sunday. You are not obligated to attend Sunday Mass if you are sick.
- Please understand that if someone refrains from shaking hands during the Sign of Peace, they might be protecting YOU. Please don't attempt to force others to shake hands against their will.

Let’s do our best to keep each other healthy.

Summer Mission Trip
The summer high school mission team is looking to fundraise for their upcoming Mission trip to Topeka, KS. They are looking for some odds and ends jobs to complete in order to help cover the costs of the trip. If you have a job that needs completed, contact Katalyn Bourgeois at kbbourgeois@stanthony.com or 217-342-6969 (ext. 3103) for more information.

Knights of Columbus News
Knights of Columbus Major Degree Initiation on March 3, hosted by Teutopolis Council 2874 at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall. Registration at 11 am, Initiation starts at Noon. A candidate may join any Council they want at a Major Degree. A light lunch is served during registration with a meal afterwards around 3:30 p.m.

Scholarship - Effingham Knights of Columbus Council #665 will again be awarding up to eight (8) $500 scholarships this year. Applications will be sent to area high schools in February - St. Anthony, Effingham, Altamont, Teutopolis, Dieterich, Stewardson-Strasburg, Beecher City and Newton. For the students who do not attend these schools, the application is available on the Council’s website at www.effinghamkc.com in February or contact Chairman Phil Koerner at philk@koernerdistributor.com.

The Effingham Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee is February 23 – starting at 1:00. The Bee is open to any student who has not yet completed 8th grade. Please contact Chairman Matt Poston at (217) 821-9654 with any questions.

Columbian Squares - St. Nicholas Circle 5651 - The Squares will be hosting a fun night on February 14th at the Effingham Event Center, for Squires and prospective Squares. The game Family Fued will start at 6:30. Any young men ages 9 to 18 are welcome to join us, and if a sister wants to join us, the more the merrier. We will also provide information on the Squares, what they do in service to their Circle, School and Church and the community. If you have a young man age 9 to 18 wanting to join the squares, please contact Chief Squire Thomas Davis (Jesse Davis) at (217) 690-2641, Chief Counselor Joe Sudkamp at (217) 868-9001or Youth Director Greg Koester at (217) 821-7731.

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### The Financial Corner

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**Net Profit/Loss**  
- Total Budget 7/1/18-6/30/19: $234.19

### Annual Catholic Services Appeal

The programs, services, & ministries supported by the Annual Catholic Services Appeal meet the larger diocesan needs of Catholics and others in the Diocese of Springfield.

**As of Tuesday, February 5, 2019**

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### St. Anthony Schools Annual Fund Update

**As of Monday, February 4, 2019**

- 89 $1,000 Challenge
- 237 Family Gifts
- $281,399 Total Pledges
- $272,729 Total Cash Gifts Rec.
- $333,000 Goal for 2018/2019

Thank you to everyone who has Made a Difference in St. Anthony Schools!

### St. Clare Catholic Church in Altamont, Illinois

will be having a sausage breakfast on Sunday, February 17th from 7:30 until 12:00 pm. The menu includes sausage patties, country ham, scrambled eggs, biscuits and gravy, pancakes, sweet rolls, sweet breads, milk, juice and coffee. St. Clare is located at 216 N. 9th Street in Altamont. Free will donations will be accepted.

### St. Isidore Youth Ministry Soup Supper

St. Isidore Youth Ministry is hosting their annual soup supper on Sunday, March 3, 2019 from 4:00-7:00 pm in the St. Aloysius parish center in Bishop Creek. The menu includes chili, chicken noodle soup, sauerkraut soup, sandwiches and dessert. There will also be a basket raffle.

### Catholic Charities FREE Tax Preparation

Free Tax Preparation  
Effingham Catholic Charities  
VITA/TCE Partner  
Families with income less than $60,000  
January 30, 2019 to April 1, 2019  
Monday-Friday 9:00 -11:30 A.M. and 12:30 -3:00 P.M.

Go to Effingham Catholic Charities to fill out the interview sheet and drop-off your tax information. When your taxes are finished, we will call you to make an appointment to review and sign the tax returns.

Questions? Call (217) 857-1458
In 1968 Pope Paul VI proposed a new vision for what married and family life should look like. His encyclical, Humanae Vitae, was met with much controversy from Catholics and Non-Catholics alike. With the release of the birth control pill and the Sexual Revolution in full swing, Humanae Vitae was considered counter-cultural. At the core of its teaching, Humanae Vitae calls us to love in a way that respects God’s plan for marital love and human life; but what does that look like and is it still applicable today?
National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month

In a proclamation issued in December, President Trump designated January 2019 as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month. This is an excellent opportunity to increase awareness about human trafficking and trafficking prevention.

In the upcoming weeks, we encourage you to undertake efforts to educate communities on human trafficking. In doing so, you can also promote best practices to help advance anti-trafficking initiatives.

Day of Prayer

February 8th has been designated by the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace and the International Union of Superiors General as an annual day of prayer and awareness against human trafficking. February 8th is the feast day of St. Josephine Bakhita, who was kidnapped as a child and sold into slavery in Sudan and Italy. She learned from Canossian nuns that she was created in the image of God and possessed human dignity. Once she asserted herself and refused to be enslaved, Josephine became a Canossian sister and dedicated her life to sharing her testament of deliverance from slavery and comforting the poor and suffering. She was declared a Saint in 2000.

On February 8th, Catholics all over the world are encouraged to host or attend prayer services to generate greater awareness about human trafficking. Through prayer, we not only reflect on the experiences of those that have suffered through this affront to human dignity but also comfort, strengthen, and help empower survivors. As Bishop Eusebio Elizondo, former Chairman of the Committee on Migration, has stated: “On [February 8th], we will lift our voices loudly in prayer, hope, and love for trafficking victims and survivors. If just one person realizes from this day that they or someone they know is being trafficked, we will have made a difference.”
Human Trafficking Background and Overview

Facts about Human Trafficking:
- There are an estimated 40.3 million victims of modern-day slavery worldwide. Of these, 25 million are victims of labor or sex trafficking and 15 million are people trapped in forced marriages.
- Nearly 30% of all victims are men and boys; increasing to 46% for victims of forced labor.
- Unfortunately, stakeholders have increasingly found that individuals in situations of forced migration, such as refugees and unaccompanied children, are particularly vulnerable to labor and sex traffickers.
- Victim identification remains a significant challenge to U.S. efforts to prevent trafficking, prosecute perpetrators, and protect victims.
- Calculated as a 150-billion-dollar industry, modern day slavery has become the fastest growing source of illicit profit for criminals worldwide.

The Church’s Position on Human Trafficking:
- The elimination of human trafficking is a priority issue for the Catholic Church. Because every life is a gift from God and is sacred, it deserves to be protected and nurtured; we each have a responsibility to fight against the violation and degradation of our brothers and sisters.
- The Catechism of the Church forbids acts that cause the enslavement of humans. During the Second Vatican Council in 1965, the Church further stated “slavery, prostitution, the selling of women, and children, and disgraceful working conditions where people are treated as mere tools for profits rather than free and responsible persons are infamies and supreme dishonor to the creator.” (Gaudium et Spes, 1965).
- In 2014, Pope Francis stated during his Declaration on the International Day for the Abolition of Slavery: “[M]odern slavery, in terms of human trafficking, forced labor and prostitution, and organ trafficking, is a crime against humanity. Its victims are from all walks of life, but are most frequently among the poorest and most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters.”
- Men and women religious have also played an integral part of in the battle against human trafficking. In 2001, nearly 800 women leaders of the International Union of Superiors General (UISG) passed a resolution dedicating over one million members “to work in solidarity with one another within our own religious communities and in the countries in which we are located to address insistently at every level the abuse and sexual exploitation of women and children . . .” The U.S. Catholic Sisters against Human Trafficking is the domestic response to this call.