One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Matthew 4:4

Liturgy Schedule:
Sunday, March 5, 2017
Weekdays: 6:30 am & 8:30 am
First Saturday: 6:30 am
Saturday: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:15 am & 11:00 am
Holy Days: Vigil - 5:30 pm, Day - 8:30 am and 12:10 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturday: 3:30 pm until all are heard
Weekdays: 30 minutes prior to Mass or by appointment

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.
Padre’s point of view . . .
The Sign of Peace follows the Our Father…
When we give the sign of peace to each other, it can be a moment of connection or disconnection depending on what we do. We exchange the sign of peace when the priest or deacon invites us to share this sign of God’s love. If we turn to someone and put our arms out for a hug and if the other person isn’t a hugger; it can be a moment of disconnect. If we sneeze and then give our neighbor that hand, it can be a disconnect. Please be considerate of the person next to you. Sneeze on your sleeve or in your left hand. Smile and extent your right hand with, “peace be with you.” I have found that even non-Catholic’s like to connect and shake hands. Children love the sign of peace. It is a fabulous way to get them involved in the Mass. Being kind and considerate are a great way to show Christian Charity.

St. Anthony of Padua Parish
Effingham, Illinois

Fr. Chris will be in the St. Anthony Church office on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
He will be in the Sacred Heart Church office on Wednesdays and Fridays.

St. Anthony Schools are currently seeking applications for
the following positions:
Jr High Cheer Coach & High School Cheer Coach
2017/2018 Season
Interested persons should contact Kevin Palmer at 217-342-6969 or email at kpalmer@stanthony.com.

St. Anthony Board of Education Openings
Are you interested in becoming a member of the St. Anthony Board of Education? Please stop by the parish office and pick up an informational packet or contact Carrie Koenig at ckoenig@stanthony.com for an electronic copy. Applications are due back to the parish office by March 31. To be eligible for the position, a person must be 18 years of age, a registered member of St. Anthony Parish, and cannot be a paid full time employee, parent, sibling, or child of any paid full time employee of any diocesan parish program. Interested applicants are welcome to attend the March 15 Board of Education meeting in the grade school conference room at 6:35 pm. Candidates should make plans to attend the April 19 Board of Education meeting for interviews.

CCW News
St. Anthony CCW Spring meeting will be Monday, March 6th, with a lunch at noon, in the St. Anthony parish center. Jamie Ludwig will be speaking on Harmony Playground.

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, Christine Adams, Steve Bierman, Brenda Braunecker, Betty A. Brown, Ruth Bushue, Drew Conder, Lisa Crosson, Doris Dasenbrock, John Gapsis, Carol Gapsis, Katie Guffey, Dustin Harpe, Charles Harris, Francis Herboth, Jeanene Jenne, Mark Jirak, Ingrid Kay, Elisabeth Koester, Kenneth Koester, Tyler Koester, Katie Kroeger, Rosemary Koste, Craig Lindvahl, Mrs. Don McDevitt, Penny Meyer, Geraldine Miller, Dan O’Connor, Kenneth Polarek, Michael Poterucha, Jill Quandt, Carole Ray, Marcia Rexroat, Joan Valenti, Allen Wente, Sr. Jeanette Willenborg, Ted Willenborg, Cheryl Woodard, Jerry Worman.

With Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Mary Harris (Class of 1942) and Greg Donsbach (Class of 1973). May they enjoy eternal peace and happiness in Heaven.

2018 Parish Directory Cover Contest
Are you artistic? Do you enjoy taking photos? Here is your chance to show off your talent to your fellow parishioners! Our parish directory planning team is hosting a cover contest for our 2018 Parish Directory. There is no age requirement to enter; we only ask that you are an active parishioner for the 2018 calendar year. The media format for the directory cover is of your choosing…it can be anything from watercolor to a collage of photos. Start thinking and get those creative juices flowing! Your submissions can be dropped off at the parish office or submitted electronically to bulletin@stanthony.com. Deadline for submission is May 31, 2017. The winner will receive a SCRIP gift certificate and have his/her design featured on the cover of the 2018 Parish Directory!

1st Annual Effingham March for Life
Saturday, March 25, 2017 @ 2:00pm
More details to follow.
Sponsored by the Effingham Knights of Columbus.

Attention . . . In the event of a death, accident or other life emergency, while offices are closed, please contact (217) 703-1042.

St. Anthony Church Mass Times
Monday - Friday 6:30 a.m. & 8:30 a.m.
Saturday 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 7:30 a.m. & 9:15 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

Sacred Heart Mass Times
Monday - Friday 7:15 a.m. Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m.
Spanish Mass Sunday 7:00 p.m.

St. Mary’s Mass Times
Saturday 5:30 p.m. Sunday 8:30 a.m.
Mass Intentions

Monday, March 6:
6:30 a.m. Mass: CCW Members
8:30 a.m. Mass: Otto Goldstein

Tuesday, March 7:
6:30 a.m. Mass: Norbert & Virginia Koester
8:30 a.m. Mass: Clem & Minnie Luchtefeld

Wednesday, March 8:
6:30 a.m. Mass: Joe, Elizabeth, Harold & Maurice Metten
8:30 a.m. Mass: Harold & Bertha Bushur Family; Tom Thies Anniversary; Kenny Koenig; Living & Deceased members of Clem & Clara Goldstein Family

Thursday, March 9:
6:30 a.m. Mass: Lorraine Jones
8:30 a.m. Mass: Norbert Stumborg

Friday, March 10:
6:30 a.m. Mass: Special Intention
8:30 a.m. Mass: Charles & Grace Hotze Family

Saturday, March 11:
4:30 p.m. Mass: Edward & Celeste Dust

Sunday, March 12:
7:30 a.m. Mass: Parishioners of St. Anthony
9:15 a.m. Mass: Dorothy Holkenbrink Anniversary
11:00 a.m. Mass: Judy Newberry

Lenten Regulations
1. ABSTINENCE – Everyone 14 years of age and over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
2. FAST – Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 is required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
   On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is permitted. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to each person's needs, but together these two should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids (including milk and fruit juices) are allowed.
3. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.

Sacristans Needed
We are in need of sacristans for Mass at 6:30am Wednesday, 8:30am Friday, and someone to share 9:15am Sunday. If you are interested or have additional questions, please give Susan Goeckner a call at 217-343-0662.

Calendar of Events

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Stations of the Cross
During this season of Lent there are several opportunities to attend the Stations of the Cross:
- Every Friday at 5:30pm at Sacred Heart
- Every Friday at 7:00pm at St. Anthony
- Shadow Stations on April 7th @ 6:30pm at St. Mary’s, Shumway

Frank Runyeon Mission

Afraid - The Gospel of Mark
- Sunday, Mar. 26, 2017 @ 7:00pm - St. Anthony Church
- Tuesday, Mar. 28, 2017 @ 7:00pm - St. Mary’s Shumway

"Imagine...The floor under your feet is dirt... The only light is coming from candles...We’re in the catacombs... underneath Rome..."

Sermon on the Mount
- Monday, Mar. 27, 2017 @ 7:00pm - St. Anthony Church
- Wednesday, Mar. 29, 2017 @ 7:00pm - St. Mary’s Shumway

Few parts of the Bible are as famous as the Sermon on the Mount. It includes the Lord’s Prayer, the Golden Rule... But did you know: it also includes a story?

Catholic Charities Annual Collection
The Annual Collection for Catholic Charities will be March 11th and 12th. Catholic Charities depends greatly on your generosity to provide the services for men, women, children who need help with the basic necessities of life, such as food, a place to live, lights and heat in their homes, medication, clothing, school supplies. Envelopes have been provided in your Church contribution packet for this collection. Please use this envelope or another envelope marked Catholic Charities to assist your parish. Thank you in advance for being the presence of Christ in the lives of those in need and for your generosity.

First Sunday of Lent
5th Annual St. Anthony Treasure Sale is Friday, April 7th & Saturday, April 8th. Please take a minute to think of what your donations will be for this year’s Treasure Sale. Our advertising is most effective when we know in advance of larger items: furniture, antiques, collectibles, or any special items that should be included in advance advertising. Please call or text, as soon as possible, to tell us of such specific items. For questions call Alice Conlin @ 343-8372 or Pat Brunleve @ 821-7129. More information will follow in the coming weeks.
Church Cleaning for March
Cleaning is done Saturday morning from 8:30-9:30.
If you are unable to clean, please call a replacement.
Jake & Krista Niebrugge  Ken & Diana Niebrugge
Kevin & Misty Niebrugge  Margie Niebrugge
Mark & Amy Niebrugge  Michael & Toni Niebrugge
Nick & Amber Niebrugge  James & Donna Niemann
Carl Niemerg  Chandra Niemerg
Janice Niemerg  Nick & Carissa Niemerg
Tony Niemerg  Mike & Mindy Nosbisch
Phil Nosbisch  Brad & Nicki Nuxoll

Weekday Mass Servers
Mon., Mar 6  6:30am Mason Bloemer & Hailey Niebrugge
8:30am Adam Brandenburger & Jacy Boatman
Tues., Mar 7  6:30am Lucy Fearday & Kyle Willenborg
8:30am Grade School
Wed., Mar 8  6:30am Abby Thoele & Anna Zaccari
8:30am Henry Kemme & Nicholas Poston
Thurs., Mar 9  6:30am Emily Kowalke & Emma Ashton
8:30am Grade School
Fri., Mar 10  6:30am Darin Hutchison & Caroline Deters
8:30am High School
Stations  7:00pm Brody Conkling & Wade Lawrence

Liturgical Ministers for March 11/12

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* Denotes those who are to clean vessels after Mass.

Radio Mass
Recorder for the month of March: Mary Koester

Pro-Life Corner
Adoption plays an important role in the pro-life movement. Please join us as we invoke the intercession of St. Joseph, foster father of Jesus, and pray for all involved with adoption. The novena goes from March 12-20, ending on the day we observe the Solemnity of St. Joseph. For a link to the novena, go to www.stanthony.com and scroll down to “News and Announcements.”

Please join us for our next Pro-Life Group meeting. We’ll continue our discussion of euthanasia, watch a documentary, and discuss what we can do to prepare for the upcoming introduction of this legislation in Illinois.
Date: Tuesday, March 14
Time: 6:30 – 8 pm
Location: Effingham KC Hall
All are invited. Questions? Please contact Valerie at 868-9406 or Jami at 690-3622.

AN INVITATION TO OUR PARISHIONERS
Join us for the Saint Anthony

Spring Gala
Saturday, April 8, 2017 – Keller Convention Center
Enjoy a social evening of dinner, celebration, and fun, featuring, your 2016 Hall of Fame Inductions. Don’t miss this opportunity to celebrate St. Anthony’s rich history.
Come join your parish community in an evening of fellowship.
For more information visit our website at: StAnthony.com/Hall-of-Fame
For the calendar...
- Mar. 1, Ash Wednesday; H.S. Mass in Church, 8:30am; Friday bell schedule runs.
- Mar. 3, 1/2 Day of School, 11:48am Dismissal (EB-7th Hours Meet); H.S. Mass in Church, 8:30am; End of 3rd Quarter;
- Mar. 4, IHSA Solo & Ensemble Contest
- Mar. 6, Scholar Bowl Regionals; Junior Confessions
- Mar. 7, Report Cards Available Online after 3:00pm; Fr-Soph-Sr Confessions; Tuesday Novena in Chapel, 12:08pm
- Mar. 8, Fr-Soph-Sr Confessions
- Mar. 10, 1/2 Day of School, 11:48am Dismissal (EB-7th Hours Run); H.S. Mass in Church, 8:30am; Friday Adoration
- Mar. 11, Scholar Bowl Sectionals
- Mar. 12, Daylight Saving Time Begins; Solo & Ensemble Recital, MPR, 1:00pm (All invited!)
- Mar. 14, Tuesday Novena in Chapel, 12:08pm
- Mar. 15, Spring Sports Photos; Incoming Freshmen Meeting, MPR, 6:30pm
- Mar. 17, H.S. Mass in Church, 8:30am; Scholar Bowl State
- Mar. 20-30, Incoming Freshmen Meetings Begin (By Appointment)
- Mar. 21, Tuesday Novena in Chapel, 12:08pm
- Mar. 22, Senior Retreat
- Mar. 23, Senior Retreat; Freshmen Retreat
- Mar. 24, Senior Retreat; Juniors No School; Sophomore Retreat; Freshmen Day of Service (No SAHS Classes)
- Mar. 27, Renewal of Consecration to Jesus & Mary
- Mar. 30, G.S. Musical Matinee, MPR, 9:30am
- Mar. 31, H.S. Mass in Church, 8:30am; Junior High Musical, MPR, 7:00pm
**Mass in Chapel, Thursdays, 7:00am

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK CELEBRATED IN FEBRUARY
Our area Catholic priests celebrated Mass on Wednesday, Feb. 1, in St. Anthony High School Enlow Center for all staff and students from Sacred Heart School, Sigel St. Michael, Newton St. Thomas, St. Anthony Grade School, and St. Anthony High School.

Thank you to Fr. Edgar for organizing the morning. Shown below are some of the servers preparing for the Mass along with Fr. Chris: Isaiah Daiber, Alex Deters, Joseph Kabbes, Jared Hoene, Braeden Quandt, Bryson Wall, and Kyle Willenborg.

STAFF & STUDENTS DONATE TO BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK & TO OUR SISTER PARISH IN HAITI
Members of Fr. Edgar’s Catholic Athletes for Christ (CAC) Club Jacob Schmidt, Brandon Puckett, and Drew Gibson collect donations from Nick Martelli and all SAHS staff and students who wore jeans during Catholic Schools Week. Proceeds from the Catholic Schools Week Jeans Week were recently donated to our local Blessings In A Backpack and to our sister parish in Haiti. The students also brought in canned and boxed foods for Catholic Charities. The winning class was treated to a pizza party on February 10.
The Financial Corner as of February 27, 2017

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**Effingham County Right to Life Rummage Sale**
March 16 from 7:00am to 5:00pm
March 17 from 7:00am to 2:30pm
Effingham Knights of Columbus Building
Items accepted on March 15th from 6am to 5pm
No TVs, Computers or printers accepted

**The This, That and More Picnic Stand**
It’s getting that time of the year again to be thinking about the picnic. Our stand would like to start early to make some beautiful things again. We will have our first class on Tuesday, March 7 at 6:30pm at Carol Bloemer’s place. There will be painting, wreath making, and other projects to do. If you would like to join us we would love to have your help. Contact Carol at 217-342-2295 or Patti Devall at 217-342-3340. If you have any supplies such as paints, flowers, greenery, ribbon, burlap or mesh for wreaths, glue sticks or other craft supplies, please feel free to bring them also. We are looking forward to another wonderful stand this year with all your help.

**Family Life Center Annual Fundraising Musical Event**
Presents Broadway for Life - “Life to Share”
March 11, 2017 at the Carriage House Event Center, Altamont, IL. For ticket reservations call 217-342-5433. Dinner tickets are $25 each. Doors open at 5:30pm, Dinner at 6:00pm, Show at 7:00pm.

**St. Thomas School, Newton Fundraiser**
St Thomas School in Newton, IL will be hosting a fundraiser where all the proceeds go to the St Thomas School Music Program. The event will be held Saturday March 18, 2017. Doors open at 5:30pm, a meal will be served at 6:00pm, and the Sounds of Swing band will start playing at 7:00pm. Meal consists of a salad bar, pork loin, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, roll, coffee/tea/lemonade, and dessert. Reservations need to be made in advance by calling St Thomas School at 618-783-3517. $17.00 per person. It will be held at the St Thomas Parish Center, 306 W Jourdan St, Newton, IL 62448. If you like to dance or just listen to Big Band music, this is the place to be!

**Donations are being accepted for Easter decorations for our church. Donations can be placed in the basket or mailed to: St. Anthony Church, PO Box 764, Effingham, IL**

**Quilters - The CCW ladies are going to be quilting in the Parish Center the month of March, after the 8:30am Mass. Anyone who is interested is welcome to join. Come and stay as long as you wish.**
Lenten Bible Reflection  
The Letter to the Hebrews  
“Hope Anchors the Soul”  
Sacred Heart Parish Lower Level  
Tuesdays 11:00am – 12:30pm  
March 7 – April 11, 2017

The Letter to the Hebrews is an amazing book -- nothing like anything you see in the rest of the New Testament. In some places it soars. In other places it's downright difficult. Several verses are frankly hard to understand clearly, but intriguing nonetheless. It's filled with high-grade nuggets of Christian truth that will stay with you all your life! Hebrews is certainly a book for disciples. It stirs our faith and nips at our heels when we get lazy in our walk. It helps us see Jesus in a new way. And it enables us to understand the role of suffering to discipline and train us up as Jesus' disciples.

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RSVP  
217-347-7177  
217-343-5208  
John Valenti  
Pastoral Minister

Join us for Stations of the Cross every Friday night at 5:30pm, at Sacred Heart Church.

Sacred Heart Fish Fries  
Sacred Heart Parish Center  
Corner of Fayette & Henrietta, Effingham  
Friday, March 3 & 17  
Serving from 4:30pm to 7:30pm  
Menu includes: Fish, Mac & Cheese, or Baked Potato, Slaw or Applesauce, Chips, Drink, and Dessert
  Adults $7.00 - Children $3.00 (Carry-outs Available)

“NO FISH, FISH FRY”  
Friday, March 31, from 4:30-7:30pm  
Sacred Heart Parish Center  
Please join us for Joe’s Pizza cheese pizza and meatless pasta, salad, breadsticks, and dessert.
  Adults $6.00 - Children $4.00  
We have exciting raffle baskets this year, including a Chromebook, Bluetooth package, and much more!  
Proceeds benefit the 2017 Space Camp Trip.
Join us on Monday, March 20, at 6:00pm, to a Parish Welcome Social in the Sacred Heart Parish Center. As we kickoff our mission, please join us for homemade sweet breads, preserves, dips, and cheese.

We welcome former Sacred Heart priests in this uplifting spiritual mission.

Monday, March 20, at 7:00pm
Set Your Heart On The Way ~ Let us begin our journey
Presenter: Rev. Albert Allen, pastor of St. Cecilia Church, Glen Carbon
Opening Presentation

Tuesday, March 21, at 7:00pm
Catch a Glimpse of What Might Be ~ Our conviction in giving witness
Presenter: Rev. Brian Alford, pastor of St. Jude Parish, Rochester
Presentation with the sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday, March 22, at 7:00pm
Faith on Fire ~ A vision for the future
Presenter: Rev. Marty Smith, parochial vicar at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception & Chaplain of Sacred Heart-Griffin High School, Springfield
Presentation with evening Mass

Immediately following the Mass, we invite you to a Parish Dessert Social in the Sacred Heart Parish Center.

Everyone is welcome.

Babysitting for 3-5 year olds available, call 347-7177 to RSVP.
National Catholic Sisters Week
March 8-14

How well do you know the Women Religious serving in this area? We thought you may want to take this fun quiz to get to know us better. Put the number of the sister’s name next to the statement that fits her. The names are on the back of this quiz.

I was a camp counselor at Camp Ondesonk for two summers. ___
I climbed a mountain in Colorado. ___
I sang with a women’s Barbershop Quartet chorale. ___
I was in a major style show (yep, as a sister). ___
I love doing puzzles, especially the 3-D kind. ___
I was recently in Ireland. ___
I coached a Jr. High basketball team to a league championship. ___
I spent six weeks on retreat and study in Rome and Germany. ___
I love working in the garden and with plants. ___
I started a home for abused teen girls and was their foster mom for ten years. ___
I worked with alpaca on shearing days. ___

** The ministries covered by these 10 women range from education (pre-school through adult), administration (hospital, school & congregational), secretary, music director, social services, pastoral associate, spiritual care, activities director, 4-H leader, etc., etc., etc.
I was secretary for Methodist and Christian churches.  
I taught in five different parishes in the Springfield, IL diocese.  
I worked in a juvenile detention center.  
I have a passion for music.  
I love ice fishing—in a warm shanty.  
I studied in Toronto, Canada.  
I water skied and still bear the marks.  
I disked a wheat field for tension relief.  
I was administrator of Villa Jesu retirement center in St. Louis.  

*** The number of years these sisters have served God’s people is 554 with 236 being in the Springfield diocese. They have served in Colorado, Illinois, Missouri, Louisiana, Ohio, Michigan, California, Iowa, Nebraska and West Virginia.

1. S. Ann Pierre Wilken, osf  
2. S. Ann Vincent Siemer, SSND  
3. S. Carol Beckermann, osf  
4. S. Christina Fick, SSND  
5. S. Jane Boos, SSND  
6. S. Jane Hotze, SSND  
7. S. Jeanette Willenborg, osf  
8. S. Kathleen Bushur, osf  
9. S. Pat Thies, SSND  
10. S. Rene Simonelic, osf  
11. S. Sandra Sudkamp, osf

Answers to the Catholic Sisters’ Week Quiz

4, 3, 2, 11, 7, 10, 3, 4, 7, 9, 1, 11, 4, 7, 9, 3, 10, 8, 5, 8, 6.