First Reconciliation
March 24, 2019

Cheyenne Barker
Bryn Bartimus
Jaxon Bernhard
Desmond Beyers
Charles Bierman
Madalyne Brown
Carly Budde
Peyton Clark
Taylor Denning
Rachel Emmerich
Hannah Frisbie
Hayden Gaddis
Charlie Hoene
Alexander Jenne
William Jenne
Alicia Koester
Sebastian Looman

William McAllaster
William Meyer
Nora Niebrugge
Hannah Phillips
Brooklynn Schimmelpfenning
Bradley Seiler
Sydney Stephens
Avery Stroud
Curtis Tingley
James Trupiano
Collin Unkraut
Blake Verdeyen
Andrew Wagner
Rosalie Warner
Clara Westendorf
Owen Wrigley

St. Anthony of Padua Church
101 E Virginia Ave
Effingham, IL 62401
(217) 347-7129

Bless the LORD, my soul; all my being, bless his holy name!
Ps 103:1
First Reconciliation …….. Relationship of Mercy

This weekend our parish family of St. Anthony’s will celebrate First Reconciliation for our second graders at our St. Anthony Parish School and our Parish School of Religion (PSR).

At the celebration we have encouraged our students who still have their “baptismal candle” to bring it and after they have received God’s wonderful gift of mercy for the first time in the sacrament they will go forward with their parents to “re-light” their candle as a sign that they have left the “darkness of sin” and have walked back into the “light” of Christ’s path of light and life, peace and hope. They will stand near the Easter “Christ” Candle with their parents to celebrate their victory over sin. The parents, who vowed to accept the responsibility to “hand on the faith” to their son/daughter, can smile and take joy in seeing their child receive the sacramental grace of Jesus. The child can smile because with courage they have turned back to God, have said… “I am sorry” and through the words of Absolution, been granted forgiveness of their sins.

Our parish rejoices with them and CONGRATULATES them on this grace filled moment in their faith journey.

Back at their child’s baptism the parents chose Godparents who also willingly vowed to “help” hand on the faith. I hope and pray many of them came to join us in this celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is truly a special day to stand by them, support them, and continue to give witness to these children.

What we give witness to is that we have come to know Jesus, the “Lamb of God”, HE who takes away the sin of the world. He is our loving God, who died for our sins on the cross of Calvary. He is our loving God, who forgives us of any and all our sins, no questions asked. Now through this wonderful sacrament, our honored students have encountered this wonderful loving merciful God.

Thanks to our parents for continuing to respond generously to their child’s journey in the Catholic faith. Thanks also to Mr. Sturgeon, Mr. Purcell, Mrs. Gardewine, Mrs. Harden, and Mrs. Wilson for their support, encouragement, and catechesis given to all our students. God Bless our children as they continue to seek to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church.

- Peace, Fr. Chuck

**Stations of the Cross**

During this season of Lent there are several opportunities to attend the Stations of the Cross.

- Friday at 2:10pm & 7:00pm at St. Anthony
- Friday at 6:00pm at St. Mary’s Shumway
- Friday at 5:30pm at Sacred Heart (March Only)

**The St. Anthony Spring Gala**

**HALL of FAME**

Honoring the 2018 Hall of Fame Inductees

- Alumni – Ann Althoff
- Friend – Ken Vogt
- Faculty - Dianne Merz
- Athletes – Jaclyn Jansen Rigoulot & Matthew Feldhake
- and the Booster Club Member of the Year - Tim Walsh

Join us in celebrating our parish and school community!

Saturday, April 6, 2019

For more information, visit our website at: StAnthony.com/Hall-of-Fame or contact Krista (Kabbes) Niebrugge at 217-821-3935 or Shae (Westendorf) Thoele at 217-821-5812.

**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.**


**Mission Statement Philippians 3:14**

Pressing on to the Goal of service to the Lord by stretching our intellect, confirming our values, and living our faith.

**St. Anthony Church Mass Times**

- Mon., Tues, Thurs, Friday 6:30am & 8:30am
- Wednesday 6:30am Saturday 4:30pm
- Sunday 7:30am & 9:15am, 11:00am

**St. Mary’s, Shumway Mass Times**

- Wednesday 7:15am Saturday 5:30pm Sunday 8:30am
- Spanish Mass Sunday 7:00pm

**Sacred Heart Mass Times**

- Mon., Tues, Thurs, Fri - 7:15am & Wed - 8:30am
- Saturday 4:00pm - Sunday 8:30am & 10:30am, 5:30pm
Mass Intentions

Monday, March 25:
6:30 a.m. Mass:  Lucille E Probst
8:30 a.m. Mass:  Virgil & Hilma Goeckner Family

Tuesday, March 26:
6:30 a.m. Mass:  Clem & Minnie Luchtefeld
8:30 a.m. Mass:  Jim Jansen

Wednesday, March 27:
6:30 a.m. Mass:  No Mass - Spring Gathering
6:30 p.m. Mass:  Richard Roepke Anniversary

Thursday, March 28:
6:30 a.m. Mass:  Christine Niebrugge
8:30 a.m. Mass:  Melvin Weber

Friday, March 29:
6:30 a.m. Mass:  Twining Parish - St. Paul’s Nigeria
8:30 a.m. Mass:  Willie Niebrugge Family

Saturday, March 30:
4:30 p.m. Mass:  Mike Mitchell

Sunday, March 31:
7:30 a.m. Mass:  Parishioners of St. Anthony
9:15 a.m. Mass:  Clarence Kemme Anniversary
11:00 a.m. Mass:  Leonard Unkraut Anniversary

Protecting God’s Children Workshop

Sacred Heart Church, Effingham
Tuesday, March 26th at 6:00pm
Call 217-347-7177 to register

St. Francis Church, Teutopolis
Saturday, March 30th at 9:00am
Call 217-857-6404 to register

Thank You to all involved with the Parish Lenten Mission; Deacon Joel and Lisa Schmidt, Father Chuck, Father Mark, Irene Koester, parish staff, Dynamic Dads, CCW, and Pastoral Council. To all who attended the mission and the meals, bless you for your thirst for continued growth of your faith. Anyone wishing to stay connected to Deacon Joel and Lisa Schmidt, their online addresses are: www.thewelldesmoines.com or thepracticingcatholic.com

Bishop Paprocki’s mother, Veronica Mary Paprocki, age, 91, passed away March 13, 2019. Funeral Mass was on Tuesday, March 19th. Please keep Veronica Mary Paprocki and her family in your prayers.

Eternal rest grant unto her oh Lord and let your perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, thru the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Child Abuse Reporting & Investigation number at 217-321-1155 or Children & Family Services Child Abuse Hotline 1-800-25-ABUSE.

Calendar of Events

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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.

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.

De Colores Spring Weekends
Spring into action: making a DeColores 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 Women’s Weekend, March 28th - 31st; Lay leader, Betty Zumbahlen a @ 217-844-3328; bettyzumbahlen@gmail.com

Pro-Life Corner
On Feb. 25, the U.S. Senate failed to advance the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act—legislation that prohibits infanticide by ensuring that a child born alive following an abortion would receive the same degree of care to preserve her life and health as would be given to any other child born alive at the same gestational age. Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann, chair of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities, issued the following statement in response:

“There should be no bill easier for the Senate to pass than one that makes clear that killing newborn babies is wrong and should not be tolerated. That even one senator, let alone 44 senators voted against the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, is an injustice that should horrify and anger the American people and commit us to decisive political action. A vote against this bill is a vote to extend Roe v. Wade’s license for killing unborn children to killing newborn babies. The American people, the vast majority of whom support this bill, must demand justice for innocent children.”

Sacred Heart Council of Catholic Women
would like to invite your Council of Catholic Women to our Annual Salad Supper on Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at 6:00pm at the Sacred Heart Parish Center. All ladies of the parish are invited.
We extend a warm welcome to our newest Parishioners…

- Jeff & Stacey Brummer and children Madison & Anthony
- Alvaro Gonzales Gomez and children Lizeth & JC
- Alice Beary

Welcome Recently Baptized

- Amara Rose Koerner, daughter of Jordan & Kristin Koerner
- Braxton Gregory Roepke, son of Justin & Kathryn Roepke
- Nathan Lawrence Beck, son of Brian & Teresa Beck
- Wil Joseph Schumacher, son of Joseph & Pamela Schumacher
- Bennett Michael Ungrund, son of Jeffrey & Bethany Ungrund

Thank You!!!
Thank you to all those who took the time to travel to Springfield for the Life Advocacy Day on Wednesday, March 20th.

An extra big Thank You to all the individuals who were involved in putting together everything involved with traveling to Springfield. You did a fantastic job!

CRS Rice Bowl - Encounter Dhathcroos family

The Dhathcroos family returned home, after fleeing violence in their country, to build a prosperous farm and become a vital contributor to their community. How can you assist refugees in your community to rebuild their lives? How can you support refugees worldwide who are fleeing violence in their country? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

Please submit written bulletin articles to:
bulletin@stanthony.com or mail to Bulletin, PO Box 764, Effingham, IL  62401. Articles must be in the office by noon Monday prior to publication.

Attention Young Adults!

Would you like to connect with other young adults on issues of life and faith? Come to our next Spirited Discussions event at the T-Town Banquet (KC) Hall meeting room on Thursday, April 4th from 7-8pm! What is that? Spirited Discussions is a once a month event for all young adults in the Effingham area. There will be a speaker and discussion on the topic. Our April event is on the topic of Purgatory with Fr. John Titus. There is access to the bar, and snacks will be provided. Hope to see you there!

Also, join Effingham Area Catholic Young Adults on Facebook to know what events are going on in our area.

Sacred Heart Lenten Retreat
Duc In Altum ~ Cast into the Deep
April 8-10 at Sacred Heart School

Due to the Church renovation, the Lenten Retreat will be held in the Sacred Heart School gymnasium, which is located at 407 S. Henrietta Street in Effingham, IL. Everyone is invited to attend!

Monday, April 8 ~ Remember the Past with Gratitude:
St. Joseph Table: 5:00-6:30pm in the Sacred Heart Parish Center. Free refreshments and fellowship! Fr. Alford Presentation: 6:30-7:00pm in the Sacred Heart School Gymnasium (No Mass)

Tuesday, April 9 ~ Live the Present with Enthusiasm:
Fr. Alford Presentation: 6:30-7:00pm in the Sacred Heart School Gymnasium (No Mass). Reconciliation: 7:00-8:00pm with area priests

Wednesday, April 10 ~ Look to the Future with Confidence:
Closing Mass: 6:30-7:30pm in the Sacred Heart School Gymnasium. Reception: 7:30-8:00pm in the Sacred Heart Parish Center
The Financial Corner

**Income**

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**Subtotal Regular Giving** $1,867,413.64

**Fundraisers** $206,100.00

**Bequests & Gifts** $15,000.00

**Trusts Distributions** $120,000.00

**Tuition & Resource Fees** $2,194,998.92

**Other** $338,184.16

**Total Income** $4,741,696.72

**Expenses**

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**St. Anthony Schools Annual Fund Update**

*As of Monday, March 18, 2019*

- 102 $1,000 Challenge
- 275 Family Gifts
- $304,101 Total Pledges
- $297,884 Total Cash Gifts Rec.
- $333,000 Goal for 2018/2019

Thank you to everyone who has made a difference in St. Anthony Schools!

**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, March 19, 2019*

- 1,304 Parish Families
- 287 Family Gifts (22.0%)
- $241 Average Gift Per Family
- $69,191 Total Pledge Gifts Received
- $94,051 ACSA Goal for 2018/2019 (73.6%)

Simply make your check payable to ACSA (with St. Anthony of Padua, Effingham in the memo line), use the envelope provided by the diocese or write ACSA on an envelope and drop it in the collection.

**Sacred Heart, Effingham No Fish-Fish Fry**

Friday, March 29, serving from 4:30 - 7:30pm, in the Sacred Heart Parish Center, Effingham. Come and enjoy cheese pizza and meatless pasta, salad, and breadsticks (prepared by Joe's Pizza) and desserts. Price: Adults $6.00 & Children $4.00.

Proceeds to benefit the 2020 Space Camp Trip.

**PATRONIZE OUR ADVERTISERS**

The advertisements that appear in this bulletin completely defray all publishing costs which the church would otherwise incur. Please patronize the sponsors on the back of this bulletin and thank them for their kind generosity.

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**The Andrew Gobczynski Big Heart Foundation**

Wine Passport, which provides six tastes of premium wine or liquor. The Andrew Gobczynski Big Heart Foundation is a local 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to funding cardiac testing for Effingham and St. Anthony student-athletes. So far, the foundation has provided free heart screening for almost 250 student-athletes! We hope to see you on Saturday, April 13!

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**Welcome, Visitors!**

* No matter where you are from, what you do, your current family or marital situation …
* No matter your personal history, age, background, race or political affiliation …
* No matter your religion or self-perceived relationship with God or the Church …

**We are very happy you are with us!**
To learn more about our parish or to register, visit our website at www.stAnthony.com.
St. Anthony Parish
“Treasure” Sale

One man’s “junk” is another man’s “treasure”

Friday, Apr. 5 – 8am-6pm
Saturday, Apr. 6 – 8am-12
(BAG SALE, Saturday 10-12 noon)

St Anthony Parish Center
101 East Virginia Ave, Effingham, IL

PRICED TO SELL: HUGE SALE
Huge Collection of Clothing - Infant to Adult, Purses, Shoes, Jewelry, Linens, Baby Items, Toys, Puppet Theatre, Books, CD’s, Records, Furniture, Cedar Chest, Rugs, Household Items, Like-New All Clad Cookware, Art, Frames, Antiques, Collectibles, Dept. 56, Tools, Wire Feed Welder, 4’x8’ Train Board on rollers with Lionel Track, 4’x8’ Christmas Tree Train Board with S-gauge Track, etc.

Parishioners are digging!!!

Come find your treasures!!!

All proceeds benefit St Anthony Grade School & High School
Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes  
March 4, 2019  
St. Anthony Parish Center  

**Present:** Fr. Chuck Edwards, Matt Sturgeon, Sr. Jane Marie Hotze, Karla Hodge, Jill Schultz, Stacey Sehy, Kate Weber, Eric Althoff, Susan Gillenwater, Justin Brummer  
**Not Present:** Doug Rudolphi, Fr. Mark Tracy, Greg Fearday, Rita Devore  

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| School Report | The grade school is transitioning into Spring. Contracts of faculty/staff are being reviewed.  
(Matt Sturgeon)  
The grade school is currently working on master scheduling. Enrollment for the grade school is opened up in the following order: Returning families, Parishioners, Other Catholic families that do not have a school within their parish (March 15), waitlisted families (March 29) and then open enrollment. Currently, we can hold 48 students per grade level or 24 per classroom. The kindergarten will not have 24 students per classroom due to needing more attention and one on one time. Due to high enrollment, Mr. Sturgeon stated we would only have one grade of 3 sections per level (primary, intermediate, Jr. High). The building does not have room for any more than that. Currently, the Health/Spanish room could become a 3rd section for the intermediate and the computer lab could become a 3rd section for the Jr. High. We currently have 3 sections of kindergarten. We asked if one of the kindergarten teachers would continually move up with the class, Mr. Sturgeon said he hasn’t made any decisions on that yet but all three would have a job next year. For the 2019/20 incoming high school freshmen, we are currently expecting 100% transfer from St. Anthony Grade school- 42 students, 50% from Sacred Heart-10 students and 3 students from Sigel. The tuition fees for the 2019/20 year have been set: Grade school $3,765 & High school $4,890. The education of our students is covered by Tuition, fundraising and weekly giving. 75% of our annual budget goes towards the schools. |
| CCW | There will be a meeting to elect officers on March 5th. They are planning the May breakfast. Their next meeting will be April 2nd.                                                                                     |
| Stewardship | They were disappointed in the turnout for the stewardship fair. There were approximately 50 in attendance after all the Masses combined. Several parishioners said they didn’t know anything about it. It was mentioned in the bulletin, an email went out to all families and each household was sent a stewardship booklet by mail. It may be a good idea to have lay people talk before Mass to discuss it if we do it again. We discussed how the number of booths present was overwhelming and it was difficult to make it to all the booths and learn what we have to offer. Many compliments have been given on the stewardship booklet. Phone numbers are located in the booklet if parishioners decide they would like to join a ministry. |
| Finance | They are putting together the budget for next year. The committee heads are having meetings.                                                                                                                |
| Religious Ed | March 24th will be First Reconciliation for the 2nd grade St. Anthony and PSR students at 2pm. Confirmation will be on April 7th at 2:30. RCIA has 7 candidates from St. Anthony and 4 from Sacred Heart. Pictures of the St. Anthony candidates will go up at all the entrances of church soon and we will try to get a flyer in the bulletin.                                                                 |
| Pro Life | Illinois legislators are trying to pass House Bill 2467 & 2495. These bills would allow minors to get an abortion without parental consent. All insurance companies would have to cover abortions regardless of their religious beliefs. They would also allow abortion into the 3rd trimester. There will be a meeting at the Effingham Event Center on March 5th at 7pm to discuss these bills and what we can do to help. |
Volunteer No Shows

We discussed how to eliminate no shows for ministries (Eucharistic Ministers, Servers, Ushers, etc.). Discussed getting together a list of phone numbers of all current members involved in the ministry. When someone is unable to make it to their scheduled Mass, they should call to find a replacement. We discussed having crosses in the back of church for Eucharistic Ministers to pick up before Mass starts so everyone is aware that there will be enough when communion starts. Discussed sacristans walking around to make sure there are enough ushers and all the crosses have been taken. If there are crosses left over 10 minutes prior to Mass, they will walk around and find someone to help fill in.

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Not ready at this time

150th year Celebration

The Bulldog Bash will be on Saturday April 27th. Targeted towards Alumni and parishioners but anyone 21+ is invited to attend. A flyer was placed in the bulletin about it. On Sunday April 28th, we will close out our 150th year. Bishop Paprocki will be here for 11am Mass. We will be inviting back all previous pastors and sisters. There will be a luncheon held for all previous religious. The 150th committee is asking for councils within the parish to assist at the luncheon.

St. Anthony Gala

Will be held Saturday April 6 at the Keller Convention center. A flyer was placed in the bulletin. Tickets are $30 and you can contact the parish office with questions.

Rectory

Fundraising will begin in mid-May. 25 people are currently on the committee.

Lenten Mission

Deacon Joel & Lisa Schmidt will be presenting this year on March 10-12th. A flyer was placed in the bulletin. There will be a meal offered in the parish center at 5:30 each night followed by the mission in church starting at 7pm. Daycare for young children will be offered at the grade school. Deacon Joel will be speaking at all the Masses the weekend of March 9-10.

Table of Plenty (Jill Schultz)

Will be coming up on their 1 year anniversary in April. Jill would like to do something special to commemorate the big event and their year long success. We discussed challenging the students to each bring 2 items for the Table of Plenty program in April. If the challenge is met, they will host a special “make your own ice cream sundae” bar for the entire grade school. Jill will be at school on Monday April 1st to talk about the goal with the students.

Ladies Day Retreat

Scheduled for Saturday March 23rd. A flyer was placed in last weekend’s bulletin. Marlene Mulford will be our presenter. The day will start with 8:30 Mass followed by coffee and donuts. The presentation will be at the high school MPR and lunch will be provided. The cost is $10 for the day and you can contact Sara in the parish office to register.

Twinning Parish

Fr. Wenceslas (pastor of parish in Nigeria) will be here for 6-7 weeks this summer. When he returns to Nigeria, some from our parish will go back with him to visit. Fr. George (principal at the school in Nigeria), a financial officer from their parish and one lay person will be here from April 29- May 7th. One of the senior students from our twinning parish will be coming as a foreign exchange student to our high school next year.

Missionary

We will have a missionary here for all the Masses and liturgy the weekend of June 29-30.

Crosses

Fr. Chuck is asking all families to make a cross to be on display for lent. It is to replicate the Hill of Crosses in Lithuania. Families are to place their name on the cross. Some will be on display around the baptismal font and others will be outside the church.

Masses

Discussed possibly offering a contemporary Mass to keep youth and young adults in the Catholic Church. Some people have left the Catholic Church for a more contemporary church that offers upbeat music and a band. Some Catholic Churches offer a contemporary Mass and it is well attended.

Comments

Next Pastoral Council meeting will be held on Monday April 1st at 6:30pm