Palm Sunday
of the Lord’s Passion

Sunday
March 25, 2018
Behold the Wood of the Cross

Palm Sunday begins a time of great significance for all Catholics as it is the introduction of the great days we call “Holy Week”. We will offer a time to process and cry out “Hosanna” as we process waving our palms, as the crowd did who welcomed Jesus back in to the Holy City, Jerusalem.

Our liturgies will offer our opportunity to hear once again about the Sabbath meal prepared by the disciples at the request of Jesus, and we will hear of the banquet feast which would become “the first Eucharist” celebration, the washing of the feet, the time of immense sadness of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, the betrayal of Judas Iscariot, the denial of knowing “Him” by Peter, the scourging at the Pillar, the Crowning of Thorns, the Crucifixion and imminent death of Jesus, and the laying in the tomb…….

I believe with my heart that this is the week of truth for “those who believe”. When I think of being a true person of faith, a true man (woman) of prayer, and witness for the Lord, and true “intentional disciple”…… I feel every year these days are the unique time where “believers” show what their faith is made of. I feel if we are truly aware spiritually how important these four days are to our “way of salvation”, I can’t understand why all believers in Jesus would not want to come to worship at the liturgies of “Holy Week”. I see many folks go on week long fishing trips, gambling trips, shopping trips, sports tournament trips, yet just can’t find it in themselves and their schedules to offer four straight nights to come to each beautiful, powerful, and spiritual celebration of each night of Holy Week. I am sure that some would say I was being judgmental and others would tell me due to work, they can’t be there, well YES some would have conflicts. I commend those who make this commitment and encourage all our parish families to engage themselves in these Holy Week liturgies.

At the parish mission I just offered in Paris, I challenged myself and those at the mission to come back to church on their own and sit and face the 12th station where Jesus died on the cross. Spend two hours in reflection of that moment in our salvation history, where Jesus offered the ultimate act of sacrifice, He chose to lay his body onto the “wood of the cross” which we will venerate on Good Friday, he embraced the nailing of His flesh to that wood, and He gave His life for us out of love. Scripture says, “What can I make a return to the Lord, for all the good HE has done for me, the cup of salvation I will take up, and I will call upon the name of the Lord”. How “grateful” am I ? How will my gratitude lead me to “offer back”? Will I become that “intentional grateful disciple” ? Choosing to be a part of Holy Week and coming to church for some of these liturgies, if not all, should be my natural choice, for it should be simply “who I am”, and “where I will be”.

Mary and St. John, the disciple whom Jesus loved, who both stood at the foot of the cross become our models. Veronica, the woman of courage who wiped His bloody face, challenges us to be bold in our faith and love of the one who died that I may have life in abundance.

Come and journey at our churches and don’t allow the worldly abundances of life keep us from these holy days, and holy moments of faith and grace…..

- Peace, Fr. Chuck

Holy Thursday Adoration & Prayer

We have a tradition in our Church based upon Jesus’ invitation to some of His disciples to “watch and pray” with Him in the Garden of Gethsemane as Jesus awaits His betrayal. After Mass on Thursday evening, we will process to the parish center for prayer and adoration.

In an effort to cover the time slots, we suggest the following times for families whose last names begin with these letters. Families can come anytime that evening.

- Families A thru H: 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm
- Families I thru R: 9:00 pm - 10:00 pm
- Families S thru Z: 10:00 pm - 11:00 pm

High School Students: 11:00 pm - 11:30 pm

Closing Prayer will begin at 11:00pm

**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, March 26:**
- 6:30 a.m. Mass: Joe, Elizabeth, Harold & Maurice Metten
- 8:30 a.m. Mass: Charlotte Kantor

**Tuesday, March 27:**
- 6:30 a.m. Mass: Special Intention
- 8:30 a.m. Mass: Richard Roepke Anniversary

**Wednesday, March 28:**
- 6:30 a.m. Mass: Virginia Koester Anniversary
- 6:30 p.m. Mass: Anne Martens; Eileen Haskenherm

**Thursday, March 29:**
- 7:00 a.m. Mass: Robert & Mary Swingler Family

**Friday, March 30:**
- 1:00 p.m. Good Friday Service

**Saturday, March 31:**
- 7:30 p.m. Mass: Jim Kinkelaar

**Sunday, April 1:**
- 7:30 a.m. Mass: Al & Martha Having/Joe & Clara Cornell
- 9:15 a.m. Mass: Francis Brumleve
- 11:00 a.m. Mass: Parishioners of St. Anthony

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**Calendar of Events**

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**AN INVITATION TO OUR PARISHIONERS**

Join us for the St. Anthony Spring Gala

**Saturday, April 7, 2018**

**Keller Convention Center**

The St. Anthony Spring Gala is set to be a special celebration! Honoring the 2017 Hall of Fame Inductees:

- Alumni – Fr. Ben Meyer
- Friends – Dan Sr. and Gerry Hecht Family
- Athlete – Dr. Danielle Grunloh-Gumpenberger
- Booster Club Members of the Year- Mike and Shelly Martelli

Join us in celebrating our parish and school community! Saturday, April 7, 2018

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.

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**6th Annual St. Anthony Treasure Sale** is Friday, April 6th & Saturday, April 7th. Please take a minute to think of what your donations will be for this year’s Treasure Sale. Your donations will be accepted on Wednesday, April 4th, from 3-7pm and Thursday, April 5th from 8am-4pm. Please remember NOT to bring TV’s, printers, or car seats. Keep digging! You bring it, we’ll sell it!!! For questions call Alice Conlin @ 343-8372 or Pat Brumleve @ 821-7129.

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**Collections During Holy Week**

**St. Anthony:**
- Holy Thursday - 7:00pm
- Good Friday - 1:00pm Service
- Easter Vigil, Saturday - 7:30pm
- Easter Sunday - 7:30am (Incense Free), 9:15am, 11:00am

**St. Mary’s, Shumway:**
- Holy Thursday - 5:30pm
- Good Friday - 6:00pm
- Easter Vigil, Saturday - 8:00pm
- Easter Sunday - 8:30am, 10:30am, 5:00pm (Spanish)

**Sacred Heart:**
- Holy Thursday - 7:00pm
- Good Friday - 6:00pm
- Easter Vigil, Saturday - 8:30pm
- Easter Sunday - 8:30am, 10:30am, 5:00pm (Spanish)

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**Help Needed** - The Chrism Mass is being held at the Cathedral in Springfield on Tuesday, March 27th at 6:30pm. If anyone is interested in attending, and picking up the Holy Oils, please call the parish office at 347-7129.

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**Collections During Holy Week**

**Holy Thursday** - Will be for the Family Life Center

**Good Friday** - Will be for the Holy Land

**Easter Vigil, Saturday & Easter Sunday** - There are two envelopes for this day. The weekly Church Offering and 2nd envelope for the Seminarians.
**Church Cleaning for March**

Cleaning is done Saturday morning from 8:30-9:30. If you are unable to clean, please call a replacement.

Adam & Lindsey Storm  Zack & Amy Storm
Doug & Brenda Strauch  Kurt & Lisa Strullmyer
James & Mary Stuckey  David & Mary Beth Stuckey
Neil Stuckey  Mark & Cheryl Stumborg
Kevin & Beth Stundon  Matt & Beth Sturgeon
Brian & Julie Sudkamp  Joe & Karie Sudkamp
Roger & Deb Sur  Dave & Audrey Swingler
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**Child Abuse Reporting & Investigation number at 217-321-1155 or Children & Family Services Child Abuse Hotline 1-800-25-ABUSE.**

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**2nd Annual Mr. & Mrs. Jack Koester Memorial March for Life**

**Sunday, March 25, 2018**

12:30 PM at the St. Anthony Parish Center

Please join us at 12:30 for a prayer service in the parish center. The march will proceed through downtown Effingham and then back to the parish center where lunch will be provided by the Effingham Knights of Columbus. All are welcome.

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**De Colores Spring Weekends**

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, April 5th - 8th  Lay leader: Steve Kidd, 618-922-9751 olmckidd@hotmail.com

The Women’s Weekend, April 12th - 15th  Lay leader, Mary Jo Orme  217-343-7312 mar-yjoorme@gmail.com

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Celebrating the Sacraments of Initiation.

Please join us in welcoming our newest members to the Body of Christ, at Mass on Saturday, March 30th at 7:30pm. The Sacraments of Initiation are celebrated at the Easter Vigil, which include Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. By the waters of baptism, a person passes into the new life of grace and becomes a member of the Body of Christ. Anointing with special holy oil called “chrism” seals the gifts of the Holy Spirit and participation at the Table of the Lord in the Eucharist completes full membership in the church.

Sacred Heart Council of Catholic Women

Would like to invite your Council of Catholic Women to our Annual Salad Supper on Tuesday, April 3, at 6:00pm at the Sacred Heart Parish Center. All ladies of the parish are invited.

Pray for Vocations

Board of Education Applications

Are you interested in becoming a member of the St. Anthony Board of Education? Please visit www.stanthony.com or stop by the parish office to pick up an informational packet. Interested applicants can also email staboe@stanthony.com to request a packet. Applications are due by March 30 and can be dropped off at the parish office or emailed to staboe@stanthony.com. 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, spouse, parent, sibling, or child of any paid full-time employee of any diocesan parish program. Interested applicants are welcome to attend the March 21 Board of Education meeting in the grade school conference room at 7:00 pm. Candidates should make plans to attend the April 18 Board of Education meeting for interviews.

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Friday, March 23rd at 7:00pm
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St. Anthony Schools Annual Fund Update

As of Monday, March 19, 2018

88 $1,000 Challenge
244 Family Gifts
$315,200 Total Pledges
$307,723 Total Cash Gifts Received
$280,000 Annual Fund Goal for 2017/2018

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

Natural Family Planning Class

2018 Sessions:
April 20th 6:00-7:30pm at St. Isidore, Bishop Creek
May 4th 6:30-8:00pm at Sacred Heart, Effingham
June 2nd 10:00-11:30am at St. Francis, Teutopolis
July 21st 9:30-11:00am at St. Isidore, Bishop Creek
August 24th 6:00-7:30pm at St. Anthony, Effingham

If you’re interested in learning more about NFP or want to register for an Introductory Session, contact Kate Pruemer at 217-821-1840 or kpruemer@gmail.com.

Scrip News!
Welcome to the following retailers to the St. Anthony Scrip store! The cards are in stock and ready for purchase!
- Famous Footwear $25
- Speedway $25 & $100
- Dan Hecht Chevrolet Toyota gift cards in $25, $50 and $100

Scrip Store Hours
Tues, Thurs, Fri: 9:00am - 1:00pm
Sat: 9:00am - 11:00am
Sun: 10:00am - 11:00am

Scrip volunteers are needed to sell scrip cards on weekdays and weekends at the parish office. Please contact Tiffiny at the parish office 347-7129, or email at scrip@stanthony.com if you are interested in volunteering your time to help us.

St. Thomas Gigantic Garage Sale
April 26th & 27th, 2018 8:00 am - 6:00 pm
April 28th, 2018 8:00 am - 11:00 am
Sale will be held at the St. Thomas Parish Center in Newton, IL.
For the calendar . . .
* Apr. 2, No School (Easter Monday)
* Apr. 6, H.S. Mass in Church, 8:30am
* Apr. 6-7, St. Anthony Treasure Sale in Parish Center
* Apr. 10, Jostens Delivers Senior Grad Orders @ Lunch
* Apr. 12, 1/2 Day of School (Teacher Inservice); Junior Retreat, SAA Banquet @ SAHS
* Apr. 13, H.S. Mass in Church, 8:30am; Midterm
* Apr. 14, ACT Test Date
* Apr. 16, Windows to the Womb
* Apr. 18, WYSE State Competition, U of I Hotel; College Night for Junior & Soph. Parents, MPR, 6:30pm
* Apr. 19, SIU-E College Rep Visit @ Lunch
* Apr. 20, H.S. Mass in Church, 8:30am
* Apr. 27, H.S. Mass in Church, 8:30am

**Mass in Chapel Thursdays at 7:00am (except third Thursday)**

SAHS STUDENTS COMPLETE DAYS OF SERVICE AND RETREATS
The month of March has been filled with class retreats and days of service.

Senior girls, junior leaders & adult retreat leaders were at Lake Williamson in Carlinville March 14-16. The senior boys’ retreat was at the Villa Maria in Springfield.

The freshmen & sophomore classes held their retreats (led by the REAP Team) at Shumway March 15 & 16. On Friday, the freshmen class, staff members Mrs. Darlene Esker and Mr. Phil Zaccari, and parent chaperones travelled to Indianapolis to work at the Indianapolis Gleaners Food Bank.

The senior girls gathered for a photo at their retreat in Carlinville (in photo above). Also pictured are the senior boys in Springfield.

Thank you to adult retreat leaders this year: Emily Konrad, Lindsey Storm, Amy Blanchette, Katalyn Miller, Cody Sandschafer, Tony Kreke, Rick Johnson, and Eric Zeller.

ST. ANTHONY WYSE TEAM WINS SECTIONAL
The WYSE (Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering) team, coached by Mr. Matt Poston and Mrs. Joy Jones, earned first place in Division 300 Sectional Competition at Eastern Illinois University on Thursday, March 8. Individual winners follow:

**Biology**
1st Place Tie - Maryann Saba & Alex Beesley
2nd Place Tie - Carly Spraul

**Chemistry**
3rd Place Tie - Suhyun Moon

**Math**
1st Place - Ethan Rozene; 2nd Place - Ian Copple; 3rd Place Tie - Maryann Saba

**Physics**
2nd Place Tie - Ian Copple; 3rd Place - Jack Nuxoll

The team advances to the State WYSE competition on the campus of the University of Illinois at the I-Hotel and Conference Center on Wednesday, April 18.
CALENDAR
March 29-April 2 - Easter Break
April 3-6 - Diocesan Touching Safety Instruction (K-8)
April 5 - 8th Grade Career Day at Lakeland College
April 9 - University of Illinois 5th & 6th Grade Band Trip
April 12 - Noon Dismissal; 1/2 Day Teacher In-Service
April 13 - Midterm
April 15 - First Communion (2nd Grade)
April 20 - Spring Fling (Jr. High Dance)
April 22 - Confirmation (8th grade)

Mother/Son Dance
There were 235 boys, moms and special guests who attended the 1st Annual Ladies and Lil’ Gents Event on March 18th at the Effingham Events Center. Thank you to our St. Anthony chair parents who helped plan the event and to the volunteers who worked behind the scenes to make everything go smoothly. Finally, a big thank you to all the parents who donated cookies and fruit trays. You are all so generous and we greatly appreciate it! If you have any feedback for next year’s event, please contact Jill Schultz at jillschultz@ymail.com.

Treasure Sale
Remember that St. Anthony Parish will host its annual Treasure Sale on Friday, April 7th from 8am-4pm and Saturday, April 8th from 8am-Noon at the Parish Center. All proceeds from this event benefit St. Anthony Schools, so we thank you in advance for your willingness to donate unwanted goods and seeking your own new treasure.

Uniform Re-Sale
St. Anthony Dress Code emblazoned shirts and school appropriate pants will also be available for buying and selling at the Treasure Sale. Sellers: with a safety pin, attach an envelope with your name and the amount you would like for each item. Each item will need its own envelope. Sellers may pick up

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Musical: $8 walk-in tickets are available for the 7:00pm 3/24 and 2:00pm 3/25 showings of Shrek Jr. in the MPR at SAHS. This is a must see show for the entire family!

Scholastic Bowl: Coach Cunningham and Coach Meyer have their teams midway through the season with an overall record of 14-4. Remaining home matches include April 10 and April 19 before starting post season matches.

Track and Field: Coach Walsh and Coach Geen continue to make preparations with our track and field athletes. With Spring officially here, they are looking forward to outdoor practices and their first meets.

Sacraments
As most know, First Reconciliation and First Communion are currently celebrated in Second Grade, and Confirmation in eighth grade. These students, parents, and teachers have put forth tremendous effort in preparation for this special time of year.

We ask that all families join us in congratulating our First Communion students as they partake in the Body and Blood of Christ for the first time on Sunday April 15th at 2:30pm. Additionally, congratulations to our students being Confirmed in the Church on Sunday, April 22nd at 5:00pm.

Prayer for those receiving a Sacrament:
Heavenly Father, strengthen these children with your gifts of grace, to love and serve as disciples of Christ. Grant that they may grow into the fullness of the Lord’s will. Fill them with the joy of your presence. Increase in them the fruit of your Spirit: wisdom and understanding, love, patience, gentleness and holiness. We ask all this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee
St. Anthony Grade School’s Macy Rietz (8th grade) was at it again, this time at the Regional Spelling Bee! She finished 1st place at both the local and regional levels and now advances to State in April! Congratulations and best of luck!
St. Anthony Parish
“Treasure” Sale

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

Friday, Apr. 6 – 8am-4pm
Saturday, Apr. 7 – 8am-12
(BAG SALE, Saturday 10-12 noon)

St Anthony Parish Center
101 East Virginia Ave.

PRICED TO SELL: HUGE SALE
Furniture, Electric Lift Chair, Office Desks, Office Sized Refrigerator, Antiques, Collectibles, Dept. 56 Villages & Accessories, Household Items, Fender Electric Guitar & Pink Electric Guitar, Art, Frames, Tools, Industrial Lighting, Jewelry, Purses, Shoes, Linens, Bikes, Toys, Childs Play House, Clothing – Infant to Adult, Baby Items, Books, CD’s, Records, etc.

Parishioners are digging!!!

Come find your treasures!!!

All proceeds benefit St Anthony Grade School & High School
St. Anthony Parish
“Treasure Sale”
One man’s junk is another man’s treasure

Treasures Accepted at the St. Anthony Parish Center

Wednesday, April 4th
3pm to 7pm
and
Thursday, April 5th
8am to 4pm

Keep Digging....Bring it in!

All Proceeds Benefit St. Anthony Schools
The “Night Watch” of Holy Thursday

**Holy Thursday** is the commemoration of the Last Supper of Jesus Christ, when he established the sacrament of Holy Communion prior to his arrest and crucifixion. It also commemorates His institution of the priesthood. The holy day falls on the Thursday before Easter and is part of Holy Week. Jesus celebrated the dinner as a Passover feast.

Christ would fulfill His role as the Christian victim of the Passover for all to be saved by His final sacrifice.

The central observance of Holy Thursday is the ritual reenactment of the Last Supper at Mass. This event is celebrated at every Mass, as part of the Liturgy of the Eucharist, but it is specially commemorated on Holy Thursday.

During the Passover meal, Jesus breaks bread and gives it to his Disciples, uttering the words, "This is my body, which is given for you." Subsequently, he passes a cup filled with wine. He then says, "This is my blood..." It is believed those who eat of Christ's flesh and blood shall have eternal life.

Following the ancient tradition of the Catholic Church, the Mass on Holy Thursday does not really end. Instead, the Blessed Sacrament is brought in solemn procession to a place of repose symbolizing the arrest of Jesus. The reason so many hosts are consecrated at the Mass of the Lord’s Supper is that we need them for Communion on the next day. Good Friday is the one day of the year when Mass is NOT celebrated. Instead, we have a three-part Good Friday liturgy that consists of Liturgy of the Word, Adoration of the Cross, and Holy Communion.

**Can you stay one hour with me?**

During the celebration of the Lord’s Supper, the liturgy re-enacts in a solemn way the movement of Jesus to the Garden of Gethsemane. Jesus challenges all of us to stay with him in the Garden and console him in his sorrow.

The *Roman Missal* then continues the description of what happens next:

*A procession is formed in which the Blessed Sacrament, accompanied by torches and incense, is carried through the church to a place of repose prepared in a part of the church or in a chapel suitably decorated...When the procession reaches the place of*
repose, the Priest, with the help of the Deacon if necessary, places the ciborium in the tabernacle, the door of which remains open. Then he puts incense in the thurible and, kneeling, incenses the Blessed Sacrament, while Tantum ergo Sacramentum or another Eucharistic chant is sung. Then the Deacon or the Priest himself places the Sacrament in the tabernacle and closes the door.

Often the Eucharist is placed in a secondary tabernacle on a side altar, or in an area of the church that is most suitable. The Roman Missal explains what should take place after placing the Eucharist in this new location:

> The faithful are invited to continue adoration before the Blessed Sacrament for a suitable length of time during the night, according to local circumstances, but after midnight the adoration should take place without solemnity.

This tradition of adoring Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament on Holy Thursday is often called the “Night Watch” or “Gethsemane Watch” and recalls how Jesus invited his apostles to stay with him while he prayed.

> And he said to them, “My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch.”
> (Mark 14:34)

It is a beautiful custom, one where it is possible to feel an added weight in the air. In essence the faithful are asked to accompany Jesus to the Garden and console him during his great agony. All one needs for prayer on this sacred night is to simply imagine the scene and enter into the sacred night before Jesus’ death on the cross. It is extremely powerful to imagine being there with Jesus in the Garden, watching the sweat of blood drip down his face as he prepares to sacrifice himself for our sins.

> And he came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour?” (Mark 14:37)

It is a challenge that comes straight from Jesus and is a powerful way to begin the remembrance of the Paschal Mystery of our salvation. Will we take up the challenge of Our Lord?

Our church / parish center will be open on Holy Thursday for prayer until 11:00 PM.

Reference:
http://www.catholic.org/lent/thurs.php