Liturgical Schedule:
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.

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

We regret to share that James Roach has resigned as Director of Music and Liturgy due to health reasons. We wish him well and appreciate all that he has done in the 4 months that he was with us. Please keep him in your prayers. We are working on a contingency plan and will keep everyone posted.

2016 Diocesan Adult Enrichment Conference
"Harvesting the Fruits of Discipleship"
The 2016 DAEC will be held at the Decatur Conference Center and Hotel, November 4-5. Our keynote speaker will be author, radio personality, and podcaster Greg Willits. This year our DAEC theme, “Harvesting the fruits of Discipleship,” reminds us that sowing the seeds of Christian faith is only efficacious if we also remember to reap what we have sown. (John 4:37-38). Especially during the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, we are committed to strengthening the ministries of our parishes so that we have more opportunities to touch the lives of the people in our communities, to call them to a relationship with Jesus Christ, and to help them reap the gifts of God’s gracious mercy.

For further information contact John Valenti, Pastoral Associate at 217-347-7129.

The 2017 Mass Intention Book
The 2017 Mass Intention Book is ready for those wanting to schedule Masses. There will be one intention scheduled for each Mass, except for the 8:30 am Mass on Wednesday and the 6:30 am Mass on Friday. There will be up to 10 intentions scheduled for those two Masses. Mass intentions will be limited to 5 per family each year, of which only one can be scheduled on a weekend.

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

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, Brenda Braunecker, Ruth Bushue, Drew Conder, Lisa Crosson, Doris Dasenbrock, John Gapsis, Katie Guffey, Dustin Harpe, Francis Herboth, Jeanane Jenne, Mark Jirak, Ingrid Kay, Elisabeth Koester, Katie Kroeger, Craig Lindvahl, Mrs. Don McDevitt, Penny Meyer, Geraldine Miller, Michael Paterucha, Jill Quandt, Joan Valenti, Connie Vonderheide, Allen Wente, Judy Willenborg, Ted Willenborg, Cheryl Woodard, Jerry Worman, Richard J Worman.

The Parish Office will be closed Monday, October 10th in observance of Columbus Day

We extend a warm welcome to our newest Parishioners…

- Kayla Foor
- Will & Kathryn Rincker
- Erin Schackmann
- Adam & Samantha Germscheid and children Stiles & Melanie
- Justin & Sara Beyers and children Desmond & Miles
- Jeffrey & Lisa Lauritzen and children Aiden, Addie, and Alivia
- Patrick & Conny Niebrugge
- Rodney Shannon

Welcome Recently Baptized

- Alizabeth Louise Repking, daughter of Brian & Natalie Repking
- Jax Wesley Griffith, son of Jason & Amanda Griffith
- Audrey Ellen Scheidemantel, daughter of Thomas & Sarah Scheidemantel
- Avie Lynn Barns, daughter of Neil & Bailey Barns
- Nolan Anthony Hecht, son of Anthony & Taylor Hecht
- Melanie Jean Germscheid, daughter of Adam & Samantha Germscheid
- Michael Henry Niebrugge, son of Aaron & Rebecca Niebrugge
- Evelyn Rae Evans, daughter of Shane & Kelsey Evans

Pray for Vocations

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 8:30a.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.

Padre’s point of view . . .
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……Ralph Waldo Emerson
### Calendar of Events

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### Pre-Cana Workshops

**St. Aloysius Church, Dieterich** on November 13, 2016. Call 217-925-5579 to register. Or you can go to dio.org/familylife/Marriage-preparation.html to find other area dates.

### Grief Support Meetings

will be held every Tuesday evening at 6:15pm in the St Anthony Parish Center.

### Effingham Area Catholic Youth Group

Meets every Sunday at 6:30pm, on the Sacred Heart Church priest patio. Area high school students are invited and are welcome to bring a friend for a night of fun, fellowship, faith, and snacks!! Follow us on Instagram: @effinghamcatholicyg

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St. Anthony Memorial Hospital Grotto

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Please bring a rosary and a lawn chair. If weather is inclement the rally be be held in the hospital chapel. All are welcome! Sponsored by America Needs Fatima

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### Mass Intentions

**Monday, October 10:**
- 6:30 a.m. Mass: In Thanksgiving
- 8:30 a.m. Mass: Maurice Having Anniversary

**Tuesday, October 11:**
- 6:30 a.m. Mass: Anna Kralman
- 8:30 a.m. Mass: Shirley Thies; Doug Niebrugge Anniversary; Ann Gill; Maurice & Margaret Imming; Special Intention

**Wednesday, October 12:**
- 6:30 a.m. Mass: Lucas Schuette Anniversary
- 8:30 a.m. Mass: Walter & Margaret Heuman Anniversary

**Thursday, October 13:**
- 6:30 a.m. Mass: Kennon & Allie Cox
- 8:30 a.m. Mass: Steve Huelsing

**Friday, October 14:**
- 6:30 a.m. Mass: Harold Bushur; Deb Hutchison
- 8:30 a.m. Mass: Walter & Margaret Heuman Anniversary

**Saturday, October 15:**
- 4:30 p.m. Mass: Parishioners of St. Anthony

**Sunday, October 16:**
- 7:30 a.m. Mass: Jeanne Huelsbusch
- 9:15 a.m. Mass: Tom & Doris Anne Eden Family
- 11:00 a.m. Mass: Ruth Boos

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### Wedding Banms

**Brienne Weber/Blake Hilliard**

October 15, 2016 (III)

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### Baptism Class

- Parents are required to attend Baptism Class before their child is baptized.
- The next class will be held at Sacred Heart, **November 10th at 6:00 pm**.
- To register call Darlene at 347-7177.

### Say Yes to the Fall De Colores Weekend!

**It is a gift from the Holy Spirit.**

The Men’s Weekend, October 13th-16th

Lay Leader Eric Koester 217-273-4071; erieckoester@gmail.com

The Women’s Weekend, October 20th-23rd

Lay leader, Kathy Syfert, 217-663-2196; ks96562consolidated.net

For more information about the spiritual, fun-filled weekends, please call Mary Sur at 217-342-2003.

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### Natural Family Planning Class

October 22nd 10:00-11:30am at St. Anthony, Effingham

November 12th 1:00-2:30pm at St. Isidore, Bishop Creek

Call Kate Pruemer at 821-2543 to register.

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

Church Cleaning for October
Cleaning is done Saturday morning from 8:30-9:30. If you are unable to clean, please call a replacement.
Blake & Holly Lynch Massam & Samaar Maalouf
David & Sherri Mahon Deborah Mahon
Timothy Mahon Matt & Courtney Majors
Eric & Dana Mammoser Mike & Shelly Martelli
John & Nancy Marschewski Mitchell Martin
Randy & Lori Martin Steve & Lori Martin
Larry & Theresa Masengale Stephanie Martin

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BE a VOICE for the VOICELESS!
Please join us for our next pro-life group meeting. We will be touring the Family Life Center and learning about their lifesaving work on the front lines of the pro-life movement.

Date: Tuesday, October 11  
Time: 6:30 – 8 pm  
Location: Family Life Center  
605 Eden Ave, Effingham (2 blocks north of hospital)
All are invited. Questions? Please contact Valerie at 868-9406 or Jami at 690-3622.

Effingham Knights of Columbus News
The Effingham Knights of Columbus RESPECT LIFE ROSARY will be at 6:30 P.M. on Thursday October 13, at the KC HALL Pavilion. If there is inclement weather the Rosary will be inside the Hall. All are invited to join us to pray for an end to abortion and to pray for those whose lives that have been affected by abortion. Pro-Life chairman Rick and Jami Johnson will have some light snacks afterwards.

The Columbian Squires meeting on October 13 will coincide with the Respect Life Rosary with a short meeting afterwards. There will be an investiture for new Squires in November so any young men ages 10 to 18 wanting to join, please be at the November 10 meeting at 6:30.

Pro-Life Corner
"When we die, we will come face to face with God, the Author of Life. Who will give an account to God for the millions and millions of babies who were not allowed a chance to live, to experience loving and being loved?"
Saint Teresa of Calcutta

For detailed information on the 40 Day Prayer Campaign for Life - A Time for Thanks - Sept. 28 – Nov. 6, please refer to bulletin insert.
THE PRODIGAL DAUGHTER RETURNS

October 12th
St. Anthony High School
MPR
6:30-8:00pm

MEDIA CENTER
Just a friendly reminder to return the DVD's when you are finished viewing. Thank CCW News

THANK YOU to Kelly Rentfrow, Megan Hodge, Ava Erickson (St Anthony High School Students) and to Devvie Hodge and Katalyn Miller for their presentation about their experiences at World Youth Day. Great job Ladies!

Tuesday, November 8th after 8:30am Mass, we will have a retreat. Mr. John Valenti will lead the retreat on 12 keys to spiritual vitality: lessons on living agelessly.

Cookie & Candy sale will be December 3 & 4. Volunteers are needed to help with the sale and setting up on Friday, December 2nd.

Plastic containers are needed for funeral dinners. Drop them off in the parish center kitchen.

Effingham Knights of Columbus New

The Springfield Diocesan Knights of Columbus - BISHOPS HALL OF FAME BANQUET AND INDUCTION CEREMONY is in Highland this year on October 29 with Dennis Isley of the Effingham Council being inducted. The Council has chartered a bus for the trip and if are interested in attending to honor Dennis and our past Hall of Fame inductees, please contact F.S. Jim Miller (217) 343-7480. There are a limited number of seats on the bus. The proceeds after expenses are used to help the seminarians in our Diocese. The bus will leave the KC Hall at 2:30 and banquet tickets are $22 each – there is no additional cost to ride the bus.

The Illinois Knights of Columbus VOCATION SUPPORT RAFFLE in underway. Members of the Effingham Council are selling chances so if you want to help support Vocations, please say yes when you are asked to buy a ticket. The raffle, with prizes of over $20,000 will end December 2 with a drawing at the Winter District Deputy meeting. The distribution of funds from the raffle are for every 15 tickets ($15) sold by the local councils, $9 stays at that local council to help the seminarians in our immediate area. The remaining $6 goes to the IL State Council for prizes and the remainder is distributed among all the Dioceses in Illinois.

Calling all Adults and Parents!!

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ACSA Goal 2016-2017 $115,435

Pledges as of Sept 12, 2016 $0.00

Scrip Volunteers Needed to sell scrip cards on weekdays and weekends at the parish office. Please contact Tiffany or Mary, at the parish office 347-7129, if you are interested in volunteering your time to help us.

Crisis Nursery of Effingham County
1st Annual Love and Lights Night for Kids
Will take place this year on October 14th. Help us light up the night in support of local children & families. Gather with your kids, Individuals, families, even entire neighborhoods may participate by displaying a luminary outside on this special evening. For additional information and how to purchase a luminary kit, please visit www.crisisnurseryofeffingham.com.

Sacred Heart Council of Catholic Women Rummage Sale will be held Oct. 11-13, at the Effingham Knights of Columbus. Items can be dropped off at the maintenance building. Volunteers are needed to help sort on Sunday, October 9, starting at 9:00am & Monday, October 10, starting at 8:00am. Sales dates are Tuesday, October 11 and Wednesday, October 12, from 8:00am to 5:00pm, and Thursday, October 13, from 8:00am to 12:00pm. Call Vicki Walker at 821.6179 to volunteer or show up on any of the days.

Intellectual Disability Breakfast
The Teutopolis Knights of Columbus are sponsoring their annual Intellectual Disability Benefit Breakfast on Sunday, October 16th 2016 from 7am until 12 Noon. They are accepting Raffle items, Baked Goods, Mystery Boxes and Crafts.
All proceeds are used locally.
Please contact Alan and Amy Mette (536-6626) or Dan & Stephanie Shadle (925-5191) if you would like to donate or have any questions for this wonderful cause.

St. Francis Mission
St. Francis Parish will play host for Mr. Frank Runyen's Acts of Mercy. This 3 day mission begins Tuesday, October 12 through Thursday, October 14 at 7:00 p.m. All are invited. A free will offering and refreshments will conclude each evening.
What can I do to help end abortion? **PRAY, FAST, and SERVE**

**Part 1 – Pray**
Come to the church for an hour of **Eucharistic Adoration** on these 3 dates:
- Sunday, October 16, 12:30 pm – 7:30 pm
- Monday, October 17, 9 am – 5 pm
- Tuesday, October 18, 9 am – 5 pm

Choose your time slot and help fill each of these 40 days with prayer to end abortion. A sign-up sheet is at the back of church.

**Part 2 – Fast**
Prayer and fasting throughout the 40 days is encouraged. “We believe that when God’s people fast with a broken, repentant and contrite spirit, our heavenly Father will hear from heaven and heal our lives, our churches, our communities, our nation, and our world.” (www.40daysforlife.com)

**Part 3 – Serve at the Silk Purse Thrift Store**
Join us at the **Family Life Center**'s Silk Purse Thrift Store in Effingham for an hour or more on Tuesday, October 11 between 8 am and 5 pm. Volunteers help prepare donated items for sale. All proceeds from the Silk Purse go directly to the **Family Life Center**, our local crisis pregnancy center. Clients at the Center participate in classes learning parenting tools and then earning “Mommy Dollars” and “Dadz Bucks”. They use these dollars and bucks at the Silk Purse to purchase items needed for their families. Choose your time slot and sign-up on the sheet at the back of church.

Please contact Marcie at 217-342-4997 for more information.
Why focus on thanks?

Because God has been listening! On August 30th, 2016, Planned Parenthood permanently closed the doors of their Effingham office. Praise God!

Organized prayer to end abortion and to close our local Planned Parenthood office started four years ago. Since then, hundreds of people have prayed in their home, at their church, and in front of the Planned Parenthood building.

Thank God!
Thank you to all who have prayed!
What a great example of the power of prayer!

Why is this closure so important?

The Planned Parenthood (PP) office served as a referral center for abortions and was the face of abortion in our community. Life and death decisions about unborn children were being made there.

Nationally, PP is the largest abortion provider in the US, ending over 320,000 innocent lives each year. Abortion is an enormous source of revenue for them. They require all of their affiliates to have at least one clinic that performs abortions.

PP vigorously opposes every proposed common sense law regarding abortions – parental notification, waiting periods, improved health standards at clinics, etc. They even defended partial birth abortion!

To learn more, search “USCCB Planned Parenthood” on the internet.

What’s next?

Even as we thank God for this great blessing, remember that our work is far from done. We must re-dedicate ourselves to pray and work for an end to abortion, strengthened by this recent good news.

Take time to learn about the life saving gifts the Family Life Center offers our community. Call 217-342-5433 to schedule a tour, or visit their website at www.familylifepcc.org.

Please join us as we pray, fast, and serve to end abortion.

This campaign is in solidarity with the international “40 Days for Life” campaign.
### A Comparison of the 2016 Republican and Democratic Platforms

A non-partisan guide on issues of concern to the electorate

#### KEY ISSUE

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<td>“The Constitution’s guarantee that no one can “be deprived of life, liberty or property” deliberately echoes the Declaration of Independence’s proclamation that “all” are “endowed by their Creator” with the inalienable right to life. Accordingly, we assert the sanctity of human life and affirm that the unborn child has a fundamental right to life which cannot be infringed. We support a human life amendment to the Constitution and legislation to make clear that the Fourteenth Amendment’s protections apply to children before birth.” (p.13)</td>
<td>“Democrats are committed to protecting and advancing reproductive health, rights, and justice. We believe unequivocally that every woman should have access to quality reproductive health care services, including safe and legal abortion—regardless of where she lives, how much money she makes, or how she is insured. We believe that reproductive health is core to women’s, men’s, and young people's health and wellbeing…. We will continue to oppose—and seek to overturn—federal and state laws and policies that impede a woman’s access to abortion, including by repealing the Hyde Amendment.” (p.37)</td>
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<td>“We oppose the use of public funds to perform or promote abortion or to fund organizations, like Planned Parenthood, so long as they provide or refer for elective abortions or sell fetal body parts rather than provide healthcare.” (p.13)</td>
<td>“We will continue to stand up to Republican efforts to defund Planned Parenthood health centers, which provide critical health services to millions of people.” (p.37)</td>
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<td>“We support the appointment of judges who respect traditional family values and the sanctity of innocent human life.” (p.13)</td>
<td>“We will appoint judges who defend the constitutional principles of liberty and equality for all, protect a woman’s right to safe and legal abortion, curb billionaires’ influence over elections because they understand that Citizens United has fundamentally damaged our democracy, and see the Constitution as a blueprint for progress.” (p.25)</td>
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<td>“We value the right of America’s religious leaders to preach, and Americans to speak freely, according to their faith. Republicans believe the federal government, specifically the IRS, is constitutionally prohibited from policing or censoring speech based on religious convictions or beliefs, and therefore we urge the repeal of the Johnson Amendment.” (p.11)</td>
<td>“Democrats know that our nation, our communities, and our lives are made vastly stronger and richer by faith in many forms and the countless acts of justice, mercy, and tolerance it inspires. We believe in lifting up and valuing the good work of people of faith and religious organizations and finding ways to support that work where possible.” (p.19)</td>
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<td>“We firmly believe environmental problems are best solved by giving incentives for human ingenuity and the development of new technologies, not through top-down, command-and-control regulations that stifle economic growth and cost thousands of jobs.” (p.22)</td>
<td>“Climate change is an urgent threat and a defining challenge of our time…. We believe America must be running entirely on clean energy by mid-century.” (p.27)</td>
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<td>“We support options for learning, including home-schooling, career and technical education, private or parochial schools, magnet schools, charter schools, online learning, and early-college high schools. We especially support the innovative financing mechanisms that make options available to all children: education savings accounts (ESAs), vouchers, and tuition tax credits.” (p.34)</td>
<td>“Democrats are also committed to providing parents with high-quality public school options and expanding these options for low-income youth. We support great neighborhood public schools and high-quality public charter schools, and we will help them disseminate best practices to other school leaders and educators. Democrats oppose for-profit charter schools focused on making a profit off of public resources.” (p.34)</td>
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**Continued On Reverse**

The full texts of the party platforms may be found at www.VotingInfo.net.

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<td>Sex Education</td>
<td>&quot;We recognize that quality, affordable comprehensive health care, evidence-based sex education, and a full range of family planning services help reduce the number of unintended pregnancies.” (p.37)</td>
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<td>&quot;Any honest agenda for improving healthcare must start with repeal of the dishonestly named Affordable Care Act of 2010: Obamacare….To simplify the system for both patients and providers, we will reduce mandates and enable insurers and providers of care to increase healthcare options and contain costs.” (p.36)</td>
<td>Obamacare</td>
<td>&quot;Thanks to the hard work of President Obama and Democrats in Congress we took a critically important step towards the goal of universal health care by passing the Affordable Care Act (ACA), which has offered coverage to 20 million more Americans and ensured millions more will never be denied coverage on account of a pre-existing condition.” (p.34)</td>
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<td>&quot;We condemn the Supreme Court’s ruling in United States v. Windsor, which wrongly removed the ability of Congress to define marriage policy in federal law. We also condemn the Supreme Court’s lawless ruling in Obergefell v. Hodges….In Obergefell, five unelected lawyers robbed 320 million Americans of their legitimate constitutional authority to define marriage as the union of one man and one woman.” (p.11)</td>
<td>Marriage</td>
<td>&quot;Democrats applaud last year’s decision by the Supreme Court that recognized LGBT people—like every other American—have the right to marry the person they love. But there is still much work to be done.” (p.19)</td>
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<td>&quot;We call for expanded support for the stem cell research that now offers the greatest hope for many afflictions — through adult stem cells, umbilical cord blood, and cells reprogrammed into pluripotent stem cells — without the destruction of embryonic human life. We urge a ban on human cloning for research or reproduction, and a ban on the creation of, or experimentation on, human embryos for research.” (p.37-38)</td>
<td>Medical Research</td>
<td>&quot;Democrats believe we must accelerate the pace of medical progress, ensuring that we invest more in our scientists and give them the resources they need to invigorate our fundamental studies in the life sciences in a growing, stable, and predictable way….We recognize the critical importance of a fully funded National Institutes of Health to accelerate the pace of medical progress.” (p.36)</td>
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<td>&quot;We consider the Administration’s deal with Iran, to lift international sanctions and make hundreds of billions of dollars available to the Mullahs, a personal agreement between the President and his negotiating partners and non-binding on the next president….Because of it, the defiant and emboldened regime in Tehran continues to sponsor terrorism across the region, develop a nuclear weapon, test-fire ballistic missiles inscribed with “Death to Israel,” and abuse the basic human rights of its citizens.” (p.46)</td>
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<td>&quot;We will support sexual and reproductive health and rights around the globe. In addition to expanding the availability of affordable family planning information and contraceptives, we believe that safe abortion must be part of comprehensive maternal and women’s health care and included as part of America’s global health programming.” (p.46)</td>
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