Hope

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

Advent
I was recently asked, what does Advent mean to me and what am I doing about it?

Those two questions started me thinking: First. Why did I agree to write this article, and secondly what truly is Advent to me?

The dictionary states: Advent is the arrival of a notable person, thing or event. In Christian Theology, it is the expectant waiting or preparation for the celebration of the Birth of Jesus (His first coming), and to also prepare for His return in the second coming.

Unlike Lent where we fast and do Penance, Advent is a time of joyful celebration. Weeks filled with holiday songs, parties, decorations, lights, presents, family traditions, maybe also Advent Calendars/wreaths and candles. Like Lent, it should be a time of self-reflection of where we are, what are we doing and where Jesus is in our lives. For me, Advent is a combination of both a spiritual preparation for His second coming, when he comes to welcome me home, and one where I celebrate with all: His Birth.

How do we prepare for the Spiritual celebration? The choices are many: prayers, the rosary, Chapel visits, daily reflections/readings, mass, Bible Studies, assisting/serve at church and the community i.e. ushers, cantors, extraordinary minister of the Eucharist, choir, servers, sacristans, meals on wheels deliveries, Catholic Charities , journal-ling at mass and the list can go on and on.

Among several things I do are the daily reflections from Dynamic Catholic.com. A recent reflection, from Chris Steven, from the book “Dying to be Happy” was “It’s never too late to change directions”. Simple statement, yes, and yet it gets you thinking.

I also journal at mass: Not a note for a to do or grocery list, but just a quick note from the homily or one of the readings that struck me and that I want to remember. A spiritual note.

So as I dig out the Advent wreath and replace the candles, I want to leave you with this from Matt Maher, All is merry and bright; It is the most wonderful time of the year.

Four weeks to slow down in the hustle and bustle, The Advent of Christmas is here!

Happy Advent and Merry Christmas, Kate Weber
Mass Intentions

Monday, December 3:
6:30 a.m. Mass: Clarrean Brooks Anniversary
8:30 a.m. Mass: Herman & Stella Mette

Tuesday, December 4:
6:30 a.m. Mass: Charles & Dorothy Wiedman
8:30 a.m. Mass: Clarence Braun

Wednesday, December 5:
6:30 a.m. Mass: Mary Esker Kyle
7:15 a.m. Mass at St. Mary’s, Shumway: Living & Deceased Members of the Clem & Clara Goldstein Family; Frances Crouser; Don Boos; Ronald Greuel; Florence Schuette Anniversary

Thursday, December 6:
6:30 a.m. Mass: Bob Platt Anniversary
8:30 a.m. Mass: Grace & Charles Hotze Family

Friday, December 7:
6:30 a.m. Mass: Andrew Niebrugge; Mark Kenter; Emil Centa; Special Intention; Nikki Wente-Jennings Family
8:30 a.m. Mass: Jeane Kinkelaar Anniversary
5:30 p.m. Mass: Delores Edwards

Saturday, December 8:
8:30 a.m. Mass: Frances Crouser
12:10 p.m. Mass: Marie C Dust
4:30 p.m. Mass: Ron Schmidt

Sunday, December 9:
7:30 a.m. Mass: Jim Bourgeois Anniversary
9:15 a.m. Mass: Steve Huelsing Anniversary
11:00 a.m. Mass: Parishioners of St. Anthony

Calendar of Events

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Advent Reconciliation Service
St Anthony will host a Parish Reconciliation Service on Sunday, December 18th at 6:30pm in the Church.

CCW News
Our annual Christmas potluck will be at 6 p.m. on December 3rd. Meat will be provided. We will be drawing for a quilt and have wonderful entertainment planned.

CCW Cookie & Candy Sale
Please make a note that our annual Cookie/Candy Sale is going to be on December 15 & 16. This is two weeks later than past years. We appreciate all the wonderful baking you do to make this sale a highlight of the Christmas Season. So please mark your calendars with the new dates.

Feeding the Poor
- I am in awe at the generosity of our St. Anthony family! With your help, last month Catholic Charities received 4 pallets of food! That is a ton of food that helped so many people in our county to avoid going hungry! Thank you so much! For the month of December, CC is asking for regular sized boxed potatoes, pancake mix and syrup. Donations will be collected during school mass on 12/4 and 12/6 as well as all weekend masses on 12/8 and 12/9. Thank you for the continued support and prayers!

Christmas Mass Schedule
- St. Anthony Church
  - Christmas Eve: 4:30 pm 7:00 pm & Midnight
  - Christmas Day: 9:00 a.m. (Incense free)

- Sacred Heart Church
  - Christmas Eve: 4:00 pm, 7:00 pm & Midnight
  - Christmas Day: 9:30 am, 5:00 pm (Spanish Mass)

- Shumway Church
  - Christmas Eve: 5:30 pm
  - Christmas Day: 8:30 am

What is BEST ADVENT EVER?
It's a free email program, from Dynamic Catholic, that will help you slow down and focus on what matters most during this busy season. Each day of Advent, you’ll receive an email with practical tips for your everyday life, Real-Life stories to encourage you in your faith journey, and short inspirational videos from Allen Hunt, Matthew Kelly, and the Dynamic Catholic team. You'll experience Advent in a whole new way, leading to the best Christmas of your life! To sign up for the free emails, visit BestAdventEver.com.

Annual Catholic Services Appeal - Last week a letter has been sent to all who have not yet responded to the Annual Catholic Services Appeal. If you are among this group, I ask you to prayerfully consider how you can help your diocesan Church family. Thank You, Fr. Chuck
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Addresses for the Religious

**Fr. Brian Alford**
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Zach Samples  
Austin Sudkamp  
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Michael Trummer  
Dominic Vahling  
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Troy Niemerg  
Phillip Gorrell  
Bishop Simon Brute Seminary  
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*If you are looking for other Priest or Seminarian’s addresses that are not listed here, please give the parish office a call and we will be happy to look them up for you.*
Are you interested in contributing toward student scholarships for St. Anthony Schools? Would you like to receive an Illinois state tax credit at the same time? It can be done through Invest in Kids! Join us on Wednesday, December 5 at 7:00 pm for a 45 minute presentation in the St. Anthony High School MPR as Ken Vogt presents information on how you can receive a 75% Illinois state tax credit by donating to St. Anthony Schools through the Invest in Kids Act. For more information, contact Tiffany Wrigley or Carrie Koenig in the parish office at 347-7129 or Ken Vogt at 821-2243. You can also visit www.empowerillinois.org for more information.

St. Anthony of Padua Hall of Fame

committee will be accepting nominations for this year’s 2018 class of inductees. The selection criteria & nomination application is accessible at stanthony.com/church/about/hall-of-fame. The deadline for submission of applications is December 31, 2018.

There are four categories for nominations:
- Alumni of St. Anthony School
- Former Faculty, Staff, or Coach of St. Anthony
- Friends of St. Anthony
- Athlete or Team of St. Anthony

The Inductees will be announced at the end of January with a dinner and celebration on Saturday, April 6th at the Keller Convention Center.

Last year’s inductees to the St. Anthony of Padua Hall of Fame were Fr. Ben Meyer (’50); Dan Sr & Gerry Hecht family; and Dr. Danielle Gumenoh-Gumenberger (’06)

Trip to Italy…..Padua to Rome

Fr. Chuck will be leading a pilgrimage to Italy next summer, June 12th to June 22nd, 2019. Leave on June 12th to arrive and Celebrate our parish feast day of St. Anthony of Padua with mass at the Cathedral of St. Anthony, Padua followed by a Feast day dinner. We will then spend nine days traveling to and enjoying Venice, Florence, Assisi, and Rome. We will tour many famous sites such as St. Peter’s Basilica, the Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel, Trevi Fountain, Pantheon, Colosseum, The Benedictine Abbey of Monte Casino, built in 529. We will see the Basilica of St. Mark’s in Venice, the Basilicas of St. Francis and St. Clare in Assisi, and many other famous spots. Cost for 11 day trip including Airfare, 4 star hotels, breakfast and dinner each day, and major taxes is $4150.00 per person (double occupancy), with a single supplement of $600.00 Come by the parish office for an itinerary sheet and more information.

Knights of Columbus News

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest & Awards Ceremony. The Effingham Knights of Columbus will once again conduct a “Keep Christ in Christmas” Poster Contest. There are four categories by ages as of November 1: 4 and under, 5 to 7, 8 to 10 and 11 to 14. If your child would like to participate, please contact Greg Koester at (217) 821-7731 to obtain the entry form. The winners of these divisions will advance to higher levels of competition. The deadline for submission is the week of December 3. There will be an awards ceremony for the Contest winners at 6:30 p.m. on December 19 prior to the Council meeting. Everyone is invited to attend. The Council will offer Christmas cookies and hot chocolate.

Youth Activities Raffle Fundraiser

The Effingham Knights of Columbus are conducting a raffle fundraiser with proceeds going towards various youth programs such as the Coats for Kids, contest awards, help kids attend March for Life, 5th Grade Vocations Field Trip and the Columbian Squires Circle. Tickets are $5 each or 5 for $20 with only 1000 printed. First prize will be the winner’s choice of 1 of 2 firearms or $750. Second prize will be the winner’s choice of 1 of 2 firearms or $500 – or the prize can be a credit to the firearm of your choice. A valid FOID card is required to claim a firearm. The Grand Prize Drawing is at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, April 12 and the winner does not need to be present. Tickets are available from the officers and a number of members. Contact Greg Koester at (217) 821-7731 if you want to buy tickets or tickets to sell.

Effingham K of C Children’s Christmas Party

For members and prospective members is on December 2 with doors opening at 2:00 p.m. Santa Claus will arrive shortly thereafter. There will be games and refreshments prior to and during Santa’s visit. There will be door prizes including a drawing for a girls bicycle and boys bicycle.

Effingham K of C Adult Christmas Party

For members and prospective members is on December 16th with doors opening at 12:00 p.m. – please no kids under 18. Social Hour will be from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. with the meal served at 1:00 p.m. Live music starts at 2:00 p.m. and will play until at least 4:00 p.m. There will also be 50/50 and door prize drawings throughout the afternoon.

Pro-Life Corner

“Our love for our children has nothing to do with their abilities. We love them simply because of who they are, and understanding this teaches us how to truly love everyone.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

“A Perfect Gift,” www.usccb.org/perfect-gift
The Financial Corner

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**St. Anthony Schools Annual Fund Update**

As of Tuesday, November 27, 2018

38 $1,000 Challenge
130 Family Gifts
$ 92,178 Total Pledges
$ 78,779 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, November 27, 2018

1,304 Parish Families
192 Family Gifts (14.8%)
$231 Average Gift Per Family
$44,270 Total Pledge Gifts Received
$94,051 ACSA Goal for 2018/2019 (47.1%)

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.

**World Wide Marriage Encounter**

Want to give your spouse a gift that says you truly love them and want to make the most of your marriage? Give your spouse a gift certificate for a Marriage Encounter weekend as a Christmas present! You will BOTH appreciate this special gift to one another. If that sounds good to you, just pick up the phone to find out more about a World-wide Marriage Encounter weekend on Jan. 19-20, 2019 at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Lawrenceville, IL (no hotel provided); or Feb 8-10 at the Courtyard Marriott in St. Peters, MO. If you would like to apply or get more information, go to https://stl-wwme.org/schedule.php or call 314-649-7317.

**Advent Evensong** at Holy Cross Church Wendelin

Sunday, December 9, 2018 at 4pm
A candlelight service with Scripture, Organ, English carols, & Austrian Christmas music - sung in German, by the Wendelin Kloepfen Singers. All are Welcome.
For the calendar . . .
* Dec. 2, Homecoming Week Begins*
* Dec. 5, Full Day of School
* Dec. 7, H.S. Mass in Church, 8:30am; Pep Rally; Homecoming Game vs. Brownstown/ St. Elmo Co-op
* Dec. 8, Homecoming Dance, MPR, 8:00-11:00pm; ACT Test Date
* Dec. 10, Sophomore Ring Display, MPR, @ Lunch; Senior Graduation Order Mtg; MPR, 2:30pm
* Dec. 12, Band Christmas Concert, MPR, 7:00pm
* Dec. 12, Penance Service for All Grades, 12:30pm
* Dec. 14, H.S. Mass in Church, 8:30am
* Dec. 16, Chorus Concert, MPR, 2:00pm (All are invited!)
* Dec. 18, Jostens takes Senior Graduation Orders @ Lunch
* Dec. 19, Semester Exams
* Dec. 20, Semester Exams
* Dec. 21, Semester Exams; End of 2nd Quarter
* Dec. 22-Jan. 6, Christmas Break (Please note that Jan. 7, the first day back to school, we will run the Friday bell schedule due to the all-school Mass: Early Bird 7:30am; First Hour 8:16am; Mass in Church, 8:30am)

*Homecoming Week*
12/3: Illinois Day (Dress as all things Illinois, i.e. Abe Lincoln, a farmer, or jeans & an Illinois shirt.)
12/4: Meme/Character Day (favorite meme or character)
12/5: Pajamas Day
12/6: Throwback Thursday (Dress like your parents, grandparents, or favorite looks from the past)
12/7: Spirit Day (Wear all the red & blue you have!)

**7:00am Mass in Chapel on Thursdays

SAHS FOOD COLLECTIONS
Shown are St. Anthony High School’s Student Council members who continued their tradition of “trick-or-treating for hunger” on October 24. Students collected food items left on lit porches in the Effingham city limits and delivered the items to Catholic Charities.

“Meet the Bulldogs” was held on November 14, in St. Anthony High School Enlow Center. Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Cheerleaders, Bellettes, Band members, and grade school ball boys were introduced. scrimmages were held throughout the evening. Admission to the event was non-perishable foods or hygiene items for Catholic Charities. SAHS students loaded and delivered all the items the following day to Catholic Charities. Thank you, students, families, and friends, and to all who donated!

FRESHMEN STUDENTS ORGANIZE BOXES OF JOY
Freshmen class sponsors Jenny Bierman and Amy King assisted the freshmen class with their Box of Joy project for Cross Catholic Outreach. A total of 43 boxes were collected to be sent to children in Nicaragua and the Dominican Republic.

HISTORY CLUB SPONSORS DRIVE FOR THE VETERANS
Per the Veteran’s Administration, veterans in our area were in dire need of T-shirts, socks, and boxer shorts. This month, the SAHS History Club, led by Mrs. Kelly Thoele, sponsored a drive for our local veterans. Several items were collected for the veterans.
CALENDAR
Dec. 2 - Beginning of Advent
Dec. 5 - CALENDAR MODIFICATION - Full day of school with no afternoon bus transportation
Dec. 8 - Immaculate Conception
Dec. 12 - Grades 6-8 Reconciliation; Winter Band Concert
Dec. 13 - Grades 3-5 Reconciliation
Dec. 14 - Pups Patch Preschool Christmas Program
Dec. 16 - Choir Christmas Concert
Dec. 17-20 - Vision & Hearing Screenings
Dec. 20 - AR Store
Dec. 21 - All School Mass; Primary Christmas Program
Dec. 24-Jan. 4 - Christmas Break
Jan. 4 - Teacher Institute w/CPR & AED Training
Jan. 7 - First Day of Second Semester; All School Mass

These events and more at st anthony.com!

Extra-Curricular Corner
Girls Basketball: Coach Geen led the 7th grade girls to the Regional Championship game but fell to a talented Altabe mont team. The 7th grade finished their season with a record of 13-10. Coach Conrady and the 8th grade girls compete in their Regional during the week of November 26, and currently sit at an overall record of 11-10.

Boys Basketball: As of late November, Coach J. Hoene and the 8th graders were off to a great start at 6-2, while Coach B. Hoene and the 7th graders have a record of 6-4.

Cheer and Jr. Bellettes: Coach Sayne and the Cheerleaders and Coach Schumacher and Jr. Bellettes will have performances during most home ballgames during the remainder of the boys season. Be sure to get your popcorn early to watch upcoming halftime performances and sideline cheers!

Annual Primary Christmas Program
Please mark your calendars and plan to join students in primary grades K, 1 & 2 for our annual Christmas Program for parents, grandparents, and parishioners. The program will follow 8:30am All School Mass on December 21. All are invited to join SAGS for Mass and then for the program in Goff Gym. The show will begin soon after a morning break and wardrobe change, approximately 9:45am. On behalf of all our students and staff, Merry Christmas!

Pep Band: Ms. Cyrus has the Pep Band well prepared for your listening pleasure at home contests throughout the winter! Be sure to check out all of our talented students!
St. Anthony’s CCW Annual Christmas Cookie & Candy Sales

Saturday, December 15th – Noon to 6:00pm
Sunday, December 16th – 7:00am to 1:00pm
St. Anthony Parish Center

Please consider making some of your favorite baked goods and candies for our sale. This year we need cookies to fill 300 boxes, as well as fudge (all flavors) and caramels (always a top seller). We also need Christmas breads such as cinnamon rolls, coffee cakes, tea rings, stolen, baklava, and fruit quick breads. Containers of snack mixes are also appreciated.

Decorated boxes, ready for you to fill, can be picked up at the church entrances!

On Friday, December 14th and Saturday, December 15th, starting at 8:00am, we will be at the Parish Center to receive your breads, candy, cookies, & other goodies.

The Biggest & Best Christmas Bake Sale ever will take place in the Parish Center on Saturday, December 15th from Noon to 6:00pm and on Sunday, December 16th, from 7:00am to 1:00pm. We will also be offering plates of cookies, wrapped and ready for gift giving, at $5 or $10 each.

For more information or to volunteer to help anytime on Saturday or Sunday, please contact

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Many Thanks For All You Do!