We often hear in our world today that “Christmas is a magical time of year!” People turn their hearts to Joy and Love. Most importantly, we look upon the birth of Jesus and want to share his story with the world. Because Jesus loves us so much, we want to reflect that love to others and we do it through kind words, presents and sharing time together!

Our Advent season seems to have passed by so quickly this year. Perhaps it was the world that attached itself to us with visits to the well decorated stores and the never-ending availability of shopping online almost anytime day or night, seven days a week. Not to mention in most cases we can get it “now” or use “expedited shipping” with reminders that “your order has shipped”. It is easy to become more focused on checking things off our list. Things we can see we have accomplished!

In our parish this year, our Advent ‘list’ consisted of four words; each week being introduced with another word with the ever so visible Advent wreath with four candles, to remind us of the time passing as we prepare our hearts for the celebration of the birth of our Savior. Four simple words: Hope, Peace, Joy, Faith that lead us to Christmas where we experience Love.

We might find these journey words of Advent are also part of us throughout our lives as baptized Christians. As we think of gathering together and reflecting that love of Christ among those with whom we celebrate by sharing food, fellowship, and gifts, we also see how Hope, Peace, Joy, and Faith are central to the relationships we have with each other. In family life, we find hope and joy when the family is at peace, our faith gets nourished, and we experience love. The more often we find these gifts, the more life-giving our love becomes. What is “magical” about all of this, is there is no limit on how often or how many times we get to experience the love we know as human beings and the love Christ has for us!

In just a day or two we will experience the end in this Advent journey as we gather to celebrate and commemorate the birth of Jesus Christ. Mass times are listed in this bulletin. As we choose which one to participate with our prayers and singing(!), we can remind ourselves from where we came, and where we are going...the journey continues. Wishing each and everyone in this parish, the best Christmas ever, filled with Hope, Peace, Joy, Faith and Love.....

Deacon Joe and Pat Emmerich

Saving of Pews at Christmas Masses
With all our family and friends coming back to town and wanting to attend Christmas Mass together, our church will be full. Therefore, we are respectfully, asking you to sit close and don’t “save or reserve” seats (especially at 4:30) for family/friends who will be arriving late to Mass. It is very frustrating to the ushers and those who are looking for somewhere to sit, when they see a pew covered with coats or someone saying they are not available. What a great way of saying Merry Christmas to someone by saying “Please sit with our family this evening.” Christmas decorations aren’t only the pretty lights and trees, it’s also the welcoming smiles on our faces.

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

**Monday, December 24:**
- 6:30 a.m. Mass: No Mass
- 8:30 a.m. Mass: No Mass
- 4:30 p.m. Mass: For the Deceased Parishioners of St. Anthony in 2018
- 7:00 p.m. Mass: For the Deceased Parishioners of St. Anthony in 2018
- Midnight Mass: For the Deceased Parishioners of St. Anthony in 2018

**Tuesday, December 25:**
- 6:30 a.m. Mass: No Mass
- 8:30 a.m. Mass: No Mass
- 9:00 a.m. Mass: For the Deceased Parishioners of St. Anthony in 2018

**Wednesday, December 26:**
- 6:30 a.m. Mass: No Mass
- 7:15 a.m. Mass at St. Mary’s, Shumway: No Mass

**Thursday, December 27:**
- 6:30 a.m. Mass: Cookie Wolters Anniversary
- 8:30 a.m. Mass: No Mass

**Friday, December 28:**
- 6:30 a.m. Mass: Maurice Goldstein Family; Mary Margaret Bloemer; John Buff Family; Nikki Wente-Jennings Family
- 8:30 a.m. Mass: No Mass

**Saturday, December 29:**
- 4:30 p.m. Mass: Raymond Jones

**Sunday, December 30:**
- 7:30 a.m. Mass: Parishioners of St. Anthony
- 9:15 a.m. Mass: Clarence & Marie Dust
- 11:00 a.m. Mass: Robert & Celeste Reiss

**Baptism Class** - Parents are required to attend a Baptism Class before their child is baptized. The next class will be held at Sacred Heart, **January 8th at 6:00 pm**. To register call Darlene at 347-7177.

**Wedding Banns**

Jeremy Ohnesorge/Lauren Horn
January 5, 2019 (I)

**Parish Town Hall Meeting**

Tuesday, January 15th at 6:30pm in the Parish Center
Fr. Chuck would like to discuss plans for the parish rectory. Please make plans to attend.

**We have received word of the death of Sr. JoAnn Bauer, SSND.** She was a former principal at St. Anthony High School from 1977 -1982. Sr. JoAnn was baptized into the Hope of Christ’s Resurrection on Wednesday, December 12th, 2018, and is buried at Sancta Maria in Ripa Cemetery in St. Louis.

**Calendar of Events**

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No 6:30am or 8:30am Masses  
4:30pm; 7:00pm & Midnight - Christmas Mass |
| Tues 12/25| Parish Office Closed  
No 6:30am or 8:30am Masses  
9:00am - Christmas Mass |
| Wed 12/26 | Parish Office Closed  
No 6:30am Mass  
No 8:30am Mass |
| Thur 12/27| No 8:30am Mass |
| Fri 12/28 | 6:00am - SonRise Men’s Group  
No 8:30am Mass |
| Sat 12/29 |  
Sun 12/23  
Mon 12/24  
Tues 12/25  
Wed 12/26  
Thur 12/27  
Fri 12/28  
Sat 12/29  
There will be no 6:30am or 8:30am Masses on December 24th, 25th or 26th, or on December 31st or January 1st.  
There will be no 8:30am Mass on December 27th & 28th. |

**The Parish Office will be closed the following days:**


**Christmas Mass Schedule**

- **St. Anthony Church**
  - Christmas Eve: 4:30 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

**New Year’s Mass Schedule**

- **St. Anthony Church**
  - New Year’s Eve: 5:30 p.m.  
  - New Year’s Day: 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

- **Shumway Church**
  - New Year’s Day: 8:30 a.m

- **Sacred Heart Church**
  - New Year’s Eve: 7:00 p.m.,  
  - New Year’s Day: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. 5:00 pm (Spanish Mass)

**Grief Support Meetings**

There will be no Grief Support Meeting on Tuesday, December 25th or Tuesday, January 1st. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, January 3rd at 6:15pm in the St Anthony Parish Center.
### Liturgical Ministers for December 29/30

**President**
- Fr. Michael Friedel
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- Fr. Chuck Edwards

**Lectors**
- Bob Schultz
- Joe Spraul
- Doug McDevitt
- Kate Weber
- Christy Elder
- Julie Wortman
- Richard Hochdaffner
- Liz Schmidt

**Eucharistic Ministers**
- Denise Deters
- Nicole Field
- Carie Koenig
- Brad Koenig
- Nancy Roley
- More Needed

* Denotes those who are to clean vessels after Mass.

**Servers**
- Max Koenig
- Jackie Niebrugge
- Maddux Clark

**Ushers**
- Art Kinkelaar
- Dennis Meyer
- George Dallmier
- More Needed

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### Liturgical Ministers for Christmas

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**Luminaries for Life**

“Luminaries for Life”, a public display of our pro-life beliefs, will be held on January 26 and 27 in commemoration of the tragic Supreme Court decision, Roe v. Wade. In 1973, this court decision led to the legalization of abortion throughout all nine months of a pregnancy. Please pray for inspiration for the students creating the luminaries, and for all those who will view the display.

**Pro-Life Corner**

God Himself was born as a child. The greatness of a person does not depend on size, for the newborn King is very small. Allow the wondrous birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ to awaken our hearts to the priceless gift of every child. Let us pray for an end to prejudice against the tiny babies threatened by abortion.

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### Annual Effingham County (FISH) Christmas Day Dinner

The annual free Effingham County Christmas Day Dinner will be on Tuesday, Dec. 25, at 11:30am, at Sacred Heart Parish Center. This dinner is open to all Effingham County residents and their families. RSVP for a meal to Susan Elke at 868-5913 or the Effingham Senior Center at 347-5569 by Dec. 21. Please let them know if you need transportation or need the meal delivered. Dinner is sponsored by Effingham Co. FISH.
Parking For Church: Please help us be good neighbors to those that live around St. Anthony Church and Parish Center by respecting private drives and parking spaces. Some of our neighbors are having troubles accessing private drives or parking spaces because parishioners are parking in or blocking private entrances when parking for Mass. This includes houses and apartment buildings. Thank you for helping us be good neighbors!

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.

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.

Natural Family Planning Class

2019 Sessions:
Saturday, January 26th 2:30pm - St. Francis, Teutopolis
Saturday, March 9th 9:00am - St. Isidore, Bishop Creek
Friday, April 26th 6:00pm - St. Anthony, Effingham
Saturday, June 1st 2:00pm - Sacred Heart, Effingham
Saturday, July 13th 10:00am - St. Anthony, Effingham
Friday, August 23rd 6:30pm - St. Francis, Teutopolis
Saturday, September 28th 9:30am - Sacred Heart, Effingham

To register Contact Kate Pruemer at 217-821-1840 or kpruemer@gmail.com.

St. Anthony Schools are currently seeking applications for the following position:

- **School Cook**

  For a description of this position and for information on how to apply, visit www.stAnthony.com/church/about/employment.

Sunday Morning Coffee & Donuts

Please join us!! On Sunday, January 6th after the 9:15am Mass, for coffee & donuts in the parish center. Donuts, coffee, juice, and milk will be served by the Dynamic Dads group. The parish will gather the first weekend of each month for Coffee & Donuts. A free will offering will be taken.

A HUGE THANK YOU to all of the COUNTLESS people who helped to make our annual Christmas Cookie/Candy Sale last weekend a tremendous success and lots of fun, too. The final tally is not yet in, but we do know that over $3,400 was realized to help the ladies’ group provide the hosts, wine, and candles, among other things, for our Eucharistic celebrations. It could not have been possible without the MANY wonderful bakers of bread, cinnamon rolls, snack mixes, and caramel & candy-makers who donated so much of their time and talents to allow us to offer such a variety of “goodies”. Of course, we always are looking to improve, so if you didn’t see your favorite Christmas treat, please let us know so that we might consider your suggestions as we plan next year’s sale. In addition, a beautiful Christmas quilt was won by Linda O’Neal, in a silent auction. Finally, thank you to all of the SHOPPERS who came to support our efforts.

The CCW officers would like to give an extra special THANK YOU to Adice Forys and Sue Green. With out all of their hard work, organization skills, and dedication our sale could not have been so successful.

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)
The Financial Corner

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**St. Anthony Schools Annual Fund Update**

As of Monday, December 17, 2018

55 $1,000 Challenge
182 Family Gifts
$139,463 Total Pledges
$127,811 Total Cash Gifts Rec.
$333,000 Goal for 2018/2019

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

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### 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, December 18, 2018

1,304 Parish Families
221 Family Gifts (16.9%)
$255 Average Gift Per Family
$56,365 Total Pledge Gifts Received
$94,051 ACSA Goal for 2018/2019 (59.9%)

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.

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### What’s your Mission from God?

Come with your spouse for an afternoon of learning, prayer, and discussion about how to determine the unique mission God has given your family. January 6, 2019 from 1:00 to 4:00pm at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 524 E Lawrence Ave, Springfield. RSVP at www.dio.org/familylife/events or by calling 217-321-1132. Space is limited

Our team here at Crisis Nursery of Effingham County would like to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday Season! Crisis Nursery of Effingham County’s mission is to prevent and protect children from trauma, abuse and neglect through the provision of a free, 24 hour emergency shelter care program for children birth through six years of age. We want to thank you for your continued support as together we keep children safe and families strong. For anyone interested in volunteering or making a donation to Crisis Nursery, please call or email Meghan Rewers at 217-342-3000 director@crisisnurseryofeffingham.com.

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### Year End Contributions

To ensure your contributions are included in the year intended, 2018 contributions must be dated and post marked in 2018. If you hand deliver your year-end contributions, it must be dated 2018 and received by 4:00 pm on Wednesday, January 2, 2019.

If you are planning a donation of stock, please be aware that credit cannot be given until the shares are in our name and control. Your tax advisor can show you how a donation of stock could benefit you.

Please note, the Parish Office will be closed the following dates: December 24-26, 2018 and Dec. 31st, 2018 & Jan. 1, 2019.

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