

Sunday, February 18, 2024

The Spirit
drove Jesus
out into the
desert, and he
remained in
the desert
for forty days,
tempted by
Satan.

He was among
wild beasts, and
the angels
ministered
to him.

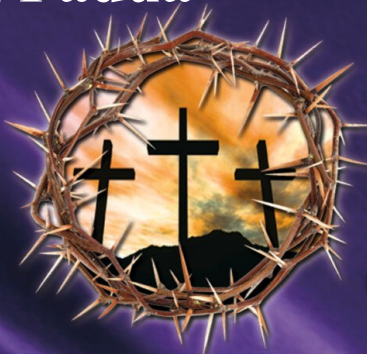
Mark 1:12,13

The Temptation of Christ by the Devil
by Félix Joseph Barrias, 1860



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1ST SUNDAY OF
LENT

"From the Pastor's Desk"

Dear St. Anthony Parish Family:

This Wednesday, February 21 starts our first Lenten Devotional day. Join us for some or all:

6:30 a.m.	Parish Mass ending with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament all day
11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Confessions heard in Church
5:15 p.m.	Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, with Mass to follow
6:00 p.m.	Soup/Light Meal in Parish Hall with presentation to follow: "Jesus and His Parables" with Fr. Harman

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has offered us some thoughts into how we begin Lent and what our attitude can be in its beginning - "Through the Desert God Leads us to Freedom," which is from the Book of Exodus (20:2). God enables people to embark on a new journey and experience "a Passover from death to life," the Pope wrote. "Even today we remain under the rule of Pharaoh. A rule that makes us weary and indifferent and divides and robs us of a future," he said. And, he wrote, there are "the idols that we set up for ourselves," such as a longing to be all-powerful, to be looked up to by all and to dominate others. "We can become attached to money, to certain projects, ideas or goals, to our position, to a tradition, even to certain individuals," all of which only paralyzes people and creates conflict.

"Lent is a season of conversion, a time of freedom" during which Christians seek to rediscover God's call and promise, he wrote. "It is time to act, and in Lent, to act also means to pause. To pause in prayer, in order to receive the word of God, to pause like the Samaritan in the presence of a wounded brother or sister."

Through prayer, almsgiving and fasting, Christians experience "openness and self-emptying, in which we cast out the idols that weigh us down, the attachments that imprison us."

Lastly, please be attentive to next week's envelope for Catholic Charities. Their work is important and deserves our attention.

I hope you have a blessed Lent, I hope to see you often.

Fr. Peter Harman

In the event of a sudden illness, accident or life threatening emergency, while offices are closed, please contact our priests at (217) 703-1042.

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



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 and also for:

Lidy Anderson	Norma Jean Huelsing	Kolin & Meredith
Margie Apke	Ron Kabbes	Roderick and their
Sara Bernhard	Ingrid Kay	unborn child
Steve Bierman	Susan Keenan	John Soucie
Dustin Borries	Tina Keller	Clarence Unkraut
Dennis Bushur	Marita Kemme	Paul Will
Mary Lynn Byers	Amy Koester	Georgia Willenborg
Britney Chester	Clete Koester	Dr. Mel Willenborg
Jim Feldhake	Coleen Linde	Paul V. Willenborg
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Cheryl Gross	Bill Nuxoll	
Gina Hargis	Art Pike	
Mike Hartke	Cathy Polarek	
Lucinda Herboth	Kenneth Polarek	



Parish Office Closed - The parish will be closed on Monday, February 19th in observance of President's Day.

In the event of a life emergency, please call 217-703-1042.



Palm Collection

We will be collecting old palms for the next couple of weeks. There will be a box at each entrance of the church. These palms will be burned and used for ashes on Ash Wednesday next year.



Stations of the Cross

During this season of Lent, St. Anthony Church will have Stations of the Cross on Friday at 2:10pm in church (led by the grade school) and 7:00pm in church.

St. Anthony Church Mass Times

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

Live Streamed Masses

Saturday at 4:30pm
Monday thru Friday at 6:30am

Reconciliation Times

Mon, Tues, Thurs. & Fri: 7:45am to 8:15am
Saturday: 3:15pm to 4:00pm



Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 17:

4:30pm Mass: Alfredo Casale

Sunday, February 18:

7:30am Mass: Parishioners of St. Anthony

9:15am Mass: Nick & Marie C Dust Family

11:00am Mass: Dorothy Holkenbrink Anniversary

Monday, February 19:

6:30am Mass: Special Intention

8:30am Mass: Kay Adams

Tuesday, February 20:

6:30am Mass: Frank Kabbes

8:30am Mass: Lawrence Jansen

Wednesday, February 21:

6:30am Mass: Joe, Elizabeth, Harold, & Maurice Metten

5:15pm Mass: Margie & Leon Fulk

Thursday, February 22:

6:30am Mass: Marcella Behrman

8:30am Mass: Alfredo Casale

Friday, February 23:

6:30am Mass: Jim & Rita Dial Family

8:30am Mass: Charles & Grace Hotze Family

Saturday, February 24:

4:30pm Mass: Ruth Boos

Sunday, February 25:

7:30am Mass: Debbie Worman

9:15am Mass: Parishioners of St. Anthony

11:00am Mass: Ronald Wentz Anniversary



CCW Deanery Meeting

St. Anthony CCW will be hosting the Mattoon Deanery meeting March 5th starting with Mass at 8:30am at St. Anthony Church, followed by a meeting, speakers, lunch and a white elephant auction. All ladies attending are asked to bring a wrapped white elephant gift to be auctioned off. This auction supports our seminarians. This is a fun, and informative meeting. All ladies in our deanery are invited to attend. We would like to have as many ladies in our parish and surrounding parishes to attend in support of what we do in our parish and deanery. Thank you in advance for your support. Rita Devore, CCW President



Jigsaw Puzzle Exchange

St. Anthony Parish is hosting a Jigsaw Puzzle Exchange on Saturday, March 9, 2024 from 11:00 - Noon at the Parish Center! Bring a puzzle; take a puzzle! Everyone that comes can exchange one puzzle for another! Tell all your puzzle friends!!!

Grief Support Meetings

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

The St. Anthony Spring Gala is set to be a special festivity!

The St. Anthony Spring Gala is set to be a special celebration!



Honoring the Hall of Fame Inductees:

• Alumni –Greg Green & Mary Sur • Fine Arts – Keelin (Eder) Schneider • Faculty – Joe, Diane & Yale Reynolds • Athletes – 2012 Baseball Team • and the Booster Club Member of the Year-Troy Greene

Join us in celebrating our parish and school community! Saturday, March 2, 2024

For more information, visit our website at: StAnthony.com/Hall-of-Fame or contact Libby (Griesbaum) Moeller at (217) 663-7973 or Mandy (Hartke) Wiedman at (217) 821-3420 or visit our website at: StAnthony.com/Hall-of-Fame



Save the Date! The St. Anthony Treasure Sale date has been set!

St. Anthony Church will once again be having a Treasure Sale. Save your items and be thinking about what you will be donating. This year's sale will be held Friday, May 31st & Saturday, June 1st.

For questions call the parish office at 217-347-7129. More information will follow in the coming weeks.



Pups' Patch Pre-School Now Registering

Preschool registration for the 2024-2025 school year is underway. Registration will be open to all parish and school families beginning Monday, February 12th. Please contact the grade school office to obtain a registration form if needed. Registration forms and fees may be returned to the grade school office beginning Monday, February 12th to reserve your spot. Public registration will be open as of Monday, February 26th. All registrations are accepted on a first come first serve basis, based on date and time registration forms and fees are received. If you would like additional information please contact the grade school office at 217-347-0419.

Class Times

3 year old classes - (Tuesday & Thursday)

7:50 a.m. – 11:05 a.m.

4 year old classes - (Monday, Wednesday & Friday)

AM Class 7:50 a.m. – 11:05 a.m.

PM Class 12:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

DeColores Spring Weekends

Say yes to a 3 day beautiful experience at camp Walter Scott.



If you're:

- So busy, don't know which end is up?
- Distant from Jesus, but want His Peace?
- Tired of the rat race, need a break?
- Looking to refresh, rest, renew?

So many in our area have found a treasure in DeColores. It's your turn!

* The Men's Weekend, March 7-10; Lay leader: Brian Henning. Call or text 217-821-3338

* The Women's Weekend, March 14-17; Lay leader, Mandy Henning. Call or text 217-821-0799

Liturgical Ministers for February 2024

Ministry	4:30pm	7:30am	9:15am	11:00am
Lectors	Joe Spraul	Doug McDevitt	Jane Dust	Kim Willenborg
Eucharistic Ministers	Joe Buscher David Emmerich Jacob Emmerich Carla Koerner Cindy Thies	Sue Bushur Kelly McDevitt Peggy Valenti Shae Thoele More Needed	Tom Murphy Carolyn Rohlfing Kevin Roewe Kyla Niebrugge Russ Sehy	Brenda Jansen Pete Jansen Lisa Lauritzen More Needed
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Ushers	Phil Koerner Larry Thies Dan Ritz Joe Ungrund	Greg Bushur Terry Westendorf More Needed	Justin Brummer Joel Griffith Cory Sayne Mike Wilson	Chris Quandt Bart Wiedman More Needed

Church Cleaning for February 2024

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

Rachel Anderson	Robin Anderson
Dana Antrim	David & Mary Antrim
Jason Antrim	Laura Arnold
Daniel & Amanda Arther	Michael & Kim Ashton
Michael & Brenda Avery	Blake & Laura Bahrns
Stephen & Natalie Bailey	Brian & Anita Baker
Christy Baker	Karen Bales
Mark & Terri Ballman	Neil & Bailey Barns

Pro-Life Corner

Everyone is welcome to attend the **Deanery Prayer Vigil for Life** to pray for the Protection of all Life at St Michael the Archangel in Sigel on Monday February 19. Praying the rosary will begin at 6:00 pm. Fr. Dean Probst will be the celebrant for the 6:30 pm mass. The business meeting will follow in the Council Room at the Grade School. Refreshments will be served while current pro-life issues are discussed.

Save the date for the Illinois March for Life and Mass – Wednesday, April 17, 2024. Mass, 10 a.m., Sangamon Auditorium, on the UIS Campus, 1 University Plaza, Springfield. Noon, rally in front of the State Capitol, followed by a march around the State Capitol complex. The Mass, rally and march are intended for 7th-12th graders, college students, and adults. St. Ididore the Farmer Parish has reserved 2 busses. Please contact Diann Ruholl at 217-663-2056 to ride the bus.

Natural Family Planning Class

2024 Sessions: To register, contact Kate Pruemer at 217-821-1840 or kpruemer@gmail.com.

Saturday, February 10th: 1:00 - 2:30pm on WebEx

Saturday, April 6th: 9:30 - 11:00am at St. Francis Church

Saturday, June 15th: 10:30am - Noon at St. Anthony Church

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Rediscover the power of just one Hail Mary, and the power of the Rosary. This series includes a unique focus on The Mysteries of the Rosary with virtual travel through the Holy Land.

All men of the parish are invited to attend this series each Friday during Lent. SonRise Friday Men's Breakfast meets at St. Anthony's Parish Center Friday mornings for men from area parishes. Breakfast is served at 6:10 a.m., program at 6:30am, followed by discussion and concluding at 7:30am. There is no charge. Contact the parish office or Dan Woods, danwoodsface@gmail.com.

Lent and Learn 2024

Week 1: February 21, 2024

Jesus and His Parables

- Join us on Wednesday, February 21
Read and pray over a favorite parable.
What makes this parable so powerful for you?
- Spend time daily reading *The Little Black Book* to walk through the Passion according to Luke, with explanations and reflections along the way.
- Prepare for Mass this weekend by reading the gospel passage ahead of time and reflecting on the questions provided (*see other side*)



Sunday, February 25, 2024
Second Sunday of Lent

Our Gospel Reading
Mark 9:2-10
The Transfiguration



- "Lord, it is good that we are here," Peter said as he was beholding the transfigured Jesus.
- Have you ever felt sheer delight in your relationship with God? Delight in being God's beloved son or daughter? Delight in the blessings you have been given in life? Have you ever felt a sense of profound thanksgiving to God?
- "They saw no one else but Jesus alone." The Lord is the fulfillment of all our desires. Have you spent sufficient time resting in Him? Or do you search for ultimate meaning in the things of the world?

Lent and Learn each Wednesday

- February 21 Jesus and His Parables
- February 28 Lift up your Hearts
Inside the Eucharistic Prayers
- March 6 The Holy Spirit,
Fire of Divine Love
- March 13 Journey of Faith through
the Stages of Life
- March 20 An Appreciation of
Christian Art

Wednesday Mini-Retreats

- 6:30 am Parish Mass
Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament
- 7:00 am-5:15 pm Adoration in church
- 11:45 am-1:00 pm Confessions in church
- 5:15 pm Benediction of the
Blessed Sacrament
Parish Mass
- 6:00 pm Soup / Light Meal in the
Parish Center *free of charge*
Presentation by
Fr. Harman or Fr. Michael

Holy Week

- March 28 Holy Thursday 6:30 pm
- March 29 Good Friday 3:00 pm
- March 30 Holy Saturday 8:00 pm
- March 31 Easter - *Hallelujah! He Is Risen!*
7:30, 9:15, 11:00 am

Lenten Regulations

1. ABSTINENCE – Everyone 14 years of age and over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

2. FAST – Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 is required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is permitted. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to each person's needs, but together these two should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids (including milk and fruit juices) are allowed.

3. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.

Stewardship's Sunday Funday

Mark your calendars for Sunday, March 3rd at 1:00pm. The Stewardship committee has planned another fun event. A Jigsaw Puzzle Competition. Teams of 5 compete to complete the same puzzle. Come as a team or join one when you come. \$5.00 per person payable at the door. Call the office at 217-342-7129 to sign up. If you forget to sign up, come anyway. By signing up it gives an idea of the number of puzzles we need. Deadline for signup is February 26th. You are welcome to bring your own drinks and snacks. See you at the Parish Center on March 3rd.

April will bring us to the Hobby & Arts Showcase. If you have a craft or collection you would like to show, we would love to see it. More detail about this to come.

Week Ending Feb 11, 2024	Weekly Totals	Fiscal YTD (Week 33 of 52)	Last Year's YTD
Regular Church Support	\$20,615.50	\$959,212.11	\$906,444.76
GOAL	\$27,765.00	\$916,245.00	
Difference	(\$7,149.50)	\$42,967.11	

Diocesan Collections	Week Ending Feb 11, 2024	YTD
Twining Parish in Nigeria	\$1,237.00	\$33,419.00
Catholic Times	\$105.00	\$2,430.00
Cemetery	\$0.00	\$17,937.00
Catholic Charities	\$940.00	\$3,430.00
Latin America	\$20.00	\$552.00
Central/Eastern Europe	\$240.00	\$325.00

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There will be a craft store, raffle items and mystery boxes.


St. Anthony Church & Schools are currently seeking applications for the following positions:

- **High School Boys Assistant Tennis Coach**
- **High School Volleyball Coach**
- **Jr High Boys Track Coach**

For a description of this position and for information on how to apply, visit <https://church.stanthony.com/employment/>

Effingham Catholic Charities Raffle – Tickets on sale now! Tickets can be purchased at cc.dio.org, any advisory board member, and Effingham Catholic Charities office. Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25. Drawing will be held at Teutopolis Banquet Hall on February 24, 2024 at 9 PM. Need not be present to win.

Bingo sponsored by Country Rhodes – Event will be held on February 24, 2024 at Teutopolis Banquet Hall from 7 PM to 10 PM with doors opening at 6 PM. Entry is \$30, which includes 10 games of bingo and 1 card. Additional cards are available to purchase. There will be a cash bar and snacks available.



St. Isidore Youth Ministry Soup Supper

St. Isidore Youth Ministry is hosting their annual soup supper on **Sunday, February 25, 2024** from 4:00-7:00 pm in the St. Aloysius Parish Center in Bishop Creek. The menu includes chili, chicken noodle soup, sauerkraut soup, sandwiches and dessert. There will also be a basket raffle.



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