

Sunday, February 25, 2024

Jesus took Peter,
James, and John
and led them up
a high mountain
apart by
themselves.
And he was
transfigured
before them,
and his clothes
became dazzling
white.

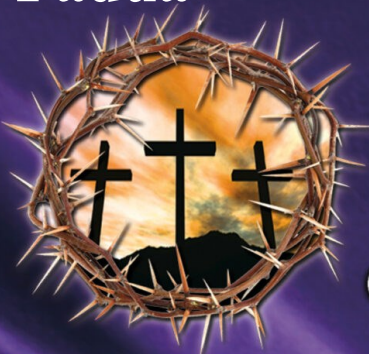
Mark 9:2,3

Transfiguration of Jesus
by Carl Bloch, 1872



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2ND SUNDAY OF
LENT

"From the Pastor's Desk"

Dear St. Anthony Parish Family:

Blessings on your Lenten journey! I received many comments about something from last Sunday's homily. Mentioning our fasting and sacrifices as connected to Christ's forty days in the desert, I read what Pope Francis had said regarding the purpose of fasting and what it should bring about in us. So that we may be different when we celebrate Christ's Death and Resurrection this year at Holy Week and Easter, could we:

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness to be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries to be able to trust in God.
- Fast from complaints to contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be more prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness to have a heart full of joy.
- Fast from selfishness so as to be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges to be able to be reconciled.
- Fast from words and noise to be able to be silent and listen.

As I mentioned, more of these applied to me than I would have initially thought. They may be able to help focus your thoughts and prayers as well.

Have a blessed week.

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	Ron Kabbes	Kolin & Meredith
Margie Apke	Ingrid Kay	Roderick and their
Sara Bernhard	Susan Keenan	unborn child
Steve Bierman	Tina Keller	John Soucie
Dustin Borries	Marita Kemme	Paul Will
Dennis Bushur	Amy Koester	Georgia Willenborg
Mary Lynn Byers	Clete Koester	Dr. Mel Willenborg
Britney Chester	Coleen Linde	Paul V. Willenborg
Jim Feldhake	Jeff Linde	Ann Worman
Jackson Gaitros	Blain Loll	Dan Worman
Avery Gardewine-	Rita McMillan	Jerry Worman
Braunecker	George Mette	Pauline Worman
Angela Geltz	Roberta Meyer	Richard J Worman
Susan Goldstein	Bill Nuxoll	
Cheryl Gross	Art Pike	
Gina Hargis	Cathy Polarek	
Mike Hartke	Kenneth Polarek	
Lucinda Herboth		
Norma Jean Huelsing		

Wednesday Evening Adoration, Benediction & Mass will be live streamed during Lent. Live streaming will begin at 5:00pm for Adoration, with Benediction beginning at 5:15, and Mass immediately following Benediction.

You can find our livestream Masses on YouTube. The easiest way to find them is to go to stanthony.com and enter the church portal, and click the link that says "Live Stream." Choose the date of the Masses you would like to watch.



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 (No 2pm stations March 1st) and 7:00pm in church.



First Saturday Mass & Devotion March 2, 2024

Rosary - 6:10am Mass - 6:30am
Meditations - 7:00am - 7:15am

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 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 Wente Anniversary

Monday, February 26:

6:30am Mass: Joyce Heuerman

8:30am Mass: Tom Bryant

Tuesday, February 27:

6:30am Mass: Robert B Schuette

8:30am Mass: Living & Deceased Members of Clem & Clara Goldstein Family

Wednesday, February 28:

6:30am Mass: James L Rhodes

5:15pm Mass: Leonard & Pauline Boos

Thursday, February 29:

6:30am Mass: Don Kabbes

8:30am Mass: Living & Deceased Members of the Polarek Family

Friday, March 1:

6:30am Mass: Jerry Brickley

8:30am Mass: Florence Sehy Anniversary

Saturday, March 2:

6:30am Mass: Marie C Dust

4:30pm Mass: Harold & Bertha Bushur Family

Sunday, March 3:

7:30am Mass: Esther Poterucha

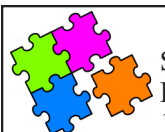
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11:00am Mass: Frank Kabbes



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!!!



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

JOIN US NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday, March 2, 2024
Keller Convention Center

Come join your parish community in an evening of fellowship featuring your 2023 Hall of Fame Inductions.

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 March 2024

Ministry	4:30pm	7:30am	9:15am	11:00am
Lectors	Bob Schultz	Ann Platt	Bernie Blanchette	Norma Fisher
Eucharistic Ministers	Ellen Hann Gary Hanner Linda Hanner Josh Hanner Jamie Schuette	Alice Dust Janet Kennedy Carlene Weber Art Willenborg More Needed	Teresa Beck Kelly Butts Deanna Koester Connie Rudolphi Jull Schultz	Eric Koester Larry Masengale Theresa Masengale Susan Ealy More Needed
Servers	Henry Gannaway Jonny Gannaway Will Ludwig Aubrey Repking	Jacob Thoele Kyle Thoele Henry Bierman	Mallory Litz Morgan Litz Braxton Schultz Bella Schultz	Charlotte Sprecher Alex Koester Ava Hendrickson
Ushers	Eric Althoff Ken Bourgeois Don Niebrugge Bart Willenborg	Bill Overbeck Tony Weber More Needed	Troy Greene Carl Koester Doug Rudolphi Russ Sehy	Preston Barr Jeff Clausius More Needed

Church Cleaning for March 2024

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

Chad Barr	Aaron & Carrie Bartimus
Robert & Linda Baumann	Scott & Jamie Bayler
Deborah Beasley	Gary & Sharrina Beaver
Kaleigh Beavers	Brian & Teresa Beck
Jacob & Hannah Beckman	Christina Bednar-Loy
Andrew & Cayleigh Beeman	Brad & Cindy Beesley
Kevin & Gigi Behl	Rick Belford
Anthony Benline	Jason & Morgan Benline

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

CRS Rice Bowls

Join our faith community in a transformative Lenten journey through CRS Rice Bowl to meet people in Uganda, El Salvador and Indonesia who are working hard to overcome the challenges of hunger and the impact of climate change. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from church now, and return it Holy Week. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on our connectedness as one family in Christ and work together to ensure our sisters and brothers worldwide can thrive. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

A SEASON FOR REFLECTION - During this holy time, we are called to pause and pay closer attention to our relationship with God and our neighbors. Reflect on how the Lenten pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving can guide your journey and how the Eucharist helps us to live in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more and read this week's Story of Hope.

OVERCOMING HUNGER - In Akwangagwel, Uganda, the climate is very hot and dry. Farmers in this region depend heavily on the rainy season for a successful harvest. But lately—due to the changing climate—the rain has been coming later than it used to and is more inconsistent. Sometimes, when it does rain, it causes flooding and ruins the crops. Learn how Adolf and Florence have taken the matter into their own hands, implementing new farming techniques they learned from a Catholic Relief Services program to improve their farm and fight against hunger in their community. Visit crsricebowl.org to read this week's Story of Hope.

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Catholic Life Every Day



Lent and Learn 2024

Week 2: February 28, 2024

Lift up your Hearts: Inside the Eucharistic Prayers

- Join us on Wednesday, February 28
The Eucharistic Prayer is the high point of the Mass. Have you taken time to really think about what these prayers are saying?
Let's take a look at the words of Eucharistic Prayer III and better understand their meaning both at the Mass and in our lives.
- Each day this week, read from *The Little Black Book* and reflect on the day's devotion and message
- Prepare for Mass this weekend by reading the gospel passage ahead of time and reflecting on the questions provided (*see other side*)



Sunday, March 3, 2024

Third Sunday of Lent

Our Gospel Reading

John 2:13-25

Cleansing of the Temple



- Jesus cleansed the Temple because He was "consumed with zeal" for the house of God. What areas of our life need to be "cleansed" or "purified" in order to love God all the more?
- People began to believe once they saw the signs that Jesus was doing. Are we attentive to the many signs in our life with which God is trying to win us toward His love?
- "Stop making my Father's house a marketplace," Jesus said. Have we viewed the living God more like a genie or a cop than a loving and providential Father?

Lent and Learn each Wednesday

- 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

Pray for Vocations

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 18, 2024	Weekly Totals	Fiscal YTD (Week 34 of 52)	Last Year's YTD
Regular Church Support	\$31,594.71	\$990,806.82	\$928,211.78
<i>GOAL</i>	\$27,765.00	\$944,010.00	
Difference	\$3,829.71	\$46,796.82	

Diocesan Collections	Week Ending Feb 18, 2024	YTD
Twining Parish in Nigeria	\$496.00	\$33,915.00
Catholic Times	\$15.00	\$2,445.00
Cemetery	\$0.00	\$17,937.00
Catholic Charities	\$850.00	\$4,280.00
Central/Eastern Europe	\$1,376.50	\$1,701.50

St. Mary's Shumway Poker Run Parish Hall Fundraiser

Saturday, April 20, 2024

Starts & ends at St. Mary's Church, for food and socializing

We will leave the church parking lot at 1pm sharp

Call Leslie Kemme at 217-821-3399 to sign up

\$25 per person

50/50, drawings, cash prize

Lenten Mission at St. Francis Church with Fr. Luke Spannagel

Wednesday, March 6th at 7pm: Explanatory Mass

Thursday, March 7th at 7pm: The Eucharist

Wednesday night Fr. Luke will explain what is happening during the different parts of the Mass. Thursday night Fr. Luke will explain how powerful the Eucharist is and share stories about saints who were dedicated to the Eucharist. He is one of 50 priests throughout the US who were chosen by the USCCB to devote their full time to preaching about the Eucharist during the last year of the Eucharistic Revival. He is a joyful and dynamic speaker, and this will be a wonderful opportunity to grow in your understanding of the Eucharist.

Biking for Babies

wants you for the National Ride Formation Program.

Applications are open until March 1, 2024

Program begins March 13th.

Hey Young Adults: are you ready for an adventure with Christ, where you'll transform virtuously and be equipped to share the Gospel of Life and the message of hope from pregnancy resource centers across the nation?

For additional questions for information contact Aubrie at aubrie.faust@bikingforbabies.com

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.

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/>

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.

RED ALERT ACTION MEETING on MARCH 7 — Illinois is proposing a new law, SB 3499, also known as the "End-of-Life Options for Terminally Ill Patients Act." However, many refer to it more accurately as the "Legalization of Assisted Suicide Act." We invite you to learn more about its potential impacts by attending a Red Alert Action Meeting on March 7th at 7:00pm at the Effingham Event Center.

Passage of this legislation will open the door to many hidden dangers that would greatly impact you and your families. Please attend the meeting to further discuss these concerns and to learn how your voice can make a difference as together we fight this proposed legislation.



COMMUNITY ACTION MEETING

THURSDAY, MARCH 7 AT 7PM
EFFINGHAM EVENT CENTER
1501 W. FAYETTE AVENUE

TOGETHER, WE CAN FIGHT PROPOSED LEGISLATION
TO LEGALIZE ASSISTED SUICIDE IN ILLINOIS.

WHAT IS LEGALIZED SUICIDE?

IT WOULD ALLOW DOCTORS TO PRESCRIBE LETHAL DRUGS
TO PATIENTS WHO WISH TO END THEIR LIVES

HIDDEN DANGERS OF ASSISTED SUICIDE

✓ Encourages insurance companies
to pay for lethal drugs rather
than expensive treatment

✓ Opens the door for care givers
to coerce a patient into taking
their life.

Many more dangers will be discussed
at the meeting!

ADVOCATE AGAINST SB 3499

People need authentic
end-of-life care — not
a drug overdose
to end their life!



JOIN US ON MARCH 7TH
YOUR VOICE MATTERS IN THE FIGHT

**LEARN HOW THIS ISSUE WILL
AFFECT YOU & YOUR FAMILY AND
WHAT YOU CAN DO TO OPPOSE
ASSISTED SUICIDE!**

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