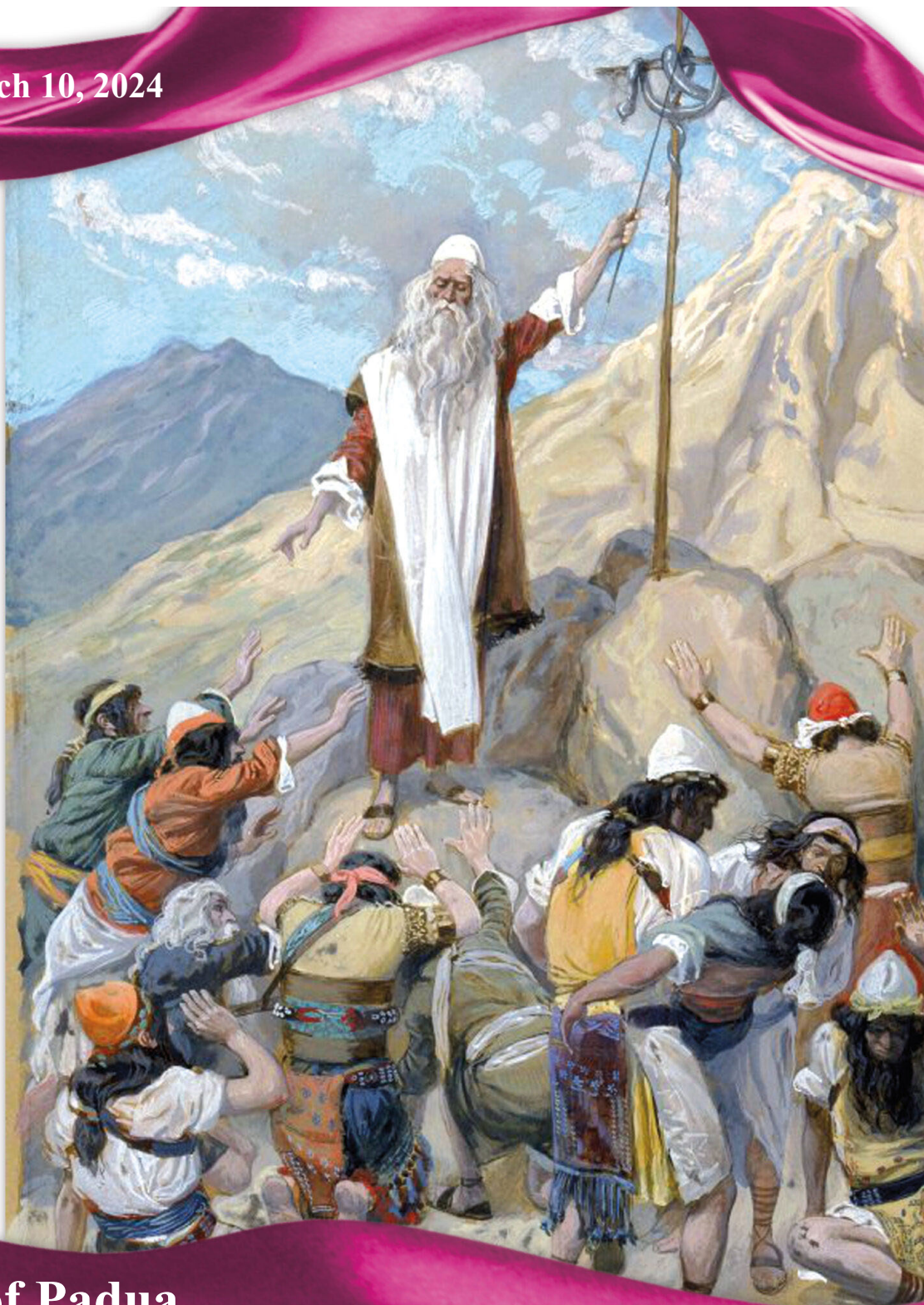


Sunday, March 10, 2024

Jesus said to
Nicodemus:
“Just as Moses
lifted up the
serpent in the
desert, so must
the Son of Man
be lifted up,
so that everyone
who believes
in him may have
eternal life.”

John 3:14,15

The Brazen Serpent
by James Tissot, circa 1899



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4TH SUNDAY OF
LENT

"From the Pastor's Desk"

Dear St. Anthony Parish Family:

This Sunday afternoon, our second graders make their first Reconciliation, and next Sunday, March 17, we will have our Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service. I thought perhaps it would be helpful to spend a few words on the importance of this sacrament and preparing to receive it.

Jesus' fundamental mission was to reconcile us to the Father and save us from our sins. His one offering on the Cross is the means of that salvation, but the sacraments are our connection to those means. We do not experience Jesus in any closer or more tangible way than through the connection He gave to the Apostles, and therefore the Church, to each generation by the sacraments. What began in us in Baptism is renewed, as we need it throughout our life, in the other sacraments. The Eucharist and Reconciliation are those sacraments which renew God's grace in our lives. And we need them because we are weak, forgetful and sinful. None of us are exempt from the weakness of our human condition, and God desires to be present to us. The Church teaches that we should receive Reconciliation at least once a year, and at any time when we are aware of serious, or mortal, sin. Perhaps it is time for your yearly confession!

While it can be humbling to confess our sinfulness, it is also tremendously freeing! To have our sins forgiven, just by asking and speaking honestly, is a tremendous blessing in the Church's life. (Who else forgives us just by our asking...no repayment, no gift, no shame? Not many!) If our fear or pride stands in the way, perhaps the giving up of those to God is our greatest gift and spiritual advancement.

The best way to begin is to examine our lives and recall the acts, thoughts, or omissions which take us away from God and separate us from true union and peace with others. Most often our sins are the misplaced desires or shortcuts to happiness: we may overindulge, we may seek to control, we may have trouble forgiving (others or ourselves!), we may squeeze God out of our lives or fill our lives up with something else. Reconciliation allows us to be made whole and at peace.

Hope to see you next Sunday for confessions which will begin at 3 p.m.

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.



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:

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Parish Reconciliation

Sunday, March 17th beginning at 3pm

Reconciliation for parishioners and their families will be on Sunday, March 17th beginning at 3:00pm at St. Anthony Church. Several priests will be on hand to ensure that all are heard in a timely manner. This is a perfect time to bring the family together for an evening of prayer and reconciliation.

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

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, March 9:

4:30pm Mass: Lorraine Jones

Sunday, March 10:

7:30am Mass: Parishioners of St. Anthony

9:15am Mass: Charles & Grace Hotze Family

11:00am Mass: Jeff Anderson

Monday, March 11:

6:30am Mass: Clem & Minnie Luchtefeld;
Andrew Niebrugge

8:30am Mass: Helen Einhorn Martin

Tuesday, March 12:

6:30am Mass: Clarence Unkraut

8:30am Mass: Joe & Elsie Nacke

Wednesday, March 13:

6:30am Mass: Doris Dasenbrock

5:15pm Mass: Marlene Bushue

Thursday, March 14:

6:30am Mass: Jan Westendorf

8:30am Mass: Leon Fulk

Friday, March 15:

6:30am Mass: Jerry Brickley

8:30am Mass: Millie Braun

Saturday, March 16:

4:30pm Mass: Marlene Goeckner

Sunday, March 17:

7:30am Mass: Parishioners of St. Anthony

9:15am Mass: Brad Kastl Anniversary

11:00am Mass: Hugh McHugh

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 (led by the grade school) and 7:00pm in church.



Donations are being accepted for **Easter decorations** for our church. There is an envelope provided for you in the monthly envelope mailing. Donations can also be placed in the collection basket, brought to the parish office, or mailed to: St. Anthony Church, PO Box 764, Effingham, IL 62401.

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



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The Rectory Housekeeper is responsible for cleaning the parish rectory one day per week, requiring six-eight hours of work. Housekeeping duties include cleaning bedrooms, bathrooms, dusting, mopping, washing linens and towels, among other household cleaning.

The ideal candidate is energetic, a self-starter, pleasant, and can maintain confidentiality. We are looking for someone to start as early as the week of March 18, 2024.

For more information about the position or to apply, contact Carrie Koenig at 217-347-7129 or visit <https://church.stanthony.com/employment/>



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

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

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

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

Liturgical Ministers for March 2024

| Ministry | 4:30pm | 7:30am | 9:15am | 11:00am |
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| 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 |
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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.

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Holy Week Mass Times

Holy Thursday - 6:30pm
 Good Friday - 3:00pm Service
 Easter Vigil, Saturday - 8:00pm
 Easter Sunday - 7:30am(Incense Free), 9:15am, 11:00am



Baptism Class - Parents are required to attend a Baptism Class before their child is baptized. The next class will be held at St. Anthony's Parish Center, **Thursday, March 21st** at 7:00pm. To register call the parish office at 217-347-7129.



The Table of Plenty would like to thank everyone for their donations to the Study Shoppe in February. The Study Shoppe was overwhelmed by your kindness and generosity! We are so grateful to all of you for continuing to bless this program as we extend hands of help to other organizations throughout our county!

For the month of March, we would like to bless Catholic Charities. Catholic Charities is in need of canned mushroom soup, canned tuna and egg noodles. We will be taking donations Tuesday, March 12th at the junior high mass, Thursday, March 14th at the primary/intermediate mass and during the weekend of March 16th/17th.



Sacrament of Baptism - Baptisms are celebrated during Mass on Saturdays & Sundays (not during Lent). A family must be **registered & actively** living their faith at St. Anthony Church for 1 year 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 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

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

Saturday, April 6th: 9:30 - 11:00am at St. Francis Church
Saturday, June 15th: 10:30am - Noon at St. Anthony Church

CRS Rice Bowls

Increasing Disasters, Increasing Resilience - Located in Southeast Asia between the Pacific and Indian Oceans, Indonesia has beautiful beaches, diverse cultures and the world's fourth largest population. Many of the country's more than 17,000 islands are in the Ring of Fire, where volcanic eruptions and earthquakes are common. Climate-related disasters such as cyclones are also becoming more frequent and destructive. Find out how—with the support of Catholic Relief Services and generous communities like yours—Evita and her disaster preparedness group are working to keep their community safe. Visit crsricebowl.org to read this week's Story of Hope.



Sacrament of Marriage

Please contact our parish office at least 9 months before your anticipated wedding date to begin your spiritual preparation. The process will begin with meeting with one of our Priests to set your date. One or both persons must be **registered and actively** living their faith at St. Anthony Church for at least 1 year to celebrate their wedding here. All couples planning to be married at our parish 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.

Lent and Learn 2024

Week 4: March 13, 2024

Journey of Faith through the Stages of Life

- Join us on Wednesday, March 13
 - How has your relationship with God matured over your life?
 - How have your priorities changed?
 - Where has God led you as you look back?
 - What are blessings and challenges you did not expect?
- Spend time with our Lord on Wednesdays through Lent during Eucharistic Adoration in church
- Prepare for Mass this weekend by reading the gospel passage ahead of time and reflecting on the questions provided (*see other side*)



Sunday, March 17, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Our Gospel Reading

John 12:20-33

A Grain of Wheat



- What emotions come to mind when you hear Christ predict his Passion?
- Do you have "grains of wheat" examples in your life where you had to sacrifice yourself for another's good?
- How is Christ glorified in our own sacrifices?
- What do those sacrifices do for us?

Stewardship's Sunday Funday

This past Sunday, March 3rd, 17 teams made up of 80 parishioners joined us in a Jigsaw Puzzle Competition held in the Parish Center. Team "No Straight Edges" completed the 500 piece puzzle in 50 minutes.



April 7th The Hobby and Art Showcase

We invite parishioners to display their talents. Do you love to paint, quilt, knit, build legos, decorate cookies or cakes, turn pottery or wooden objects? Collect trains, nativity sets, coins, stamps etc.? We welcome you to share these with your fellow parishioners by displaying them in the Parish Center on April 7th from 12 noon to 2 pm. Who knows, you may encourage others to start a hobby or collection themselves.

If you wish to participate, please call the office to sign up. Let's fill the Parish Center for others to view and enjoy our talents.

Lent and Learn each Wednesday

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



| Week Ending Mar 3, 2024 | Weekly Totals | Fiscal YTD (Week 36 of 52) | Last Year's YTD |
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| Regular Church Support | \$33,098.00 | \$1,052,139.82 | \$975,738.74 |
| GOAL | \$27,765.00 | \$999,540.00 | |
| Difference | \$5,333.00 | \$52,599.82 | |

| Diocesan Collections | Week Ending Mar 3, 2024 | YTD |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|
| Twining Parish in Nigeria | \$115.00 | \$34,445.00 |
| Catholic Times | \$15.00 | \$2,510.00 |
| Catholic Charities | \$1,230.00 | \$12,617.00 |
| Christmas/Easter Flowers | \$535.00 | \$5,167.00 |

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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.



FAMILY LIFE CENTER

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, March 16th / 8:00am

Cornerstone Christian Church on South Rte 45

Leave the cooking to us! All we need is you!

Join us for Breakfast! Open to all men in the Effingham area. Learn what The Family Life Center is about and how you can get involved.

We will hear from:

Noah Prosser - a previous client whose testimony is captivating

Ben Sawyer - Dadz Coordinator from Family Life Center

John Doe -

Please RSVP by March 12th to 217-342-5433

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.

St. Isidore Spring Breakfast at Bishop Creek is Sunday, March 17th from 7am-Noon. The menu will include whole hog sausage, ham, fried or scrambled eggs, pancakes, homemade breads and rolls. We will also have a Country Store with raffles, baked goods and mystery boxes. We look forward to seeing you there!

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

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10/11/2024 - 10/13/2024, Springfield, IL

TEAMS WANTED!

A Trivia Night hosted by Crisis Nursery of Effingham County and Kiwanis Club of Effingham County will take place on March 23rd at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall. Exercise your brain and have fun supporting two great organizations! \$300 to the First Place Team and \$200 to the 2nd Place Team, along with opportunities to win other prizes. Doors open at 6pm and Trivia starts at 7pm. Reserve your table today by contacting Meghan Rewers (217-342-3000x3;

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