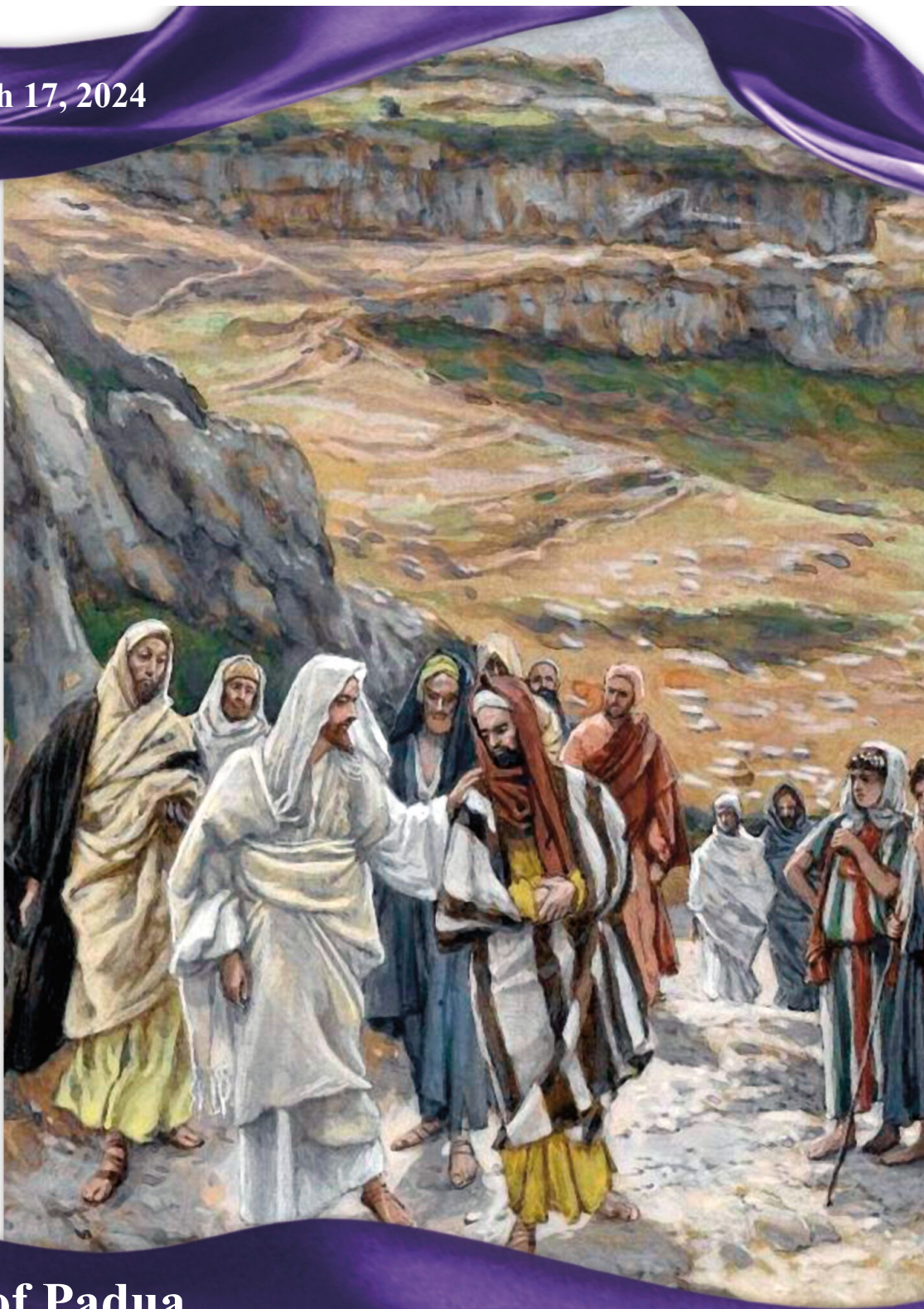


Sunday, March 17, 2024

“The hour has
come for the
Son of Man
to be glorified.
Amen, amen,
I say to you,
unless a grain of
wheat falls to the
ground and dies,
it remains just
a grain of wheat;
but if it dies,
it produces
much fruit.”

John 12: 23,24

Jesus Discourses with His
Disciples by James Tissot
Circa 1886-1894



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5TH SUNDAY OF
LENT

"From the Pastor's Desk"

Dear St. Anthony Parish Family:

This afternoon we will have our Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service at 3 p.m. with six priests hearing confessions. I hope you will take advantage of this opportunity.

I have had a few inquiries regarding funeral rites and cremation in recent weeks. I think a few points can be clarified as to why the Church asks us to do what we do for funerals. A first point would be the encouragement to have your requests for the Funeral Mass and burial properly documented, so that your wishes can be carried out. On more than one occasion, a very faithful Catholic has not had a funeral Mass celebrated due to the fact that the family may no longer be active in the practice of the faith. The Church or funeral home is not able to change the plans made by families if there have not been instructions left in one's will or pre-arrangement needs with the funeral home. Below are a few excerpts from our diocesan statutes on the celebration of funeral rites to help see why we reverence the body of the deceased and why some things are not allowed for the celebration. Instead of being viewed as prohibitions, it is vital to see these requirements as the way to give proper honor and respect to the body. Some well-intended practices could inadvertently lead to unintended disposal of one's bodily remains.

"While the Church clearly prefers and urges that the body of the deceased be present for the funeral rites, cremation is permitted even before these rites are celebrated. The cremated remains of a body shall be treated with the same respect given to the human body from which they come. If the Catholic Church's desire concerning cremation is not respected, public funeral rites shall not be celebrated. The vessel shall be dignified and worthy for holding the cremated remains of the body. In the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, it is permitted to celebrate any of the funeral rites in the presence of the cremated remains of the body. All of the cremated remains of a body shall be interred following the Rite of Committal. At no time and in no way shall the cremated remains be divided, separated, or interred in more than one place. Common practices which are not consistent with the above policy include: scattering ashes on bodies of water, from the air, or on the ground; sending cremated remains of the body into space; keeping cremated remains in the home of a friend or relative of the deceased; dividing the cremated remains among several relatives or friends; and putting the cremated remains into jewelry and the like. Aside from the issue of the respect due to cremated remains, a number of practical problems arise with such practices: urns or vessels placed in homes could be stolen or damaged; the purpose of the urn could be forgotten by heirs of the original holder and the urn and contents could be sold at a garage or yard sale; cremated remains could be stored in an unsuitable place like an attic, basement storeroom, garage, or storage unit. Interment of cremated remains should not be unduly delayed following the funeral rites."

We have had a great turnout each week for our "Lent and Learn" sessions on Wednesday. We have one more on March 20. I pray you have a blessed week.

Fr. Peter Harman



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	Deborah Richards
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Steve Bierman	Susan Keenan	Dr. Mel Willenborg
Dustin Borries	Tina Keller	Paul V. Willenborg
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Mary Lynn Byers	Amy Koester	Dan Worman
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Gina Hargis	Art Pike	
Mike Hartke	Cathy Polarek	
Lucinda Herboth	Kenneth Polarek	

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.

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 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

Monday, March 18:

6:30am Mass: Kenny Koenig Family; Eugene Westendorf

8:30am Mass: Ron Shoffstall

Tuesday, March 19:

6:30am Mass: Christine Niebrugge

8:30am Mass: Nick Dust Anniversary

Wednesday, March 20:

6:30am Mass: Sherri Bourgeois Anniversary

5:15pm Mass: James Mette

Thursday, March 21:

6:30am Mass: Robert B Schuette

8:30am Mass: Kent Devall Anniversary

Friday, March 22:

6:30am Mass: Kay Adams

8:30am Mass: Joan Eggers

Saturday, March 23:

4:30pm Mass: Louise Willenborg Anniversary

Sunday, March 24:

7:30am Mass: Parishioners of St. Anthony

9:15am Mass: Mike Mitchell

11:00am Mass: Clarence Kemme



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.

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



Stewardship's Sunday Funday

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.



Handicap Parking at Church

Please be mindful of those needing extra assistance by not parking in handicap spots or the yellow striped areas. The marked striped areas, called access aisles, are there to discourage people parking in them. This area allows individuals to safely get their loved ones in and out of their vehicle. Thank you for your cooperation.



**SAINT
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St. Anthony Parish in Effingham, IL
is currently accepting applications for a

Rectory Housekeeper

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**

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
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 Jill 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
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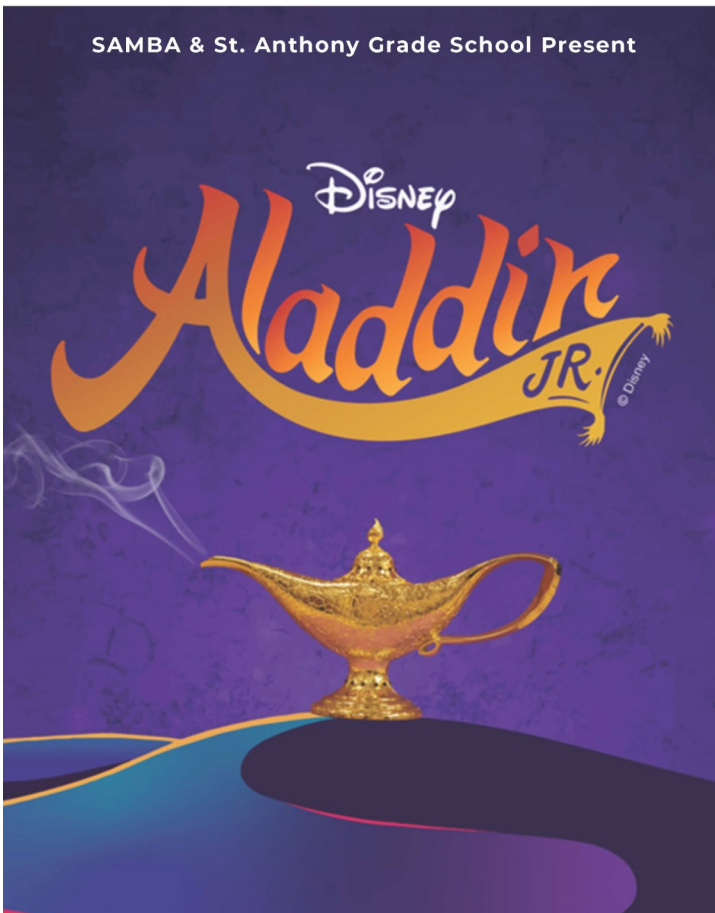


Baptism Class - Parents are required to attend a Baptism Class before their child is baptized. The next class will be held at St. Anthony's Parish Center, **Thursday, March 21st** at 7:00pm. To register call the parish office at 217-347-7129.

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



APRIL 5 - 7, 2024

Friday & Saturday 7:00pm
Sunday 2:00pm

St. Anthony High School MPR

\$8 ticket price

Tickets are available at the Grade School office or at the door.



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



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 5: March 20, 2024

An Appreciation of Christian Art

- Join us on Wednesday, March 20
Art has a way of capturing the imagination and bringing to life what we believe. True beauty has the power to evangelize. How can art help us appreciate the Gospel of Jesus Christ? We will analyze a few pieces of famous Christian art whose beauty has captured the imagination of believers.
- Do you have Christian art in your home? How about those of family and friends? Take time to really look at and reflect on those pieces.
- Prepare for Mass this weekend by reading the gospel passage ahead of time and reflecting on the questions provided (see other side)



Sunday, March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Our Gospel Reading

Mark 14: 1-15:47

The Passion of the Lord



- We celebrate in a poignant way the Passion of Our Lord on the day of his death. How can our hearts not be moved by listening to the solemn proclamation of the Lord's death in the sacred assembly of Mass?
- "Those passing by reviled him" - Jesus was misunderstood. Can we relate to this experience? Have we at times misunderstood others?
- "Take it; this is my body." Have we given sufficient reflection on the radicality of these words from Jesus at the Last Supper and their significance for what we believe about the Holy Eucharist that is consecrated at every Mass?

Lent and Learn each Wednesday

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



CCW
Council of Catholic Women

Ladies of the parish, we have received our annual invitation to attend a salad supper at Sacred Heart. Please come enjoy an evening with our sisters in Christ on April 2nd at 6 pm at their parish center. Rita Devore.



SAINT ANTHONY
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

St. Anthony Schools in Effingham, IL are currently accepting applications for a

Grade School Teacher – Full Time
Grade School Teacher – Part Time
High School Activities Secretary – Full Time

starting with the 2024-2025 school year.

Eligible candidates should have a demonstrated commitment to promoting Christian ethics and a strong dedication to fostering and developing a quality, Christ-centered environment in the Catholic faith. For full qualifications of each position, please visit our website.

Diocesan salary and benefits apply.

For more information regarding St. Anthony Schools or to apply, visit <https://church.stanthony.com/employment/>



St. Anthony Treasure Sale
Friday, May 31st
Saturday, June 1st

Please take a minute to think of what your donations will be for this year's Treasure Sale. Our advertising is most effective when we know **in advance** of larger items: furniture, antiques, collectibles, or any special items that should be included in advance advertising. Please call the parish office at 217-347-7129, to let us know these specific items.

Week Ending Mar 10, 2024	Weekly Totals	Fiscal YTD (Week 37 of 52)	Last Year's YTD
Regular Church Support	\$20,223.00	\$1,072,627.82	\$1,007,080.30
GOAL	\$27,765.00	\$1,027,305.00	
Difference	(\$7,542.00)	\$45,322.82	

Diocesan Collections	Week Ending Mar 10, 2024	YTD
Twining Parish in Nigeria	\$991.00	\$35,436.00
Catholic Times	\$30.00	\$2,540.00
Catholic Charities	\$775.00	\$13,392.00
Christmas/Easter Flowers	\$640.00	\$5,807.00
Cemetery	\$875.00	\$19,012.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$547.00	\$622.00
Eastern Europe	\$40.00	\$1,816.50
Holy Land	\$90.00	\$200.00
Seminarians	\$80.00	\$530.00

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

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

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

Eat & Bail

No Foolin' ~ Joe's will be open

Monday **April 1**
4:30 PM - 7:30 PM



Eat at Joe's and support Catholic Charities!

Joe's Pizza and Pasta in Effingham is donating all tips and 20% of revenue made from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM on April 1.

Local celebrities and friends will be in jail during the event. There is only one way out...

Will you help bail them out?



Pro-Life Corner

Illinois Right to Life Advocacy Update

Thursday, March 21 at 6:30pm

Effingham Event Center

1501 W. Fayette Avenue in Effingham



Join us as we welcome Joliet, IL native, Mary Kate Zander, the executive director of Illinois Right to Life. Mary Kate is deeply passionate about the protection of life, women's health, and the defense of society's most vulnerable members, leveraging numerous years of experience in political communications and state government to excel in her role. During this Advocacy Update, Mary Kate will share:

- How/why Illinois abortion tourism is growing
- What current Illinois abortion laws allow
- How we can impact life in Illinois

Learn more about this and other important life issues on facebook at "Effingham Area Right to Life" page.

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.



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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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or go to <https://forms.office.com/r/Y7CA6jefpj>.





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