

# PALM SUNDAY

**“Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!”**

Mark 11:9



**SAINT  
ANTHONY**  
OF PADUA PARISH

**Parish Office Hours:**

Monday - Friday  
9:00 am - 4:00 pm

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**Sunday, March 24, 2024**

**Liturgy Schedule:**

Monday thru Friday: 6:30am  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:30am  
Saturday: 4:30 pm  
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:15 am & 11:00 am

**Live Streamed Masses:**

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

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Saturday: 3:15 to 4:00 pm (anytime by appointment)  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 7:45 to 8:15am

+Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki  
*Bishop of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois*



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

**Welcome**

*We extend a warm welcome to all our guests and visitors  
who have joined us at today's liturgy. We hope that you  
feel at home here. Please let us know if we can be of any  
assistance while you are among us.*

*"From the Pastor's Desk"*

Dear St. Anthony Parish Family:

Today's celebration of Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion opens up for us the celebration of Holy Week, the most sacred time of our year and the center of our Christian faith. During these days we both celebrate together and reflect personally on the journey of Jesus through His offering of Himself for our salvation. It contains the deepest expression of our humanity which He took on: He was obedient to the Father and willingly suffered. It demonstrates the depth of His love for us, for those who put him on the Cross and for all of us for whom He endured it. It manifests His power in the Resurrection and the promise which that power promises us who are united to Him through the Church. I hope that you will be able to gather with us for the celebration of Holy Thursday evening and Good Friday afternoon as well as celebrating the Resurrection next week.

On Tuesday, Fr. Michael and I will join all of the priests of our diocese for the Annual Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. At this beautiful Mass (moved from Holy Thursday by the restraints of time!), the priests renew their promises of service, and the Holy Oils used in the sacraments are blessed and consecrated and given to parishes. Though it is some distance, all are invited to participate in this beautiful Mass, 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 26th.

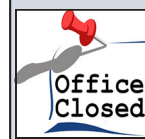
On a personal note, I am very grateful to all of you who have lifted up my family in prayer in the sudden recent death of my brother in law Paul Wilding. I ask that you keep my sister Mary and my nephew Alex in your prayers as they begin to navigate this new chapter in their lives. We have felt God's strength in these sad moments. Thank you.

Fr. Peter Harman

**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 parish office (217-347-7129) to sign up. Let's fill the Parish Center for others to view and enjoy our talents.



**Parish Office Closed** - The parish will be closed on Friday, March 29th and Monday, April 1st in observance of Easter.

There will be NO 6:30am or 8:30am Masses on Monday, April 1st.

In the event of a life emergency, please call 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:

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

**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.

**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 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

### Monday, March 25:

**6:30am Mass:** Tony Niebrugge; Alfred Haarmann;  
Fr. Robert Heintz; Don Niebrugge

**8:30am Mass:** Charles & Grace Hotze Family

### Tuesday, March 26:

**6:30am Mass:** Carol Wendt Anniversary

**8:30am Mass:** Rose Schwartz

### Wednesday, March 27:

**6:30am Mass:** Lloyd Ludwig

### Thursday, March 28:

**6:30pm Mass:** Norbert & Virginia Koester

### Friday, March 29:

**3:00pm Service:**

### Saturday, March 30:

**8:00pm Mass:** Norbert & Dorothy Niebrugge

### Sunday, March 31:

**7:30am Mass:** Leonard Unkraut Anniversary

**9:15am Mass:** Charles Hicks

**11:00am Mass:** Parishioners of St. Anthony



**March 28: Holy Thursday - 6:30pm**

**March 29: Good Friday - 3:00pm Service**

**March 30: Easter Vigil, Saturday - 8:00pm**

**March 31: Easter Sunday - 7:30am, 9:15am, 11:00am**  
(Incense Free at 7:30am)

### **Holy Thursday Adoration & Prayer**

We have a tradition in our Church based upon Jesus' invitation to some of His disciples to "watch and pray" with Him in the Garden of Gethsemane as Jesus awaits His betrayal.

After Mass on Holy Thursday evening, we will go to the Parish Center, from 7:30 to 10:00pm, for prayer and adoration.

In an effort to cover the time slots, we suggest the following times for families whose last names begin with these letters. Families can come anytime that evening.

**Families M thru Z:** 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

**Families A thru L:** 9:00 pm - 10:00 pm

**High School Students:** 9:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Closing Prayer will begin at 10:00pm



### **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.



**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.

SAMBA & St. Anthony Grade School Present



**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.

## Liturgical Ministers for April 2024

Ministry	4:30pm	7:30am	9:15am	11:00am
<b>Lectors</b>	Ellen Hann	Adam French	Julie Wortman	Tony Kemme
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Cathy Bierman Michael Genta Patty McHugh Janet Probst Mary Beth Stuckey	Sue Bushur Kelly McDevitt Kate Weber Shae Thoele Valerie Wohltman	Mandy Henning Sr. Jane Hotze Patti Jansen Tom Jansen Anne Wilson	Brenda Jansen Pete Jansen Lisa Lauritzen <b>More Needed</b>
<b>Servers</b>	Brock Goeckner Levi Flowers Adam Kowalke Jackson Hann	Mike Fearday Elle Bierman	Nora Brumleve Liam McAllaster Kelsi Henning	Sydney Stephens Aliyah Buntun Nash Hoene
<b>Ushers</b>	Mitch Martin Don Niebrugge Mike Nosbisch	Greg Bushur Gerald Westendorf <b>More Needed</b>	Gene Fearday Joe Jansen Patrick Niebrugge Mike Wilson	George Dallmier Larry Goldstein <b>More Needed</b>

Liturgical Ministers for Holy Thursday, March 28th at 6:30pm	
<b>Ministry</b>	
<b>Lectors</b>	Michael Wall
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Priest Priest Deacon Joe Kate Weber Cindy Thies Jamie Schuette Billie Zeller
<b>Servers</b>	Levi Flowers Hannah Frisbie Alex Koester Cooper Sehy
<b>Ushers</b>	Larry Thies Mike Zeller Terry Westendorf Larry Goldstein

Liturgical Ministers for Good Friday, March 29th, at 3:00pm	
<b>Ministry</b>	
<b>Lectors</b>	(Narrator) - Doug McDevitt (Voice) - Kim Willenborg (Jesus) - Priest
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Priest Priest Deacon Joe Anne Wilson Ellen Hann
<b>Servers</b>	Ben Sudkamp Veronica Sudkamp Calvin Sudkamp Ava Hendrickson
<b>Ushers</b>	Terry Westendorf Patrick Niebrugge <b>More Needed</b>

Liturgical Ministers for Easter Vigil, March 30th at 8:00pm	
<b>Ministry</b>	
<b>Lectors</b>	(Reading 1) - Pat Emmerich (Reading 2) - Anne Wilson (Reading 3) - Ellen Hann (Reading 5) - Kate Weber (Reading 7) - Norma Fisher (Epistle) - Greg Dust
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Priest Priest Deacon Joe Jamie Schuette David Emmerich Jacob Emmerich Alice Dust
<b>Servers</b>	Jackson Hann Derek Hann Martin Scheidemantel Frank Scheidemantel
<b>Ushers</b>	Mike Wilson Dennis Meyer Dan Ritz <b>More Needed</b>

Liturgical Ministers for March 31st - Easter Sunday (Regular Weekend Schedule)			
Ministry	7:30am	9:15am	11:00am
<b>Lectors</b>	Ann Platt	Bernie Blanchette	Andrew Kremer
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Alice Dust Janet Kennedy Carlene Weber Art Willenborg <b>More Needed</b>	Teresa Beck Kelly Butts Deanna Koester Connie Rudolphi Jill Schultz	Eric Koester Larry Masengale Theresa Masengale Susan Ealy <b>More Needed</b>
<b>Servers</b>	Jacob Thoele Kyle Thoele Henry Bierman	Mallory Litz Morgan Litz Braxton Schultz Bella Schultz	Charlotte Sprecher Alex Koester Ava Hendrickson
<b>Ushers</b>	Bill Overbeck Tony Weber <b>More Needed</b>	Troy Greene Carl Koester Doug Rudolphi Russ Sehy	Preston Barr Jeff Clausius <b>More Needed</b>

### Church Cleaning for April

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

Mark & Jennifer Berg	Beth Bernahl
Zach & Sara Bernhard	Abigail Bierman
Justin & Sara Beyers	Doug Bierman
Brent & Angie Bierman	Zachary Bierman
Mark & Jessica Bierman	Belinda Bledsoe
Ross & Ashley Bierman	Gary Bloemer
Richard & Tami Bishop	
Tim & Jane Bishop	
Bernie & Amy Blanchette	
Jonathan & Samantha Blanchette	





### 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.

### Natural Family Planning Class

**2024 Sessions:** To register, contact Kate Pruemer at 217-821-1840 or [kpruemer@gmail.com](mailto:kpruemer@gmail.com)

**Sat., April 6th:** 9:30-11:00am @ St. Francis Church

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

### CCW News

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.

Do you know of a woman in St. Anthony Parish who goes above and beyond in the areas of service, leadership, and/or spirituality? Each year, St. Anthony Council of Catholic Women selects one such person to honor as Woman of Distinction (WOD) from our parish. If you would like to nominate someone for consideration of this year's WOD, please contact Rita Devore by April 1 (phone: 217-821-7517).

Any lady of the parish who is willing to serve as a CCW officer is asked to submit her name, and the office in which she is interested, to Rita Devore by April 15. Offices include President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Kitchen. New officers will be elected in May. If you would like additional information, feel free to contact Rita at the number listed above, or she can put you in contact with any of the other officers.



**SAINT  
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OF PADUA CHURCH

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/>



### Grief Support Meetings

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

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/>



**SAINT  
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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/>



### CRS Rice Bowls

**MODERN DAY SIMON OF CYRENE** - Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. As we walk with Jesus this week, we remember the countless women, children and men who carry heavy crosses even today: crosses of hunger, of vulnerability to climate change, or of a lack of resources. How—like Simon of Cyrene—can you help to carry the crosses of our sisters and brothers in your local community and around the world? Visit [crsricebowl.org/holy-week](http://crsricebowl.org/holy-week) to learn more.

Week Ending Mar 17, 2024	Weekly Totals	Fiscal YTD (Week 38 of 52)	Last Year's YTD
Regular Church Support	\$32,365.52	\$1,091,255.34	\$1,045,911.32
GOAL	\$27,765.00	\$1,055,070.00	
Difference	\$4,600.52	\$36,185.34	

Diocesan Collections	Week Ending Mar 17, 2024	YTD
Twining Parish in Nigeria	\$305.00	\$35,741.00
Catholic Times	\$0.00	\$2,540.00
Catholic Charities	\$0.00	\$13,392.00
Christmas/Easter Flowers	\$790.00	\$6,597.00
Cemetery	\$0.00	\$19,012.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$35.00	\$657.00
Eastern Europe	\$5.00	\$1,821.50
Holy Land	\$40.00	\$240.00
Seminarians	\$10.00	\$540.00

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

## Pro-Life Corner

**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. Isidore the Farmer Parish has reserved 2 busses. Please contact Diann Ruholl at 217-663-2056 to ride the bus.

**Our Sorrowful Mother's Ministry in Vandalia, IL** will be hosting a retreat on April 19-20. The theme is "Healing Through Deep Prayer: Our Lady of the Church. The speaker will be Fr. Aidan Nichols. Dive into healing and explore Mary's role in the history of the Church with this holy priest. Please go to [osmm.org](http://osmm.org) to register, and the full agenda is listed on their website. The cost is \$45 to attend. You may also contact Karla Slifer at 217-690-5282 for more information.



**Worldwide Marriage Encounter** presents weekend experiences for married couples to rekindle romance, enhance meaningful communication, and deepen and renew commitment. Below are our upcoming Spring, Summer and Fall 2024 experiences. Sign-up now as space is limited! For more information or to apply, go to [wwme.org](http://wwme.org), or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

4/5/2024 - 4/7/2024, St. Peters, MO

8/2/2024 - 8/4/2024, St. Peters, MO

9/27/2024 - 9/29/2024, St. Peters, MO

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

**Centenary United Methodist Church** - Hello I am contacting your church regarding the 2024 Park District Church League softball program. We are in need of teams to keep the program going. We have had Effingham Park District Church League take place in Effingham for over 40 years and we are wanting to keep the fellowship alive. We need at least 4 teams to keep the Tuesday evening league functional. The league plays Tuesday evenings with 6pm and 7:30pm game times. We are a casual and relaxed league of all skill levels offering fellowship between churches and open play for males and females alike. We highlight sportsmanship and fun between churches. We need a commitment of churches wanting to take part in the league by April 8th. We play mid May through mid August. If there is an issue of your church having enough players we encourage joining the league and co teaming with another church. Centenary is co teaming with Watson United Methodist. After all it is about fellowship and fun. So please give it some thought and get back with me. Playing or not let me know so we can move forward. We would appreciate your participation. It is good fun small town fellowship at its best. Thank you for your consideration. Ken Ballard 217-663-5635

## 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?







St. Anthony Grade School and SAMBA ask you to join us for the musical,

**Aladdin, Jr.**

based on the 2014 Broadway Musical and the 1992 Disney Film.

This production is being led by: Carolyn Spraul (Director),  
Jamie Sayne (Assistant Director and Director of Choreography)  
and Angie Tkachuk (Musical Director).

Performances are in the St. Anthony High School Multi-Purpose Room on:

**Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.**

Ring bells! Bang the drums! Are you going to love this exciting stage adaptation of the legendary tale of the lovable thief with the heart of gold!

Join Aladdin, Jasmine, and the fast-talking, wisecracking Genie as they discover mystical caves, take magic carpet rides and outwit the evil sorcerer, Jafar.

This production includes favorite songs “Friend Like Me”, “A Whole New World” and “Prince Ali”! With colorful new characters and nonstop adventure, Disney's *Aladdin JR.* is a guaranteed crowd pleaser for all ages!

**Tickets for Aladdin, Jr., are currently on sale to the public  
in the St. Anthony Grade School office during school hours.**



**The cast and crew of *Aladdin, Jr.*:**

Eli Bales ~ Bryn Bartimus ~ Max Bayler ~ Desmond Beyers ~ Liv Buehnerkemper

Aliyah Bunton ~ Ava Bushur ~ Patience Crockett ~ Taylor Denning

Jasper Everett ~ Rylee Fearday ~ Hannah Frisbie ~ Henry Gannaway

Madelyn Gilmore ~ Reed Hendrickson ~ Lucy Hoke ~ Taylor Huebner

Sebastian Looman ~ Will Meyer ~ Luci Monical ~ Addie Overbeck

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