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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

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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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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:

Last week we introduced the campaign we are beginning for endowing our St. Anthony Schools: Securing our Future. This campaign is in conjunction with campaigns which every parish in the diocese is undertaking. We have identified that the time and circumstances are right for us to focus on building up the St. Anthony Educational Trust. This trust was begun in 1995 and has never had a public campaign. Over the years, gifts and bequests have offered more than \$3.5 Million to assist in the mission of our schools. We believe that the time is right now, based upon our growth and our sturdy parish situation, to make a bold move to secure the possibility of Catholic education for all of our parish who wish to utilize it. Many of you have already been contacted to make a gift, whose totals we wish to raise in excess of \$5.5 Million over a five-year pledge. I cannot put it more succinctly or sincerely than this: Only by sacrifices have our schools thrived to be the blessing they are. Only by our sacrifices now can we ensure that the sacrifices future families want to make for Catholic education can be met.

To properly inform you and invite you to participate in this campaign, you will be offered a brief explanation of the campaign at all of the Masses next weekend, April 20 and 21. After Mass, you will be invited to come over to the Parish Hall and get further information and materials at a short presentation, where refreshments will be provided, and you may ask questions of me or any of the members of the campaign leadership team. I hope you will plan on attending.

Have a blessed week and enjoy the new life of Spring!

Fr. Peter Harman

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.

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

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Please pray for Restoration of Religious PRAYER 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 Margie Apke Sara Bernhard Steve Bierman **Dustin Borries** Dennis Bushur Mary Lynn Byers Britney Chester Jim Feldhake Jackson Gaitros Avery Gardewine-Braunecker Susan Goldstein Cheryl Gross Gina Hargis Mike Hartke

Norma Jean Huelsing Kenneth Polarek Ron Kabbes Ingrid Kay Susan Keenan Tina Keller Marita Kemme Amy Koester Coleen Linde Jeff Linde Blain Loll Rita McMillan George Mette Roberta Meyer Bill Nuxoll Art Pike

Lucinda Herboth

Cathy Polarek **Deborah Richards** Bernie Sandschafer John Soucie Paul Will Dr. Mel Willenborg Paul V. Willenborg Ann Worman Dan Worman Jerry Worman Richard J Worman

Public School Promotion & Graduation Names If you have a student in the public school who is being promoted to high school or graduating from high school and would like their name on the bulletin cover, please call Sara at the parish office, 217-347-7129. We will need all information by Friday, May 3rd.



SAVE THE DATE!

April 20 & 21, 2024

Important information will be shared at the weekend Masses by Fr. Harman regarding the efforts of the St. Anthony Catholic Church Educational Trust to Secure Our Future for St. Anthony Schools.

Make plans to attend Mass April 20 or 21.

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



Saturday, April 13:

4:30pm Mass: Stu & Millie Stumeier

Sunday, April 14:

7:30am Mass: Parishioners of St. Anthony 9:15am Mass: Richard J & Pauline Worman 11:00am Mass: Frank Kabbes

Monday, April 15:

6:30am Mass: Frances Brummer-Buening Anniversary; Clarence Unkraut; Don Niebrugge 8:30am Mass: Otto & Mardell Goldstein

Tuesday, April 16:

6:30am Mass: Raymond Jones Anniversary **8:30am Mass:** Sean Niebrugge Anniversary

Wednesday, April 17:

6:30am Mass: John & James Murphy

Thursday, April 18:

6:30am Mass: Special Intention8:30am Mass: Clara Hartke Anniversary

Friday, April 19:

6:30am Mass: Alvin & Louise Wohltman 8:30am Mass: Clarence & Marie C Dust Family

Saturday, April 20:

4:30pm Mass: Bob & Florence Schuette

Sunday, April 21:

7:30am Mass: Ray F & Josephine Nuxoll Family9:15am Mass: Parishioners of St. Anthony11:00am Mass: John Niemann Family



NEW Series for Men Begins April 19

SonRise Men's Breakfast will begin a new video series on Friday April 19. All men of the parish are invited and end

encouraged to attend.

Mission of the Family, is a new dynamic video series that proclaims the truth and beauty of the Catholic vision of marriage and the family. This 5 (only five) week series is produced by the Knights of Columbus.

SonRise Friday Men's Breakfast meets at St. Anthony's Parish Center Friday mornings for men from multiple parishes. Breakfast is served at 6:10 a.m., program at 6:30am, followed by discussion, and concluding at 7:30am. The world needs you to be a better son, brother, husband, father, and friend beginning with your relationship with God. Contact the parish office or Dan Woods, danwoodsfache@gmail.com.

Stewardship's Sunday Funday - May 5th at 1:00pm Master Gardener

Gardening season is upon us. Join us on Sunday May 5th at 1:00pm in the Parish Center to learn from a Master Gardener. No need to register. Just come and learn.



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.



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.

Natural Family Planning Class

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

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



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.



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**, **May 16th** at 7:00pm. To register call the parish office at 217-347-7129.

Liturgical Ministers for April 2024						
Ministry	4:30pm	7:30am	9:15am	11:00am		
Lectors	Ellen Hann	Adam French	Julie Wortman	Tony Kemme		
Eucharistic Ministers	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 More Needed		
Servers	Brock Goeckner Levi Flowers Adam Kowalke Jackson Hann	Mike Fearday Elle Bierman	Nora Brumleve Liam McAllaster Kelsi Henning	Sydney Stephens Aliyah Bunton Nash Hoene		
Ushers	Mitch Martin Don Niebrugge Mike Nosbisch	Greg Bushur Gerald Westendorf More Needed	Gene Fearday Joe Jansen Patrick Niebrugge Mike Wilson	George Dallmier Larry Goldstein More Needed		

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

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.

Everyone is welcome to attend the Deanery **Prayer Vigil for Life to pray** for the Protection of all Life at St Mary, Help of Christians in Green Creek on Monday April 22. Praying the rosary will begin at 6:00 pm. Fr. Albert Allen will be the celebrant for the 6:30 pm mass. The business meeting will follow in the parish hall. Refreshments will be served while current pro-life issues are discussed.

Day of Prayer for Life – Save the Date! Please mark your calendars for the upcoming 50th annual Day of Prayer for Life to be held Wednesday, June 19th, at St Francis Church in Teutopolis. Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration will be held throughout the day. The Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki, Bishop of the Springfield Diocese, will be our honored celebrant and homilist at the 7:30 PM closing Mass.

Attend the National Eucharistic NATIONAL **Pilgrimage coming to cities in our** Eucharistic diocese – You are invited to a once **Congress** -in-a-lifetime experience being called "our national Emmaus moment," after the biblical passage in which Jesus walked with two of his disciples along the road to Emmaus. The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage is an unprecedented pilgrimage in which Catholics will pray and publicly follow Jesus in their cities through Eucharistic processions. The Diocese of Springfield in Illinois is excited to be included in one of the of national routes July 8-12. Cities include Collinsville, Alton, Quincy, Girard, Springfield, Effingham, and Teutopolis. Go to dio.org/procession to learn more and register!

National Eucharistic Congress Attend the in Indianapolis July 17-21 – This summer, join tens of thousands of passionate Catholics who will travel from every corner of the U.S. to experience the healing power of Jesus Christ, present in the holy Eucharist at the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis. Soak in the Presence of Jesus alongside people of all walks of life - a vivid image of the universal Church. You will participate in beautiful liturgies, lifting your voice in prayer alongside world-class musicians, hear from the most influential Catholic speakers of our day, and make history as part of the first National Eucharistic Congress in nearly 100 years. This is the beginning of a new chapter of faith in America. Will you be there? Register at eucharistic congress.org.

Very limited National Eucharistic Congress tickets available for nearly half price - The Diocese of Springfield in Illinois has pre-purchased weeklong passes to the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis this July at a discounted rate, and we'd like to offer the opportunity to the people of our diocese.

Passes are \$200 (a savings of \$160) and can be purchased at https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=XebMKt. Confirmation of this purchase will come in an email in which you will receive a payment code. After you receive that payment code, you will then need to register for the Eucharistic Congress here: itself by going https:// www.eucharisticcongress.org/register. When checking out after clicking a "full event pass," you will then put in your code during the payment option so the price becomes \$0. Lodging, meals, and travel will need to be booked and paid for separately.

August 10 & 11, 2024



Our 2024 Picnic is Looking For Stand Chairpeople!

Our 2024 Picnic is scheduled for the weekend of August 10 -11. We have a couple of leadership positions open for this year's picnic that we'd like to fill sooner than later.

- Picnic Dinner: 2024 co-chair to be 2025 chair
- Big Raffle: 2024 co-chair to be 2025 chair

The chairperson role for these stands should be a husband/ wife team or two friends.

If you'd like to learn more or are interested in taking on either of these two roles for the picnic, contact one of our picnic chairs.

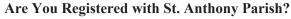
Kevin & Jen Roewe at 618-553-6674 Angie Bierman at 217-240-9740/Holly Dust at 217-821-3227 Ashley Bierman 217-821-5877/Ashley Ludwig 217-821-9791



A Buddhist becomes Catholic – Buddhists make up 1% of the US population, but what about Buddhists who become Catholic? Who knows, but you know it's tiny, yet Dive Deep found one of them! Deena Bell of Springfield joins Dive Deep to share her conversion story from Buddhism to Catholicism. Go to youtube.com/diospringfield or search "Dive Deep" on all the major podcast platforms to listen and subscribe. Dive Deep is the podcast of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois.

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Join us at the Picnic!

Thank you for visiting St. Anthony Church. We're so glad you're here! We hope you've had the opportunity to mingle with members of our church family after Mass.

Have you been attending St. Anthony Church for a while? If so, we want to know you better! You may have attended St. Anthony Church your whole life, or may have even attended St. Anthony Schools. You may have moved back to Effingham after moving out of Mom & Dad's house or

graduating college. If you're attending St. Anthony Church on a regular basis, register with us as a parishioner.

Every person 21 years or older should fill out a parish registration form to be considered a registered member of St. Anthony Church. Registering is the first step in receiving parish news and information about our parish life and activities such as bible studies, small groups, volunteer opportunities, and more.

Join us in our mission of forming lifelong intentional disciples of Jesus Christ within His Church. Registering as a parishioner is being an intentional disciple!

Visit church.stanthony.com/join-us to complete our parish registration, or contact our parish office at 217-347-7129 or shoene@stanthony.com to learn more. We look forward to getting to know you better!



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, Christcentered 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/ 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/

Week Ending Apr 7, 2024	Weekly Totals	Fiscal YTD (Week 41 of 52)	Last Year's YTD
Regular Church Support	\$26,382.98	\$1,176,636.70	\$1,137,571.32
GOAL	\$27,765.00	\$1,138,365.00	
Difference	(\$1,382.02)	\$38,271.70	
Diocesan Collections		Week Ending Apr 7, 2024	YTD
Twining Parish ir	n Nigeria	\$183.00	\$36,514.00
Catholic Times		\$15.00	\$2,585.00
Catholic Charitie	s	\$0.00	\$13,392.00
Catholic Home M	ission	\$15.00	\$90.00
Cemetery		\$1,810.00	\$22,507.00
Holy Land		\$85.00	\$2,306.00
Rice Bowl		\$401.57	\$401.57
Seminarians		\$125.00	\$2,520.00



Worldwide Marriage Encounter presents

marriage weekend experiences for management meaningful remain commitment. 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, or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

> 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



Blue Sunday takes place each year on the last day of April, which is Child Abuse Prevention Month. This year Blue Sunday will be recognized on Sunday, April 28th.

EFFINGHAM COUNTY Since 1983, the U.S. has recognized Blue Sunday as a "National Day of Prayer for Children Who Have Been Abused and Those Who Rescue Them." Our mission of CASA of Effingham County is to train and support community citizens that provide best interest advocacy to children and youth who have experienced abuse and neglect and are now in juvenile court here in Effingham County. Currently 94 children are in foster care from Effingham County-our program has 35 volunteers advocating for 68 of the 94 children right now.

We need local community members from all walks of life to pray and support the children and families we serve, our volunteers, the judges we report to, and our staff and board. We'd like to invite you and your faith community to join us in creating time to pray for children and families this coming Blue Sunday, April 28th. For more information about Blue Sunday and to access free resources go to www.bluesunday.org.

Handicap Parking at Church

NO Please be mindful of those needing extra PARKING assistance by not parking in handicap spots or IN ACCESS the yellow striped areas. The marked striped AISLE 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.	Thomas	Gigantic	Garage Sale	
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April 25th , 2024 - 8:00 am - 6:00 pm April 26th, 2024 - 8:00 am - 6:00 pm April 27th, 2024 - 8:00 am - 11:00 am

St. Thomas Parish Center in Newton, IL

Specials announced during the sale!!

Acceptable donations: Gently used clothing (seasonal),

house wares, home decor items, shoes, toys, books, bedding & curtains, purses, belts, backpacks and furniture with prior approval.

Cannot accept: Undergarments, girls/ladies swimwear, motor oils, lawn & garden chemicals, paint, spray paint, lawn & garden tools, outdated electronics, printers, monitors, keyboards or reference book sets

Drop donations off: April 22nd, 8:00 am - 6:00 pm & April 23rd, 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

All proceeds go to the St Thomas School's Technology/ Improvement Fund

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 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.

"St. Anthony Grade School admits students of any race, color, sex or national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate based on race, color, sex, or national and ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarships and loan programs, and athletic and school administered programs. Our schools do reserve all their rights as religious entities in accord with the teachings of the Catholic Church, the protections of the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, and the Illinois Religious Freedom Restoration Act 775 ILCS 35/."

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opportunity for your business and also helps to eliminate the printing costs of the bulletin to your parish.

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We appreciate your support.

Catholic Life Every Day

YOU ARE INVITED!

Join us after Mass next weekend!

Immediately following all Masses next week, please join us in the Parish Center as we share important information regarding our new campaign for the St. Anthony Catholic Church Educational Trust.

- Saturday, April 20 after 4:30pm Mass light refreshments
- Sunday, April 21 after 7:30, 9:15, and 11am Masses Coffee & donuts



The "Securing Our Future" campaign aims to raise **\$5.5 million** dollars in order to support our St. Anthony Catholic Schools families. We seek to build the Trust to ensure that the access to quality Catholic Education remains affordable for all and provides scholarship for those in need.



SECURING OUR FUTURE.

OUR GOALS

Secure Our Future

for St. Anthony Catholic Schools.

🟟 ESTABLISH

a robust Trust that will safeguard access to Catholic education for our parish families and the greater Effingham community.

SECURE

the financial pledge commitments for the campaign from our St. Anthony community near and far by August 2024.

© CONTINUE

the accessibility and affordability of quality Catholic education for generations to come.

MAKE A Difference **Today.**

Donations to the "Securing Our Future" Campaign will go towards increased scholarship opportunities for students and families.

FUTURE

\$2,739,537

\$1.483.382

\$4,760,940



For more information go to: stanthonytrust.com



