

"From the Pastor's Desk"

Dear St. Anthony Parish Family:

I hope your Thanksgiving celebrations this week are a time of grace and peace, recalling God's abundant blessings and His promise to sustain us always. I am grateful for our dedicated staff, faculty, and parish family, and for the very good year this has been for St. Anthony. I will be going to Quincy on Thanksgiving and Friday to enjoy the time with my family. Please consider starting your day by giving thanks to God with us at the 9:00am Mass.

This weeks' feast of Christ the King is a title of Jesus referring to the Kingdom of God where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Catholics consider the kingly office of Christ to be one of the threefold offices: Christ is a prophet, priest, and king. In the Gospel of Luke, the angel Gabriel proclaims to Mary, "Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." The First Epistle to Timothy (6:14–15) explicitly applies the phrase of "king of kings and lord of lords" adapting the Pentateuch's declaration, for the Lord your God is the God of gods and the Lord of lords, to Jesus Christ. In the Book of Revelation it is declared that the Lamb is "King of kings, and Lord of lords".

Pope Pius XI's first encyclical was *Ubi arcano Dei consilio* of December 1922. Writing in the aftermath of World War I, Pius noted that while there had been a cessation of hostilities, there was no true peace. He deplored the rise of class divisions and unbridled nationalism, and held that true peace can only be found under the Kingship of Christ as "Prince of Peace". "For Jesus Christ reigns over the minds of individuals by his teachings, in their hearts by His love, in each one's life by living according to His law and imitating His example." The Feast of Christ the King was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925. The General Roman Calendar of 1969 moved its observance in the Roman Rite to the last Sunday of Ordinary Time, the final Sunday of the liturgical year.

We hope to see you take advantage of some part of our Advent Discipleship Series which begins next week, Wednesday, December 4, with Mass at 5:15 p.m. followed by a brief catechetical session in the Parish Hall. We will have two more, Wednesday, December 11 and *Monday*, December 16. These have been well-attended in recent years as a way to spiritually prepare for Advent and Christmas.

Have a blessed week!

Fr. Peter Harman



First Saturday Mass & Devotion December 7th

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

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 PRAYER Liberty, those who are ill, those in REQUEST hospitals and nursing homes, those recovering from surgery, and all those serving our country and also for:

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Parish Office Closed - The parish office will be closed on Wednesday, November 27th at noon, and all day on Thursday, November 28th & Friday, November 29th, in observance of Thanksgiving.

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> Mass on Thanksgiving Day will be at 9:00am There will be no 6:30am or 8:30am Masses on Friday, November 29th.

Advent Reconciliation Service

St Anthony will host a Parish Reconciliation Service in church on Sunday, December 15th at 3:00pm until all are heard.

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, November 23: 4:30pm Mass: Kent Devall

Sunday, November 24:

7:30am Mass: Dennis Pike Anniversary 9:15am Mass: Parishioners of St. Anthony

11:00am Mass: Douglas Frichtl

Monday, November 25:

6:30am Mass: Shirley Wolfert; Dustin Borries;

Bernard Jansen

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

Clem & Clara Goldstein Family

Tuesday, November 26:

6:30am Mass: Mary Einhorn Anniversary

8:30am Mass: Andrew Niebrugge

Wednesday, November 27:

6:30am Mass: Clara Thies Anniversary

Thursday, November 28: Thanksgiving Day

9:00am Mass: Cookie Wolters

Friday, November 29:

6:30am Mass: No Mass 8:30am Mass: No Mass Saturday, November 30:

4:30pm Mass: Susan Green-Pritchett

Sunday, November 24:

7:30am Mass: Jim Bourgeois Anniversary 9:15am Mass: Parishioners of St. Anthony

11:00am Mass: Living & Deceased Members of the

Louis & Dorothy Herboth Family

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Monday, December 9th: 6:30am, 8:30am, 12:10pm, 5:30pm



MERRY CHRISTMAS! It doesn't seem possible to be saying that already. Our annual Christmas Party will be December 2nd, 2024. As in past years, we will have

a potluck. CCW will provide the meat this year which will be Fried Chicken and Ham. We ask that those attending bring a side dish. Please bring a \$5.00 wrapped gift as well. This evening will provide good food, fun games, and a good time! Please come help us celebrate the birth of our Savior. - Rita Devore, President

CCW Cookie/Candy Sales

It's time to start planning for the Annual CCW Christmas Cookie/Candy Sale. It will be here sooner than you think! Those of you who are bakers will want to start thinking about the ingredients you will need for your favorite goodies (which includes much more than just cookies and candy). Prices are rising, so this is your reminder to pick up whatever you need as you see sales at the grocery store.

Also, thank you to those who shop our Cookie/Candy sale, always supporting our efforts. Our sale this year will be December 14th. Thanks to all who help to make this Christmas sale one of the favorite traditions of the season.



St. Anthony of Padua Hall of Fame committee will be accepting nominations for this year's 2024 class of inductees. The selection criteria & nomination application is accessible at stanthony.com/church/about/hall-of-fame. The deadline for submission of applications is December 31, 2024.

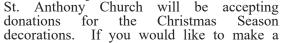
There are five categories for nominations:

- Alumnus of St. Anthony School
- Former Faculty, Staff, or Coach of St. Anthony
- Friends of St. Anthony
- Athlete or Team of St. Anthony
- Fine Arts (New Category)

The Inductees will be announced in January with a dinner and celebration on Saturday, March 1st.

2023 inductees to the St. Anthony of Padua Hall of Fame were Greg Green, Mary Sur, Keelin (Eder) Schneider, Joe, Diane & Yale Reynolds and the 2012 Baseball Team.

A Special Christmas Gift



donation towards the decorations, please place it in an envelope marked "Christmas Decorations" or use the envelope included in the monthly packets, and mail it to PO Box 764 Effingham, IL 62401, drop it by the parish office, or place in the collection basket. Please include how you would like your donation listed in the bulletin.



to receive a visit from the carolers.

Liturgical Ministers for December 2024						
Ministry	4:30pm	7:30am	9:15am	11:00am		
Lectors	Bob Mette	Doug McDevitt	Ken Vogt	Norma Fisher		
Eucharistic Ministers	Cathy Bierman Patty McHugh Cindy Thies Rob Zumbahlen Billy Zeller	Sue Bushur Kelly McDevitt Carlene Weber Kate Weber More Needed	Deanna Koester Tom Murphy Carolyn Rohlfing Kevin Roewe Russ Sehy	Eric Koester Larry Masengale Theresa Masengale More Needed		
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Natural Family Planning Class

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

Saturday, December 14th 8:00-9:30am at St. Francis Church in Teutopolis

Saturday, February 15th 9:30-11:00am virtual class on WebEx



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. Former members here must be **registered** and actively living their faith at the parish where they reside. The latest a wedding can begin is 1pm.

Pre-Cana Dates

Marriage prep programs may be a one-day Pre-Cana program, a weekend for the engaged experience or another approved marriage preparation program.

Sunday, February 2, 2025 @ St. Francis, Teutopolis Call 217-961-6404 to register.

Saturday, March 8, 2025 @ St. Mary, Ste. Marie Call 618-455-3155 to register.



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 the faith will be shared with the newborn 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.

Advent Discipleship Series 2024

Join us for a Mini-Retreat as we prepare for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ this Christmas.

For 3 evenings in Advent, spend time with us in prayer, fraternity, and catechesis.

Wednesday, December 4 - Why an Incarnate God?

Wednesday, December 11 - What Christ's Incarnation Means for us?

Monday, December 16 - Encountering the Incarnate God Today

Each Evening, our Mini-Retreat schedule will include:

5:15 pm - Parish Mass

6:00 pm - Presentation by Fr. Harman & Fr. Jayke

in the Parish Center

Light snacks and refreshments provided

Our Advent Discipleship Series is a continuation of St. Anthony Parish's Intentional Discipleship Series. All are invited to attend. Invite a friend or family member to join you. However the Lord speaks to you this Advent and Christmas season, we want to be with you as you become a more Intentional Disciple of Jesus Christ.

A reminder that the Parish Advent Reconciliation Service will be on Sunday, December 15 at 3:00pm.

Week Ending Nov 17, 2024	Weekly Totals	Fiscal YTD (Week 20 of 52)	Last Year's YTD
Regular Church Support	\$20,357.62	\$472,663.19	\$499,650.47
GOAL	\$27,765.00	\$555,300.00	
Difference	(\$7,407.38)	(\$82,636.81)	

Diocesan Collections	Week Ending Nov 17, 2024	YTD
Twining Parish in Nigeria	\$100.00	\$12,344.10
Cemetery	\$375.00	\$6,922.00
Catholic Charities	\$75.55	\$177.75
Christmas Flowers	\$495.00	\$1,210.00

Year End Contributions

To ensure your contributions are included in the year intended, 2024 contributions must be dated and post marked in 2024. If you hand deliver your year-end contributions, it must be dated 2024 and received by 4:00 pm on Thursday, January 2, 2025.

If you are planning a donation of stock, please be aware that credit cannot be given until the shares are in our name and control. Your tax advisor can show you how a donation of stock could benefit you.



Grief Support Meetings

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

Ministers of Holy Communion Volunteers Needed

HSHS St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital Pastoral Care Department is seeking Ministers of Holy Communion, who would be able to commit to one day a month, or as needed, to offer Holy Communion to the sick in the hospital.

If you are interested, please call the Pastoral Care office at 217-347-1225 and leave your name, telephone number and the name of your parish. We will get back to you with options and details. Thank you.

The St. Hildegard Von Bingen Schola will present their annual Holiday concert at Sacred Heart Church in Effingham on Sunday, December 1st at 2:30pm. The concert begins with a classical piano prelude performed by Ronan Bailey. The ladies of the Hildegard Schola will follow at 3pm, performing sacred music of the season.

The 2024-25 members of the schola are: Addison Bunton, Norah Frost, Shae Conder, Gianna Frisbie, Evie Sayne, Susy Trupiano, Addie Overbeck, Aliyah Bunton, Sophia Ivy, Charlee Jansen, and Emery Jansen. The students are under the direction of Barbara Konrad. The concert is free and open to the public. Come early for a good seat!



20th Annual Effingham County Thanksgiving Day Dinner

The Effingham County FISH Organization is sponsoring the 20th Annual Effingham County Free Thanksgiving Day Dinner.

Thursday, November 28, 2024

We will offer a congregate meal at Cornerstone Christian Church, with serving beginning at 12:30pm. We will still offer delivered meals as well as curbside pickup. Curbside pickup will be available at Cornerstone Christian Church, 3600 South Banker, Effingham, between 11:00am & 12 noon. Meals will be delivered after 10:00am.

This event is free and open to all Effingham County Residents and their families, however donations are always greatly appreciated and may be sent to: FISH, PO Box 473, Effingham, IL 62401.

To reserve a Congregate Meal, Home Delivered Meal, or Curbside Pickup, please call 217-821-4387 by November 21, 2024.

Volunteers are needed to help package and deliver meals. We will start cutting pies and packaging meals at 9:00am. To volunteer, please call Susan Elke at 217-868-5913.







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