

December 1, 2024

Hope



St. Anthony of Padua

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1st Sunday of Advent

“From the Pastor’s Desk”


Dear St. Anthony Parish Family:

As we enter this new liturgical season of Advent, we turn our focus to the spiritual component of satisfaction (or lack thereof) and waiting. It is not a passive waiting, like at a traffic light or in the doctor’s office; which is good...because if we are honest with ourselves, most of us would admit that we are not good at waiting, we are not very patient. Our season of Advent rather challenges us to wait for fulfillment, and in fact, to be willing to be *unsatisfied* with our world as it is, so that we might actually be more eager for the things of God. It is a time of focus for us to look around us and see what does not truly please us and for those graces for which we still long. We speak of three places to look; the first was the world preparing to meet Christ before he was born. What did they lack and what did they seek? How are we similar? The second is the actual coming of Christ at his nativity, which we celebrate each Christmas. What difference did that mean to the world, and to us? The third is the search for the ways Christ is present to us today, until he comes again. How do we encounter him now?


To help focus our prayer and preparation, we will again be offering a short formation series on two Wednesdays and one Monday. They will follow the three places mentioned above, and hopefully give your Advent some greater focus. On Wednesday December 4, Wednesday December 11, and Monday December 16 we will have a 5:15 p.m. Mass and a brief presentation in the parish hall. I hope you will consider joining us. That could be the Christmas gift you give to yourself. A reminder also that the Advent Penance Service will be Sunday December 15.

Advent goes fast, Christmas will be here before you know it. Have a blessed week!

Fr. Peter Harman




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



**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 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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| Margie Apke | Norma Jean Huelsing | Bill Nuxoll |
| Robert J Behrman | Donna McDevitt Jones | Mick Pierson |
| Sara Bernhard | Ron Kabbes | Art Pike |
| Steve Bierman | Ingrid Kay | Cathy Polarek |
| Norma Bloemer | John Keenan | Kenneth Polarek |
| Dennis Bushur | Marita Kemme | Deborah Richards |
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| Mike Hartke | Roberta Meyer | |

Immaculate Conception Mass Schedule
Monday, December 9th:
6:30am, 8:30am, 12:10pm, 5:30pm

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



A Special Christmas Gift
St. Anthony Church will be accepting donations for the Christmas Season decorations. If you would like to make a 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.

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 30:
4:30pm Mass: Susan Green-Pritchett

Sunday, December 1:
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

Monday, December 2:
6:30am Mass: Phil Kinkelaar Anniversary;
 Linda Lee White
8:30am Mass: Tom Bryant Anniversary

Tuesday, December 3:
6:30am Mass: Jim Kapper
8:30am Mass: Herman & Stella Mette


Wednesday, December 4:
6:30am Mass: Marcella Behrman
5:15pm Mass: Dale A Koester

Thursday, December 5:
6:30am Mass: Bob & Florence Schuette
8:30am Mass: Charles Hicks Anniversary

Friday, December 6:
6:30am Mass: Bob Platt Anniversary
8:30am Mass: Don Boos Anniversary

Saturday, December 7:
6:30am Mass: Nick Dust
4:30pm Mass: John Gapsis

Sunday, December 8:
7:30am Mass: Parishioners of St. Anthony
9:15am Mass: Charles & Grace Hotze Family
11:00am Mass: Kay Adams Anniversary



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.



Christmas Caroling

Join us Sunday, December 8th
 Buses depart Parish Center @ 12:30
 Hot chocolate upon return

If you or someone you know is homebound and lives within city limits contact the parish office at 217-347-7129 to receive a visit from the carolers.




St. Anthony's CCW Annual Christmas Cookie & Candy Sale

**Saturday, December 14th
 Noon to 6:00pm**

The ladies of St. Anthony of Padua Church in Effingham would like to invite you to shop at our annual Holiday Cookie/Candy Sale on Saturday, December 14th from Noon to 6pm. The sale is held in our Parish Center located west of the church. There will be a wonderful array of cookies, snack mixes, candies, and fudge, delicious breads, coffee cakes, and cinnamon rolls. Please come and stock up on our homemade holiday treats for your family and guests.

We will also have a raffle for a beautiful Christmas quilted throw, donated by Robin Westendorf. Tickets are \$2 each or 6 for \$10. Raffle tickets will be in the bulletin next weekend, or you may stop by the parish office to pick some up. You need not be present to win.



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

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 Rohlfling Kevin Roewe Russ Sehy	Eric Koester Larry Masengale Theresa Masengale More Needed
Servers	Brooks Niebrugge Henry Gannaway Max Schuette	Kyle Thoele Jacob Thoele	Luke Roewe Meg Roewe Hanna Frisbie	Morgan Kabbes Sophie Kabbes
Ushers	Ken Bourgeois Larry Thies Bart Willenborg Mike Zeller	Greg Bushur Tony Weber Terry Westendorf More Needed	Justin Brummer Joel Griffith Joe Jansen Carl Koester	Preston Barr Larry Goldstein More Needed



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. Jayce
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.



Welcome Recently Baptized

- Ave Catherine & Elana Lucille Benline, daughters of Jason & Morgan Benline
- Faith Harper Having, daughter of Jared & Kelly Having
- Ivy Augusta Hilliard, daughter of Blake & Brienne Hilliard
- Brynlee Kay Weber, daughter of Brandon & Allison Weber
- Lydia Leann French, daughter of Adam & Kerstine French
- Walter Michael Kowalski, son of Jay & Anna Kowalski
- Oliver Will Thoele, son of Quinn & Keri Thoele
- Juliet Catherine Schultz, daughter of James & Maureen Schultz
- Mika Storm Taylor, son of Cole & Makayla Taylor
- Kaya Ann Emmerich, daughter of Eric & Jeanne Emmerich
- Leah Elizabeth Stuckey, daughter of Neal & Rachel Stuckey
- Ava Lynne Dust, daughter of Brett Dust & Amanda Waldhoff
- Callen Kay Koester, daughter of Andrew & Olivia Koester

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

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emergency, while offices are closed, please contact
our priests at (217) 703-1042.**



ST. ANTHONY FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT

*Christmas
Showcase*

Wednesday, December 11, 2024
 Art Show - 6:30pm
 Band and Choir Concert 7:00pm
 St. Anthony High School Enlow Center

Travel with Father Jayke for the Holy Jubilee in Rome!

September 3-11, 2025

(Pricing includes flights from St. Louis Round Trip based on double occupancy)

Learn more at the link below:
<https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1212394>



**SonRise Friday Men's Breakfast
Is Jesus Missing?**



This coming Friday, December 6 continues to journey through the Holy Land with the Joyful Mysteries.

MEN, come as Jesus' words in the temple grip the heart, shatter the darkness, and speak life.

All Men are welcomed. Gather at the St. Anthony Parish Center for delicious hot **Breakfast ready after 6:10 AM, VIDEO program at 6:30AM**, and concluding at 7:30. More info: Dan Woods danwoodsface@gmail.com.

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



- Cook** (full-time)
- Substitute Cooks** (with potential for regular, part-time hours)
- Custodian** (part-time afternoon/evenings)

St. Anthony Schools are seeking reliable and enthusiastic individuals to join our kitchen staff and custodial teams. With upcoming retirements in the kitchen, we are hiring a full-time cook this school year to assist with the transition into next school year.

We are also looking for substitute cooks that could be called on high lunch count days. The substitute cook could potentially move into a part-time position beginning with the 2025-2026 school year.

For full qualifications and more information regarding St. Anthony Schools or to apply, visit <https://gradeschool.stanthony.com/about-us/employment/>



Week Ending Nov 24, 2024	Weekly Totals	Fiscal YTD (Week 21 of 52)	Last Year's YTD
Regular Church Support			
<i>GOAL</i>			
Difference			
Twining Parish in Nigeria			
Cemetery			
Catholic Charities			
Christmas Flowers			

Due to our bulletin printing schedule, the collection numbers for November 24th, will appear in the bulletin on December 8th.

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.

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.

**St. Stephen Catholic Church
 Christmas Cookie Walk & Basket Raffle**
 December 7, 2024
 9:00am to 12:00 Noon
 St. Stephen Catholic Church 812 N Main St, Flora, IL
 Homemade holiday cookies! \$12 a pound
 Cookies of all kinds - Christmas candies - Specialty items
 Come in and select your own cookies
 1/3 of all proceeds from sale of cookies will go to the Clay County Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry. A Portion of the proceeds from the basket raffle will be donated to Guadalupe Project.

**Effingham Chamber of Commerce
 Community Leader Awards**

This past Thursday evening was a big night for our St. Anthony family!!!

Two of our students, **Vincent Vogel and Emma Myers**, were chosen as 2024 Effingham County Up & Coming Community Leaders. This award is produced by the Effingham County Chamber & Effingham Daily News, and presented by HSHS St. Anthony Memorial Hospital. This recognition is a testament to their remarkable qualities as young leaders, making a significant positive impact within their school and the broader community. They serve as inspirational role models to their peers, contributing to the vibrant image of Effingham County as an exceptional place to live and nurture the leaders of tomorrow. We are so proud of you both and thank you for your leadership and service to our school and community!

Also, our very own, **Tony Kreke**, was chosen by the Effingham Chamber of Commerce as a 2024 Effingham County Top Community Leader Under 40!!!

Mr. Kreke is a P.E. teacher, Head Baseball coach, and a leader of Iron Sharpens Iron. He is 100% invested in our students at St. Anthony, in and out of the classroom. We are so proud of him and think he is well-deserving of this accolade. He truly embodies this award in showcasing his ability to make such a positive impact and helping Effingham County continue to be a fantastic place to live, work, and play. Thank you, Mr. Kreke, for being AWESOME!

Thank you @piotrowskistudios for these amazing images.



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SAINT ANTHONY HIGH SCHOOL

December 2024



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2024 HOMECOMING COURT

Congratulations to this year's Homecoming Court:

Front Row: Freshman Jackie Vonderheide, Junior Lilly Gannaway, Senior Candidates Taylor Miller, Anna Greene, Mia Schwing, Junior Mia Kinkelaar and Sophomore Aubrey Denning.

Back Row: Freshman Freddie Jansen, Junior Charlie Hiatt, Senior Candidates Sam Link, Brock Fearday, Joey B. Trupiano, Junior Rogan Allen, and Sophomore Will Vonderheide.

Coronation of the king and queen will be Friday evening, Dec. 13. The Homecoming Dance is on Saturday, Dec. 14.

TECH APPS CLASS VISITS FLYING S

Mrs. Cathy Wenthe's tech apps class visited Flying S, an aerospace manufacturing plant in Palestine on Nov. 21. Students saw the process of forming carbon fiber parts. Some parts are used on drones, others for rockets and satellites, and many more for miscellaneous purposes. They were also shown many machining tools that were used in the shop, including an entire wing of CNC machines (including one that was 45 feet long), numerous 3-D printers, and several advanced robotics used in the production process.



UP & COMING LEADERS



Senior students Vincent Vogel & Emma Myers were chosen as 2024 Effingham County Up & Coming Community leaders, produced by the Chamber of Commerce and the Effingham Daily News, and presented by HSHS St. Anthony Memorial Hospital. Also chosen was our Baseball Coach/PE/Strength Training/Health Teacher Mr. Tony Kreke.



This recognition is a testament to their remarkable qualities as young leaders making a significant positive impact within their school and the broader community. They serve as inspirational role models to their peers, contributing to the vibrant image of Effingham County as an exceptional place to live and nurture the leaders of tomorrow. Congratulations Vincent, Emma, and Mr. Kreke!



Important Dates:

- 12/2 Senior Mtg with Jostens
- 12/5 Adoration In Holy Angels Chapel
- 12/6 Jostens Grad Order Pickup
- 12/9 Immaculate Conception Mass, 12:10pm
- 12/11 Band & Choir Christmas Showcase, SAHS Gym, 7:00pm
- 12/12 Pep Rally
- 12/13 No School; Homecoming Coronation/Game
- 12/14 Homecoming Dance, MPR, 8:00-11:00pm
- 12/17 Advent Penance Service, 9:15-10:45am
- 12/18 Exams for EB, 1st, 2nd
- 12/19 Exams for 3rd, 4th, 5th
- 12/20 Exams for 6th, 7th; End of Quarter

Every Wednesday: Confession, 1:00-2:00pm, Rm. 7:7

Every Friday: HS Mass in Church, 8:30am



Paw Prints

Monthly Recap

Girls basketball is in post-season play already. Our 7th grade girls team will play their first Sectional game on December 4th v. Nokomis (game will be played in Casey). Boys basketball is in full swing and their next home game is Monday 12/02 v. Jasper County. On November 1st, our 6th grade students started a new tradition doing a "Parade of Saints" throughout the building and everyone loved getting an up close view of the costumes!

Jr. High Science (Right)

Seventh grade students used their knowledge & creativity using the Stop Motion App to make the process of Meiosis come to life!



Third Grade (Above)

Mrs. Myers's class has been working to fulfill the Corporal Works of Mercy, specifically, "to visit the sick." One of our classmates is under the weather and we want her to know how much we love and miss her! These flowers gave her some information on what she has been missing, and what we are missing about her. After we were done writing they were folded into little hearts and will be sent to her to lift her spirits. We have been focusing on praying for the needs of others, while not dwelling on ourselves and the things that we want.

Important Dates:

- 12/10 Table of Plenty (6-8)
- 12/12 Table of Plenty (K-5)
- 12/13 No School
- 12/18 Primary Christmas Program 6:30pm
- 12/20 End of 2nd Quarter
- **School resumes after Christmas Break on Monday 1/06/25

Weekly:

- Every Tuesday: Jr. High students attend 8:30am Mass
- Every Thursday: Grades K-5 attend 8:30am Mass

Please join us for the annual *Christmas Showcase* on Wednesday 12/11. This event will begin at 6:30 pm with an art show in the High School lobby, followed by music in the Enlow Center at 7:00pm. All bands and choirs from SAGS and SAHS will be performing and prizes will be given away throughout the evening.



St. Anthony's CCW Annual Christmas Cookie & Candy Sale

Saturday, December 14th – Noon to 6:00pm

St. Anthony Parish Center



Please consider making some of your favorite baked goods and candies for our sale. This year we need cookies to fill 300 boxes, as well as fudge (all flavors) and caramels (always a top seller). We also need Christmas breads such as cinnamon rolls, coffee cakes, tea rings, stolen, baklava, and fruit quick breads. Containers of snack mixes are also appreciated.

Decorated boxes, ready for you to fill,
can be picked up at the church entrances!

On Friday, December 13th (from 8:00am to 6:00pm) and Saturday, December 14th, (8:00am to 11:00am), we will be at the Parish Center to receive your breads, candy, cookies, & other goodies.

The Biggest & Best Christmas Bake Sale ever will take place in the Parish Center on **Saturday, December 14th from Noon to 6:00pm**. We will also be offering plates containing a variety of cookies, wrapped and ready for gift giving, at \$5 or \$10 each.

We will also have a raffle for a beautiful Christmas quilted throw (61" x 81"), donated by Robin Westendorf. Tickets are \$2 each or 6 for \$10. You need not be present to win. Please put your tickets and money in an envelope and mark it as "Quilt Raffle." You can turn your tickets in at the church office, or bring them to the Cookie/Candy Sale. Tickets will also be available at the sale.

For more information or to volunteer to help
anytime, please contact:

Sue Green 217-690-0029

Many Thanks For All You Do!



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