E PIPHANY of the Lord

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

Mt 2: 1-2



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"From the Pastor's Desk"

Dear St. Anthony Parish Family:

We celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, the manifestation of His life to the whole world as symbolized in the visit by the magi, or kings, from the East. In many places in the world, the Epiphany is as big of a celebration as the Nativity itself. The gifts given to the Holy Family, of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, represent, respectively: earthly power, divine power, and the preparation for burial from the death He would endure.

We had good attendance at our three Advent Formation Sessions in December. Interestingly, the session which was held on a Monday had even better attendance than the sessions which were held on Wednesdays, which had been our traditional day of holding them for Lent and Advent these past two years. This being so, we ask your input for planning the upcoming Lenten sessions. If Monday evening is better for your attending than Wednesday, please let us know. Recall that we hold adoration during the day, offer Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 5:15 p.m., with Mass to follow and then the 35-40 minute session in the parish hall.

We will be hosting a prayer service on Monday January 6, which is the beginning of the legislative session for the State of Illinois, at 5:30 p.m., to pray for all of our elected officials and lawmakers. Of concern for this session is the attempt to legalize assisted suicide. This was well attended last year. We will offer time for quiet adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and pray a Litany for respect and protection of human life and religious conscience. I share with many of you the frustration in some of our governmental policies, and that frustration can tempt us to despair. Instead, I ask you to join us in prayer (it is admittedly harder to pray than complain!) that God will lead, direct, and sustain us as we try to do His will in all things. Plan to join us January 6.

Have a blessed week!

Fr. Peter Harman

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Thank You! Thank You!

Thank You! Fr. Harman, Fr. Jayke, and our office staff would like to say THANK YOU! As our Christmas season has come to a close, our thoughts turn toward you for remembering

the priests & staff with your goodies, gifts, cards, and generosity. Your thoughtfulness over Christmas was greatly appreciated. Thank You to each of you for your kindness and we pray that God continues to bless each and every one of you as we enter this new year. May God, Peace, and Joy surround you and your loved ones in the New Year.



Christmas Decorations/Donations

• In Memory of Brad Kastl, Ruth Boos, Robert & Florence Schuette, Norbert & Virginia Koester, Leonard & Pauline Boos, a special remembrance, by David & Jamie Schuette



Epiphany of the Lord January 5, 2025



Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 4:

6:30am Mass: Thelma Mette

4:30pm Mass: Louis & Charlene Thies Family

Sunday, January 5:

7:30am Mass: Gerald Jansen Anniversary 9:15am Mass: Parishioners of St. Anthony 11:00am Mass: Virginia Poeppelmeyer

Monday, January 6:

6:30am Mass: Bernard Jansen; Brad Kastl; Ambrose &

Stella Probst; Nick & Giovanna Capezzuto

8:30am Mass: Joan Nuxoll Sebright

Tuesday, January 7:

6:30am Mass: Bill & Marge Pearcy Family **8:30am Mass:** Frank Kabbes Anniversary

Wednesday, January 8:

6:30am Mass: Charles Harris

Thursday, January 9:

6:30am Mass: Marie Niemerg

8:30am Mass: Carolyn Kinkelaar Anniversary

Friday, January 10:

6:30am Mass: Joe & Kay Adams Family

8:30am Mass: Jack Kabbes

Saturday, January 11:

4:30pm Mass: Dan Sullivan Family

Sunday, January 12:

7:30am Mass: Bob Swingler Family 9:15am Mass: Parishioners of St. Anthony 11:00am Mass: Larry Roewe Family

Pro-Life Corner

The 49th annual Pro-Life Breakfast will be held on Sunday, January 19th from 7:00am-Noon at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall. Free will donation accepted for breakfast, which includes whole hog sausage, eggs, and a variety of home baked breads, along with juice, milk, and water. There will be a 50/50 drawing and raffle.

Volunteers are needed. Please text Susan at 217-663-2084 to sign up for a shift. Donations of breads, rolls, donut holes, & muffins are needed, and can be dropped off on Saturday, January 18 from 12-4pm at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall. This is the primary fundraiser for Effingham Area Right to Life. If you're unable to attend the breakfast, please consider sending a donation to PO Box 861, Effingham IL 62401. Learn more by visiting "EffinghamAreaRightToLife" on Facebook.



Kate Weber's Bible Study - Bible Study will resume on Thursday, January 9th, with the Study of the Book of Revelation. Revelation literally means "to pull back the veil". This pulling back of the veil allows us to see the

nature and beauty of the Church. Come and learn with us.

Sessions will be held at 9:30am and 6:30pm. You may choose to attend at either time. Please call the Parish Office at 217-347-7129 to register by January 2nd. If you have any questions, you may contact Kate Weber at 217-821-3003 or kateweber51@gmail.com



Prayer Service for Illinois Legislative Session



Does the direction of our state government concern you?

Our lawmakers need our prayers!

Join us on Monday, January 6th as we pray for laws that uphold Catholic Values. This is in the early days of the legislative session in Springfield

We will be praying at St. Anthony of Padua Church from 5:30pm - 6:30pm

A top concern this year is the push to legalize assisted suicide. This sweeping legislation would make doctor-prescribed suicide available to patients in a wide variety of situations, in direct opposition to the 5th commandment.

January 6, 2025 / 5:30pm - 6:30pm

St. Anthony of Padua Church 101 E Virginia Ave Effingham, IL 62401



Liturgical Ministers for January 2025							
Ministry	4:30pm	7:30am	9:15am	11:00am			
Lectors	Sr. Claret Feldhake	Adam French	Christy Elder	Tony Kemme			
Eucharistic Ministers	Joe Buscher Nicole Field Patricia Kirk BJ Kortte Janet Probst	Alice Dust Greg Dust Janet Kennedy Valerie Wohltman More Needed	Kelly Butts Patti Jansen Tom Jansen Eric Mammoser More Needed	Brenda Jansen Pete Jansen Mike Klitzing More Needed			
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Luminaries for Life 2025
Every Life: Why We March *

St. Anthony Church will be displaying their annual "Luminaries for Life" on January 18 & 19, 2025. From dusk to dawn, the church steps will be illuminated with decorated bags shining pro-life messages about respecting life from the moment of conception to natural death.

The bags will have been decorated by St Anthony Junior High and High school students. Drive or walk by this beautiful public display of St. Anthony parish's respect for life. It is a beacon of Christ's love and hope in the community that will shine bright for a few nights during the weekend.

*2025 "March For Life" Slogan



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

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.

Natural Family Planning Class

<u>2025 Sessions:</u> To register, contact Kate Pruemer at 217-821-1840 or kpruemer@gmail.com

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 **ac-**

tively 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.

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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.

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CCW News

St. Mary's, Shumway CCW invites the ladies of St. Anthony, Sacred Heart and St. Mary Green Creek to our annual Casserole Dinner at 6pm on Tuesday, Jan. 14. We have mass at 5:15pm for anyone who would like to come early for mass. Hope to see you there.



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)



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/



Grief Support Meetings

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

Tis the season for snow and ice. Please remember, if you are uneasy on your feet, and the steps are snowy or icy, please use the West entrance of church. It is a covered entrance and may be easier to maneuver than the front steps.



Week Ending Dec 22, 2024	Weekly Totals	Fiscal YTD (Week 25 of 52)	
Regular Church Support	\$20,040.60	\$602,721.55	
GOAL	\$27,765.00	\$694,125.00	
Difference	(\$7,724.40)	(\$91,403.45)	
Christmas Offering	\$665.00	\$3,105.00	
Christmas Goal	\$50,000.00		

Diocesan Collections	Week Ending Dec. 22, 2024	YTD
Twining Parish in Nigeria	\$165.00	\$13,890.10
Cemetery	\$20.00	\$8,442.00
Catholic Children's Home	\$280.00	\$705.00
Retired Religious	\$160.00	\$1,370.00

Week Ending Dec 29, 2024	Weekly Totals	Fiscal YTD (Week 26 of 52)	Last Year's YTD
Regular Church Support			
GOAL			
Difference			

Christmas Offering

Due to our bulletin printing schedule, the collection numbers for December 29th, will appear in the bulletin on January 12th.

Collections Dec. 29, 2024

Twining Parish in Nigeria

Cemetery

Catholic Childrens Home

Christmas Flowers

Justice & Hope

Retired Religious

"St. Anthony Schools 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/."

The Effingham Catholic Charities is in need of volunteers! The Food Pantry needs volunteers to pick up food, sort and put away food, and help to give out food through the pantry. Second Hand Rose is in need of volunteers to run the cash registers.

These volunteer opportunities are available Monday -Friday. Please call the Eff. CC office at 217-857-1458 and ask for Crystal (Pantry) or Brigid (Second Hand Rose).

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.



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Parish and Schools are truly blessed and appreciative of your kindness and generosity. We are not always made aware of the names of those making memorial donations. So, we say thank you

to each of you, including those that donate anonymously. May the love of Christ be with you today and always.





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