

Sunday, December 15, 2024

*Joy*



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*3rd Sunday of Advent*

*“From the Pastor’s Desk”*

Dear St. Anthony Parish Family:

The mad rush to get ready for Christmas is upon us! The rose color of vestment and candle for our Advent wreath reminds us how close we are! While I think all of us love the spirit and the joy of the season, we also admit that it can be hectic, stressful, expensive, and exhausting. Let’s remember to be kind, patient, and forgiving to those around us, with whom we will most likely do our celebrating and whom we most dearly love. Among the best way to prepare is by being reconciled to God through the Church. Our examination and confession lead to forgiveness, peace, and perspective. Let’s take the time to give ourselves the gift of peace and Christ’s forgiveness in Reconciliation. This Sunday afternoon, December 15, we will have many priests to hear confessions beginning at 3pm. Please join us.

Here is a trivial matter that some have enjoyed hearing from my past week. Since my ordination to the priesthood 25 years ago, I have kept a record of every Mass I have celebrated, the intention for the Mass (the person or persons for whom it was offered) and the location. It has become a great record of people I have known, parishes I have served, weddings and funerals I have offered, as well as a travel list of places I have been. This past Tuesday, December 10, I celebrated Mass number 10,000. It is humbling to offer the Mass for those whom you love and remember, for your intentions and needs. Here’s to the next 10,000!

Have a blessed week!

Fr. Peter Harman

**Christmas Mass Schedule at St. Anthony Church**

Christmas Eve: 4:30pm 7:00pm & Midnight  
 Christmas Day: 9:00am (Incense Free)

Please call the parish office if you can help with any of the ministries at these Masses.

**New Year’s Mass Schedule at St. Anthony Church**

New Year’s Eve: 5:30pm  
 New Year’s Day: 8:00am & 10:00am

**Advent Reconciliation Service**

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



**The Parish Office will be closed the following days:**

Friday, December 20th at noon, for our staff Christmas Lunch.

Tuesday, December 24th; Wednesday, December 25th; and Thursday, December 26th, in observance of Christmas.

Tuesday, December 31st and Wednesday, January 1st in observance of New Years.

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**Please pray** for Restoration of Religious Liberty, those who are ill, those in hospitals and nursing homes, those recovering from surgery, all those serving our country, and also for:

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| Margie Apke         | Donna McDevitt Jones | Cathy Polarek      |
| Robert J Behrman    | Ron Kabbes           | Kenneth Polarek    |
| Sara Bernhard       | Ingrid Kay           | Deborah Richards   |
| Steve Bierman       | John Keenan          | Art Willenborg     |
| Norma Bloemer       | Marita Kemme         | Dr. Mel Willenborg |
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| Mike Hartke         | Bill Nuxoll          |                    |
| Lucinda Herboth     | Mick Pierson         |                    |

**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, December 14:**

**4:30pm Mass:** Living & Deceased Members of Albert & Amelia Worman Family

**Sunday, December 15:**

**7:30am Mass:** Parishioners of St. Anthony

**9:15am Mass:** Jim Rhodes

**11:00am Mass:** William Thies

**Monday, December 16:**

**6:30am Mass:** James & Cissa Kabbes

**8:30am Mass:** Joseph F Green

**5:15pm Mass:** Marie Niemerg

**Tuesday, December 17:**

**6:30am Mass:** Joe Thies

**8:30am Mass:** In Memory of Arlen L Clayton

**Wednesday, December 18:**

**6:30am Mass:** Frank Kabbes

**Thursday, December 19:**

**6:30am Mass:** Larry Peterson

**8:30am Mass:** Jeaneane McWhorter-Jenne Anniversary

**Friday, December 20:**

**6:30am Mass:** Marlene Bushue Anniversary

**8:30am Mass:** Hilma Goeckner

**Saturday, December 21:**

**4:30pm Mass:** Mary P Willenborg Anniversary

**Sunday, December 22:**

**7:30am Mass:** Parishioners of St. Anthony

**9:15am Mass:** Ken & Cathy Polarek

**11:00am Mass:** Wayne Bushur



**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](http://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)

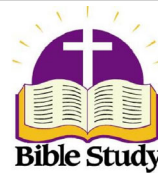
The Inductees will be announced in January with a dinner and celebration on Saturday, March 1st.

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.



St. Anthony Parish and Schools are grateful to those who remember our church and schools in their wills and estate planning. Over the past year, St. Anthony Church was the recipient of a gift from Mr. Joseph H. Weber's estate. Ms. Marilyn Lane also included St. Anthony High School and Grade School in her last wishes. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to both of them for generously considering St. Anthony in their planned giving. May they rest in peace.

If you would like information on how best to include St. Anthony Parish and Schools in your planned giving, visit our website at [church.stanthony.com/planned-giving](http://church.stanthony.com/planned-giving) or contact our Parish Office at 217-347-7129.



**Kate Weber's Bible Study** - Bible Study will resume on Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you have any questions, you may contact Kate Weber at 217-821-3003 or [kateweber51@gmail.com](mailto:kateweber51@gmail.com)

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THE 31 CLUB IS 31 PEOPLE COMMITTED TO PRAYING FOR THE PRIESTS OF ST. ANTHONY PARISH. IT IS A YEAR LONG COMMITMENT; YOU WILL PRAY 12 TIMES OVER THE COURSE OF THE YEAR. YOUR DAY OF PRAYER FOR OUR PRIESTS IS SET THE SAME DAY EVERY MONTH. AN EMAIL WILL BE SENT DAILY AS WE ENCOURAGE OUR PRIESTS WITH A SHORT NOTE OF OUR PRAYERS THAT WERE OFFERED FOR THEM. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: TESSIE KABBS AT [TESS.KABBES@GMAIL.COM](mailto:TESS.KABBES@GMAIL.COM)



## Liturgical Ministers for December 2024

Ministry	4:30pm	7:30am	9:15am	11:00am
<b>Lectors</b>	Bob Mette	Doug McDevitt	Ken Vogt	Norma Fisher
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Cathy Bierman Patty McHugh Cindy Thies Rob Zumbahlen Billy Zeller	Sue Bushur Kelly McDevitt Carlene Weber Kate Weber <b>More Needed</b>	Deanna Koester Tom Murphy Carolyn Rohlfing Kevin Roewe Russ Sehy	Eric Koester Larry Masengale Theresa Masengale <b>More Needed</b>
<b>Servers</b>	Brooks Niebrugge Henry Gannaway Max Schuette	Kyle Thoele Jacob Thoele	Luke Roewe Meg Roewe Hanna Frisbie	Morgan Kabbes Sophie Kabbes
<b>Ushers</b>	Ken Bourgeois Larry Thies Bart Willenborg Mike Zeller	Greg Bushur Tony Weber Terry Westendorf <b>More Needed</b>	Justin Brummer Joel Griffith Joe Jansen Carl Koester	Preston Barr Larry Goldstein <b>More Needed</b>



## 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.



### Natural Family Planning Class

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



### 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.

### 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.





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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/>



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**CAMPAIGN RECAP**

Campaign Goal:  
**\$5,500,000**

Total Pledged:  
**\$10,103,000**

Total Donors:  
**501**

Thank you for your  
overwhelming support  
of St. Anthony Schools!



**Stewardship Christmas Caroling**

We had a great time Christmas Caroling on Sunday with 3 bus loads of parishioners! We stopped by the homes of parishioners, visited assisted living facilities, and enjoyed hot chocolate. Our Stewardship Committee is helping us spread joy this Advent Season!



**SECURING OUR FUTURE.**

Week Ending Dec. 8, 2024	Weekly Totals	Fiscal YTD (Week 23 of 52)	Last Year's YTD
Regular Church Support	\$33,888.01	\$554,768.44	\$594,435.37
GOAL	\$27,765.00	\$638,595.00	
Difference	\$6,123.01	(\$83,826.56)	

Diocesan Collections	Week Ending Dec. 8, 2024	YTD
Twining Parish in Nigeria	\$320.00	\$13,455.10
Cemetery	\$195.00	\$8,372.00
Catholic Children's Home	\$75.00	\$310.00
Christmas Flowers	\$1,265.00	\$3,965.00
Justice & Hope	\$10.00	\$537.00
Propagation of Faith/ Mission Sunday	\$10.00	\$585.00
Retired Religious	\$750.00	\$885.00

**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.

**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).

**Annual Effingham County Christmas Dinner**

 The Effingham County FISH Organization is sponsoring the Annual Free Effingham County Christmas Day Dinner on Wednesday, December 25, 2024.

FISH will offer a congregate meal (Serving at 1:30pm) at the Effingham Event Center, meal delivery (After 11am) and curbside pick (12:00 noon - 1:00pm) at the Effingham Event Center (Former KC Hall), 1501 W Fayette, Effingham.

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.


You may reserve meals through December 20, 2024 by calling 217-343-7342.

Volunteers are needed to help package and deliver meals. We will start cutting cakes and packaging meals at 10:00am, at the Effingham Event Center, where all the FUN takes place. To volunteer, please call Susan Elke at 217-868-5913.

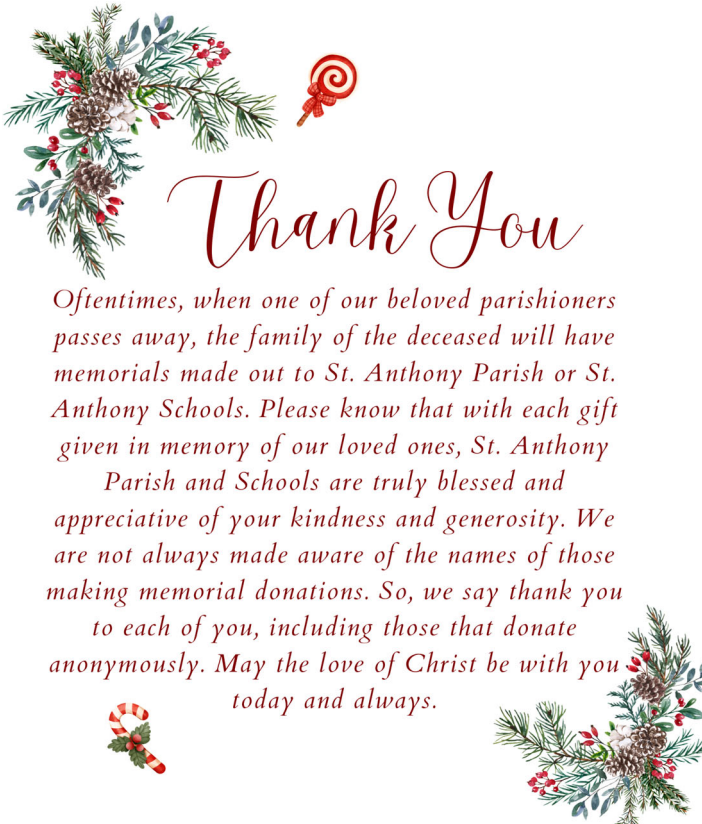
**Pro-Life Corner**

**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.

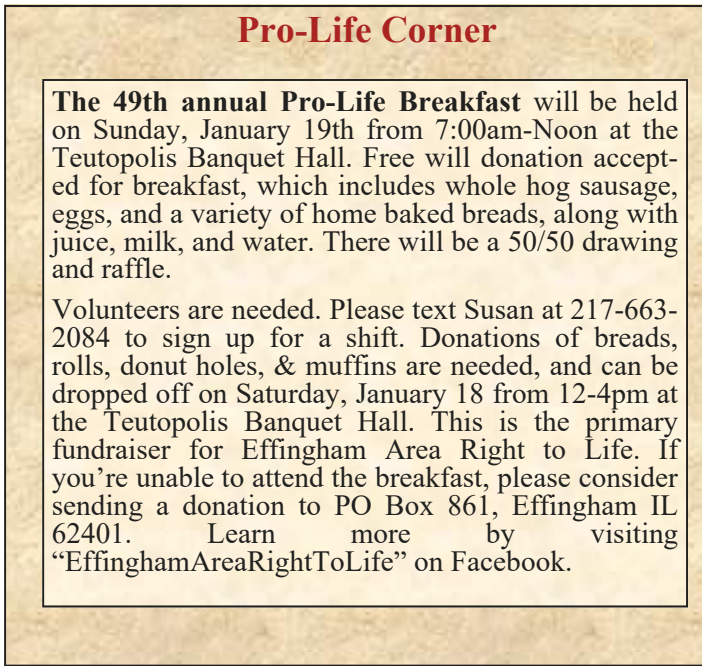
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Renew your Sacrament, deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, and rekindle your romance by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. The following upcoming weekends are available in 2025. Sign-up now as space is limited! For more information or to apply, go to [wwme.org](http://wwme.org), or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

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4/4/2025 - 4/6/2025, St. Peters, MO  
6/13/2025 - 6/15/2025, St. Peters, MO



*Thank You*

*Oftentimes, when one of our beloved parishioners passes away, the family of the deceased will have memorials made out to St. Anthony Parish or St. Anthony Schools. Please know that with each gift given in memory of our loved ones, St. Anthony 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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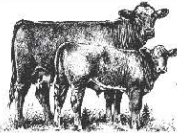


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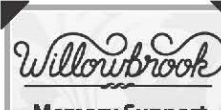


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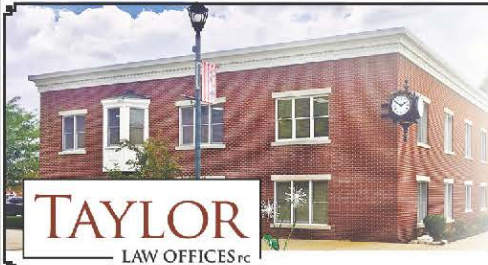


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