

Sunday, December 29, 2024

FEAST OF *The Holy Family*



St. Anthony of Padua

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The Holy Family
by Joseph Paelinck
circa 1820

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“From the Pastor’s Desk”

Dear St. Anthony Parish Family:

I pray that Christmas has been and continues to be a blessing to you and your family. Fr. Jayke and I thank you for your many kind words, Christmas greetings, and plentiful treats to celebrate the season! As we prepare to enter a new year this week, we certainly have many things for which to be grateful.

This weekend, as we did last year, we are placing a special focus on the Crisis Nursery here in Effingham. They have provided information about their work which is included in this bulletin. I asked them to come on the week of the Feast of the Holy Family, to solicit support from us, remembering that the family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph found themselves in need and relying on the help of others. They traveled to a town with no room in the inn and they fled to Egypt to avoid Herod. I am proud of the good work which you and our community does to save children from abortion, and we also must offer assistance to mothers in need to continue our pro-life mission. This nursery has saved children from the unfortunate results which crisis and struggle can bring to families in need. I hope you can be supportive. You can return any gift to this cause in the next week’s collection.

We will be hosting a prayer service a week from Monday, January 6, which is near 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 again is the attempt to legalize assisted suicide. This event was well attended last year, so I would like to offer it again. We will have time for Eucharistic Adoration, a litany for the protection of life and cause of religious liberty, and freedom of religious conscience. Please plan to attend, for it is more fruitful to pray than simply to complain about that which frustrates us!

January 1, the celebration of Mary, Mother of God, is a Holy Day of obligation. We will offer Masses December 31 at 5:30 p.m. and on January 1 at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. There are **no** Masses on January 2.

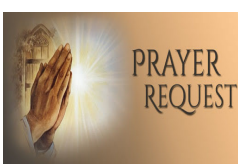
Have a blessed week and a healthy and blessed start to 2025!

Fr. Peter Harman

New Year’s Mass Schedule at St. Anthony Church

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

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



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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| Lidy Anderson | Mike Hartke | Roberta Meyer |
| Margie Apke | Lucinda Herboth | Bernadette Niemann |
| Robert J Behrman | Norma Jean Huelsing | Bill Nuxoll |
| Sara Bernhard | Donna McDevitt Jones | Mick Pierson |
| Steve Bierman | Ron Kabbes | Art Pike |
| Norma Bloemer | Ingrid Kay | Cathy Polarek |
| Dennis Bushur | John Keenan | Kenneth Polarek |
| Mary Lynn Byers | Marita Kemme | Deborah Richards |
| Lawrence Carie | Amy Koester | Art Willenborg |
| Cody Chasteen | Betty Koester | Dr. Mel Willenborg |
| Britney Chester | Joan Koester | Paul V. Willenborg |
| Richard Feldhake | Terry Kraft | Ann Worman |
| Jackson Gaitros | Colleen Linde | Dan Worman |
| Susan Goldstein | Blain Loll | Jerry Worman |
| Cheryl Gross | Linda McDevitt | Richard J Worman |
| Heather Dial Hakman | Rita McMillan | |
| Gina Hargis | George Mette | |



The Parish Office will be closed the following days:

Tuesday, December 31st and
 Wednesday, January 1st
 in observance of New Year’s.

In the event of a sudden illness, accident, or life threatening emergency, while offices are closed, please contact our priests at (217) 703-1042.



**First Saturday Mass & Devotion
 January 4, 2025**

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

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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 28:

4:30pm Mass: Parishioners of St. Anthony

Sunday, December 29:

7:30am Mass: Chris & Cindy Niebrugge Family

9:15am Mass: Brad Kastl

11:00am Mass: Jeanne Willenborg Anniversary

Monday, December 30:

6:30am Mass: Margie Fulk; Dustin Borries

8:30am Mass: James L Rhodes Anniversary

Tuesday, December 31:

6:30am Mass: No Mass

8:30am Mass: In Memory of Donald L Apke

5:30pm Mass: Roy Hartke Anniversary

Wednesday, January 1:

8:00am Mass: Parishioners of St. Anthony

10:00am Mass: In Thanksgiving

Thursday, January 2:

6:30am Mass: No Mass

8:30am Mass: No Mass

Friday, January 3:

6:30am Mass: Donna Gillmore

8:30am Mass: 65th Wedding Anniversary of Ron & Joyce Kabbes

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 Poepelmeyer



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

JANUARY 5 2025
1:00-3:00
PARISH CENTER

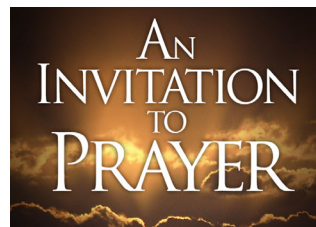
CHILI COOK-OFF & CRAFT BEER TASTING

DO YOU HAVE CHILI WITH BEANS? NO BEANS? BEEF? CHICKEN? SUBMIT IT FOR THE CHILI COOK-OFF. CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE TO REGISTER.
 217-347-7129

DO YOU WANT TO SAMPLE CHILI OR CRAFT BEER? COME OUT AND VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE CHILI AND ENJOY CRAFT BEER PROVIDED BY KOERNER DISTRIBUTING. NO REGISTRATION NEEDED TO SAMPLE.

Sponsored by St. Anthony Stewardship

Prayer Service for Illinois Legislative Session



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

Does the direction of our state government concern you?

Our lawmakers need our prayers!

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



A HUGE THANK YOU to all of the **COUNTLESS** people who helped to make our annual Christmas Cookie/Candy Sale a tremendous success and lots of fun too! The final tally is just over \$4000, with a few more donations still trickling in, which will help the ladies' group provide the hosts, wine, and candles, among other things, for our Eucharistic celebrations. It would not have been possible without the **MANY** wonderful bakers of cookies, bread, cinnamon rolls, snack mixes, baklava, and caramels & candy-makers who donated so much of their time and talents to allow us to offer such a variety of "goodies". Of course, a **BIG** thank you goes to the "angels" (you know who you are) who volunteered their time to help with the organization & beautiful presentation during the event.

In addition, the winner of the quilt was Phyllis Haarmann. A special thanks to Robin Westendorf for donating it.

A special thanks to Sue Green and her wonderful team who organizes the sale year after year. It wouldn't happen without them.

Finally, thank you to all of the generous **SHOPPERS** who came to support our efforts.

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
Servers	Nathan Bailey Ava Barnes Elle Bierman	Bryson Bartimus Taylor Denning	Lilly Butts Charlee Jansen Emery Jansen	Jude Flach Owen Gillenwater
Ushers	Jeff Dust Vic Fauss Dan Ritz Joe Ungrund	Bill Overbeck Gerald Westendorf More Needed	Gene Fearday Vic Jansen Patrick Niebrugge Todd Wegman	Jeff Clausius Chris Quandt More Needed



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.



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

2025 Sessions: 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 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.



The St. Anthony Catholic Church
Educational Trust

CAMPAIGN RECAP

Campaign Goal:

\$5,500,000

Total Pledged:

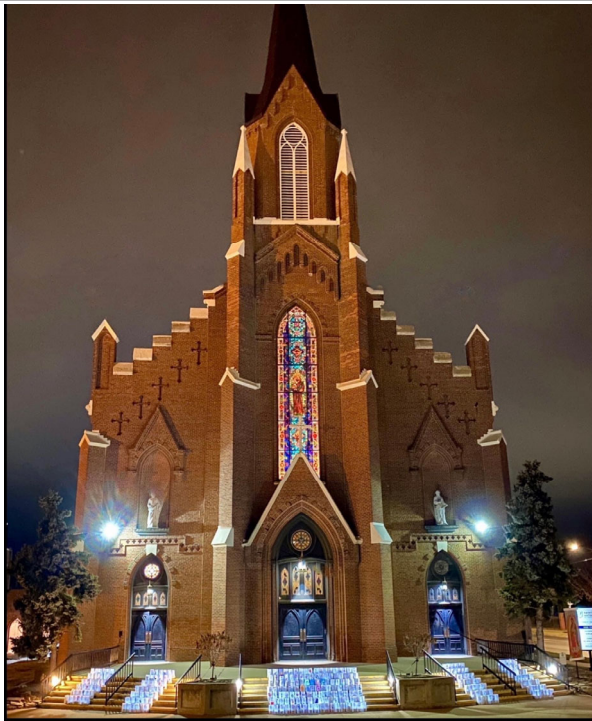
\$10,103,000

Total Donors:

501

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

SECURING OUR FUTURE.



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*

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

31 CLUB

praying for our priests

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 KABBES AT TESS.KABBES@GMAIL.COM



Welcome Recently Baptized

- Emyla Evalia Ruiz, daughter of Adam & Alexandria Ruiz
- Elaine Kay Hakman, daughter of Evan & Lauryn Hakman
- Ryan Michael Ragland III, son of Ryan & Whitney Ragland II
- Jack Anthony Barns, son of Neil & Bailey Barns
- Reese Adeline Mumm, daughter of Jesse & Tiffany Mumm



SAINT ANTHONY
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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/>



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)	Last Year's YTD
Regular Church Support			
<i>GOAL</i>			
Due to our bulletin printing schedule, the collection numbers for December 22nd, will appear in the bulletin on January 5th.			
Twining Parish in Nigeria			
Cemetery			
Catholic Charities			
Catholic Children's Home			
Christmas Flowers			

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, they 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).

“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/.”

Ministers of Holy Communion Volunteers Needed

HSBS 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.

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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Let Jesus Feed Your Marriage!
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, or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

- 1/31/2025 - 2/2/2025, St. Peters, MO
- 4/4/2025 - 4/6/2025, St. Peters, MO
- 6/13/2025 - 6/15/2025, St. Peters, MO

Save the Date!

2025

Catholic Women's Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, March 22, 2025

St. Paul Catholic Church, Highland





924 N. Merchant St., Effingham

www.crisisnurseryofeffingham.com

217-342-3000

Crisis Nursery of Effingham County's Mission

Crisis Nursery of Effingham County provides protection from and prevention of childhood trauma, abuse, and neglect through 24-hour emergency shelter care to children birth through six years of age. Crisis Nursery offers a unique and nurturing space equipped with safe hands and open hearts to all children and families in need. A crisis can happen to anyone. For that reason, there are no income or demographic guidelines. The Nursery's services are free and open to any family or child. While the Nursery is located in the city of Effingham, services are available to all surrounding counties including but not limited to: Fayette, Jasper, Cumberland, Clay, Coles, Marion, and Shelby Counties.

Ways you can be a part of Crisis Nursery's Mission

- **Contribute** - monetary and in-kind gifts of childcare supplies make a tremendous impact for Crisis Nursery's program. The Nursery is facing a \$100,000 deficit this year. Every gift makes a difference!
- **Volunteer** - consider volunteering to assist children and families in need in our community.
- **Share** - share Crisis Nursery's mission and services far and wide; you never know who may need or be able to support Crisis Nursery.

Crisis can look like many different things. Anything that may put a family at risk qualifies as a crisis and reason for utilizing the Nursery's services. Some examples include:

- Domestic Violence
- Parental Stress
- Medical Crisis
- Mental Health Crisis
- Job/School Related Crisis
- Court Related Crisis



In Fiscal year 2024 Crisis Nursery had the Following Impact:

July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

150 UNIQUE CHILDREN SERVED

93 UNIQUE FAMILIES SERVED

1,006 ADMISSIONS FOR CARE

3,180 HOURS OF SUPPORTIVE CHILD CARE

15,641 CHILD CARE ITEMS DISTRIBUTED

Top 3 Needs:

- Unscented Wipes
- Child Friendly Snack
- Food
- Sizes 5t-6t pull-ups

Interested in donating?
You can do so here.





SAINT ANTHONY GRADE SCHOOL

December 2024



Paw Prints

As the first half of our school year comes to a close, we would like to express our gratitude to our parents, grandparents and parishioners. Without your support, prayers and volunteer hours we could not accomplish half of what we do here at St. Anthony Grade School. Knowing our students and school families are going to be supported by the Educational Trust, that the parish so fully backed, has our staff and administration excited about the future. Many blessings & Merry Christmas to you and your families from all staff and administration at St. Anthony Grade School.

6th Grade Our Lady of Guadalupe Party

6th Grade students celebrated Our Lady of Guadalupe by making a collaborative poster. They spent the day studying the story of our Lady of Guadalupe and the Tilma of Juan Diego. During study hall the students were treated with Mexican soda, chips & salsa!



7th Grade Girls Basketball

Our 7th Grade Lady Bullpups won their Sectional and made it to the Elite 8 at the IESA State Tournament. Congratulations to our players and coaches on a great season!

Important Dates:

- 1/6 School Resumes
- 1/13 MAP Testing begins
- 1/14 Table of Plenty (6-8)
- 1/16 Table of Plenty (K-5)
- 1/20 No School
- 1/26 Catholic Schools Week begins
- 2/12 No School

Weekly:

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



SAINT ANTHONY

HIGH SCHOOL

December 2024



Paw Prints



2024 HOMECOMING

SAHS celebrated Homecoming Week in mid-December. Shown in the photo are our 2024 Homecoming King Joey B. Trupiano, son of Joey & Nikki Trupiano, and Anna Greene, daughter of Gary and Jennifer Greene.

Homecoming Court:

- Freshmen - Jackie Vonderheide and Freddie Jansen
- Sophomores - Aubrey Denning and Will Vonderheide
- Juniors - Mia Kinkelaar, Lilly Gannaway, Charlie Hiatt and Rogan Allen
- Seniors - Taylor Miller, Anna Greene, Mia Schwing, Sam Link, Brock Fearday, Joey B. Trupiano

HISTORY CLUB HELPS THE VETERANS

The SAHS History Club, sponsored by Mrs. Kelly Thoele, conducted a collection for our local Veterans recently. Snacks, socks, T-shirts, and sweat pants were delivered to them in December by Ivy Daiber, Ike Daiber, Elijah Poston and Katie Wrigley. A check was also presented to the VA. The organization was grateful for the help of our St. Anthony students!



FISH DONATIONS

St. Anthony Spanish Club, sponsored by Mrs. Fanny Mae Keller, collected 51 coats for FISH and also had a wrapping paper drive and collected many rolls to donate!! Thank you students and families of St. Anthony High School for your generosity during this Christmas season!

Important Dates:

- 1/1 No School (New Years Day)
- 1/2 No School
- 1/3 No School
- 1/6 Classes Resume
- 1/9 Scholar Bowl at SAHS
- 1/16 Scholar Bowl @ Windsor
- 1/20 No School (M.L.King Day)
- 1/29 Catholic Schools Week Mass, SAHS Gym, 10:00am
- 1/30 ILMEA All-State

Every Wednesday: Confession, 1:00-2:00pm, Rm. 7:7
Every Friday: HS Mass in Church, 8:30am

Have you downloaded the new BULLDOG SPORTS APP? This is a great way to stay tuned into your favorite St. Anthony Grade School and High School sports!

- ◆ Download the app to your phone using this QR code or the link below
- ◆ You will have access to all of our sports calendars
- ◆ In the top left click the 3 bars and then click "settings". Here you have the opportunity to choose to receive announcements and upcoming game reminders by clicking the boxes
- ◆ On the main calendar page, if you click on one of the sports you have the opportunity to "turn on reminders" at the top of the page. This allows you to get notifications for that sport only. You are able to turn on notifications for as many sports as you like.

<https://sta.sidelinesync.com>

