

# 6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Blessed are you who are poor,  
for the kingdom of God is yours.”

Luke 6:20

Sunday, February 16, 2025



**Parish Office Hours:**  
Monday - Friday  
9:00am - 4:00pm

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Mr. Greg Fearday, *Principal*

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217-347-0419  
Mr. Cody Rincker, *Principal*

**Convent:**  
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217-536-9530  
Sr. Jane Marie Hotze, SSND

**Liturgy Schedule:**

Monday thru Friday: 6:30am  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 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

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Saturday: 3:15pm to 4:00pm (anytime by appointment)  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 7:45am to 8:15am

+Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki  
*Bishop of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois*



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Mr. Kenny Thies, *Technology Administrator*  
Mr. Bart Willenborg, *Cemetery Sexton*

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

**Welcome**

*We extend a warm welcome to all our guests and visitors  
who have joined us at today's liturgy. We hope that you  
feel at home here. Please let us know if we can be of any  
assistance while you are among us.*

*“From the Pastor’s Desk”*

Dear St. Anthony Parish Family:

A reminder that as I wrote last week, on Wednesday February 19 I am scheduled to undergo hip surgery in Springfield. This will entail my being “off work” for at least two full weeks while I recover and I promise to do my best to both rest and exercise as prescribed. I will be staying up to date on things, since my house of recovery is only a few yards from my work, but the staff here has permission to threaten and/or report me if I don’t do what I am instructed! You will not likely see me until midweek of March 9, but from then on, I hope to be able to be present and active for Lent, Holy Week and Easter. We are very blessed to have the assistance of Fr. James Flach and Fr. Dean Probst to fill in while I am out of commission. I am told that in 12 weeks, barring any unforeseen complications, I will be able to move and do what I was before this began. I have tried to plan this out so as to be the least disruptive to our parish life. I thank you in advance for your prayers and understanding.

You will notice boxes in the vestibule in the back of Church for collecting Palm Branches. Please bring them in no later than Sunday March 2, so that they can be burned for the Ashes we will use on Ash Wednesday March 5.

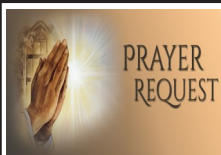
Though later this year, Lent is on the horizon! Ash Wednesday is March 5. Beginning the next week, March 12, each Wednesday will offer us a time of prayer, formation and reflection:

- 6:30 a.m. Mass followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- Confessions will be heard from 12:00 to 1:00 p .m.
- Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 5:15 p.m. followed by Mass
- Light supper provided in the Parish Hall followed by our Catechetical Series: “The Last Seven Words of Christ”
  - ◆ March 12: “Father, forgive them, they know not what they do.” (Luke 23:34)
  - ◆ March 19: “Woman, behold, your son...Son, behold, your mother” (John 19:26-27)
  - ◆ March 26: “Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.” (Luke 23:43) and “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” (Matthew 27:46)
  - ◆ April 2: “I thirst.” (John 19:28) and “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.” (Luke 23:46)
  - ◆ April 9: “It is finished.” (John 19:30)

Please plan to join us.


Fr. Peter Harman, Pastor

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



**Palm Collection**

We will be collecting old palms for the next couple of weeks. There will be a box at each entrance of the church. Please bring them in no later than Sunday, March 2nd. These palms will be burned and used for ashes on Ash Wednesday, which is March 5, 2025.



**Parish Office Closed** - The parish will be closed on Monday, February 17th in observance of President’s Day.

In the event of a life emergency, please call 217-703-1042.

**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

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**Reconciliation Times**

Mon, Tues, Thurs. & Fri.: 7:45am to 8:15am  
 Saturday: 3:15pm to 4:00pm



## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, February 15:

**4:30pm Mass:** Millie Baker

### Sunday, February 16:

**7:30am Mass:** Joe, Elizabeth, Harold & Maurice Metten

**9:15am Mass:** Parishioners of St. Anthony

**11:00am Mass:** Margaret Niebrugge

### Monday, February 17:

**6:30am Mass:** Jim & Alice Rhodes Family; Margaret Hanfland; Christine Niebrugge

**8:30am Mass:** Agnes Mette Anniversary

### Tuesday, February 18:

**6:30am Mass:** Leonard Willenborg

**8:30am Mass:** In Memory of Gene A Niccum

### Wednesday, February 19:

**6:30am Mass:** Joyce Heuerman

### Thursday, February 20:

**6:30am Mass:** Clem & Minnie Luchtefeld

**8:30am Mass:** Lawrence Jansen

### Friday, February 21:

**6:30am Mass:** Jim Poepelmeyer

**8:30am Mass:** Eileen McNally

### Saturday, February 22:

**4:30pm Mass:** Dr. John Dust

### Sunday, February 23:

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

**9:15am Mass:** Rita Dial

**11:00am Mass:** Cletus Koester



### **Pups' Patch Pre-School Now Registering**

Preschool registration for the 2025-2026 school year is underway. Registration will be open to all parish and school families beginning Tuesday, February 18th. Please contact the grade school office to obtain a registration form if needed. Registration forms and fees may be returned to the grade school office beginning Tuesday, February 18th to reserve your spot. Public registration will be open as of Tuesday, March 4th. All registrations are accepted on a first come first serve basis, based on date and time registration forms and fees are received. If you would like additional information please contact the grade school office at 217-347-0419.

#### Class Times

3 year old classes - (Tuesday & Thursday)

7:50am – 11:05am

4 year old classes - (Monday, Wednesday & Friday)

AM Class: 7:50am – 11:05am

PM Class: 12:15pm – 3:15pm



### **AN INVITATION TO OUR PARISHIONERS**

**Join us for the St. Anthony Spring Gala  
Saturday, March 1, 2025  
Keller Convention Center**

The St. Anthony Spring Gala is set to be a special festivity! We have many parish and school accomplishments to recognize this year. Please join us on Saturday, March 1, 2025 to celebrate St. Anthony's rich history and our 2024 Hall of Fame Inductees. For more information, visit our website at: [StAnthony.com/Hall-of-Fame](http://StAnthony.com/Hall-of-Fame) or contact Shelby (Spruell) Dasenbrock at (217) 240-0118 or Allie (Walk) Weber at (217) 821-9411.



Please join us in honor of

### **Sister Jane Marie Hotze**

Celebrating her 90th birthday and  
70th anniversary of her profession as a  
School Sister of Notre Dame

**Sunday, March 2, 2025**

**11:00am Mass**

St. Anthony of Padua Church, Effingham, IL

Open House for the general public

2-4pm

St. Anthony Parish Center

Stewardship Committee presents



**Sunday, March 9, 2025**

**1:00 - 4:00**

**Parish Center**

\*Monetary prize for the winning team!

\*Form your own team or join one that day.

\*Teams of 2-5

\*\$5 per person. Pay at the door

\*Every team has the same 500 piece puzzle

\*Minute-to-Win-It game breaks

\*Registration required

\*Call the Parish Office at 217-347-7129 to register

\*Bring your own snacks and drinks

## Liturgical Ministers for February 2025

Ministry	4:30pm	7:30am	9:15am	11:00am
<b>Lectors</b>	Phil Zaccari	Margie Haarmann	Bernie Blanchette	Andrew Kremer
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Jacob Emmerich Michael Genta Gary Hanner Linda Hanner Carla Koerner	Sue Bushur Carlene Weber Kate Weber <b>More Needed</b>	Teresa Beck Sarah Geen Natalie Repking Brian Sehy Anne Wilson	Larry Masengale Theresa Masengale Susan Ealy <b>More Needed</b>
<b>Servers</b>	James Dust James Gilmore Logan Lustig	Henry Bierman Mary Hoke	Aubrey Repking Morgan Litz Mallory Litz	Nash Hoene Charlotte Sprecher
<b>Ushers</b>	Ed Deters Phil Koerner Mitch Martin Mike Nusbisch	Greg Bushur Tony Weber <b>More Needed</b>	Justin Brummer Joel Griffith Mike Wilson <b>More Needed</b>	George Dallmier Dennis Meyer Bart Wiedman <b>More Needed</b>



### De Colores Spring Weekends

Say yes to a 3 day beautiful experience at camp Walter Scott.

If you're:

- So busy, don't know which end is up?
- Distant from Jesus, but want His Peace?
- Tired of the rat race, need a break?
- Looking to refresh, rest, renew?

So many in our area have found a treasure in DeColores. It's your turn!

\*Men's Weekend: March 20-23; Lay Leader: Todd Buenker. Call or Text him at 217-663-0932

\*Women's Weekend: March 27-30; Lay Leader: Theresa Rutherford. Call or Text her at 217-855-3161



**Grief Support Meetings** are held Tuesday evenings in February & March at 6:15pm in the St. Anthony Parish Center.

### SonRise Friday Men's Breakfast Family Love & Prayer



This Friday Jason Angelette gives a session about forming the Christian spirituality of marriage and family life through prayer. Families must implore God's help in prayer, draw grace and love from the Eucharist, and overcome sins in Penance.

Men, this IS your time. Gather at the St. Anthony Parish Center for hot Breakfast; ready after 6:10 AM, VIDEO program at 6:30AM, and concluding at 7:30. For more info: contact the parish office.

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

Sacred Heart & St. Anthony Parishes Present:

### Daddy Daughter Dance

Sunday, February 16th  
Effingham Event Center

12:30-1:00pm: Pictures  
1:00-3:00pm: Dance



Girls in grades preschool-8 are invited to come spend the afternoon with Dad or Special Guest!

For additional information Contact: Ashley Dow, Jackie Haarmann or Mallory Weber



### Mother Son Event Glow the Day Away

Sunday, February 23rd  
Effingham Event Center

12:45-1:15pm: Pictures

1:00-3:00pm Glow-in-the-Dark Activities & Music

Mom's & their boys in PreK-5th grade are invited for an afternoon mother & son "date."

For additional information contact: Kendra Zumbahlen or Allie Weber



**CCW**  
Council of Catholic Women

All women of the Springfield Diocese are cordially invited  
**SDCCW 2025 Lenten Retreat**


Tuesday, Mar. 25th & Wednesday, Mar. 26th  
Villa Maria, Springfield, IL

**"Walking with Jesus through Holy Week"**

Retreat Speaker: Deacon Jeff Beals

The Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women invites all women to this annual Lenten Retreat at Villa Maria in Springfield, March 25th – 26th with Deacon Jeff Beals of our diocese, as retreat master. Retreat begins with lunch at noon on Tuesday March 25th and concludes at 3:30 pm on Wed. March 26th, We encourage you to begin the retreat with the March for Life Mass at Sangamon Auditorium at UIS at 10:00 am on Tuesday the 25th with required registration for this Mass found at dio.org. All are welcome!

Registration forms are due by March 15th. Please stop by the parish office to pick up the registration form, which includes additional information and the fees or contact Mary Ann Sullivan at gma.sullivan80@gmail.com.



Effingham Catholic Young Adults

**Monday, February 17**  
Starting at 7.00PM

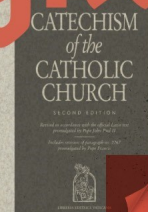

# Catechesis Night

Topic: Saints & Sainly Life

with **Fr. Harman & Fr. Jayke**

St. Anthony Church  
101 E Virginia Ave  
Effingham, IL

Happy Hour  
The Office Pub  
105 E Jefferson Ave

## Pro-Life Corner

**March for Life** - Join us for the annual Illinois March for Life in Springfield on March 25, 2025. A bus is rented for your convenience to leave Effingham Events Center (KC hall) at 7:30am and return at 4:45pm. This includes Holy Mass with Bishop Paprocki, the Rally at the Capitol at 1pm and the March at 2pm. Bring a sack lunch. Open to Jr Hi thru Adults. Pray, kneel, sit, and **STAND UP AND MARCH FOR LIFE**. Cost \$20. Deadline for registration is March 1. for information contact Diann Ruholl at 217-663-2056

**Deanery Prayer Vigil for Life** - Everyone is welcome to attend the Deanery Prayer Vigil for Life to Pray for the Protection of all Life at Sacred Heart Church in Lillyville on Tuesday February 18. Praying the rosary will begin at 6:00pm. Fr. Hyland Smith will be the celebrant for the 6:30pm Mass. The business meeting will follow in the parish hall. Refreshments will be served while current pro-life issues and events are discussed.

**Nominate a teacher for the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Award** – Do you know a Catholic school teacher who strives for academic excellence with a focus on the Catholic mission? Know a teacher who left a lasting impression on your child? Know a teacher who goes above and beyond for his or her students and who lives authentically Catholic? Nominate that teacher for the diocesan wide St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Award! Nominations are due by March 10. Go to [dio.org/schools/eas](http://dio.org/schools/eas).

**Majestic Germany Pilgrimage** with Fr. R. Dean Probst, August 18-28, 2025. Visiting Frankfurt, Cologne, Hanover, Potsdam, Berlin, Nuremberg, Rothenberg, Munich, Oberammergau, Lindau, Lake Titisee, The Black Forest, Heidelberg and Mainz. Cost \$4599 per person from St. Louis, Mo. Call/text Fr. Dean 217-494-6326 or email [rdprobst@gmail.com](mailto:rdprobst@gmail.com).

### 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.



### Save the Date! The St. Anthony Treasure Sale date has been set!

St. Anthony Church & Schools will once again be having a Treasure Sale. Save your items and be thinking about what you will be donating. This year's sale will be held Friday, May 30th & Saturday, May 31st.

For questions call the parish office at 217-347-7129. More information will follow in the coming weeks.



## SHARE YOUR FAVORITE SOUP THIS LENT!

SIGN UP FOR ONE OF THE WEDNESDAY TALKS/SUPPERS TO BRING A CROCK POT OF SOUP, CHEESE AND CRACKERS, VEGGIES OR DESSERT.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT  
TESSIE KABBES  
[TESS.KABBES@GMAIL.COM](mailto:TESS.KABBES@GMAIL.COM)

Week Ending Feb. 9, 2025	Weekly Totals	Fiscal YTD (Week 32 of 52)	Last Year's YTD
Regular Church Support	\$26,286.23	\$902,078.79	\$959,242.11
GOAL	\$27,765.00	\$888,480.00	
Difference	(\$1,478.77)	\$13,598.79	

Diocesan Collections	Week Ending Feb. 9, 2025	YTD
Twining Parish in Nigeria	\$1,115.00	\$17,735.10
Catholic Times	\$120.00	\$2,326.00
Church in Latin America	\$140.00	\$525.00

**Newman Ministry** - As our high school seniors start making commitments to college, parents are invited to connect their students with the local campus ministry program at their new school. These ministry programs, often called Newman programs after St. John Henry Newman, offer a friendly place for Catholic students to live our faith while away at school. Newman Ministry, an organization based here in our diocese, helps connect students with these campus ministry programs. Parents can register their college-bound students through the Newman Ministry website so students can receive information and resources about ministry options at their school. Visit <https://connection.newmanministry.com/> for more details.

**St. Clare Catholic Church** in Altamont will be having a Sausage Breakfast on Sunday, February 16th from 7:30am until 12:00pm. The menu includes sausage patties, country ham, scrambled eggs, biscuits and gravy, pancakes, sweet rolls, sweet breads, milk, juice and coffee. St. Clare is located at 216 N 9th Street, Altamont, IL 62411. Free will donation will be accepted.



**St. Michael School, Sigel, IL  
Swine & Dine Breakfast**

Sunday – February 23, 2025  
7:00 am – Noon

**DELICIOUS ALL YOU CAN EAT MENU:**

Whole Hog Sausage, Eggs, Buttermilk Pancakes,  
Homemade Rolls, Breads, Orange Juice, Coffee and Milk.

Adults \$10.00

Children 5 - 13 yrs. & Seniors \$7.00

All Proceeds Benefit St. Michael School.

There will be a craft store, raffle items and mystery boxes.

**Let Jesus Feed Your Marriage in 2025!**

Renew your Sacrament, deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, and rekindle your romance by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience this year! 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.

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

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

8/1/2025 - 8/3/2025, Cape Girardeau, MO

**2024-2025 ANNUAL FUND**  
to date, we've collected  
**\$380,040**  
of our \$485,000 goal

**Singles Upper 50s and Above:** Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for a life-changing RENEW weekend retreat at the Pallottine Retreat Center (30 min from downtown St. Louis), on March 28-30, 2025. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Visit [www.RenewRetreats.org](http://www.RenewRetreats.org), e-mail [renewretreat.stl@gmail.com](mailto:renewretreat.stl@gmail.com), or call (314) 703-1002 for details.

**Our Sorrowful Mother's Ministry in Vandalia, IL** will be hosting a retreat on March 7-8. Join us for an intimate retreat weekend titled "Do you Want to Be Healed?". Our retreat leader is Fr. Jerry Byrd, who is a former Baptist who not only converted, but was ordained a Catholic priest. He is from the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. His conversion was featured on EWTN. Please go to [osmm.org](http://osmm.org) to register, and the full agenda is listed on their website. The cost is \$45 to attend. You may also contact Karla Slifer at 217-690-5282 for more information.

**St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School in Newton, Illinois** is seeking qualified candidates for the following position for the 2025-2026 school year: Full-Time Teacher – 1st grade

We are a faith-filled school with strong parental and parish support. We focus on high academic and behavior standards. St. Thomas maintains a salary scale for teaching staff based on years of experience and education ranging from \$33,500 to \$83,000 as well as a competitive benefits package. Recognition of public school service will be considered.

Candidates should hold a current Illinois Professional Educator's License in Elementary Education. The ideal candidate will be a practicing, faithful Catholic who is committed to evangelization through excellence in Catholic education. All applications are welcomed.

To apply please send resume and completed application (available at [stthomassaints.com](http://stthomassaints.com)) to: Mrs. Jill Bierman, St. Thomas School, 306 W. Jourdan St. Newton, IL 62448 or via email to [jillbierman@stthomassaints.com](mailto:jillbierman@stthomassaints.com). Application deadline: April 11, 2025.

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