

# 7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

Luke 6:31

Sunday, February 23, 2025



**Parish Office Hours:**

Monday - Friday  
9:00am - 4:00pm

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**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*



Fr. Peter C. Harman, *Pastor*

Fr. Jayke White, *Parochial Vicar*

Deacon Joe (Pat) Emmerich

Mrs. Carrie Koenig, *Director of Operations*

Mrs. Sara Hoene, *Executive Parish Secretary*

Mrs. Tiffany Wrigley, *Business Manager*

Mrs. Mary Koester, *Financial Secretary*

Mrs. Karie Sudkamp, *Financial Secretary*

Mrs. Marlene McWhorter, *Office Assistant*

Mrs. Liz Schmidt, *Spiritual Direction, Annulment Ministry*

Ms. Regina Villafuerte, *Music Director*

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:

The last few weeks have brought some media and political points to the forefront as includes our Catholic Church outreach and the trimming of federal spending. It can be hard to distinguish truth from political exaggeration at times. Our Metropolitan Archbishop, Cardinal Blase Cupich recently wrote:

“Here are the facts. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops receives federal grants to assist in refugee resettlement. This partnership between church and government has been in place since Congress enacted the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program in 1980. The U.S. government invited us then to partner with them in this work and, over this half-century, we have done so effectively and efficiently. Annual audited statements show that these funds are exclusively used to resettle and serve migrants and refugees. Special attention is given to the vulnerable, particularly minors and those at risk of human trafficking. When a Catholic agency accepts such a grant, it agrees to carry out services on behalf of the government. The same goes for any charity that receives federal, state or municipal dollars to help the underserved. It’s not unusual for government disbursements to cover only part of the total cost of the service provided, in which case the charity makes up the difference from donor funds. The claim that the church is engaged in charitable work to accrue revenue, as has been suggested (recently and many years ago, by nativists who sought to exclude Catholics from public life), is simply false. Moreover, it belies basic understanding of a key mission of the Catholic Church. Christ himself commanded us to serve those in need, regardless of their proximity or national origin.”

It would appear that there are many federally funded programs which are objectionable and wasteful, and for which the current administration’s desire to trim or cut is only appropriate. But Catholic Charities and Catholic Relief Services do not “get rich” for the work that they do....and in fact often do the work more efficiently than the federal government could. Additionally, one must be able to make the moral distinction, say, in offering assistance to a person who is not a legal immigrant; that there is a big difference between helping someone break the law, and helping someone who has broken the law. As a Church we do not and should not help people break the law, but also must never turn our back on someone who has done so who is in genuine humanitarian need. These clarifications in difficult issues are crucial.

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.

Have a blessed week!

Fr. Peter Harman



**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:

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	



### First Saturday Mass & Devotion March 1, 2025

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

### 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.



### 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, 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

**Monday, February 24:**

**6:30am Mass:** Ruth Boos Anniversary

**8:30am Mass:** Ronald Wentz

**Tuesday, February 25:**

**6:30am Mass:** LeRoy & Mary Ann Borries

**8:30am Mass:** Special Intentions

**Wednesday, February 26:**

**6:30am Mass:** Jane Schuette

**Thursday, February 27:**

**6:30am Mass:** Leonard & Pauline Boos

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

**Friday, February 28:**

**6:30am Mass:** Jim & Alice Rhodes

**8:30am Mass:** Don & Frank Kabbes

**Saturday, March 1:**

**6:30am Mass:** Craig & Tessie Kabbes Family

**4:30pm Mass:** Parishioners of St. Anthony

**Sunday, March 2:**

**7:30am Mass:** Norbert & Martha Schmidt Family

**9:15am Mass:** Florence Sehy Anniversary

**11:00am Mass:** In Appreciation for family, vocations, parish, and SSND community



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

Preschool registration for the 2025-2026 school year is underway. Registration is 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 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 next weekend, 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 March 2025

Ministry	4:30pm	7:30am	9:15am	11:00am
<b>Lectors</b>	Ellen Hann	Ann Platt	Stephanie Uebinger	Michael Wall
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Cathy Bierman Mary Jo Green Patty McHugh Jamie Schuette Mary Beth Stuckey	Alice Dust Greg Dust Janet Kennedy Marge Percy <b>More Needed</b>	Dixie Hartke Mandy Henning Avery Henning Deanna Koester Tom Murphy	Mike Klitzing Eric Koester Lisa Lauritzen <b>More Needed</b>
<b>Servers</b>	Brock Goeckner Jackson Hann Connor Storm	Kyle Thoele Jacob Thoele	Will Ludwig Nora Niebrugge Maeve Niebrugge	Morgan Kabbes Sophie Kabbes
<b>Ushers</b>	Ken Bourgeois Don Niebrugge Joe Ungrund Bart Willenborg	Bill Overbeck Terry Westendorf <b>More Needed</b>	Gene Fearday Joe Jansen Carl Koester <b>More Needed</b>	Preston Barr Larry Goldstein <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

### SonRise Friday Men's Breakfast Lenten Series Beginning


Father John Burns kicks off our "Worthy of the Call" lenten journey by sharing how lent is a calling to repent and believe in the Gospel. All Men are welcomed for this SonRise Men's Breakfast. No charge or registration needed.

It is difficult to admit our attachment and attraction to particular sins that we struggle with, but God calls us to confront sin in this way in order to overcome it.

Join us this Friday at the St. Anthony Parish Center for hot breakfast; ready after 6:10am, video program at 6:30am, and concluding at 7:30am. For more info: contact the parish office.



Sacred Heart & St. Anthony Parishes Present:



### 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

### 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

### The Mattoon Deanery Council of Catholic Women's next meeting is Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at St. Anthony of Padua, 101 E. Virginia Ave., Effingham, IL 62401. Registration at 8:00am and following Mass. Mass at 8:30am. Please sit towards the back of the church or on the sides since the students will also be attending Mass. Please join us for a fun and faith-filled day. We warmly welcome all ladies and their friends to come together for a day of fellowship, inspiration, and community. Lunch and white elephant auction (wrapped gift) will conclude the day; proceeds go to the Seminary Fund (check or cash accepted). Whether you're a long-time member or someone looking to connect with fellow Catholic women, this gathering is an excellent opportunity to grow in your faith, strengthen your community bonds, and have a great time! Contact: MDCCW President: Margaret Thompson (217) 232-4350 or drmathompson76@gmail.com.

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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

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.



# Lent and Learn 2025

Join us for our 2025 “mini-retreat” as we make 5 Wednesdays in Lent days of encounter and devotion to grow in faith.

On each of these Wednesdays in Lent, spend time with us in prayer, adoration, reconciliation, fraternity, and catechesis. Please consider inviting a friend or family member to join you.

Use *The Little Black Book* as a starting point for prayer and reflection. Do this on your own, with your family, or with a small group of friends.

However the Lord speaks to you this Lent & Easter season, we want to be with you as you become a more Intentional Disciple in 2025.



**SAINT ANTHONY**  
OF PADUA CHURCH

## ASH WEDNESDAY



**Ash Wednesday**  
**March 5, 2025**

**Mass Times at St. Anthony**  
6:30am, 8:30am,  
12:10pm & 5:30pm

The season of Lent begins this year on Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025, and ends just prior to the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, when the Paschal Triduum begins. Lent is the principal penitential season in the Church year. All the Christian faithful are urged to develop and maintain a voluntary program of self denial (in addition to the Lenten regulations), serious prayer and the performing of deeds of charity and mercy, including the giving of alms.

## Lent Begins

March 5th: Ash Wednesday Mass 6:30 am, 8:30 am, 12:10 pm, 5:30 pm

March 30th: Parish Reconciliation Service 3:00pm

Fridays in Lent Stations of the Cross: 2:10 pm and 7:00 pm in church

## *Lent and Learn each Wednesday - 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  
“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” Matthew 27:46

April 2 “I thirst.” John 19:28  
“Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.” Luke 23:46

April 9 “It is Finished.” John 19:30

## *Holy Week*

**April 17**  
Holy Thursday 6:30 pm

**April 18**  
Good Friday 3:00 pm

**April 19**  
Holy Saturday 8:00 pm

**April 20**  
Easter  
*Hallelujah! He Is Risen!*  
7:30, 9:15, 11:00 am

## **Lenten Regulations**

**1. ABSTINENCE** – Everyone 14 years of age and over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

**2. FAST** – Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 is required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is permitted. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to each person's needs, but together these two should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids (including milk and fruit juices) are allowed.

**3.** To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.



**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.

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

Week Ending Feb. 16, 2025	Weekly Totals	Fiscal YTD (Week 33 of 52)	Last Year's YTD
Regular Church Support	\$17,979.50	\$920,823.29	\$996,059.32
GOAL	\$27,765.00	\$916,245.00	
Difference	(\$9,785.50)	\$4,578.29	

Diocesan Collections	Week Ending Feb. 16, 2025	YTD
Twining Parish in Nigeria	\$300.00	\$18,035.10
Catholic Times	\$60.00	\$2,386.00
Catholic Charities	\$25.55	\$254.40
Church in Latin America	\$20.00	\$545.00

**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.



**Be Part of Something Universal  
Experience World Youth Day**

Interested in attending World Youth Day in South Korea in 2027?



**Connect with us!**



If you have interest in attending World Youth Day, connect with the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois! Father Zach Samples is the lead organizer for a diocesan pilgrimage to Seoul, South Korea in 2027. Go to [dio.org/wyd](http://dio.org/wyd) or scan the QR Code for more information and fill out the interest form.

**March 22 - Catholic Women's Prayer Breakfast** at St. Paul Catholic Church, Highland, 8a.m.-noon. Adoration/7 a.m., Rosary/7:30, Mass/8:00 a.m., catered breakfast /guest speaker Bishop Thomas John Paprocki. For more information: email [womensbreakfast2025@gmail.com](mailto:womensbreakfast2025@gmail.com) or text Rose Wascher at 847-274-3916. Pre-registration is required for breakfast. Register at [stpaulhighland.org](http://stpaulhighland.org). Deadline to register is March 1.

**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.

**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.

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



**SAINT ANTHONY**  
OF PADUA PARISH

# Join us for the Saint Anthony Spring Gala

*Enjoy a social evening of dinner,  
celebration & fun, featuring your*

**To Make Reservations:**

*complete this form and mail to:*

St. Anthony Church  
Attn: Hall of Fame  
P.O. Box 764  
Effingham, IL 62401

**Or Contact:**

Shelby Dasenbrock: 217-240-0118

Allie Weber: 217-821-9411

Email: [HallofFame@StAnthony.com](mailto:HallofFame@StAnthony.com)

## 2024 Hall of Fame Inductions



**Saturday, March 1, 2025**  
Keller Convention Center

**4:30 pm**.....Mass at St. Anthony of Padua Church

**5:30 pm**.....Cocktail Reception

**6:30 pm**.....Dinner

**7:45 pm**.....Induction Ceremony

**Reservation Deadline:  
February 26, 2025**

**Reservations Will Be Held at the Door**  
(Confirmation of your reservation will be  
sent via email or phone.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**\$30.00 per ticket. Please enclose a check made payable to St. Anthony Church.**

Guest 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Guest 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest 3: \_\_\_\_\_ Guest 4: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest 5: \_\_\_\_\_ Guest 6: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest 7: \_\_\_\_\_ Guest 8: \_\_\_\_\_

If not purchasing an entire table, but plan on sitting with a group, please list the names of the party you would like to be seated with and we will try to accommodate your request.

Please put me/us at the table with \_\_\_\_\_

*I/We cannot attend, but please accept our donation of:* \_\_\_\_\_



# Congratulations to the 2024 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



## ALUMNI | Eric Zeller

Eric Zeller ('91) coached boys and girls cross country for eight years at St. Anthony, has chaperoned youth groups on retreats and events, participates in That Man Is You men's group, and enjoys being a member of Charlie Platz's Angels, keeping the area around the church and parish office edged and looking nice. He graduated from University of Illinois in Chicago with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and received his MBA from Olin Business School at Washington University – St. Louis. He was the administrator of Effingham Ophthalmology Associates for 26 years before accepting the position of president at Crossroads Bank in April 2022, having spent 9 years on their board of directors. Eric recently completed a 9-year term on the board of directors for HSHS St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital, having spent 2 years as chairman and is a board member for Trail Recreation Effingham County (TREC). Eric has high regards for the teachers, coaches, and priests at St. Anthony who have positively influenced his life.



## FACULTY, STAFF, OR COACH | Bill Farrey

Bill Farrey ('73), has been scorekeeper for over 40 years for both the high school and junior high at both the boys and girls basketball games. Past honors include induction into the IBCA (Illinois Basketball Coaches Association) Hall of Fame Class of 2004 in the category of Friend of Basketball for the State of Illinois. He was also recognized as St. Anthony Booster Club Member of the year in 1998.

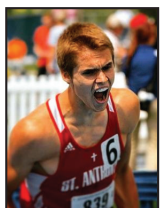
Other past activities have included working the Tom Bryant Skills Camp for the grade school boys and girls. He has also worked at the Effingham Park District as a coach and official for the boys and girls grades 1 through 6. Volunteering to help on the Knights of Columbus Annual Intellectual Disabilities Fund Drive has also occupied his time. He has spent time working the St. Anthony Parish Picnic in numerous stands. Just in the last few years, he starts off the beginning of the picnic calling the first shift of BINGO. All these efforts he has enjoyed tremendously for the parish and community.



## FRIENDS OF ST. ANTHONY | Roy and Kate Weber

Roy and Kate have been dedicated members of St. Anthony's Parish since 1977, after Roy's military service at Barksdale Air Force Base. Married in 1975, they raised their four children—Christine, Jennifer, Matthew, and Aaron—within the St. Anthony School System. Over the years, they have actively served the parish in many roles, including Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Funeral Mass Server, choir members, Sacristan, and Bible Study facilitators. They have also contributed to church renovation efforts, stewardship initiatives, and are members of the DeColores Community.

Roy, a veteran with 25 years of service in the Air Force and Navy, continues his commitment through leadership roles in the American Legion at local, state, and national levels. Kate, a nurse for over 60 years, has served in critical care and education, recently being honored as Nurse of the Year by the Veterans Service Organization 40 et 8. Together, they advocate for veterans' needs. Serving others, not to be served, is the value they wish to pass on to their children and eight grandchildren.



## ATHLETE OR TEAM | Andrew Gardewine

Andrew is a distinguished multi-sport athlete whose dedication and achievements have earned him a well-deserved place in the St. Anthony Hall of Fame.

### Track Accomplishments:

- State qualifier for the Mile - 2013
- Placed 8th in the 800-meter state championship - 2014
- Undeclared season in the 800 meter, State qualifier in the 400, 800, 4x400, and 4x800, State Champion in the 800, and placed 6th in the 400 - 2015

### Other Achievements:

- Member of the Men's Basketball Regional Champions and awarded Most Improved - 2014
- Awarded Men's Basketball MVP, Men's Track MVP, Men's Cross Country MVP, and Men's Cross Country Frances Bloemer Award - 2015
- Member of the Central Illinois All-Star Men's Basketball Team
- MVP at the NTC vs. Lincoln Prairie All-Star Game
- Awarded All-Tournament Team at St. Anthony Thanksgiving Tournament, Vandalia Holiday Tournament, and NTC Tournament

Andrew is the 2014 800-meter Illinois State Champion. Following an outstanding high school career, Andrew continued his success at the collegiate level, competing for McKendree University, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Professional Writing. He later pursued his passion for technology and creativity by obtaining a Bachelor of Computer Science in Game Design from Full Sail University.

During his collegiate track and field career, Andrew excelled as a three-time Great Lakes Valley Conference Champion in the 4x400-meter relay (2017, 2018, 2019) and captured an individual title in the 800-meter dash (2018). His exceptional performances led to multiple NCAA National Qualifier appearances in the 4x400-meter relay (2017, 2018, and 2019) and recognition as an NCAA All-Academic honoree in 2017.

Beyond athletics, Andrew has built a successful career as a Professional Game Designer, blending creativity and technical expertise to develop engaging interactive experiences. His drive for excellence—both on and off the track—stands as a testament to his hard work, discipline, and passion.



## BOOSTER CLUB MEMBER OF THE YEAR | Dan Niebrugge



Dan has had several years of dedication to the St. Anthony Booster Club including president, creating an advisory board, participation on the advisory board, creating a tracking system for transportation and numerous updates for our sports facilities. Dan also has spent countless hours with our athletes bettering their skills in softball and basketball.





# SAINT ANTHONY HIGH SCHOOL

February 2025



## Paw Prints

### ACES TEAM ADVANCES (photo below)

The ACES (Academic Challenge) Team, coached by Mr. Matthew Poston, competed at Lake Land College on February 7th. The team earned first place overall and advances to the next level on March 13. Congratulations to the following individual winners: **1st Place:** Madison Walker-Biology, Elijah Poston-Physics, Laney Walker-English; **2nd Place:** Ronan Bailey-Chemistry, Laney Walker-Chemistry, Madison Walker-English; **3rd Place:** Madison Hoene-Chemistry, Ellie Link-Physics, Calvin Sudkamp-Physics, Michael Wright-Physics. Madison Walker and Laney Walker each earned \$1000 Lake Land College scholarships. Also competing on the ACES team were Aiden Lauritzen, Mary Scheidemantel, Sam Link, Jacqueline Niebrugge, Tim Seiler, and Vincent Vogel.



### Important Dates:

- 3/3 No School (Casimir Pulaski Day)
- 3/4 Carnavales (Pep Rally Bell)
- 3/5 Ash Wednesday 12:10pm Mass
- 3/7 No School (Teacher Institute)
- 3/8 IHSA Solo & Ensemble Contest
- 3/10 Scholar Bowl Regionals
- 3/11 Sophomore & Junior Girls' Retreat @ Villa Maria
- 3/12 Sophomore & Junior Girls' Retreat; End of 3rd Quarter; Spring Sports Photos
- 3/14 Report Cards
- 3/19 Senior Girls Retreat @ Corpus Christie Priory; Senior Boys Retreat at Villa Maria
- 3/20 Senior Boys & Girls Retreats
- 3/21 Senior Boys & Girls Retreats
- 3/25 Illinois March for Life
- 3/26 Gr. 6-7-8 Retreats Here through 3/28 (Open Campus Lunches)



### SPANISH CLUB FUNDRAISER FOR EL SHADDAI

St. Anthony High School's Spanish Club, sponsored by Mrs. Fanny Mae Keller, hosted a Gender Reveal Baby Shower in mid February. All students and staff were allowed to wear jeans and a pink or blue shirt for a \$3.00 donation.



Students could also place a vote for a boy or a girl and earn a raffle ticket for a free cake. Winners of the cakes were Nash Wernsing, Gabe Huebner, and Reese Hoene. Proceeds of \$440 were given to El Shaddai.

*Every Wednesday:*

*Confession, 1:00-2:00pm, Rm. 7:7*

*Every Friday:*

*HS Mass in Church, 8:30am*

### STUDENT COUNCIL CELEBRATES



Student Council sponsored a Valentine's cake & dessert raffle. Winners shown in the photo are Pacey Douthit (cookies n cream cake made by Sylvie Schumacher), Sam Link (oreo milkshake Crumbl cookies made by Jackie Niebrugge, Jackson Kabbes (chocolate heart brought by Elana Semple), and Cailey Dorris (puppy chow made by Katie Wrigley). A total of 313 tickets were sold, and Jackie Niebrugge's cookies won the \$25 "best dessert" prize with 102 votes. Student Council sponsors are Mrs. Shae Thoele and Mrs. Julie Althoff. Thank you to all who participated!



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## **Athletics & Activities Update**

Jr. High Basketball has completed their season. Congratulations on a successful year! Our Scholar Bowl team is off and running. They have 4 meets in March and are so much fun to watch! Our Band and Choir students will be competing in the IESA Solo & Ensemble contest here at St. Anthony Grade School on March 22nd. Regular season ends in February for our Jr. High Volleyball teams and their post-season begins in March. Best of Luck to all of our students in their upcoming events!

### **Second Grade** (Right)

Second grade students in Miss Lee’s class put their desks in the shape of a heart while exchanging class Valentines!

Thank you to all of our room parents who assist on class party days and give of their time!



### **First Grade Math Stations** (Above)

Mrs. Roepke's students used pattern blocks to build Valentine pictures. The class also did cup stacking during a STEM station. We love when teachers combine holiday fun with learning!



### **Important Dates:**

- 03/03 No School
- 03/07 No School
- 03/11 Table of Plenty (Gr 6-8)
- 03/12 End of 3rd Quarter
- 03/13 Table of Plenty (Gr K-5)
- 03/22 IESA Solo & Ensemble
- 03/26 March for Life



Jr. High students will be attending their annual retreats in March. The retreats take place at St. Anthony High School on the following dates:

- March 26th—Grade 6 Retreat
- March 27th—Grade 7 Retreat
- March 28th—Grade 8 Retreat

### **Weekly:**

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

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