

"From the Pastor's Desk"

Dear St. Anthony Parish Family:

This week we begin our journey of Lent. The Black Books, which have been enjoyed the last few years, are available for pickup at the end of Mass. They also contain the schedule for our weekly Wednesday Lenten series. Masses for Ash Wednesday are 6:30am, 8:30am, 12:10pm, and 5:30pm.

The Lenten Series will begin the following week, Wednesday, March 12. The schedule for those days will be:

- 6:30am Mass followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- Confessions will be heard from 12:00 to 1:00pm.
- Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 5:15pm 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 consider joining us and bringing a friend.

Fr. Peter Harman, Pastor



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.



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

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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.



Stations of the Cross

During this season of Lent, St. Anthony Church will have Stations of the Cross on Friday at 2:10pm in church (on school days) and every week at 7:00pm in church.

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, 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

Monday, March 3:

6:30am Mass: Joe & Kay Adams; Christine Niebrugge

8:30am Mass: Otto & Mardell Goldstein

Tuesday, March 4:

6:30am Mass: Sara Bernhard **8:30am Mass:** Gary Kruger

Wednesday, March 5:

6:30am Mass: Bill Pearcy

8:30am Mass: Stu & Millie Stumeier

12:10pm Mass: Hugh McHugh 5:30pm Mass: Douglas Frichtl

Thursday, March 6:

6:30am Mass: Mary P Willenborg

8:30am Mass: Joe Adams

Friday, March 7:

6:30am Mass: Eugene Westendorf **8:30am Mass:** Esther Poterucha

Saturday, March 8:

4:30pm Mass: Janice Flach Anniversary

Sunday, March 9:

7:30am Mass: Lorraine Jones

9:15am Mass: Charles & Grace Hotze Family 11:00am Mass: Parishioners of St. Anthony



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

ginning 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 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 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



Gift Bearers for Mass

For many years in the past, Kathy Fehrenbacher has been calling parishioners to ask them to be gift bearers at Mass, and in recent years we have also offered for parents to sign up for this ministry via SignUpGenius. We will no longer be using either of these formats, as it has been difficult since people have switched to cell phones, and those numbers are not publicly available.

Going forward, the Ushers will be asking a family, as they are coming into church, to bring up gifts.

Please say YES if an usher asks you, or let an usher know, as you're entering the church, that your family is willing to bear gifts.

A special THANK YOU to Kathy for all her many many years of calling families to help with this ministry.

Liturgical Ministers for March 2025						
Ministry	4:30pm	7:30am	9:15am	11:00am		
Lectors	Ellen Hann	Ann Platt	Stephanie Uebinger	Michael Wall		
Eucharistic Ministers	Cathy Bierman Mary Jo Green Patty McHugh Jamie Schuette Mary Beth Stuckey	Alice Dust Greg Dust Janet Kennedy Marge Pearcy More Needed	Dixie Hartke Mandy Henning Avery Henning Deanna Koester Tom Murphy	Mike Klitzing Eric Koester Lisa Lauritzen More Needed		
Servers	Brock Goeckner Jackson Hann Connor Storm	Kyle Thoele Jacob Thoele	Will Ludwig Nora Niebrugge Maeve Niebrugge	Morgan Kabbes Sophie Kabbes		
Ushers	Ken Bourgeois Don Niebrugge Joe Ungrund Bart Willenborg	Bill Overbeck Terry Westendorf More Needed	Gene Fearday Joe Jansen Carl Koester More Needed	Preston Barr Larry Goldstein More Needed		

De Colores Spring Weekends

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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



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

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

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.

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.

OPEN HOUSE & Lenten Series SonRise Men's Breakfast



Father John Burns is back with another heavy and deeply spiritual Lenten journey session.

This week's SonRise TMIY session asks us to contemplate the "four last things": death, judgment, heaven, and hell. By contemplating these things, we can live in a deeper understanding the repercussions

Do you desire a life of eternal happiness and peace with the Lord in heaven? Men, join us on the journey to orient our whole lives toward Christ by avoiding that which makes us unhappy, sin. This **FRIDAY** 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.



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.



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

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Hello, from "The Table Of Plenty". Your generosity is beyond extraordinary. Thank you, once again! March donations will be delivered to "The Crisis Nursery of Effingham County". Located at 924 N. Merchant Street. A non-profit center for parents or caregivers to drop off their children, from birth-age 6, during a temporary crisis. Whether it be they are left without a sitter, medical emergency, a parent who needs a break, sudden car break down, the reasons are endless. Crisis Nursery

opened their doors in March of 2017, and are always open. Day or night, services are available. They provide love and care, along with meals and snacks to the children.

St. Anthony Jr. High students are asked to bring their donations to morning Mass on Tuesday, March 11, and Elementary students may bring their donations to morning Mass on Thursday, March 13. Parishioners may drop their donations in the church foyer the weekend of March 15/16.

The following food items are needed this month:

- Boxed Cereal
- Boxes of Individual snacks including graham crackers, goldfish, cookies, etc.
- Microwavable meals such as Easy Mac., etc.
- Pouches of applesauce,

- All veggie and fruit types
- Juice boxes /apple and fruit punch flavor.

- Jayne Genta, Table Of Plenty

Lent Begins

March 5th: Ash Wednesday

Masses: 6:30am, 8:30am, 12:10pm, 5:30pm

March 30th:

Parish Reconciliation Service 3:00pm

Fridays in Lent Stations of the Cross:

2:10pm and 7:00pm in church

Wednesday Mini-Retreats

6:30am -

Parish Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00am to 5:15pm - Adoration in Church

12:00 noon to 1:00pm - Confessions in Church

5:15pm -

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament & Parish Mass

6:00pm -

Soup/Light Meal in the Parish Center free of charge Presentation by Fr. Harman and Fr. Jayke

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

Week Ending Feb. 23, 2025	Weekly Totals	Fiscal YTD (Week 34 of 52)	Last Year's YTD
Regular Church Support	\$27,862.50	\$948,685.79	\$1,019,174.32
GOAL	\$27,765.00	\$944,010.00	
Difference	\$97.50	\$4,675.79	

Diocesan Collections	Week Ending Feb. 23, 2025	YTD
Twining Parish in Nigeria	\$256.00	\$18,291.10
Catholic Times	\$30.00	\$2,416.00
Catholic Charities	\$0.00	\$254.40
Church in Latin America	\$30.00	\$575.00



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 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.

Crisis Nursery Trivia Night

TEAMS WANTED! – A Trivia Night hosted by Crisis Nursery of Effingham County and Kiwanis Club of Effingham County will take place on March 15th at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall. Exercise your brain and have fun supporting two great organizations! \$300 and a FREE table for Trivia Night 2026



will be awarded to the First Place Team and \$200 to the 2nd Place. There will be other games and prizes available throughout the night. Doors open at 6pm and Trivia starts at 7pm. Reserve your table today by contacting Kayla Schumacher (217-342-3000x3;

ad@crisisnurseryofeffingham.com) or scan the QR code to register. Be sure to follow the event on Facebook for exciting updates! A special "thank you" to our presenting sponsor, Dieterich Bank, for making this event possible!

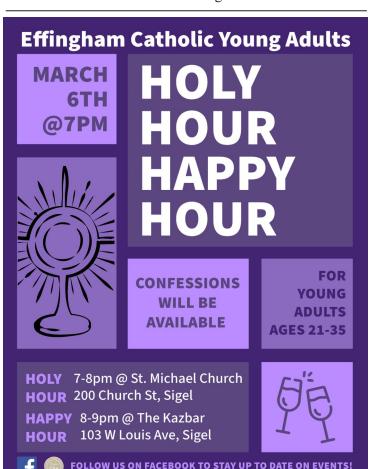
Spaghetti Supper - First United Methodist Church, **Altamont**. We invite you to join us March 2nd from 4pm to 7pm at the First United Methodist Church at 308 N. 2nd St. Altamont, IL for a spaghetti supper. We will be taking a free will donation and take-outs are available. Proceeds from the supper go to the local food pantry and to missions.





Birthday Card Shower - Bertha Bushur will be 95 years old on March 8th. She would love to hear from you with a note or card to help celebrate her birthday.

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