

# Labor Day

I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live. That each of them may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all their toil - this is the gift of God. Ecclesiastes 3:12-13



**SAINT ANTHONY**  
OF PADUA PARISH

## Parish Office Hours:

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

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

**Sunday, August 31, 2025**

## 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*  
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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*

## 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:

We are happy that there have been a few inquiries to the Order of Christian Initiation (OCIA) and that we will be starting our sessions soon. Recall that we had nine new members this past Easter. As last year, with the hope of building the habit of Sunday Mass, we are planning to have the sessions on Sunday mornings, following the 9:15 a.m. Mass. If you or someone you know has been pondering learning more about the Catholic faith, please do not hesitate to call us about starting these sessions with us later this month through Easter. If you are interested in serving as a sponsor for one of the candidates, please let us know this too.

I recently received a letter from the Family Life Center thanking us for our participation in the Baby Bottle Project. I am proud and grateful that St. Anthony contributed over \$5400.00 for their needs. Thank you!

The SonRise Friday Men's Breakfast returns to St. Anthony's Parish Center Sept. 5 for men of all area parishes. All men of the parish are invited to join for food, fellowship and faith at 6:15 AM each Friday. This is a great program to learn more about your faith in a company of good men of the area, while enjoying a nice breakfast. What could be better? I encourage you to pray about joining in. Learn more at [www.tmiy.org](http://www.tmiy.org), the parish office, or Dan Woods, 217-821-1495.

As we do every fall, we will be mailing to you this week the Annual Report of our Stewardship. Please look it over carefully. I will touch on a few points and give a summary at all the Masses next weekend, September 6-7.

As Monday is Labor Day, please note there is only one daily Mass, 9:00 a.m. which is sponsored by our Effingham Knights of Columbus.

Enjoy the Labor Day holiday and have a blessed week.

Fr. Peter Harman



### First Saturday Mass & Devotion September 6, 2025

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

### The 2026 Mass Intention Book

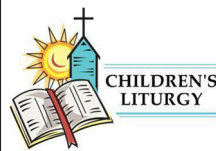
The Mass Intention book for 2026 will open for those wanting to schedule Masses on **Wednesday, September 3rd**. There will be one intention scheduled for each Mass, except for the 8:30am Mass on Mondays. This is a change from last year. Mass intentions are \$10 each and will be limited to 5 per family for 2026, of which only one can be scheduled on a weekend. Please stop by the parish office to schedule your Mass intentions.



### PRAYER REQUEST

**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	Lucinda Herboth	Kenneth Polarek
Margie Apke	Donna McDevitt Jones	Deborah Richards
Steve Bierman	Ingrid Kay	Olivya Smith
Norma Bloemer	John Keenan	Shirley Valenti
Marty Brumleve	Amy Koester	Karen A Westendorf
Danny Bushue	Betty Koester	Art Willenborg
Dennis Bushur	Evelyn Koester	Paul V. Willenborg
Mary Lynn Byers	Joan Koester	Ann Worman
Cody Chasteen	Gail Kraft	Dan Worman
Britney Chester	Terry Kraft	Jerry Worman
Richard Feldhake	Kevin Langland	Richard J Worman
Claudia Gale	Colleen Linde	
Jackson Gaitros	Blain Loll	
Susan Goldstein	Barbara Mayhew	
Cheryl Gross	George Mette	
Heather Dial Hakman	Bernadette Niemann	
Gina Hargis	Bill Nuxoll	
Mike Hartke	Art Pike	



### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

### Children's Liturgy of the Word begins again on Sunday, September 7!

**Who:** All children ages 3 through kindergarten (no registration required)

**What:** This program offers an opportunity for young children to have the gospel read to them at their level and typically includes a short activity.

**When:** 9:15am Mass each week (excluding holidays). Children are dismissed shortly before mass begins and return to Mass during the offertory.

**Where:** Children will be led by teachers and aides over to the parish center for the program.

**How:** If your child is interested in attending, they just need to walk up to the front of church when the priest/deacon calls them forward prior to Mass. Is your child unsure about walking up to the front of church independently? Parents are welcome to join them or walk them up!

### HOW PARISHIONERS CAN HELP:

- **ADULTS:** We need adults to help share the faith as teachers of the program. No experience and minimal preparation required! The commitment is typically one Sunday per month or one Sunday every two months, depending on the number of teachers.
- **STUDENTS:** We are needing students in 4th grade or above to help as aides. The aides help the young children with coloring, writing names, gluing papers, and standing quietly in line. Service hours are available for aides!

If you are interested in volunteering, please call or text Liz Roepke at 217-690-9282.

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





## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, August 30:

**4:30pm Mass:** Joe Adams Anniversary

### Sunday, August 31:

**7:30am Mass:** Gerry Hoene Anniversary

**9:15am Mass:** Ray & Alma Luchtefeld

**11:00am Mass:** Parishioners of St. Anthony

### Monday, September 1:

**6:30am Mass:** No Mass

**8:30am Mass:** No Mass

**9:00am Mass:** Knights of Columbus Labor Day Mass

### Tuesday, September 2:

**6:30am Mass:** Florence Bushur Anniversary

**8:30am Mass:** Penny Meyer Anniversary

### Wednesday, September 3:

**6:30am Mass:** Bill & Jeanne Huelsbusch Family

### Thursday, September 4:

**6:30am Mass:** Leonard Kinkelaar Anniversary

**8:30am Mass:** Tony Tegenkamp Anniversary

### Friday, September 5:

**6:30am Mass:** Catherine Polarek

**8:30am Mass:** Jim Kinkelaar Anniversary

### Saturday, September 6:

**6:30am Mass:** Marty Pulley

**4:30pm Mass:** Gary Kruger Anniversary

### Sunday, September 7:

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

**9:15am Mass:** Michael Goeckner

**11:00am Mass:** Bill Percy Anniversary

## THE MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY



Enter in the Mysteries of Christ and rediscover the power of the Rosary. An authentic encounter with Christ leads to our transformation and sanctification. Mysteries of the Rosary integrates deeply reflective insights on the life of Christ.

St. Anthony Parish will be offering Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries. Seven weeks for each session. We will meet in the Parish Center on Mondays after the 6:30am Mass and end before the 8:30am Mass, so roughly 7:05-8:15am. Coffee will be available.

To Register for the first session  
email [tess.kabbes@gmail.com](mailto:tess.kabbes@gmail.com) before September 12th.

- Session 1: The Joyful Mysteries: September 15- October 27
- Session 2: The Sorrowful Mysteries: January 5- February 16
- Session 3: The Glorious Mysteries: April 6 - May 18



The Table Of Plenty would like to welcome back our students and staff. TOP will kick off September with donations going to El Shaddai, a nonprofit pregnancy and family support center, serving Effingham County. El Shaddai is a residential home for pregnant women and their children in a need be, crisis situation. It is fully staffed 24/7. Saint Anthony Jr. High students are asked to bring their donations to morning Mass on Tuesday, September 9. Elementary students are asked to bring donations on Thursday, September 11. Parishioners may drop off their donations in the church foyer before Saturday/Sunday Mass on September 13/14. El Shaddai is low on the following household supplies, your generosity is greatly appreciated!

The following items are needed this month:

- Paper Towels
- Kleenex
- Toilet Paper
- All sizes of Ziplock Bags
- Dish Soap
- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Deodorant

- Jayne Genta, Table Of Plenty



### Wedding Banns

Elizabeth Wortman/Ryan Feldhausen  
September 13, 2025 (II)

Mariah Bushue/Matthew Bauer  
September 20, 2025 (I)



The Effingham Knights of Columbus Council #665 will be hosting its yearly Labor Day Mass on Monday, September 1, 2025, at St. Anthony Church. Mass will be at 9am and will be celebrated by our councils' chaplain Fr. James

Flach with reception and fellowship to follow in the Parish Center, all are invited to attend. A collection will be collected for El Shaddai here in Effingham.

### Kate Weber's Bible Study

Bible Study will resume on Thursday, September 4th, with the study of Salvation History through the Bible Timeline. This study is led by Jeff Cavins, who will teach you how to read and understand the Bible. It will lead you to the wonderful narrative of Scripture. Sessions will be offered at 9:15am and 6:30pm in the St. Anthony Parish Center.

Please call the Parish Office at 217-347-7129, to register and to inform us if a study guide is needed, by August 25th.

## Liturgical Ministers for September 2025

Ministry	4:30pm	7:30am	9:15am	11:00am
<b>Lectors</b>	Bob Mette	Jolene Hoke	Jane Dust	Kim Willenborg
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Eric Althoff Vic Fauss Michael Genta Janet Probst Billie Zeller	Alice Dust Greg Dust Shae Thoele Valerie Wohltman <b>More Needed</b>	Deanna Koester Tom Murphy Natalie Repking Brian Sehy Anne Wilson	Eric Koester Larry Masengale Theresa Masengale <b>More Needed</b>
<b>Servers</b>	Nathan Bailey Colin Storm Adam Kowalke	Bryson Bartimus Mary Hoke Lucy Hoke	Aubrey Repking Donovan Schultz Liam Schultz	Nash Hoene Charlotte Sprecher
<b>Ushers</b>	Ken Bourgeois Don Niebrugge Joe Ungrund Mike Zeller	Joe Jansen Terry Westendorf <b>More Needed</b>	Gene Fearday Patrick Niebrugge Brian Repking Michael Wilson	George Dallmier Bart Wiedman <b>More Needed</b>



**SAINT ANTHONY**  
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

# WE'RE HIRING!

Job Openings

For the 2025-2026 school year.



Learn more at  
[stanthony.com](http://stanthony.com)

### Winter Sports:

- 🕒 7th Grade Girls Volleyball Coach
- 🕒 HS Girls JV Basketball Coach

### Spring Sports:

- 🕒 HS Boys Track Coach
- 🕒 HS Boys F/S Baseball Coach

✓ Send coaching applications to  
[kpalmr@stanthony.com](mailto:kpalmr@stanthony.com)

### Grade School:

- 🕒 After School Program Aide
- 🕒 School Lunch Program Substitute Cooks

✓ For school positions, apply online at  
[gradeschool.stanthony.com](http://gradeschool.stanthony.com)



### Bus Drivers Needed

To continue to be able to transport all school athletes in both the grade school and high school, we are in great need of more drivers who have their CDL license. Drivers are paid for their time.

If this is you or you are interested in getting your CDL license to help the school out, please contact Stacia Semple at [ssemple@stanthony.com](mailto:ssemple@stanthony.com).

Please share this with all of your friends and family, retired friends and family, etc. We have the buses but we are lacking drivers. Thank you.

## Pro-Life Corner

**Life Chain 2025**  
**Sunday, October 5**  
**Respect Life Sunday**  
**1:30 pm – Prayer Service**  
**Sacred Heart Parish Center**  
**407 S Henrietta St, Effingham, IL**  
**2-3 pm Life Chain**

A Christian Witness against the killing of pre-born children. Help us line Fayette Ave and Keller Drive in Effingham – prayerfully, peacefully and legally – with crowds of pro-life Christians. Bring your family and friends to help make this a successful pro-life event.

Signs will be furnished.

Refreshments will be served following the event at the parish center.

For further information, please call Karla Slifer, Coordinator at 217-690-5282.

The Life Chain is a church and family event, not a rally or political extravaganza. Participants are to respect all other pedestrians, including those who oppose the chain and show only respect to motorists who indicate other sentiments.

If standing is a problem, lawn chairs are welcome. All denominations are invited and urged to attend!

### Natural Family Planning Class

**2025 Sessions:** To register, contact Kate Pruemer at 217-821-1840 or [kpruemer@gmail.com](mailto:kpruemer@gmail.com)

**Saturday, October 18th**  
9:30-11:00am at St. Anthony Church in Effingham

**Saturday, December 6th**  
1:00-2:30pm at St. Francis Church in Teutopolis

### 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.

**Saturday, November 15, 2025 @ St. Anthony**  
Call 217-347-7129 to register.



**JIGSAW PUZZLE EXCHANGE**  
**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH**  
**11:00AM - 12:00 NOON**

**ST. ANTHONY PARISH CENTER**  
**BRING A PUZZLE**  
**TAKE A PUZZLE!**

**Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women 2025 Convention** – All women are invited to the Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's annual convention on Wednesday, October 1, at St. Paul's Church and Trinity Hall, 1411 Main St., Highland, IL. The day begins with registration and refreshments from 8:00–9:00 a.m., followed by the convention from 9:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m., including Mass at 11:00 a.m. with Bishop Thomas John Paprocki. This year's theme is *"Let Yourself Be Loved"* and will feature speaker Claire Dwyer, author of *This Present Paradise: A Spiritual Journey with St. Elizabeth of the Trinity*. Hosted by the Alton Deanery Council of Catholic Women. Registration forms are available at the parish office or [dio.org/events](http://dio.org/events) and are due by September 14. For more information, email [sdccwinil@gmail.com](mailto:sdccwinil@gmail.com) or call SDCCW President Janet Zimmerman at 217-494-4743.

**St. Charbel's First Class Relic and relics of other saints coming to Vandalia/Springfield in October** – A First Class relic of St. Charbel Makhlouf, the miraculous Maronite priest, monk, and hermit from Lebanon, is coming to our diocese for the first time from his homeland—and Catholics across Illinois are invited to this rare spiritual encounter. The relic will be available for public veneration at two locations: the Sanctuary of the Sorrowful Mother in Vandalia on October 7–8 (Mass at 5 p.m., veneration from 4–8 p.m. both days) and the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield on Sunday, October 19, following the 10 a.m. Mass. Additional relics of holy men and women—including St. Padre Pio, St. Carlo Acutis, the three Fatima children, and a piece of the True Cross—will also be present. Come bring your intentions and experience the powerful intercession of the saints. No RSVP required. For more info, visit [OSMM.org](http://OSMM.org) or email [KeckVanessa7@gmail.com](mailto:KeckVanessa7@gmail.com).

**Fr. Dennis Koopman, OFM**, St. Francis, Teutopolis, invites you to the October 10 - 12, 2025, Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend experience at Villa Maria, Springfield, IL. He will be on the presenting team. The weekend experiences for married couples help to rekindle romance, enhance meaningful communication, and deepen and renew commitment. Take advantage of it taking place at beautiful Villa Maria and not in a motel, and also that it is in the diocese and not in St. Louis. Sign up now! For more information or to apply, go to [wwme.org](http://wwme.org) or call Terry and Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317

**SonRise Fridays are BACK!**  
**All Men Invited – Beginning September 5**



SonRise Friday Men's Breakfast returns to St. Anthony's Parish Center Sept. 5 for men of all area parishes. Together we will dive into: **"Becoming a Man After God's Own Heart"**, a video series produced by Paradises Dei's That Man Is You!

Experience a renewed sense of purpose as you discover the Scriptural Vision of man, including the four leadership roles entrusted to him, and the five personal leadership traits to get there.

Join us for food, fellowship and faith 6:15 AM, Friday, Sept. 5, St. Anthony Parish Center, Effingham.

All men are welcome. Learn more at [thatmanisyou.com](http://thatmanisyou.com), the parish office, or Dan Woods, 217-821-1495.

Diocese of Springfield in Illinois in partnership with Just a Guy in the Pew presents

**MEN'S LEADERSHIP SUMMIT**

**OCTOBER 18, 2025**

**St. Boniface Catholic Church • 110 N. Buchanan St., Edwardsville, IL**

**SATURDAY**

- 9 a.m. Holy Mass
- 9:30 a.m. Coffee & Check In
- 10 a.m. Session 1: **HEART & MIND OF A LEADER**
- 10:45 a.m. Small Group Questions/Discussion
- 11:15 a.m. Session 2: **WHAT MEN WANT/WHAT MEN NEED**
- 11:45 a.m. Small Group Questions/Discussion
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch provided by Edley's BBQ
- 1 p.m. Session 3: **HOW TO BUILD OR ENHANCE A SUCCESSFUL MEN'S GROUP**
- 1:45 p.m. Small Group Questions/Discussion
- 2:15 p.m. Session 4: **NEXT STEPS/PRACTICAL DISCUSSION**
- 2:45 p.m. Q&A with John Edwards and Large Group Discussion

**OUR SPEAKER: JOHN EDWARDS**  
 Founder of *Pew Ministries* and host of *"Just a Guy in the Pew"* podcast

**QUESTIONS? Contact Gracie Ortiz at [gortiz@dio.org](mailto:gortiz@dio.org) or 217 321-1124**

Watch John's story at [dio.org/events/mens-leadership-summit/](http://dio.org/events/mens-leadership-summit/)

The cost is \$30 to register • Deadline is October 1, 2025

[go.dio.org/mls](http://go.dio.org/mls)

**Andrew Dinner**

Calling all men juniors in high school and above! Join Bishop Paprocki and Priests of the Diocese for an Andrew Dinner at 5:00pm on Sunday, September 21 at Little Flower in Springfield. The Andrew Dinner is a simple/low key gathering where we will pray, share a meal, and have conversations about Priesthood and how best to discern what vocation God is calling you to. If you would like to attend, sign up at this link: <https://forms.gle/exdi2Jyrpbo3zNrC7> or email Fr. Zach Samples at [zsamples@dio.org](mailto:zsamples@dio.org). We hope to see you there!



Week Ending Aug 24, 2025	Weekly Totals	Fiscal YTD (Week 8 of 52)	Last Year's YTD
Regular Church Support	\$41,214.08	\$223,975.52	\$212,860.98
GOAL	\$28,265.00	\$226,120.00	
Difference	\$12,949.08	(\$2,144.48)	

Diocesan Collections	Week Ending Aug 24, 2025	YTD
Twining Parish in Nigeria	\$300.00	\$2,251.00
Cemetery	\$50.00	\$4,297.00



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

### Have you been married 50+ years? Time to celebrate!

On September 21 at 2p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield, all couples married 50 years or more are invited to attend a special Mass honoring their marriage vocation! The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Thomas John Paprocki. A reception will follow after Mass. Please register for the Mass by going to [dio.org/events](http://dio.org/events) and clicking on the Sept. 21st Mass. The reception will showcase all photos submitted last year. Due to the number of couples attending, please only submit photos if you did not do so last year. Any questions? Call Ruth Staab at 217-698-8500.



### Knights of Columbus Initiation

The 4th Degree of Assembly 0196 in Teutopolis, IL is pleased to announce that there will be an exemplification on Sunday, September 7. The 4th

Degree Knights is a Catholic men's organization that fosters patriotism and responsible citizenship. Some of the activities a sir knight can participate in includes being in an honor or color guard at celebrations, funerals, civic events and support of veterans and seminarians, preparing to become a military chaplain is part of our mission. Why not take the next step in your faith and religious development? Everyone who is a 3rd Degree Knights member and interested in becoming a sir knight is encouraged to contact the Faithful Navigator, Dan Dust at 217-690-3124 or call the Faithful Scribe, Leon Gobezyński at 217-343-2112.

### Do you have questions about Medicare?

Join us for an informational class.

Preregistration Required | Free to the Public | Only 20 Seats Available!

**Effingham Catholic Charities  
Conference Room**

1502 E Fayette Ave, Teutopolis

**Call 217-857-1458 to Register**

#### Dates Available

September 2 - 10 AM

September 4 - 10 AM

September 9 - 1 PM

September 16 - 10 AM

September 18 - 10 AM

September 23 - 1 PM



ST. ANTHONY HIGH SCHOOL

# CLASS OF 1980 REUNION

**CELEBRATING 45 YEARS**

ON

**OCTOBER 4TH FROM 5:30-9:00PM**

**AT PINKY'S ON LAKE SARA**

WE WILL BE ORDERING OFF THE MENU AROUND 6:30PM

**RSVP BY 9.25.25**

VIA CLASS FACEBOOK PAGE OR EMAIL/CALL/TEXT TOM DIAL AT

TOMD@JEDCOSALES.COM OR (217) 821-3425



**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

# CHURCH PICNIC

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2025**

**Behind the Teutopolis Grade School**

**4:00 PM ALL PARISH OUTDOOR MASS**

(Music begins at 3:00 PM—Featuring "Mixed Nuts")

Picnic Grounds Open After Mass Until 11:30 PM

#### ADULT RAFFLE

**\$4,000 CASH \* \$2,000 CASH**

GLIDER, BICYCLES, CASH, GIFT CERTIFICATES & MUCH MORE

#### KID RAFFLE

CHROME BOOK, TRAMPOLINE,

CASH, GIFT CERTIFICATES & MUCH MORE

#### MUSIC LINE UP

MIXED NUTS, 3-4 PM

THUNDER ROAD, 5-7 PM \* MURPHY 500, 8-11:30 PM

#### ACTIVITIES

KIDS GAMES, BINGO, CAKE WALK, INFLATABLES,

TEUTOPOLIS TREATS, GOLF BALL DROP,

HAMBURGER/BEER & COUNTRY CRAFT STANDS

BUTTERFLY PORK CHOP SANDWICH, HAMBURGER, PORK BURGER, HOT DOGS

**GOLF BALL DROP 6 PM**

**LIVE AUCTION 7 PM**

NO JUNIOR HIGH AREA THIS YEAR!





# SAINT ANTHONY HIGH SCHOOL

August 2025



## Paw Prints

### SAHS Welcomes New Students For 2025-2026

St. Anthony High School welcomed 46 new freshmen students from St. Anthony Grade School (41), Sacred Heart School (3), St. John's Lutheran, Mattoon (1), and Sigel St. Michael School (1), this year. There are 49 sophomore students, 64 students in the junior class (two new from Mattoon and Stewardson-Strasburg), and 55 seniors for a total enrollment of 214 for the 2025-2026 year.

### All-Day Freshmen Retreat

Mr. Sean Hussey, along with Mr. Ian Harris, Mr. Ben Zuber, Mrs. Ashley Jansen, Fr. Jayke White, and Fr. Peter Harman, organized an all-day retreat for the incoming freshmen students this year on August 11. There were talks, games, discussions, prayer, and fellowship, all geared toward helping students encounter the good news of Jesus Christ.

A Pizza Man dinner was provided for the retreatants. Students concluded their day with a Eucharistic Procession from the high school to St. Anthony Church where family and friends joined them in spending time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Thank you to all who helped in any way.



*Fr. Harman Welcomes All Students*

### The First Few Days At SAHS

Students enjoyed a Back-to-School breakfast sponsored by Pep Club, where they were asked to insert prayer requests for the new school year onto the prayer chain and enjoyed donuts, breakfast pizzas, fruit, and juice.



### Students Lead Prayer

Thank you to our senior students Gabby Kabbes, Reagan Zumbahlen, and Ellie Link who have been leading the school in lunch prayer and in the end-of-the-day announcements and prayer.

### Important Dates:

- 9/1 No School (Labor Day)
- 9/3 Staff Photo & Student Photo Retake Day
- 9/4 & 9/5 Sophomore & Junior Boys and Girls Retreats
- 9/5 No School for Fresh & Srs
- 9/11 Adoration in Holy Angels Chapel
- 9/12 Midterm
- 9/19 No School (Tchr Institute)
- 9/30 Last Day for Shorts
- Every Wednesday: Reconciliation, 1:00-2:00pm, Rm. 7:7
- Every Friday: HS Mass in Church, 8:30am



# SAINT ANTHONY GRADE SCHOOL

August 2025



## Paw Prints

### SAGS Ready For the 2025-2026 School Year

St. Anthony Grade School welcomed students back on Wednesday, August 13th, to begin our school year. Our Pre-school enrollment is currently at 76 students (3 & 4 year olds). There are 156 Primary students (K-2nd grade), 143 Intermediate students (3rd-5th Grade) and 138 Jr. High students (6th-8th Grade). Our total enrollment is at 513 students and we wish all of our Bullpups, Teachers and Staff a fantastic year!



### First Grade

Mrs. Sandschafer's 1st grade class made Jitter Juice the first week of school. The special recipe is made up of ABC Solution, Rays of Sunshine, Mystical Rain and Fairy Dust. Jitter Juice was a fun way to talk about the jitters that can happen starting a new school year while having fun with their classmates.



### Sports Corner:

Our Jr. High Softball team has their last home game on Wednesday September 3rd at Sehy Field. Jr. High Baseball will be playing at home September 2nd and 3rd. Our Cross Country teams placed 1st in both the Boys and Girls divisions at their first meet! Come support these talented athletes at their only home meet on September 9th. Best of luck to our boys & girls golf teams that head to Sectionals in early September.

### Important Dates:

- 9/1 No School (Labor Day)
- 9/8 Kindergarten Grandparents Day
- 9/9 Table of Plenty (6-8)
- 9/11 Table of Plenty (K-5)
- 9/12 AR Store (Grades 1-5)
- 9/19 No School
- 9/26 Kindergarten ABC Boot Camp Fashion Show

### Weekly:

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

### Reminder:

\*School picture dates are as follows: Wednesday 9/3 (PK4 and Grades 3-5), Thursday 9/4 (PK3 and Grades 6-8) and Friday 9/5 (Grades K-2)





# MEET OUR NEW TEACHERS AND STAFF!



**Mr. Bart Wiedman** History & Geography Teacher - St. Anthony Grade School

Bart Wiedman joins St. Anthony Grade School as the Jr High Social Studies teacher, bringing 21 years of experience teaching high school social studies and three years as principal at Windsor Jr/ Sr High School. In addition to bringing a wealth of teaching and administrative experience, he has also previously served in a variety of coaching and leadership roles, including high school girls basketball coach and Booster Club president. Bart is an alum of St. Anthony Schools. He and his wife Mandy reside in Effingham and have two adult children who are also alumni of St. Anthony Schools.



**Mrs. Kaitlyn Dust** 2nd Grade Teacher - St. Anthony Grade School

Kaitlyn Dust accepted a position at St. Anthony Grade School as a Second Grade teacher. She is an Early Childhood Education graduate from Eastern Illinois University and covered a maternity leave position after graduating in December 2024. Kaitlyn is an alum of St. Anthony Schools. She currently resides in Effingham and is busy planning her upcoming wedding in January 2026.



**Mrs. Naomi Ochs** Resource Teacher - St. Anthony Grade School

Naomi Ochs joins St. Anthony Grade School as a Resource teacher for grades 3 - 8. She earned her Early Childhood Education degree from Eastern Illinois University after attending Lake Land College and Purdue North Central on volleyball scholarships. Naomi previously taught at Sacred Heart School, Casey-Westfield High School, and Effingham High School, and is excited to return to the classroom after being home to raise her children the past three years. She is an alum of St. Anthony Schools. Naomi resides in Effingham with her husband Jake and their four children.



**Mrs. Amy Allred** Paraprofessional - St. Anthony Grade School

Amy Allred has rejoined St. Anthony Grade School as a PreK - 4 Teacher Aide after previously serving as Kindergarten teacher. She holds a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education from Eastern Illinois University. Amy and her husband Jaron live in Effingham with their three children.



**Mrs. Annette Landrus** School Cook - St. Anthony Grade School

Annette Landrus accepted a position of school cook after most recently working as a receptionist. She brings a 15-year history of working in schools, including an Associates degree in Elementary Education and Bachelor's degree in Organizational Leadership from Greenville College. Annette resides in Effingham with her husband Jeff. They have two adult children and five grandchildren, two which are students at St. Anthony Grade School.



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**Mrs. Toni Elderworth** School Cook - St. Anthony Grade School

Toni Elderworth joins St. Anthony Schools as a school cook. She has previously worked as the Director of Childcare at Little Hearts Academy in Country Club Hills and holds a Certificate of Childcare. She has two adult children and seven grandchildren. Toni resides in Effingham and is engaged to be married.



**Mr. Alex Brandenburger** PE/Strength Training Teacher - St. Anthony High School

Alex Brandenburger accepted the position as Strength and Condition Coach and Health Teacher after most recently working as a Sports Medicine Trainer at Briotix Health. Alex received his Associate's degree from Lewis and Clark Community College and his Bachelor's degree in Exercise Science, and Master's degree in Exercise Physiology from Eastern Illinois University. He is an alum of St. Anthony Schools and currently resides in Effingham.



**Mrs. Stacia Semple** School Secretary & Transportation Coordinator - St. Anthony High School

Stacia Semple joins St. Anthony High School as a part-time School Secretary and Transportation Coordinator. Stacia has previously worked at St. Anthony Grade School as a PE/Health teacher and more than 12 years as a legal assistant. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Eastern Illinois University. Stacia is an alum of St. Anthony Schools and currently resides in Effingham with her husband Jason and their three children, who all attend St. Anthony Schools.



**Ms. Patricia Kirk** School Secretary - St. Anthony High School

Patricia Kirk accepted the position of part-time School Secretary. Patricia is an Associate of the School Sisters of Notre Dame in St. Louis, MO. She brings 37 years of Catholic elementary school principal experience and 17 years of Catholic elementary teaching experience. Patricia is an alum of St. Anthony High School and resides in Effingham with Sister Claret Feldhake.



**Mr. Alex Frohning** Custodian - St. Anthony High School

Alex Frohning joins St. Anthony High School as a part-time custodian. Alex has previously worked as a middle school / high school teacher and is currently working at Sherwin-Williams Distribution Center in Effingham. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Secondary Education from McKendree University. A Jasper County native, Alex now resides in Effingham with his wife and son.





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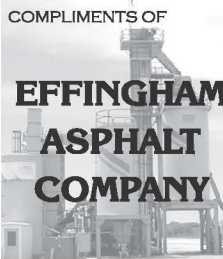
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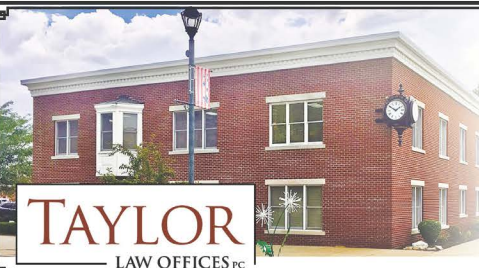
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