

# 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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priests at (217) 703-1042.**

**Sunday, September 21, 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*



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**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 have all watched with sadness of the suffering involved in the war in Gaza. Many innocent people face starvation. It is not easy for us to sort through and make sense of the political causes and ramifications of this this conflict, conflict in a part of the world which seems to be a way of life. But that should not prohibit us from action to assist the suffering. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops have worked to ensure a dependable means to allow us to offer real assistance to those in need. Bishop Paprocki has asked parishes to come together to participate in this assistance. Here is his recent letter to priests.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our Church mourns the terrible suffering of Christians and other innocent victims of violence in Gaza and surrounding areas who are struggling to survive, protect their children, and live with dignity in dire conditions. The Holy Father continues to call for a cease fire and for aid to enter the territory, noting with great sorrow that “Gaza is starving.”


The Catholic Near East Welfare Association is there providing vital emergency humanitarian relief and psychological care for the sick, malnourished and wounded. Given the extraordinary nature of this crisis, The Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio, President of the USCCB, has asked our Diocese to take up a special collection to provide humanitarian Relief and pastoral support for our affected brothers and sisters in Gaza and surrounding areas in the Middle East and send donated funds to CNEWA. This organization has well-established partnerships with the Catholic Church in the region which allows them to respond quickly and efficiently.

The situation in Gaza and across the Middle East cries out for the assistance of the Catholic community of the United States. Please prayerfully consider supporting this special collection.

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki  
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

We will take up a special 2nd Collection for this cause and send it to the diocese to be sent to the Catholic Near East Welfare Association on the weekend of September 27-28. You may send a separate gift at any time to us by way of mail or the office, please be sure to write Gaza Aid on the check or envelope made out to St. Anthony Church.


Fr. Peter Harman



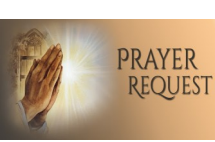
**Wedding Banns**

Lynzee Hagen/Cole Hoene

October 11, 2025 (I)




We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of **Tom Eden & Janet Besmer**. May they enjoy eternal peace and happiness in Heaven.



**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:

Margie Apke	Gina Hargis	Bill Nuxoll
Steve Bierman	Mike Hartke	Art Pike
Norma Bloemer	Lucinda Herboth	Kenneth Polarek
Marty Brumleve	Donna McDevitt Jones	Deborah Richards
Rich Brummer	Ingrid Kay	Olivya Smith
Danny Bushue	John Keenan	Shirley Valenti
Dennis Bushur	Amy Koester	Ashley Westendorf
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Ramona Dirks	Gail Kraft	Ann Worman
Drew Dougherty	Terry Kraft	Dan Worman
Richard Feldhake	Kevin Langland	Jerry Worman
Claudia Gale	Colleen Linde	Richard J Worman
Jackson Gaitros	Blain Loll	
Susan Goldstein	Barbara Mayhew	
Cheryl Gross	George Mette	
Heather Dial Hakman	Bernadette Niemann	

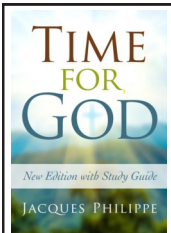


**First Saturday Mass & Devotion**

**October 4, 2025**

Rosary - 6:10am    Mass - 6:30am

Meditations - 7:00am-7:15am



**Time for God**

"I would like to pray, but don't have the time or know how to start out." Does that sound familiar? It is not uncommon to feel unequipped for prayer or how to best follow up with the inspiration we have to draw closer to God. Fr. Jacques Philippe in his classic book *Time for God*, offers a profound yet approachable guide for deepening our sense of God's presence. This fall, Fr. Harman will lead the discussion in a five-part series, with the help of a study guide, through this book. It will take place over the lunch hour, noon-1 p.m., on the Wednesdays of November 5 - December 3. The readings are manageable, since the whole book is just over 100 pages, but it will require some time of reading each week to be able to benefit from the presentation and discussion. Please call the office to register, so that we can order the books if you are interested.





## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, September 20:

**4:30pm Mass:** Ambrose & Stella Probst

### Sunday, September 21:

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

**9:15am Mass:** Jerry Brickley Anniversary

**11:00am Mass:** Marita Kemme

### Monday, September 22:

**6:30am Mass:** Sherri Bourgeois; Ron Worman;  
Rita Mahon Anniversary; Bernard Jansen;  
Kenneth Probst Anniversary; Clem &  
Minnie Luchtefeld; Mike Willenborg  
Anniversary

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

### Tuesday, September 23:

**6:30am Mass:** Eileen Steppe

**8:30am Mass:** Raymond Jones

### Wednesday, September 24:

**6:30am Mass:** Henry & Mary Agnes Hank Anniversary

### Thursday, September 25:

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

**8:30am Mass:** Lorraine Jones Anniversary

### Friday, September 26:

**6:30am Mass:** Frances Hakman Anniversary

**8:30am Mass:** In Thanksgiving

### Saturday, September 27:

**4:30pm Mass:** Austin Flach

### Sunday, September 28:

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

**9:15am Mass:** Living & Deceased Members of the  
Louis & Florence Goldstein Family

**11:00am Mass:** Jim & Virginia Poeppelmeier

**September is Suicide Prevention Month**, there will be a Mass of Remembrance at St. Mary Help of Christians Green Creek on Wednesday, September 24th, 2025 at 6:30 pm. The Mass is for those who have died by suicide, as well as their loved ones. Mental health awareness is an important aspect of our communities and our parishes, and it is important that we all know that we are not alone and that we support one another. There will be a reception to follow in the Parish Hall.



“Come one, come fall!” Almost time for falling leaves and our annual fall soup supper which will be held October 6 at 6pm in the parish center

Good soups, good prizes, and good friends will be on the agenda. Please join us welcoming Sacred Heart and Shumway ladies for a wonderful evening. Betty Bailey will be our guest speaker sharing her experiences during the Vietnam War era which celebrates 50 years of the war ending for the USA.



### DeColores weekends

Say yes to a beautiful 3-day experience at camp Walter Scott. Share in inspiring talks, renew your faith, and make new friends.

**Men's Weekend:** October 16-19, 2025

Men's lay leader: Tim Hodge 217-821-0113

**Women's weekend:** October 23-26, 2025

Women's lay leader: Sandy Deters 217-259-2417



### Sacrament of Marriage

Please contact our parish office at least 9 months before your anticipated wedding date to begin your spiritual preparation. The process will begin with meeting with one of our priests to set your date. One or both persons must be **registered** and **actively** living their faith at St. Anthony Church for at least 1 year to celebrate their wedding here. All couples planning to be married at our parish must attend a Pre-Cana program, Natural Family Planning program, and FOCCUS evaluation. Former members here must be **registered** and **actively** living their faith at the parish where they reside. The latest a wedding can begin is 1pm.

### 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-Canal Dates

Marriage prep programs may be a one-day Pre-Canal program, a weekend for the engaged experience, or another approved marriage preparation program.

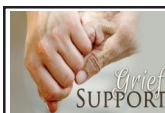
**Saturday, November 15, 2025 @ St. Anthony**

Call 217-347-7129 to register.



### Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated during Mass on Saturdays & Sundays (not during Lent). A family must be **registered** & **actively** living their faith at St. Anthony Church for 1 year to assure the faith will be shared with the newborn child. Godparents must also be registered in a Catholic parish or other Christian church & actively living their faith. A Baptism Class is required for all parents. We ask that both parents attend this class together. Godparents are also encouraged and welcome to attend. For more information, please call the parish office.



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

### Please submit written

**bulletin articles to:** [bulletin@stanthony.com](mailto:bulletin@stanthony.com) or mail to Bulletin, PO Box 764, Effingham, IL 62401. Articles must be in the office by noon Monday prior to publication.

## 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>



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- 🔗 School Lunch Program Substitute Cooks

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**SonRise Fridays**  
**All Men Invited**

Calling All Men! Join other men taking action to grow as leaders at SonRise Friday Men's Breakfast. This is for men of all area parishes.

This week we'll look at the five traits of authentic leaders through the lens of God as the merciful Father. By discovering the Father's love, we'll see how a man's leadership can shape lives and reflect God's own heart.

Come for food, fellowship and faith 6:15 AM, Friday, at the St. Anthony Parish Center, Effingham. All men are welcome. Learn more at [thatmanisyou.com](http://thatmanisyou.com), or Dan Woods, 217-821-1495.



### 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 Sample at [ssample@stanthony.com](mailto:ssample@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.



# STEAK STAG

**Thursday, October 16, 2025**  
**Social Hour at 6:00pm**  
**Dinner starting at 7:00pm**

The Booster Club Steak Stag will be held at St. Anthony Church Parish Center on Thursday, October 16, 2025 beginning at 6:00pm with dinner starting at 7:00pm. The tickets are \$60, which include a steak dinner and 2 drink tickets. The evening will have an auction, raffle, and a bags tournament. Tickets will be sold at the door.

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



## Pro-Life Corner

**Life Chain 2025**  
**Sunday, October 5**  
**Respect Life Sunday**  
**1:30 pm – Prayer Service**  
**Sacred Heart Parish Center**  
**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!

### **Prayer Campaign for LIFE** **Sept. 24 – Nov. 7**

Our parish will soon be participating in the annual “Prayer Campaign for LIFE”, 40 days focused on building a pro-life culture. We will be joining people of faith across our nation to pray, fast, and serve to end abortion and to fight assisted suicide.

God heard the pro-life prayers of our nation, and blessed us by overturning Roe v. Wade in 2022. What a huge victory! We have the wonderful opportunity to pray in thanksgiving for this gift.

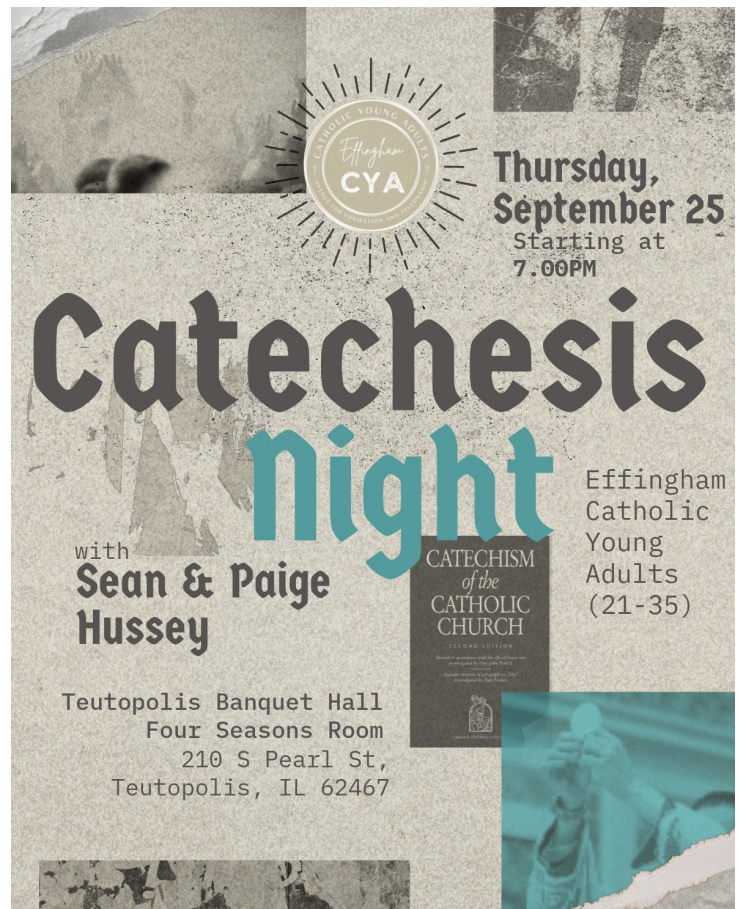
Unfortunately, the average number of abortions committed in our state increased by over 1,300 per month after Roe was overturned. People in surrounding states view our state as an abortion “haven” since Illinois has no abortion restrictions. We have much to pray for!

There will be opportunities to sign-up for individual prayer hours at our church as well as service hours at the Silk Purse Thrift Store in Effingham.

Everyone is encouraged to pray and fast from September 24 to Nov. 7. Watch for more details coming soon!

“Prayer is the best weapon we have;  
it is the key to God’s heart.”

- St. Padre Pio



**Thursday, September 25**  
Starting at 7:00PM

# Catechesis Night

with **Sean & Paige Hussey**

Effingham Catholic Young Adults (21-35)

CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH  
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Teutopolis Banquet Hall  
Four Seasons Room  
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## **St. Isidore Parish** **Annual Fall Breakfast & Raffle**

**St. Joseph Hall (St. Joseph Church), Island Grove**

16987 N 200<sup>th</sup> St / Teutopolis, IL 62467

**Sunday, October 5, 2025**  
**7:30 AM to 12:00 PM**

### **Free Will Donation**

#### **Menu:**

Whole Hog Sausage  
Ham  
Pancakes  
Fried Eggs  
Scrambled Eggs  
Homemade Breads & Rolls  
Orange Juice, Milk & Coffee

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### **Country Store & Quilt Raffle**

**Raffle with cash and prizes totaling over \$5,000**

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Week Ending Sept 14, 2025	Weekly Totals	Fiscal YTD (Week 11 of 52)	Last Year's YTD
Regular Church Support	\$28,467.90	\$289,222.73	\$275,906.64
GOAL	\$28,265.00	\$310,915.00	
Difference	\$202.90	(\$21,692.27)	

Diocesan Collections	Week Ending Sept 14, 2025	YTD
Twining Parish in Nigeria	\$145.00	\$3,046.00
Catholic Times	\$15.00	\$15.00
Catholic Charities	\$25.55	\$76.65
Mission Doctors	\$115.00	\$7,672.00

**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).

**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.



### EIU Newman Center Annual Gala

Are you an alumni, friend, parent, or have a connection to EIU and the Newman Center? Consider attending this year's Newman Night Gala, October 25th, as we remember our past, celebrate the present, and ensure the future of our catholic student community and center here at EIU. For more details call 217-348-0188, visit our website [eiunewman.org/newmannight](http://eiunewman.org/newmannight), or email John Johnson at [development@eiunewman.org](mailto:development@eiunewman.org).



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Tuesday, September 23,  
2025  
2 PM - 6PM

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**Ashley's Story**

On Sunday, June 15, 2025, Ashley (Kinkelaar) Westendorf along with three of her four children, ages 8, 3, and 4 months were the victims of a head-on crash with another vehicle. The children are doing well. Ashley had surgery to repair many broken bones in her legs. She is working hard with physical therapy to regain her strength. She will be off work recuperating for quite some time.

Let's join together as friends, community and family to show Ashley, Mark and her young family our support during her lengthy process of healing.

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