



Sunday, October 19, 2025

*Blessed  
are the  
merciful*

Matthew 5:7



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

**St. Anthony of Padua**

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*"From the Pastor's Desk"*

Dear St. Anthony Parish Family:

In this month dedicated to respect for human life, we find ourselves in a year marked with increased violence and division in our culture. I came across this article written by Archbishop Tim Broglio, who heads up the Archdiocese for Military Services and currently serves as the President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. I hope you may find it worth your reflection:

As shepherd to our nation's uniformed service members and their families, I have known the pain that the violence of war inflicts on men and women and those closest to them. Trained military chaplains work tirelessly to help servicemembers and families heal from the wounds of war. This ministry has changed my life forever. Today, grievous acts of violence have intruded into the daily lives of too many Americans—an experience that, tragically, many civilians around the world have long endured. Places once regarded as safe harbors to grow and learn—our schools, universities, and churches—have become sites of heartbreaking tragedy and bloodshed.

Five years ago, in his encyclical *Fratelli tutti*, Pope Francis outlined steps our world must take to rebuild a sense of communion in the wake of what he described as "shattered dreams." As the encyclical prophetically points out, people are being manipulated "to serve as tools for domination, as meaningless tags that can be used to justify any action." We have seen the manifestation of this notion in the perverse idea that one can serve the common good by becoming an instrument of violence. This happens when we refuse to see the face of Christ in the other person and only see an enemy that must be dominated or destroyed. Tragically, decent people of every political persuasion continue to fall victim to this deadly trend. Too much of everyday life is strained by hostility and division, which has resulted in shocking acts of political violence.

The wisdom Pope Francis offers reminds us that "authentic reconciliation does not flee from conflict, but is achieved *in* conflict, resolving it through dialogue and open, honest and patient negotiation." "The path to social unity," he stresses, "always entails acknowledging the possibility that others have, at least in part, a legitimate point of view, something worthwhile to contribute, even if they were in error or acted badly." Building peace in our nation "requires us to place at the center of all political, social, and economic activity the human person from conception to natural death, who enjoys the highest dignity, and respect for the common good."

I ask every American to reflect on the value of every human life. I beg you to see Christ in every person, even those whose politics you oppose. Each of us should examine our hearts, our thoughts, and our actions and ask ourselves how we contribute to the polarization and animosity plaguing our nation. We should also put into practice those behaviors that can help us begin to heal the rifts between us. Consider performing a corporal work of mercy—feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, sheltering the homeless, visiting the sick and imprisoned, and burying the dead. Consider fasting from social media for one day a week or in the evening. Pray for your enemies. Listen and talk with those you with whom you disagree—especially within your own family. Disagree, debate civilly, stand for your rights, but always remember in your heart that we are all children of God and deserve dignity and life.

On this fifth anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical letter *Fratelli tutti*, let us pray "so that we may discover anew that all are important and all are necessary, different faces of the one humanity that God so loves. Amen."

I pray you 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:

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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.**

### 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, October 18:**  
**4:30pm Mass:** Parishioners of St. Anthony

**Sunday, October 19:**  
**7:30am Mass:** Dennis & Janice Flach  
**9:15am Mass:** Lawrence Carie  
**11:00am Mass:** Norma Jean Huelsing

**Monday, October 20:**  
**6:30am Mass:** Bob & Florence Schuette;  
 Arthur Kinkelaar  
**8:30am Mass:** Ben & Florence Goldstein Family

**Tuesday, October 21:**  
**6:30am Mass:** Johnny Stumeier  
**8:30am Mass:** Carl & Dorothy Bushur Family

**Wednesday, October 22:**  
**6:30am Mass:** The Wesselman Family

**Thursday, October 23:**  
**6:30am Mass:** Jerry Schutzbach Anniversary  
**8:30am Mass:** Dennis Pike

**Friday, October 24:**  
**6:30am Mass:** Maggie Bushue  
**8:30am Mass:** Nick & Marie Dust Family

**Saturday, October 25:**  
**4:30pm Mass:** Jeanne Willenborg

**Sunday, October 26:**  
**7:30am Mass:** Parishioners of St. Anthony  
**9:15am Mass:** Anna Sparling Family  
**11:00am Mass:** Fred Lohman



**Grief Support Meetings** - We will not have Grief Support meetings in the month of October. They will resume in November.

# MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Please join us at  
 St. Anthony Church  
 101 E Virginia Ave, Effingham, IL

Sunday, November 2nd  
 at 2:00pm



REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES.



### 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 Pruemmer at 217-821-1840 or [kpruemmer@gmail.com](mailto:kpruemmer@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.



### 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.

**Baptism Class** - Parents are required to attend a Baptism Class before their child is baptized. The next class will be held at St. Anthony's Parish Center, **Thursday, November 20th** at 7:00pm. To register call the parish office at 217-347-7129.



## SonRise Fridays

### All Men Invited

Men, this one's for you! This week is about action! It is nice to talk about God abiding in marriage and family life, but we must take concrete actions to do so. Our actions must be in harmony with our clarity of thought for us to be men of integrity.

Come for food, fellowship and faith 6:15 AM - 7:30 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.

## Liturgical Ministers for October 2025

Ministry	4:30pm	7:30am	9:15am	11:00am
<b>Lectors</b>	Bob Schultz	Kate Weber	Christy Elder	Tony Kemme
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Joe Buscher Mary Jo Green Carla Koerner Patty McHugh Jacob Emmerich	Sue Bushur Janet Kennedy Marge Pearcy Carlene Weber <b>More Needed</b>	Sarah Geen Mandy Henning Avery Henning Carrie Koenig Kevin Roewe	Brenda Jansen Mike Klitzing Susan Ealy <b>More Needed</b>
<b>Servers</b>	Henry Gannaway Max Schuette James Gilmore	Jacob Thoele Kyle Thoele	Luke Roewe Meg Roewe Kolin Kiefer	Anna Mae Scheidemantel Martin Scheidemantel
<b>Ushers</b>	Jeff Dust Phil Koerner Mitch Martin Dan Ritz	Greg Bushur Tony Weber <b>More Needed</b>	Bernie Blanchette Justin Brummer Vic Jansen <b>More Needed</b>	Preston Barr Larry Goldstein <b>More Needed</b>



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## JIGSAW PUZZLE EXCHANGE

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH

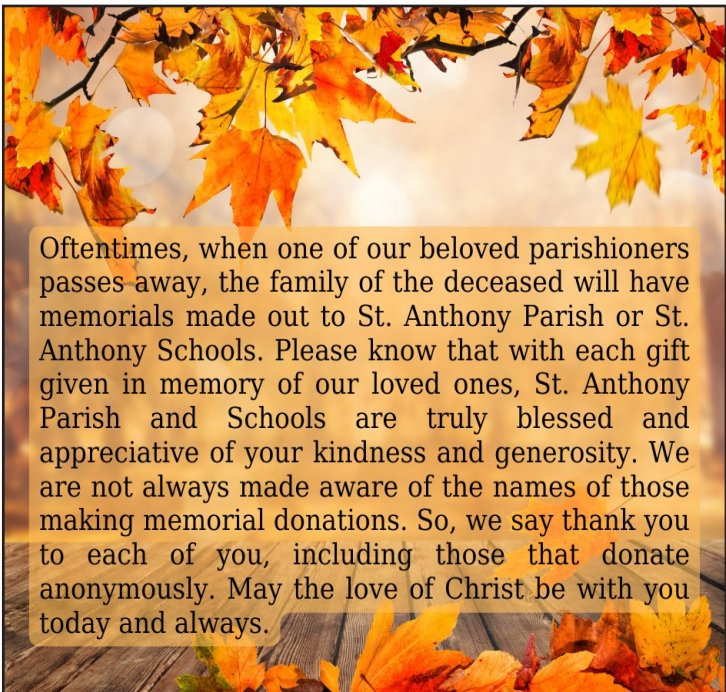
### 11:00AM - 12:00 NOON




## ST. ANTHONY PARISH CENTER

## BRING A PUZZLE

## TAKE A PUZZLE!



Oftentimes, when one of our beloved parishioners passes away, the family of the deceased will have memorials made out to St. Anthony Parish or St. Anthony Schools. Please know that with each gift given in memory of our loved ones, St. Anthony Parish and Schools are truly blessed and appreciative of your kindness and generosity. We are not always made aware of the names of those making memorial donations. So, we say thank you to each of you, including those that donate anonymously. May the love of Christ be with you today and always.



### 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.

**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.



# NOVEMBER 6-9, 2025

Thur, Fri, Sat - 7:00pm | Sunday - 2:00pm | St. Anthony H.S. MPR

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Tickets are available at the High School office or at the door.

## Pro-Life Corner

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

Our parish is currently participating in the annual “Prayer Campaign for LIFE”, 40 days focused on building a pro-life culture. We have joined 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. We have the wonderful opportunity to pray in thanksgiving for this gift.

Join Effingham Area Right to Life on **Monday, October 20** from 8:00 am - 12:00 noon at Hope Clinic in Granite City, IL as part of the 40 Days for Life event. We will depart at 6:00 am from the Effingham Event Center parking lot. To join our carpool, please text Diann at 217-663-2056.

Babies are saved when we show up to pray!

*Before I formed you in the womb,  
I knew you;  
Before you were born,  
I set you apart.  
- Jeremiah 1:5*



### Take Our Survey!

St. Anthony High School is currently undergoing our continued accreditation process through Western Catholic Educational Association (WCEA) in partnership with the Diocese of Springfield. This process helps ensure that our school continues to meet high standards in academics, faith formation, and overall operations and leadership. As stakeholders in our schools, your feedback is essential to our continued improvement. To offer your feedback on St. Anthony High School's current operation, please complete the survey through the QR code.



### Rediscover the spark that was there on your wedding day!

Renew your Sacrament, deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, and rekindle your romance by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience! There is only ONE 2025 weekend experience remaining. Sign-up now as space is limited! Our 2026 dates will be announced soon. For more information or to apply, go to [www.me.org](http://www.me.org), or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

**12/5/2025 - 12/7/2025, St. Peters, MO**



### Shot Clock Operators

Our high school basketball programs are in need of shot clock operators starting with the 2026-2027 season. We will take this year to practice at different games. It is not that difficult, and you get a front row seat to all the games! Please contact A.D. Kevin Palmer for more information at [kpalm@stanthony.com](mailto:kpalm@stanthony.com).

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Week Ending Oct 12, 2025	Weekly Totals	Fiscal YTD (Week 15 of 52)	Last Year's YTD
Regular Church Support	\$37,775.44	\$392,851.65	\$354,896.08
GOAL	\$28,265.00	\$423,975.00	
Difference	\$9,510.44	(\$31,123.35)	

Diocesan Collections	Week Ending Oct 12, 2025	YTD
Twining Parish in Nigeria	\$1,385.00	\$7,546.00
Cemetery	\$20.00	\$4,747.00
Gaza	\$434.19	\$10,281.39
Prop of Faith/Mission Sunday	\$75.00	\$225.00

### TREASURES OF ITALY PILGRIMAGE

12 Days: April 13-24, 2026  
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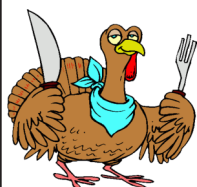
Contact Fr. Dean 217-494-6326 or rdprobst@gmail.com  
for more info or brochure.



### 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, or email John  
Johnson at development@eiunewman.org.



### 21st Annual Effingham County Thanksgiving Day Dinner

The Effingham County FISH Organization  
is sponsoring the 21st Annual Effingham  
County Free Thanksgiving Day Dinner.

**Thursday, November 27, 2025**

We will offer a congregate meal at Cornerstone Christian  
Church, with serving beginning at 12:30pm. We will still  
offer delivered meals as well as curbside pickup. Curbside  
pickup will be available at Cornerstone Christian Church,  
3600 South Banker, Effingham, between 11:00am & 12  
noon. Meals will be delivered after 10:00am.

This event is free and open to all Effingham County  
Residents and their families, however donations are always  
greatly appreciated and may be sent to: FISH, PO Box 473,  
Effingham, IL 62401.

To reserve a Congregate Meal, Home Delivered Meal or  
Curbside Pickup, please call 217-821-4387 between  
November 1st through November 24, 2025.

Volunteers are needed to help package and deliver meals.  
We will start packaging meals at 9:00am on Thanksgiving  
day. To volunteer, please call 217-343-7342.

**Our Sorrowful Mother's Ministry** in Vandalia, IL will be  
hosting their 28<sup>th</sup> annual conference on October 24-26.  
Join us for this upcoming retreat titled "Unmasking the  
Devil: The Ultimate Teachings for Spiritual Combat".  
Speakers will include Bishop Thomas John Paprocki, Fr  
Augustine Puchner, a Norbertine priest, Dr. Dan Schneider,  
a Gulf war veteran and a US Army helicopter pilot, and  
Nikki Kingsley, who will share her miraculous conversion  
from Islam to Catholicism. Please go to osmm.org to  
register, and the full agenda is listed on their website. The  
cost is \$50 to attend. You may also contact Karla Slifer at  
217-690-5282 for more information.

### Knights of Columbus ID Breakfast

Sunday, October 19, 2025

7:00am to 12:00 noon

Teutopolis Banquet Hall



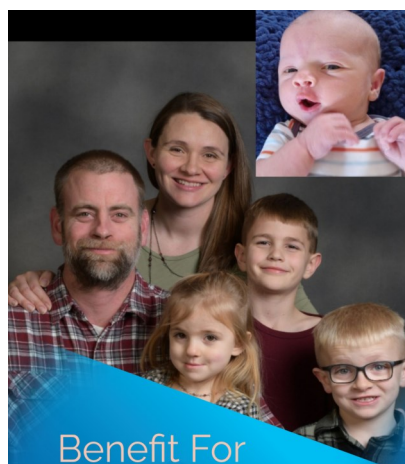
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### Ashley's Story

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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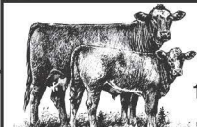
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