

"From the Pastor's Desk"

Dear St. Anthony Parish Family:

I hope you had the chance to enjoy Thanksgiving with your families. I was able to get to Quincy and spend two and a half days there with my family. It makes me realize that there are so many things in life for which I should be grateful, but often overlook. Among those blessings are all of you who are reading this paragraph and are devoted, active and generous in your faith. Without you, my life would just be a series of tasks to complete; but faith blesses and multiplies what we have been given by God.

A reminder of our Advent Spiritual Opportunities starting now!

- * Starting this week and for three Wednesdays of Advent, December 3, 10 and 17: 5:15 p.m. Weekday Mass followed by presentation in the Parish Center. This year's theme, the Virtues of Faith, Hope and Love in Advent and Christmas Art. I think you will find this interesting. It follows the format we have used in recent years for Lent and Advent.
- * Sunday December 7: Parish Christmas Caroling. Depart Parish Center at 1 p.m. This is a wonderful experience, especially for children. We go to the homebound and brighten their season.
- * Sunday December 14: Advent Penance Service at 3 p.m. in church.
- * Sunday December 21: Advent Lessons and Carols at 4 p.m. This brief prayer service will allow us to hear the short scripture which inspires so many of our beautiful Advent and Christmas Carols and then sing them together in prayer. This is a beautiful service.

Next Monday, December 8 is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated on Monday only (since Sunday is a Sunday of Advent) 6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

A blessed Advent to you all.

Fr. Peter Harman

Immaculate Conception Mass Schedule

Monday, December 8th: 6:30am, 8:30am, 12:10pm, 5:30pm

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



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Child Abuse Reporting & Investigation number at 217-321-1155 or Children & Family Services Child Abuse Hotline1-800-25-ABUSE.

Advent Reconciliation Service

St Anthony will host a Parish Reconciliation Service in church on Sunday, December 14th at 3:00pm until all are heard.



St. Anthony of Padua Hall of Fame committee will be accepting nominations for this year's 2025 class of inductees. The selection criteria & nomination application is accessible at stanthony.com/ church/about/hall-of-fame. The deadline for submission applications of December 31, 2025.

There are five categories for nominations:

- Alumnus of St. Anthony School
- Former Faculty, Staff, or Coach of St. Anthony
- Friends of St. Anthony
- Athlete or Team of St. Anthony
- Fine Arts

The Inductees will be announced in January with a dinner and celebration on Saturday, March 28th.

2024 inductees to the St. Anthony of Padua Hall of Fame were Andrew Gardewine (Athlete), Bill Farrey (Staff), Eric Zeller (Alumni) and Roy & Kate Weber (Friends).

First Sunday of Advent November 30, 2025



Saturday, November 29:

4:30pm Mass: Arthur & Shirley Wolfert

Sunday, November 30:

7:30am Mass: Dennis & Jeanne Pike Family 9:15am Mass: Parishioners of St. Anthony

11:00am Mass: Bernie Niemann

Monday, December 1:

6:30am Mass: Carol Jean Vahling Anniversary; Phil

Kinkelaar Anniversary; Fred Lohman; Living & Deceased Members of the

Class of 1955

8:30am Mass: Sr. Pat Thies 90th Birthday

Tuesday, December 2:

6:30am Mass: Marie C Dust

8:30am Mass: Don Boos Anniversary

Wednesday, December 3:

6:30am Mass: Jim Bourgeois Anniversary

Thursday, December 4:

6:30am Mass: Bob & Florence Schuette 8:30am Mass: Joseph F Green Family

Friday, December 5:

6:30am Mass: John Gapsis 8:30am Mass: Charles Hicks

Saturday, December 6:

6:30am Mass: Bob Platt Anniversary

4:30pm Mass: Alex Pickett

Sunday, December 7:

7:30am Mass: Kay Adams Anniversary 9:15am Mass: Nick & Marie Dust Family 11:00am Mass: Parishioners of St. Anthony

St. Anthony's CCW Christmas Party

It's hard to believe December is just around the corner. I'm looking forward to Christmas and all that it entails; Christ's birthday and celebrating it. Our annual Christmas party will be December 1, 6:00 pm at the parish center. Please bring a side dish or dessert for the dinner which will be Lasagna and Chicken Alfredo. Bring a wrapped food item for a fun exchange game. Looking forward to the holiday season and all that entails. Don't forget to start baking for the cookie candy sale, December 13. Merry Christmas!

Rita Devore - CCW President



Blue and Pink Support Group

If you have experienced pregnancy or infant loss, please join us in our new peer support group. "The Blue and Pink Group" will meet every Monday in January from 6:15-8:00 at the Parish Center. This inclusive group will meet to share, listen, and support one another through our journey of loss of grief and healing. Resources will be available. For questions, please contact Kara Huston at khuston@stanthony.com



First Saturday Mass & Devotion December 6, 2025

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





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Liturgical Ministers for December 2025					
Ministry	4:30pm	7:30am	9:15am	11:00am	
Lectors	Phil Zaccari	Doug McDevitt	Julie Wortman	Kim Willenborg	
Eucharistic Ministers	Vic Fauss Nicole Field Ellen Hann Janet Probst Mary Beth Stuckey	Sue Bushur Janet Kennedy Kelly McDevitt Carlene Weber Sarah Wendt	Teresa Beck Patti Jansen Tom Jansen Eric Mammoser More Needed	Brenda Jansen Mike Klitzing Susan Ealy More Needed	
Servers	Jackson Hann James Dust Mason Dust	Bryson Bartimus Owen Wendt	Will Ludwig Josie Ludwig Ryan Wohltman	Owen Gillenwater Charlotte Sprecher Barron Sprecher	
Ushers	Ed Deters Eric Althoff Ken Bourgeois Don Niebrugge	Greg Bushur Tony Weber More Needed	Justin Brummer Patrick Niebrugge Brian Sehy More Needed	George Dallmier Dennis Meyer More Needed	

St. Anthony's CCW Annual Christmas Cookie & Candy Sale

> Saturday, December 13th Noon to 6:00pm

The ladies of St. Anthony of Padua Church in Effingham would like to invite you to shop at our annual Holiday Cookie/Candy Sale on Saturday, December 13th from Noon to 6pm. The sale is held in our Parish Center located west of the church. There will be a wonderful array of cookies, snack mixes, candies, and fudge, delicious breads, coffee cakes, and cinnamon rolls. Please come and stock up on our homemade holiday treats for your family and guests.

We will also have a raffle for a beautiful Christmas quilted throw, donated by Robin Westendorf. Tickets are \$2 each or 6 for \$10. Raffle tickets will be in the bulletin next weekend, or you may stop by the parish office to pick some up. You need not be present to win.

Pro-Life Corner

Becky Bauerle, Mother of Dolors, Vandalia is organizing a group to the March for Life in Washington DC on Jan 21-25.

The last time the large group went was 6 years ago. Many of todays teenagers have not experienced this life changing event. Abortion in Illinois has been increasing since the overturn of Roe v Wade. We must stand up, speak out, and MARCH FOR LIFE.

The cost is \$200 by Dec 1, with the balance \$200 by Jan 1. Partial scholarships are available.

For more info call Diann Ruholl at 217-663-2056.

Please submit written bulletin articles to:

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.



Join us for three Wednesdays of Advent, December 3, 10 and 17 at 5:15 p.m for Mass, followed by a presentation in the Parish Center. This year's theme, the Virtues of Faith, Hope and Love in Advent and Christmas Art. I think you will find this interesting. It follows the format we have used in recent years for Lent and Advent.

Each Evening, our Mini-Retreat schedule will include:

5:15 pm - Parish Mass

6:00 pm - Presentation by Fr. Harman & Fr. Jayke in the Parish Center Light snacks and refreshments provided

Our Advent Discipleship Series is a continuation of St. Anthony Parish's Intentional Discipleship Series. All are invited to attend. Invite a friend or family member to join you. However the Lord speaks to you this Advent and Christmas season, we want to be with you as you become a more Intentional Disciple of Jesus Christ.

A reminder that the Parish Advent Reconciliation Service will be on Sunday, December 14 at 3:00pm in church.

Advent Talks



Christmas Caroling

Join us Sunday, December 7th Buses will load at the Parish Center @ 12:30pm, and depart at 1:00pm. Hot chocolate upon return

If you or someone you know is homebound and lives within city limits contact the parish office at 217-347-7129 to receive a visit from the carolers.



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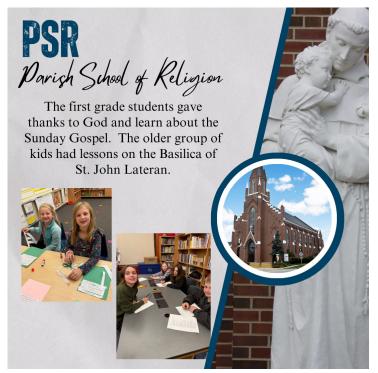
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The Table of Plenty Thanks you for your incredible donations to help fill the Catholic Charities Thanksgiving baskets. You all were beyond generous. Lee, pantry manager, tells me that the number of families in need is even

greater than last year. With that in mind, let's get ready to do it again for December's Christmas baskets. The Jr. High students are asked to bring their donations to morning Mass on Tuesday, December 2. The Elementary students are asked to bring their donations to Mass on Thursday, December 4. Parishioners may leave their donations in the church foyer the weekend of December 6/7.

The following food items are needed this month:

- Empty egg cartons, (Catholic Charities receives their eggs in bulk).
- Boxed instant mashed potatoes
- Oatmeal in round containers
- Boxed stuffing mix
- Pumpkin pie filling
- Canned peas
- Boxed saltine crackers
- Plastic jars of jelly
- Plastic bottles of pancake syrup

- Jayne Genta, Table Of Plenty



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, January 15th at 7:00pm. To register call the parish office at 217-347-7129.

Natural Family Planning Class

<u>2025 Sessions:</u> To register, contact Kate Pruemer at 217-821-1840 or kpruemer@gmail.com

Saturday, December 6th

1:00-2:30pm at St. Francis Church in Teutopolis

Saturday, January 17th

10:00-11:30am virtual class on WebEx

Saturday, March 7th

1:00-2:30pm at St. Anthony Church in Effingham

Week Ending Weekly Fiscal YTD Last Year's Nov 23, 2025 Totals (Week 21 of 52) YTD

Regular Church Support

GOAL

Due to our bulletin printing schedule, the collection numbers for November 23rd, will appear in the bulletin on December 7th.

Twining Parish in Nigeria	\$8,307.00
Cemetery	\$7,394.10
Catholic Charities	\$147.75
Easter/Christmas Flowers	\$1,500.00
Campaign for Justice & Hope	\$85.00

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To ensure your contributions are included in the year intended, 2025 contributions must be dated and post marked in 2025. If you hand deliver your year-end contributions, it must be dated 2025 and received by 4:00pm on Friday, January 2, 2026.



Flame of Love Rosary Prayer Group

Wednesdays from 3:30 - 4:10 Sacred Heart Church, Effingham

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DECEMBER 7, 2025 4:00 P.M.

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AUSTRIAN AND GERMAN DESSERTS AFTERWARDS



Paw Prints

November

Students and Faculty are looking forward to the Thanksgiving Dinner on Wednesday, November 26th. This annual tradition of giving thanks to the many volunteers who give of their time and talent to St. Anthony High School is the highlight of school right before Thanksgiving break. Wishing all our parents, grandparents and parishioners a very Happy Thanksgiving 2025!



Mrs. Jansen's Speech class has been busy sharing their talents and hobbies with each other through Demonstration Speeches. Emma Bernhard pictured here with her horse demonstrating how to barrel race and care for horses. Our high school is blessed with so many talented students with unique and interesting skills and interests.





St. Anthony High School was well represented at ILMEA District 5 Festival on Saturday, November, 22nd on the campus of Eastern Illinois University. After being selected through an audition process, Rosie Warner (flute), Sophia Emmerich (oboe), and Max Gillenwater (alto saxophone) performed with the Senior Band. Michaela Prange (oboe) was selected as a member of the Senior Orchestra. Norah Frost sang with the Senior Mixed Choir while Page Brummer, Gianna Frisbie, and Evie Sayne performed in the Senior Treble Choir. Congratulations to all!





The Scholar Bowl team finished their fall season last week. The JV team consisting of 5 freshmen and one sophomore finished 4 and 4, and the varsity team finished 5 and 3. Both teams have a lot of great performances to build on for the winter season. The JV captain is Rosie Warner and the Varsity captain is Veronica Sudkamp. Current tossup leader is Isaac Fallert. Coach Mr. Zuber loves the team camaraderie and appreciates the team's enthusiasm for life! Varsity members include Nora Frost, Veronica Sudkamp, Gianna Frisbie, Page Brummer Row 2: Holly Goldstein, Madeline Gibson, Devin Grubb, Max

Row 2: Holly Goldstein, Madeline Gibson, Devin Grubb, Max Gillenwater, Jonathan Brummer, and Isaac Fallert. Jr Varsity members are Desmond Beyers, Michaela Prange, and Rosalie Warner





Eight proud Bulldogs, and Shamrock alumni returned to Sacred Heart to speak to 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. SAHS student panel shared their experiences transitioning to high school, the value of deepening their faith during young adulthood, their favorite teachers, and their least favorite school lunches. We're grateful for this opportunity and so proud of the way our students represented St. Anthony High School. Students include Michael Wright, Oliver Kreke, Gracie Haarman, Isaac Tays, Freddie Jansen, Page Brummer, Avery LaSage, Emma Poulin

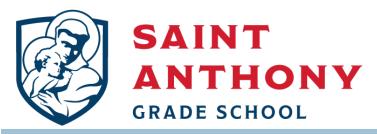
Important Dates:

December

- 5 Homecoming Game
- 6 -Homecoming Dance
- 8 SAHS Mass at 12:10pm
- 10 Christmas Band & Choir Showcase at 7 pm
- 11 SAHS Adoration 7:15am -2:35pm 17-19 - Exams
- 19 End of Second Quarter
- 22 Jan 6 Christmas break
- January 7 Classes Resume

Every Wednesday: Reconciliation, 1:00 - 2:00pm, Rm. 7:7

Every Friday: HS Mass in Church, 8:30am





Paw Prints

November Snapshot

November brings feelings of thankfulness for all of our blessings. At St. Anthony Grade School, one of our biggest blessings is you...the people who support Catholic education. Because of your generosity we are able to educate over 500 students and continue the tradition of academic excellence for generations to come. We are also fostering the spirit of giving in our students. In the month of December we are collecting for the Table of Plenty and also holding an Advent donation drive collecting stocking caps, gloves and socks for the FISH Christmas Store. May God bless your generosity to our school and our community. Happy Thanksgiving from all of us at St. Anthony Grade School!

Science Class Activities

Students shown below in Mrs. Kuhl's 5th grade class colored aprons to show where their digestive organs are located. This creative project helped them to understand where the organs are located in the body.

Mrs. Borries had her 4th grade students, shown on the right, become nature's tiny helpers as they did a fun, hands-on activity all about pollination! They learned how plants make new seeds and how important insects like bees are to the process.







Advent Donation Drive ~ November 24th through December 5th: Primary students should bring in hats, Intermediate students gloves and Jr. High students should bring in socks.



December Table of Plenty: Items needed for December include empty egg cartons, boxed stuffing, pumpkin pie filling, instant mashed potatoes, canned peas, saltine crackers, oatmeal in round containers, plastic jars of jelly & syrup.



Important Dates:

12/2 Table of Plenty (Gr. 6-8)

12/4 Table of Plenty (Gr. K-5)

12/12 No School

12/17 Primary Christmas Program at 6:30pm

12/19 Last day of school before Christmas break

Weekly:

Every Tuesday: Jr. High students

attend 8:30am Mass

Every Thursday: Grades K-5

attend 8:30am Mass



SAGS Christmas Fun

Monday 12/15: Grinch vs Santa—wear red or green shirt with jeans Tuesday 12/16: Silly Socks—wear wacky, silly or crazy Christmas socks

Wednesday 12/17: Students are able to wear sweatpants and a Christmas sweater

Thursday 12/18: Santa's Helpers—wear any crazy Christmas hat Friday 12/19: PJ Party—wear school appropriate Christmas pajamas

St. Anthony's CCW Annual Christmas Cookie & Candy Sale

Saturday, December 13th – Noon to 6:00pm

St. Anthony Parish Center



Please consider making some of your favorite baked goods and candies for our sale. This year we need cookies to fill 300 boxes, as well as fudge (all flavors) and caramels (always a top seller). We also need Christmas breads such as cinnamon rolls, coffee cakes, tea rings, stolen, baklava, and fruit quick breads. Containers of snack mixes are also appreciated.

Decorated boxes, ready for you to fill, can be picked up at the church entrances!

On Friday, December 12th (from 8:00am to 6:00pm) and Saturday, December 13th, (8:00am to 11:00am), we will be at the Parish Center to receive your breads, candy, cookies, & other goodies.

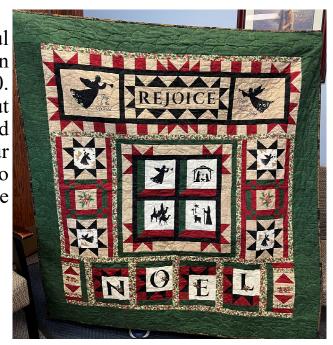
The Biggest & Best Christmas Bake Sale ever will take place in the Parish Center on **Saturday, December 13th from Noon to 6:00pm**. We will also be offering plates containing a variety of cookies, wrapped and ready for gift giving, at \$5 or \$10 each.

We will also have a raffle for a beautiful Christmas quilted throw, (donated by Robin Westendorf. Tickets are \$2 each or 6 for \$10. You need not be present to win. Please put your tickets and money in an envelope and mark it as "Quilt Raffle." You can turn your tickets in at the church office, or bring them to the Cookie/Candy Sale. Tickets will also be available at the sale.

For more information or to volunteer to help anytime, please contact:

Sue Green 217-690-0029

Many Thanks For All You Do!



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