

# BAPTISM of the LORD

**Sunday, January 11, 2026**



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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



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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:

As we commemorate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, I came across a writing of the late Pope Benedict XVI for our reflection: As we heard in Advent, John the Baptist called all of Jerusalem and Judea out to the Jordan River to do two things, confess their sins and be baptized. "The act of descending into the waters of Baptism implies a confession of guilt and a plea for forgiveness in order to make a new beginning. In a world marked by sin, then, this Yes to the entire will of God [by Jesus] also expresses solidarity with men, who have incurred guilt but yearn for righteousness. The significance of the event of Jesus' baptism could not fully emerge until it was seen in light of the Cross and Resurrection. Descending into the water, the candidates for Baptism confess their sin and seek to be rid of their burden of guilt. What did Jesus do in this same situation?

"St. Luke tells us that Jesus was praying while he was baptized. Looking at the events in light of the Cross and Resurrection, the Christian people realized what happened. Jesus loaded the burden of all mankind's guilt upon his shoulders; he bore it down into the depths of the Jordan River. He inaugurated his public activity by stepping into the place of sinners. His very first gesture is in anticipation of the Cross. He is, as it were, the new and true Jonah who said to the crew of the ship, 'Take me and throw me into the sea.'"

"The whole significance of Jesus' baptism, the fact that he bears all righteousness first comes to light in the Cross. The Baptism is an acceptance for the sins of humanity, and the voice that calls out 'This is my beloved Son' over the baptismal waters is an anticipation of the victory and vindication of the Resurrection." Does Jesus not say later, "I have a Baptism to receive and how I long that it were completed?" He says this after his Baptism by John (which we commemorate today), and before going to Jerusalem to offer his life for our sins.

Perhaps today you can give thanks for your own Baptism and your belonging to the Church. Perhaps you can show your little children pictures of their own Baptism and explain what this means in light of what we celebrate today. Happy anniversary of Baptism!

Fr. Peter Harman



We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of **Kenneth Stuckey**. May he enjoy eternal peace and happiness in Heaven.



Wedding Banns  
Kaitlyn Dust/Dylan Bushur  
January 24, 2026 (II)

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



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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## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, January 10:

4:30pm Mass: Rosie Bushur

### Sunday, January 11:

7:30am Mass: Parishioners of St. Anthony

9:15am Mass: Janet Besmer

11:00am Mass: Diane Reynolds

### Monday, January 12:

6:30am Mass: Members of the CD of A

8:30am Mass: Otto & Mardell Goldstein

### Tuesday, January 13:

6:30am Mass: Kathy Fehrenbacher

8:30am Mass: Debbie Worman Anniversary

### Wednesday, January 14:

6:30am Mass: Joan Eggers Anniversary

### Thursday, January 15:

6:30am Mass: Margaret Niebrugge Anniversary

8:30am Mass: Bertha Mette

### Friday, January 16:

6:30am Mass: John Gapsis

8:30am Mass: Mary Louise Dietzen Anniversary

### Saturday, January 17:

4:30pm Mass: Carl Niemerg

### Sunday, January 18:

7:30am Mass: Pathenia Lagerhausen

9:15am Mass: Mary Dasenbrock

11:00am Mass: Parishioners of St. Anthony



### Christmas Decorations/Donations

- In Memory of Cletus & Isabel Merz, by Annette Haney



**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.



### 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](mailto:khuston@stanthony.com)

## 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.

For questions, please email [tess.kabbes@gmail.com](mailto:tess.kabbes@gmail.com)

### Session 2:

**The Sorrowful Mysteries: January 5- February 16**

- Session 3: The Glorious Mysteries: April 6 - May 18



**Grief Support Meetings** - We will not be hosting Grief Support meetings on Tuesday evenings for the next several months. If you are in need of support, please contact the parish office (217-347-7129) and we will connect you with someone to help you.



### Calling all Men SonRise Prayer Group

Join men from over half a dozen Churches for Hot Breakfast on Friday, January 16, 6:15am, prayer, program and discussion from 6:30 - 7:30am, at the St. Anthony Parish Center, Effingham.

In the program from That Man Is You, this week, Jeff Joaquin shares a comprehensive story of conversion - this personal Prodigal Son story and pathway back to the merciful embrace of the Father. No cost or registration needed. All men are welcome. Learn more at [thatmanisyou.com](http://thatmanisyou.com) or Dan Woods, 217-821-1495.

## Liturgical Ministers for January 2026

Ministry	4:30pm	7:30am	9:15am	11:00am
<b>Lectors</b>	Ellen Hann	Adam French	Bernie Blanchette	Tony Kemme
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Joe Buscher Michael Genta BJ Korte Jamie Schuette Billie Zeller	Alice Dust Greg Dust Marge Percy Shae Thoele <b>More Needed</b>	Natalie Repking Mandy Henning Avery Henning Deanna Koester Tom Murphy	Lisa Lauritzen Larry Masengale Theresa Masengale <b>More Needed</b>
<b>Servers</b>	Nathan Bailey Colin Storm Oliver Pals	Jacob Thoele Kyle Thoele	Aubrey Repking Nora Brumleve Evelyn Brumleve	Nash Hoene Jayson Yoder
<b>Ushers</b>	Jeff Dust Mitch Martin Dan Ritz Mike Zeller	Joe Jansen Terry Westendorf <b>More Needed</b>	Vic Jansen Brian Repking Russ Sehy <b>More Needed</b>	Preston Barr Larry Goldstein <b>More Needed</b>



Warm wishes for a safe and happy holiday! Once school resumes, we will be delivering Table of Plenty to "The Study Shoppe." St. Anthony's Jr. High students are asked to bring their donations to morning Mass on Tuesday, January 13, and the elementary students are asked to

bring their donations to morning Mass on Thursday, January 15. Parishioners may drop their donations in the church foyer before the weekend Masses on January 17/18. The Study Shoppe, located at 800 Henrietta St. Effingham, (one block from the Effingham Jr. and High School), is a nonprofit that provides a free charge, safe place for students in grades 6-12, to work on their homework assignments. They are fully staffed Monday-Thursday from 3:00-5:00, and are there to assist when help is needed. Concessions are provided through donations like ours. For some, this is the only snack they may have all day, so your generosity is very much appreciated. They are always in need of the following: Full Size Candy Bars, All Little Debbie Type Snack Cakes, Full Sized Bags of Microwave Popcorn, and Individual Bags of Potato Chips and Snacks. Variety Packs are Welcome. Understandably, we are not asking St. Anthony Students to carry in water, however, if Parishioners are interested in donating small cases of bottled water, they may drop that in the foyer, as well, as each child is provided one, daily with their snack.

- Jayne Genta, Table Of Plenty

### Pro-Life Corner

Mass for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children and Deanery Pro-life Meeting – St. Francis Church in Teutopolis will host a pro-life Mass at 6:30 PM on Thursday, January 22. The U.S. Bishops ask that January 22 be a day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life, and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion. A pro-life Rosary will begin at 6:00 PM prior to Mass. Following Mass, the Deanery Pro-life Meeting will be held in St. Clare Hall, adjoining the church. Pro-life events and issues will be discussed and refreshments will be served.



### St. Anthony Cemetery Fees Update

The cost of St. Anthony Cemetery burial spaces have increased as of January 1, 2026. Please call the cemetery sexton, Bart Willenborg at 217-821-6085 if you wish to purchase a space. The new cost of a burial space on January 1, 2026 will be \$1,075, a cremation space will be \$975.

### Natural Family Planning Class

2026 Sessions: To register, contact Kate Pruemer at 217-821-1840 or kpruemer@gmail.com

**Saturday, January 17th**

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

**Saturday, March 7th**

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



**JAN  
13TH  
@7PM**

# HOLY HOUR HAPPY HOUR



GroupMe

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young  
adults  
ages  
21-35**

**HOLY  
HOUR** 7pm @ St. Anthony  
101 E. Virginia Ave. Effingham  
Evening Prayer (Vespers) @7:45p  
**HAPPY  
HOUR** 8pm @ The Office Pub  
105 E. Jefferson Ave. Effingham



## Luminaries for Life 2026 Life is a Gift



St. Anthony Church will be displaying their annual "Luminaries for Life" on January 31st & February 1st. From dusk to dawn, the church steps will be illuminated with decorated bags shining pro-life messages about respecting life from the moment of conception to natural death.

Every January at the National March for Life, countless marchers from across the country and around the world unite in celebration of the gift of human life - radiating hope, unity, and a spirit that transcends politics. This is why our 2026 March for Life theme is Life is a Gift, emphasizing what lies at the heart of the pro-life movement - an unshakeable conviction that life is very good and worthy of protection, no matter the circumstances. Life is a Gift invites everyone to embrace life as something to be cherished and celebrated from the very beginning.

The bags will be decorated by St Anthony school students. Drive or walk by this beautiful public display of St. Anthony parish's respect for life. It is a beacon of Christ's love and hope in the community that will shine bright for a few nights during the weekend.



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Week Ending Dec. 28, 2025	Weekly Totals	Fiscal YTD (Week 25 of 52)	Last Year's YTD
Regular Church Support	\$35,155.59	\$708,227.39	\$677,564.21
GOAL	\$28,265.00	\$706,625.00	
Difference	\$6,890.59	\$1,602.39	
Christmas Offering	\$28,901.20	\$34,956.20	\$48,205.50
Christmas Offering GOAL	\$52,200.00		

Diocesan Collections	Week Ending Dec. 28, 2025	YTD
Twining Parish in Nigeria	\$90.66	\$10,728.66
Cemetery	\$325.00	\$10,470.10
Catholic Children's Home	\$2,497.20	\$3,027.20
Catholic Times	\$45.00	\$60.00
Easter/Christmas Flowers	\$85.00	\$4,055.00
Justice & Hope	\$500.00	\$875.00
Retirement for Religious	\$347.20	\$1,428.20

Week Ending Jan. 4, 2026	Weekly Totals	Fiscal YTD (Week 26 of 52)	Last Year's YTD
Regular Church Support	\$109,280.43	\$817,507.82	\$753,939.72
GOAL	\$28,265.00	\$734,890.00	
Difference	\$81,015.43	\$82,617.82	
Christmas Offering	\$3,975.00	\$38,931.20	\$49,185.50
Christmas Offering GOAL	\$52,200.00		

Diocesan Collections	Week Ending Jan. 4, 2026	YTD
Twining Parish in Nigeria	\$660.00	\$11,388.66
Cemetery	\$810.00	\$11,280.10
Catholic Children's Home	\$710.00	\$3,737.20
Catholic Times	\$350.00	\$410.00
Easter/Christmas Flowers	\$20.00	\$4,075.00
Justice & Hope	\$0.00	\$875.00
Retirement for Religious	\$710.00	\$2,138.20



**NEWMAN BREAKFAST**



**FEBRUARY 1, 2026**  
7:00 A.M.-NOON  
Teutopolis Banquet Hall

**MENU INCLUDES:**  
Fried & scrambled eggs, whole hog sausage, biscuits & gravy, hashbrowns, french toast sticks, cinnamon rolls, coffee, juice & milk


**Country store & raffle too!**

**ADULTS: \$10**  
**KIDS 12 & UNDER: \$7**  
**KIDS 3 & UNDER: FREE**  
(Carry outs available)

**COUNTRY Rhodes**

**NEWMAN CONNECTION**

The Effingham Area Right to Life is hosting its **50th ANNUAL PRO-LIFE BREAKFAST** on Sunday, January 18th from 7am-Noon. The event will be held at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall (210 Pearl St, Teutopolis, IL). Free-will donations will be accepted, and you'll enjoy whole hog sausage, eggs, pancakes, homemade breads, and drinks. There will be numerous basket raffles, quilt raffle, and a 50/50 drawing. EARTL is accepting donations of cinnamon rolls, breads, and muffins. These can be dropped off on Saturday, Jan. 17, from Noon-4pm at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall. To volunteer for a shift, please text Susan Vogt at (217) 663-2084. For more information about the breakfast follow "Effingham Area Right to Life" on Facebook.



Vince Westendorf turned 95 on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026. An open house to celebrate his birthday will be on Sunday, January 11, 2026 at St. Anthony Parish Center, from 1 to 3pm. Those unable to attend may send birthday cards and well wishes to 901 Ealy St, Effingham, IL 62401.

### St. Isidore Parish is hosting a **DEANERY DATE NIGHT**

Join us for the monthly deanery date night. Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup> from 4pm-7pm at St. Aloysius Church-Bishop Creek (19812 E 100<sup>th</sup> Ave, Dieterich). It will begin at 4pm with a prayer service in Bishop Church, followed by our speakers, Kramer & Andrea Soderberg, and catered dinner from Niemerg's in the parish hall. Childcare provided / \$30 per couple

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