



Catholic Schools
United in Faith and Community

Sunday, January 25, 2026

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2026

Jan. 25 - Jan. 31



"From the Pastor's Desk"

Dear St. Anthony Parish Family:

This week we celebrate Catholic Schools' Week. It is an opportunity to rejoice at the blessings we receive in educating our children in the ways of faith, and surrounding them with a culture that witnesses to the truth of the Gospel and the vision of the Church for our lives. It is more than offering them classes in religion and theology, though these are crucial. It is about forming them in the ways of faith which we pray will serve them for their whole lives. I am so grateful to our faculty and staff in their own commitment and witness to the faith. Their education is about helping them build strong relationships with Christ and the Church. It is about educating them in a holistic way - seeing God's love and action at work in all we do, and seeking to be the hands and voice of God in our world. The need for this witness and formation is perhaps stronger now than at any recent time! I truly believe that we are working successfully to provide a culture which supports the living of our Catholic faith.

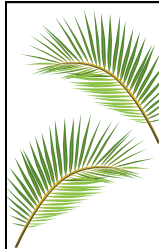
St. Anthony is unique in the energy, talent and generosity needed and given to take on this important task for our children, from when they are very early through their high school years! The thanks for this mission being carried out goes out to all who are engaged in leading, teaching, supporting and praying for our mission to be faithful and successful. I am proud of the work done in our parish, and feel blessed to be a part of it.

I hope you will join us for the celebration of the Mass of Catholic Schools' Week with Bishop Paprocki at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 29 in the St. Anthony High School Gym. Sacred Heart, St. Thomas in Newton, and St. Michael School in Sigel will be joining us. Our presence will demonstrate the priority that the mission of Catholic Education is for us. Please come and pray that God will continue to bless our mission, that our parents will support it with their own lives of faith, and that students will joyfully receive it. There will NOT be an 8:30 a.m. Mass on Thursday the 29th in Church, as we will be setting up in the High School.

I pray you have a blessed week!

Fr. Peter Harman

There will not be an 8:30am Mass on Thursday, January 29th.
Please join us at St. Anthony High School for the
Catholic Schools Week Mass at 10:00am

**Palm Collection**

We will be collecting old palms for the next couple of weeks. There will be a box at each entrance of the church. These palms will be burned and used for ashes on Ash Wednesday next year.

Wedding Banns

Adam Levitt/Kendall Fonner
February 7, 2026 (II)



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:

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Marty Brumleve
Rich Brummer
Danny Bushue
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Dennis Bushur
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Cody Chasteen
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Art Pike
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Ashley Westendorf
Karen A Westendorf
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Paul V Willenborg
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Richard J Worman

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 - 4:30pm
Monday thru Friday - 6:30am

Reconciliation Times

Mon., Tues., Thurs., & Fri. - 7:45am to 8:15am
Saturday - 3:15pm to 4:00pm



Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 24:
4:30pm Mass: Jack & Jane Kabbes Family

Sunday, January 25:
7:30am Mass: Parishioners of St. Anthony
9:15am Mass: Cliff Grunloh
11:00am Mass: Richard & Carolyn Kabbes Family

Monday, January 26:
6:30am Mass: Joe, Elizabeth, Harold & Maurice Metten
8:30am Mass: Roy Hartke; Margie Clayton-Apke

Tuesday, January 27:
6:30am Mass: Clem & Minnie Luchtefeld
8:30am Mass: Tom & Connie Wegman Family


Wednesday, January 28:
6:30am Mass: LeRoy & Mary Ann Borries

Thursday, January 29:
6:30am Mass: Marty Pulley Anniversary
8:30am Mass: No Mass
10:00am Mass: Catholic Schools Week Mass
 at the St. Anthony High School

Friday, January 30:
6:30am Mass: Marlene Greuel
8:30am Mass: Mike Mitchell

Saturday, January 31:
4:30pm Mass: Hugh McHugh

Sunday, February 1:
7:30am Mass: Marie Niemerg
9:15am Mass: In Memory of Mike Hartke
11:00am Mass: Parishioners of St. Anthony



First Saturday Mass & Devotion
February 7, 2026
 Rosary - 6:10am Mass - 6:30am
 Meditations - 7:00am-7:15am



SonRise Prayer Group

RENEW Your New Year's Resolution

Working to improve our prayer life and relationship with God doesn't need to be a solo effort. When we fall or forget we can get back up. Energize and if needed, restart your engine with the support of others doing the same. We'll journey through the renewal of creation and the call to become men after God's own heart.

Men from all parishes are welcome for Hot Breakfast on Friday, January 30, 6:15 AM, prayer, program and discussion from 6:30 – 7:30 AM, at the St. Anthony Parish Center, Effingham. All men are welcome. Learn more at thatmanisyou.com or Dan Woods, 217-821-1495.

Learn about our Preschool program!

Visit with Principal Cody Rincker!

Meet current students!

Tour the school!





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Cody Rincker, Principal
 (217) 347-0419
crincker@stanthony.com

Stop by anytime between:

4:30 pm - 7:00 pm

No RSVP required

COUNTRY LINE DANCING

WITH SUE GREEN

Sunday, February 15, 2026

1:00-3:00

St. Anthony Parish Center

Bring Your Own Drinks
 Snacks will be Provided

Class is Free
 Open to All Ages

No Experience Needed
 No Partner Needed
 Casual Dress

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Liturgical Ministers for February 2026 *(This begins Jan. 31/Feb 1)*

Ministry	4:30pm	7:30am	9:15am	11:00am
Lectors	Sr. Claret Feldhake	Margie Haarmann	Rita Devore	Kim Koester
Eucharistic Ministers	Cathy Bierman Jacob Emmerich Mary Jo Green Carla Koerner Patty McHugh	Sue Bushur Janet Kennedy Kelly McDevitt Kate Weber Sara Wendt	Lilly Gannaway Sarah Geen Carrie Koenig Russ Sehy Anne Wilson	Brenda Jansen Mike Klitzing Eric Koester More Needed
Servers	Elle Bierman Leo Bierman Emily Gilmore	Owen Wendt Dylan Verdeyen	Charlee Jansen Emery Jansen Paxton Nobsisch	Anna Mae Scheidemantel Martin Scheidemantel
Ushers	Phil Koerner Mike Nobsisch Larry Thies Joe Ungrund	Greg Bushur Bill Overbeck Gerald Westendorf More Needed	Gene Fearday Todd Wegman Mike Wilson More Needed	Chris Quandt Bart Wiedman More Needed



**Father Doug Grandon will be
visiting our parish on behalf of
Fellowship of Catholic
University Students (FOCUS).**

The weekend of February 7-8, 2026, Father Doug Grandon will be visiting our parish on behalf of Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS). Fr. Doug is a FOCUS National Chaplain and a priest of the Archdiocese of Denver. He became Catholic in 2003, after serving as a Protestant missionary and pastor for 25 years. In 2008, Pope Benedict granted Fr. Doug permission to be ordained a married Catholic priest. He holds a PhD in Historical Theology. FOCUS is a national organization serving college students at more than 259 campus/locations including ten international locations, 28 parish venues and ten digital expansion campuses. More than 1062 FOCUS missionaries invite college students into a relationship with Christ and His Church, while equipping them for a lifetime of Catholic evangelization. Fr. Doug is excited to be with you soon and share the hope of the New Evangelization! To learn more, please visit www.focus.org.



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.



SAVE THE DATE: St. Anthony Parish Treasure Sale

Held at
St. Anthony
Grade School

St. Anthony Church & Schools will once again be having a Treasure Sale. Save your items and be thinking about what you will be donating.

This year's sale will be held: **Friday, May 29th & Saturday, May 30th.**

Thank you for donating items or for your time to pull this week-long fundraiser off with such huge success! Every year our total of earnings raised, volunteers, and donations are truly amazing! The staff at St. Anthony is truly grateful!

For questions call the parish office at 217-347-7129.

Natural Family Planning Class: To register, contact Kate Pruemer at 217-821-1840 or kpruemer@gmail.com

Saturday, March 7th
1:00-2:30pm at St. Anthony Church, Effingham



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made available

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.

Sacred Heart and St. Anthony Parishes Present:

The 16th Annual

Daddy Daughter Dance



Girls in grades preschool-8 are invited to come
spend the afternoon with Dad or Special Guest!

Enjoy Dancing, Craft, Pictures, & FUN!

Light snacks will be available.

Flower wristlets can be ordered for \$10.

Each wristlet includes a flower rosette with an elastic
wrist band. Wristlets will be delivered to the dance.

Flowers are not guaranteed for orders received after February 6.
(Flower money will be refunded if flowers are not fulfilled.)

Event is open to all Sacred Heart and St. Anthony families.

Sunday, February 15

Effingham Event Center

12:30-1:00pm: Pictures

1:00-3:00pm: Dance

\$5 per person

Price increases
to \$10/person
after February 12.

If you have any questions or
are interested in helping
at the event, please contact:

Ashley Dow: 217-821-0933 or mrsashleydow@gmail.com
Jackie Haarmann: 618-267-7977 or jackietegenkamp@yahoo.com
Mallory Weber: 217-821-9980 or malrich86@hotmail.com
Erica McNeely: 217-821-5486 or emcneely14@gmail.com

Registration forms can be turned in up until Thursday, February 12, however...

If ordering flowers, forms MUST be turned in by Friday, February 6.

Girl's Name: _____ #Attending: _____ (x \$5) = _____
Dad's/Guest's Name: _____ #Wristlets: _____ (x \$10) = _____
Parish: _____ Total Amount Enclosed: _____
Phone: _____ Please make checks payable to Sacred Heart Parish.

Forms and payment can be turned in to Sacred Heart or St. Anthony church or school offices.

No refunds will be given in the event a registrant cannot attend.

Week Ending Jan. 18, 2026	Weekly Totals	Fiscal YTD (Week 28 of 52)	Last Year's YTD
Regular Church Support	\$18,140.41	\$877,485.85	\$807,170.87
GOAL	\$28,265.00	\$791,420.00	
Difference	(\$10,124.59)	\$86,065.85	

Diocesan Collections	Week Ending Jan. 18, 2026	YTD
Twining Parish in Nigeria	\$0.00	\$12,278.66
Catholic Charities	\$25.55	\$198.85
Catholic Children's Home	\$25.00	\$3,787.20
Catholic Times	\$835.00	\$1,515.00



St. Isidore Youth Ministry Soup Supper
Sunday, February 15, 2026
4:00-7:00 pm
St. Aloysius Parish Center
Bishop Creek
The menu includes chili, chicken noodle soup, sauerkraut soup, sandwiches and dessert. There will also be a basket raffle.

Holy Land Pilgrimage

with Fr. Zach Samples, Fr. Alex McCullough,
and Fr. Sam Rosko

Walk in the footsteps of Jesus this coming October 11-24, 2026. Together, we will visit the Sea of Galilee, Nazareth, Bethlehem, and more. We'll have the opportunity to visit all of the important sites from Jesus's life and have Masses in the very places where Jesus walked. The tour will also take us to Jordan and to Cairo to see the pyramids. If you are interested in joining the trip, sign up here:

<https://www.holylandtoursllc.com/tour/789>. If you have any questions, email Fr. Zach at zsamples@dio.org.

St. Thomas Annual Wine Tasting

Saturday, January 31st, 2026

Doors open at 5:30pm

Newton Knights of Columbus

The evening will include wines from around the world & specialty beers, door prizes and a live auction.

The Effingham Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest will be held on Sunday, February 1, 2026 at Sacred Heart Grade School – 407 S. Henrietta Street. Registration is at 1:00 PM with the free throw shoot starting at 1:30 p.m. ALL boys and girls age 9 to 14 (age as of January 1) are invited and welcome to participate. The winners will go on to the District Free Throw Contest in February. If there are questions, please contact Greg Koester at (217) 821-7731. Entry Forms can be completed at onsite registration OR can be found and filled out on the K of C website at: <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/community/free-throw-championship/1598-score-sheet.pdf>



St. Clare Catholic Church Breakfast in Altamont, IL will be hosting a Sausage Breakfast on Sunday, February 15, 2026 from 7:30 am until 12:00 pm. The menu includes sausage patties, ham, scrambled eggs, biscuits and gravy, pancakes, sweet rolls, french breads, milk, juice and coffee. St. Clare is located at 216 N. 9th Street, Altamont, IL 62411. Free will donation will be accepted.



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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
ADULTS: \$10
KIDS 12 & UNDER: \$7
KIDS 3 & UNDER: FREE
 (Carry outs available)
 Country store & raffle too!

Our Sorrowful Mother's Ministry in Vandalia, IL will be hosting a conference on February 20-22. Join us for this upcoming retreat titled "Self-Deliverance, Spiritual Warfare, and the Military Mindset". In this conference you will be equipped for spiritual battle by two Catholic veterans and spiritual warriors, Dr. Dan Schneider, who is a member of Fr. Chad Ripperger's exorcism team and Jason Henderson who uses his combat experience to train Catholics in spiritual warfare. Also Fr. Augustine Puchner of the Norbertines, will be giving a talk and having Mass for us each day. Please go to osmm.org to register, and the full agenda is listed on their website. The cost is \$100 to attend. You may also contact Karla Slifer at 217-690-5282 for more information.



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United in Faith and Community

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Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community key aspects of this theme are: Faith: Central to Catholic education, fostering personal relationship with God. Excellence: Commitment to academic achievement for all students. Service: Educating students to be servant leaders in their communities. Community: Building unity among students, families, parish, and the wider community.

St. Anthony High School students depict in various ways all four key aspects of the Catholic School Week (CSW) theme for 2026. All teachers do an outstanding job of instructing the truth of the Catholic faith. The administration, faculty and staff members are excellent role models of our Catholic mission. Students at St. Anthony High School have an opportunity for high academic achievements because of the dedicated administration and faculty. St. Anthony also gives all students the opportunity to give of their service to others in our parish and broader community. Extending themselves to community events, when possible, allows our students to experience life beyond the classroom and see the bigger picture of life. St. Anthony High School students, faculty, administration, and staff members are living proof of what we have as a great Catholic school. We are proud to celebrate Catholic Schools Week for 2026.

Our CSW Scripture theme is John 14:6 "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" Each day a different speaker will share with all high school students their personal witness about their Catholic faith: why they love being Catholic or chose to become Catholic, how they have encountered Christ, and why the Church matters in their life. The goal of our school's mission is to help students encounter authentic witness of faith, reflect on their own relationship with God and walk away with a clearer understanding of why being Catholic matters.

On Thursday, January 29th at 10 am Bishop Paprocki along with priests of the Deanery will celebrate Mass in the high school gym for the students and faculty from the various Catholic schools in the Deanery.

Students in grades 5 thru 8 from St. Michael, Sacred Heart, and St. Anthony will remain at the high school and be divided into groups to experience a variety of high school activities given by teachers and staff members. Thus, giving the grade school student a little taste of what it means to be a Catholic high school student at St. Anthony High School.

Faculty and Students attend SEEK26

SEEK26 was a conference (January 1-5) hosted by FOCUS (Fellowship Catholic University Students) with 16,000 people in attendance in Columbus, Ohio. The focus of the conference was to learn more about God and His plans for our lives and worshipping God in communion with other young Catholics.

"I grew deeply in my relationship with both God and myself. Adoration was powerful, I felt an overwhelming sense of peace in God's presence." – Lauren Meyer

"The speakers were educated and their words come from experience and love meeting you wherever you are in your faith journey. While the speakers were amazing it was not even the best part... Adoration. With 16,000 people in one room adoring Christ, trust me that made me feel but a speck of God's eternal love for me and that was more than enough to change my life" – Mason Jones

"Attending SEEK was very powerful and meaningful experience to grow in my faith, reflect with God, and connect with others" – Anthony Brandenburger

"SEEK is an incredible and unique experience with the highlight being adoration and confession. Worshipping our God with 16,000 people is a life changing experience" – Gianna Frisbie



Lauren Meyer, Gianna Frisbie, Ava Miller, Mr. Zuber, Anthony Brandenburger, Mason Jones, Mr. Schniers

Important Dates:

January

- 26 - Bake Sale
- Bulldog Bingo
- 27 - Bake Sale
- 29 - Catholic Schools Week Mass at 10 am

February

- 5 - Adoration 7:15am to 2:15pm
- 6 - Mass 8:30am
- Mid-term
- 16 - No School (President's Day)
- Every Wednesday: Reconciliation, 1:00 - 2:00pm, Rm. 7:7
- Every Friday: HS Mass in Church, 8:30am



Thanks to the St. Anthony Booster Club, we now have two new buses. Fr. Harman blessed the buses after the high school Mass on Friday, January 16th.



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January Sports & Activities Snapshot

Our Jr. High Scholar Bowl team has been practicing the last few months and will compete for the first time this year on January 26th. Jr. High Basketball post-season games started the week of January 19th. Thank you to the Cheerleaders for their energy all season and the Jr. Bellettes for entertaining the crowds at our home games! Volleyball season is off to a successful start. If you want to catch them in action next week, they play on the 26th, 27th & the 29th. Go Bullpups!



5th Grade Students

St. Anthony 5th grade students are currently reading *The Chronicles of Narnia*. The book is encouraging thoughtful discussions connecting the story's themes such as sacrifice, forgiveness and redemption to biblical teachings.



Our Jr. High students will be performing *Fiddler on the Roof*, Jr. this Spring! Performances will be:

Friday 04/10 at 7:00pm
Saturday 04/11 at 7:00pm
Sunday 04/12 at 2:00pm



Kindergarten

Mrs. Bayler's kindergarten students recently read the book *Tacky the Penguin*. This book talks about Tacky and how he is different than his peers. This is the first of a book series that promotes individuality, teamwork and friendship. Students designed their own shirts and bows to make their own Tacky the Penguin!



February Table of Plenty

The beneficiary of the February Table of Plenty is El Shaddai. The nonprofit pregnancy and family support center is a residential home for pregnant women and their children on a need be, crisis basis. Jr. High students are asked to bring their donations on Tuesday 2/10 and Kindergarten-5th grade students on Thursday 2/12. The center is in need of the following items: baby wipes, toilet paper, paper towels, dryer sheets, coffee filters, boxed macaroni & cheese and boxed rice-a-roni. Thank you to Mrs. Jayne Genta for coordinating these monthly donations and inspiring our students to support those in need.

Important Dates:

2/04 Grade School Open House
2/10 Table of Plenty (Gr. 6-8)
2/12 Table of Plenty (Gr. K-5)
2/16 No School

Weekly:

Every Tuesday: Jr. High students attend 8:30am Mass

Every Thursday: Grades K-5 attend 8:30am Mass



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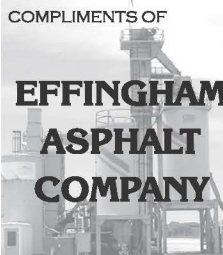
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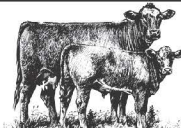
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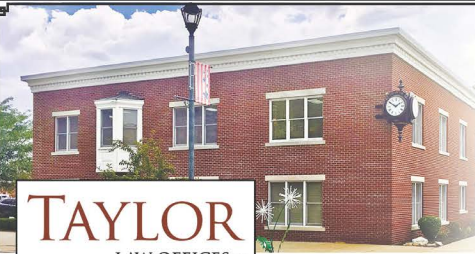
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