

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

The Lord, your God,
shall you worship and him
alone shall you serve.

Matthew 4:10

Sunday, February 22, 2026



SAINT ANTHONY
OF PADUA CHURCH

Parish Office Hours:

Monday - Friday
9:00am - 4:00pm

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www.dio.org

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Phone: 217-347-7129

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P.O. Box 764

Physical Address:
101 E Virginia Ave

High School Office:
304 E Roadway Ave
217-342-6969

Mr. Greg Fearday, *Principal*

Grade School Office:
405 N Second St
217-347-0419

Mr. Cody Rincker, *Principal*

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



Fr. Peter C. Harman, Pastor

Fr. Jayke White, Parochial Vicar

Deacon Joe (Pat) Emmerich

Mrs. Carrie Koenig, Director of Operations

Mrs. Sara Hoene, Executive Parish Secretary

Mrs. Tiffiny Wrigley, Business Manager

Mrs. Mary Koester, Financial Secretary

Mrs. Karie Sudkamp, Financial Secretary

Mrs. Liz Schmidt, Spiritual Direction, Annulment Ministry

Ms. Regina Villafuerte, Music Director

Mr. Kenny Thies, Technology Administrator

Mr. Bart Willenborg, Cemetery Sexton

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:

You will note as an insert in this week’s bulletin the details regarding our fiscal planning for the 2026-2027 school year. In consultation with the diocesan suggestions for the 2026-2027 school year, we are happy to announce that with the input and recommendation of our Finance Council, we have approved a 5% salary increase for school faculty for the 2026-2027 school year. Faculty will receive a 1.9% step in addition to the 5% as in years past. We are aware that the reality of inflation has caused the cost of living to increase for all of us. We believe it is necessary to support our high-quality teachers and staff in a time when we are experiencing a teacher shortage in the state of Illinois and reliable, hard-working support staff are in great demand. To be able to accomplish this, tuition rates will increase. Tuition for the 1st child at grade school will be \$4,803 (actual cost \$6,176) and tuition for the 1st child at high school will be \$6,237 (actual cost \$9,902). Additional children in the family receive discounts to tuition. Some points on those number will be helpful: We incurred a large percentage jump in the cost of insurance benefits, which though significant, are very competitive in comparison to other districts. The good news is that as our very successful “Securing our Future” Campaign for the St. Anthony Educational Trust continues to be funded fully by the five-year pledges in the next years, the annual contributions to the schools’ budget will continue to grow, making tuition increases less than they would otherwise need to be.

Please remember that our other means of support for our schools, including our Annual Fund and your regular contributions to the parish make it possible to minimize family burdens for the cost of education.

This Wednesday February 25 starts our first Lenten Devotional day. Please consider joining us in what has been an enjoyable tradition these last few Lenten seasons. Our theme each week will be accompanying one of the friends of Jesus through the Paschal Mystery. Remember also to sign up for adoration times.

- 6:30 a.m. - Parish Mass ending with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament all day
- Noon to 1:00 p.m. - Confessions heard in Church
- 5:15 p.m. - Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, with Mass to follow
- 6:00 p.m. - Soup/Light Meal in Parish Hall with presentation to follow

Fr. Peter Harman



Stations of the Cross
 During this season of Lent,
 St. Anthony Church will have
 Stations of the Cross on Friday at
 2:10pm in church (on school days)
 and every week at 7:00pm in church.

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



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

Lenten Regulations

1. **ABSTINENCE** – Everyone 14 years of age and over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
2. **FAST** – Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 is required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is permitted. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to each person's needs, but together these two should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids (including milk and fruit juices) are allowed.
3. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.



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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| Steve Bierman | Gina Hargis | Bill Nuxoll |
| Marty Brumleve | Ron Harris | Art Pike |
| Rich Brummer | Donna McDevitt Jones | Kenneth Polarek |
| Danny Bushue | Ingrid Kay | Deborah Richards |
| Bertha Bushur | John Keenan | Olivya Smith |
| Dennis Bushur | Betty Koester | Shirley Valenti |
| Mary Lynn Byers | Eric Koester | Marilyn Went |
| Cody Chasteen | Evelyn Koester | Ashley Westendorf |
| Ramona Dirks | Joan Koester | Karen A Westendorf |
| Msgr. Leo Enlow | Terry Kraft | Judy Willenborg |
| Donna Feldhake | Kevin Langland | Keith Willenborg |
| Richard Feldhake | Mary Lawyer | Paul V Willenborg |
| Claudia Gale | Colleen Linde | Ann Worman |
| Jackson Gaitros | Gerry A Lohman | Dan Worman |
| Susan Goldstein | Blain Loll | Jerry Worman |
| Cheryl Gross | George Mette | Richard J Worman |
| Heather Hakman | | |

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." We will not meet in March, but will resume in April.

This inclusive group will meet to share, listen, and support one another through our journey of loss of grief and healing.

For questions, please contact Kara Huston at khuston@stanthony.com



Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 21:
4:30pm Mass: Robert L & Marcella Behrman

Sunday, February 22:
7:30am Mass: Tim Mahon
9:15am Mass: Dr. John Dust
11:00am Mass: Parishioners of St. Anthony

Monday, February 23:
6:30am Mass: Rita Ann Dial
8:30am Mass: Dee Ann Hammock

Tuesday, February 24:
6:30am Mass: Marie C Dust
8:30am Mass: Ruth Boos Anniversary

Wednesday, February 25:
6:30am Mass: Clem & Minnie Luchtefeld
5:15pm Mass: Living & Deceased Member of the
 Louis & Florence Goldstein Family

Thursday, February 26:
6:30am Mass: Mike Hartke
8:30am Mass: Doris Dasenbrock

Friday, February 27:
6:30am Mass: Ron Kabbes
8:30am Mass: Leonard & Pauline Boos

Saturday, February 28:
4:30pm Mass: Jim & Alice Rhodes

Sunday, March 1:
7:30am Mass: Robert Dirks
9:15am Mass: Parishioners of St. Anthony
11:00am Mass: Leroy & Mary Ann Borries



AN INVITATION TO OUR PARISHIONERS

Join us for the St. Anthony Spring Gala
 Saturday, March 28, 2026
 Keller Convention Center

Enjoy a social evening of dinner, celebration and fun,
 featuring your 2025 Hall of Fame
 Inductions. Don't miss this opportunity to celebrate
 St. Anthony's rich history.

For more information, visit our website at:
<https://church.stanthony.com/hall-of-fame/>

To purchase tickets online, visit:
<https://dio.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/455/responses/new>

- Honoring the Hall of Fame Inductees:
- Joyce Kabbes (Alumni) • Don (Alumni) & Twila (Staff) Wente • Gene & Rhonda Fearday (Friends of St. Anthony)
 - 2000-2009 Women's Tennis Teams (Athletic Team) • Michelle (Valenti) Bolliger (Fine Arts) • Gary Greene (Booster Club Member of the Year)

On Wednesday, February 25, you will notice a construction company working around St. Anthony Church. They will be taking measurements outside of church for repair later this year. Entrances will not be blocked to church and it will not be noisy for adoration. You will not be able parking in front of church, however the parking lot to the west of church will be open.



SAINT ANTHONY
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St. Anthony Parish in Effingham, IL
 is currently accepting applications for a

Rectory Housekeeper

The Rectory Housekeeper is responsible for cleaning the parish rectory one day per week, requiring up to six hours of work. Housekeeping duties include cleaning bedrooms, bathrooms, dusting, mopping, washing linens and towels, among other household cleaning.

The ideal candidate is energetic, a self-starter, pleasant, and can maintain confidentiality.

For more information about the position or to apply,
 contact Carrie Koenig at 217-347-7129
 or visit our website at
<https://church.stanthony.com/employment/>



SAINT ANTHONY
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St. Anthony Grade School in Effingham, IL
 is currently accepting applications for a

After School Aide - Part Time

St. Anthony Grade School is a Catholic, co-educational school in Effingham, IL that provides a learning environment steeped in tradition and committed to excellence in education, with over 500 students in Preschool – 8th Grade. St. Anthony Grade School is currently accepting applications for an After School Aide.

This position is part-time and works in our After School Program as an aide to the After School Director. Our After School Program supports 70-90 students on a given day. Hours are 2:15pm - 5:15pm daily when school is in session.

Eligible candidates should have a demonstrated commitment to promoting Christian ethics and a strong dedication to fostering and developing a quality, Christ-centered environment in the Catholic faith. Candidate should be an energetic self-starter, show pride of work, and have a positive history of experience. Background check required.

Submit application to:
 Cheryle-Lyn Goldstein
 After School Program Director
cgoldstein@stanthony.com
 or visit our website at
<https://church.stanthony.com/employment/>

Liturgical Ministers for March 2026 (Beginning Feb. 31/March 1)

Ministry	4:30pm	7:30am	9:15am	11:00am
Lectors	Bob Mette	Jolene Hoke	Jane Dust	Michael Wall
Eucharistic Ministers	David Emmerich Sophia Emmerich Nicole Field Patricia Kirk Cindy Thies	Alice Dust Greg Dust Carlene Weber Shae Thoele More Needed	Kelly Butts Dixie Hartke Carolyn Rohlving Brian Sehy More Needed	Larry Masengale Theresa Masengale Susan Ealy More Needed
Servers	Brooks Niebrugge Lila Niebrugge Adam Kowalke	Mary Hoke Bryson Bartimus	Morgan Litz Maeve Niebrugge Bailey Brummer	Jesse Warner Barron Sprecher Charlotte Sprecher
Ushers	Ken Bourgeois Don Niebrugge Bart Willenborg More Needed	Joe Jansen Tony Weber More Needed	Justin Brummer Joel Griffith Patrick Niebrugge More Needed	George Dallmier Dennis Meyer More Needed

Lent and Learn 2026

Wednesday Mini-Retreats

Join us weekly

February 25, March 4, March 11, March 18, & March 25



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6:30 am Parish Mass
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00 am - 5:15 pm Adoration in church

12:00 - 1:00 pm Confessions in church

5:15 pm Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
Parish Mass

6:00 pm Soup / Light Meal in the Parish Center *free of charge*

Lent and Learn Presentation with Fr. Harman and Fr. Jayke

2026 Lent and Learn Series: *Experiencing The Paschal Mystery through the Lives of Those Walking with Jesus*

Join us for a weekly reflection of how the Apostles, Mary, and friends of Jesus lived the Cross and Resurrection. Contemplate what that means for disciples today.

Lenten Dates

February 18 Ash Wednesday

Mass: 6:30 am, 8:30 am, 12:10 pm, 5:30 pm

March 8 Parish Reconciliation Service
3:00 pm

Fridays in Lent Stations of the Cross
2:10 pm (*on school days*) and 7:00 pm in church

Holy Week

April 2 Holy Thursday 6:30 pm

April 3 Good Friday 3:00 pm

April 4 Holy Saturday 8:00 pm

April 5 Easter 7:30, 9:15, 11:00 am
Alleluia! He Is Risen!



Men's Weekend: March 12-15
Lay Leader: Gene Niemerg
Call or Text him at 217-240-4365

Women's Weekend: March 19-22
Lay Leader: Pat Thompson
Call or Text her at 217-246-2150

or email Effingham DeColores: effdecolores@gmail.com

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St. Anthony Parish Treasure Sale

Friday, May 29th: 8am - 6pm
Saturday, May 30th: 8am-12 noon



St. Anthony Grade School
405 N 2nd St, Effingham, IL



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.



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 and Natural Family Planning program, and complete the 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: To register, contact Kate Pruemmer at 217-821-1840 or kpruemmer@gmail.com

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

Saturday, May 2nd
10:00-11:30am at St. Francis, Teutopolis

Saturday, July 11th
9:00-10:30am at St. Anthony Church, Effingham

“St. Anthony Schools admits students of any race, color, sex or national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate based on race, color, sex, or national and ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarships and loan programs, and athletic and other school administered programs. Our schools do reserve all their rights as religious entities in accord with the teachings of the Catholic Church, the protections of the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, and the Illinois Religious Freedom Restoration Act 775 ILCS 35/.”



Men's SonRise Lenten Breakfast

The desire to speak with God is the greatest desire of the human heart. This coming Friday will focus entirely on just that – prayer. SonRise will look at the types of prayer, the hierarchy of prayer, and the obstacles to prayer.

This is an Invitation to all Men, Join us this Friday at the St. Anthony's Parish Center for breakfast at 6:15 to 7:30am. Learn more at thatmanisyou.com or Dan Woods, 217-821-1495 or danwoodsface@gmail.com.

JIGSAW PUZZLE EXCHANGE

SATURDAY, FEB. 28TH
11:00AM - 12:00PM

ST. ANTHONY
PARISH CENTER
BRING A PUZZLE
TAKE A PUZZLE!

Week Ending Feb. 15, 2026	Weekly Totals	Fiscal YTD (Week 32 of 52)	Last Year's YTD
Regular Church Support	\$26,369.08	\$967,982.51	\$911,105.79
GOAL	\$28,265.00	\$904,480.00	
Difference	(\$1,895.92)	\$63,502.51	

Diocesan Collections	Week Ending Feb. 15, 2026	YTD
Nigeria	\$176.00	\$13,974.66
Catholic Times	\$35.00	\$2,520.00
Catholic Charities	\$25.55	\$224.40
Central/Eastern Europe	\$20.00	\$115.00
Church in Latin America	\$105.00	\$360.00

Singles Late 50s and Above: Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for a life-changing RENEW weekend retreat at the Pallottine Retreat Center (30 min from downtown St. Louis), on April 10-12, 2026. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Visit www.RenewRetreats.org, e-mail renewretreat.stl@gmail.com, or call (314) 703-1002 for details.

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.

You are invited to a Family Lenten Retreat at St. Isidore Parish. It will be held on Saturday, March 7 beginning with a TALK at 10 am at St. Aloysius Hall. Mass will follow in the Church. Potluck meal after Mass in will be in the parish hall, with meat and drinks provided. After lunch, we will hear the second talk. Our speaker will be Fr. Michael Trummer. Adoration and confessions will begin at 2 pm and the day will conclude at 3 pm with Benediction. There is no cost to attend, but a free will offering will be accepted. Babysitting will be provided, and please sign up to attend the retreat on the signup sheet in the back of St. Aloysius Church or St. Joseph Church, or you may sign up by emailing office@stisidore.dio.org. Please call Karla Slifer 217-690-5282 or Stephanie Niemerg 217-821-5970 if you have questions.

**Springfield March for Life
Thursday March 19**

- Leave Effingham Event Center 7:30am on charter bus
- \$20 each.
- Mass with Bishop Paprocki 10am at Nelson Center Ice Rink, 1601 N 5th St, Springfield, IL
- Eat your sack lunch
- 12noon Rally, Speakers, March at the Capitol
- 3 pm depart for Effingham
- 5pm arrive at Effingham Event Center
- For info and registration papers, call bus captain Diann Ruholl 217-663-2056 or email at dcruholl@hotmail.com

Sacred Heart Parish presents

St. Pat's Bash

A Community Event... Everyone is Welcome!

CASINO

Casino Night

Live Auction * Silent Auction

50/50 Drawing * Raffle

Saturday, March 14, 2026
Effingham Event Center
1501 W Fayette Ave., Effingham

Event Ticket: \$50
Event ticket includes dinner and start-up chips for the Casino

5:00pm - Doors Open
5:45pm - Dinner:
Del's Street Smoked Meats: Smoked Garlic Chicken & Beef, Hashbrown Casserole, Salad, Sweet Ranch Carrots, Rolls
7:00pm - Casino Starts

- Buy Your Tickets Early -
Only 375 Event Tickets Will Be Sold!
Event tickets can be purchased here >>>>>>

Gun & Cash Raffle

1st Prize - Browning Maxus II Sporting 12 ga - OR - \$1,000 CASH
2nd Prize - Savage Arms 110 Trail Hunter .400 Legend with Hogue Stock - OR - \$500 CASH
3rd Prize - Sig Sauer P365 9mm - OR - \$250 CASH

Raffle Ticket: \$20
Raffle tickets can be purchased here >>>>>>

Winners will be drawn at St. Pat's Bash. Need not be present to win. Must have a valid FOID card to claim firearm prize. Guns supplied by and to be picked up at Accuracy Firearms in Effingham.

Event tickets & raffle tickets are also available at Sacred Heart Parish in Effingham.
Proceeds benefit Sacred Heart School

Happy Birthday!

Phyllis Haarmann will celebrate her 90th birthday with an open house at the Teutopolis Banquest Hall, 210 Pearl St. in Teutopolis, on Sunday, March 8th from 1-4 pm. Those unable to attend may send cards and well wishes to 303 E. St. Louis Ave. Effingham, IL. 62401.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE January 12-21, 2027

Join Fr. Dean Probst and Fr. Charles Delano on a trip to the Holy Land, visiting the area of the Sea of Galilee, Nazareth, Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Enjoy celebrating Masses and Prayer Services at the places of Jesus' birth, preaching, miracles and crucifixion and resurrection. Cost is \$4099/person from St. Louis airport. Contact Fr. Dean at 217-494-6326 or email rdprobst@gmail.com for brochure.

SPRING FORWARD

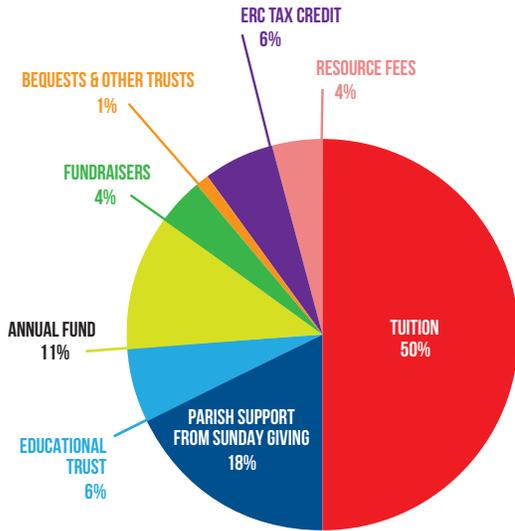
MARCH 8, 2026

Daylight Savings Time

ST. ANTHONY SCHOOLS FUNDING

at a glance

FUNDING SOURCES



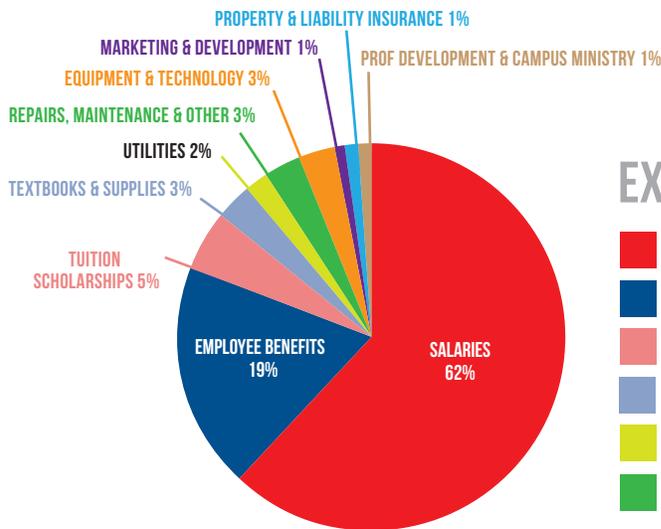
- **TUITION** \$2,774,364
- **RESOURCE FEES** \$239,100
- **PARISH SUPPORT FROM SUNDAY GIVING** \$981,293
- **EDUCATIONAL TRUST** \$325,608
- **ANNUAL FUND** \$580,000
- **FUNDRAISERS** \$219,775
- **BEQUESTS & OTHER CHARITABLE TRUSTS** \$67,000
- **ERC TAX CREDIT*** \$325,668

*One-Time Credit

TOTAL INCOME \$5,512,808

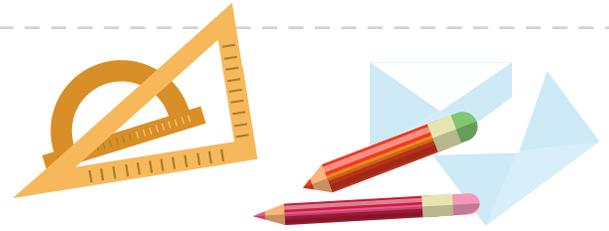


EXPENSES



- **SALARIES** \$3,429,564
- **EMPLOYEE BENEFITS** \$1,068,980
- **TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS** \$290,262
- **TEXTBOOKS & SUPPLIES** \$172,128
- **UTILITIES** \$126,372
- **REPAIRS, MAINTENANCE & OTHER** \$134,022
- **EQUIPMENT & TECHNOLOGY** \$159,220
- **MARKETING & DEVELOPMENT** \$38,000
- **PROPERTY & LIABILITY INSURANCE** \$51,360
- **PROF DEVELOPMENT & CAMPUS MINISTRY** \$42,900

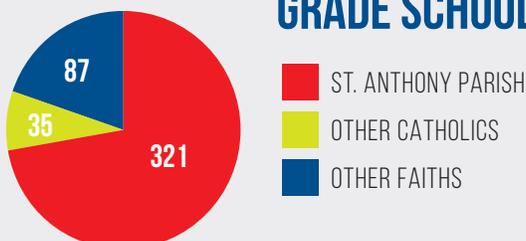
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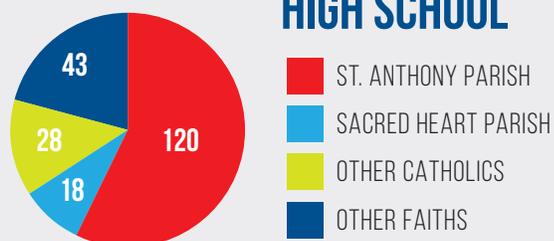
STUDENT POPULATION BREAKDOWN



GRADE SCHOOL



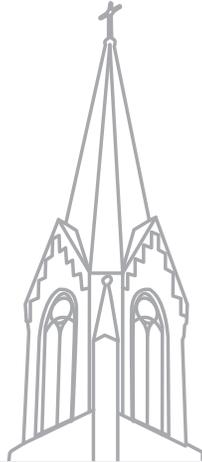
HIGH SCHOOL



WHAT WE DO *to keep tuition low*

1 PARISH SUPPORT

Funds collected during Church on Sunday comprise 18% of the Schools' budget and help offset tuition costs.



2 SCHOLARSHIPS & TUITION ASSISTANCE

Last year, 19% of families at St. Anthony received scholarship assistance.



3 ANNUAL FUND

100% of Annual Fund gifts stay at St. Anthony Schools and are added directly to the schools' operating budget.



4 FUNDRAISING

The tradition of the St. Anthony Parish Picnic has greatly benefited St. Anthony Schools for more than 50 years.



5 EDUCATIONAL TRUST

The St. Anthony Catholic Church Educational Trust exists for the long-term benefit of St. Anthony Schools. Trust contributions are invested in bond funds, cash, life insurance, securities and mutual funds. Trust distributions are made directly to St. Anthony Schools.



6 VOLUNTEERISM

Volunteers keep overall operating costs at St. Anthony Schools low. If volunteers didn't offer their services, we would have to pay for the same work to be done. This would cause our per student costs to increase, and in turn lead to an increase in tuition.



OUR EFFORTS ARE WORKING!

We have been able to reduce tuition increases over the past decade. Our goal is to keep tuition affordable for all families.



10% 2000-2010
AVERAGE YEARLY
INCREASE

4.2% 2010-2020
AVERAGE YEARLY
INCREASE

3.6% 2020-2026
AVERAGE YEARLY
INCREASE



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Join us for the Saint Anthony Spring Gala

Reservation Deadline:
March 23, 2026

Reservations Will Be Held at the Door
(Confirmation of your reservation will be sent via email or phone.)

Reserve Online
Scan the QR Code



Reserve via Mail
complete this form and mail to:

St. Anthony Church
Attn: Hall of Fame
P.O. Box 764
Effingham, IL 62401

*Enjoy a social evening of dinner,
celebration & fun, featuring your*

2025 Hall of Fame Inductions



Saturday, March 28, 2026

Keller Convention Center

4:30 pm.....Mass at St. Anthony of Padua Church

5:30 pm.....Cocktail Reception

6:30 pm.....Dinner

7:45 pm.....Induction Ceremony

For More Information Contact:

Shelby Dasenbrock: 217-240-0118 | Allie Weber: 217-821-9411 | Parish Office: 217-347-7129 | HallofFame@StAnthony.com

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

\$30.00 per ticket. Please enclose a check made payable to St. Anthony Church.

Guest 1: _____ Guest 2: _____

Guest 3: _____ Guest 4: _____

Guest 5: _____ Guest 6: _____

Guest 7: _____ Guest 8: _____

If not purchasing an entire table, but plan on sitting with a group, please list the names of the party you would like to be seated with and we will try to accommodate your request.

Please put me/us at the table with _____

I/We cannot attend, but please accept our donation of: _____



Congratulations to the 2025 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



ALUMNI | **Joyce Kabbes**

Joyce Kabbes, a 1957 graduate of St. Anthony Grade School and High School, has devoted a lifetime of service to St. Anthony Parish and the Effingham community. As a student, she was active in cheerleading and band at a time when girls' athletics were not yet offered. For 67 years and counting, she has been a member of the church choir and has faithfully served as cantor, lector, rosary leader, and communion minister to nursing homes. She served on the pastoral council, including two years as president, chaired the parish picnic craft stand, and spent 15 years as a cherished RCIA leader. Alongside Judy Willenborg, she co-founded the Resurrection (Funeral) Choir, a ministry serving the parish for more than 25 years. Married to fellow St. Anthony graduate Ron Kabbes for 65 years until his passing in 2025, Joyce is the proud mother of four sons, grandmother of 14, and great-grandmother of 20. Her life reflects steadfast faith, humility, and quiet dedication to family and parish.



ALUMNI | FACULTY, STAFF, OR COACH | **Don & Twila Wentz**

Don and Twila Wentz have been devoted members of the St. Anthony Parish community for more than five decades. A 1966 graduate of St. Anthony High School, Don earned a Sociology degree from Quincy College in 1970. After ten years with the Illinois Department of Corrections, he began a 37-year career with Dust & Don Auto Supplies in sales and management. In 2023, he was inducted into the Quincy College Hall of Fame. He has also served the Knights of Columbus as a board member and activity coordinator. Twila, a 1966 graduate of Neoga High School, earned her degree in Education from Eastern Illinois University in 1970. After teaching in Neoga, she joined St. Anthony School in 1983, where she dedicated 30 years—primarily teaching fifth grade—before retiring in 2013. Married in 1970, they raised four children, all St. Anthony graduates, and are blessed with 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. They have faithfully served through parish ministries, fundraising committees, parish projects, and as Eucharistic Ministers to the homebound.



FRIENDS OF ST. ANTHONY | **Gene & Rhonda Fearday**

Gene and Rhonda Fearday met while attending Lakeland College and have called Effingham home since being married nearly 50 years ago. Dedicated members of St. Anthony Parish since 1986, they raised four children—Ryan, Darin, Ashley, and Bryce—who attended St. Anthony Grade School and graduated from St. Anthony High School. Today, they treasure time with their eight grandchildren. Both have given generously of their time and leadership to support St. Anthony's growth and success. Gene served as Booster Club President and has been a member of the Booster Club Advisory Board since its founding in 2013. He played an instrumental role in the design and construction of the baseball and softball fields, as well as the pavilion behind the high school. Rhonda previously served on the St. Anthony School Board and Stewardship Committee and continues to serve the community through Meals on Wheels. Together, they have been dedicated leaders in fundraising efforts and remain loyal supporters and familiar faces at Bulldog events.



FINE ARTS | **Michelle (Valenti) Bolliger**

Michelle is a St. Anthony Grade School alumna and 2005 graduate of St. Anthony High School. She later earned her Bachelor of Arts in Theatre from Millikin University in 2009. From an early age, she immersed herself in dance, voice, and drama, performing in numerous musicals throughout high school, with the Little Theatre in Sullivan, and in MainStage and student-run productions during college. Following graduation, she toured the western United States with Missoula Children's Theatre, teaching and performing musical theatre while mounting full productions in just one week with casts of up to 80 children. She later spent three years as a resident performer at the Renaissance Center in Tennessee, performing on the MainStage and in dinner theatre productions while teaching voice and fitness classes. Since settling in the Chicagoland area in 2013, she has continued performing and volunteering with the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation. In 2023, she received a Lou Award for Best Supporting Actress for her role as Ilona in *She Loves Me*.



ATHLETE OR TEAM | **2000-2009 Women's Tennis Teams**

From 2000–2009, the St. Anthony Girls Tennis program produced one of the most dominant decades in Illinois high school tennis history. Each team finished undefeated, compiling a perfect 104–0 record and contributing to a 144-match winning streak, with more than 90 percent of matches won 9–0. The Bulldogs captured ten consecutive sectional championships, each by margins exceeding ten points. Competing in a single-class IHSA format against schools with enrollments over 2,500 students, St. Anthony—then the smallest school in Illinois to offer girls tennis—was the top-finishing small school at state eight times, placing in the top 20 five times and top 10 twice, achievements unmatched by any small school in state history. At the State Tournament, the Bulldogs accounted for 102 of the 208 total points scored by all small schools during the decade. The teams also excelled academically, earning the school's highest team GPA award nine consecutive years and producing five valedictorians and three salutatorians. Eleven players earned IHSA All-State honors, five multiple times—an extraordinary mark of sustained excellence.



BOOSTER CLUB MEMBER OF THE YEAR | **Gary Greene**



Gary Greene exemplifies the true spirit of service and dedication that defines the St. Anthony community. His commitment goes far beyond what is expected, leaving a lasting impact on students, coaches, families, and programs throughout the school. Gary generously served two full terms as a Booster Club officer—an extraordinary demonstration of leadership, reliability, and Bulldog pride. His willingness to step up not once, but twice, reflects his deep commitment to supporting St. Anthony and its mission. In addition to his officer service, Gary continues to give his time and energy as a member of the Advisory Board and a dedicated leader in the transportation program. Whether behind the scenes or on the front lines, Gary is someone the community can always count on to get things done. Making him a truly deserving recipient of the Booster Club Member of the Year Award.

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