

# 3RD SUNDAY of Easter

**Sunday, April 19, 2026**



**SAINT ANTHONY**  
OF PADUA CHURCH

**Parish Office Hours:**  
Monday - Friday  
9:00am - 4:00pm

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priests at (217) 703-1042.**

**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*  
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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:

It is always distressing for one who desires to be a faithful citizen and a faithful Catholic to witness public discord between one’s political leaders and the Church. This is unfortunately not new territory for us, as we have witnessed in past decades the enactment of laws at both the state and federal level which are diametrically opposed to the teachings of the Church on the dignity of human life with regard to abortion and euthanasia, as well as the attempts to redefine marriage.

The President of the United States took to openly and disrespectfully challenging the Holy Father’s pleas for peace and deliberation concerning the conflicts in Iran. It is unsettling for us who take these matters very seriously to find ourselves caught in a struggle to be both holy and patriotic. Situations of armed conflict among nations become complicated for the Christians of those nations. Catholic Christianity is not to be confused with pacifism: for while we never condone warfare for gain of territory or resources, nor the intentional targeting of innocent lives; there are times when actions to defend oneself and/or other innocent lives is morally acceptable or even compulsory. The horrors of World Wars One and Two are not-so-distant examples of the struggle for life and freedom over tyranny and attempts at extermination of innocent lives. To sit back idly would not have been virtuous.

The reality of nuclear threats raises both the speed and breadth at which evil can be carried out and lives lost. As I write this, I do not pretend to have the information at hand nor the diplomatic or military experience to make the precise judgment as to when to act or not to act against a nuclear armed nation which has in both words and actions threatened my country and its citizenry. The desire to protect life and liberty is what should motivate those who do have that information to make decisions which sometimes call for diplomacy and compromise, but which may at other times call for the strong elimination of real threats to innocent life. That is why we should pray for our President, our lawmakers and our military.

The Holy Father and the leaders of nations have terribly difficult jobs, but they are also different jobs. To advocate for peace should always be our initial reaction. To have to strike and remove real threats should be rare. To delight in the ruin of others or celebrate war; we must never do. To choose politics over the good of the country as a whole would be our demise as a people of freedom and virtue.

I realize that some will read this with appreciation, and some with anger. Some may infer things I have not stated. But let us be in agreement: we must pray and sacrifice for peace in our war-torn lands. We must pray and sacrifice for wisdom for the Holy Father and the leaders of nations. We must pray and sacrifice that our divided nation will seek the common good over political gain. We must pray and sacrifice that our leaders speak with and deal with each other with the somber humility that such important matters require.

Fr. Peter Harman

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Wedding Banns  
Danielle Having/Brandt Young  
May 9, 2026 (I)



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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|------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
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| Steve Bierman    | Heather Hakman       | Bill Nuxoll       |
| Marty Brumleve   | Gina Hargis          | Art Pike          |
| Rich Brummer     | Donna McDevitt Jones | Kenneth Polarek   |
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| Cody Chasteen    | Evelyn Koester       | Ashley Westendorf |
| Ramona Dirks     | Joan Koester         | Paul Will         |
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| Jackson Gaitros  | Blain Loll           | Jerry Worman      |
| Susan Goldstein  | Cooper Loll          |                   |

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 evening from 6:15-8:00pm 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)

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.



## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, April 18:

**4:30pm Mass:** Clara Hartke

### Sunday, April 19:

**7:30am Mass:** Parishioners of St. Anthony

**9:15am Mass:** Jim Bloemer Anniversary

**11:00am Mass:** Special Intention

### Monday, April 20:

**6:30am Mass:** Ken & Catherine Polarek Family

**8:30am Mass:** Bob & Florence Schuette; Larry Byers Anniversary; Raymond Nuxoll; Joseph C Dietzen Anniversary; Charles & Grace Hotze Family; John & Bernie Niemann

### Tuesday, April 21:

**6:30am Mass:** Rose Schwartz

**8:30am Mass:** Jeaneane McWhorter Jenne

### Wednesday, April 22:

**6:30am Mass:** Esther Poterucha

### Thursday, April 23:

**6:30am Mass:** In Memory of Elenor Mross

**8:30am Mass:** Special Intention

### Friday, April 24:

**6:30am Mass:** Eileen Steppe Anniversary

**8:30am Mass:** Cookie Wolters

### Saturday, April 25:

**4:30pm Mass:** Catherine Westendorf Anniversary

### Sunday, April 26:

**7:30am Mass:** Parishioners of St. Anthony

**9:15am Mass:** Bob & Becky Hawickhorst

**11:00am Mass:** Marie Niemerg

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

### Public School Promotion & Graduation Names

If you have a student in the public school who is being promoted to high school or graduating from high school this year, and would like their name on the bulletin cover for graduation, please call Sara at the parish office, 217-347-7129. All names are needed by Friday, May 1st.

### CCW News

**CCW Officers** - Do you have a little time and energy to give to a worthy women's organization here at St. Anthony Parish? Would you be willing to join four other women to help lead the St. Anthony Council of Catholic Women (CCW)? We try to keep our full membership council meetings to a minimum; currently we have only three scheduled per year. Any lady of the parish who is willing to serve as a CCW officer is asked to submit her name, and the office in which she is interested, to Rita Devore by April 30 (phone 217-821-7517). Offices include President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Kitchen Chairperson. New officers will be elected at our May meeting. If you would like additional information, feel free to contact Rita, or she can put you in contact with any of the other current officers

**Mothers Day Brunch** - Ladies, we are shaking things up this year with a brunch instead of a breakfast. We will meet at the parish center on May 11 at 11:00. There will be sandwiches, fruit, and lots of sweet treats. Patty Winn will entertain us with her characterization of Betsy Ross. Come join us for good food, friends, and entertainment.



### SonRise Men's Breakfast This Friday

Men, join us this Friday for a SonRise session with a powerful look at how the people with whom you surround yourself brings you within the mercy, trust, and love of Christ.

Come for Hot Breakfast on Friday, 6:15 AM, prayer, program and discussion from 6:30 – 7:30 AM, at the St. Anthony Parish Center, Effingham.



### Cookie Jar Auction for a Cause

A reminder these auctions continue through April 26 & 27. Find and bid on cookie jar(s) for a special person and support St. Anthony Schools. Join us for 2 special online auctions featuring one of the largest collections of 1300+ cookie jars each one unique and full of character. This event is held in loving memory of Leonard and Rosemary Bushur with all proceeds benefiting St. Anthony Schools in Effingham.

**Auction Dates:** Sale 1 - Now thru Sunday, April 26th  
Sale 2 - Now thru Monday, April 27th

Your participation means more than just a cookie jar - it's a way to support a cause!

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<https://schackmann.hibid.com/catalog/730975/cookie-jar-auction-for-a-cause-2>

**Sale 1 - Closes Sunday, April 26th**



**Sale 2 - Closes Monday, April 27th**



## Liturgical Ministers for April 2026

Ministry	4:30pm	7:30am	9:15am	11:00am
<b>Lectors</b>	Bob Schultz	Doug McDevitt	Rita Niccum	Kim Willenborg
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Eric Althoff Vic Fauss Janet Probst Mary Beth Stuckey Rob Zumbahlen	Sue Bushur Janet Kennedy Kelly McDevitt Kate Weber <b>More Needed</b>	Teresa Beck Sarah Geen Patti Jansen Tom Jansen Eric Mammoser	Mike Klitzing Lisa Lauritzen <b>More Needed</b>
<b>Servers</b>	Levi Flowers Henry Gannaway Max Schuette	Kyle Thoele Jacob Thoele	Ben Sudkamp Rebecca Sudkamp Russell Mammoser	Morgan Kabbes Sophie Kabbes
<b>Ushers</b>	Jeff Dust Mitch Martin Dan Ritz <b>More Needed</b>	Greg Bushur Gerald Westendorf <b>More Needed</b>	Bernie Blanchette Vic Jansen <b>More Needed</b>	Preston Barr Larry Goldstein <b>More Needed</b>



# 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

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 All proceeds benefits St. Anthony Schools & Teachers  
 Save, Save, Save! You bring it...we'll sell it!

**Gently Used Treasures Accepted at the St. Anthony Grade School**  
**Wednesday, May 27th 11am to 7pm**  
**Thursday, May 28th 8am to 4pm**

PLEASE KEEP DIGGING and bring  
**clean** clothing of all sizes in good repair, jewelry, linens, purses, shoes, baby items, toys, puzzles, books, CD's, DVD's, records, furniture, antiques, lamps, rugs, collectibles, household items & decor, small appliances, art, frames, bikes, sporting goods, tools, anything clean in good working condition and sellable.

Please **NO** computers, printers, TV's, car seats, outdated cribs.

Donations from businesses, of used office items or merchandise, would be greatly appreciated.

If you can give your time (any amount), please call/text or email:

Dustin Overbeck – (217) 343-3541 or [doverbeck@stanthony.com](mailto:doverbeck@stanthony.com)  
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## JIGSAW PUZZLE EXCHANGE

**SUNDAY, APRIL 26TH**  
**1:00PM - 2:00PM**

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





**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 be registered in a Catholic parish or a witness registered in a Christian church & actively living their faith. A Baptism Class is required for all parents. We ask that both parents attend this class together. Godparents and witnesses 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, May 21st at 7:00pm. To register call the parish office at 217-347-7129.



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Coaching Positions

For the 2026-2027 school year.



## Fall:

- High School Volleyball Assistant Coach
- Jr High Softball Head Coach
- Jr High Baseball Assistant Coach
- Jr High Cross Country Coach

## Spring:

- HS Boys Track Coach

## Winter:

- HS Girls Varsity Basketball Coach
- HS Girls JV Basketball Coach
- Jr High Volleyball Assistant Coach



Send applications to [kpalm@stanthony.com](mailto:kpalm@stanthony.com)

## Pro-Life Corner

Everyone is welcome to attend the **Deanery Prayer Vigil for Life** to Pray for the Protection of All Life at St. Mary's church in Green Creek on Wednesday April 22nd. Praying the rosary will begin at 6:00 pm. Fr. Adam Prichard will be the celebrant for the 6:30 pm Mass. A business meeting will follow in the parish hall with refreshments being served while current pro-life issues and events are discussed.

### Day of Prayer for Life – Save the Date!

Please mark your calendars for the 52nd annual Day of Prayer for Life will be held Wednesday, June 17th, at St. Francis Church in Teutopolis. Our honored guest celebrant at the closing Mass at 7:30 PM will be Fr. Seth Brown, pastor of Mother of Dolours Church, Vandalia.

Pray hour for St. Anthony Church is scheduled from 10:00am to 11:00am.

“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/.”

Week Ending Apr 12, 2026	Weekly Totals	Fiscal YTD (Week 40 of 52)	Last Year's YTD
Regular Church Support	\$33,654.01	\$1,181,334.73	\$1,132,412.44
GOAL	\$28,265.00	\$1,130,600.00	
Difference	\$5,389.01	\$50,734.73	

Diocesan Collections	Week Ending Apr 12, 2026	YTD
Nigeria	\$110.00	\$15,414.66
Catholic Charities	\$360.55	\$12,882.70
Catholic Relief Services	\$360.00	\$2,892.20
Cemetery	\$695.00	\$17,334.10
Holy Land	\$50.00	\$2,156.10
Home Mission Appeal	\$30.00	\$150.00
Operation Rice Bowl	\$250.00	\$550.00
Seminarians	\$570.00	\$2,043.00

Join us in supporting the **Family Life Center Baby Bottle Fundraiser** from Mother's Day to Father's Day! Pick up a bottle at the church or give online using the QR code or website link below. Every gift impacts local families in need.

**BABY BOTTLE Fundraiser**

**MAY 10 - JUNE 21**

<https://rebrand.ly/bbeff>

Pick up baby bottle or give online to Family Life Center.



It's hard to believe that our St. Anthony Students will be dismissing for Summer break in a few weeks. They have done such an Amazing job with their incredible donations to our non-profit ministries, each month. Bravo to our future leaders! Catholic Charities will be the recipient of our May donations. Their food pantry is running low on the following non perishable items. St. Anthony Jr. High Students are asked to bring their donations to Tuesday morning Mass on May 5. The Elementary Students may bring their donations to morning Mass on Thursday, May 7. Parishioners may bring their donations to the church foyer before weekend Mass on May 9/10. Thank You, one and all, and have a blessed, safe Summer. Smooth peanut butter, canned peaches, boxed taco shells, taco seasoning packs, canned refried beans, ramen noodles, all types of boxed potatoes, hamburger and tuna helper, cans of tuna.

- Jayne Genta, Table Of Plenty

**Summer Immersion Experience 2026.** Single Catholic women ages 20-45 who are curious about religious life are invited to a national service immersion experience hosted by four Dominican Sisters' congregations in Springfield June 16-20. The group will live at Sacred Heart Convent and experience the rhythms of apostolic religious life, which includes community life, prayer, active service, and theological reflection. There is a \$50 participation fee, but no woman will be turned away for lack of funds. Apply soon at [springfieldop.org/events](http://springfieldop.org/events) or call Sister Denise Glazik, OP, 217-787-0481 for questions.

**Blue Sunday Day of Prayer**  
April 26th, 2026

April, **National Child Abuse Prevention Month**, is quickly approaching. On April 26th, churches across the nation will unite in prayer for children experiencing abuse and neglect during **Blue Sunday Day of Prayer**.

CASA for Kids trains community volunteers to advocate for children who have experienced abuse or neglect. We believe every child deserves a safe, nurturing, and permanent home, and that our community should play a vital role in helping that become a reality. As of February 2026, CASA is serving 59 children in foster care in Effingham County; yet **18 children are still waiting for an advocate**.

**EFFINGHAM COUNTY BY THE NUMBERS:**

- 26 CASA VOLUNTEERS
- 59 CHILDREN SERVED
- 18 CHILDREN WAITING FOR AN ADVOCATE

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[casa4change.org](http://casa4change.org)

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