

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, September 27, 2026



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of any assistance!

Fr. Peter C. Harman, Pastor
Fr. Alex McCullough, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Joe (Pat) Emmerich



Liturgy Schedule

Monday - Friday: **6:30AM**
Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri: **8:30AM**
Sat: **4:30PM**
Sun: **7:30AM, 9:15AM, 11:00AM**

Live Streamed Masses

Sat: 4:30PM | Mon - Fri: 6:30AM

Reconciliation

Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri: **7:45AM**
Sat: **3:15 - 4:00PM**
(Anytime by Appointment)

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“From the Pastor’s Desk”

Dear St. Anthony Parish Family:

With the vacancy of the Director of Liturgical Music, there have been many parishioners and musicians who have increased their generosity in serving us to make sure that we have quality music for our liturgies. Among all of our cantors and musicians, I would like to especially thank Mrs. Irene Koester and Mr. Jonathan Myers for the amount of time and talent they have offered to assist us. We are advertising the open position both locally and nationally among Catholic Music resources. Please keep this search in your prayers.

I will be out of the office this upcoming week on my annual hiking trip, this year to the Beartooth Mountain Range at the border between Wyoming and Montana, just above Yellowstone National Park. The area features some beautiful high altitude alpine lakes, and if the pictures are accurate, there should be many beautiful hikes to be had. Say a prayer we have good weather and safe days on the trail. I will see you next weekend.

I hope you have a good week!

Fr. Peter Harman

Grief Support Meetings



Grief support meetings are held on Tuesday evenings beginning at 6:15pm in the small room of the parish center. Meetings will be held each week on Tuesday evenings. No registration is necessary.



We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of **Mary Ellen Mayhall (Class of 1968)**. May she enjoy eternal peace and happiness in Heaven.

Wedding Banns



Madalyn Tegeler/Alec Campbell
October 3, 2026 (III)

MacKenzie Koester/Robert Weeks
October 10, 2026 (II)

Alexys Hays/Patrick Grunloh
October 17, 2026 (I)



First Saturday Mass & Devotion
October 3, 2026

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

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CONNECT, OR GIVE



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:

Steve Bierman	Gina Hargis	Connie Roewe
Marty Brumleve	Marsha Herboth	Olivya Smith
Maureen Brummer	Donna McDevitt Jones	Gustie Unkraut
Danny Bushue	Ingrid Kay	Shirley Valenti
Bertha Bushur	John Keenan	Marilyn Wente
Dennis Bushur	Betty Koester	Ashley Westendorf
Mary Lynn Byers	Eric Koester	Paul Will
Cody Chasteen	Joan Koester	Keith Willenborg
Alexis Didier	Gail Kraft	Paul V Willenborg
Ramona Dirks	Terry Kraft	Ann Worman
Msgr. Leo Enlow	Mary Lawyer	Dan Worman
Donna Feldhake	Colleen Linde	Jerry Worman
Richard Feldhake	Gerry A Lohman	
Todd Gardewine	Blain Loll	
Claudia Gale	Cooper Loll	
Jackson Gaitros	Addilyn Meyer	
Susan Goldstein	Bill Nuxoll	
Cheryl Gross	Art Pike	
Heather Hakman	Deborah Richards	

Wondering where to get started, how to get involved, or how to give? Just follow the QR code or go to connect.stanthony.com



Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 26:

4:30pm Mass: Lorraine Jones Anniversary

Sunday, September 27:

7:30am Mass: Jim & Marcella Bourgeois Family

9:15am Mass: Austin Flach

11:00am Mass: Parishioners of St. Anthony

Monday, September 28:

6:30am Mass: Kenny & Joan Eggers

8:30am Mass: Leonard & Pauline Boos; Colin Woods;
Susan M Stockman; Jenny Gaddis;
Bruce Hartke

Tuesday, September 29:

6:30am Mass: Eileen Steppe

8:30am Mass: Alma Luchtefeld Anniversary

Wednesday, September 30:

6:30am Mass: Mike Hartke Anniversary

Thursday, October 1:

6:30am Mass: George Willenborg

8:30am Mass: Norbert & Virginia Koester

Friday, October 2:

6:30am Mass: Evelyn Lack

8:30am Mass: Jack Kabbes Anniversary

Saturday, October 3:

6:30am Mass: Alice Haarmann Anniversary

4:30pm Mass: Parishioners of St. Anthony

Sunday, October 4:

7:30am Mass: Larry Byers

9:15am Mass: Steven & Kat Kabbes Family

11:00am Mass: Kenneth Polarek



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.

Natural Family Planning Class:

To register, contact Kate Pruemmer at 217-821-1840 or kpruemmer@gmail.com

Saturday, November 13, 2026

6:00 - 7:30pm at St. Francis, Teutopolis

Pre-Cana Dates

Marriage prep programs may be a one-day Pre-Cana program, a weekend for the engaged experience, or another approved marriage preparation program.

Saturday, November 14, 2026 @ St. Anthony

Call 217-347-7129 to register.

February 7, 2027 @ St. Francis, Teutopolis

Call 217-961-6404 to register.

March 13, 2027 @ St. Mary, Ste Marie

Call 618-455-3155 to register.

Shot Clock Operators Needed



Shot clock operators are needed for boys & girls high school basketball games. This is a new ISHA regulation and games cannot be played without it. Training and practice will be made available. Please contact Kevin Palmer at 217-342-6969 or kpalm@stanthony.com to inquire about helping.

CCW SOUP SUPPER OCTOBER 5TH

I think we are all looking forward to fall with beautiful falling leaves, cooler weather, wiener roasts, and SOUP! Come join CCW ladies from St. Anthony, Sacred Heart, and St. Mary's for an evening of soup, entertainment, and renewing friendships.

**St. Anthony Parish Center
Beginning at 6:00pm**



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, **November 19th at 7:00pm**. To register call the parish office at 217-347-7129.

Liturgical Ministers for October 2026

Ministry	4:30pm	7:30am	9:15am	11:00am
Lectors	Sr. Claret Feldhake	Ann Platt	Brian Sehy	Kim Willenborg
Eucharistic Ministers	David Emmerich Sr. Claret Feldhake Mike Genta Ellen Hann Cindy Thies	Janet Kennedy Kelly McDevitt Carlene Weber Sarah Wendt More Needed	Kelly Butts Patti Jansen Tom Jansen Carolyn Rohlfing Anne Wilson	Mike Klitzing Lisa Lauritzen Susan Ealy More Needed
Servers	Jackson Hann Kylee Lustig Avie Barns	Owen Wendt Evalyn Wendt	Lilly Butts Isaac Butts Adalyn Conant	Nash Hoene Weston Lawrence
Ushers	Mitch Martin Don Niebrugge Bart Willenborg More Needed	Bill Overbeck Tony Weber More Needed	Justin Brummer Michael Wilson More Needed	Preston Barr Larry Goldstein More Needed

Pro-Life Corner

Prayer Campaign for LIFE September 23 - November 7

Our parish will soon be participating in the annual "Prayer Campaign for LIFE", 40 days focused on building a pro-life culture. We will be joining people of faith across our nation to pray, fast, and serve to end abortion and to fight assisted suicide.

God heard the pro-life prayers of our nation, and blessed us by overturning Roe v. Wade in 2022. What a huge victory! We have the wonderful opportunity to pray in thanksgiving for this gift.

Unfortunately, the average number of abortions committed in our state increased by over 1,300 per month after Roe was overturned. People in surrounding states view our state as an abortion "haven" since Illinois has no abortion restrictions. We have much to pray for!

There will be opportunities to sign-up for individual prayer hours at our church as well as service hours at the Silk Purse Thrift Store in Effingham.

Everyone is encouraged to pray and fast from September 23 to Nov. 7. Watch for more details coming soon!

"Prayer is the best weapon we have; it is the key to God's heart." - St. Padre Pio

Life Chain 2026 - Respect Life Sunday Sunday, October 4

1:30pm - Prayer Service

Effingham Event Center (KC Hall) - 1501 W Fayette Ave, Effingham, IL

2-3 pm Life Chain on Fayette Ave/Keller Drive

- A Christian Witness against the killing of pre-born children
- Help us line Fayette Ave & Keller Drive in Effingham – prayerfully, peacefully and legally – with crowds of pro-life Christians
- Bring your family and friends to help make this a successful pro-life event.
- Signs will be furnished.
- Refreshments will be served following the event at the Effingham Event Center.
- For further information, please call Karla Slifer, Coordinator at 217-690-5282.

The Life Chain is a church and family event, not a rally or political extravaganza. Participants are to respect all other pedestrians, including those who oppose the chain and show only respect to motorists who indicate other sentiments. If standing is a problem, lawn chairs are welcome. All denominations are invited and urged to attend!

Rosary Crusade - Saturday, October 10 at Noon

Our Blessed Mother told us the rosary is the Divine Solution and that the rosary is our greatest weapon.
"Do as I say and there will be peace!"

We will meet at the Grotto, at noon (the time of the Miracle of the Sun in Fatima), on the south side of HSHS St. Anthony Memorial Hospital, 503 N Maple St, Effingham.
Bring a lawn chair, your rosary, and dress for the weather! All are Welcome!



Come Experience DeColores

Need a little time to step away, recharge, and reconnect with God? Join us for a DeColores weekend! DeColores is a wonderful opportunity to grow closer to Christ through prayer, fellowship, and sharing faith.

Men's Weekend: October 15th - 18th, 2026
Rector: Doug Atwater: 217-821-1351

Women's Weekend: October 22nd - 25th, 2026
Rectora: Kathy Bunker: 217-821-3722

Applications are now being accepted, and space is limited!
Contact Doug or Kathy for more information or to sign up.



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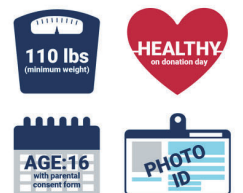
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SonRise Fridays Ladies, send your Men!

This week we will discover that Christian marriage is not built upon passing emotions, but upon a radical and lasting gift of self. The marriage vows call husbands and wives to remain faithful through every circumstance and to love even when that love becomes costly.

Christ's complete gift of himself on the cross and in the Eucharist is the perfect model for married love. This session will challenge us to move from self-interest to self-gift and discover the lasting joy found in being fully given.

Hot breakfast available at 6:15am, St. Anthony Parish Center. Prayer, program and discussion from 6:30am to 7:30am. No cost or registration needed.

All men are welcome. Learn more at thatmanisyou.com, or Dan Woods, 217-821-1495.

Table of Plenty

October's Table of Plenty donations will be distributed to The Study Shoppe. Located in Effingham at 800 S Henrietta St., this nonprofit is a safe space for students to study after school for grades 6-12.

October 13th: Junior High
October 15th: Grade School
October 17th & 18th: Weekend Mass

Items Needed:

Full size candy bars-favorites, Little Debbie Snacks-Zebra Cakes, Brownies, White Iced Cakes, Oatmeal Cream Pies, Full Size Microwave popcorn bags, and Variety Pack Chips and Variety Pack Snacks.



Monthly Collection Totals

	August, 2026		Fiscal Year-to-Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Offertory	\$ 96,204.86	\$ 150,160.00	\$ 213,486.71	\$ 286,660.00
Loose Collection	\$ 6,396.13	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 10,400.39	\$ 13,000.00
Parish Improvement	\$ 860.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 2,326.00	\$ 9,000.00
Holy Days	\$ 535.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 535.00	\$ 2,500.00
Total	\$ 103,995.99	\$ 164,660.00	\$ 226,748.10	\$ 311,160.00

Diocesan Collections	August, 2026
Catholic Charities	\$ 25.55
Missionary-IHM Develop	\$ 5.00
Nigerian Sister Parish	\$ 1,721.00
Cemetery	\$ 580.00



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EIU Newman Center - Newman Night

Are you an alumnus, friend, parent, or have a connection to EIU and the Newman Center? Join us for this year's Newman Night Gala, October 10th, as we form today's students into tomorrow's Saints and Scholars. From Mass and dinner to the silent auction and student awards, it's an evening of celebrating and raising funds for this amazing campus ministry! For more details visit our website at eiunewman.org/newmannight, scan the QR code, call 217-348-0188, or email John Johnson at development@eiunewman.org

St. Isidore Parish Annual Fall Breakfast and Raffle

St. Isidore Parish, St. Joseph Hall / Church (Island Grove) located at 16987 N 200th St, Teutopolis, IL 62467 will be having its Annual Fall Breakfast and Raffle from 7:30 AM to 12:00 PM on **Sunday, October 4, 2026**, at the St. Joseph Hall (Church). Carry-out will be available. The menu will include whole hog sausage, ham, pancakes, fried eggs, scrambled eggs, homemade breads and rolls, orange juice, milk and coffee. Cost this year is a FREE WILL DONATION. The Country Store which will contain homemade baked goods from the members of the parish will be open from 7:30 AM to Noon. The drawing for the quilt and big raffle will be at Noon (do not need to be present). Tickets for the quilt and big raffle will be available for purchase during the breakfast.

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Please submit written **bulletin** articles to:
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Bulletin, PO Box 764, Effingham, IL 62401.
Articles must be in the office by noon Monday prior to publication.

Prayer Campaign for



40 days focused on building a pro-life culture

September 23 – November 7, 2026

Help us end abortion and assisted suicide. How?

Part 1 – PRAY

Come to the church for an hour of dedicated prayer on these dates:

- **Tuesday, October 13**
- **Thursday, October 15**
- **Friday, October 16**

Choose your time slot between **9:00am and 5:00pm** and help us fill these 40 days with prayer to end abortion and assisted suicide. Sign up sheets are at the entrances of church.

Part 2 – FAST

Prayer and fasting throughout the 40 days are encouraged. Fast from certain foods, or fast from comforts or entertainment. We fast in the hope that God will heal our lives and communities.

Part 3 – SERVE at the Silk Purse

Join us at the **Family Life Center's** Silk Purse Thrift Store in Effingham for an hour or more any day of the campaign. Volunteers help prepare donated items for sale. Choose your time slot and sign-up by contacting **the Silk Purse directly at (217) 342-3319**.

All proceeds from the Silk Purse go to the **Family Life Center**, our local crisis pregnancy center. Clients at the Center take classes to learn parenting tools and then earn "Client Cash". They spend this cash at the Silk Purse to purchase items needed for their families.

Please contact **Tiffiny Wrigley at (217) 347-7129** for more information.

Why the focus on assisted suicide?

Tragically, a bill to legalize physician-assisted suicide in Illinois was passed and will go into effect on Sept. 12, 2026. Assisted suicide is referred to as “Medical Aid in Dying”, or MAID.

This law makes it legal for doctors to prescribe lethal drugs to help terminally ill patients end their life.

Please pray...

- that patients will not choose suicide.
- that patients will not feel pressured or coerced into ending their lives.
- that medical providers will opt out of participating.
- for all to see the wisdom of choosing to accompany one another with care and compassion until natural death.

The poor, the elderly, the mentally ill, and the disabled are most at risk from legalized suicide.

We must be vigilant as there will likely be future proposals to expand the law so more people will have access to this “help”.

Why pray to end abortion?

We need God’s help!

- Pharmacy chains including Walgreens and CVS have become abortion providers by distributing the abortion pill through some of their numerous pharmacies.
- Since the overturn of Roe vs. Wade, Illinois has had a huge surge in the number of abortions committed per month! In contrast to our surrounding states, we have virtually no restrictions on abortion. Abortions are permitted up until **birth**, and parents of minor girls are not notified if she gets an abortion.
- A third trimester abortion clinic opened in northern Illinois.

We’ve seen the power of prayer!

In 2016, Planned Parenthood permanently closed the doors of their Effingham office. Organized prayer to close this office began four years prior. *Hundreds* of people prayed in their home, at their church, and in front of the Planned Parenthood building.

**Please join us as we faithfully strive
to end abortion and
physician-assisted suicide.**



Paw Prints

Sophomore and Junior Retreats

On September 3rd & 4th the Sophomores and Juniors attended our annual retreat in Springfield, Illinois. The theme for both groups was: Emmanuel, God with Us, The Promise and Power of the Sacraments. The beautiful weather, great speakers, and awesome fellowship with each other gave these young men and women an unforgettable experience.



German Exchange Students

Welcome to our ten German Foreign Exchange students who spent two days in classes with our students this past week. Many thanks to the host families that provided a wonderful opportunity for them.

St. Anthony High School hosted SGT Michael Hawkins from the Illinois National Guard during Activity Period. Many of our young students visited his booth for information and a chance to win some US Army National Guard goodies and to see if they could achieve some of his physical challenges.



Congratulations to Frank Scheidemantel

The National Merit Scholarship Program recognizes students each year who perform well on the PSAT administered during students' junior year. This year, we congratulate Frank Scheidemantel on joining 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation.

International Manufacturing Trade Show at McCormick Center in Chicago - Fourteen of our students left Effingham at 3 am on the train bound for Chicago to attend the International Manufacturing Trade Show held at McCormick Center. Students observed many international companies and their inventions for the future. Thanks to Mrs. Cathy Wenthe for providing this interesting field trip. Students who attended are Isaac F., Mason S., Carson R., Francis S., Whitney S., Keegan O., Eric U., Silas V., Michael F., Jonathan G., Riley M., Eli H., Gabriel L., and Devin G..



Important Dates:

- Sept. 30 Blood Drive 9am-2pm
Open Campus
Last Day for shorts
- Oct. 7 High School Choir & Band Concert at 7pm
- Oct. 9 No School (PD day for faculty)
- Oct. 12 No School (Columbus Day)
- Oct. 13 ACT Practice Testing
(Seniors not in session)
- Oct. 14 NHS Induction 7pm
- Oct. 16 End of 1st Semester
- Oct. 21 P/T Conferences 4-7pm
- Oct. 23 No School

Every Wednesday: Reconciliation,
1:00 - 2:00pm, Rm. 7:7
Every Friday: HS Mass in Church,
8:30am



Paw Prints

SAGS Academic Spotlight

We are excited to share some positive results from our Fall 2026 MAP testing! Our students continue to demonstrate strong academic achievement across the school. This fall, our overall school scores had 90% of our students testing at or above grade level in math and reading. These results reflect the hard work of our students and teachers and the continued support of our families. We are grateful for the commitment our St. Anthony community makes each day to help our students grow and reach their full potential! Way to go Bullpups!

Spotlight on First Grade

First Grade students in Mrs. Roepke's class are completing reading and math stations. These stations focus on writing words, complete sentences and addition. Mrs. Roepke also has an apple themed sensory table in her homeroom for the fall season. Sensory tables help students improve their fine motor skills along with various academic and STEM concepts.

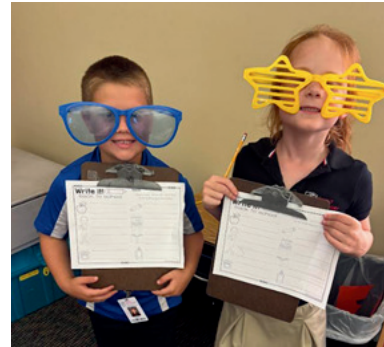
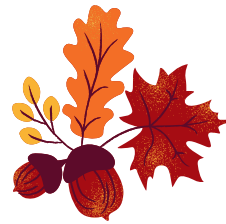


Table of Plenty

October's Table of Plenty donations will be distributed to "The Study Shoppe", Effingham's nonprofit safe space for students in grades 6-12. In this bright and appealing space, the students can work on homework and get assistance from the volunteers on anything they need help with. The Study Shoppe is fully staffed Mon - Thurs from 3:00-5:00pm. Your continued generosity is greatly appreciated!

- Full size candy bars-favorites are Hershey's Milk chocolate, Nestle Crunch, Snickers, Reese's cups, Skittles, M+Ms, Sour Patch Straws.
- Little Debbie Snacks-Zebra Cakes, Brownies, White Iced Cakes, Oatmeal Cream Pies.
- Full Size Microwave popcorn bags and Variety Pack Chips

Important Dates:

10/9	No School
10/12	No School
10/13	Jr. High Table of Plenty
10/15	K-5 th Grade Table of Plenty
10/15	End of 1 st Quarter
10/21	Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:00pm
10/22	Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:00pm
10/23	No School

Weekly:

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

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

Upcoming Student Council Dress Down Days:

October 26th - \$1.00 donation to FISH Christmas Store



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