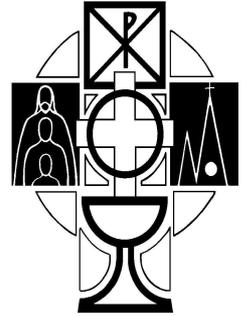




24th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 13, 2015



The Roman Catholic Diocese of Belleville, IL.
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A PARISH PARTNERSHIP IN WASHINGTON COUNTY, IL



Website: staoflivelygrove.com

Baptism- Preparation Program required. **Marriage**-Contact must be made at least 4 months in advance. **Confession** - by appointment

St. Anthony Parish

Lively Grove, Illinois
Phone: (618)824-6271

St. Barbara Parish

Okawville, Illinois
Phone: (618) 243-6236

Partnership Mass Schedule Change: After much consultation amongst parishioners and discussion at both partnership pastoral council meetings, **effective next Saturday, Sept. 19**, the parish partnership of St. Anthony's and St. Barbara's will share a **Saturday evening anticipated Mass that will normally be celebrated from that date at 5:00 p.m.** This Mass will take the place of the practice of the past year of each parish hosting an anticipated Mass. The site of the Mass will rotate on a monthly basis between the two parishes. This necessary step is in accord with the Diocese of Belleville's PASTORAL PLAN FOR RENEWAL AND RESTRUCTURING and the call to a greater level of shared activities within parish partnerships. The call for shared activities include the experience of worship within a partnership.

For these final two Saturday evenings of September, the now 5:00 p.m. Mass will be held at St. Anthony's, Lively Grove. A regular monthly rotation will then begin in October with St. Barbara's hosting that month at 5:00 p.m. and then in November at St. Anthony's at 5:00 p.m. and onward from there. Again, rotating between the two church buildings each month.

The hope is that parishioners of both parishes will recognize that the Saturday evening Mass, with its historically sharply smaller attendance than Sunday Masses, is a SHARED partnership liturgy. We hope parishioners will join at the month's host parish if Saturday evening Mass is a value to them. We will continue ongoing attendance counts as we monitor the attendance going forward and evaluate the lived practice of this kind of rotation.

St. Barbara's/St. Anthony's Common News and Around the Diocese

Worship This Week

Sat 9/12 4:30pm (St. Barbara)
Sat 9/12 7:00pm (St. Anthony)
Sun 9/13 8:30am (St. Barbara)
Sun 9/13 10:30am (St. Anthony)

(Mass Intentions)

For the People
+Gene & Ruthie Mathews
+Eugene Mathews
+Rose Zinck, +Joe Schmersahl

+Dorothy & Jane Buss, +Rose Zinck
+Loretta Frederking, +Betty Lake
For the People

Liturgical Ministers

Sat 9/19 5:00pm (St. Anthony)

Servers: Volunteers please
Lector: Volunteer please
Eucharistic Min: Kenneth Schoenherr, Barb Jetton, Hazel Biggs

Ushers: Steve Jetton, Jim Brazinski

Sun 9/20 8:30am (St. Barbara)

Servers: Volunteers Please
Lector: Aaron Tebbe
Eucharistic Min: Pam Switala, Pat Shaw, Mike Michaud

Ushers: Dale & Shirley Tippett

Collection Counters: Toby Brown, Aaron Tebbe

Sun 9/20 10:30am (St. Anthony)

Servers: Landon Schmersahl, Nathan Lintker
Lector: Kurt Heckert
Eucharistic Min: Vernon & Marilyn Weber, Clara Dressler

Ushers: Tom Sabo, Marshall Artime

Collection Counters: Terry Habrock, Richard Kurtz

"Our Partnership's Gifts to the Lord"

St. Barbara total gifts for 9/6/2015 \$1,269.00

Envelopes (33) \$1,051.00 / Loose \$118.00

Catholic Communications (2) \$100.00

St. Anthony's total gifts for 9/6/2015 \$1,490.00

Envelopes (38) \$1,388.00 / loose \$102.00

"Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:21)

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"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." (Mark 8:34)

When we truly believe that all we have is a gift from God, then we must be willing to give up some things so that we can share our blessings as God intended. Living a stewardship lifestyle means not only being responsible for our own life, but the lives of others as well.

If you or someone you know might be interested in becoming Catholic or you are a Catholic adult who has not received the Sacraments of Holy Communion or Confirmation.....HERE IS AN INVITATION! The RCIA (**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**) begins in this **Wednesday September 16, 2015**. RCIA is a faith journey through learning about the Catholic faith and Christian formation. It is the way a person is incorporated into and joins the Church, the Body of Christ. If interested, please feel free to contact Fr. Poole in person, by phone @ (618) 243-6236 or by email @ [holycatholic@live.com](mailto:holy catholic@live.com). **Those who are fully initiated Catholics and who would like a "faith refresher" are also invited to attend sessions.**

Please pray for our Bishop and the priests of our Diocese who will be joining together for the annual autumn diocesan Convocation of Priests in St. Louis throughout this coming week. The focus will be upon vocations in the Church....a very important and vital topic in our day as Catholics.

BLESSING OF ANIMALS- In honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, a Blessing of Animals will be held on Sunday, Oct. 4th in front of the shrine area on the grounds of St. Barbara's, Okawville at 12 noon. Father Poole will preside at this annual blessing service of the parish partnership. We welcome dogs, cats, gerbils, fish, snakes, horses or any pet (please have them on leads or otherwise contained) .

All are invited to the Diocesan Fall Harvest Blessing of the Farm, which will be held on **Tuesday, October 6, 2015, at 1:00 P.M. at the farm of Paul and Shirley McCormick**. The farm of Mr. & Mrs. McCormick is located at 5760 IL State Route 3; Ellis Grove, Illinois, 62241. This is 9.6 miles north of Chester on IL-3. Look for 4 grain bins and 4 storage buildings on your right; turn in at the "Farm Blessing" sign for parking. // Or, this is 15.4 miles south of Red Bud on IL-3. Look for 4 grain bins and 4 storage buildings on your left; turn in at the "Farm Blessing" sign for parking. Those attending are invited to bring harvested grain, fruit and vegetables and garden produce in marked containers along with animals and farm machinery to be blessed. Please join us for food and fellowship following the Blessing!

Diocese of Belleville Guidelines for Parish Pastoral Councils- The St. Anthony's/St. Barbara's parish partnership will be beginning a study of the diocesan guidelines for our partnership pastoral councils in the very near future. There will also be an emphasis during the study upon the mandate from Bishop Braxton of some form of shared structure in regard to these pastoral councils that is contained in the VICARIATE LETTERS directive in which the Bishop addresses our unique partnership. Our Pastor Fr. Poole's desire is that this is as an *inclusive* process as is possible and that any and all interested parishioners have an opportunity to take part in this process.

The Diocese of Belleville Guidelines for Parish Pastoral Councils was published in 2011 under the directive of the Bishop and is the norm upon which pastoral councils in the Diocese need to be modeled to reflect an authentically Catholic vision of function.

At the entrance of each partner church is a sign-up sheet for parishioners to list their names and e-mail addresses to receive this document from our office in PDF form. If an interested parishioner is not able to receive e-mail, a limited number of hard copies will be available as well and we ask you to indicate your desire for one on that sheet only if you cannot get email delivery.

Our hope is that as many parishioners as possible will request this document, receive it and study and reflect upon its contents and challenges as our partnership moves forward into the future. Initial *inclusive* discussion meetings for all interested parishioners will then be scheduled at a future date to begin a partnership process with the document as our reference and guide.

St. Barbara's News

*****PSR... 9/13 Open House following the 8:30am Mass (stay in church) & donuts with Grandparents and Parents at the hall after Fr. talks with us. Registering in hall, \$15 per child.

9/20 no PSR

9/27 PSR classes start following the 8:30 am Mass

The St. Barbara Ladies extend a welcome to all quilters. Starting Wednesday, September 30th the ladies will resume Wednesday quilting. Quilting in two shifts. Morning from 9am till 12 noon and again in the evening from 5pm till 9pm. All are welcome.

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers:

Gary Shaw, Norbert Zinck, Dona Zinck, Frank Fischer, Msgr. Vince Haselhorst and Fr. Dennis Voss.

May the Lord give them comfort and strength in their time of need.

St. Anthony's News

This week Sunday, September 13th, registration and classes begin for PSR. Enrollment is \$15 per child. *We welcome the students and hope that everyone had a great summer!*

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers:

Msgr. Vince Haselhorst, Fr. Dennis Voss, Henrietta Kramper, Julia Wisely-Heil, Mary Magee, Ruth Moniz, Erin Pasqualle, Tom Sweet, Marilyn Weber, Sue Schroer, Mariann Brugger, Charles & Joan Gutjahr, Ben Leyson, Dorothy Schmersahl, Jason Smith, Georgie Brazinski, Harvey Zinck, Shirley Hagene, Bryan Perkes, Hermina Taylor, Marie Jenetten, Hilda Shubert, Joel Shubert, Mary Sabo and Bud Smith.

May the Lord give them comfort and strength in their time of need.

For all men and women who have been called or will be called to service to protect our country;
GMSA Brock Swift US Navy; Gsgt. Joseph Weber, CPL Brad Kurtz, (Germany), Grant McClure.
PRAY FOR PEACE!!

***Please call or drop a note in the basket with any names that should be added or taken off of the list.**

Save The Date:

Celebrate Priesthood Sunday! **October 25, 2015.** Priesthood Sunday, the last Sunday in October, is a special day set aside to honor the Catholic priesthood in the United States. It is also a time to thank our Pastor and other priests who have served us for their generosity of spirit in ministry to God's people. Join St. Anthony's and St. Barbara's Partnership in celebrating a United Mass. Come Enjoy Faith and Fellowship! Attendance Prizes! **TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE! More information to follow.**

To all North Central Vicariate members: The Ladies are planning a noon luncheon at St. Theresa of Avila, 812 West Main Street in Salem, Il on Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2015. The meeting is being held during the day instead of evening. The Avila league will be providing the luncheon. 6 volunteers are needed to bring desserts. If you can bring a dessert please contact me at 381-0911. If you plan on attending this meeting call Carolyn Wessel at 243-5205 or Bernie Jansen at 243-6250 no later than Sept. 20, 2015