



ST. ANTHONY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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August 16, 2026
Twentieth Sunday

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Organization Presidents

Home & School	573-468-4423
Liturgy, Joan Koebbe, Contact	573-468-8671
St. Vincent de Paul Society	1-877-238-3228 #3365
Parish Center Rental	573-468-6101
Knights of Columbus Hall	573-860-2458
Grand Knight, Dean Grus	573-578-5756

Counseling or Help with an unwanted Pregnancy

BirthRight 1-800-550-4900
LifeLine 573-885-3040
Pregnancy Assistance Center 636-239-1840
CHILD ABUSE Hotline 1-800-392-3738
Adult Abuse & Neglect 1-800-392-0210



Stuffed Animals Needed

We are in need of "gently used" or new stuffed animals to use as prizes for our Festival Children's games.

You may bag them and leave them in the vestibule at church, or drop them by the rectory.

We appreciate your help and we thank you!

Katy Trail Pilgrimage 9-28-26-10-2-2026

Registration is open now. You may register @
<https://share.google/sZpaMb2XVr66Mn7Qa>

To get further information please visit:

www.KatyTrailPilgrimage.com

You may also contact one of the following:

Diana Smith 636-390-3489

Erica Herman 314-706-1835

Anne Lause 636-432-4556 Jenn Smith 636-584-3200

Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening 4:00 p.m.
Sunday Morning 11:00 a.m.-(Children's Liturgy)
Weekdays Thursday & Friday 8:00 a.m.

Confessions

Saturdays-3:00 PM – 3:45 PM
Thursdays & Friday after Mass at 8:30 AM
Confessions at Holy Martyrs at 6:00 PM on Thursday's

Sacramental Preparation for Marriage

Please contact the rectory at least 6 months prior to your marriage. Attending "Preparing for Christian Marriage" lectures or an alternate approved program is required. No Weddings will be performed after 1:00p.m. on Saturdays.

Sacrament of Baptism

Arrangements are to be made to attend Baptismal Classes for Parents prior to the baptism. Contact the rectory office to make arrangements, at 573-468-6101.

Festival Tent Set Up

We will be setting up Tents on Thursday, August 20th, at 5:00 PM this year, pending the weather.

The more volunteers we can get the faster it will go. We will provide drinks and food.



FAITH & FELLOWSHIP

Please join us on Wednesday's from 6-7 PM at the rectory to share and learn more about our faith.

If you know of someone who would like to learn more, invite them. Open to everyone!

WELCOME

A warm welcome to all of you who have come to worship with us. If you are visiting, we are honored by your presence. If you are interested in becoming a member, please call the rectory at 573-468-6101.

Parish Website: www.stanthonyssullivan.com



Today we move ahead in our reading of Matthew's Gospel. Last week we read about [Jesus walking on the water](#) and the disciples' confession of faith that Jesus is the Son of God. If we were reading Matthew's entire Gospel, we would have read about Jesus' debate with the Pharisees about Jewish purity laws. Jesus argues that it is not what goes into us that makes us unclean; he is referring to the strict Jewish dietary rules. Instead our words and our actions—what comes out of us—make us unclean because they emerge from a heart that is unclean.

Knowing about Jesus' debate with the Pharisees helps us to understand today's Gospel. In fact the story heightens the surprise and shock we feel as we hear Jesus' exchange with the Canaanite woman. The woman, who is not Jewish, approaches Jesus, requesting that he heal her demon-possessed daughter. At first Jesus ignores her; he says nothing. The disciples ask Jesus to send her away, and Jesus agrees, remarking that he was sent to minister to the Jews alone.

The woman persists, paying homage to Jesus, and yet Jesus denies her request again. He even insults her, using a Jewish word of derision for Gentiles, "dog." But the woman cleverly turns Jesus' insult into an affirmation of faith. Only then does Jesus grant her request and heal her daughter.

Jesus' unresponsiveness to this woman may strike us as uncharacteristic or shocking. Yet in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus' ministry is directed primarily to the people of Israel. At only a very few points, such as the one found in today's Gospel, do we find Jesus anticipating the later Christian ministry to the rest of the world. Behind Matthew's text we can hear this early Christian community's struggle to understand how God's selection of Israel is consistent with two events: Israel's rejection of Jesus and the Gentiles' acceptance of Jesus. Just as Jesus was surprised by the faith expressed by the Canaanite woman, so too the first Christians were surprised that the Gentiles would receive the salvation God offered through Christ. In today's second reading from Paul's letter to the Romans, we hear the apostle Paul considering this same concern.

The faith that the Canaanite woman expresses is an affirmation of and confidence in God's abundant mercy. Yes, salvation comes through Israel, but it overflows for the benefit of all.



School News

Thursday, August 20th

Grade Level Meeting-Parents Only

If you know of anyone interested in our school, please have them call the school office at 573-468-4423 to set up a time to come in and speak with us.

Dear Parishioners,

Our annual parish festival is Saturday/Sunday August 22nd/23rd. We appreciate the many ways our parish family shares their time, talents, and treasures throughout the year. For those who may not be able to volunteer their time for our upcoming festival, a sponsorship donation is another meaningful way to participate through stewardship and support the parish. Prayerfully consider becoming a Gold Sponsor (\$100), Silver Sponsor (\$75), or Patron Sponsor (\$50) to assist with All-U-Can-Eat fried chicken dinner expenses. Thank you for your generosity and commitment to our parish community. Sponsorship checks can be made to the parish and collected at Offertory or directed to the parish office.

Additional sponsorship opportunities are available for the cornhole tournament and various children's activities. We are also accepting donations for prizes for children's games. Please contact Luke Mayer (636-234-8104) for more information if interested!

Mass Intentions

Monday,	August 17	
	8:00 a.m.	NO MASS
Tuesday,	August 18	Communion Service
	8:00 a.m.	Perpetual Help Devotions
Wednesday,	August 19	
	8:00 a.m.	NO MASS
Thursday,	August 20	
	8:00 a.m.	Priests Purgatorial Society
Friday,	August 21	
	8:00 a.m.	Mary Windmoeller
Saturday	August 22	
	4:00 p.m.	For the Success of Our Festival
Sunday	August 23	
	11:00 a.m.	For Our Parish Family

Lector and Minister Schedule

Saturday,	August 22	
	4:00 p.m.	J Mallory
	Ministers	K Thomeczek, R Abel
Sunday,	August 23	
	11:00 a.m.	A Branson
	Ministers	W Tyree, Volunteer

Servers

Saturday,	August 22	
	4:00 p.m.	Jocelyn Roberts & Volunteer
Sunday,	August 23	
	11:00 a.m.	Wesley Kloos & Blake McCulloch

Gift Bearers-Ushers



St. Vincent de Paul Society

This weekend is our monthly Collection. We so appreciate your support. We are one of the few assistance programs in the Sullivan area, so many places refer people to us. We are very blessed to be able to help our community, but we could not do it without your support. Thank You!

Festival Country Store

Items may be dropped off on Thursday, August 20th between 8:30 PM & 3:00 PM. Please enter through the school lobby doors and take items into the gym. We are looking for glass ware, knick-knacks, books, jewelry, fresh bake goods, canned jellies, jams and vegetables.
WE DO NOT ACCEPT FURNITURE, SHOES, OR CLOTHING!

Altar Flowers & Altar Candles

Altar Flowers are now \$65.00 and Altar Candles remain \$10.00.
Call the rectory to schedule a date.



SICK LIST *May God grant them healing of soul and body*

If you have someone that you would like to add, please call the rectory. If they are well, please let us know.

Jason Blankenship	Mary Ann Bates	Avis & Kay Watson
Warren Kaemmerlen	Deanya Breeden	Phylliss Hays
Bernadine Allen	Christina Lambing	Daniel Gruen
Ron Harman	Aoife Smith	Madison Garry
Dave Moore	Gary Wyatt	Marilyn Redfield
Patti Day	Joan Marie Klinger	Evalyn Day
Mary Bernsen	Steve Lambing	Scott & Laura Staufienbiel
Dorothy Eftink	Anna Heady	Chad Cain
Charlene Woodcock	Cindy Emily	Diana Jollay
Crissy Williams	Margie Kase	

If you want to add someone to the list, please call the rectory.

If someone has recovered, please let us know.

Thank you.

Pray for our Service Personnel

If you wish to add someone to the list please call the rectory.

Alec McCormick/Air Force	Chris Carter/Air Force
Jonathan Cox/Army Reserves	Cooper Sellars/Marines
Jacob Cargill/Air Force	Cory Garrus/Marines
Mark Johnson/Marines	Bradley Rigdon/ Marines
Ray Schoonveld/Marines	Wyatt Seaton/Marines
Mary Kate Wetzel/Marine	Jordan Bodi, Army
Kim Hurt/Air Force Reserves	Olivia Price/Navy
Timmy Kloos/ Air Force	
Luke D. Ryan/Marines	

If someone is no longer in the Military, please let us know. If you would like to add someone to list please call the rectory office.
Thank you.

Our Thanks Offering

This is the Offertory for August 8th & 9th , 2026

Adult Envelopes	\$ 3,530.00
Envelopes: (110)	
Electronic.....	\$ 700.00
Loose.....	\$ 461.00
General Fund Offertory	4,691.00
St. Vincent de Paul.....	\$ 244.00
School Support.....	\$ 1,065.00
Assessment.....	\$ 150.00
Candles.....	\$ 1.00
Electronic Special Collections.....	\$ 55.00
	1,515.00