



ST. ANTHONY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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August 25, 2024
Twenty First Sunday in
Ordinary Time

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Organization Presidents

Home & School	573-468-4423
Liturgy, Joan Koebbe, Contact	573-468-8671
St. Vincent de Paul Society	1-877-238-322 #3365
Parish Center & Old School Hall Rental	573-468-6101
Knights of Columbus Hall	573-860-2458

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



PSR INFORMATION

It is that time of the year. PSR Registration will be held this coming Wednesday, August 28th at 6:00 PM in the school cafeteria.

Folders will be handed out at that time and information about the upcoming year will be discussed.

We will have a Kindergarten class, provided we have enough students signed up. If your child is going into the First Grade this school year, please attend and get them signed up.

We are excited to see everyone and look forward to spending time with your children enriching their faith.

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 after Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration is at 8:30 a.m. Thursday morning until 6:00 p.m. Thursday evening

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.



St. Vincent de Paul Society **Would you be able to help?**

St. Vincent de Paul is in need of 3 people to work the phone lines. Individuals would call in to the 877-238-322, ext. 3365 to leave a message, then those that work the phone line would retrieve the message.

We also need volunteers to meet with neighbors as needed to do the interviews.

If you would like more information, or would be willing to volunteer, please call the rectory office at 573-468-6101.

St. Vincent de Paul Society is one of our greatest works we can easily do as Catholics. The need is so great right now with the cost of food, housing and utilities.

If you don't feel called to volunteer, please consider donating to the Society. No monetary gift is too small.

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



Join us this weekend!



St. Anthony Parish Festival

August 24th & 25th

Live Music All Weekend!

Saturday, August 24th from 5-10 PM

- Dinner/Concessions Available
- Beer Garden, Chuck-A-Luck
- Live Music by Looking Back 6:30-9:30 PM

Cornhole Tournament:

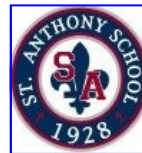
- Bracket A - Bring Your Own Bags; Bracket B - House Bags Only
- \$60/team (50% payout)
- ACL Rules and Regulations
- Same Day Sign-Ups at 4:30
- Bags Fly at 5:30

To Enter in Advance Call or Text:
Adam Weiland (636) 535-3970 or
Luke Mayer (636) 234-8104

Sunday, August 25th

- All You Can Eat Fried Chicken Dinner 11-5 PM or until it's gone!
 - Adults \$15, kids 4-13 \$6, kids 3 and under free
- To-Go Orders Available
- CRUISE-IN 11-5 PM
- BINGO 12-4 PM
- Grand Raffle, Quilt Raffle
- 50/50 Raffles, Chuck-A-Luck
- Country Store
- Inflatables, Kid Games, Face Painting, Sno-Cones, Petting Zoo
- Live Music 11:30-5 PM





School News

Next Monday and Tuesday, Kindergarten through 8th Grade will be attending the Safe Touch Classes. Forms went home in the students Friday folders. We **must** have a signed form for all students.

Also, any parents and or guardians who wish to volunteer, be a room parent, or go on Field Trips must complete the online to **PreventandProtect**. This is a **requirement of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, Mo**

If you have questions, please contact Marcia McKay by calling the rectory at 468-6101 or by email @:
mmckay@stanthonyssullivan.com

If you know of anyone who may be interested in what we have to offer, please have them call the school office at 573-468-4423 to set up a time to visit.

We are grateful for your prayers and support!



PASTOR'S PEN

*Breaking curses &
Cancelling the power of evil words*



The Kingdom of God is a kingdom of words. Words are creative. They have power. The clearest example of this is the opening of Genesis, in which God speaks the universe into being.

Humans are made in God's likeness. Like God, we have the power of speech. The implication is that our words, too, have creative power. This doctrine of words may seem new to some. To others, it will seem silly – even mere superstition – or the patterns can be explained by the principles of psychology alone. Others will affirm the spiritual power of words because of your own life experiences. The basis for such an assertion is rooted firmly in Catholic theology, more specifically Sacramental Theology, whose first principle is John 1:14: “*And the Word became flesh.*” Words “become flesh,” that is, they always and everywhere have a “sacramental” quality.

If the Kingdom of God is a kingdom of words, then we must take great care with the words we speak and hear. Words are never *not* sterile.

Our words can't create physical worlds as God's words can. But words create *spiritual realities*. Biblical characters who speak truth or who invoke words of praise on another create new spiritual realities which we commonly call *blessings*. Those who speak lies or who proclaim evil over another create negative spiritual realities called *curses*. Almost everything we say can be placed in these two categories.

Words can be a powerful spiritual force, therefore, to build someone up or to tear someone down. When we speak to others (or about others when they are not present), our words either bless or curse. Even words of just criticism or words of warning need to be framed within the context of words which bless.

Pastors have spiritual authority over their parishioners. Parents have a spiritual authority over their children. When parents speak to their children using words such as, “You're a good young man (or lady)!” or “You are a fun person to be with!” or “You are so strong and smart!” they speak words of blessing. The words act like seeds which, in time, can yield a harvest of the words spoken, such as goodness, fun, strength, intelligence, in the soul of the child.

“See how courageous Grandpa was in the war? He has always been a man of courage. And see how Grandma loves him and has become so successful and strong? – I know you will grow up to be just like them.” These are powerful and positive words – beautiful words of blessing and encouragement. Moreover, words such as these not only bless, but they also create a spiritual connection between child and grandparent, summoning the gifts of the older generation to be spiritually downloaded to the new. These are the sorts of words that are among the most powerful a parent can speak to their children. It’s also why grandparents are, in the words of a Chinese proverb, have double the influence of parents.

But what of words to a child that curse? Imagine a young child hearing words such as, “Look at you, you’re such a mess! What will become of you?” or, “How could you be so stupid?” or, “Stop that, you are so annoying!” You can feel the negative power of these words of cursing just by reading them. These are words which might have the intention of parental correction, but in truth these words ring out with the power of a curse.

One of the most terrible curses uttered by a parent is to a child where there is divorce or dysfunction and abuse in a marriage. The mother may tell her son, “You’re just like your father...” which could only mean that the son is going to be a failure as a husband, and that whatever negative or abusive traits the father has, she has assigned them to her son. If the father fails in his business, falls into alcoholism, or dies young, then the words of the mother portend what will happen to her son once he becomes an adult.

We must also consider that the words we speak are overheard by the inhabitants of the unseen world. The angels hear the positive words we speak, and they rejoice in them and magnify the blessing. They also hear curses we speak, and when they do, they must beseech God’s throne for mercy and protection, all the while the demons who prowl about the face of the earth receive those negative words and their power, and armed with these verbal weapons, they whisper them into the mind of the child, and they plot that child’s destruction.

If your memory is ever shaken (often out of the blue) by thoughts of evil words echoing from the past, either those hurtful words which you have received or those hateful words which you have uttered to others, you are assuredly in the vast majority. Haven’t our parents in their attempts at discipline sometimes used harsh words in their correction, so that what was meant as a correction is received as a judgment?

But back to the problem at hand. What is there for us to do with those hurtful words that have festered within us? Here are a few signs that some oppressive word or curse has bound your soul and limited its freedom:

1. You feel your life is going nowhere, in circles, or in a downward spiral.
2. Nothing you do in life seems to work out.
3. You find yourself repeating the mistakes of a parent.
4. You always find yourself in bad relationships and bad friendships.
5. You confess the same serious sins, again and again.
6. You have an addiction.
7. You are unhappy.

Fortunately, just as curses are a spiritual reality, there exists a real spiritual remedy. We know from the Gospels that Jesus Christ has the power to set anyone free from any curse. He is called the “Word” for a reason: He has power over *all words*, including the negative ones which have “taken up residence,” so to speak, in our souls.

“Taken up residence” – Are not curses much like squatters who have trespassed into our souls, taken up residence without invitation and refuse to leave? And when we try to evict them later in life, these squatters loudly assert themselves and claim rights over the soul’s only rightful inhabitant – *you*. You may feel you can’t evict such a word by your own power, which is why so many of us have felt so powerless, and we try to build a life tip-toeing around these plunderers of peace.

Yet also dwelling within our souls is a sleeping giant, the one who can deliver us, a permanent Divine Guest! With baptism, God Himself has taken up residence in our souls! So why hasn’t this Divine Guest protected me and come to my assistance? Perhaps you have ignored the Divine Indwelling of God. More likely, you simply haven’t requested your Divine Guest to evict the harmful intruder! Yes, we have to ask for such favors from God who, although he knows what we need before we ask, wants us to ask for his assistance with a believing faith: “*Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock, and it shall be opened unto you*” (Matthew 7:7); and, “*According to your faith let it be done to you*” (Matthew 9:29).

Your Divine Guest, the Holy Trinity, is a jealous lover of your soul. He desires the dwell in *every room* of your soul’s mansion. The Second Person of the Holy Trinity especially, Jesus, the Word of God, will be delighted to evict any and every evil word which may be occupying the rooms, closets, and crawlspaces of your soul: *Yet you must ask!*

“Lord, I am not worthy, ... yet only say the word, and my soul shall be healed” (Matthew 8, 8). *Only say the word* – The Roman Centurion had so much believing faith he *knew* that Jesus didn’t even have to enter his home. Merely asking Jesus, with faith, is all that is needed for healing.

The remedy to procure our liberation is a procedure so simple it might even seem a challenge to our faith to really and truly believe that Jesus can set us free. Maybe therein lies the challenge: Do I have a believing faith in the power of Jesus, the Word? Yet we are told in Scripture that we have this power. The power of Christ within us is real.

Ask Jesus to set you free, and you will be set free. But use the right words! To evict the evil caused by hurtful words, we must use our words with precision! In fact, the more accurate and detailed you are about the words and the affliction these words have caused, the greater the efficacy of the spiritual healing. The more accurately a problem or word can be named, and the more specific its origin (i.e. the one who spoke the negative words), the more effective. Let us recall the beginning of this reflection: the Kingdom of God is a Kingdom of Words. Therefore, choose your words!

Using the following prayer formula, prayer for enlightenment, pray for God’s guidance, and then compose the specific prayer that you need for deliverance from all curses. Pray it again and again, until Jesus has set you free.

*In the name of Jesus,
I sever and break any and all curses
(state the words which have hurt you if possible)
placed upon me by (state the person's name)
and I ask the Lord to replace these curses with
their corresponding and opposite blessings
(state the blessings).
Amen.*

Mass Intentions

Monday, August 26
8:00 a.m. **NO MASS**

Tuesday, August 27
8:00 a. m. Communion Service
Perpetual Help Devotions

Wednesday, August 28
8:00 a. m. **NO MASS**

Thursday, August 29
8:00 a.m. Walter & Mary Windmoeller

Friday, August 30
8:00 a. m. Patty Strothcamp

Saturday, August 31
4:00 p.m. For the health of The Flanagin
Family

Sunday, September 1
11:00 a. m. Frank Chlipala

Lector and Minister Schedule

Saturday, August 31
4:00 p.m. C Flanagin
Ministers J Klinger, K Thomeczek

Sunday, September 1
11:00 a. m. S Tolliver
Ministers G Koebbe, J Lock

Servers

Saturday, August 31
4:00 p. m. Jocelyn Roberts & Volunteer

Sunday, September 1
11:00 a. m. Volunteers

Gift Bearers


Saturday, August 31
4:00 p.m. R & A Abel

Sunday, September 1
11:00 a. m. Ushers

Altar Flowers & Candles

Altar Flowers are \$55.00 and Altar Candles are \$10.00 in memory or honor of loved ones.

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.

Christina Lambing	Angie Biehl	Harvey Richards
Cindy Dill Fox	Mike Fone	Ronnie Schliefer
Charlene Woodcock	Patti Day	Wanda Baxter
Tricia Harris	David Jost	Don Heidenfelder
Scott Staufenbiel	Dorothy Eftink	David Columbo
Kayden & Jayden Eftink	Ada Puhse	Bella Matchell
Warren Kaemmerlen	Sr. JoAnn Kucheler	Joan Barber
George & Barb Epple	Joanie Klinger	Aoife Smith
Vic Heidbrink	Myrna Parker	Sonny Lonning
Pamela Libby	Scott Lambing	Mark Woodring

If someone has recovered or passed away, please call and let us know. The bulletin for the weekend goes in for publication on Monday morning.

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	
Kim Hurt/Air Force Reserves	
Jordan Bodi, Army	Jaison Ronsick/National Guard
Ethan Kackley/Marines	Timmy Kloos/ Air Force
Luke D. Ryan/Marines	Oliva Price/Navy

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 17th & 18th, 2024

Adult Envelopes.....	\$ 4,150.00
Envelopes: (102)	
Electronic.....	\$ 1,860.00
Loose.....	\$ 410.00
	6,420.00
Total General Fund Offertory	
St. Vincent de Paul.....	\$ 552.00
School Support.....	\$ 20.00
Candles.....	\$ 5.00
Assumption.....	\$ 314.00
Candles.....	\$ 5.00
Electric Special Collections.....	\$ 894.00
	1,790.00

Volunteer Needed for Adoration

We need someone to fill the 2:00 PM-3:00 PM hour as soon as possible. Please call the rectory if you can do this. The number is 573-468-6101.