



ST. ANTHONY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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December 22, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Advent

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Organization Presidents

Home & School	573-468-4423
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St. Vincent de Paul Society	1-877-238-3228 #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



The Giving Tree in the vestibule is for donations to St. Vincent de Paul Society. Just take an envelope off of the tree, place your donation in the envelope, and place your envelope in the collection basket. The need is so great and this will certainly help those in need in our community.

Holiday Early Bulletin Submission Dates

December 29th is due Wednesday, December 18th
January 5th is due Monday, December 23rd
All bulletins are due to the publisher on the above dates by 9:00 AM. If you are wishing to place something in the bulletin please get it to the office PRIOR to the submission dates.

THERE WILL NOT BE ADORATON ON THURSDAY DECEMBER 26th. WE WILL RESUME ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 2ND.

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 5:00 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.

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.



We need some strong men to help after 11:00 AM. Mass today to get the Christmas decorations and trees set up. If you can spare some time, it will be much appreciated!



St. Vincent de Paul Society

Jesus was born during the night of the year when darkness is the longest. The Savior of the world comes for the people in dark places.

The real, lasting, and deep joy is that the Light shines there.

Through your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, "Light" has shown, bringing real, lasting and deep joy to the hearts of the poor who live in dark places in our streets and neighborhoods.

Thank you so much for all your generous giving to St. Vincent de Paul. You have made a very great difference in many families lives. May God Bless each one of you not only at this Joyous time of giving, but throughout the coming year.

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



Sunday Connection



On this the last Sunday before Christmas, our Gospel reading prepares us to witness Christ's birth by showing us how Jesus was recognized as Israel's long-awaited Messiah even before his birth. The Gospel turns our attention from the ministry of John the Baptist to the events that preceded John the Baptist's birth. The story of John the Baptist and his parents, Elizabeth and Zechariah, are reported only in Luke's Gospel. Luke pairs the birth of John the Baptist and Jesus, establishing John's early connection to the Messiah.

Our Gospel reading recalls Mary's actions after the announcement of Jesus' birth by the angel Gabriel. Mary goes to visit Elizabeth, her cousin, who is also with child. Elizabeth greets Mary with full recognition of the roles that they and their unborn children will play in God's plan for salvation. If we were to continue to read the verses that follow in Luke's Gospel, we would hear Mary respond to Elizabeth's greeting with her song of praise, the Magnificat. Both women recall and echo God's history of showing favor upon the people of Israel.

In Luke's Gospel the Holy Spirit helps reveal Jesus' identity as God to those who believe. Elizabeth is filled with the Holy Spirit and sings Mary's praise because she bears the Lord. We sing these words of praise to Mary in the Hail Mary. Even John the Baptist, the unborn child in Elizabeth's womb, is said to recognize the presence of the Lord and leaps for joy.

It is appropriate in this season of Advent that we consider the role of Mary in God's plan of salvation. Elizabeth describes Mary as the first disciple, as the one who believed that God's word to her would be fulfilled. Mary's faith enabled her to recognize the work of God in her people's history and in her own life. Her openness to God allowed God to work through her so that salvation might come to everyone. Because of this, Mary is a model and symbol of the Church. May we be like Mary, open and cooperative in God's plan for salvation.



Home & School Fund Raiser

Saturday, January 18, 2025

St. Anthony Home and School Presents:

Dessert Silent Auction **Rock and Roll BINGO** **CASH PRIZES!**
BLACK LIGHT 50/50
BASH

119 W Springfield Rd, Sullivan MO 63080

Doors Open at 5:00 pm
Event starts at 7:00 pm
Tickets are \$35 per person

BYOB and Snacks

PLEASE CONTACT
Colleen Funko 573-259-7359 or
Angie Nowbanks 573-578-0067
OR SCAN QR CODE
FOR MORE INFORMATION
OR TO PURCHASE TICKETS



You may also buy tickets at the school or parish office. There will be a Silent Dessert auction this year at Bingo. If you would like to donate, please contact Colleen, Angie, the school office, or the rectory. Thank you!

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 23
8:00 a.m. **NO MASS**

Tuesday, December 24
4:00 p.m. Louis F. Mustari

Wednesday, December 25
11:00 a. m. Needs of Scott & Laura Staufenbiel

Thursday, December 26
8:00 a.m. Marie & Ed Straussner

Friday, December 27
8:00 a.m. Mary Dixon

Saturday, December 28
4:00 p.m. David Johnson

Sunday, December 29
11:00 a. m. Sr. Dorothy Lauberth

Lector and Minister Schedule

Tuesday, December 24
4:00 p.m. S Tolliver
Ministers S Tolliver, J Marquart

Wednesday, December 25
11:00 a.m. R Abel
Ministers R Abel, A Branson

Saturday, December 28
4:00 p.m. J Klinger
Ministers J Klinger, J Mallory

Sunday, December 29
11:00 a. m. Michelle de la Torre
Ministers J Childress, W Tyree

Servers

Tuesday, December 24
4:00 p.m. Ben Smith & Jocelyn Roberts

Wednesday, December 25
11:00 a.m. Waylon & Shelby Stark

Saturday, December 28
4:00 p. m. Andy Prater

Sunday, December 29
11:00 a. m. Waylon & Shelby Stark

Gift Bearers

Saturday, December 28
4:00 p.m. Ushers

Sunday, December 29
11:00 a. m. Ushers

Holy Mass Schedule

for special feasts until the end of the year

Christmas (Holy Day of Obligation)

Tues Dec 24 4 PM St Anthony
Wed Dec 25 Midnight Holy Martyrs of Japan
Wed Dec 25 8 AM St Gerald
Wed Dec 25 11 AM St Anthony

New Year's (Holy Day of Obligation)

Tues Dec 31 7 PM St Gerald
Wed Jan 1 8 AM Holy Martyrs of Japan
Wed Jan 1 7 PM St. Anthony

Altar Flowers are \$55.00 and
Altar Candles are \$10.00 in
Memory or honor of a loved one.



Please 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	Kevin Ijames, Sr.
Tricia Harris	David Jost	Don Heidenfelder
Scott Staufenbiel	Dorothy Eftink	David Columbo
Kayden & Jayden Eftink	Ada Puhse	Bella Matchell
Warren Kaemmerlen	Sr. JoAnn Kuchler	Joan Barber
George & Barb Epple	Joanie Klinger	Aoife Smith
Vic Heidbrink	Myrna Parker	Sonny Lonning
Pamela Libby	Scott Lambing	Mark Woodring
Noah Ayers	Dan Carey	John Cooper

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	Jordan Bodi, Army
Kim Hurt/Air Force Reserves	
Jaison Ronsick/National Guard	Timmy Kloos/ Air Force
Ethan Kackley/Marines	Oliva Price/Navy
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 the offertory for Dec 7th & 8th, 2024.

Adult Envelopes.....	\$ 4,342.00
Envelopes: (104)	
Electronic.....	\$ 1,220.00
Loose.....	\$ 298.00
Total General Fund Offertory	5,860.00
St. Vincent de Paul.....	\$ 320.00
Candles.....	\$ 5.00
School Support.....	\$ 60.00
Assessment.....	\$ 30.00
Thanksgiving.....	\$ 30.00
Immaculate Conception.....	\$ 118.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	\$ 20.00
Christmas Gift to Parish.....	\$ 100.00
Electric Special Collections.....	\$ 575.00
	1,258.00