



ST. ANTHONY CATHOLIC CHURCH

201 West Springfield Avenue - Sullivan, MO 63080 • (573)468-6101

December 14, 2025
Third Sunday of Advent

The Parish Staff

Father Noah Waldman, Pastor
nwaldman@fastmail.fm
Deacon Kevin Miller
Mrs. Shelly Tolliver, Principal
Mrs. Tammy Hutchison, School Secretary
Mrs. Robin Kaufman, Finance and Rectory Secretary
Mrs. Marcia McKay, Bulletin Editor and Rectory Secretary,
PSR & RCIA. If you are a new family, please call the rectory
office at 573-468-6101 for more information.

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

Volunteer Servers Needed

We need volunteers to serve the Christmas Eve Mass at 4:00 PM, the Christmas Day Mass at 11:00 AM. If you are willing to serve at any of these Masses please call the rectory office at 573-468-6101



St. Vincent de Paul Giving Tree

We will have the St. Vincent de Paul Giving tree in church again this year.

Advent is a time to pray as well as give to those in need.

Please take a tag to help those in need. Place your donation in the envelope and drop it in the Sunday Collection.

Thank you!



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.

Early Bulletin Transmission Dates

Bulletin Date	Due Date in Rectory (Article submission)
December 21st	Tuesday, December 9th
December 28th	Monday, December 15th
January 4th	Monday, December 22nd

You may email me @

mmckay@stanthonyullivan.com or

Call the rectory at 573-468-6101 to submit something for the bulletin. I will do my best with the allotted room we have to get your information in. Thank You, Marcia

FR. WALDMAN CONFESSION TIMES AND PLACES

Tuesday - Holy Martyrs 8:30 AM
Wednesday - Holy Martyrs 8:30 AM
Thursday - St. Anthony's 8:30 AM
Thursday - Holy Martyrs 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Friday - St. Anthony's - 8:30 AM
Saturday - St. Anthony's 3 PM - 3:50 PM
Sunday - St. Gerald 7:00 AM - 7:25 AM

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

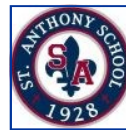


The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called *Gaudete Sunday*. *Gaudete* is the Latin word meaning "rejoice." This Sunday is so named because "Rejoice" is the first word in the entrance antiphon for today's Mass taken from Philippians 4:4,5: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near." Some people mark this Sunday on their Advent wreath with a pink candle instead of a purple candle. This Sunday is a joyful reminder that our salvation is near.

This week's Gospel Reading continues our Advent reflection on the person and message of John the Baptist. Last week we heard John speak about his relationship to the coming Messiah, Jesus. This week, we hear Jesus' message to John the Baptist, now in prison, about the signs of the kingdom found in Jesus' ministry and Jesus' assessment of John's role in the Kingdom of God.

The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of John's arrest in chapter [14:3-12](#). In today's Gospel, John sends word to Jesus from prison, asking if Jesus is the Messiah for whom he has been waiting. Jesus responds by pointing to the miracles that he has worked and invites John and the other hearers to make their own determination. In his next breath, however, Jesus praises John for his role in preparing the way for Jesus. Then Jesus says that all of those who work for the Kingdom of God will be as great as John and even greater.

Jesus' message to John about the signs of the kingdom being performed recalls the salvation described by the prophet Isaiah. This passage is a reminder that the beginning of salvation is already mysteriously present to us, but also yet to be fulfilled. Salvation is already in our midst as manifest in the miraculous deeds of Jesus and in the Church. But salvation is also to be fulfilled in the coming reign of God. Even as we observe our world today, we can find glimpses of God's work among us. Even more, we help to prepare the way for God's kingdom by our words and our deeds. This message is indeed a cause for rejoicing.



School News

Children's Christmas Program

All are welcome to join us for the Children's Christmas Program on Thursday, December 18th. Performances will be held at 1:00 PM and at 6:30 PM. in the gymnasium.



Kindergarten through 8th grade will be going to the show to see Polar Express on Wednesday, December 17th.



Class parties will be held on Friday, December 19th at 10:00 AM. School will be dismissed at Noon that day. No lunch or After Care.



Black Light Bingo: Mark your calendars. Bingo will be traditional bingo this year at Black Light Bingo. The date is Saturday, January 17, 2026.

We have tickets at the rectory.

Cost: \$35.00 each.

Mass Intentions

Monday, Dec 15
8:00 a.m. NO MASS

Tuesday, Dec 16
Communion Service
Perpetual Help Devotions

Wednesday, Dec 17
8:00 a. m. **NO MASS**

Thursday, Dec 18
8:00 a.m. Andy Metro

Friday, Dec 19
8:00 a.m. Douglas Green

Saturday, Dec 20
4:00 p. m. Bob Klinger

Sunday Dec 21
11:00 a. m. Our Parish Family

Lector and Minister Schedule

Saturday, Dec 20
4:00 p. m. J Klinger
Ministers J Klinger, J Mallory

Sunday, Dec 21
11:00 a. m. J Marquart
Ministers G Koebbe, W Tyree

Servers

Saturday, Dec 20
4:00 p. m. Audrey Roberts & Jocelyn Roberts

Sunday, Dec 21
11:00 a. m. Briely Dunne & Sean Stack

**Gift Bearers
The Ushers**

Faith & Fellowship

Faith & fellowship is held every Sunday. We will meet in the school cafeteria. Faith and Fellowship will be held from 9:45-10:30 AM every Sunday. All are welcome to join us when you can.

Religious Article Room

Are you looking for a religious gift for someone? The Religious Article Room has so many options available.

Stop by after Mass and take a look at what we have. Our prices are very reasonable.

Altar Flowers & Altar Candles

No Altar Flowers during Advent.



Altar Candles are in memory of Andy Metro. You are missed Andy.

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	Harvey Richards	John Cooper
Chuck Caltry	Ronnie Schliefer	Jason Blankenship
Patti Day	Aiofe Smith	Jeff+
Holland		
David Jost	Don Heidenfelder	Richard Lambing
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	Joan Prater
Noah Ayers	Dan Carey	Evalyn Day
Doyle Stack	Kevin Bruecker	Angie Biel
Deanya Breedon	Dolores Farrell	Dave Moore
Judy Hartzell	Sophie Bartle	Kay Sanders
Ron Harman	Myrna Parker	Gary Wyatt
Jason Blankenship	Steve Lambing	Carleen Flanagin
Shelby Courtouise	Mary Ann Bates	

If someone has recovered or passed away, please call and let us

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	
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

Adult Envelopes	\$ 2,459.00
Envelopes: ()	
Electronic.....	\$ 2,625.00
Loose.....	\$ 419.00
General Fund Offertory	5,503.00
St. Vincent de Paul.....	\$ 200.00
School Support.....	\$ 610.00
First Offering.....	\$ 35.00
Thanksgiving.....	\$ 283.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	\$ 10.00
Candles.....	\$ 5.00
Immaculate Conception.....	\$ 10.00
Electronic Special Collections.....	\$ 52.00
	1,205.00