



ST. ANTHONY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

December 21, 2025
Fourth Sunday of Advent

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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

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. Thank You



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 28th	Monday, December 15th

January 4th	Monday, December 22nd
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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



Finally, on this the Fourth Sunday of Advent, our Gospel Reading permits us to begin our contemplation of the mystery of the Incarnation we celebrate at Christmas: "Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about" (**Matthew 1:18**).

The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of the birth of Jesus from Joseph's perspective. Today's Gospel passage is the second movement in this story. In the preceding verses of the first chapter of Matthew's Gospel, the Evangelist has listed the genealogy of Jesus, tracing his lineage through King David to Abraham. In the chapter to follow, Matthew tells of the visit from the Magi, the Holy Family's flight into Egypt, and Herod's massacre of the infants in Bethlehem. (The other stories which we associate with Christmas, the Annunciation, the Visitation, the angel and the shepherds, are found in the Gospel of Luke).

We must not gloss over too quickly the difficult circumstances described in today's Gospel. The way that Joseph and Mary face these circumstances tells us much about these holy people and their faith in God. Joseph and Mary are betrothed to be married. This is sometimes described as an engagement period, but it is more than that. Betrothal in first century Jewish culture was in fact the first part of the marriage contract. A breach of this contract was considered adultery. Mary is found to be with child. If adultery is proven, the punishment might be death. Joseph has rights under Mosaic law, but chooses to act discreetly in his plans to break the marriage contract, so as to protect Mary. Then God intervenes.

The message of the angel of the Lord given to Joseph in his dream tells us much about the child that Mary bears and his role in God's plan. He is conceived by the Holy Spirit. His name will be Jesus, which in the Hebrew means "Yahweh saves." He will be the fulfillment of the prophecy heard in today's first reading from Isaiah: ". . . The virgin shall be with child . . . and shall name him Emmanuel [God with us]."

Joseph does as the angel of the Lord directs. He takes Mary to be his wife and accepts the child in her womb as his own. Joseph and Mary are both cooperative with God's plan. They are both models for us of what it means to be faithful servants of God.



School News

Saturday, January 17th, 2026
St. Anthony Home and School presents:

Raffles! **BINGO** **CASH PRIZES!**
BLACK LIGHT BASH

119 W Springfield Rd, Sullivan Mo 63080

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

BYOB, Bring Snacks,
50/50 raffle, Dessert Silent Auction,
70's theme!

PLEASE CONTACT
Colleen Funke 573-259-7359 or
Angie Newbanks 573-578-0067
FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO
PURCHASE TICKETS



Black Light Bingo: Mark your calendars. Bingo will be traditional bingo this year at Black Light Bingo.

We have tickets at the rectory.

Cost: \$35.00 each.

Mass Intentions

Monday, Dec 22
8:00 a.m. NO MASS

Tuesday, Dec 23
Communion Service
Perpetual Help Devotions

Wednesday, Dec 24
4:00 p.m. Mike Kaufman

Thursday, Dec 25
11:00 a.m. Our Parish Family

Friday, Dec 26
8:00 a.m. Marie & Ed Straussner

Saturday, Dec 27
4:00 p. m. John Eftink

Sunday Dec 28
11:00 a. m. Chris Bommarito

Lector and Minister Schedule

Wednesday, Dec 24
4:00 p.m. R Abel
Ministers R Abel, B Stegeman

Thursday, Dec 25
11:00 a.m. Peregoy
Ministers K Thomeczek, W Tyree

Saturday, Dec 27
4:00 p. m. C Flanagan
Ministers K Braun, J Chlipala

Sunday, Dec 28
11:00 a. m. Michelle de la Torre
Ministers K Johanning, B Miller

Servers

Wednesday, Dec 24
4:00 p.m. **Volunteers Needed**

Thursday, Dec 25
11:00 a.m. **Volunteers Needed**

Saturday, Dec 27
4:00 p. m. JoAnn Klinger

Sunday, Dec 28
11:00 a. m. Waylon Stark & Shelby Stark

Gift Bearers– Ushers

Holiday Rectory Office Hours
The rectory Office will be closed from
December 24th through January 2nd.

**We will be back in the office on Monday,
January 4th. You are welcome to call and
leave a message. We wish you a very Merry
Christmas and a Happy New Year!**

Altar Flowers & Altar Candles

No Altar Flowers during Advent, but
you may purchase Altar Candles for
\$10.00 in memory or honor of a loved
one.



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 Flanagan
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	\$ 6,040.00
Envelopes: (112)	
Electronic.....	\$ 1,485.00
Loose.....	\$ 469.00
General Fund Offertory	7,994.00
St. Vincent de Paul.....	\$ 1,090.00
School Support.....	\$ 1,870.00
End of Year Parish Donation.....	\$ 110.00
Christmas Gift to Parish.....	\$ 10.00
Seminary.....	\$ 10.00
Candles.....	\$ 1.00
Immaculate Conception.....	\$ 87.00
Permanent Diaconate.....	\$ 10.00
Electronic Special Collections.....	\$ 50.00
	3,238.00