



ST. ANTHONY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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December 7, 2025
Second 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 and also the New Year's Eve Mass at 4:00 PM. 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.

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 (Uploaded for printing)	Due Date in Rectory (Article submission)
December 14th	Monday-December 1st
December 21st	December 9th
December 28th	December 15th
January 4th	December 22nd

You may email me @
mmckay@stanthonysullivan.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

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



In this week's Gospel Reading and next week's, our Advent preparation for Christmas invites us to consider John the Baptist and his relationship to Jesus. In this week's Gospel, Matthew describes the work and preaching of John the Baptist.

John the Baptist appears in the tradition of the great prophets of Israel, preaching repentance and reform to the people of Israel. In fact, the description of John found in this reading is reminiscent of the description of the prophet Elijah (2 Kings 1:8). In this reading, John directs a particularly pointed call to repentance to the Pharisees and Sadducees, parties within the Jewish community of the first century.

John marks the conversion of those who seek him out with a baptism of repentance. Other groups in this period are thought to have practiced ritual washings for similar purposes, and John's baptism may have been related to the practices of the Essenes, a Jewish sect of the first century. John's baptism can be understood as an anticipation of Christian baptism. In this passage, John himself alludes to the difference between his baptism and the one yet to come: "I am baptizing you with water, for repentance . . . He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." (Matthew 3:11).

In this reading, John makes very clear that his relationship to the Messiah yet to come (Jesus) is one of service and subservience: ". . . the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals" (Matthew 3:11). In the context of Matthew's Gospel, today's passage is followed by Jesus' baptism by John, an event that is attested to in all four of the Gospels and appears to have been the start of Jesus' public ministry.

John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus in the first century, we, too, are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by our repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives, as John did, the coming of the Lord.



School News

We will be doing the Countdown to Christmas again this year in December. Each day students will have an activity they can participate in. The flyer will be coming in the Friday folder.

Black Light Bingo: Mark your calendars. Bingo will be traditional bingo this year at Black Light Bingo. The date is Saturday, January 17, 2026. More information will follow in the coming week's.

THE



BUNCH!

This is a group in our parish that meets the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of every month at the rectory at 1:00 PM.

It is open to all ages, men and women. We get together, talk, have fun, and play games. We also share snacks.

All are welcome to attend when you can. Join us anytime, for a great time!

Questions? Call the rectory office.

Mass Intentions

Monday,	Dec 8	
	7:00 p.m.	Priest Purgatorial Society
Tuesday,	Dec 9	Communion Service
		Perpetual Help Devotions
Wednesday,	Dec 10	
	8:00 a. m.	NO MASS
Thursday,	Dec 11	
	8:00 a.m.	Mass of Thanksgiving
Friday,	Dec 12	
	8:00 a.m.	Needs of Steve Lambing
Saturday,	Dec 13	
	4:00 p. m.	Jerry & Dorothy Gauzy
Sunday	Dec 14	
	11:00 a. m.	Dorothy Rivet

Lector and Minister Schedule

Saturday,	Dec 13	
	4:00 p. m.	J Mallory
	Ministers	K Braun, J Chlipala
Sunday,	Dec 14	
	11:00 a. m.	A Branson
	Ministers	J Marquart, S Tolliver

Servers

Saturday,	Dec 13	
	4:00 p. m.	JoAnn Klinger
Sunday,	Dec 14	
	11:00 a. m.	Wesley Kloos & Aubrey Reed

Gift Bearers The Ushers

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

If you can not make your scheduled Mass, please contact someone on the Ministry list to fill in for you.

If you are filling in for someone please let Father know.

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.

Altar Flowers & Altar Candles



Altar Flowers can be purchased in memory or honor of a loved for \$55.00.
Candles can be purchased for \$10.00.
Call the rectory to set up 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	Harvey Richards	John Cooper
Chuck Caltry	Ronnie Schliefer	Jason Blankenship
Patti Day	Aiofe Smith	Jeff+
Holland		
David Jost	Don Heidenfelder	Richard Lambing
Scott Staufienbiel	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

This is the offertory for Nov 22nd & Nov 23rd, 2025

Adult Envelopes	\$ 2,689.00
Envelopes: (99)	
Electronic.....	\$
Loose.....	\$ 397.00
	3,086.00

General Fund Offertory

St. Vincent de Paul.....	\$ 685.00
School Support.....	\$ 320.00
Easter Gift to Parish	\$ 50.00
Campaign Human Development.....	\$ 20.00
Thanksgiving.....	\$ 20.00
Assessment.....	\$ 365.00
Christmas Gift to Parish	\$ 50.00
Candles.....	\$ 1.00
Improvement Fund.....	\$ 113.00
Electronic Special Collections.....	\$
	1,624.00