



# ST. ANTHONY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

January 11, 2026  
The Baptism of  
The Lord

## The Parish Staff

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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

## 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.

Thank you to the volunteers who made the church look so beautiful for Christmas! We appreciate all you did.  
Also thank you to our Choir and Liturgy Committee.



## 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](http://www.stanthonyssullivan.com)



*Pastor's Pen*



### SUDDEN CONVERSIONS:

#### WHY WE PRAY FOR SOULS WHO SEEM LOST

Spiritual writers like St. John of the Cross, St. Teresa of Ávila, and modern directors often say: There are no truly sudden conversions. What looks like a lightning strike is the moment when long-accumulated graces finally overcome the last resistance, and the soul consents fully.

This is why there is profound hope for all, even the souls who seem lost.

The great spiritual masters—St. John of the Cross, St. Teresa of Ávila, Fr. Reginald

Garrigou-Lagrange, and others—are indeed unanimous: what appears as a sudden, lightning-strike conversion is never truly “out of nowhere.” It is the visible culmination of a long, hidden preparation by grace. God has been working in the soul—often for years, sometimes for decades—through small graces the soul barely noticed, trials that seemed meaningless at the time, prayers of others (known or unknown), fleeting moments of docility or regret.

Even the soul’s own sins and miseries, which God used to hollow out space for Himself—All of these are secret accumulations of grace, piling up like snow on a branch until the final flake makes it bend and break open.

St. John of the Cross: “God does not give these great favors suddenly ... He prepares the soul little by little.”

St. Teresa of Ávila: “His Majesty never gives great favors without first preparing the soul with many little ones.”

Fr. Garrigou-Lagrange (on sudden conversions like St. Paul): “What seems sudden is the final moment when the soul, after long preparation, consents fully to grace that has been accumulating.”

So there is real hope for all. No soul is ever “too far” or “too late.” God is always accumulating those hidden graces, waiting for the moment the soul—perhaps in one desperate, tiny “yes”—finally lets the weight of mercy break it open.

Some souls require a lifetime of little flakes of grace, falling daily from heaven, and appear to move steadily toward God. Others receive similar graces and seem not to move at all until one day the accumulated graces burst forth like an avalanche. The outward expression of grace will appear radically different to the one who makes steady progress and the one whose progress is swift and sudden. But the mercy is the same.

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So with regard to the souls you've been praying for: Even if you see no results, keep praying. One day, the floodgates of mercy will open. Have faith. Have hope. Continue, therefore, in charity. God will do the rest. He is the great tactician of love. We are his soldiers on the field of battle.



## School News

Home & School Meeting Tuesday,  
January 13th at 5:30 PM

**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 .  
**We have tickets at the rectory.**  
**Cost: \$35.00 each.**

### Mass Intentions

Monday,	Jan 12	
	8:00 a.m.	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tuesday,	Jan 13	Communion Service
	8:00 a.m.	Perpetual Help Devotions
Wednesday,	Jan 14	
	8:00 a.m.	<b>NO MASS</b>
Thursday,	Jan. 15	
	8:00 a.m.	Priest Purgatorial Society
Friday,	Jan 16	
	8:00 a.m.	Douglas Green
Saturday,	Jan 17	
	4:00 p. m.	Marv Prater
Sunday	Jan 18	
	11:00 a.m.	Our Parish Family

### Lector and Minister Schedule

Saturday,	Jan 17	
	4:00 p. m.	R Abel
	Ministers	R Abel, M Berry
Sunday,	Jan 18	
	11:00 a. m.	Michell de la Torre
	Ministers	A Branson, J Childress

### Servers

Saturday,	Jan 17	
	4:00 p. m.	JoAnn Klinger
Sunday,	Jan 18	
	11:00 a. m.	Blake McCulloch & Briley Dunne

### Gift Bearers– 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.

### 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 Breeden	Dolores Farrell	Dave Moore
Judy Hartzell	Sophie Bartle	Kay Sanders
Ron Harman	Angie Biehl	Gary Wyatt
Jason Blankenship	Steve Lambing	Shelby Courtoise
Mary Ann Bates	Avis & Kay Watson	Mike Fone

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	
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 Jan 3rd & 4th, 2026

Adult Envelopes .....	\$	3,938.00
Envelopes: (103		
Electronic.....	\$	525.00
Loose.....	\$	526.00
<b>General Fund Offertory</b>		<b>4,989.00</b>
St. Vincent de Paul.....	\$	50.00
School Support.....	\$	4,443.00
Candles.....	\$	2.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	\$	528.00
Improvement Fund.....	\$	10.00
Assessment.....	\$	110.00
End of Yr. Parish Donation.....	\$	55.00
St. Louis Review.....	\$	35.00
First Offering.....	\$	260.00
Electronic Special Collections.....	\$	60.00
		<b>5,553.00</b>