



# ST. ANTHONY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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March 23, 2025  
Third Sunday of Lent

### 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

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| Home & School                          | 573-468-4423         |
| Liturgy, Joan Koebbe, Contact          | 573-468-8671         |
| 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

|                             |                |
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| 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



### Sullivan Knights of Columbus

231 Hwy 185 Sullivan, MO

#### Fried Fish & Shrimp, Baked Fish

French fries, corn, green beans, hush puppies,  
meatless mostaccioli, plus dessert and drinks.

**Every Friday from now Until April 11, 2025**  
**Serving 4:00 PM-7:00 PM or until sold out.**

**Offering dine in, carry out, or drive thru service.**

**Adults: All You Can Eat-dine in only \$15.00**

**Kids 7-12: \$6.00-dine in only**

**Kids 6 & Under-free, dine in only**

**Carry out: \$13.00 Drive thru-\$12.00**

### 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**

### 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.



### Stations of The Cross

**Stations will be held on Friday mornings directly after 8:00 AM Mass.**

**All are welcome.**



### St. Vincent de Paul Society

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In today's Gospel, God refuses to abandon us. He chooses to attend to us even when we show no evidence of his efforts. Next week's Gospel will give an even clearer picture of the kind of mercy that God shows to us.

Can we not show God evidence of His efforts? What better way than making a donation to those in the most need?

## 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)



### *Sunday Connection*



Now into the third week of the Season of Lent, our Sunday Gospel prepares us to hear Lent's call to conversion and repentance. Today's reading is found in the chapters of Luke's Gospel that describe Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. During this journey, Jesus teaches and heals. He must also respond to those who question and challenge his authority and actions. There is no parallel in Mark's or Matthew's Gospels for today's reading from Luke. While Mark and Matthew describe an incident in which Jesus curses the fig tree, today's reading makes the barren fig tree the subject of a parable.

Luke tells us that some among the crowds report to Jesus a massacre of Galileans by Pilate. The intention of the crowd seems to be to ask Jesus to explain why these people suffered. It was commonplace to render people's suffering as evidence of their sinfulness. Jesus challenges this interpretation. Those who were massacred were no more or less sinful than the ones who report the situation to Jesus. Jesus replies that even a fatal accident, a natural disaster, ought not to be interpreted as punishment for sin.

Jesus' words at first appear to have a fire-and-brimstone quality. Jesus says in essence, "Repent or perish as these people did; all are sinful before God and deserving of God's punishment." The tone changes, however, in the parable that follows. The parable of the barren fig tree contrasts the patience and hopefulness of the gardener with the practicality of the property owner. When told to cut down the fig tree because it is not producing fruit, the gardener counsels patience. If properly tended, the barren fig tree may yet bear fruit.

Throughout his journey to Jerusalem, Jesus has been teaching about the Kingdom of God. In this parable, we find an image of God's patience and hopefulness as he prepares his Kingdom. God calls us to repent, and it is within his power to punish us for our failure to turn from our sinfulness. And yet God is merciful. He delays punishment and tends to us so that we may yet bear the fruit he desires from us.

This, then, is our reason for hope: Not only does God refuse to abandon us, he chooses to attend to us even when we show no evidence of his efforts. Next week's Gospel will give an even clearer picture of the kind of mercy that God shows to us.



## School News

### Today & Tomorrow Scholarships

It's time to apply for Scholarship grants for the 25-26 school year. Please visit this website: [www.ttef-stl.org](http://www.ttef-stl.org). A complete application requires proof of income. **An online application is required.**

For questions, please call, Cori Scheitlin at 314-792-7735 or Laura George at 314-792-7623 or you may also email: [ttef@archstl.org](mailto:ttef@archstl.org)

**Reminders: Please turn in your registration forms for the 25-26 school year as soon as possible.**

There will be a Noon dismissal this coming Friday, March 28th. There will not be after care so please make arrangements to have your children picked up at noon.



### Needed PRE-FILLED Easter eggs

**We will be having the easter egg hunt again this year on Palm Sunday, April 13th right after 11 o'clock Mass. There will be a box in the back of church. We thank you for your help.**

**Please make sure they are pre-filled with candy, stickers, trinkets, etc..**

**Mass Intentions**

**Monday,** March 24  
8:00 a.m. **NO MASS**

**Tuesday,** March 25  
Communion Service  
Perpetual Help Devotions

**Wednesday,** March 26  
8:00 a. m. **NO MASS**

**Thursday,** March 27  
8:00 a. m. Bob Klingner

**Friday,** March 28  
8:00 a.m. For the Sick of Our Parish

**Saturday,** March 29  
4:00 p.m. For the Deceased Members of  
The Thomeczek Family

**Sunday,** March 30  
11:00 a. m. Betsy Hutching

**Lector and Minister Schedule**

**Saturday,** March 29  
4:00 p. m. J Mallory  
Ministers R Abel, K Thomeczek

**Sunday,** March 30  
11:00 a. m. Marty de la Torre  
Ministers J Marquart, S Tolliver

**Servers**

**Saturday,** March 29  
4:00 p. m. Andy Prater

**Sunday,** March 30  
11:00 a. m. Aubrey Reed & Davaney Alexander

**Gift Bearers**

The Ushers will be the gift bearer's at all Masses



**Will you donate  
a dessert?**

Desserts are needed for the Fish Frys. We are asking our wonderful parish bakers to donate a dessert.

Desserts may be dropped off on Friday's after 1:00 PM at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

Thank you!



**Altar Candles**  
This week's Altar Candles are in memory of Wanda Baxter's Birthday.



**You are missed,  
Love John**

**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 Laming       | Harvey Richards   | John Cooper      |
| Chuck Caltry           | Mike Fone         | Ronnie Schliefer |
| Charlene Woodcock      | Patti Day         | Aiofe Smith      |
| 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 Klingner   | Vic Heidbrink    |
| Sonny Lonning          | Scott Laming      | Mark Woodring    |
| Noah Ayers             | Dan Carey         | Roger Schmuke    |
| Robin Sharp            | Evalyn Day        | Doyle Stack      |
| Cindy Dill Fox         | Kevin Bruecker    | Frances Wright   |
| Pauline Payne          |                   |                  |

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 Mar 15 & 16, 2025

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|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Adult Envelopes.....                | \$ 3,371.00     |
| Envelopes: (104)                    |                 |
| Electronic.....                     | \$ 2,025.00     |
| Loose.....                          | \$ 313.00       |
| <b>General Fund Offertory</b>       | <b>5,709.00</b> |
| St. Vincent de Paul.....            | \$ 880.00       |
| Black & Indian Mission.....         | \$ 50.00        |
| Improvement Fund.....               | \$ 25.00        |
| School Support.....                 | \$ 50.00        |
| Immaculate Conception.....          | \$ 25.00        |
| Electronic Special Collections..... | \$ 700.00       |
|                                     | <b>1,730.00</b> |