



ST. ANTHONY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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March 8, 2026
Third Sunday of Lent
Ordinary Time

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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

Cleanup St Anthony Cemetery on March 14, 2026 at 8:00 A.M.

The Cemetery Committee will clean up the St. Anthony Cemetery on March 14th beginning 8 A.M. Flower, any containers or items in the grass area near a grave site will be removed during the cleanup.

As you may be aware of, the St. Anthony Cemetery is not responsible for any valuable items that may be broken or lost. Please remove any items of value prior to this date.

Cut flowers and potted plants may be placed on graves at any time, but not inserted in the ground due to grass cutting needs. Your help is greatly appreciated in our clean-up program.

Any St. Anthony parishioner is welcome to join in the clean-up event or just visit the area/ask questions.

If at any time you have any information you need concerning our St. Anthony Cemetery, please contact our St. Anthony Parish office for contact person. Also, the Cemetery Committee is looking for some new members. Please contact the St. Anthony Church Rectory if interested. 573 468 6101.

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.

Stations of The Cross Every Friday After Mass.

Looking Ahead: Easter Vigil 8:00 PM
Easter Sunday Mass 11AM

**No services on Holy Thursday or
Good Friday at St. Anthony's.**

Sullivan Knights of Columbus Fish Frys Friday's

The price is the same as the last 5 years!
Dine In Adults: \$15. Carry out: \$13.
Children: \$6. All You Can Eat, dine in only



Come enjoy a delicious meal with your family and friends. We can't wait to see you there!

Serving 4 PM-7 PM

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.stanthonsullivan.com



Pastor's Pen



On this Sunday and the next two Sundays, we break from reading the Gospel of Matthew to read from John's Gospel. The Gospel of John is the only Gospel not assigned to a particular liturgical year. Instead, readings from John's Gospel are interspersed throughout our three-year liturgical cycle.

In today's Gospel, the dialogue between Jesus and a woman from Samaria is among the most lengthy and most theological found in Scripture. The most startling aspect of the conversation is that it happens at all. Jesus, an observant Jew of that time, was expected to avoid conversation with women in public. The animosity between the Jews and the Samaritans should have prevented the conversation as well. The woman herself alludes to the break from tradition: "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" Yet Jesus not only converses with the woman, he also asks to share her drinking vessel, an action that makes him unclean according to Jewish law.

The initial conversation between Jesus and the woman is better understood if we consider the importance of water, especially in the climate of Israel. At first, the woman understands Jesus' promise of "living water" in a literal sense: "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." With no running water, the daily trip to the well by the women of the community was of paramount importance. The women of the town would have traveled to the well in the early morning, but this woman came to the well at noon, the hottest time of the day. The timing of her visit is a clear sign that she is an outcast within the Samaritan community. We learn in her conversation with Jesus that she is an outcast because of her "many husbands."

Behind the conversation lies the animosity and rivalry between the Jews and the Samaritans. Samaritans shared Jewish ancestry, but Samaritans had intermarried with foreigners when they lived under the rule of the Assyrians. Samaritan religion included worship of Yahweh, but was also influenced by the worship of other gods. When the Jews refused Samaritan help in the building of the Temple at Jerusalem, the Samaritans eventually built a temple for themselves at Mt. Gerizim (the same mountain mentioned by the woman at the well). Like the Jews, the Samaritans believed that a Messiah would come.

The high point of the conversation is when Jesus reveals himself to her as the Messiah. His answer to the Samaritan woman's questions about worship is meant to predict a time when worshiping in truth and spirit will become the way to worship.

After the conversation, the Samaritan woman becomes a disciple. Even though she is an outcast and not a Jew, she returns to her town to lead others to Jesus and to wonder whether she has found the Messiah. The Samaritan townspeople return with her to meet Jesus for themselves, and many are said to come to believe in him.

The significance of the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman has many levels. The first is personal: The woman is herself converted to belief in Jesus as Messiah because he knows her sin but speaks with her just the same. The second is social: Having come to know Jesus as the Messiah, the Samaritan woman becomes an evangelist to her own people.

The third level of the story is educational: Jesus uses his encounter with the Samaritan woman to teach his disciples that God's mercy is without limit. The disciples return from their shopping quite confused to find Jesus talking with a Samaritan, and a woman at that! But the conversion of the Samaritan townspeople is a foretaste of the kind of open community that will be created among those who believe that Jesus is the Messiah.

Remember we still have the \$100.00 raffle tickets available. You could win \$10,000, \$1,000, or \$500. Tickets can be purchased at the school or rectory office. The winners will be drawn at the Dinner Auction, March 14th. If you have sold tickets please get them turned in no later than Friday, March 13th.

Dinner Auction Volunteers Needed



On Thursday, March 12th we are in need of men and women to help move baskets and auction items to the gym.

We will begin immediately after school gets out.

We also need men with their tools to put any items together that need to be assembled.

Call the rectory office at 573-468-6101 if we can count on you to lend a hand.

Mass Intentions

Monday, Mar 9
8:00 a.m. **NO MASS**

Tuesday, Mar 10
8:00 a.m. Communion Service
Perpetual Help Devotions

Wednesday, Mar 11
8:00 a.m. **NO MASS**

Thursday, Mar 12
8:00 a.m. Priest Purgatorial Society

Friday, Mar 13
8:00 a.m. Patrick Blankenship

Saturday Mar 14
4:00 p. m. Needs of Scott & Laura Staufenbiel

Sunday Mar 15
11:00 a. m. Needs of Julia Lucas

Lector and Minister Schedule

Saturday, Mar 14
4:00 p. m. J Klinger
Ministers K Braun, J Chlipala

Sunday, Mar 15
11:00 a. m. D McMurphy
Ministers G Koebbe, W Tyree

Servers

Saturday, Mar 14
4:00 p. m. Andy Prater

Mar 15
11:00 a. m. Waylon & Shelby Stark

Gift Bearers– Ushers



What are you doing this Lent to grow closer to Jesus? Jesus instructed us to help the least of us. He said that you do unto me.

Have you ever thought about giving one meal out up and donating to St. Vincent de Paul?

That could make the difference to someone in our local community.

As always we appreciate your support!

Altar Flowers & Altar Candles

There will be no Altar flowers during Lent.
You may still do Altar Candles for \$10.00. Call the rectory to schedule.



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.

Jason Blankenship	Steve Lambing	Mary Ann Bates
Avis & Kay Watson	Warren Kaemmerlen	Deanya Breeden
Don Butler	Bernadine Allen	Emily Keene
Ron Harman	Aoife Smith	Madison Garry
Gene Pippin	Dave Moore	Gary Wyatt
Patti Day	Joan Marie Klinger	Evalyn Day
Mary Bernsen		

If you want to add someone to the list, please call the rectory.

If someone has recovered, please let us know.

Thank you.

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 Feb. 28th & Mar 1st, 2026

Adult Envelopes	\$ 6,415.00
Envelopes: (112)	
Electronic.....	\$ 1,630.00
Loose.....	\$ 462.00
General Fund Offertory	8,507.00
St. Vincent de Paul.....	\$ 135.00
School Support.....	\$ 1,883.00
St. Louis Review.....	\$ 35.00
Improvement Fund.....	\$ 5.00
Electronic Special Collections.....	\$ 90.00
	2,148.00