



# ST. ANTHONY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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November 30, 2025  
First Sunday of Advent

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## Organization Presidents

Home & School	573-468-4423
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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

## Religious Article Room

Stop by and see all of our new merchandise!  
You may also pick up your Advent calendars and  
Advent candles.  
If you are also looking for a Religious gift we have  
many to choose with great prices!



## St. Vincent de Paul Society

The Catholic Church teaches that we can find  
Christ in the poor and that serving them is a  
direct way to serve him. Saint Rose of Lima  
famously said, "When we serve the poor and the sick, we serve  
Jesus".

## 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 mar-  
riage. Attending "Preparing for Christian Marriage"  
lectures or an alternate approved program is required. No Wed-  
dings 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.

## First Reconciliation

We wish to congratulate our children  
who will receive their First Reconcilia-  
tion this coming Wednesday, Dec 3rd.

Marco Alu  
Olivia Behrends  
Kinsley Doyle  
Hazelyn Ducan  
Ella Gregory  
Loretta Sharp  
Kylie Steed  
Alyssa Voss

Thank you to Mrs. Jeanette Mallory  
and Mrs. Nicole Behrends for prepar-  
ing our children for this sacrament.

May God bless you all!

Made Printables

## 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*



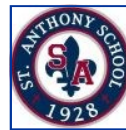
Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of a new liturgical year for the Church. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. It is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. Key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice.

In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Matthew will be the primary Gospel proclaimed (Lectionary Cycle A). In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus speak about the need for wakefulness, for watchful waiting, for the coming of the Son of Man.

Matthew's Gospel is dated by most scholars after 70 A.D. Most believe that Matthew wrote for a primarily Jewish community, but one that was no longer centered on the Temple in Jerusalem. These were Jewish Christians trying to come to terms with their relationship to Judaism in a new situation: Judaism after the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem. There may have been Christians who believed that the events of the world around them gave evidence of the imminent return of the Lord in glory.

The passage from Matthew we read today is rather straightforward. No one knows the precise time of the coming of the Lord in glory, so watchful waiting and vigilance are required. The passage speaks to the uselessness of looking for signs; there will be none. As a thief sneaks in during the night, so will the Lord's coming in glory be.

The question for us as members of the Christian community, then, is how do we prepare for this? Today's passage speaks more about the manner of waiting, rather than the details of the preparation. Jesus compares the vigilance required of Christians to the vigilance of a homeowner who knows the plans of the thief. If one knows that the thief's action is imminent, one remains watchful. As Christians, we know *that* our Lord is coming even if we cannot know the precise timing. Jesus calls us to be watchful and vigilant, like the homeowner. If we become lax in our Christian living, we may be caught unprepared.



## 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

<b>Monday,</b>	Dec 1	
	8:00 a.m.	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday,</b>	Dec 2	Communion Service Perpetual Help Devotions
<b>Wednesday,</b>	Dec 3	
	8:00 a. m	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Thursday,</b>	Dec 4	
	8:00 a.m.	Priests Purgatorial Society
<b>Friday,</b>	Dec 5	
	8:00 a.m.	Don & Donna Straussner
<b>Saturday,</b>	Dec 6	
	4:00 p. m.	Mass of Thanksgiving
<b>Sunday</b>	Dec 7	
	11:00 a. m.	Needs of Joan Marie Klinger

### Lector and Minister Schedule

<b>Saturday,</b>	Dec 6	
	4:00 p. m.	J Mallory
Ministers		R Abel, M Berry
<b>Sunday,</b>	Dec 7	
	11:00 a. m.	Michelle de la Torre
Ministers		J Childress, A Branson

### Servers

<b>Saturday,</b>	Dec 6	
	4:00 p. m.	Jo Ann Klinger
<b>Sunday,</b>	Dec 7	
	11:00 a. m.	Annie Strauser & Blake McCulloch

### Gift Bearers The 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



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	Jess Holland
David Jost	Don Heidenfelder	Richard Lambing
Scott Staufenberg	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	Myrna Parker	Gary Wyatt
Jason Blankenship	Steve Lambing	Carleen Flanagin
Shelby Courtouise	Mary Ann Bates	

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

Due to the early submission because of the Thanksgiving the offertory will be in next week's bulletin.

Adult Envelopes .....	\$
Envelopes: ()	
Electronic.....	\$
Loose.....	\$

### General Fund Offertory

St. Vincent de Paul.....	\$
School Support.....	\$
Military Services.....	\$
Campaign Human Development.....	\$
Thanksgiving.....	\$
Assessment.....	\$
Military Services.....	\$
Electronic Special Collections.....	\$