



ST. ANTHONY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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January 14, 2024
The Second Sunday in
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 1-877-238-322 #3365
Parish Center & Old School Hall Rental 573-468-6101
Knights of Columbus Hall 573-860-2458

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



Thank you so very much!

The St. Vincent Christmas Giving Tree was a huge success!

Due to your generosity, St. Vincent de Paul will be receiving a total of: \$6,670.00!

Again, thank you. God bless each and every one of 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 after Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration is at 8:30 a.m. Thursday morning until 6:00 p.m. Thursday evening

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.



COMING SOON....
SULLIVAN KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS
FRIDAY FISH FRIES
FEBRUARY 2, 2024 4:00 – 7:00 P.M.

Thank you to the crews who helped make the church so beautiful this Christmas season.

Saturday Crew

Dean & Donna Grus
James Grus
Danny McMurphy
JoAnn Klinger
Gene Koebbe

Sunday Crew

Steve & Rhonda Bowler
Kenny Thomeczek
Bob Stegeman
Dean Grus
Dorothy Weiskopf
Jeff Lock
Gene Koebbe
Mary Edwards

We are very grateful to each of you!

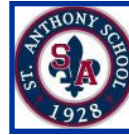
WELCOME

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



Pastor's Pen



Dear St. Anthony Family,

How is it that a loving God can send someone to hell? It is not an uncommon question which, when lobbed at Christians, can make us squirm.

The Catholic philosopher Michael B. Ewbank defines hell as *"the status of a creature which must exist in the confines of endless, indestructible duration without any hope of finality. ... [with] unfathomable spiritual duress and immeasurable personal suffering."* How can a loving God do such a thing? Answer: *He doesn't*. How could a merciful God have wished to conceive of such a place? Answer: *He didn't*.

Here is a deeper mystery: The omnipotent God, because He is all Good without any darkness in Him, cannot and does not know anything about hell directly. He can know it only as an abode characterized by the absence of goodness. It is, as Ewbank notes, not the Creator who creates hell, but *"creatures abusing liberty that make [hell] exist."* (1) Hell is so un-God-like that it is entirely foreign to Him.

Ewbank gives evidence to this idea by quoting the great exorcist Fr. Gabriele Amorth from his autobiography *An Exorcist Tells His Story*, trans. by N. V. McKenzie (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 1999):

We must make this abundantly clear: evil, suffering, death and hell (that is, eternal damnation in everlasting torment) are not acts of God. I want to expand on this point. One day Father Candido was expelling a demon. Toward the end of the exorcism, he turned to the evil spirit and sarcastically told him, 'Get out of here. The Lord has already prepared a nice, well-heated house for you!' At this, the demon answered, 'You do not know anything! It wasn't [God] who made hell. It was us! He had not even thought about it.' Similarly, on another occasion, while I was questioning a demon to know whether he had contributed to the creation of hell, I received this answer: 'All of us cooperated.' (2)

To avoid hell, do these things: Know that you are a sinner, and repent in your heart. Accept forgiveness from the Lord Jesus Christ through the gift of the sacraments. Try to love God with all your heart. Do your best to forgive one another and to love one another. Be fair, just, compassionate, and patient. Obey the commandments. Know that God loves you and has a plan for you.

In Christ,

(1) From St. Thomas Aquinas: "Hence Dionysius says (Div. Nom. vii): 'God through Himself receives the vision of darkness, not otherwise seeing darkness except through light.'" *Summa Theologiae*, Part I, Question 14, Article 10.

(2) See Michael B. Ewbank who writes, "He knows evil things also; as by light is known darkness."

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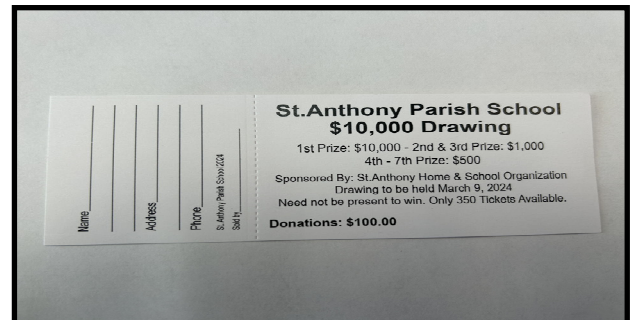
SCHOOL NEWS

Who doesn't need \$10,000?

This is the Home & School's biggest fund raiser of the year.

Tickets are \$100.00 each and only 350 tickets are sold.

You can purchase a ticket by yourself or go in with family or friends. Tickets may be purchased through any school family, at the school office or at the rectory.



Thank you for your Generosity

We are very grateful to the Anonymous donor who graciously donated \$10,000 to our school. Our donor realizes how important Catholic Education is.

Thank you again and may God bless you!

Mass Intentions

Monday,	January 15	8:00 a.m.	NO MASS
Tuesday,	January 16		Communion Service Perpetual Help Devotions
Wednesday,	January 17	8:00 a. m.	NO MASS
Thursday,	January 18	8:00 a.m.	Needs of Mary Ann Rice
Friday,	January 19	8:00 a.m.	Sr. Dorothy Lauberth
Saturday,	January 20	4:00 p.m.	Joan Burns
Sunday,	January 21	11:00 a. m.	Sr. Linda Cox

Lector and Minister Schedule

Saturday,	January 20	4:00 p.m.	C Flanagan Ministers J Mallory, M Weiland
Sunday,	January 21	11:00 a. m.	A Branson Ministers Sr. Joann, W Tyree

Servers

Saturday,	January 20	4:00 p. m.	Andy Prater
Sunday,	January 21	11:00 a. m.	Reed Newbanks & Volunteer

Gift Bearers

Saturday,	January 20	4:00 p. m.	Ushers
Sunday,	January 21	11:00 a. m.	Ushers

St. Louis Review

If you want the St. Lous Review, please place your payment in the Review envelope or in a plain envelope marked Review. If you can not afford to pay for it, let us know you want to receive it, and the parish will pay for it. If you **DO NOT** want the review please let us know by marking your envelope, I DO NOT wish to receive the Review. We have to account for each parishioner, and if we do not hear from you the parish has to pay for it. You may also call the rectory and let us know if you do not wish to receive it. Thank you.

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	Angie Biehl	Harvey Richards
Cindy Dill Fox	Mike Fone	Ronnie Schliefer
Charlene Woodcock	Patti Day	Christina Laming
Wanda Baxter	Tricia Harris	David Jost
Carl Brendel	Scott Staufenbiel	Dorothy Eftink
Kayden & Jayden Eftink		Bella Matchell

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/Amy Reserves	Cooper Sellers/Marines
Jacob Cargill/Air Force	Cory Garrus/Marines
Mark Johnson/Marines	Bradley Rigdon/ Marines
Ray Schoonveld/Marines	Wyatt Seaton/Marines
Mary Kate Wetzel/Marine	Kim Hurt/Air Force Reserves
Nathan Stark/Amy/National Guard	Jaison Ronsick/National Guard
Jordan Bodi, Army	Trisha
Bohn/ Marines	Ethan Kackley/Marines
Luke D. Ryan/Marines	Timmy Kloos/Air Force
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 January 6th & 7th, 2024

Adult Envelopes.....	\$ 4,137.00
Envelopes: (113)	
Electronic.....	\$ 2,525.00
Loose.....	\$ 309.00
Total General Fund Offertory	6,981.00
St. Vincent de Paul.....	\$ 785.00
Solemnity.....	\$ 5.00
First Offering.....	\$ 175.00
Assessment.....	\$ 170.00
School Support.....	\$ 135.00
Candles.....	\$ 5.00
Electronic Special Collections.....	\$ 295.00
	1,570.00