



ST. ANTHONY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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The Ascension of Our Lord

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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



SCHOOL NEWS

Up and Coming Happenings

Wednesday, May 15th, from 1:00-2:30 PM.

is Preview Day. If you know of anyone who may be interested and thinking about our school, please pass the word. We have so many great things to offer here, at St. Anthony's.

Friday, May 17th, Mass will be at 9:00 AM and Field Day begins right after.

Would you be able to lend a Hand?

Volunteers are need next Sunday, May 19th after 11:00 AM Mass to get the banners changed out and the risen Christ back in the gift shop.

Having a few strong men to help with the banners really makes for a easier job.

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.



St. Vincent de Paul Society

Would you be able to help?

St. Vincent de Paul is in need of 3 people to work the phone lines. Individuals would call in to the 877-238-322, ext.

3365 to leave a message, then those that work the phone line would retrieve the message.

We also need volunteers to meet with neighbors as needed to do the interviews.

If you would like more information, or would be willing to volunteer, please call the rectory office at 573-468-6101.

Today as we celebrate the feast of the Ascension, we are reminded that Christ's saving work on earth continues through His disciples.... and now through us.

When we give to the poor, God indeed pours His love, peace and joy into our hearts, into our lives and into the hearts of those who are in need of our help.

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's Parish Family

First of all, I want to wish all Mothers' a very Happy Mothers' Day today. Although last Sunday, I tailored my homily to our First Holy Communicants, I spoke to those of you at the 4 p.m. Mass last week about how much I enjoyed my visit with my mother the day prior. I am so grateful for my Jewish mother! I pray that all of us will pray for our mothers today and love them in some way - a visit, a phone call, face time, a stop at the cemetery. And for all mothers, my hope is you will either be with your children today or at least hear from them. Sometimes Mothers' Day can be a day of sadness when a child isn't talking to the parents, or if a child has died. We must pray for the healing of all wounds between mothers and children, children and mothers, and in confidence we recall that "nothing will separate us from the love of Christ" (Romans 8:38).

We of course also congratulate our First Holy Communicants. I was able to speak with a few of them after the Mass, and the ones I spoke with told me that they really did feel Jesus' joy and happiness inside of them, localized in their stomachs - which means that they were indeed properly prepared to receive Our Lord. He usually (though not always) grants that grace of what we call a sensible consolation upon reception of First Holy Communion, so our faith and hope are rewarded with evidence of love.

If you haven't felt God's presence within you after receiving Holy Communion, there are only three reasons why.

1. This one is difficult to mention, but it must be mentioned: If you are in a state of mortal sin and you have not been to Confession to have the sin absolved by Jesus Christ, who forgives sins sacramentally through the priest, then you will not feel God at Holy Communion, and you shouldn't be receiving Holy Communion until you go to Confession.

2. More common is the second reason: A lack of reverence. Since the 1960s, we've become accustomed in our modern ways to become very relaxed around Jesus. To say, "Jesus is my friend" has been misinterpreted to mean "Jesus is my buddy!" And so we come to church with a very casual attitude. The truth of the matter - and this has been attested to by every great saint I can think of - is that before we enter the Lord's presence, we must recollect ourselves and realize that we are about to come before the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Yes, He loves us dearly, of course. But as St. Theresa of Avilla put it so perfectly: "Essential to humility is reverence." Unless you show, in your actions, in your thoughts, and (maybe) in your attire (I am not certain about this - the former two are far more important) that you are indeed aware you are standing before the King, He will not acknowledge you until you are ready to acknowledge Him. In summation: If you are not feeling God in you after Holy Communion, it could mean that you have lost your sense of reverence for God.

3. If you have no serious sin on your soul and if you are indeed reverential to God when you enter into His holy presence, and you still do not feel the presence of the Lord - rather you feel only dryness and desolation - then in this case God is purifying your soul for a deeper union with Him. God will withdraw sending sensible consolations because He wants us to worship the God of consolations, and not the consolations of God! With this kind of dryness, which can last months or years, the key is to recognize that God is working His grace at a level "beneath" sense and body, and in doing so He is transforming your body of its tendencies to concupiscence, that is, its tendency to sin and vice, especially the sins of lust, gluttony, and anger. Sometimes souls in this state actually find it painful to pray and go to Mass. The strategy is to keep going and to remain reverent of God. In time, all the sudden, God will be through much of His work purifying your body, and then the flood of sensible consolation of God will become a torrent unlike you've ever experienced in your life. And if you still feel sensible consolations at Holy Communion, enjoy it while it lasts. It usually doesn't last very long, quite honestly. It's like a Honeymoon period.

My hope is that all of us in this parish are either still in the Honeymoon period of feeling Jesus at Holy Communion, or else you are at point number 3 above. Knowing human nature as I do, and having been a priest for almost 16 years, I regret to say that most Catholics fall into the category of point number 2, and more than we would like to admit are stuck in point number 1.

The good news is that both are easily remedied. Going to Confession isn't difficult. The priest won't remember anything of what you say anyway - he's too busy wanting Jesus to forgive you. As for cultivating reverence before God, that's not hard but it does involve some alterations. For starters, we probably shouldn't be talking in church. The moment we enter church, we really ought to be focused entirely on the Tabernacle. Second, as we kneel to pray, we ought to form our words into proper sentences in our minds before we speak to so awesome a King as Jesus. You might think to yourself, why should I do this if Jesus knows what I'm thinking anyway? Again, consider His majesty. You ought to choose your words properly when speaking to a King. This is not Fr. Waldman's opinion, by the way. It what he has read in every book in which saints give advice on how to pray. After formulating our words and speaking them under our breath or in our minds, we must then remain focused on Jesus and on loving Him when we are in church. It takes practice, but it can be done. And maybe your pastor ought to do a better job modeling this, too! *Mea culpa*.

Fr. Noah Waldman

Mass Intentions

Monday, May 13
8:00 a.m. **NO MASS**

Tuesday, May 14
8:00 a. m. **NO MASS**

Wednesday, May 15
8:00 a. m. **NO MASS**

Thursday, May 16
8:00 a.m. Sr. Linda Cox

Friday, May 17
9:00 a.m. Frank Chlipala

Saturday, May 18
4:00 p.m. Irven & Elaine Flanagin

Sunday, May 19
11:00 a. m. Ted & Jane Siebenman

Lector and Minister Schedule

Saturday, May 18
4:00 p.m. C Flanagin
Ministers R Abel, M Berry

Sunday, May 19
11:00 a. m. A Branson
Ministers J Brendel, G Rose

Servers

Saturday, May 18
4:00 p. m. Ben Smith & Jocelyn Roberts

Sunday, May 19
11:00 a. m. Volunteers

Gift Bearers

Saturday, May 18
4:00 a.m. Ushers

Sunday, May 19
11:00 a. m. Ushers

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	Angie Biehl	Harvey Richards
Cindy Dill Fox	Mike Fone	Ronnie Schliefer
Charlene Woodcock	Patti Day	Wanda Baxter
Tricia Harris	David Jost	Donna Wolfe
Scott Staufenbiel	Dorothy Eftink	David Columbo
Kayden & Jayden Eftink		Bella Matchell
Warren Kaemmerlen		Joan Barber
George & Barb Epple		Aoife Smith
Vic Heidbrink		

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	Kim Hurt/Air Force Reserves
Nathan Stark/Army/National Guard	Jaison Ronsick/National Guard
Jordan Bodi, Army	Timmy Kloos/ Air Force
Ethan Kackley/Marines	Oliva Price/Navy
Luke D. Ryan/Marines	

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 May 5th & May 6th, 2024

Adult Envelopes.....	\$ 6,938.00
Envelopes: (113)	
Electronic.....	\$ 1,487.00
Loose.....	\$ 414.00
	8,839.00

Total General Fund Offertory	
St. Vincent de Paul.....	\$ 60.00
Assessment.....	\$ 140.00
School Support.....	\$ 240.00
Ascension of Our Lord.....	\$ 13.00
Electronic Special Collections.....	\$ 60.00
	513.00

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