



ST. ANTHONY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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October 11, 2026
Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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St. Vincent de Paul Society 1-877-238-3228 #3365

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Counseling or Help with an unwanted Pregnancy

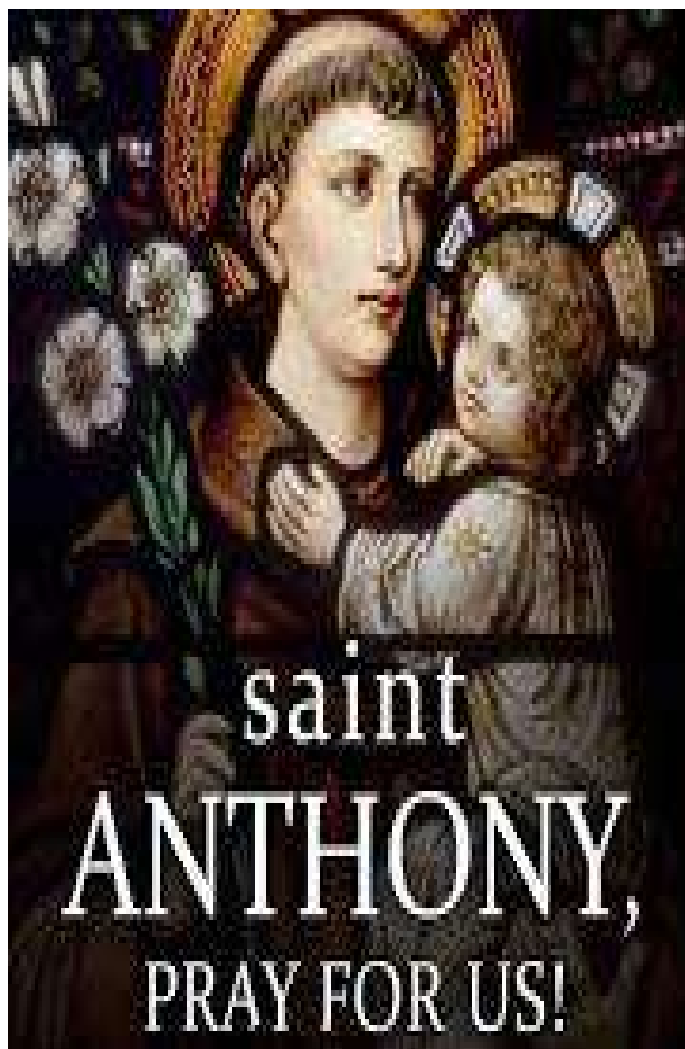
BirthRight 1-800-550-4900

LifeLine 573-885-3040

Pregnancy Assistance Center 636-239-1840

CHILD ABUSE Hotline 1-800-392-3738

Adult Abuse & Neglect 1-800-392-0210



Scouts Coat Drive

We will be collecting until October 17th, the scouts will be collecting coats to distribute to the local Mission. There will be a drop off box in the vestibule.

This is the perfect opportunity to support the scouts as well as help those in our community.

All are welcome to join us on Sunday's.



We pray the rosary every Sunday at 10:45 AM before 11:00 AM Mass.

We hope that you will be able to join us in this most prayerful time. You don't have to sign up, just come.



FOOD FOR THOUGHT



Immediately after criticizing the religious leaders through the parable of the tenants in [last Sunday's Gospel](#), Jesus proceeded to tell another parable, again directed at the religious leaders. We hear this parable in today's Gospel.

In the parable of the wedding feast, Jesus offers an image of the kingdom of heaven using the symbol of a wedding banquet. In today's first reading from the prophet Isaiah and in today's psalm, the Lord's goodness is evident in the symbol of a feast of good food and wine. Jesus' listeners would have been familiar with the image of a wedding feast as a symbol for God's salvation. They would consider themselves to be the invited guests. Keeping this in mind helps us to understand the critique Jesus makes with this parable. The context for this parable is the growing tension between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders in Jerusalem. This has been the case for the past two Sundays and will continue to be true for the next several weeks.

The parable Jesus tells is straightforward. The king dispatches his servants to invite the guests to the wedding feast that he is planning for his son. The listeners would have been surprised to learn that the first guests refused the invitation. Who would refuse the king's invitation? A second dispatch of servants follows. Again to the listeners' great surprise, some guests ignore the invitation. Some of the invited guests even go so far as to mistreat and kill the servants. The king invokes his retribution against these murderers by destroying them and burning their city.

We might stop here for a moment. Why would some guests kill the servants sent to invite them to the king's wedding feast? It might be possible that the king was a tyrant, evidenced by the destruction of the city of those who refused his invitation. But if we follow this idea, then the allegory seems to be about something other than the kingdom of heaven. It is more likely that the destruction of the city would have been a powerful image corresponding to the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in A.D. 70, which would have been an important event for Matthew's audience.

With the invited guests now deemed unworthy to attend the king's wedding feast, the servants are sent to invite whomever they can find. The guests arrive, but it appears that accepting the king's invitation brings certain obligations. The guest who failed to dress in the appropriate wedding attire is cast out of the feast. We are reminded that while many are invited to the kingdom of heaven, not all are able to meet its requirements. God invites us to his feast, giving us his salvation. Yet he asks us to repent for our sins.

Jesus' message in the parable cautions against exclusive beliefs about the kingdom of heaven. The parable also teaches about humility. Those who assume that they are the invited guests may find that they have refused the invitation, and so others are invited in their place. To accept the invitation is also to accept its obligations. God wants our full conversion in complete acceptance of his mercy.

School Information & Happenings



School News

Prevent and Protect

Anyone who is interested in volunteering, going on a field trip, being a room parent, or being present with our school children for any event will need to take the required [Prevent and Protect](#) online class.

All parents should have received the information on how to complete the requirements in your back to school packet. Please complete ALL the steps.

If you do not complete all the steps you will not be in Compliance.

If you have questions, please contact Marcia at 573-468-6101.

Thank you!

Looking Ahead

Tuesday, October 13th

Walking Field Trip to the Firehouse

Monday, October 19th

**Heartland Farms Field Trip- leave at 8:45 AM
(bring a sack lunch from home)**



**American
Red Cross**

There will be a blood drive on Friday, October 23rd from 1:00 PM-5:00 PM in the St. Anthony School Gymnasium.

Mass Intentions

Monday,	Oct 12	8:00 a.m. NO MASS
Tuesday,	Oct 13	8:00 a.m. Communion Service Perpetual Help Devotions
Wednesday,	Oct 14	8:00 a.m. NO MASS
Thursday,	Oct 15	8:00 a.m. Priests Purgatorial Society
Friday,	Oct 16	8:00 a.m. Barb Kuelker
Saturday	Oct 17	4:00 p.m. Deceased Members of the Thomeczek Family
Sunday	Oct 18	11:00 a. m. For Our Parish Family

Lector and Minister Schedule

Saturday, Oct 17	4:00 p.m. J Mallory Ministers J Mallory, K Thomeczek
Sunday, Oct 18	11:00 a. m. Marty de la Torre Ministers B Stegeman, S Tolliver

Servers

Saturday, Oct 17	4:00 p. m. JoAnn Klinger
Sunday, Oct 18	11:00 a. m. Waylon & Shelby Stark

Gift Bearers-Ushers



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

There are more working people now who can not meet the basic needs of everyday life. It isn't be- cause they are not trying.

The cost of everything has gone up tremendously and some just can not meet the monthly expenses.

As always, thank you for your generosity.

Altar Flowers & Altar Candles

Altar flowers are \$65.00 and Altar Candles are \$10.00



Call the rectory to schedule 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.

Jason Blankenship	Mary Ann Bates	Kay Watson
Warren Kaemmerlen	Deanya Breeden	Sophia Joy Owens
Bernadine Allen	Christina Lambing	Debra Hendrix
Ron Harman	Aoife Smith	Madison Garry
Dave Moore	Gary Wyatt	Marilyn Redfield
Patti Day	Joan Marie Klinger	Evalyn Day
Mary Bernsen	Steve Lambing	Scott & Laura Staufenbiel
Dorothy Eftink	Anna Heady	Chad Cain
Charlene Woodcock	Dean Grus	Diana Jollay
Crissy Williams	Margie Kase	Gloria Cavanaugh
Vicki Walker		

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	Olivia Price/Navy
Timmy Kloos/ Air Force	
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 Oct 4 & Oct 5, 2026

Adult Envelopes	\$ 3,740.00
Envelopes: 118()	
Electronic.....	\$ 905.00
Loose.....	\$ 687.00
General Fund Offertory	5,332.00

St. Vincent de Paul.....	\$ 370.00
School Support.....	\$ 1,118.00
Assessment.....	\$ 80.00
Permanent Diaconate.....	\$ 82.00
Electronic Special Collections.....	\$ 290.00
	1,940.00



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In a few weeks, our parish will be joining other Catholic communities across the Archdiocese of Saint Louis in celebrating Legacy Sunday, a special opportunity to reflect on how we can help ensure the faith we cherish today is passed on to future generations.



LEGACY SUNDAY
FAITH ACROSS GENERATIONS
— ROMAN CATHOLIC FOUNDATION —