



St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

WELCOMING ALL PEOPLE TO WORSHIP GOD IN THE GENIUS OF
AFRICAN AMERICAN CATHOLIC SPIRITUALITY

November 30, 2025



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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PARISH INFORMATION

WELCOME TO ST. ANTHONY'S!

We welcome all new members and visitors to our parish.

Please email Kyle Hall at

kyle.hall@charlestandiocese.org. to register, or you can also register online - scan the QR code below by opening your camera app



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening: 5 PM

Sunday: 8 AM, 10 AM and 12 PM (Noon)

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION MASS

11 AM & 6 PM

WEEKDAY MASS

Monday - Thursday: 11 AM

Wednesday : 11 AM & 6 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Wednesday: 4:00 - 6:00 PM

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 PM

Or by Appointment

HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Please see an Usher before Mass

PARISH OFFICE

Physical Location: 204 Douthit Street, Greenville, SC 29601

Hours of Operation: Monday thru Thursday 9 AM - 4 PM;

Friday 9 AM - 12 PM

Phone: (864) 233-7717

Website: www.stanthonysgvl.org

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Phone: (864) 271-0167

Website: www.stanthonyschoolgvl.org

CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES

Diocesan Office: (843) 261-0430

DO YOU NEED HELP?

Financial Assistance: (864) 233-7717 ext. 0

Catholic Charities: (864) 331-2626

Food Pantry: (864) 233-7717

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

SATURDAY, 11/29

- 5 PM Theresa Francis Pitts

SUNDAY, 11/30

- 8 AM Howard Moore
- 10 AM Jane Suber
- 12 PM Bill and Ginger Reilly

Monday, 12/1

- 11 AM

TUESDAY, 12/2

- 11 AM

WEDNESDAY, 12/3

- 11 AM

THURSDAY, 12/4

- 11 AM

SATURDAY, 12/6

- 5 PM

SUNDAY, 12/7

- 8 AM
- 10 AM
- 12 PM

It is a wonderful Catholic tradition to request a Mass Intention for loved ones; living or deceased. In fact, asking for Mass intention for the deceased is not only Catholic tradition, it is biblical (2 Maccabees 12: 38-46).

Mass intention is also a wonderful gift for any special occasion: birthday, anniversary, in thanksgiving for a prayer answered, etc. **Mass intention donations are \$10 each. Please call the parish office to schedule a Mass Intention.**

TOGETHER WE PRAY FOR

Individuals

Alice Rigler	Drew Butterfield	Margaret Morris	Ronnie Glenn
Ann Fournier	Elaine Greggs	Marie Therese Isdiore	Sabrina Walker
Ann Moore	Ellanjose Johnson	Marilyn Daly	Sammy Huguet
Ann Nechodom	Eric Kuhn	Martha Cotel	Sandra McNaughton
Annette Martin	Erica Hardy	Mary Cormican	Sharon Bryant
Bernice Latimore	Gregory Kuhn	Mary Curran	Sharon Patton
Bill Higgins	Hazel Hill	Matthew Bryson	Sherri Hoffman
Billy Mayes	Jason Latimore	Maureen Lukovic	Stephan Pleasant
Clarice Hanly	Jen Duhe	Megan Counihan	Stuart MacNaughton
Charlene Palmer	Jonathan Turner	Mary Ann Turner	Tara Cleary
Chester Williams	Joseph Neito	Melvin Armstrong	Thelma Williams
David Burnett	Joyce Croce	Michael Davis	Tom James
Dee Dee	Laura Drummond	Olivia Brown	Tyler Korybski
Dzikowicz	Laurie Rappl	Ornella Muth	Wilbert Morgan
Donna Neeley	Lillie Davis	Rhonda Brown	Willie Davis
Donna Nickels	Lori McGinley	Richard Palmer	
Dr. Jeff Giguere	Malik McCauley	Ruth Henderson	

Families

Barb & Vern Prinzing	Karen Randall & Family	Deacon Steve & Susan Olson
Dana Lacher	Scott Cely Family	Deacon Winston Wright
Duhe Family	Michael & Ruth Walters	Juan & Christina Francisco
Catherine & Michael Branca	Tessa & George Skoniecki	Camilla Hertwig
Doug, Debbie, & Barbara DeLeu	Deacon Richard Murtaugh	

Our Sick & Shut-Ins

Clenty Fair
Nicole Campbell Little

HELP FOR THOSE IN NEED

If you are sick at home or in the hospital, have a member of your family notify the parish if you are not able to notify us yourself. We care about you and want to help you when you need help from your church family. If there is someone you would like to be added on the prayer list OR removed, please contact the Parish Office: 864-233-7717 ext 2. Thank you!

PARISH REGISTRATION & SACRAMENTS

ACTIVE PARISHONER

- Weekly attendance at Sunday Mass and on Holy Days of Obligation.
- Volunteer on regular basis (**Time**)
- Active involvement in a parish ministry/organization (**Talent**)
- Weekly or monthly use of parish envelopes or online giving (**Treasure**)

PARISH REGISTRATION AND SACRAMENTS

Those seeking to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, and Matrimony **must be registered members** for **at least six months** prior to reception of these Sacraments. You must be a registered member of the parish to ask for Godparent or Sponsor's form of eligibility. **To register, please email Kyle Hall at kyle.hall@charlestdiocese.org**, or you can also [register online](#) - scan the QR code below by opening your camera app.



Infant Baptism Class for Parents

Parents must be registered and active member of St. Anthony's. Class is offered on the third Thursday of every month. Pre- registration is required. Please call the office to pre-register. Baptisms are not celebrated during the Season of Lent.

First Holy Communion

Preparation begins in the first grade and continues into second grade for a total of two years of preparation. Registration for Religious Education classes takes place in August. The first day of class is the third or fourth week in August.

Confirmation

Preparation begins in the eighth grade and continues into ninth grade for a total of two years of preparation. Registration for Religious Education classes takes place in August. The first day of class is the third or fourth week of August. Adults who have not been confirmed and would like to receive the Sacrament are asked to contact the parish office.

Marriage

You must be registered and active member at least six months prior to preparation of the Sacrament. Couples should call the parish office and speak to the priest/ Deacon for pre-nuptial inquiries. Then the couple will begin formal marriage preparations at least six months prior to the wedding date.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

This is a process through which non-baptized adults known as catechumens or baptized adults who wish to convert from other faith traditions enter in communion with the Catholic Church. Classes begins in September. If you wish to become a Catholic, please call the parish office.

COMMUNICATIONS

BULLETIN CONTENT SUBMISSION

Anyone parish group/organization wishing to submit items for publishing in the weekly bulletin should send the content to **Daffodil Behal at dbehal@charlestdiocese.org by end of day Tuesday** for the coming weekend's bulletin. Submissions after the deadline will be included in the Sunday email.

FLOCKNOTES

We are currently in the process of arranging Flocknotes so that multiple people in each household can receive the Parish emails. This will allow us to not duplicate information on our Servant Hearts Flocknote group.

If you, or have someone in your household that currently does not receive the Parish emails (that are registered parishioners), and would like to subscribe, please email Daffodil Behal at: dbehal@charlestdiocese.org.

Provide the following information:

- Full Name
- Email
- Phone Number

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Weekly Collection for November 22-23, 2025 (21st week of the Fiscal Year)

	Actual	Budget
Weekly Total:	\$40,921.59	\$29,236.53
YTD* Total:	<u>\$564,724.03</u>	<u>\$613,967.13</u>
Last Week's Second Collection for International Ministries and Mission raised \$3,946.96.		
*Our Fiscal Year starts 7/1/2025, so Year-to-Date (YTD) data is total weekly collections since 7/1/2025		

Consider Online Giving:

55% of our YTD giving this year has been online. We want this % to be as close to 100% as possible. Online contributions provide steady, reliable support — even when you are away. Sign-up for online giving by scanning the QR code below:



Leave a Legacy:

Remember St. Anthony's of Padua in your will or estate plan. Your planned gift helps ensure our parish remains a place of worship, education, and community for generations to come.

Every gift matters — together we make a difference!

PRAYER

FROM THE DESK OF OUR PASTORAL ADMINISTRATOR

Fr. Emerson Rodriguez Delgado

As the liturgical year begins with Advent, we are ushered into a profound paradox: to anticipate eternity while fully embracing the present. Advent is not merely a countdown to Christmas; it is a sacred invitation to awaken, remain alert, and live with intentionality.

The early Christians captured the essence of this season with three powerful Greek words that continue to resonate deeply:

- **παρουσία (parousia):** The Lord's coming—always near, always imminent—reminding us of God's active presence in every moment.
- **ἐγείρω (egeirō):** Wake up! A call to shake off spiritual complacency and engage with the deeper purposes of God.
- **γρηγορέω (grēgoreō):** Be watchful! A reminder to stay attentive to God's movements, even in the ordinary and unexpected.

Jesus' words, "Stay awake! For at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come," are not meant to provoke fear or an obsessive focus on apocalyptic scenarios. Rather, they are a gentle yet urgent reminder to live with purpose, hope, and readiness. Advent is not about stockpiling fear or fixating on the unknown; it is about creating space in our hearts and lives for God to reveal Himself—often in the most surprising ways.

Paul echoes this vision, urging believers to cast off the darkness of sin and live as children of the light. Balancing the demands of daily life with a vivid anticipation of Christ's return lies at the heart of the Christian journey. The timing of His coming remains a mystery, as sudden and unexpected as a thief in the night. Jesus warns us against the numbing effects of routine and distraction, which can blind us to the sacredness woven into the ordinary moments of life—even in the chaos of shopping mall parking lots or last-minute gift-wrapping mishaps.

Are there places in your life where spiritual complacency has taken root? How might God be calling you to awaken to His presence today? Henri Nouwen reminds us that waiting during Advent is an act of faith—a trust that God's future is already unfolding. Yet how often do we live as if lulled into a spiritual slumber, disconnected from this deeper reality? While we may profess faith, our choices and priorities often stray far from Christ's radical call to love, serve, and transform the world. Advent stirs us from this slumber, calling us to open our eyes and hearts to God's ever-present reality.

Vigilance is not about anxiously scanning the horizon for signs of the end but about cultivating a profound sensitivity to God's movements today. It is about hearing the cries of the suffering, discovering God's boundless love in creation, and responding with compassion. Without this awareness, we risk becoming blind to the transformative power of the Gospel. In the parable of judgment, the unprepared ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry, thirsty, a stranger, naked, sick, or imprisoned, and not help you?" Advent calls us to see with renewed eyes and respond with open hearts.

Waiting during Advent is not passive but active. Isaiah calls us to beat swords into plowshares, transforming conflict into care and division into unity. Peace is not merely the result of Christ's coming; it is also the means by which we prepare for His arrival. Paul challenges us to cast off the darkness of rivalry, envy, and indulgence, choosing instead to live as children of the light. Matthew reminds us that readiness is found not in grand gestures but in the ordinariness of daily life. Advent teaches us to discover the sacred in the mundane, to find God's presence in the rhythms of ordinary moments, and to respond with faith, hope, and love.

As we enter this season of Advent, reflect on this: Where is God inviting you to notice His presence in the ordinary? What areas of spiritual slumber is He calling you to awaken from? How can you embody hope, peace, and compassion as you prepare for Christ's arrival?

May Advent awaken us to the sacred, inspire us to live with purpose, and remind us that the God who once came in a manger still comes to meet us in the messiness of our lives. Let us stay awake—not out of fear, but with joyful expectation—because the ending of this story is far more glorious than we could ever imagine.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

The men and women who serve in the armed forces do so with a sacrificial love for our country and the world. Lifting them up in prayer to our Lord must be our humble, and yet great support for them.

Lord, may your love encircle our military as they work across the world to install justice and peace for all. And be their hope through the difficulties and stress they face each day.

Important Dates & Updates

- **Nov. 24th-Dec. 4th** - Fr. Emerson's Vacation
- **Nov. 29th & 30th** - Visiting Priest, Fr. Daniel McClellan, OFM
- **Nov. 30th** - Youth Ministry Meeting at 5:00 PM in the Social Hall
- **Dec 6th** - Hiking Ministry: Spoonauger Falls and King Creek Falls Hike
- **Dec. 6th** - Greenville Christmas Parade - come see our parish float!
- **Dec. 7th** - Women's Council Meeting in the Social Hall
- **Dec. 20th** - Christmas Party

PARISH UPDATE

SAP Hiking Ministry: Spoonauger Falls & King Creek Falls

Join us for our next hike on **Saturday, December 6th** as we visit two beautiful waterfalls! We will meet at **7:30 AM** in front of the school. This is a moderate hike of about **2.8 miles** at a comfortable pace, and all are welcome - especially first-time hikers.

Our time together includes a "Franciscan Experience" with fellowship, an introduction to Leave No Trace principles, opportunities for wildlife observation, community prayer, and quiet time in nature. We expect to **return by 2:00 PM**. Cost is \$5 to help with gas.

Scan QR Code to Sign-Up:



Questions? Contact Paul Herr at pdherr@gmail.com.

Please note: There will be **no January hike**; our next outings will be in late February or early March.

St. Anthony Float - December 6 Christmas Parade

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church and School will proudly participate in the Greenville Poinsettia Christmas Parade on **Saturday, December 6 at 6:30 PM**. The parade travels down Main Street from River Street to East North Street. Our float, themed "**The True Gifts of Christmas**," will highlight the Fruits of the Holy Spirit and feature a **special performance by the St. Anthony School Choir**. We invite you to come out, enjoy the parade, and show your support for our parish and school community!

Men's Bible Study

Grow in faith and fellowship with our Men's Bible Study, meeting every **Wednesday at 7 PM via Zoom**. All men are welcome! For details or the Zoom link, contact David Quast at thequasts@gmail.com or 864-906-2632.

Join Living Waters Bible Study

All are welcome! Grow in faith and fellowship each **Tuesday at 6:30 PM on Zoom**. To join, open Zoom, click **Join Meeting**, and enter Meeting ID: 834 4618 4219. **Questions?** Contact Lillie or Nicky Jones at 864-832-4011 or 864-832-4012.

Upcoming Holiday Mass Schedule:

- **Weekend of Nov. 29th-30th** - Visiting Priest, Fr. Daniel McClellan, OFM
- **Monday, Dec. 1st to Thursday, Dec. 4th - Communion Service Only & No Confessions on Wednesday**
- **Monday, Dec. 8th** - The Immaculate Conception at 11:00 AM & 6:00 PM
- **Wednesday Dec. 24th** - 4:00 PM (children's), 6:00 PM, and Midnight
- **Thursday, Dec. 25th** - 10:00 AM

Parish Office Closures:

- **Wednesday, Nov. 26th to Friday, Nov. 28th**
- **Tuesday, Dec. 23rd at 12 noon to Friday, Dec. 26th** (we will reopen on Monday, Dec. 29th)
- **Wednesday, Dec. 31st at 12 noon to Friday, Jan. 2nd** (we will reopen on Monday, January 5th)

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School — 75th Anniversary Planning Committee

In **October 2026**, St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School will celebrate a remarkable milestone — **75 years** of faith, community, and academic excellence!

To prepare for this joyful celebration, we are forming a **75th Anniversary Planning Committee** and are seeking parishioners, school families, alumni, and friends who would like to help. We are also looking for someone who may be interested in serving as the Committee Chair.

If you would like to be part of planning this special event, please send your contact information to:

Jamie Judge

President, School Advisory Council

Email: jajudge2012@gmail.com

Thank you for helping us honor our past, celebrate our present, and build our future!

Stay Connected

We are excited to launch a shared calendar, please **scan the QR code below to view our calendar (link will expire on Nov. 28th)**:



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

NOVEMBER 30TH - DECEMBER 7TH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30th

Visiting Priest: Fr. Daniel McClellan, OFM



**First Sunday
of Advent**

9:00 AM - Men's Club Breakfast

SAP Social Hall

5:00 PM - Youth Ministry Meeting

SAP Social Hall

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1st

11:00 AM - Communion Service
Church

6:30 PM - Christmas Float Meeting
SAP White House

7:00 PM - OCIA
Multipurpose Room

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2nd

Giving Tuesday Campaign

#**iGIVECATHOLIC**
ON GIVING TUESDAY



No Communion Service

6:30 PM - Living Waters Bible Study
Zoom

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3rd

11:00 AM - Communion Service
Church

6:00 PM - Religious Education/CCD
Assigned Classrooms

7:00 PM - Men's Bible Study
Zoom

UPCOMING EVENTS



Men's Club

CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

Donations of new unwrapped toys, sporting goods, games, crafts, bicycles, gift cards, cash and/or electronic giving are accepted.

<http://www.stanthonysgvl.org>
(Click "Give Now", "Christmas Toy Drive")

PLEASE MAKE YOUR DONATIONS
In the Social Hall from November 16th to December 7th

PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD!
Toy Party will be held on December 13th beginning @ 10:00 a.m.
St. Anthony of Padua School Gym

Thanks so much for your generosity
Contact Johnny Payne @ 864-616-0923 or johnnypayne@charlestondiocese.org with any questions



Join Us for
ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA'S
Christmas Party

20 December 2025
6:00 PM (after mass)
Parish Social Hall

Food Fellowship Dancing

Adult Family and Friends are invited!

This is an annual event sponsored by the Women's Council and Men's Club as our way of saying "Thank You" for supporting us all year long!

SALTY RECORDS PRESENTS

A CHOSEN Christmas

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2025 AT 5PM

FEATURING
LARRY McCULLOUGH & CHOSEN GENERATION

AND SPECIAL GUEST VOCAL ARTIST & INSTRUMENTALIST

TICKETS
ADULT \$25.00 | CHILDREN 5-17 \$10.00

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC CHURCH
309 GOWER STREET | GREENVILLE, SC 29611



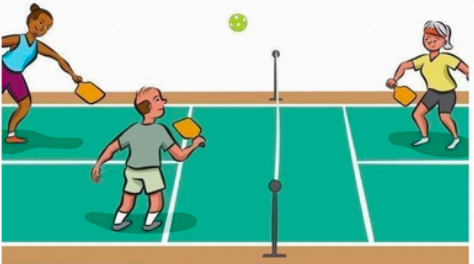

PICKLEBALL

Holiday Schedule

No Pickleball - THANKSGIVING WEEKEND **Nov. 29th**
No Pickleball - CHILDREN'S TOY PARTY **Dec. 13th**

No Pickleball CHRISTMAS BREAK
Dec. 20th-Dec. 27th -Jan.3rd

Play will resume on Sat. Jan, 10th 2026



Notice to Those participating in our Saturday Morning Pickle Ball Ministry
All participants please must sign a Hold Harmless Agreement as directed by our insurance carrier Catholic Mutual Group

BARNES & NOBLE BOOKFAIRS

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School

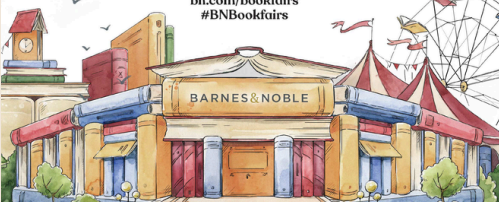
December 13-14, 2025
10:00 am
1125 Woodruff Rd.
Greenville, SC 29607

For further details, please contact our school at 864-271-0167

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- Buy books for our classrooms and library.

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ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC SCHOOL MUSIC DEPARTMENT PRESENTS



Disney's FROZEN KIDS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2025
AT 10AM | IN THE GYM

FEATURING THE STUDENTS OF ST. ANTHONY SCHOOL
SINGING, DANCING, AND LOTS OF ENERGY!

TICKETS \$15.00
ALL ARE WELCOME

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC CHURCH
309 GOWER ST, GREENVILLE, SC 29611



NOVEMBER 30TH - DECEMBER 7TH

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4th

11:00 AM - Communion Service
Church

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5th

Fr. Emerson's Day Off

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6th

7:30 AM - Hiking Ministry: Spoonauger Falls & King Creek Falls
Church Parking Lot

6:00 PM - Greenville Christmas Parade
- come see our parish float!
Downtown Greenville on Main St.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7th



Second Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM - Men's Club Breakfast
SAP Social Hall

1:30 PM - Women's Council Meeting
SAP Social Hall

NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL

Dear Friends and Supporters,

As we approach **Giving Tuesday on December 2, 2025**—extending our campaign from **November 17 through December 2**—St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School invites you to invest in the hearts and minds of our young students. Your generosity will empower two transformative initiatives that nurture holistic growth: a safer, more engaging playground and a refreshed STEM curriculum rooted in wonder and discovery. Together, we can foster environments where faith, play, and learning inspire our students to live as joyful disciples of Christ.

Revitalizing Our Playground: Safe Spaces for Joyful Play

Our school playground is like a time capsule, filled with memories of childhood. But sadly, some of the playground equipment is old and broken, making it unsafe for kids to play. We're committed to creating a space where students can explore God's creation through active, imaginative play—essential for their physical, social, and spiritual development.



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ON GIVING TUESDAY

DECEMBER 2, 2025

ADVANCED GIVING STARTS
NOVEMBER 17

Scan the QR code or visit
[www.iGiveCatholic.org/
story/sapgv125](http://www.iGiveCatholic.org/story/sapgv125)



- **Project Details:** We'll replace outdated equipment with modern, durable alternatives designed for all ages.
- **Timeline:** Demolition begins this winter, with construction completing in spring 2026.
- **Total Cost:** \$95,000. We've already secured \$50,000 through prior efforts—now we need your help to raise the remaining \$45,000 to bring this vision to life.

Imagine our kids' joyful laughter echoing on the playground, all thanks to the state-of-the-art equipment we've provided. Your generous gift ensures that every student has the chance to experience the magic of friendship and play, a divine gift indeed!

Updating Our STEM Curriculum: Igniting Wonder in God's World

In line with our mission to form faithful innovators, we're updating our STEM program to equip students with tools for scientific inquiry and mathematical reasoning—skills that reveal the beauty and order of creation. This renewal focuses on hands-on learning that aligns with Catholic values of wonder, collaboration, and ethical problem-solving.

- **Key Components:**
 - **FOSS Next Generation Science Curriculum (Grades K-5):** Developed by the Lawrence Hall of Science at UC Berkeley, this research-based program engages students in authentic scientific practices. It leverages natural wonder for observable phenomena, aligned with Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). Students won't just learn about science—they'll do science: observing, testing ideas, and applying knowledge to real-world problems. As the FOSS philosophy states, "Science is a discovery activity, a process for producing new knowledge," making it accessible and equitable for every child. Lessons use local, relevant phenomena to build deeper understanding of the natural and designed worlds, bridging content knowledge with active participation.
 - **Updated Mathematics Curriculum and Professional Development:**
 - We're adopting a new math framework paired with training from The Number Lab, an organization dedicated to ending "impoverished math experiences" through innovative, practice-based learning. This includes a three-day [Co]Lab seminar at Long-View Micro School, where teachers will:
 - Strengthen mathematical reasoning and problem-solving.
 - Build a math-rich classroom culture through collaboration.
 - Explore Universal Design for Learning (UDL) to support diverse learners.
 - Foster critical thinking, communication, and creativity—embracing math as a "generative perspective" that promotes growth mindsets.
 - This empowers teachers to create positive math experiences, helping students see numbers as a reflection of divine order.
- **Timeline:** Professional development and curriculum introduction in early summer 2026, with full classroom implementation starting fall 2026.
- **Funding Goal:** \$25,000 to jumpstart this 18-month renewal in mathematics and natural science.



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By supporting STEM at St. Anthony, you're helping students come to know and reverence the Creator through His creation, preparing them to be stewards of innovation in a world that needs faithful, free, and joyful leaders.