

Welcome All



Grow as Disciples

Meet Jesus

Go in Mission

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Intimacy That Terrifies Us

April 26, 2026



Sunday Worship

Vigil Saturday 5:00 PM

**Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM,
and 12:00 PM**

*Sunday Masses are recordings of the 8:00 AM Mass and will be posted on our
YouTube page shortly after Mass has ended.*

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Our Mission

We joyfully welcome all and vibrantly worship Jesus Christ through our Catholic faith, enriched by African American spirituality. We live as a community of disciples, called to mission through evangelization, education, and works of social justice.

Our Vision

Transform our society so that the lost are found, the hungry are fed, and the community flourishes in Christ—by being a wellspring of hope for all.

Parish Pillars

Communal Worship, Prayer, and Evangelization

Faith Formation and Education

Service, Justice, and Community Outreach

Stewardship and Parish Vitality

Welcome to St. Anthony's!

If you are visiting from out of town, we give you a hearty "Welcome, y'all!" We hope that you have a great visit to our wonderful city and parish.

If you are new to St. Anthony's, welcome home! We want to be your sisters and brothers on your walk with Jesus, with all the treasures of our beautiful Catholic faith. Please introduce yourself after Mass or meet one of our ushers - we would love to meet you and help answer any questions you may have.

If you are new to the Catholic faith, or perhaps been away for a while, we are happy that you are here! At the front of the pew in the missalette, you can find the readings for today's Mass. Please talk to Fr. Emerson or Deacon Phil Allen, and we would be happy to help you figure out some next steps on your faith journey.

Joining St. Anthony's

Registration is the way that one lets us know, "St. Anthony's is my parish!" Even if you are a part-time resident, it's still important that you register with us. It allows us to communicate with you and keep you updated on parish news and events. It is also needed for sacramental preparation and letters of good standing.

Scan QR code to register:



Honor Our Lady: May Crowning

Join us for a beautiful tradition of vibrant worship as we celebrate May Crowning on **Sunday, May 3rd, at all Sunday Masses**. We invite **the children of our parish** who would like to participate in the crowning of Our Lady to sign up for the specific Mass they will be attending. This is a special way for our youngest disciples to come together and honor the Blessed Mother.

- **Sign-Up:** Please visit the tables in the lobby to add your child's name to the list for your preferred Mass time.
- **Information:** If you have questions about the procession or what the children should wear, Dawnhaines Davis will be available in the lobby after each Mass today to assist you.

We look forward to honoring Mary together as a parish family!



Parish Office Hours

Monday–Thursday 9 AM to 4 PM, Friday 9 AM to 12 PM
(Closed for lunch from 12:30–1:30 PM)

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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear St. Anthony Family,

I am excited to gather with our parish leadership for a **Check In and Information Session on Thursday, April 30th**. This will be a meaningful opportunity to come together, listen well, and take the next steps forward as one parish family.

Check In and Information Session (April 30)

At this gathering, we will:

- **Reconnect as a community** and share what we are seeing, hearing, and hoping for
- **Unite around a shared vision** for where God is leading St. Anthony
- Introduce the strategic planning form that each ministry and group will fill out to help us build a comprehensive Master Calendar and a 1–3 year Strategic Plan, ensuring all our good works are thoughtfully coordinated.

We are praying for a conversation that is **open, faith filled, and practical**, one that helps us move forward with clarity and unity.

In the months ahead, we will also focus intentionally on **enhancing our liturgy**, the heartbeat of parish life, where we encounter Christ and one another in a sacred and life giving way. We will convene leaders from our liturgical ministries to **strengthen three key areas**:

- **Formation:** Deepening our understanding of the why behind what we do, so all who serve are well **prepared, confident, and rooted** in the sacred meaning of the liturgy. In that same spirit, we warmly invite all parishioners to **Eucharistic Adoration every Wednesday from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM**. Adoration is a simple and powerful way to be with the Lord quietly, reverently, and personally, allowing Him to renew our hearts and strengthen our faith.
- **Welcoming New Members:** Creating **clear, warm, and accessible pathways** for parishioners to join liturgical ministries, so more people can experience the joy and grace of serving.
- **Celebrating the Beauty of the Liturgy:** Honoring the **reverence, richness, and transcendence** of our worship, and continuing to cultivate a Sunday and weekday experience that helps each person pray deeply and feel at home.

Together, let us continue building St. Anthony into a parish where **faith is alive, worship is beautiful, and community is strong**, a true home for all who seek God.

Peace and all good,
Fr. Emerson

CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

- For the next seven days, at the end of each day, write down one decision you made and name the voice behind it. Was it fear? Ambition? The algorithm? A wound? Your parents' expectations? The Shepherd? You cannot follow a voice you have not learned to recognize.
- Peter was asked three times. So ask yourself three times this week, out loud, "Do I love Him?" And each time, answer with a name. A specific person you will feed, protect, lift, or walk with before next Sunday. Love that stays abstract is love that stays safe. The Shepherd never stayed safe.

WORSHIP & PRAYER

FR. EMERSON'S WEEKEND REFLECTION

The Intimacy That Terrifies Us

Forget the pastoral paintings. The Jesus of the Gospels didn't stroll through green meadows with well-behaved sheep auditioning for a stained-glass window. He walked a land that scraped you raw. Rocky ridges. Scorching wind. Predators crouched in the shadows. Ravines where water hid at the bottom and death crouched at the top.

That is the landscape Jesus stands in when He declares, "**I am the Good Shepherd.**" Once you feel that terrain under your feet, the metaphor stops being sentimental. It becomes confrontational. As Kenneth Bailey learned from years among Middle Eastern shepherds, the shepherd is not a storybook figure. He is a fierce protector who places his body where the danger is. That is the world Jesus invokes.

In His day, village sheepfolds had no gates. None. Every shepherd in the village drove their flocks into same stone pen, and when night fell, a shepherd lay down across the opening. His own body became the door. You want the sheep? You go through me first. So when Jesus says, "**I am the gate,**" He is not speaking poetry. He is not speaking symbolism. He is the body in the doorway.

That is the image He claims for Himself. Someone who puts His own body between you and everything that wants to undo you. Someone who knows you by name while doing it. And He did it. And here is the scandal. He actually did it.

Because Jesus is both the Shepherd and the Lamb who was slain. The protector becomes the prey. The one who blocks the door becomes the one dragged through it. That is where the cross gets planted.

Which leaves us with an uncomfortable question. If that is who He is, how often do you act like a sheep without a shepherd? Drifting because everyone else drifts. Pressured by the troubling news. Shaped by the expectations of people you do not even like. Pulled by whatever is loudest this week. And nudged by the algorithm that knows your weaknesses better than your friends do, curating a version of you that you never quite agreed to become.

And underneath that question sits a sharper one. Whose voice have you actually been following? Fear. Ambition. Old wounds we swear are healed. Half-buried memories that still steer our choices.

These are the shadowed ravines Jesus warned about, the places where the only water could be found, and where danger waited just above. We all end up down there eventually. Thirsty for meaning. For love. For something that will not collapse when life does. Jesus calls that abundant life. And He says it begins with one thing. Learning to hear His voice. "**My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me.**"

But here is what we rarely admit out loud. The intimacy Jesus offers terrifies us. Real closeness demands vulnerability, and vulnerability demands surrender. It means letting Him into the argument you keep replaying, the insecurity you never name, the decision you have been avoiding for months. We would rather manage Him than meet Him. We would rather negotiate the terms.

But the Good Shepherd does not negotiate. He calls you by name. And that kind of love will not let you stay hidden.

You can see the cost of that hiding everywhere you look. The world is aching. Violence. Division. Leaders who act more like wolves than shepherds. But the ache is not only out there. It is in us. In the text you haven't answered. The parent you haven't called. The prayer you abandoned halfway through.

And yet, here is the good news. Jesus steps right into all of it. He sees the wounds you carry, the fear you hide, the walls you build, and He loves you still. As Fr. Richard Rohr says, **God loves things by becoming them.**

That's why, at the end of John's Gospel, Jesus asks Peter three times, "**Do you love me?**" And three times He gives the same command. "**Feed my sheep.**" That call belongs to all of us. To strengthen the fearful. Protect the weak. Lift the fallen. Walk with the dying. Share burdens. Wipe tears. Open doors that despair has slammed shut. And uncover the best in others so they can breathe again.

Because the shepherd who lay down across the door is asking us to become doorways for others. To put our own bodies, our time, our attention, our comfort, where the danger is. So look around one more time. **Who in your life needs a shepherd right now?**

TOGETHER WE PRAY FOR

Individuals

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

Families

Carlos & Madalena Lopes Family	Karen Randall & Family	Susan Olson
Barb & Vern Prinzing	Scott Cely Family	Deacon Winston Wright
Dana Lacher	Michael & Ruth Walters	Juan & Christina Francisco
Duhe Family	Tessa & George Skoniecki	June Schammel & Family
Catherine & Michael Branca	Deacon Richard Murtaugh	Faye Schneider & Family
Doug, Debbie, & Barbara DeLeu		

Our Sick & Shut-Ins

Clenty Fair
Nicole Campbell Little

JOIN US FOR ADORATION



We invite you to step away from the noise of the busy week and join us for a powerful time of prayer and reflection during Adoration on **Wednesdays between 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM**. We encourage everyone to stop by the sanctuary to spend some personal time with the Blessed Sacrament — He is waiting for you!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

SATURDAY, 4/25

- 5 PM Ruth & John Henry Schrank

WEDNESDAY, 4/29

- 11 AM
- 6 PM

SUNDAY, 4/26

- 8 AM Frank Mangi
- 10 AM All the Priests & Deacons in the Diocese
- 12 PM All Sisters & Nuns

THURSDAY, 4/30

- 11 AM

Monday, 4/27

- 11 AM

SATURDAY, 5/2

- 5 PM

SUNDAY, 5/3

- 8 AM Stu Grim
- 10 AM
- 12 PM

TUESDAY, 4/28

- 11 AM

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

PARISH INFORMATION

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Weekly Collection for April 18-19, 2026
(42nd week of the Fiscal Year)

	Actual	Budget
Weekly Total:	\$36,765.51	\$29,236.53
YTD* Total:	<u>\$1,331,247.56</u>	<u>\$1,277,534.26</u>

*Our Fiscal Year starts 7/1/2025, so Year-to-Date (YTD) data is total weekly collections since 7/1/2025

Consider Online Giving:

49% 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!

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Phone: (864) 271-0167

Website: www.stanthonygschoolgvl.org

CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES

Diocesan Office: (843) 261-0430

DO YOU NEED HELP?

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

- **Hours:** Monday–Thursday from 9 AM – 1 PM
- We take the first 25 contacts (phone & in-person)

Food Pantry: (864) 233-7717

- **Hours:** M–Th from 9 AM – 1 PM

Catholic Charities: (864) 331-2626 (at San Sebastián Catholic Church)

VIEW OUR PARISH CALENDAR

To stay updated on the latest events and updates in our parish, please **scan the QR code to view our calendar** (link will expire on May 2nd):



Ministry Spotlight: Housing Repair Ministry

Our Housing Repair Ministry, in partnership with Rebuild Upstate, continues to be a "wellspring of hope" by ensuring our neighbors can live in homes that are safe, dry, and accessible. This month, we are highlighting the incredible work our volunteers have recently completed:

- **Restoring Stability:** We recently replaced a failing front wall and repaired interior flooring to ensure structural safety for a local family.
- **Improving Accessibility:** In the bathroom, our team replaced a standard bathtub with a modern walk-in shower, providing much-needed ease of use and independence.
- **Building Community:** Our volunteers also completely replaced a weathered deck, creating a safe outdoor space for years to come.



Join the Crew! Are you looking for a hands-on way to serve our parish and the wider community? We would love to have you as part of this amazing ministry. Whether you are a skilled tradesperson or simply have a willing heart to help, there is a place for you.

Ready to help build hope? **Please contact Walt Laiewski at 864-354-7670** to get involved.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION MASS

11:00 AM & 6:00 PM

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday: 11:00 AM

Tuesday: 11:00 AM

Wednesday : 11:00 AM & 6:00 PM

Thursday: 11:00 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Wednesday: 4:00 – 6:00 PM

Saturday: 4:00 – 4:45 PM

Or by Appointment

ADORATION

Wednesday: 4:00 – 6:00 PM

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PARISH UPDATE

Opportunities to Serve

Woven in Prayer: Shawls & Baptismal Blankets

Join us on **Saturday, May 2nd at 9:00 AM in the Multipurpose Room** for our **monthly gathering**. Our ministry continues its tradition of prayerfully crafting shawls for those in need of comfort, as well as special blankets to welcome our recently baptized infants into the parish family. **All skill levels are welcome!** Whether you are a seasoned expert or looking to learn a new craft, we invite you to join us in this meaningful work of service. Supplies and guidance are always available for beginners.

Support the Ministry this Sunday:

If you cannot attend next Saturday's meeting but still want to support our mission, please join us this **Sunday, April 26th at 2:00 PM in the Social Hall for our Traveling Cards fundraiser**. Proceeds will help us purchase yarn for our prayer shawls and stamps for our Card Ministry.

Share Your Talents: Communications Volunteers Needed

Do you have a knack for tech or a gift for design? Our **Parish Communications Department is looking for volunteers** to help us better share the mission of St. Anthony of Padua. We are currently seeking assistance with two specific projects:

- **Website Support:** Helping with WordPress updates and basic coding to keep our digital home vibrant and accessible.
- **Campus Map Creation:** Designing a clear, updated visual map of our parish grounds to help visitors and parishioners navigate our campus with ease.

If you have experience in these areas and would like to lend your skills to our team, please contact our Communications Coordinator, **Daffodil Behal at dbehal@charlesondiocese.org or 864.233.7717 ext. 8.**

Women's Council Meeting: Join the Conversation

All women of the parish are warmly invited to attend our next Women's Council meeting on **Sunday, May 3rd at 1:30 PM in the Multipurpose Room**. We will gather for a time of fellowship and planning as we look at upcoming parish initiatives and ways to serve our community. Whether you are a long-time member or just looking to learn more, we welcome your presence and your ideas!

Help Wanted: Food Pantry Volunteers

Our food pantry is a vital lifeline for our neighbors in need, but we can only keep the doors open with your help! We are currently looking for **four dedicated weekly volunteers** to join our team, as well as several **backup volunteers** to be on call when our regulars are away.

Whether you can commit to a few hours every week or just want to be on the "on-call" list for when your schedule allows, your time makes a direct impact on hunger in our community. Serving at the pantry is a beautiful way to live out the corporal works of mercy and share God's love with those who need it most.

How You Can Help:

- **Weekly Servants:** 4 spots available for consistent weekly help.
- **Backup Crew:** Join our list of "on-call" volunteers to fill in as needed.
- **Interested?** Please contact **Carol Moeller at 864-380-4155** or stop by the pantry to learn more about our shift times and duties.

Ministry and Council Directory

Senior Leadership Committee	
Tony Smith, Chairperson.....	803-727-5072
Parish Pastoral Council	
Richard Cade, Chairperson.....	864-275-0257
Finance Council	
Mike Hickey, Chairperson.....	864-630-5987
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Dc Phil Allen.....	864-233-7717
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Paul Herr.....	864-907-9356
Kyle Herr.....	864-907-9355
Altar Servers	
Marie Paula Jaramillo.....	864-365-9877
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Carol Moeller.....	864-380-4155
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JoAnn Vergnolle.....	904-327-8952
Mary McNicholas.....	864-630-1081
Homebound Ministers	
Stephanie Rosso.....	864-640-5071
Hospitality Ministry	
Beth Holcombe.....	864-270-0371
Housing Repair Ministry/Rebuild Upstate	
Walt Laiewski.....	864-354-7670
Knights of Columbus	
Ken O'Malley.....	864-915-3039
Knights of Peter Claver	
Paul Latimore.....	864-299-0847
Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary	
Betty Houston.....	864-275-5703
Living Waters Bible Study	
Nicky & Lillie Jones.....	864-832-4011 or 864-832-4012
Meal Ministry	
Dana Lacher.....	864-354-0049
MICAH Ministry	
Jim Stavrakas.....	864-325-4028
Prayer Card Ministry & Prayer Shawl Ministry	
Delores Martinez.....	864-201-2204
Prison Ministry	
Gwen Whitner.....	864-297-0123
Safety and Security Ministry	
Rick Floyd.....	864-630-1467
Tech Ministry	
David Carfolite.....	828-231-0790
Women's Bible Study	
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Kyle Hall.....	205-835-0189

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, APRIL 26th

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday Masses: 8 AM, 10 AM & 12 PM
Church

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

No Youth Ministry Meeting

2:00 PM - Traveling Cards Event
SAP Social Hall

2:00 PM - Women's Council Deanery Meeting
Multipurpose Room

MONDAY, APRIL 27th

11:00 AM - Daily Mass
Church

7:00 PM - Daily Mass
Church

TUESDAY, APRIL 28th

11:00 AM - Daily Mass
Church

6:30 PM - Living Waters Bible Study
Zoom

APRIL 26TH - MAY 3RD

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29th

11:00 AM & 6:00 PM - Daily Mass
Church

4:00-6:00 PM - Adoration & Confessions
Church

6:00 PM - Religious Education/CCD
Classes

Assigned Classrooms

7:00 PM - Men's Bible Study
Zoom

PARISH UPDATE

Formation

Living Waters Bible Study Update

Tuesdays | 6:30-8:00 PM

Zoom

The Living Waters Bible Study continues its exploration of faith and grace in **St. Paul's Letter to the Romans**. While we typically meet weekly via Zoom, but this week please **join us for a special in-person fellowship on Tuesday, April 21st, in Classroom A**. Come grow with us in understanding Sacred Scripture and enjoy this time of face-to-face community! We look forward to seeing you there!

Men's Bible Study: Strengthening Faith Through Shared Stories

In step with Bishop Jacques' invitation to focus on our "Experiences" this April, we invite all men of the parish to join us for a time of fellowship and growth. Whether you are a lifelong Catholic or just starting your journey, your unique perspective is a gift to our community! This is a wonderful, low-pressure opportunity to build lasting relationships and learn from the wisdom of brothers of all ages and backgrounds.

- **When:** Wednesdays at 7:00 PM
- **Where:** Via Zoom (Join from the comfort of home!)
- **How:** No long-term commitment or "prior knowledge" required—just drop in when you can!

Ready to join the conversation? Contact David Quast at thequasts@gmail.com or 864-906-2632.

Scan QR Code for Zoom Link



Women's Bible Study: Final Two Sessions!

Our No Greater Love series has been a beautiful success, and we don't want you to miss the finale! We will continue our study **this Thursday, April 23rd, and conclude the series on Thursday, May 7th**. We meet at **9:00 AM in the Social Hall**. All women of the parish are encouraged to attend these final mornings of faith and community.

Questions? Reach out to Nancy at 414-736-6290 or Rita at 864-979-7544.

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Important Dates Ahead

- **April 26th** - Traveling Cards Fundraiser at 2:00 PM in the Social Hall
- **April 26th** - Women's Council Deanery Meeting at 2:00 PM in the Multipurpose Room
- **May 2nd** - First Communion Retreat from 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
- **May 2nd** - Prayer Shawl Meeting in the Multipurpose Room at 9:00 AM
- **May 3rd - May Crowning during all Sunday Masses**
- **May 7th** - May Crowning (School) at 9:00 AM
- **May 10th** - Mother's Day
- **May 14th - The Ascension of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation: 11 AM & 6 PM Masses)**
- **May 17th** - Women's Council Hat Parade (all Sunday Masses)
- **May 21st** - New Parishioners Dinner at 6:00 PM in the Social Hall
- **May 25th** - Memorial Day (No School & Parish Office Closed)
- **May 28th** - 5th Grade Graduation at 11:00 AM
- **May 29th** - Last Day of School & Awards at 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM Dismissal
- **June 1st-5th** - Vacation Bible School (rising K5-5th Grade) - **Volunteers Needed!**
- **June 16th-19th** - 2026 Archbishop Lyke Conference
- **July 17-19th** - Summer Retreat at St. Francis Spring Retreat Center

Shine Your Light: Registration Now Open!

Our "Lighthouse: God's Love Guides Our Way" Vacation Bible School is fast approaching, and we need your help to make it a success! Whether you're a teen looking for service hours or an adult wanting to share your faith, we have a spot for you.

- **Dates:** June 1-5 | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- **Registration:** Calling all parents! Registration is now open for students rising K5 through 5th grade.



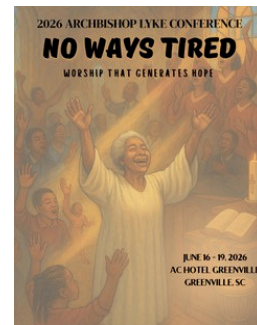
Scan QR code to Register for VBS

The 2026 Lyke Conference: June 16-19

Greenville is proud to host the nation's premier Black Catholic liturgical event! This year's theme, "No Ways Tired - Worship That Generates Hope," offers a powerful week of faith formation, evangelization, and soul-stirring contemporary gospel music.

Conference Highlights:

- **Workshops:** Focused on liturgy, mission advancement, and Sacred Scripture.
- **Music:** Performances by choirs and musicians from across the U.S.
- **Fellowship:** An enriching experience for anyone passionate about worship and ministry.



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Scan QR Code for List of Speakers

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

THURSDAY, APRIL 30th

9:00 AM - Women's Bible Study
SAP Social Hall

11:00 AM - Daily Mass
Church

6:00 PM - Strategic Planning
SAP Social Hall

7:00 PM - VBS Volunteer Planning Meeting
Multipurpose Room

FRIDAY, MAY 1st

No Daily Mass

Food Pantry Closed

Parish Office Closes at 12 PM

4:00 PM - Baptism for Ari Correll (private)
Church

SATURDAY, MAY 2nd

11:00 AM-3:00 PM -
First Communion Retreat
SAP Social Hall

9:00 AM - Prayer Shawl
Ministry Meeting
Multipurpose Room

5:00 PM - Vigil Mass
Church

APRIL 26TH - MAY 3RD

SUNDAY, MAY 3rd

Fifth Sunday of Easter
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Church

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

1:30 PM - Youth Ministry Meeting
Virtual via Microsoft Teams

1:30 PM - Women's Council Meeting
Multipurpose Room

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Who has the right to educate?

Education is not a private hobby or a purely individual matter. It is a work that reaches deep into the destiny of the human person and therefore belongs to the structure of society itself. The encyclical argues that true education must be oriented to the human being's last end, and that, in the concrete providence of God, education necessarily involves three distinct yet harmonized societies—the family, civil society (the state), and the Church—each with real rights and duties, but each with its own proper order and end.

The Church insists that education belongs to all these societies because it addresses the human person as a whole—personally and socially, in the natural order and (for the baptized) in the supernatural order. Yet the Church is pre-eminent. The reason is twofold. First, Christ Himself gives the Church a supreme mission to teach: the Church's authority is not merely advisory; it is rooted in Christ's command to teach all nations and to preserve the integrity of the faith. Second, the Church has a special kind of "motherhood," through which she generates, nurtures, and educates souls in the life of grace. From these two titles in the supernatural order, the Church has an inherent right to freedom in teaching and, therefore, an independence from "earthly power" in both the origin and the exercise of her mission as educator. Practically, this means the Church is not simply one provider among many; she is the guardian of the conditions that make Christian education truly Christian, especially regarding faith and morals.

The family and the state each have genuine standing, but they are not equal in every respect. The family is "instituted directly by God" for the generation and formation of offspring, and so it has priority of nature and rights over civil society. That priority expresses the reality that parents are not merely educational contractors; they are the primary natural educators because they are the origin of the child's life and the first context of formation.

At the same time, the family is described as an "imperfect society" in the sense that it does not contain in itself all the means needed for complete development. Civil society, by contrast, is described as a "perfect society" because it has in itself the means for its proper end: the temporal well-being of the community. Therefore, in the temporal order, civil society holds pre-eminence over the family. This does not erase parental rights; it clarifies that the state's legitimate authority aims at the common good—public order, lawful provisions, and the temporal conditions under which families can live and educate.

In Christ the Beloved,
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