

Welcome All



Grow as Disciples

Meet Jesus

Go in Mission

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Not a Departure. A Commission.

May 17, 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:



Have you participated in Alpha?

We would like to talk to you if you have participated in any way in the Alpha Program at any church (attendee, host, helper, etc.). We are planning on bringing Alpha to St. Anthony and would like to gain insight from people who are prior Alpha participants. If that is you, then **please contact David Quast** at (864) 906-2632.

Curious about Alpha? You can check out the website at AlphaUSA.org We here at St. Anthony will be providing much more information about Alpha in the near future. Stay tuned.



Scan QR code to
learn more

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(Closed for lunch from 12:30–1:30 PM)

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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parish Family,

As we move through these final weeks of the Easter season, our parish remains a vibrant hub of prayer, service, and community. There is much to celebrate and prepare for as we look toward the coming weeks.

A Night of Praise and Pentecost

Next weekend, we reach the Great Feast of Pentecost. I invite you all to join me for a special **Pentecost Vigil: Praying and Praising after the 5:00 PM Vigil Mass**. I will be leading this service as we call upon the Holy Spirit to renew our hearts and our parish, and we are blessed to have Larry McCullough providing the music for this powerful evening of worship. Afterward, please join us in the Social Hall for a time of fellowship and food. It is a wonderful way to experience the "Upper Room" spirit together as a family.

Launching Our "First Saturday" Dinners

I would like to start a new tradition here at St. Anthony's: **First Saturday Community Dinners**. However, for this to be a true community effort, I need your help! We are looking for individuals, families, or parish groups to "adopt" a Saturday. As a host, you would choose the theme and the menu—whether it's a spaghetti supper, a low-country boil, or a taco night—and lead the setup. This is a wonderful way to share your favorite meal and hospitality with your parish brothers and sisters. If you have an idea and a heart to lead one of these evenings, please let me, or our Office Manager, Mary Corner know!

Summer Stewardship & Gratitude

We owe a debt of gratitude to our **Men's Club** for their dedicated service in providing our wonderful Sunday breakfasts throughout the year. As they take a well-deserved summer break, we want to keep the Sunday tradition alive with coffee and donuts. If you are able to help with **donut pickup on Sunday mornings** this summer, please reach out to Mary Corner. It is a small task that makes a big difference in our Sunday morning hospitality.

Honoring our Educators and Graduates

Finally, as the academic year draws to a close, we turn our hearts to our students and educators. During all of the Masses this weekend, we will be offering a **special blessing for all our graduates** as they transition to new chapters, as well as for our **teachers and staff** who have served so faithfully this year. We are incredibly proud of your hard work and pray that the Holy Spirit guides you into a restful and inspired summer.

Peace be with you,
Fr. Emerson

CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

Challenge 1: Pray for the Church's Witness. Spend five minutes daily this week praying that the Church, including yourself, may be empowered by the Spirit to faithfully bring hope and healing to those in need.

Challenge 2: Examine Your World Through the Lens of Conversion. Identify one area of brokenness, injustice, or selfishness, in your community or in yourself, and pray specifically that Christ's saving reign may bring healing and transformation there. Then take one small action toward that change.

WORSHIP & PRAYER

FR. EMERSON'S WEEKEND REFLECTION

Not a Departure. A Commission.

He didn't pack a bag. No farewell tour. No press release. Just a hillside, a cloud, and open mouths.

For too long the Ascension has been reduced to a disappearing act, a gravity defying exit, Jesus retreating to some far flung corner of the universe. Douglas Farrow called it "something of an embarrassment in the age of the telescope and the space probe." The embarrassment only exists if we misread the story.

Stand there for a moment. Peter, whose denial still burned in his chest. Mary Magdalene, who had mistaken the risen Christ for a gardener. Thomas, whose doubt had become the occasion for the most intimate moment any of them had witnessed. All of them watching Jesus vanish into the clouds.

And then silence. Not the comfortable silence of a conversation that has reached its natural end. The silence of a room after a door closes. The silence of people who do not yet know what to do with their hands. Was this the end of everything they had dared to hope for? Or the beginning of something so vast they couldn't yet hold it?

In Scripture, a cloud is never just weather. It led Israel out of Egypt. It was the luminous, terrifying sign of God's own presence. Fire by night. Cloud by day.

The disciples were not watching a departure. The cloud was not an exit. It was a throne room. A coronation. They didn't see a man shrinking into the distance like a plane climbing to cruising altitude. They saw glory envelop Him, the same radiant presence that had hovered over Sinai, that had filled Solomon's Temple.

Jesus wasn't vanishing into the cosmos. He was entering more deeply into the very presence of God and drawing us with Him. As Fr. Anthony Kelly writes: "The ending of his particular kind of terrestrial presence has yielded to a new kind of universal presence, reaching to all places, times, and peoples." We are wired by physics to read "up" as "away." Distance as absence. Departure as loss. So the Ascension looks like abandonment. The story ending just when it was getting good.

But the biblical imagination runs a different operating system. In that world, height isn't distance. It's authority. A king ascending a throne doesn't leave his kingdom. He moves into the position from which he can govern all of it at once.

Pope Benedict XVI said it plainly: "The Ascension is not a journey into space but a change of state. Jesus has not gone away, but now He is present in a new way." No longer bound by time or place. Everywhere. Always. Nearer than your next thought. Before the Ascension, Jesus was one conversation at a time. One road. One face turned toward one person. After? The limitation is gone. Every person in every century gets the full attention of the same Christ. Not a fragment. Not a delegate. Not an algorithm simulating intimacy at scale, which is what our platforms offer us and call connection. Him. The whole of Him.

N.T. Wright holds the tension without flinching: "The Ascension speaks of the Jesus who remains truly human and hence in an important sense absent from us, while in another equally important sense present to us in a new way." Truly human. Absent in one sense. Present in another. Not a contradiction to resolve but a mystery to inhabit. And inhabiting it looks like trusting that the hiddenness of God is not the same thing as the absence of God. That there is a difference between a silence that has abandoned you and a silence that is doing something you cannot yet see.

Jesus did not leave His humanity behind. He carried it, glorified and eternal, into the very heart of the Trinity. The distance we imagine between the sacred and the ordinary has been abolished. Undone. Gone.

"It is better for you that I go." He said it Himself. Not as consolation. As declaration. His departure was the necessary condition for the Spirit, the one who makes Christ's presence universal across every age, every place, every people. The absence we feel is not abandonment. It is the space in which faith becomes possible. The hidden ground where the Spirit does its quiet, irreversible work.

And then the angels asked the question that still cuts across every age: "Why do you stand looking into the sky?"

There is a kind of Christianity that is permanently craning its neck, waiting for the story to resume, treating the present moment as a waiting room. And waiting rooms produce a particular kind of person: passive, disengaged, vaguely restless, convinced that the real action is elsewhere. The Ascension is precisely the rebuke to that posture. The angels weren't being gentle. They were issuing a correction.

Notice what the disciples did next. They didn't linger on the hillside. They didn't form a committee to discuss what had just happened. They went back to Jerusalem, which took courage, given what Jerusalem had recently done to their teacher, and they prayed together. They waited, but they waited actively, as people who had been given a direction and were preparing to move in it. And then Pentecost broke open, and they spilled into the streets, and the story that had seemed to end on a hillside turned out to have been a beginning. The cloud didn't paralyze them. It commissioned them.

He left no forwarding address. He left something better. His Spirit. His mission. And your name already written into the story. The Ascension was never the end of the story. It was the moment the story became yours. Stop staring toward. He reigns. And He has given you work to do.

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, 5/16

- 5 PM Steve Kramer  requested by Mary Rabe

WEDNESDAY, 5/20

- 11 AM
- 6 PM

SUNDAY, 5/17

- 8 AM Michael Hudson  requested by Ronnie Hudson
- 10 AM
- 12 PM Fred Picot  requested by Faith Davis

THURSDAY, 5/21

- 11 AM

SATURDAY, 5/23

- 5 PM Mary Parella  requested by Patrick J. Richardson

Monday, 5/18

- 11 AM

SUNDAY, 5/24

- 8 AM
- 10 AM
- 12 PM

TUESDAY, 5/19

- 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 May 9-10, 2026
(45th week of the Fiscal Year)

	Actual	Budget
Weekly Total:	\$30,380.78	\$29,236.53
YTD* Total:	\$1,427,509.92	\$1,365,243.85

*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.stanthonyschoolgvl.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 22nd):

ST. ANTHONY JUNETEENTH 2026

A CELEBRATION OF FREEDOM, FAITH, & COMMUNITY



JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

6:00 PM | MASS (Church)
6:00 PM
Most Rev. Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS, Bishop of Charleston, presiding.

BBQ DINNER & PROGRAM
(School Gymnasium - 311 Gower Street)
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM
Featuring music, dance, and Black history.

LOCATION (Greenville SC 29611):
307 Gower Street

ADMISSION:
FREE (Love Offering Accepted)
Parishioners, friends and the public are invited.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- ✦ Jessica Williams
- ✦ Sammy Dotson
- ✦ Bonnie Franks & The Nicholtown Community Choir
- ✦ Larry McCullough & Chosen Generation
- ✦ Jeremiah Dew (J Dew)
- ✦ Kendra Williams
- ✦ Imani Dancers
- ✦ Father Tony Ricard

Joining us for the evening are participants in the national **Archbishop Lyke Conference** held in Greenville June 16-19. The premier Black Catholic liturgical event.

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

Friday: **No Daily Mass** (every week)

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

Ministry and Council Directory

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Housing Repair Ministry/Rebuild Upstate	
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Ken O'Malley.....	864-915-3039
Knights of Peter Claver	
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Living Waters Bible Study	
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Meal Ministry	
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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	
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Youth Ministry	
Kyle Hall.....	205-835-0189

A Special Invitation to Support Our First Communicants

On **May 30th**, our young parishioners will receive their **First Holy Communion**. To celebrate, we have placed **gift bags in the Church Lobby** for all communicants and their teachers. We encourage you to participate by **placing notes of congratulations, prayers, or small gifts** inside the bags. It is a beautiful way for our parish family to show these children and their educators that we are walking this journey of faith with them!

New Parishioners Dinner: Thursday, May 21st

Are you new to the parish? If you've joined St. Anthony of Padua in the last six months, please join our clergy and staff for dinner on **Thursday, May 21st, at 6:00 PM in the Social Hall**. Come enjoy an evening of fellowship, learn about our parish history, and discover the many ways to get involved in our church ministries. If you have questions about the dinner or would like to **RSVP**, please contact **Beth Holcombe: 864-270-0371**. We look forward to officially welcoming you to our church home!

Youth Ministry Update

This **Sunday, May 17th**, our Youth Ministry will be meeting at **TopGolf from 5:00-7:00 PM** for a fun evening of fellowship, games, and community. We hope all teens can join us!

Also, beginning **May 24 at 5:00 PM**, we will officially **kick off Alpha Youth Nights!** Alpha Youth is open to all teens **ages 13-17** and is a great opportunity to grow in faith, ask questions, make friends, and have meaningful conversations in a welcoming environment. Be sure to bring a friend – we can't wait to see you there!

Friday Rosary in May

Honor the Blessed Mother this month with the Women's Council. We will gather **every Friday in May at 10:00 AM** in the school parking lot before walking to the Virgin Mary statue in the school playground to pray the Rosary together. It's a wonderful opportunity to come together in faith and reflection. We look forward to seeing you there!

Summer Retreat: Registration is Now Open!

Escape the summer heat for a weekend of spiritual renewal and connection at the serene **St. Francis Spring Retreat Center** in Stoneville, NC. We are once again blessed to be led by **Fr. Peter Trembly, OFM Conv.** For the past nine years, Fr. Peter has energized our community with his deep passion and infectious spirit. You won't want to miss the insights he has to share as we gather for fellowship, growth, and reflection in a beautiful Franciscan setting.



- **When:** Friday, July 17 – Sunday, July 19
- **Where:** St. Francis Spring Retreat Center | Stoneville, NC
- **Led by:** Fr. Peter Trembly, OFM Conv.

Ready to join us? Registration is now open! Please **scan the QR code above** to secure your spot and prepare your hearts for a refreshing weekend in the woods. For questions, please contact **Paul Herr: pdherr@gmail.com**.

Are You Ready for Some Football? NFL Road Trip Inquiry

We are exploring the possibility of organizing a parish bus trip to catch an **NFL game** this upcoming season! Before we move forward with logistical planning, we want to gauge interest in a trip to see a game in either **Atlanta** or **Charlotte**. If you would like to join your fellow parishioners for a day at the stadium, please let us know so we can determine if this trip is feasible.

To express your interest, please contact Johnny Payne:

- **Phone:** 864-616-0923
- **Email:** johnnypayne@charlestdiocese.org

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MAY 17TH - 24TH

SUNDAY, MAY 17th

The Ascension of the Lord

Second Collection: Catholic Communication Campaign

No Men's Club Breakfast

Women's Council Hat Parade at all Sunday Masses Church

5:00-7:00 PM - Youth Ministry Meeting TopGolf Greenville

MONDAY, MAY 18th

11:00 AM - Daily Mass Church

TUESDAY, MAY 19th

11:00 AM - Daily Mass Church

6:30 PM - Living Waters Bible Study Classroom A

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20th

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

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

7:00 PM - Men's Bible Study Zoom

PARISH UPDATE

Formation

Living Waters Bible Study: Special In-Person Meeting

Join us every Tuesday from **6:30–8:00 PM!** We meet weekly via Zoom, with the exception of the 3rd Tuesday of each month, when we gather in person in **Classroom A**.

Our next in-person meeting is **Tuesday, May 19th**. All are welcome to join us for scripture and fellowship, whether you are a regular member or brand new to the study!

Calling All Men: Faith & Fellowship

Looking for a mid-week spiritual recharge? Join our weekly Men's Bible Study for authentic brotherhood and a deeper connection to God's Word. As part of our Year of Catechesis, this low-pressure group requires no prior knowledge or long-term commitment—just drop in whenever your schedule allows!

- **When:** Wednesdays at 7:00 PM via Zoom
- **How:** Grab your Bible and a favorite beverage, and join us from the comfort of home.
- **Contact:** David Quast at thequasts@gmail.com for more information.

Whether you are a new parishioner or a lifelong Catholic, your perspective is a gift to our community. We look forward to seeing you there!

Scan QR Code for
Zoom Link



Important Dates Ahead

- **May 17th** - Women's Council Hat Parade (all Sunday Masses)
- **May 21st** - New Parishioners Dinner at 6:00 PM in the Social Hall
- **May 23rd** - **Pentecost Vigil after 5 PM Mass & Dinner to follow**
- **May 25th** - **Memorial Day (No School & Parish Office Closed)**
- **May 28th** - 5th Grade Commencement 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) - **Registration Open!**
- **June 6th** - **Prayer Shawl Meeting at 10:00 AM in Classroom A**
- **June 6th** - Women's Council Meeting at 1:30 PM in the Multipurpose Room
- **June 13th** - St. Anthony of Padua Feast Day
- **June 16th-19th** - 2026 Archbishop Lyke Conference
- **June 17th** - **Save the Date: Juneteenth Celebration - Mass at 6:00 PM with the Most Rev. Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS, Bishop of Charleston, presiding & a BBQ Dinner after**
- **July 17-19th** - Summer Retreat at St. Francis Spring Retreat Center

CCD Year-End Celebration Recap

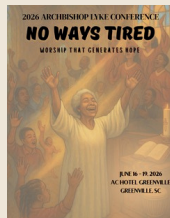
Our Religious Education/CCD year ended on a high note this past Wednesday with a fantastic year-end party! We owe a huge debt of gratitude to our DRE, **Debra "Susu" Drennon**, for her incredible hard work in coordinating such a successful year.



We are also deeply thankful for the **teachers and volunteers** who gave so much of their time, and for the generous souls who provided our pre-class meals. A final big thank you to our parishioners who own **Clare's Creamery** for the wonderful ice cream treats—it was a hit with everyone and the perfect way to kick off the summer! We look forward to seeing our students back in the fall.

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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List of Speakers

Opportunities to Serve

Volunteer Needed: Finance Assistance Team

St. Anthony's Financial Assistance team needs a dedicated volunteer every **Friday morning (9:00 AM – 12:00 PM)**. The primary role is to assist those in our community struggling to pay utilities by helping them access financial aid and connecting them with the right local resources and ministries. If you are patient, empathetic, and organized, your help could be a lifeline for someone in need. Questions? Contact **Julia Mullen at 864.233.7717 ext. 0**.

Help Feed Our Neighbors: Food Pantry Needs

Our Parish Food Pantry is a vital "wellspring of hope" for our community, but we need your hands to keep it running! We are currently **seeking 3 to 4 weekly volunteers**, as well as **"on-call" backups** to help as their schedules allow.

New Way to Help from Home! Can't make it to the pantry? You can still make a direct impact by preparing **individually bagged sandwiches** at home. Whether it's peanut butter and jelly or deli meat, these grab-and-go meals are a huge blessing to our brothers and sisters in need.

Get Involved: To join our volunteer team or for details on dropping off sandwiches, please contact **Carol Moeller at 864-380-4155**. Thank you for helping us live out the works of mercy in our own backyard!

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

THURSDAY, MAY 21st

11:00 AM - Daily Mass
Church

6:00 PM - New Parishioner's Dinner
SAP Social Hall

FRIDAY, MAY 22nd

No Daily Mass

Food Pantry Closed
Parish Office Closes at 12 PM

SATURDAY, MAY 23rd

10:00 AM - Funeral for Dwayne Evans
Church
2:00-4:00 PM - Wedding
Church
4:00-4:45 PM - Confessions
Church
5:00 PM - Vigil Mass
Church
6:00 PM - Pentecost Vigil & Dinner
Church

MAY 17TH - 24TH

SUNDAY, MAY 24th

Pentecost Sunday

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

No Men's Club Breakfast

5:00 PM - Youth Ministry's Alpha Night
TBD

Dear Parishioners,

The Church teaches that the Catholic school's mission is not merely to transmit information. It is meant to create an atmosphere enlivened by the Gospel spirit of freedom and charity, to help the young person's personal growth be matched by the growth of that new creation received in Baptism, and to relate human culture to the news of salvation so that the light of faith illuminates the knowledge students gradually gain. In the Catholic school there is no separation between time for learning and time for formation, between acquiring notions and growing in wisdom.

In the "School of the Lord's Service" framework, discipleship is described as a lived proposition rather than an intellectual idea. A student becomes a disciple through an encounter with Jesus Christ, experiencing His love and mercy, and accepting Him as Lord within a committed, daily relationship. That discipleship is formed through a cycle of growth: choosing to follow Christ, growing in the Christian life through mentorship, and actively engaging in mission. This means that prayer, conscience, discipline, worship, and service are not treated as separate subjects, but as ways the child learns what it looks like to live as a follower of Jesus.

Mentorship is central because disciples are not formed in isolation. The framework calls for an interlocking web of mentorship, where discipleship is transmitted through relationship and example. Teachers serve as primary mentors through daily instruction, prayer, conversation, and the witness of a life shaped by Christ. The school leadership likewise mentors teachers, supporting their spiritual growth and fidelity to the mission. Older or more mature students also serve as a crucial witness to younger students, so that charity and responsibility grow naturally across ages. This approach aligns with the Church's teaching that the witness of adults in the school community is a vital part of the school's identity, especially when prayer and the sacraments—particularly the Eucharist and Penance—mark the rhythm of school life.

Formation, in this vision, is holistic. Catholic education is above all a question of communicating Christ, of helping to form Christ in the lives of others, because those baptized must be trained to live the newness of Christian life in truth and justice. Formation also requires a school culture where faith is truly embodied. Catholic schools are meant to deepen each student's personal relationship with God, so that students discover that all things human have their deepest meaning in Jesus Christ. When this happens, prayer, the liturgy, the example of teachers, and the integration of faith with learning all become practical pathways for growth.

Finally, discipleship is a partnership. The Catholic school exists to partner with parents, helping children grow as disciples of Christ, uniting families and educators around a shared educational philosophy. Parents remain the primary educators, and the school's role is to reinforce and support that mission through a consistent spiritual and academic environment.

To learn the full framework behind this approach, please read "School of the Lord's Service" here: archden.uberflip.com



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ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Looking Ahead in May

- May 20th - Talent Show at 1:00 PM
- May 28th - 5th Grade Commencement at 11:00 AM
- May 29th - Last Day of School, Awards & 12:00 PM (Early Dismissal)

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