

Welcome All



Grow as Disciples

Meet Jesus

Go in Mission

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Whose Voice Have You Learned Not To Hear?

August 16, 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.*

Church: 309 Gower Street Greenville, South Carolina 29611 • **Parish Office:** 204 Douthit Street, Greenville, SC 29611 |
Parish Office Hours: Monday-Friday from 8 AM to 4 PM | 864-233-7717 • www.stanthonysgvl.org



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:



Discover Your Purpose with "That Man Is You"

Are you looking to deepen your relationship with God, strengthen your family, and connect with other men in our parish? Join us for **That Man Is You**, an interactive men's program focused on the development of authentic male leadership. All men are welcome!

- **Kickoff Date:** Wednesday, September 16th
- **Time:** 6:00 AM every Wednesday
- **Sign Up:** Scan the QR code.



For questions, contact Matt Sweeney:
813-817-6480 | swezey1@me.com

Please join us in praying for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we seek the right candidate to lead this important ministry!

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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parish Family,

As we prepare to transition from the summer months into a bustling fall season, I have some exciting updates and upcoming events to share with you all.

Before looking ahead, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to **Victor Verduzza and his family** for hosting such a wonderful Taco Night Dinner last Saturday! The food and fellowship were fantastic, and we are so grateful for their generosity. If you or your family would be interested in hosting our next parish dinner on **October 11th**, please let the parish office know!

I am also thrilled to announce a wonderful new addition to our parish staff. Please join me in welcoming **Dennis Weiss** as our new Director of Facilities. Dennis comes to us with over 10 years of dedicated experience working in a Catholic parish and school in New Jersey. He and his family recently relocated to our area and are already absolutely loving Greenville! We are incredibly blessed and excited to have him join our team, so please be sure to give him a warm St. Anthony's welcome when you see him around campus.

As we head into September, our Faith Formation programs are also kicking off, offering excellent opportunities for parishioners of all ages to dive deeper into their faith. Please mark your calendars for the following start dates:

- **The Chosen Series:** Launching **Monday, September 14th at 6:00 PM**. This is a fantastic opportunity to gather, watch, and discuss the life of Christ and His disciples.
- **OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults):** Our sessions will begin on **Monday, September 14th at 7:00 PM**. If you or someone you know is interested in entering the Church or completing their sacraments, we would love to have you join us.
- **CCD / Religious Education (K5 - 5th Grade):** Classes for our younger parishioners will begin on **Wednesday, September 16th at 6:00 PM**.

Finally, I want to extend a special invitation to all of you to attend the **St. James the Greater Bicentennial Anniversary Mass**. This beautiful 200-year milestone celebration will take place on **Sunday, September 13th at 12:30 PM**. We are deeply honored to have Cardinal Wilton D. Gregory, Archbishop emeritus of Washington D.C., joining as a special guest for this historic occasion.

Let us continue to pray for our parish, for Dennis as he begins his new role, and for all our students and catechists preparing for the upcoming year

Peace and all good,
Fr. Emerson

CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

Identify who feels most "outside" in your life.

Usually it's the person you're most tempted to:

- avoid ("I hope they don't text.")
- dismiss ("That's just how they are.")
- label ("too much," "not one of us.")
- hand off ("Someone else should deal with this.")

Who comes to mind first?

1. The draining one (chronically needy friend/family)
2. The isolated one (awkward, excluded, misunderstood)
3. The stigmatized one (addiction, homelessness, mental illness, record)
4. The "other side" (political/cultural person you write off)
5. The overlooked one (newcomer, immigrant, disabled neighbor, etc.)

Where is God calling you to step closer, so the "crumbs" become a feast of welcome, dignity, and shared humanity, recognizing God's presence in them and making room at the table?

PARISH INFORMATION

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Weekly Collection for August 8 & 9, 2026
(6th Week of the Fiscal Year)

	Actual	Budget
Weekly Total:	\$28,810.00	\$30,288.46
YTD* Total:	\$176,524.56	\$181,730.77

*Our Fiscal Year starts 7/1/2026, so Year-to-Date (YTD) data is total weekly collections since 7/1/2026

Consider Online Giving:

56% 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 August 20th):



Upcoming Baptism Orientation

If you are preparing to have your child baptized, our **next Baptism Orientation class is scheduled for Thursday, August 20th at 6:00 PM** in the Parish Office (204 Douthitt Street). For more information or to ask any questions, please contact Mary Corner at 864-233-7717 ext. 2.

Sign-Up for our Parish Flocknote Emails/ENews

Don't miss out on the latest parish news, upcoming events, and faith-filled updates! Sign up for our Flocknote emails (E-News), sent every Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday. It's the best way to stay informed and connected to parish life.

If you are not receiving our emails, please **check your spam folder** and search for **mail@flocknote.com** and remove it from your spam folder. **For questions or assistance**, please contact Daffodil Behal at dbehal@charlestondiocese.org or 864-233-7717 ext. 8.



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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 Daily Mass Cancelled)**

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

2nd & 4th Fridays of Each Month: 5:00 PM

WORSHIP & PRAYER

FR. EMERSON'S WEEKEND REFLECTION

Whose Voice Have You Learned Not To Hear?

Picture a road. Somewhere in the region of Tyre and Sidon (modern-day Lebanon), Gentile territory, Jesus has just walked out of an argument about handwashing. He has said something that should still be ringing in the disciples' ears: it isn't what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but what comes out (Mt 15:17-18). The dust hasn't settled. And then she appears.

We never get her name. Matthew calls her a Canaanite woman. If you know your Old Testament, that word lands like a stone. The ancient enemy. He places it like a verdict before she even opens her mouth. This woman is as far outside the circle as a person can possibly be.

And yet she opens her mouth. "Son of David, have mercy on me. My daughter is tormented by a demon." The Jewish title for the Messiah, out of the mouth of a pagan woman. A confession of faith clearer than most of the disciples ever managed. And Jesus says nothing.

She is crying out. Her daughter is suffering. And Jesus walks on as if he hasn't heard.

Most of us know that feeling: praying and hearing nothing, wondering whether God is truly listening.

The disciples fill the silence quickly enough. "Send her away. She keeps shouting after us." They are tired. They want the inconvenience to move along. But here is the thing: whose voice have you quietly learned not to hear? Whose need have you decided, without quite deciding it, isn't really your problem?

That is the first door closing. Indifference dressed up as practicality.

But there are three more doors before her. Jesus speaks. "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel." A boundary that sounds theological. She comes closer anyway. She kneels. Her prayer has gotten shorter: "Lord, help me."

Then the hardest moment. "It isn't right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." The door is scarcity. The fear that grace has a limited supply. Then comes that word. Dogs. You don't belong here. You are outside.

Four doors. One after another. And she doesn't leave. She takes the image she's been given and steps right into it. "Yes, Lord. Yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from the master's table." Her prayer has been getting shorter this whole time. Have mercy on me. Lord, help me. Yes, Lord. Each closing door burns away another layer until only the essential thing remains. Not I deserve this. Not you owe me this. Something more elemental: there is enough. Even the crumbs can become a feast.

St. Augustine said she was ignored not so mercy could be denied, but so desire could be kindled. The waiting wasn't abandonment. It was invitation. Can you hold onto that? Can you trust that the silence in your own life might sometimes be not rejection, but the slow deepening of something real?

Now place her story beside Peter's. He stepped out of the boat, walked on water, felt the wind, and began to sink. He cried out: "Lord, save me." She cried: "Lord, help me." Same short prayer. Same reach toward Jesus across an impossible distance.

But listen to what each one hears back. Peter, the insider, the rock: "You of little faith. Why did you doubt?" She, the outsider with no right to be there: "Woman, great is your faith." So what does she ask of us today?

She asks us to watch our words. A single word "dogs" can do more damage than a meal eaten with unwashed hands. What words have you used, carelessly, tiredly, that told someone they don't belong?

She asks us to widen our welcome. God's table was never meant to be guarded by gatekeepers who decide who is worthy of the crumbs. The feast is for all peoples. It always was.

She asks us to examine our listening. Who is crying out on your road today, and what would it cost you to stop and turn toward them?

And she asks us for persistence. To pray and not lose heart. To keep showing up even when the doors keep closing. Because sometimes the refusal to walk away is the deepest act of faith we have.

May our words stop wounding. May our faith stop quitting. And may our welcome, one open door at a time, start to look a little more like God's.

TOGETHER WE PRAY FOR

Individuals

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

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.**

Additionally, **starting August 28th**, we will also be offering Adoration on the **2nd and 4th Fridays of the month at 5:00 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, 8/15

- 5 PM Margaret D. Alessandro 
requested by Mary Cordaro

WEDNESDAY, 8/19

- 11 AM
- 6 PM - NO MASS**

SUNDAY, 8/16

- 8 AM Charles Reynolds 
requested by Sandra Ward
- 10 AM
- 12 PM

THURSDAY, 8/20

- 11 AM Caroline Duggant 
requested by Pat Rupel

MONDAY, 8/17

- 11 AM

SATURDAY, 8/22

5 PM Michael Krummenacker 
requested by Mary Condaro

TUESDAY, 8/18

- 11 AM Christian Shaab 
requested by Robert & Jean McCauley

SUNDAY, 8/23

- 8 AM
- 10 AM David Turner 
requested by Mary Ann Turner
- 12 PM

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 UPDATE

Ministry and Council Directory

Senior Leadership Committee	
Tony Smith, Chairperson.....	803-727-5072
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Christopher Taylor.....	704-244-1786
Finance Council	
Mike Hickey, Chairperson.....	864-630-5987
Liturgy Committee	
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Eucharistic Ministers/Scripture Readers	
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Margaret White.....	704-517-3628
Men's Club	
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Patty Hickey (for Shopping).....	864-380-4208
Mary Reynolds.....	864-884-4772
Elijah Cup Vocations Ministry	
Mike Cumby.....	864-417-8973
Health Ministry	
JoAnn Vergnolle.....	904-327-8952
Mary McNicholas.....	864-630-1081
Homebound Ministers	
Stephanie Rosso.....	864-640-5071
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
New Parishioner Ministry	
• Dinner or Hospitality Ministry - Beth Holcombe.....	864-270-0371
• Welcome Committee - Marie Eldridge.....	508-259-4910
Prayer Card Ministry & Prayer Shawl Ministry	
Delores Martinez.....	864-201-2204
Prison Ministry	
Gwen Whitner.....	864-297-0123
Safety and Security Ministry	
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Youth Ministry	
Kyle Hall.....	205-835-0189

Important Dates Ahead

- **August 15th** - Hiking Club Hike at Conestee Natural Preserve - meeting at 7:30 AM (Mauldin, SC)
- **August 15th** - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass at 11:00 AM in the Church and Back to School Cookout 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM in the Social Hall
- **August 15th & 16th** - New Book Sale by Brian Pusateri after each Mass!
- **August 18th** - Living Waters Bible Study: IN-PERSON Meeting at 6:30 PM in Classroom A
- **August 23rd** - Women's Council Tea Drop-in Event after each Sunday Mass in the Social Hall
- **August 30th** - Traveling Cards Fundraiser for World Youth Day 2027 - 2:00 PM in the Social Hall (please note: doors opens at 1:30 PM)
- **September 8th** - 75 Anniversary of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School
- **September 9th** - Religious Education/CCD Classes Resumes at 6:00 PM!
- **September 13th** - Children's Liturgy Resumes at 10:00 AM Sunday Mass
- **September 14th** - OCIA will resume at 7:00 PM - more details to come!
- **September 14th** - The Chosen 8-Week Series led by Leanne Koffskey at 6:00 PM - more details to come!
- **September 15th** - ALPHA 10-Week Series Launch at 6:30 PM in Social Hall - [Click Here to Register](#) (food will be provided!)
- **October 4th** - Parish Picnic at Conestee Park

Christmas Parade Float 2026

Before we know it, Christmas and the 2026 Annual Poinsettia Christmas Parade will be here. On December 5, we want to have another float representing our parish and school in the Greenville Christmas Parade. We are forming our Float Committee to plan for and construct our float. In addition, we are looking for a location close to downtown Greenville where we can house and construct our float during the period from November 30 to December 6.

Can you help with any of this? Please contact Mark Diblin at 352-219-7890 with any support you can provide, questions and to volunteer to help.

Spill the Tea: Women's Council Tea Drop-In!

All women of the parish are warmly invited to join us on **Sunday, August 23rd, after each Mass in the Social Hall** for a special membership event. Stop by to enjoy a cup of tea, fellowship, and a chance to learn more about the Women's Council's upcoming initiatives and how to get involved this year.



Scan QR Code to Sign Up

Ignite Youth Ministry: ALPHA Youth Complete!

We are excited to announce that our teens have officially completed ALPHA Youth! Through ALPHA, our teens had the opportunity to ask questions, explore their faith, grow closer to Jesus, and build community with one another. **What's Next?** Our faith journey continues! We will keep creating opportunities for our teens to grow in faith, fellowship, and their relationship with Christ.

This Weekend: Join us for Family Game Night in the Social Hall at 5:00 PM!

Upcoming Fundraiser - Traveling Cards:

August 30 | Doors open at 1:30 PM | Game begins at 2:00 PM
\$10 donation at the door.

For questions, contact Coordinator

Kyle Hall at kyle.hall@charlestdiocese.org.



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THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

AUGUST 16TH - 23RD

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16th

Sunday Masses: 8 AM, 10 AM & 12 PM
Church
5:00 PM - Youth Ministry Meeting
SAP Social Hall

MONDAY, AUGUST 17th

11:00 AM - Daily Mass
Church

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18th

11:00 AM - Daily Mass
Church
12:30 PM - Staff Meeting
Parish Office
6:30 PM - Living Waters Bible Study
Classroom A

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19th

11:00 AM - Daily Mass
Church
4:00-6:00 PM - Adoration & Confessions
Church
No 6:00 PM Mass
7:00 PM - Men's Bible Study
Zoom

PARISH UPDATE

FORMATION

Living Waters Bible Study: In Person Meeting on August 18th

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 (**August 18th**), when we gather in person in **Classroom A**.

Zoom Log-In:

Meeting ID: 834 4618 4219
Passcode: LWBS



Scan QR Code for
Zoom Link

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

Calling All Men: Faith & Fellowship Join our weekly Men's Bible Study for a low-pressure mid-week spiritual recharge. No prior knowledge or commitment is needed—just drop in whenever your schedule allows!

- **When:** Wednesday, August 19th at 7:00 PM **via Zoom**
- **What to bring:** Your Bible
- **Questions?** Contact David Quast at thequasts@gmail.com.



Scan QR Code for
Zoom Link

Women's Bible Study Update!

Women of St. Anthony of Padua, you are invited to the Fall session of our Women's Bible Study.

Thursday, September 17th to October 30th

9:00 AM or 6:00 PM

Location: Parish Social Hall

Come, join us for a time of fellowship, study and prayer. Our study will use the book, *The Armor of God* by Priscilla Shirer. This book focuses on Ephesians 6:10-19. We will discuss how God provides us with strength and protection in our daily walk as His daughters. There is a special emphasis on prayer.

The book is available for purchase on Amazon and will also be available for purchase at our first class. Also, please bring your Bible.

Please use the QR code to register or request more information. You may also call Rita (864-979-7544) or Nancy (414-736-6290) with any questions.



Scan QR Code
to Register

Food Pantry Update: Volunteers & Current Needs

Thank you so much for your continued support of our Food Pantry! Your generosity makes a huge difference.

- **Volunteer With Us:** We are currently looking for a few more volunteers to join our ministry. If you have a couple of hours to spare each week to help serve those in our community, please consider joining our team!
- **A Note on Deliveries:** Many thanks to those who have purchased and shipped food to us this past week. If you are using an online service to buy food and have it delivered, **please ensure deliveries are scheduled during our working hours: Monday - Thursday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.**

Current Greatest Needs:

- Jars of Peanut Butter and Jelly
- Boxes of pasta
- Pop top cans of tuna (or packets)
- Hygiene Kit Items:
 - quarter size Ziplock bags, Full size bars of soap, Mini toothpaste 2.5 oz or less, Razors, Any trial size shampoos

Contact Us: To volunteer at the pantry, call Suzanne Richmond (513-226-4125). To help with shopping, call Mary Reynolds (864-884-4772) or Patty Hickey (864-380-4208). Thank you for answering the call to help feed our neighbors!

Join Us for the Launch of Alpha!

Searching for more? Have big questions about life and faith, or looking for community? If you answered "yes" to any of these, Alpha is for you!

Alpha offers a friendly, open, and judgment-free space to gather, share a meal, and explore life's biggest questions. It is open to everyone—from questioning skeptics to those looking to reinvigorate their faith, Catholic or not. Bring your family and friends to come and see!

- **When:** Tuesday, September 15th at 6:30 PM
- **Where:** Social Hall
- **Details:** Free dinner provided & Childcare available!

To Register: Scan the QR code or visit

<https://stanthonysgvl.org/parish-events/alpharegistration/>

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Alpha



Questions? Contact our Alpha team at alphasap309@gmail.com. We can't wait to meet you!



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THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20th

11:00 AM - Daily Mass
Church

6:00 PM - Baptism Orientation
Parish Office (204 Douthitt St.)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21st

No Daily Mass

Food Pantry Closed

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22nd

4:00-4:45 PM - Confessions
Church

5:00 PM - Vigil Mass
Church

AUGUST 16TH - 23RD

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23rd

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

Women's Council Tea Event
after all Masses
SAP Social Hall

5:00 PM - Sponsor Meeting for
Youth Ministry
SAP Social Hall

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Dear Parish,

I write to share with you, in a spirit of transparency and Christian hope, the path our school is walking and the vision that guides us. These have been demanding years. Enrollment has contracted sharply as we clarified our identity. Staffing has been reorganized. Financial pressures required difficult decisions. None of this has been easy, and none of it has been without cost—personal, communal, and financial.

The work of renewal has produced measurable progress. The percentage of practicing Catholics among our employees has risen from 40 percent last year to 85 percent. Faculty and staff have completed more than 1,500 hours of academic and spiritual formation this summer. Two teachers holding doctoral degrees have joined us. Scholarship support exceeding \$250,000 has been secured for students.

Teacher salaries have become more competitive, positioning the school to grow toward 110 students in the core grades without expanding staff. Parish subsidy has been lowered, and tuition capture has more than tripled. These are not yet the full fruits we hope for, but they are genuine signs that the foundation has been strengthened.

We do not claim that the hard season is finished. Recovery of enrollment takes time. Cultural habits change slowly. Financial stability must still be carefully stewarded. We remain dependent on the generosity of the parish, the prudence of our councils, and above all on the grace of God. Hope trusts that fidelity to the mission Christ has given His Church will, in God's time and according to His wisdom, bear lasting fruit—souls formed for holiness, minds ordered to truth, and a community more deeply rooted in the mystery of Redemption.

We invite you to walk this path with us. Pray for our students, our teachers, and those entrusted with leadership. Encourage the children in the habits of wonder, attention, and reverence. Support the school according to your means. Thank you.

May Our Lady intercede for us, and may St. Anthony, preacher of the Gospel and friend of the poor, obtain for us the grace of perseverance and joy.

In Christ Beloved,



Brian Long
Principal

You Make a Difference!



VOLUNTEER LUNCHEON

Please join us for lunch and learn about ways you can get involved at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School.



WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 2ND



12:00 PM - 1:30 PM



SOCIAL HALL
Immediately following Mass



Lunch will be provided!



Come enjoy fellowship, great food, and see how you can make an impact!

TOGETHER, WE BUILD A STRONGER COMMUNITY.

We can't wait to see you there!



Teacher Training
Supply List



Curriculum Supply List



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