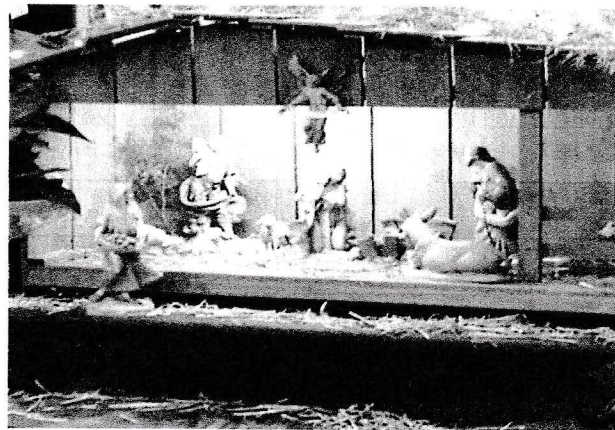


The Window



St. Anthony Catholic Church
December 2025



"Happy & Blessed Christmas" 12-25-25

Parish Pastoral Council November 17, 2025 – 6:30 pm

Present: Fr. George, Pat Bronner, Billy Pace, Lettie Buchanan, Dennis Morgan, Delia Colbert, Julie West-Troy, Patty Wright, Richard Paladino.

Absent: Elizabeth Ruiz, Eduvina Ruiz, Aracely Castillo.

Fr. George Report:

1. On **Wednesday, October 29 Mr. Daniel Thomas Young was anointed and passed away on Friday, October 31 at the Huntsville Hospital.** In memory of him a funeral mass was celebrated at our Church on Saturday November 8, 2025 and was followed by the rite committal at the Higgins Cedar Hills Cemetery in Fayetteville. There was a grand reception at our St. Joseph's Hall after the services. The members of his family, friends and many of our parishioners were present on the occasion. **Thanks to the Hospitality Committee and the Knights of Columbus for the luncheon and for making all other arrangements for the celebrations.**
2. The Ministry of **"Healing the sick" at the homebound and nursing homes,** was started recently by **Julie West and myself on every First Friday** after the mass and Holy Hour is going very well. Last month we visited seven patients including those from outside our parish community. They all appreciated our service and I thank Julie West, and other Eucharistic Ministers as well, for volunteering for this commendable job caring for our parish extended community.
3. Please kindly keep in your prayers the seriously sick brethren of our parish.
4. I am very happy that in tune with the **World Youth Conference at Rome convened by the Pope,** under the leadership of **DRE, Patty Wright** and her team, have conducted a **"great program"- the Campfire-Locker.** I am sure that they all enjoyed and got benefited from the event.
5. There is a beautiful Catholic program called **"Catholics Come Home.org.** This is a simple Campaign to empower the parish and parishioners to invite fallen away Catholics home. The Web is - www.InviteSomeoneToChurch.com. We may share the website by posting the invites and social media inviting someone to Church. **(Videos are available).** Let us reach out to the lost sheep through beautiful and effective media invitation

Finance Board Report: Richard Paladino

Copies of the Committee Budgets & Ongoing Expense July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026 were given to those present.

Buildings & Grounds – Dennis Morgan

- Our Lady of Guadalupe statue and the Divine Mercy portrait have been relocated to more respectable locations inside the Sanctuary. **Thank you to Danelle and Callie Caudle for all the work they did with the relocation and upgrades.**
 - Relocated back pew and collection cabinet to allow more room to access the aisles entering and exiting the Sanctuary from the vestibule.
 - The pew located under the Divine Mercy portrait will be reserved for the Ushers.
 - St. Joseph Hall alarm software has been updated. The system is now functioning properly.
- As always, if any member finds or sees something within the Church or other buildings, please make a note of the item to be addressed in the green folder outside the Office door, marked with Buildings and Grounds.

Family Life – Aracely Castillo/Danielle Caudle

Family Life provided goodie bags after CCD to all children for Halloween. Thank you to Ms. Pat who donated cookies as well.

Amy Starr is leading the Christmas Caroling that will be on Sunday, December 14th after CCD. She will contact our parishioners who are homebound. Anyone is welcome to volunteer for Christmas Caroling. It will be announced after mass.

We are planning fun Christmas activities and a Christmas play. All children and teens are welcome to stay after CCD on Sunday 12/21 to participate in the activities. We are looking to have a chili supper as well.

We look forward to spread some Holiday cheer.

Hospitality Outreach - Delia Colbert

November 8th was the luncheon for the family of Mr. Dan Young. After the funeral Mass a luncheon was organized by members of the Hospitality Committee. Many members of our church family brought dishes of food to share with the family and everyone who attended in the social hall. As Always Thank You to everyone.

Religious Education & Formation - Patty Wright

CCD – A parent meeting was held on Sunday, November 16th after CCD class for students in the Confirmation class and their parents. All the requirements for Confirmation were reviewed.

Confirmation will be held on Sunday, April 19, 2026, at the Catholic Pastoral Center in Nashville.

Confirmation recognition as St. Anthony will be Sunday, April 26, 2026.

There will be a parent meeting for students in the First Communion class and their parents on Sunday, November 23, 2025, after CCD class at 11:00am in the classroom. First Communion will be Saturday, April 18, 2026, at the 5:30 mass.

Youth Mass – Was held Sunday, November 16, 2025. Students from several different grades participated by reading, ushering, playing music, taking up the gifts and serving as acolytes and Eucharistic Ministers.

CYO – Youth lock-in was held Saturday, November 15th- Sunday, November 16th. The lock in was for grades 6-12 and 19 students participated. The event included food, games, prayer, rosary walk, talks from adult volunteers and small group discussions. Father George welcomed the students with a brief talk and heard confessions Sunday morning prior to mass. 8 adult volunteers helped with the event which was a big success.

Altar & Rosary Society – Julie West-Troy

On Monday, October 27th we said good-bye to a dear parishioner Mr. Wayne Dunn. Lavonne Dunning and I assisted Fr. George with the funeral mass. It appears that our **Funeral Process** does not reach the chain of the command! The Spiritual Life committee would like to make our next project to work on simplifying funeral communication. Example as: Father - Secretary - Michele Wilson, Choir Director – Julie Troy, Altar & Rosary Society – Delia Colbert, Hospitality Committee.

November 7th First Friday Adoration, Fr. George and I visited Janet Jetton, Dave Carter, Jean Benson, Joan Marlow, and Joyce Shanklin. Fr. George went back on Saturday and anointed Nancy Jones, Vicki Richardson & Michele Morales mom.

If we could begin printing the Calendar of Events for the month in the weekly bulletin, I think we could get more parishioners involved in our monthly committee meetings.

Ladies Altar & Rosary Society met on Thursday, November 20 after 9am mass. Those in attendance were Julie West-Troy, Lavonne Dunn, Molly Hollis, Mary Frame, and Marilyn Haendel. I went over Parish Council concerns and had a discussion on possible candidates for donations (Bed in a Bag – Hands of Mercy) and sponsoring an Angel Tree person/family. We will again sponsor the Advent Bake Sale on December 13-14 in the Memorial Hall.

There will be **no meeting in December**. Prayers for Mary Francis upcoming eye surgery and John Haendel's surgery.

Social Action – Lettie Buchanan

Good Samaritan – October - 46 boxes of food given.

Powdered Milk - October – 80 qrts. given.

One bag of miscellaneous food.

St. Anthony Office Open – December 15, 16, 17. Office closed until January 5, 2026.

Helping Hands – Volunteers continue to visit and call Homebound parishioners, drive to doctor appointments, shopping and nursing homes as needed.

AT-Large – Billy Pace

Presided over this November 17, 2025 PPC Meeting in Olin Yancey's absence.

Hispanic Community Integrator – Elizabeth Ruiz/Eduvina Ruiz

Novena starts Dec. 4th Our Lady of Guadalupe at 7:00pm.

Festivity: Dec. 13th at 7:00pm.

Communications – Pat Bronner

Posting Calendar of Events for December in the bulletin, The Window Newsletter, poster boards etc.

Old Business:

Olin Yancey - At the October Council meeting, I handed out copies of draft by-laws for St Anthony Parish Pastoral Council to bring us into compliance with guidance from the Diocese of Nashville. Having heard no comments requiring discussion or modification, Father George will be sending the document to the Diocese for approval. Mr. Smestad, who made the presentation in August on that guidance, has reviewed and informally approved that draft. Assuming nothing has changed at the Diocese, this will become our new by-laws. We will then begin the process of nominating candidates for elections to be held in the spring. The new council should then begin operating in the Parish's 2026-27 year.

New Business:

Richard Paladino - Richard Paladino (Finance Board) presented to the PPC the Harvest Happening charity funding results for fiscal years 2023 - \$5,600, and 2024 - \$7,300, and the 2025 results of \$8,000. In addition, the Organizations funded by the charitable donations in 2023, and 2024 were presented. Rather than having the finance board determine the charitable organizations for the 2025 charity gifts, the finance board requested that the hard workers of the Harvest Happening make that determination, and requested that Debbie Morgan (Harvest Happening Chairperson) take an action to discuss the above with the workers who did the hard stuff so they had an opportunity to help determine where the charity dollars were spent. Debbie gladly accepted that action, with results to be published in the bulletin or Window.

Next Meeting: February 16, 2026

Adjourned: 7:30pm - Pat Bronner, Secretary

****Calendar of Events - December****

Tuesday, December 2 is the **Women's Guild Christmas Party** at 6pm St. Joseph's Hall.

Friday, December 5 will be the **Knights of Columbus Christmas Party** in St. Joseph's Hall.

Saturday, December 6 Advent Retreat for the Spanish Community talk by Maria Oliva from Catholic Formation center, Nashville.

Sunday, December 7 talk on Reflections on Advent "**Family life**" by **Maria Oliva** after the 8:30 AM Mass at the Church. **Advent Bake Sale.**

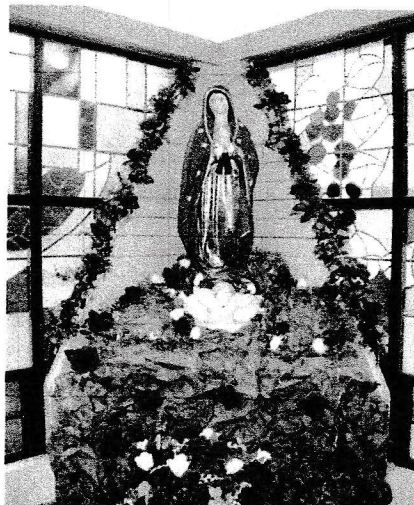
Monday, December 8 is a day of obligation the **Feast of the Immaculate Conception.** Morning Mass at 9am and Evening Mass at 7pm.

Thursday, December 11 **Advent Penance Service at 6 PM.**

Saturday, December 13 **The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe mass at 6 PM.** (English mass will be 5 PM).

Sunday, December 14 - **Christmas Caroling** after CCD class.

Sunday, December 21 - **Youth Christmas Program.**





DECEMBER	HAPPY BIRTHDAY	HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
1	RONALD SIRMAN SR.	
2	DANIEL JOHNSTON	
4	LISA PATTERSON	
5	TANIA RUIZ	
6	TIMOTHY SMITH, ISAAC CASTANEDA, AUDREY SMITH	
7	DANE CARTER, JUANA LOPEZ	
8	MIGUEL MARTINEZ-GARCIA JR., JUSTIN MOORE	
9	ROMEO PASCUAL-LOPEZ, MARIA MENDEZ	
10	KATHY ANDERSON, ELIZABETH RUIZ, MARY KRACK	CHRISTOPHER & EVA SMITH
12	MARIA GUADALUPE CRUZ	
13	RICHARD PALADINO, DOMINIC CROW	TEOFILO & ANA VAZQUEZ
14	MAKINLEY WELCH	
15	JIOVANNA SANCHEZ-SOLIS, LUCY SUMMERS, EMMA LEE	
16	YORLEY SOLIS-ZENTENO, MARY DEMPSEY, FRANCO DANIEL RUIZ	
17	TOMMY BROWN, BRIANNA & VERONICA FLORES, FRANCO RUIZ	HEATH & SHERIE JACKS
18	CLYDE HOLT, EDUARDO POZOS. LETICIA CONTRERAS	
19	RENE' CRUZ, EMILO LOPEZ, MARIA CONTRERAS-LOPEZ	MANUEL & SUSANA RUIZ- CABALLERO, PABLO & DANIELA RUIZ
20	THOMAS CAUDLE, JESUS EUGENIO-SANCHEZ	
21		OMERO & BEATRIZ SOLIS
22		LUCIANO & MARICELA SOLIS
23	LEONARDO RUIZ-SANCHEZ, SR.	
24	JACINTO SUGUITAN, KAROL VELAZQUEZ-TREJO	
25	MISAEEL VELAZQUEZ	BRUCE & DEBRA BALSAMA
26		TIM & DELIA COLBERT
27	PHYLLIS HOLT, GABRIEL PEREZ, ALMA PRYOR, BENJAMIN DIAZ	
28	ANA JARAMILLO	ALEJANDRO & MARIA SOLIS- ZENTENO
29	CLAUDIA ESPINO	
30	IRMA MORALES, JOVANY RUIZ	JOSE & MARIELA RUIZ FRANCO & CLAUDIA RUIZ
31	TIM COLBERT, WILLIAM BUCHANAN, JORDAN GREENE, MICHAEL BURTON, ZACHARIAS SIMMONS	

DECEMBER 2025 SCHEDULE

DATE	LECTORS	MINISTERS	SERVERS	GIFTS	USHERS
December 6	Larry Schaefer	Debra Schaefer Donnie Keib Larry Schaefer	Volunteer	Barry Yuhas Richard Paladino Jim Anderson	Jim Anderson Richard Paladino
December 7	Jimmie Caudle Dennis Morgan	Sherrie Gill Billy Pace Jake Peavey	Thomas Caudle Christian Martinez	John Cain Tony Gill Ron White	Tommy Wilson Bill Dunning
Dec. 13	Rose Loiacono	Julie West-Troy Mike Loiacono Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer Family	Julie West-Troy Barry Yuhas
Dec. 14	Mary Krack Jake Peavey	Patty Wright Lavonne Dunning JoAnn SantaMaria	Jovany Ruiz Thomas Caudle	Crow Family	Jim Weir Tony Gill
Dec. 20	Kathy Anderson	Mary Frame Makayla Johnson Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer Family	Donnie Keib Richard Paladino
Dec. 21	Billy Pace Heath Jacks	Becky Harris Mary Krack Eli Wright	TJ Wilson Christian Perez	Garcia Family	Jordan Bolton Rick Harris
Dec. 27	Tommy Anderson	Julie West-Troy Donnie Keib Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer Family	Julie West-Troy Jim Anderson
Dec. 28	Jordan Greene Eli Wright	Carrie Caudle Callie Caudle Jimmie Caudle	Luke Peavey Kai Macaulay	Caudle Family	Grad Wright Alfredo Perez