

Saint Anthony Catholic Church

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Twenty-Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time
August 29, 2021

Our Mission

To express faith in action,
welcome and celebrate
diversity, and be alive in
prayer and worship!



Mass Schedule

Tuesdays - Fridays: 9 AM

Saturdays: 5:30 PM

Sundays: 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 5:30 PM

Healing Mass - First Friday

Filipino Mass: Second Sunday, 5:30 PM

Native Mass: Third Saturday, 5:30 PM

Samoan Mass: Last Sunday, 10:30 AM

Youth Mass: Fourth Saturday, 5:30 PM

Adoration

Fridays: 7-8 PM

Reconciliation

Saturdays: 4-5 PM

Baptism

Baptism Parents Class: First Sunday
of month: 9:45 AM, Parish Office

Marriage

Meet with Pastor at least six (6) months
prior to wedding

Funerals

Contact the Parish Office
Immediately after a death

Office Hours

Monday - Friday By Appointment

Parish Staff

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All are welcome!

Reflection for the Week

The dehumanizing treatment of migrants across the globe is one of the greatest scandals of our time. Here in the United States, every time a new president is elected, a new court ruling is made, or a new local leader becomes vocal, thousands of undocumented folks come face-to-face with their own fragile and vulnerable realities. I have seen it as a native of the Southern Border and now, in my Ministry at Dominican University in Chicago, I witness the difficulties of navigating systems in which young adults take on the usual added pressures of tuition and heavy course loads while existing under the precarious band-aid solution of DACA.

In today's reading from Deuteronomy, Moses exhorts the Israelites to follow God's Commandments. His reasoning is not simply "just because." Quite the opposite, he says, "For what great nation is there, that has gods so close to it as the Lord our God, is to us, whenever we call upon Him, Deuteronomy 4:7?" The Commandments are not to be obeyed because they are given by an arbitrary, strict God, but because we are participating with God. We are in a relationship with a God who is close to us and commands justice. The Responsorial Psalm reminds us of that saying, "The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord, Psalm 15."

Jesus says of Himself: "Do not think that I have come to abolish Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them, Matthew. 5:17. "He is not inviting the Jewish peoples to reject all they have ever known, for Jesus Himself was of course a Jew, but urging them to understand that passive acceptance of tradition risks defiling themselves. God does not want passivity of us, but rather desires active relationship with us so we can participate in God's justice.

Today's readings invites us to think about how we participate in structures that have, for so long, been broken. From a Catholic or Christian perspective, an Immigration System that dehumanizes young people, shatters their sense of self, and causes them to question their own sense of belonging is broken. It is passive acceptance defiles us all. The Scriptures invite us to rethink traditions, laws, and rules, not based on nationalism or selfishness, but on how we might better participate in structures that carry out God's will.

Ultimately, we must remember that elsewhere in the Gospels, when asked what the greatest Commandment is or better said, how we might fully participate in God's will—Jesus answers: "Love your God with all your heart, mind, and soul" and "love your neighbor as yourself, Mark 12:28-31." So let us love our neighbor. Let us take their realities, their distress, to be our own. For that is God's justice.

Taken from uscatholic.org

Parish News and Events

Archbishop Andrew Bellisario, CM has reinstated the obligation to attend Holy Mass on Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation. This obligation reinforces our need for essential celebration of the Holy Eucharist, which is "the source and summit of Christian Life" Thanks to be God. Please consult Father Vince, if you have any questions about the obligation to attend Mass.

Sunday Coffee and Donuts. Saint Anthony Parish will be resuming our old traditional Coffee and Donuts Fellowship after **all Sunday Morning Masses, 8:30 and 10:30 AM!** Donations will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

There will be a **Bazaar Planning Meeting** this **Sunday, August 29 at 10 AM** in the **Parish Hall**. We need new Committee Members so that we may continue to have our traditional Bazaar on Saturday, November 13 this year. Please contact **Mary Snowball, 337.5370**, if you need additional information.

Kateri Circle meets every week at **11 AM** on Thursdays. Come and join us for recitation of the Rosary, lunch and reading of the Scripture for the coming weekend. All are welcome.

As part of Saint Anthony's Pastoral Ministry, Father Vince has asked **Ms. Brittney Kyle**, a long time Parishioner, to serve as the **Office Assistant Manager** to support all Church activities and functions for the Parish Office. Britt accepted the call to service as a volunteer. She has been volunteering her services for the last ten years. Britt can be reached at the following 907.244.7956 or via email at brittney-kyle33@gmail.com.

The Parish Office has a new part-time bookkeeper, part time administrative assistant and a volunteer Office Assistant Manager. Please welcome **Darcy Steger, Mary Jo Cunniff** and **Brittney Kyle** to the Parish Staff. We thank you for your service.

United in Mission Annual Catholic Appeal 2021. This year's goal for Saint Anthony's Parish is **\$47,799.20**. As of **Week 15**, Saint Anthony Parish has pledged **\$23,022**, which is **48.16%** of our goal. Brochures and additional information are available on the tables at the Church Entry. Thanks for your continued support.

The **Knights of Columbus** are once again selling their **Pot' O' Gold Raffle Tickets!** This year, there will be a **special early-bird drawing in September 2021** for **five (5) prizes of \$500 cash** each and will remain eligible for the Grand Drawing. Grand prize is **\$15,000 cash**, and there are **10 prizes of \$1,000 cash** each. Only **4,000 tickets** are sold. Tickets are **\$25** each. This is a major Fundraiser for the Knights and Saint Anthony, where **\$10** from every ticket sold **comes back to our local Knight's Council**. Proceeds are used by our Knights' Council to support our Parish and many wor-

thy projects and causes. See one of the Knights in the back of the Church for details or to purchase tickets.

All are invited to the commemoration of the **100th Anniversary** of the founding of the **Legion of Mary** on **September 7, Holy Family Cathedral**. The **Rosary** will begin at **6:30 PM**, followed by **Holy Mass** at **7 PM**, with Archbishop Emeritus Roger Schwietz as the main celebrant. A dessert reception will follow.

Remember our **Little Reading Library** on the Church Grounds? **Melissa Branch** and her son, **Dominic**, have volunteered to be new "foster parents" of the Little Reading Library. To keep the library stocked, the Library will need book donations, all ages and variety. You can drop off your book donations at the Saint Anthony Parish. Questions can be directed to **Melissa**, greatlandgirl@gmail.com. Thanks for your support.

Saint Francis House Food Pantry. Saint Anthony Parishioners have continued to share generously to Saint Francis House. In the month of **July**, **441 pounds of food** was **donated to Saint Francis House**. You may continue to drop off donations in the basket in the Entryway of the Church. Thank you.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Program (RCIA) will begin on **September 19**, and on **Sundays** following the **10:30 AM Mass**. If you or someone you know is seeking initiation into the Catholic Church, or a Catholic desiring to complete Sacramental Initiation or a returning Catholic, this is a wonderful opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions will focus on Scripture, Prayer and introduction to the Church's teachings and beliefs to prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter Season. Parishioner **Darcy Steger** will be **leading** the **Program** this year. Please contact **Darcy**, darcysteger@gmail.com for more information if you have any questions about RCIA or would like to register. Details will be available in the Bulletin or contact the Parish Office for more information.

Faith Formation. Parents, We invite you to register and bring your children to Faith Formation. As parents, you are the first and primary religious educators of your children. Our Parish Faith Formation Programs are there to assist and support you in fulfilling your obligation to educate your children to love, know and serve the Lord.

In our Parish Program, your children will join their peers and Catechists to learn the truths of the faith. They will learn to become a friend of Jesus by truly living the Catholic faith in their home Parish and Community. So please, register your children today. With the joy of the Gospel, may you share with your children your life of faith.

There will be a **Recitation of the Rosary** in the **Chapel**, **Tuesday** through **Saturday Mornings, 8:30 AM**. All are welcome to come and pray. For details, please contact John Nicely.

Do you have extra rosaries to share? We would like to have some rosaries to give to those without when they ask, we frequently get requests. If you have any extra rosaries you are not using and would like to share them with others, please contact John Nicely.

Catholic Social Services (CSS) needs the following items: **Clorox/Bleach, Fabuloso, Pine Sol, Clorox wipes, any kind of cleaning, disinfecting solution, paper towels, and cleaning towels**. The listing above are the needs of the following programs: **Saint Francis Food Pantry, Homeless Family Services, and Supportive Family Services**. You can bring these items to the Main Office, 3710 E20th Avenue.

The families in our Case Management Services and at Clare House can use your help! We are **collecting school supplies for High School, Middle School, and Elementary Students**. Please drop off supplies at the Main Center, 3710 E 20th Avenue. Email **Katie** if you have any questions at kgordon@cssalaska.org.

Eat at Grow North Farm. Refugee entrepreneurs that came to Alaska through **Refugee Assistance and Information Service (RAIS)** resettlement are **selling hot foods** at Grow North Farm! Stop by **every Thursday** from **4 - 7 PM** to try food from all over the world and support our refugee friends. Farm is located at 3601 Mountain View Drive.

Hunger Action Month. Every September, people all over the nation recognize Hunger Action Month, a time to take a stand against hunger in America. By raising awareness about hunger, donating food, supporting local food banks and pantries, you can help fight hunger and make sure that every person has access to the food they need. Learn more at www.cssalaska.org/ham.

Catholic Social Services (CSS) Amazon Wish List. Our Amazon Wish List is current with our Community's needs. Browse the shopping lists of essential supplies on Amazon and choose to ship your gift directly to **CSS Alaska**. It is easy, safe, and your generosity contributes to a brighter future for thousands of Alaskans. Learn more at <https://www.cssalaska.org/donate/in-kind-donations/>.

Clare House (CH) needs a variety of different donations. Currently, CH needs the following items: **Winter boots for Elementary age, Kindergarten to 6th Grade, winter jackets for Elementary through Middle School age, under pants for girls and boys, pots and pans, shower curtains, including rods and rings, toilet paper, silverware and serving utensils, and can openers**. CH provides a safe home environment for women and children in crisis, keeping the families together. Your generous support of these families in crisis is a great blessing and a worthy offering.

Clare House (CH) Meals Ministry. Our CH Meals Ministry is still providing meals to the Families once a month, even during the pandemic. Please contact Pat Lizama for details. Many thanks and blessings to all the Volun-

Liturgical Ministers - September 4/5	
Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday – 5:30 PM	
Melissa van Haastert	Francine Bolewicz Carol Lyons
Sunday – 8:30 AM	
Annette Alleva	Tim VanGelderren Norma Nickarz
Sunday – 10:30 AM	
Malia Alifosio	Luanna Greybear Sandy Foreman Mary Lu LaVine
Sunday – 5:30 PM	
Connie Mast	Mimi Laflamme Mila Aldana

Readings for Next Week's Masses

Twenty-Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING

Book of Isaiah
Isaiah 35:4 - 7a

SECOND READING

Letter of Saint James
James 2:1 - 5

GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark
Mark 7:31 - 37

Question of the Week

Do you love your God with all your heart, mind, and soul" and "love your neighbor as yourself?"

teers who have provided meals to Clare House over many years.

Stress in Your Marriage? - Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness and simply shut down. Others experience conflict and arguments in their relationship. Most do not know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information or to register for the Retrouvaille of Alaska Program beginning with a weekend experience on September 10, call 863-8000 or email: anchorage@helpourmarriage.org or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org.

Prayer List for Our Sick and Suffering

If you have a name you wish to be added to the listing, please contact the Parish Office or send it to the Bulletin Editor, sapbulletin@gmail.com.

Please Pray for our Sick and Suffering

Wes Bergsrud	Darlene Lord
Daniel Brooks	Bobby Nickarz
Neddie Canete	Christopher Nickarz
Nan Dietz	Dee Olin
Robert L. Edwards	Paul Palinski
Donna Gum	Mary Patania
Frank Javier	Amy Reidell
Patricia Garrett	Josephine Skeete
Jerome Karella	Onya Stein
Joshua Kutzgar	Josefina Torio
Sam Kutzgar	Elizabeth Varee
Alexine Leach	Richard Varee
Joyce Lightner	Chris White
Teresita Lolesio	

Collection - August 21/22

Offertory - \$3,851

Candle Donation - \$182

Doughnut Donations - \$43

The Assumption - \$547

Saint Anthony Parishioners donated

441 pounds of food in July 2021

Thank you for your generosity!

Are you new to Our Parish?

Do you have questions about our Faith Community? Have you been attending Saint Anthony and would like to register as a member of our Parish? Do you need to update your contact information? Call the Parish Office, 333-5544 or via email office@stanthonyak.org.

Would you like to receive the Bulletin by email?

You may not be aware that the Bulletin can be emailed directly to you or anyone with an interest every week. If you would like the current Bulletin in your inbox on a weekly basis, please contact the Parish Office. We will gladly add you to our Mailing List.

The Saint Anthony Parish Hall and Conference Rooms are unavailable until further notice. Please contact the Parish Office for details.