

Saint Anthony Catholic Church

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Twenty-Fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
September 19, 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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Darcy Steger

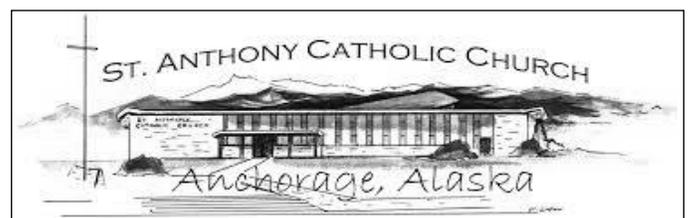
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All are welcome!



Reflection for the Week

The Gospel for this Sunday is about something with which we are quite familiar. It is about our desires. What do we do with our lives? What can we do with the gifts we bear?

We hear these days about elections and the money it takes to have a seat in the legislature. And we find competition among those who would want an important position. And even in smaller positions, there are some who make themselves known that they would be better if they were in charge rather than the people making decisions right now.

But I know that those who hold important offices, even if they are skilled in leadership, inherit many more problems to solve. Being a leader is no picnic.

It was not too different in Jesus' day. We find the disciples who walked with Jesus arguing about who is the greatest!

Jesus was telling His disciples that He would suffer greatly. Jesus was about preaching and teaching and He had quite a following. He was quite aware that there were those who wanted Him out of the picture. He states, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill Him, and three days after being killed, He will rise again" Mark 9:31.

The disciples did not have any understanding that Jesus' success, His preaching that drew many crowds, would cause Him to die. They only saw Jesus through his preaching, teaching, healing the sick, living among the people, listening, and sharing the stories. Jesus embraced the suffering of the blind, lonely, and lost. He loved the most vulnerable with all His heart.

Jesus sits down and speaks to His disciples directly. He clarifies what it means to be a leader. He tells them to choose to be last instead of first! He tells them that instead of enjoying glory, they should be servants.

Jesus places a child in their midst and puts His arms around the child and says, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me" Mark 9:37. Our children need our assistance from birth until they eventually become independent as adults.

In this Gospel, Jesus teaches us that our desire to be part of success is to serve those who are most vulnerable, the weakest among us, those who need our help, whether it is the people of Afghanistan, Haiti, Louisiana, or our own backyard where we know people are hurting because of job loss, illness, painful family issues, and other sufferings that may be hidden to us.

Today, we are called to reflect on what we really desire in life. Is it fame? Importance? Or living our imagined dreams? We are called to serve those who need our gifts.

This day, what might we choose to serve our neighbors who may need the gifts we have to share?

Lucianne Siers, O.P.
Director, Institute of Religious Formation
and Hesburgh Sabbatical Program
Catholic Theological Union
Taken from usatholic.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.

Due to the current COVID-19 Conditions and for the safety and well-being of all Parishioners, **wearing masks is required during Masses at Saint Anthony.**

PANCAKE BREAKFAST. Please join us for the **Knights of Columbus Monthly Pancake Breakfast** for those yummy pancakes, scrumptious sausages, coffee and juices after the **8:30 and 10:30 AM Masses this Sunday, September 19.** This month's pancake event is sponsored by Jean Dougherty in memory of Harvey Dougherty. All are welcome for delicious food and great fellowship.

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.

There will be a **Second Collection** this weekend, **September 18-19** for the **Church in Central and Eastern Europe and Russia.** Fifty percent of the collection supports the Archdiocese's Mission in Magadan. Additional information is available in the Church Hall.

United in Mission Annual Catholic Appeal 2021. This year's goal for Saint Anthony's Parish is **\$47,799.20.** On **Week 19,** Saint Anthony Parish has pledged **\$30,081.20,** which is **62.93%** of our goal. Brochures and additional information are available on the tables at the Church Entry. Thank you for your generous support.

The **Knights of Columbus** are once again selling their **Pot' O' Gold Raffle Tickets!** 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 worthy projects and causes. See one of the Knights in the back of the Church for details or to purchase tickets.

Remember our **Little Reading Library** on the Church Grounds? **Melissa Branch** and her son, **Dominic,** have volunteered to be new "foster par-

ents" 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.

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. **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. So please, register your children today. With the joy of the Gospel, may you share with your children your life of faith.

Handicap Parking Areas. Mario is currently repainting the Handicap Parking Spaces and the area designated as a passenger loading zone. While this activity is ongoing, please refrain from parking near the main entrance of the Church.

Saint Anthony Website. If you have tried to visit Saint Anthony Parish website earlier this month, you would have noted that it was "off the air." But now, it is currently "live" thanks to volunteers who put in hours of work to refresh the website and updated the photographs. The Parish will provide current information about Church activities. Thank you for patience and continued support.

Saint Anthony Parish Masses. As we return to normal Masses, the Parish would like to start having altar servers and Hospitality Ministers on all the Saturday and Sundays Masses. If you know of anyone who is between the ages of nine through fourteen and is interested in becoming an altar server, please contact the Parish Office via telephone or by email for additional information.

Saint Anthony Parish is looking for **members** of the Parish who are interested in **servicing as a Sacristan**. This is an easy, fun way to help your Parish in a very important way! Please call the Parish Office to let us know of your interest.

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: **new pillows, new towels, and laundry detergent**. 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 Main Office, 3710 E20th.

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**.

We invite you to shop the **Refugee Assistance and Information Service (RAIS) Amazon Wishlist** to fill the homes for our new arrivals. Most families come here with nothing and depend on our Community donations. We could not do this without your help, thank you for your generosity! **https://smile.amazon.com/hz/charitylist/l/31UWW3ISOWOC/ref=smi_cl_lol_lls1_ls1**.

Clare House (CH) needs a variety of different donations. Currently, CH needs the following items: **children clothes, ages 5-16; winter gear, hoodies, jackets, boots, and raincoats; shampoo, conditioner, and body soap**. 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.

Project Rachel. If you or someone you know has been impacted by abortion, whether recently or long

Liturgical Ministers - September 25/26

Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday – 5:30 PM	
Melissa van Haastert	Darcy Steger Jim Bell
Sunday – 8:30 AM	
Marci Sablan	Tim VanGelderren Sr. Yoshi Takaoka
Sunday – 10:30 AM	
Samoan Community	Sr. Monique Theurillat Jacinta Peters Ulalia Tafune
Sunday – 5:30 PM	
Mimi LaFlamme	Mimi LaFlamme Niccole Van Hoey



Readings for Next Week's Masses

Twenty-Sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING

Book of Numbers
Numbers 11:25 - 29

SECOND READING

Letter of Saint James
James 5:1 - 6

GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark
Mark 9:38 - 43, 45, 47-48

Question of the Week

What might we choose to serve our neighbors who may need the gifts we can share?

ago, consider grieving your loss through the Archdiocese-supported **Project Rachel Healing Group**. It is free and completely confidential. Distance Ministry is available. Learn more at projectrachelalaska.com or call our confidential phone line, 297-7781 or the National Hotline, 866-434-3344.

New Website for the Archdiocese. There is a new website for the Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau. <https://aoaj.org/>. Read the Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau's newspaper, The North Star Catholic, at <https://northstarcatholic.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.

Pray for our Sick and Suffering

Anjie Aspiras	Teresita Lolesio
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	Josefina Torio
Joshua Kutzgar	Elizabeth Varee
Sam Kutzgar	Richard Varee
Alexine Leach	Chris White
Joyce Lightner	



Collection - September 11/12

Offertory - \$5,316

Donut Donations - \$63

Building and Maintenance - \$85

Saint Anthony Parishioners donated
1,088 pounds of food in August.

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.