

Saint Anthony Catholic Church

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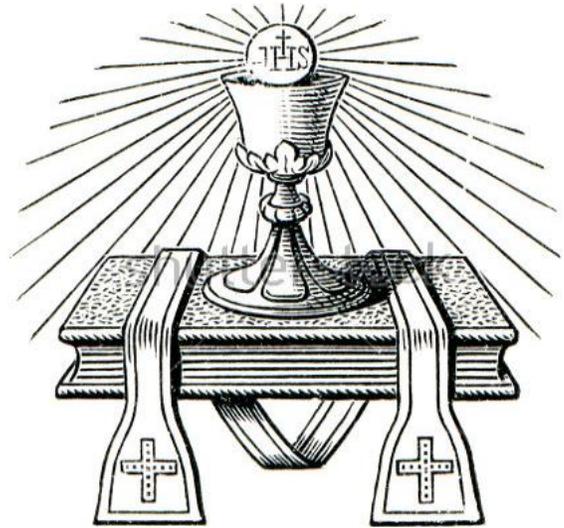
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Twenty-Seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time
October 3, 2021

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: Second 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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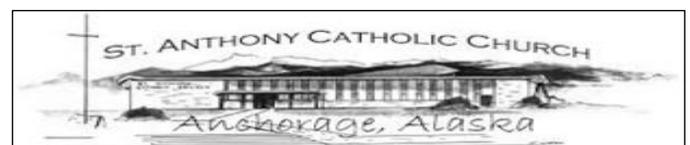
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All are welcome!



Reflection for the Week

The scripture readings today give us much food for thought. The second creation story from Genesis and Jesus' selective quote of this passage clarifies the meaning of God's plan for humankind. Man and woman become one unit, the two of them become one flesh and are equal in the eyes of God. Jesus affirms the dignity and permanence of this union forged in the marriage bond and rejects the notion that somehow, we are called to find reasons for divorce.

In our own day, in the face of real challenges, young couples still have high expectations. They value romantic love, equal sharing of duties, and care for children. They want to spend quality time with one another and still respect each other's individual needs. Years ago, when I worked with couples preparing for marriage, I found they all embraced those high ideals.

Successful couples know that it takes a lifetime to build relationships, to be faithful and considerate over the long haul. The Church tries to help, perhaps not enough, to provide opportunities for engaged couples to meet the challenges they will face and develop patience and understanding in their relationships.

The Church offers assistance with pre-Cana conferences in which older married couples offer their experiences of marriage and tell their own stories of success and failure. These generous couples do not pretend to be perfect models but are willing to express the reality of how they have worked through their differences and still find hope and trust in one another. In telling their stories, the experienced couples encourage the engaged couples to be aware of creative ways to enrich their lives together.

People contemplating marriage today may well be tempted to ask, "Why get married at all?" In fact, the number of couples who choose to get married in the Church has considerably diminished. When people consider the struggles married couples face and reflect on the complex world they live in, they may question whether they are willing to make a lifetime commitment. And yet, the Church knows the need for the Church and society to have this witness and continues to bless and affirm those who take on this awesome responsibility.

In his apostolic exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*, *On Love in the Family*, Pope Francis offers this reflection: "I thank God that many families, which are far from considering themselves perfect, live in love, fulfill their calling and keep moving forward, even if they fall many times along the way, there is no stereotype of the ideal family, but rather a challenging mosaic made up of many different realities, with all their joys, hopes and problems, the Church is conscious of the need to offer a word of truth and hope. The great values of marriage and the Christian family correspond to a yearning that is part and parcel of human existence."

We pray that with the support of Church, family, and friends, every couple that wants to share their lives and love together in marriage will bring hope and trust to a struggling world by their faithful and loving commitment.

Mark Brummel, C.M.F.,
Contributing Editor, U.S. Catholic

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.

Saint Anthony Parishioners donated **778 pounds** of food to Saint Francis House during the month of **September**.

The **Saint Anthony Parish Council** will have an in-person **meeting** next **Sunday, October 10, 12 Noon** at the **Parish Hall**. All are welcome to attend. Masks are required when attending this meeting.

The Saint Anthony **Knights of Columbus** Council will hold their **Regular Monthly Business Meeting**, next **Monday, October 11, 7 PM**, in the **Parish Hall**. The Meeting will be preceded by a Rosary in the Sanctuary, 6:30 PM. All Knights are encouraged to attend.

Sunday Coffee and Donuts and the **Monthly Pancake Breakfasts** are **on hold** until further notice due to the rising COVID-19 cases.

Kateri Circle meets every **Thursdays at 11 AM**.

Come and join us for recitation of the Rosary, and reading of the Scripture for the coming weekend. Lunches will be temporarily on hold as a precaution due to the rising COVID-19 cases in Anchorage.

Father Vince would like to restart the **Youth Masses** again on the second Saturdays of the month, starting **November 13**. More information will be provided in the bulletin at a later date.

For those Parishioners who would like to continue **online giving**, the Parish has resolved all the issues preventing its continued use. Here is the link to the online giving site - [Sign In](#) | [OSV Hub](#)

United in Mission Annual Catholic Appeal 2021. This year's goal for Saint Anthony's Parish is \$47,799.20. On **Week 21**, Saint Anthony Parish has pledged **\$30,081.20**, which is **62.93%** of our goal. No change from last week. 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 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.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Program (RCIA) is on **Sundays** after 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.

Passenger Loading Zone. **Passenger Loading Zone is not a parking area.** It is for the safety of those who are unable to walk from the other parking lot spaces. Thank you for your understanding.

Saint Anthony Website. 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.

Lumen Christi Catholic High School is pleased to present "**Navigating your Calling**," a six-person panel discussion with members of our Anchorage Catholic Community as they reflect on the choices made in their professional, vocational, and spiritual journeys. Panel members include our very own **Melissa Branch**, Owner of Big City Engineering, **Doctor Kati Magnuson**, Pediatric Doctor, **Deacon Kurt Adler**, Deacon at SEAS, **Father Leo Walsh**, Pastor of Saint Patrick's Parish, **Derek Espeland**, FBI Trauma Unit, and **Brigit Reynolds**, Refugee Assistance (RAIS) Coordinator with Catholic Social Services.

The event is scheduled for **Thursday, October 7**, at **Lumen Christi Gymnasium, 8110 Jewel Lake Road**. All are welcome and it is free of charge. Whether you are a student looking ahead to the future, an adult actively working but thinking of switching careers, or someone ready to be inspired and to learn from notable members of our Catholic Community, we hope you will join us for this informative and educational event. Masks are required.

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: **toilet paper, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste** and, **toothbrushes**. 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.Avenue.

Clare House (CH) needs a variety of different donations. Currently, CH needs the following items: **paper towels, white kitchen trash bags, body wash or soap** and, **black trash bags**. 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.

Afghan Relief. Our hearts are with all those who are affected by the humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan - both the people fleeing their homes and our military personnel. The **Refugee Assistance and Immigration Services (RAIS) Program** will be welcoming 50-100

Liturgical Ministers - October 9/10	
Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday – 5:30 PM	
Melissa van Haastert	Francine Bolewicz
Sunday – 8:30 AM	
Pat Lizama	Norma Nickarz
Sunday – 10:30 AM	
Malia Alifosio	Sr. Monique Theurillat Taiye Ulofoshio Sandy Foreman
Sunday – 5:30 PM	
Filipino Community	Darrel Hess

Readings for Next Week's Masses

**Twenty-Eighth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

FIRST READING
Book of Wisdom
Wisdom 7:7 - 11

SECOND READING
Letter to the Hebrews
Hebrews 4:12 - 13

GOSPEL
The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark
Mark 10:17 - 30 or 10:17 - 27



Question of the Week

Why get married at all?

Afghan evacuees to Alaska. These evacuees will be arriving in Alaska from **September** to **March**, fleeing their homeland. To find out how you can help: Visit www.cssalaska.org/afghanrelief for more details.

Eat at Grow North Farm: Refugee entrepreneurs that came to Alaska through RAIS resettlement are selling hot foods at Grow North Farm! Stop by every Thursday from 4-7pm to try food from all over the world and support our refugee friends. 3601 Mountain View Dr, Anchorage, 99508.



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 25/26

Offertory - \$5,374
Saint Vincent de Paul - \$437
Building and Maintenance - \$120
Special Collection
Church in Central and Eastern Europe - \$44
Saint Anthony Parishioners donated
778 pounds of food in **September**.
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 still **unavailable** until further notice. Please contact the Parish Office for details.