



# Saint Anthony's



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 7th, 2025

## MESSAGE

### LOVE MORE / LOVE LESS

We hear the very harsh words in today's Gospel expressed by Jesus: *"If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple"*. These words are obviously very troubling but we must understand here the Semitic use of the word 'hate'. In Hebrew the word for hate is *saneh* which can mean to *love less*. For example when we see the expression in the Bible: *Jacob I loved but Esau I hated* (Mt 1:2). We know God is saying that he loved Esau less than Jacob. He didn't really hate Esau - he just had a preference for Jacob!

So Jesus is here telling us that we must love him more than anyone else. We must love him more than a mother or a sister, a father or a brother.

We must of course put him first in our lives. But since this is a work in progress, it is a work that takes our whole lives. We must get up each day and continue on our path striving to put God first in our lives. By doing this we know we will have the most joyful life possible because we are loving our greatest good who is God. We are coming in closest proximity to the greatest good - the God who is always giving and loving this whole world! God bless you all!

Fr Rob

## Mass Schedule

Weekdays: Daily 9am

Saturday: 5:30 pm

Sunday: 10am

In Elk: Saturday at 4pm

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## EVENTS

7@7 Prayer Group with

Fr Rob - Mondays at  
7pm on Zoom7

Bible Study - Tuesdays  
at 10am

Mens Lunch at  
Patterson's - Thursdays  
at Noon

Rosary in Church -  
Weekdays at 8:30am

Knights of Columbus  
Meeting - 1st  
Wednesday of the Month

at 6:30pm

K of C Pancake Breakfast  
- 2nd Sunday of the  
Month 8am - Noon

Games & Ping Pong  
Night - Thursdays at 6pm

Silent Meditation Group  
- Wednesdays at 4pm

### **Much happening this weekend at St Anthony's !**

- At Sunday Mass Kade Shira will be presented to the Parish and we will pray over him and bless him. He will begin the first stage of becoming a Catholic - that of being a Catechumen!
- Also at all Masses this weekend, Isaiah and Makenna will share about their missionary experiences in Nepal this last summer. It is so beautiful to have people that worship with us here weekly go out to the ends of the earth sharing their love of the Gospel!
- **We need readers at Mass !** We are especially looking for people who would read at Saturday evening Mass. In a few weeks time we will have a special ceremony of re-institution of our Readers.



This pic is of Isaiah, Makenna and their crew in Nepal this summer.

*And thus were the paths of those on earth made straight!" From today's reading*

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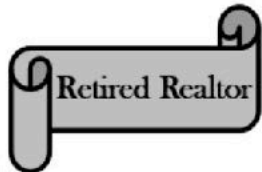
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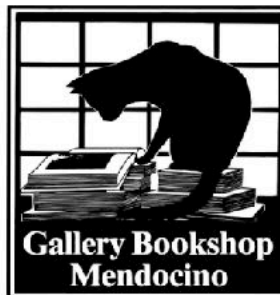


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