



Bear Blast

March 11 - 15, 2024



Our Mission - United by our core values of Faith, Family, Knowledge and Service, St. Anthony Catholic School is committed to providing a learning environment that promotes academic excellence, spiritual growth, and moral development. Preparing students to be good stewards of God's gifts.



Message from the Principal

Dear St. Anthony Families,

This week we end the third quarter and move into the fourth!

As we continue to spring forward in our school year, we also continue to move forward in our Lenten journey. Please continue to take time to pray from the heart, fast from things that get in the way of your relationship with God and almsgiving with compassion for those in need.

Newsies cast members spoke at all the Masses this weekend to promote our school play, Newsies! It was so fun to get a sneak peek into the characters of this wonderful school musical! Tickets are on sale now! Ticket order forms will be going home in the Tuesday Folder!

I will be out of the office on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday this week to attend the Diocesan Principals Retreat. This is a retreat for Principals to center down, pray and spend quality time with colleagues. We are so blessed to have this time to be together, pray for our schools and spend time with Jesus. I will be checking in with teachers and the school office as needed. I will also be checking my emails sporadically. Please contact the school office if you have any questions or concerns.

Please remember to return your reenrollment forms to the school office. It is important to have this information as we continue our planning for the following school year. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Have a wonderful week and remember to spring forward with Joy!

Blessings,

Mrs. Salemmo

“Lent is a new beginning, a path leading to the certain goal of Easter. Christ’s victory over death.” – Pope Francis



UPCOMING EVENTS

March 11 - 2:00 Dismissal

March 13 – End of 3rd Quarter

March 16 – National History Bowl

March 18-May 3 – ARK Testing (Diocesan Test of Religion Standards)

March 19 - Report Cards Issued

March 20 – March Birthday NUT Card Day; STEAM Bus for 4th Grade

March 21 – House Meeting; Math Competition

March 23-24 – Newsies Musical

March 28 – Holy Thursday; Noon Dismissal

March 29 – Good Friday; NO SCHOOL

April 1 - 5 – Easter Break

April 15 – 7th Grade to Help 4 Kids

April 19 – Noon Dismissal; PD

April 20 – International Festival

April 23 – Middle School Interim Reports; STEAM Bus for 4th Grade

April 24 – April Birthday NUT Card Day

2:00

Monday is a 2:00 Dismissal. If this presents a challenge for your schedule, After Care will be provided free of charge until 3:30. After 3:30, normal fees will apply.

Don't forget to go online to place orders for March School Lunch.

WELCOME

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

We would like to welcome the Phan Family. Johnny is in 3K. We are so happy to have you join our St. Anthony Catholic School Community.



Merciful Cross

We are covering a cross with colorful flowers to represent our works of mercy and sacrifices. Students have discussed the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy. They are encouraged to use these as a focus for their Lenten deeds. Offerings are written on the flowers and returned to the office.

A Prayer for Lenten Simplicity

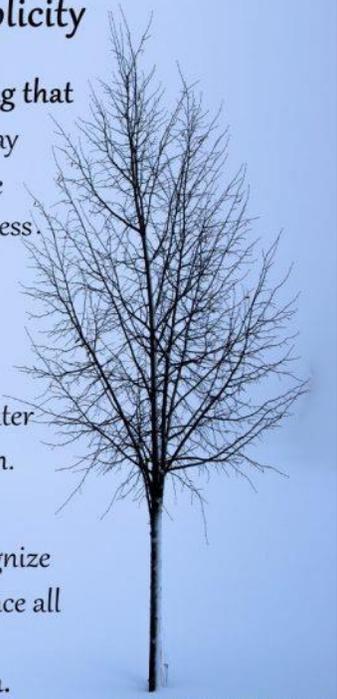
Free me, Lord Jesus, from anything that obstructs my way to you. Clear away the clutter of petty grudges. Remove smudges of resentment and bitterness.

Cleanse me of thoughts filled with anger envy, or self-pity.

Create space in my life for more kindness and less spitefulness, greater generosity and stronger compassion.

Enlarge my heart with a spirit of gratitude this Lent, so that I recognize the simple gifts that lay in abundance all around me.

In your sacred name, I pray. Amen.



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FOR LENT, FOR LIFE

Lenten alms donated through CRS Rice Bowl support the work of CRS in more than 120 different countries each year. Twenty-five percent of donations to CRS Rice Bowl stay in the local diocese, supporting hunger and poverty alleviation efforts.

Journey with us around the world and incorporate these Lenten recipes into your meatless Fridays.

Video: [Community in Indonesia](#)

Recipe Link: [SAYUR ASEM – INDONESIA](#)

Disney NEWSIES JR.

Shout Outs

Family, friends and businesses can purchase space in the Newsies Jr. Playbill for your favorite Thespiean(s) for only \$20! Don't miss this opportunity to show your support for our St. Anthony stars. Forms are available in the School Office or the band app.

You can also include a picture in the shout-out or a business card in the ads! Please email your picture or copy of your business card to Mrs. Spivey at despivey@saintanthonycatholic.com. For pictures, please put 'Shout Out' in the subject line. For business cards, please put 'Ad' in the subject line.

The deadline for forms/payments is March 13.

RE-ENROLLMENT

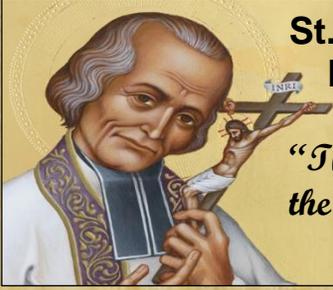
The planning process for the 2023-2024 School Year has begun. Thank you to those parents who have already completed their packets. If you have not done so, please help us by completing your re-enrollment packet and returning it to the school office.

*Lent is a time for
prayer, fasting
almsgiving, reflection*

Disney NEWSIES JR.

Schedule March 11 - 15

Tuesday	3:30 – 5:00 p.m.	Newsies Choreography in the Family Center
Thursday	3:30 – 5:00 p.m.	Scenes 9-15 in the Library
Friday	4:00 – 6:30	Full Cast @ First Presbyterian



**St. John Marie Vianney
Feast Day – August 4**

“The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus”

Saint John Marie Baptist Vianney, commonly known as Jean Marie Vianney, was born May 8, 1786, and was raised in a small village in France. John Vianney was the fourth son of six children. He came to age during the turbulent years of the French revolution. A time when religion was suppressed under the false notion of so-called liberty. His family went to Mass in secret. His closeness to Mary carried him peacefully through this awful time.

Imagine the great need for priests by the time his country was restored to its sanity. When the Church was no longer suppressed and the churches were re-opened, there were few priests left to administer to the people. The priests had either been executed on the guillotine or exiled. Before Saint John Vianney became a priest he would say, "If I were ever a priest, I would win many souls to God." And he did just that.

After many obstacles, Saint John Vianney finally began to study for the priesthood. Studying never came easy for Jean Marie Vianney and after many years of hard study he finally became a priest. He never let any obstacle come in his way, rather he patiently waited for God to remove it.

When Saint John Vianney was a priest, his studies did not end, for he continued to aspire for moral perfection by growing more deeply rooted in the teachings of the Church and in his spiritual development which translated into the heroic sanctity for which he is now known. His flock found Jesus in him because like Mary, he became a reflection of Jesus.

St. John Vianney became famous throughout the region for his judgement of faith and was known far and wide as the Cure d'Ars. Ars, France is the town he spent 40 years faithfully ministering to the people. The dedication and holiness with which Vianney humbly served the tiny village of Ars, France not only transformed the lives of its 230 residents, but soon began to affect the lives of Catholics throughout France and across Europe. Thousands began traveling to Ars to hear Vianney's powerful homilies and to have him hear their confessions; to the point where it was not uncommon for him to spend up to sixteen hours a day in the confessional.

John Vianney commended his soul to the Lord on August 4, 1859. Then in 1925, he was canonized by Pope Pius XI and was later recognized as the patron saint of parish priests by Saint Pope John Paul II.

March Virtue: Mercy

Mercy – caring for those who suffer

“According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church , ‘The Works of mercy are charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbor in his spiritual and bodily necessities’ (#2447). According to Jesus, ‘Blessed are the merciful, they shall obtain mercy’ (Matthew 5:7). Mercy is the desire to lessen the suffering of others. It has its ultimate expression in the passion and death of Jesus on the cross. His saving act of mercy for all people of all time who suffer the effects of separation from God through sin. When we sin, we suffer; and the only relief from that suffering is the mercy of God. When others suffer, bodily and/or spiritually, we can imitate God’s own mercy through the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. If we pray the Our Father , we know that to receive the mercy of God, we must extend that mercy to all.” - Virtues in Practice

Check out the following link for information about Catholic Schools in South Carolina.



The International Festival is one way we showcase the diversity of our school. It is set up as a world tour filled with fun, live music, dancing, and delicious food. Please consider sharing your interest or knowledge of a country.

The festival will be April 20th, 5 – 8 p.m. in the Family Center. Watch for more details in the Tuesday Folder.



Middle School Soccer

Middle School Soccer begins this week. Thank you to Juan Pablo Narvaez for volunteering to coach this team.

Schedule Week of March 11 - 15

Wednesday	5:15-6:30 p.m.	Practice
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[Link to the Updated Soccer Schedule](#)



**Court to a Cure
Girls' Basketball Game
Thomas Hart Academy
March 26, 4:00 p.m.**

The purpose of this game is to raise **Breast Cancer Awareness**. This will be a great opportunity to come together, to pray, and to show great sportsmanship to support all families suffering with cancer.

The team will consist of 4th-8th grade girls interested in supporting our school. Mrs. G would like for all of the girls on the basketball team this year to participate.

More information regarding this event will come later.

Wednesday March 13	3:30 – 5:00 p.m.	Practice
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Congratulations to our school winners!

	Girls	Boys
9-year-old	Isabelle Narvaez	Stephen Woodall
10-year-old	Lila Hieshetter	Tyler Burkemper
11-year-old	Carol Castillo	Cohen Huggins
12-year-old	Kaci Burton	Aidan Woodall
13-year-old	Gia Hieshetter	Eli Seif
14-year-old	Tristen Woodall	NA

The school winners have the opportunity to attend the state wide competition on Saturday, March 16th, at Cardinal Newman Catholic High School with registration and competition beginning at 9 a.m.. This is an optional activity. Please let Mrs. G know if you will attend.



We need volunteers to work the Fish Fry! With the upcoming musical many of our regular volunteers will not be available this Friday or next. If you are able to help, please call the school office.

This is a good opportunity for our 7th and 8th Graders to earn service hours. Because the Fish Fry is Drive-Through, we are not able to have younger children in the Family Center.



Start your Memorial Day off right by remembering our military who died while on active duty in our armed services and by burning some calories in the Annual Run for the Heroes 5k, 10k, or 1-mile Honor Walk. We also recognize the current sacrifices of our Active and Reserve personnel and their families. There will be a military tribute prior to the race and all registered participants will receive a "Red, White, and Blue" Pancake breakfast immediately following the race.

Runners and walkers of all experience levels are invited to come out and enjoy this Memorial Day event! Run for the Heroes is a Pee Dee Grand Prix race that you won't want to miss! We're also looking for help to make this event even better. .

Check the following Links.

[Information](#)

[Registration](#)

[Sponsorship](#)



Fridays during Lent
4:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Drive-Through Only
St. Anthony Family Center

Adult Plate \$12
Child's Plate \$6

Includes Fried Flounder, French Fries, Cole Slaw, Hush Puppies and the Knight's Famous Tartar Sauce

Desserts available for \$1.00

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We are excited to announce that Challenger Soccer Camp/ Summer 2024 will be July 15 – 19. More than just a soccer camp; a cultural, educational, and informational program that uses soccer to teach core values of responsibility, integrity, respect, sportsmanship and leadership.

Registration is open at [St. Anthony Challenger Soccer Camp!](#) Please use this link to head directly to your registration page.

Feel free to reach out to the following Challenger Sports representative if you have any questions: Chip Eakes, Regional Director, at ceakes@challengersports.com or 843.906.9424.

EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBIT

March 10 - 17, 2024

The exhibit features accounts of several Eucharistic Miracles that have been recorded throughout the Church's history. It is based on the work of Blessed Carlo Acutis.

This version of the exhibit features an **audio-visual guide** to walk you through the tour. Be sure to bring a mobile device and headphones to access the guide.

The display panels are in both English and Spanish and the AV guide is in English with Spanish subtitles.



St. Anthony Catholic Church

