

Bear Blast

March 4 - 8, 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,

Welcome to March! We are almost at the end of the 3rd quarter!

Congratulations to our 4th -6th grade basketball team for playing hard and working as a team during the Pee Dee Independent School Athletic Association Basketball Tournament! Go Bears! Congratulations to our Middle School basketball team for an exciting season. They ended their season with another exciting, nail-biting, well-played game! Thank you to the wonderful coaches who shared their time and talents with our students. Coaches, you are awesome!

Our teachers were busy learning, praying, collaborating, and exploring on Friday during our Diocesan Catechesis Formation with teachers and principals from all over the state. We revisited the Story of Salvation, engaged in activities that help us understand the covenants, the promises, God has made with His people throughout Salvation History, and prayed the Divine Mercy Chaplet. This ties in beautifully with our Virtue this month, Mercy; love that keeps loving even when it is rejected. Our teachers are excited to share what they have learned with our students as we all continue to experience God's Love and Mercy.

St. Anthony Parish is hosting Michael O'Neal, an award-winning author, who will be presenting on Eucharistic Miracles, Sunday, March 10th. I invite you all to come! More information is attached to this Bear Blast, or you can call the church office if you have any questions.

Blessings,

Mrs. Salemmo

"Be kind and merciful. Let no one ever come to you without coming away better and happier." ~Mother Teresa



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

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

Dress Code Reminders

With the change in weather, just a few reminders.

Boots are not permitted March through November.

Boys may wear shorts March through November.

Mass uniform for boys includes **navy slacks**.

You must wear tennis shoes on P.E. days.

Jesus, dear Savior,
 during these days of Lent,
 I want to fast,
 to repent and to pray.
 Above all else I want
 to stay in the circle
 of Your love.
 Walk with me and
 surround me with
 Your light; lead me and
 guide me in Your footsteps.
 During this season of Lent
 help me to follow You
 and imitate Your love.
 May this cross remind me today
 and throughout Lent of
 Your great love for me.

Amen.

hotlunch
orders

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 Garcia Arriaga Family. Maria Fernanda is in 3K. We are so happy to have you join our St. Anthony Catholic School Community.

Disney
NEWSIES
Shout Outs JR.

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 6.



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.

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

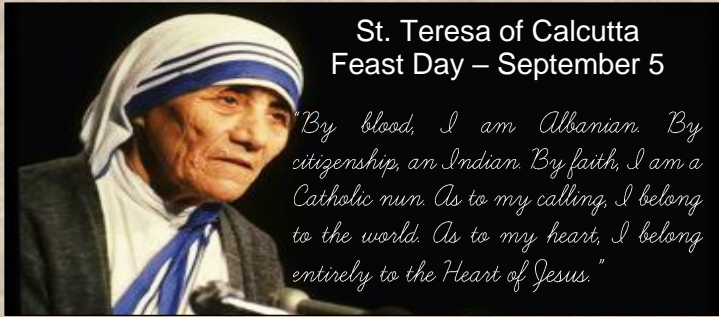
2022-2023
 Annual Report
[Catholic School Office Annual Report](#)

Disney
NEWSIES
Schedule March 4 - 8
JR.

Tuesday	3:30 - 5:00 p.m.	Scenes 9-15
Thursday	3:30 - 5:00 p.m.	Scenes 1-8

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.



St. Teresa of Calcutta
Feast Day – September 5

"By blood, I am Albanian. By citizenship, an Indian. By faith, I am a Catholic nun. As to my calling, I belong to the world. As to my heart, I belong entirely to the Heart of Jesus."

St. Teresa of Calcutta also provides us with a great example of a life focused on Jesus' mercy.

Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu was born in Albania in 1910. She left home at the age 18 to join the Sisters of Loreto as a missionary. By 1929, she was assigned to a girls' school in Calcutta, India, where she spent many happy years teaching.

In 1946 she experienced an encounter with Christ that led her to dedicate her life to serving the poorest of the poor in imitation of the mercy of Jesus. As a nun and missionary she dedicated her life to alleviating the suffering of India's poorest and most neglected people. She founded the Missionaries of Charity, a religious order whose Sisters live in the poorest slums and have opened schools for girls and homes for the dying. Mother Teresa spread the mercy of Christ throughout the world, attending to the needs of the most abandoned and neglected brothers and sisters.

March Virtue: Mercy

Mercy – caring for those who suffer

This month, we will be learning about the virtue of Mercy and about how we can care for those who suffer. While practicing this virtue, we look beyond our needs to the needs of those around us: our families, our school, and our world. We offer our prayers and sacrifices for those who suffer. Lent provides us with the perfect opportunity to help others in big and little ways, from giving up an activity we enjoy, like video games or TV shows, to abstaining from habits that hurt others, such as selfishness or unkind words. We have also been working on building our "Mercy Cross" in the school's library. It has started to bloom with acts of kindness.

We will also focus on the prayers of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Act of Contrition. Our teachers spent time in retreat on Friday praying and learning more about the origin of the Divine Mercy Chaplet prayers. St. Faustina, whom we will also learn more about this month, spread the message of God's love and mercy to the world after Jesus appeared to her in a vision and asked her to paint his Divine Mercy image and include the simple, yet powerful prayer, "Jesus, I trust in You." We will be sharing this beautiful story with our students and praying it together.



CRS Rice Bowl is a staple on the table of Catholic families across the country during Lent. This simple cardboard box is a tool for collecting Lenten alms—and comes with a Lenten calendar that guides families through the 40 days of Lent with activities, reflections and stories.

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: [Raising Chickens in El Salvador as a New Livelihood](#)
Recipe Link: [RELLENOS DE COLIFLOR – EL SALVADOR](#)



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.



We need volunteers to work the Fish Fry. If you are able to help with any of the Fish Fries, 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.



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 4 - 8

Wednesday	5:15-6:30 p.m.	Practice
Friday	5:15-6:30 p.m.	Practice

THANK YOU Volunteers!
We couldn't do it without you

Thank you so very much to our Awesome group of parents and faculty members that volunteered to coach our basketball teams this year!!! Our 4-6th Grade team was coached by Matt Hieshetter, Hannah Davis, and Cory Lawrence and the Middle School team was coached by Claudine Rayess.

Thank you so very much for putting in so much of your time, talent, and patience with our St Anthony students. Both teams had an Awesome season!!! Go Bears!!!



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



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.

SOCCER SUMMER CAMPS '24
IGNITE THE PASSION

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL
DON'T MISS OUT! SIGN UP FOR CAMP NOW TO SAVE \$

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.

"We must trust in the mighty power of God's mercy. We are all sinners, but His grace transforms us and makes us new."

Pope Benedict XVI

EUCCHARISTIC 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

2536 Hoffmeyer Road
Florence, SC

Eucharistic Miracles

"From the Eucharist comes strength to live the Christian life and zeal to share that life with others."
- Pope John Paul II



Presentation on Eucharistic Miracles

given by Mr. Michael O'Neill from EWTN.

St. Anthony Catholic Church
Gathering Area
Sunday, March 10
3 – 5 p.m.

Admission is free.

Light Refreshments will be provided.