



Bear Blast

Nov. 27 – Dec. 1, 2023



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,

I hope each of you had a blessed Thanksgiving! We have so much to be thankful for!

While we were away for break, we had some fun additions to our playground and a new sidewalk poured around our garden and playground. Thanks to the St. Anthony Men's Club, Knights of Columbus, a special school family donation and Kuebo Construction Company we now have a basketball court, a tether ball area, and a safe sidewalk!

I hope you have been reading some of the testimonies from our faculty and staff that are included in our #igivecatholic publications. It is very special to read about the experiences and the lifelong effects of Catholic education from the people who are leading your children. I cannot express enough how blessed I feel to be a part of Catholic Education as it continues to be a beacon of light as students grow and thrive as a whole person. Join St. Anthony Catholic School for #iGiveCatholic on #GivingTuesday on November 28th! What better way to thank God for His continued blessings than to give back to our school community!

December 3 is a very fun day for our school and church community! Students will be hosting the 9:00 am parish Mass, the Brass Ensemble will be leading us in music for Mass and Santa's Breakfast. Yes! Santa's Breakfast!!! Santa's Breakfast hosted by the St. Anthony Men's Club will be serving breakfast following the 9:00 am Mass and there is more.....Santa's Shop! Children will have the opportunity to shop for surprise gifts with the aid of a friendly elf. We need some help making all this magic happen! I need children to volunteer to host Mass, we need parent volunteers to help with Santa's Shop and we need children and their families to eat and shop! A parent sign-up genius will be sent out soon for volunteers to help with the Santa Shop.

Can't wait to see our students back on campus Monday!

Blessings,
Mrs. Salemmo

Upcoming EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDAR

November 28 - NUT Card Day for November Birthdays; #igivecatholic

Nov. 30- Dec. 14 - Toys for Tots

November 29 – November Birthday NUT Card Day

November 30 - House Meeting; students wear House T-shirt

December 1 – First Friday Mass

December 3 - St. Anthony School Hosts 9 AM Mass; Santa's Breakfast; PTO Toy Shop

December 4 - Advent Morning Prayer (Every Monday during Advent); 2:00 Dismissal; Faculty Meeting

December 5 - Band and Chorus Concert 6:30 p.m.

December 6 – STEAM Bus for 4th grade.

December 8 - 8:15 School Mass; Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation

December 13 – December Birthday NUT Card Day

December 14 – Movie and Pajama Day; Class Christmas Parties; Schoolwide Christmas Concert 6:30 p.m.

December 15 – End Second Quarter; Noon Dismissal for Everyone

Wednesday, November 29 is NUT (No Uniform Today) Card Day for students with a November birthday. Students may be out of uniform, but must adhere to the dress code.



We will have **House Meetings on Thursday, November 30!** The uniform for Thursday is the house T-shirt. Students may wear jeans with their house shirt.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Thank you to everyone who made our food drive a tremendous success! As a school community we collected over 1400 items.

Final House counts; St. Joan of Arc – 531 points, St. John Bosco – 255 points, St. Jude – 672 points, and St. Paul – 393 points.



December 3rd is an opportunity for our students to share their gifts with our Parish Community. At the 9 A.M. Mass, students will be reading, serving, ushering, bringing up the gifts, cantoring and playing in the Brass Ensemble. Any student participating or attending in Mass uniform will receive a House point.

If your child is willing to assume a role in the Mass, please let Mrs. Galemmo know.



We will be collecting new unopened toys to be donated to Toys for Tots. We would like to collect as many toys as possible, but we would also like to have 100% participation from all families.

Students will earn points for their House by bringing a toy to donate. The points will be awarded based on the percentage of families in the House who participated. The participation points will be multiplied by 3. **We are asking each family to contribute a minimum of 1 toy.** However, we will gladly accept more. Students will earn 1 point for each additional toy donated.



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Student Challenge

The winning classes were 3K and Third Grade. Congratulations! Students will enjoy cocoa and cookies with Mrs. Galemmo.



SOUTH CAROLINA JUNIOR SCHOLAR

The SC Junior Scholars program through the SC Department of Education identifies eighth-grade students with exceptional academic and intellectual talent. To qualify as a Junior Scholar, students must score 550 or higher on the Evidence-Based Reading and Writing portion of the PSAT/NMSQT or 530 or higher on the Mathematics portion.

The program includes the offering of summer and weekend opportunities to these students in collaboration with colleges and universities and the SC Governor's School for Science and Mathematics. St. Anthony Catholic School is proud to have 3 students recognized as Junior Scholars.

Congratulations to Alex Finianos, Eli Seif and Oliver Thomas!



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Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest

Our students submitted essays on the topic **“How can the Church evangelize in the digital age?”** We are so proud of their efforts and insights.

Congratulations to the following students!

First Place – Bianka Acaylar

Second Place – Christopher Davis

Third Place – Tristen Woodall

The Post and Courier
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**Readers'
Choice**

Thank you for your support and for voting for our school. St. Anthony Catholic School received recognition in 3 different categories. We were voted:

Best Private School

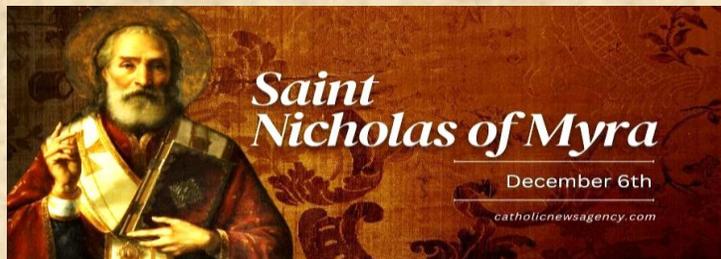
Best Preschool Program

Best After School Program

December Virtue: Generosity

Generosity – giving without counting the cost

“Generosity is God-like. It means throwing open the doors of one’s heart and pouring out all our love on everyone. It means looking out for everyone else instead of looking out for ourselves. It means giving not only because we have extra or leftovers, but giving when there is a true cost to us - and expecting nothing in return. It means giving not only where we have a duty to give, but giving to the undeserving: to those we don’t like, or to those we do not know at all.” (Virtues in Practice)



Saint Nicholas was a kind man, known for his good deeds and selfless acts of charity. He helped families most in need and became the patron saint of children.

As bishop of Myra, Nicholas devoted himself to caring for the poor and defending children. At the Council of Nicea, he defended the divinity of Christ. To Roman officials who wanted to know who he was, he fearlessly declared: “I am Nicholas, a sinner, servant of God, and bishop of Myra.”

As a young man, Nicholas made a pilgrimage to the Holy Land so he could pray at the places Jesus lived. During the voyage, a fierce storm struck the ship. “Do not fear; God will protect us,” Nicholas told the sailors. Then he calmly prayed as the storm raged. Finally, the storm calmed down, but not before a sailor fell from the rigging. Nicholas prayed over the seemingly dead man, who miraculously arose as if he had only been asleep.

Another well-known story established the tradition of Saint Nicholas as a gift-giver. There was a wood-cutter who had three daughters. The poor woodcutter’s daughters had no dowry and were therefore going to be sold into slavery. However, mysteriously, on three different nights, a bag of gold was tossed through an open window landing in some stockings or shoes that were left by the fire to dry. Nicholas didn’t want the man to know. He knew that it’s best to help others without letting them know we’re helping them. If we help others in this way, we help because we truly want to and not because people will praise us for it.

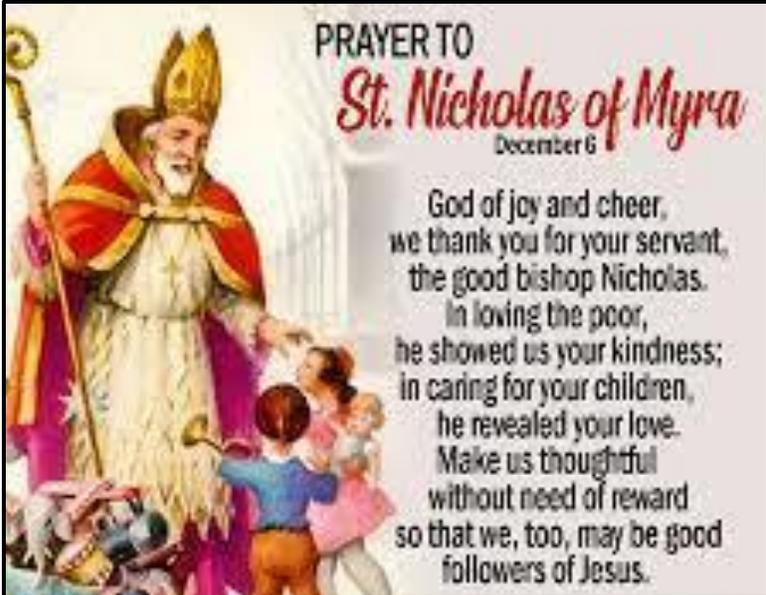
When famine struck Myra in 312 and 313, Nicholas prayed to God for help. Soon he learned of several ships that had landed nearby, laden with grain destined for Egypt. He rushed to the port and begged the captain to sell some of the grain, promising the man that he would not get in trouble for the missing amount. Very reluctantly, the captain sold some of the grain. When the grain was unloaded in Egypt, true to the good bishop’s word, it weighed as much as when it had been loaded! Back in Myra. It was a miracle of sharing.

All of these stories tell us the same thing about St. Nicholas. He lived for God, which means that he lived for love. If people were in need and he was able to help, St. Nicholas gave them hope and strength. St. Nicholas never paused for a minute to wonder what he should receive in return for his help. He only thought about what he could give to those who needed him. This is why St. Nicholas is a good example of the virtue of generosity.

Saint Catherine Art Expo “United In Faith and Community”

The Diocese Of Charleston is excited to announce the first annual Visual Arts Contest and Expo to showcase the vast talents of our student community. Information was sent to all parents. Artwork must be completed and turned into the school office by Monday, December 4th. No late work will be accepted!

All artwork submitted has the opportunity to be chosen to be used as the Thank You card printed for Catholic Schools Week for St. Anthony Catholic School. If you are interested in having your child participate in this contest or have any further questions, please email Mrs. Mazick (kmazick@saintanthonicatholic.com) or Mrs. Galemme (kgalemme@saintanthonicatholic.com)



December 3rd in the Family Center
following the 9 AM Mass



*Breakfast
WITH
Santa!*

Bring a camera for pictures with Santa
Donations Appreciated

Santa's Shop • December 3 • 10 – 12:00



Children will have the opportunity to shop for surprise gifts with the aid of a friendly elf.

We need **student volunteers** (7th grade or above) to help work the event on Sunday. St. Anthony alumni are welcome to volunteer. Please let Mrs. Mabry know if you can help.

We also need **parent volunteers** to help with setting up and taking down, arts and crafts, and wrapping presents.

Use this link for more details and to sign-up for time slots
[Santa Shop Sign-Up](#)



Rehearsal Schedule
Week of Nov. 27 – Dec. 1

3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday
Scenes 4, 5, and 6

Thursday
Scenes 7, 8, and 9




Congratulations!

Sasha Finianos, Declan Hamoy, Christopher Juarez-Sierra, Olivia Lewis, Ambiance Martinez, Jana Seif, Yara Seif, and Aidan Woodall represented the Florence Area Knights of Columbus and St Anthony School at the Knights of Columbus Soccer Shootout State Competition. These students did a great job. We are so very proud of them!



Schedule for the Week of Nov. 27 – Dec. 1

4th – 6th Team

Wednesday	3:30 – 5:00 p.m.	Practice
Friday	3:30 – 5:00 p.m.	Practice

Middle School Team

Monday	6:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Practice
Friday	3:30 – 4:30 p.m.	Practice



With the change in weather, just a few reminders about the dress code:

- Black, brown, or navy boots (not cowboy boots) are permitted **December through February**. (No sequins, lights, patterns, character logos, etc.)
- Girls may wear solid colored black, navy or white leggings or tights.
- Shorts may **NOT** be worn December to February.
- You must wear tennis shoes on P.E. days, or you will not be permitted to participate.
- **Only** the following items are permitted to be worn in the classroom during the school day. Students must wear items over a uniform shirt and the collar must be visible.
 - Navy sweater vest or cardigan with logo
 - Navy ¼ zip or fleece full zip with logo
 - Navy or gray crew neck sweatshirt with logo

#iGiveCatholic Prayer

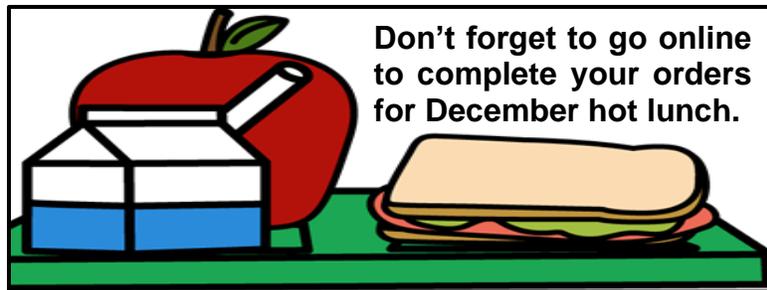
O Lord, giver of life, we know that all we are, and all we have are gifts from You.

We live in a world that celebrates consumption. But You call us to be good stewards of all You have entrusted to us.

May this #GivingTuesday prompt us to gratitude and generosity, that brings nourishment to the hungry and hope to the hopeless.

We pray that #iGiveCatholic may be a miracle of loaves and fishes, where every gift shared lovingly from a grateful heart becomes bread for the multitudes, and the ordinary becomes extraordinary.

In this giving and receiving, may our hearts rejoice in You alone, who are Lord for ever and ever. Amen



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St. Anthony School

Save the Date!

November 13-27
Advanced Giving

November 28
Giving Tuesday

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OH DEER!
IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!

Christmas time is the perfect opportunity to take advantage of the scrip program. You are probably going to buy some gift cards for gifts. You can also buy gift cards to purchase gifts. Shopping at St. Anthony makes your life easier because you can get all your gift cards in one location.

Come to the office to shop from the large inventory of gift cards we have in stock or order what you need for delivery based upon the schedule below. We accept cash or check for payment. During the 2022 holiday season, we sold gift cards totaling **\$26,311**. The proceeds from this fundraiser benefit St. Anthony School and can help lower next year's tuition bill for the purchaser. For more information, contact Teri Kooper at tkooper@bellsouth.net.

Scrip Holiday Order Schedule

Wednesday, November 29 – order
Monday, December 4 – approximate delivery date

Wednesday, December 6 – order
Monday, December 11 – approximate delivery date

Monday, December 11 – LAST ORDER
Friday, December 15 – NOON DISMISSAL; Christmas Break begins



Lynch Creek Farm Fundraiser

Lynch Creek Farm is a family-owned business in Shelton, WA. They create beautiful fresh greenery wreaths, trees, centerpieces, and garland that are perfect to use to decorate your home for the holidays or for stress free gift giving. Items may be shipped directly to the recipient. You pick your approximate delivery date when you order. St. Anthony School will receive 15% of your purchase price, but the credit for giving an impressive gift that everyone will love goes to YOU!

Support our school. **Order by December 10.**

1. Visit [Lynch Creek Fundraiser – St. Anthony School](#)
2. Click on a product category or Shop Online.
3. Click Shop Now to give back 15% of your purchase.

Prefer to order by phone? Call 1-888-426-0781 and reference Campaign 301120

Questions, contact Teri Kooper at tkooper@bellsouth.net.

