



Bear Blast

November 6 - 10, 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,

Our chorus performed a wonderful show on the Jebaily stage at the Pecan Festival! Thank you to Mrs. Gerth for your dedication to our music department. Great to see so many familiar faces in the audience!

Thank you to Tristen Woodall, Joseph Tilton, Christopher Juarez Sierra, Karen and Evelyn Garcia Torres for helping me spread the word about #igivecatholic to the St. Anthony and St. Ann parish communities. You can see our video on our website. Please join us to inspire and celebrate Catholic giving by spreading the word about #igivecatholic to your friends, family, and colleagues. And don't forget to turn in email addresses!

Friday was the 4th Grade's presentation of their Saint Projects. The students lead Mass, blessed us with their voices, taught us about Saints who demonstrated their unyielding Faith, celebrated in the Media Center with parents and Father John. Thank you to Mrs. Spivey and Mrs. Gerth for preparing the students for this wonderful day and the fifth-grade room parents for hosting the reception following Mass.

Thursday we will be celebrating Veterans Day with Veterans from our parish, school families and the Florence Community. We will be giving tribute to the people who have served, past and present, for our Country! The students have a beautiful program to present under the direction of Mrs. Gerth, Mr. C., and Mr. Spivey. Please join us! The program will begin at 9 am.

In the month of November, we gather and give thanks for the many blessings God has given us. We thank God for our families, our friends, and our faith! We are thankful for our caring teachers, skilled coaches, the generosity of our parents and parishioners, our time to learn, laugh and pray!

Blessings,
Mrs. Salemmo

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct. 23 - Nov. 17 - Food Drive
- November 5 & 7 – Musical Auditions
- November 6 - 2:00 Dismissal; Faculty Meeting
- November 9 - Veteran's Day Program
- November 14 – School Picture Day
- November 15 - Prayers of Thanksgiving
- November 16 - Thanksgiving Lunch
- November 20-24 - Thanksgiving Break; No School



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.

Please Send Pictures



If you have any family members who are veterans, living or deceased, please send in pictures for our program. Please make sure the child's name is on the back and give to their homeroom teacher by **November 7**. The pictures will be returned after the program.

Picture Day

Tuesday, November 14

Students 5K – 8th should wear their Mass uniform. 3K and 4K students should wear their daily uniform. Information will be in the Tuesday Folder.

Please extend this invitation to family and friends. We would love for them to join us.

We Salute Our Veterans

November 9

St. Anthony Family Center

Donuts and Coffee at 8:15

Program by St. Anthony School
at 9 AM

Veterans and their spouses are invited.

A Prayer for Our Veterans

Loving God, We ask for blessings on all those who have served their country in the armed forces. We ask for healing for the Veterans who have been wounded, in body and soul, in conflicts around the globe. We pray especially for the young men and women, in the thousands, who are coming home with injured bodies and traumatized spirits. Bring solace to them, O Lord; may we pray for them when they cannot pray.

Have mercy on all our Veterans. Bring peace to their hearts and peace to the regions they fought in. Bless all the soldiers who served in non-combatative posts; May their calling to service continue in their lives in many positive ways.

Give us all the creative vision to see a world which, grown weary with fighting, moves to affirming the life of every human being and so moves beyond war. Hear our prayer, O Prince of Peace, hear our prayer. **Amen**

Disney NEWSIES Auditions JR.

Reminder - all 4th- 8th graders are invited to audition. The sign-up form went home in the Tuesday folder.

Audition Times:

Sunday, November 5, 3:00-4:45 p.m. **OR**

Tuesday, November 7, 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Any questions, email Mrs. Gerth at

sgerth@saintanthonycatholic.com

Constant Contact

We are excited to be using a new Constant Contact Platform! Check your emails for information from St. Anthony School. The information will be in the email, and you will not need to open an attachment.



#iGIVECATHOLIC

Student Challenge

Students have been challenged to bring in 10 email addresses per family for our school to be able to share information about the #iGiveCatholic fundraiser with friends and family! The deadline to turn in email addresses is Friday, November 10.

Rosary Challenge

Thank you to all those families who took the time to pray a Rosary for the Respect of Human Life. As a school we built two complete Rosaries! The final House Points were: **St. Joan of Arc 79, St. John Bosco 27, St. Jude 47, and St. Paul 92.**

PARENT SURVEY

Please help our school celebrate our success and strive for continuous improvement by completing our Annual Parent Survey. This data will be used by our school as well as the Catholic Schools Office and Diocesan School Advisory Council (DSAC) to assist in continuous improvement. When you click the link, you will be able to choose Spanish/ English and then you will need to select St. Anthony Catholic School, Florence. It is important that we get feedback from all of our families. [Survey Link](#)

Food Drive - House Competition Continues through November 17

We are off to a good start collecting items for the Food Pantry and Thanksgiving boxes. House points to date: **St. Joan of Arc – 107; St. John Bosco – 22; St. Jude – 62 and St. Paul – 17.**



NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK:
BUILDING A VOCATION CULTURE IN TODAY'S CHURCH

National Vocation Awareness Week is an annual week-long celebration dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life through prayer and education and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations. It is also a time to celebrate those called to religious life. It is a time to pray for and support their unique vocations. Those called to religious vocations devote their lives to embracing and sharing God's love full-time. In doing so, they have the power to change lives and transform communities.

Watch videos [How Pursuing a Vocation is Filled with Joy](#) and [Celebrate National Vocation Awareness Week!](#)

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Abba, Father, you loved the world so much that you sent your own Son, Jesus the Christ, to be our Savior. He established your kingdom of justice, love and peace.

Through Baptism into your Church you have called us to be faithful disciples of your Son and servants of the Kingdom.



El Lavatorio
by: Lirios Doménech

Grant a generous heart to those you are calling to be ordained Priests and Deacons, Consecrated Religious, and Lay Ministers. Raise up priests from our Diocese and in our parishes to shepherd your people.

By the power of your Holy Spirit may we as your Church never lose confidence that you will send forth laborers into the harvest.

This is our prayer through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Prayer written by Bishop Stephen E. Blaire, the fifth Bishop of the Diocese of Stockton

Thanksgiving Lunch Thursday, November 16

Join us as we give thanks for God's blessings and enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving feast together.

Lunch times

3K - 3rd Grade 10:40 - 11:35

4th - 8th Grades 11:50 - 12:10

Cost: \$4.50 per person

Please remember to **RSVP**

By Friday, November 10.

Check the Tuesday Folder for additional information.

Gathered Together with Thankful Hearts

Join us for

**Prayers of Thanksgiving
Wednesday, November 15
2:15 p.m. in the Parking Lot**



Donate at
[St. Anthony School](#)
Website opens November 13

Save the Date!

November 13-27
Advanced Giving

November 28
Giving Tuesday



order Lunch

Don't forget to place November lunch orders.

November Virtue: Stewardship

Stewardship - returning to God the first fruits of your time, talent, and treasure.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Oh Lord, giver of life and source of our freedom, we are reminded that Yours is "the earth in its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it." We know that it is from your hand that we have received all we have and are and will be. Gracious and loving God, we understand that you call us to be the stewards of Your abundance, the caretakers of all you have entrusted to us. Help us always to use your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously. May our faithful stewardship bear witness to the love of Christ in our lives. We pray this with grateful hearts in Jesus' name. Amen.

BASKETBALL

Basketball information will be coming out in Tuesday Folder. I am only sending information out to students in grades 4-8th that signed up and shared that they wanted to be on a team. Please be on the lookout for this information. Please sign the forms and return to the front office with the registration fee no later than Tuesday, November 14th.

If anyone is interested in coaching a 6th-8th Grade team, please let Mrs. G know.

[Basketball Schedule](#)



SOCCER CHALLENGE

The next level of competition for the Florence Council winners is the State Event scheduled for Saturday morning, November 18, at St. John Neumann Catholic School in Columbia.

Students that are interested in participating need to let Mrs. G know by the end of school on Tuesday. You will receive your original score sheet. Students will need to take the original scores sheet signed by parents to Registration which begins at 9:00 A.M.

Participating students should bring soccer shoes, a ball to warm up with, and clothes appropriate for an outdoor day. Parents are encouraged to attend the event.



Given the name Guido at Baptism, this saint was born near Florence, at the end of the 14th century. He took up painting as a young boy. He joined the Dominicans at about age 20, taking the name Fra Giovanni (Brother John). After joining the Dominicans, he began illustrating manuscripts and choir books, beginning each new work with a prayer. Because of his faithfulness and the beauty of his art, people simply called him the Angelic Brother (in Italian, Fra Angelico). He also served in leadership positions within the Dominican Order.

Faithful to the promises he made as a Dominican, to preach the Gospel after having contemplated it in prayer, Fra Angelico put his creativity at the disposal of the Lord. With brush and paint in hand, he used his talents to transmit to all people the divine mysteries. Bl. Angelico spent a large portion of his career dedicated to projects within the monastery of San Marco. At the summons of the Vatican, he moved to Rome in 1445 where, over the next four years, he frescoed a number of chapels in the Vatican Palace.

Angelico was a tireless worker and finished a great number of paintings in his lifetime, but, thinking it would somehow be against God's will, he never retouched or reworked any of them. He always prayed when he painted, and he would say, "To paint the things of Christ, one must live with Christ." This saying can certainly be said to summarize Fra Angelico's life of Preaching through his art as a Dominican friar

Fra Angelico died on February 18, 1455, while visiting in Rome and was buried in the adjoining Basilica, where his body was covered by a simple slab on which was carved his portrait. The epitaph on his tomb reads: "When singing my praise, don't liken my talents to those of Apelles. Say, rather, that, in the name of Christ, I gave all I had to the poor. The deeds that count on Earth are not the ones that count in Heaven. I, Giovanni, am the flower of Tuscany." With a personality that was uncomplicated and clear, Brother Giovanni had lived a poor and humble life, refusing honors and positions.

Pope John Paul II beatified Fra Angelico on October 3, 1982. In a moving ceremony on October 18, 1984, the pope, on his knees in front of Fra Angelico's tomb, proclaimed him solemnly to be the universal patron of all artists. His Feast Day is February 18.

Stewardship exemplified - Famous for his devotional artwork Blessed John used his talents to praise God through paint. All talents can be used to praise God.



In case you don't know, we have a year-round fundraising program for St. Anthony School called SCRIP. We sell gift cards that are purchased at a discounted rate and the profit benefits our school. There is no cost to the buyer and the gift cards are just the same as you would receive in a store, but we do the work for you.

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 while lowering next year's tuition bill.

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 15 – order
- Friday, November 17 – approximate delivery date
- Wednesday, November 22 – NO SCHOOL – NO order
- 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 that creates 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.



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RADA Cutlery Fundraiser

40% of the profits benefit the Women's Guild of St. Anthony

2 ways to shop – Catalog or Online

Catalog Sale

Catalogs available in the church and school offices. Order and payment **due** in church or school office by **November 13.**

Make check payable to Women's Guild of St. Anthony.

Items will be delivered around December 9th.

Contact Teri Kooper if you have any questions - text 843-319-6799 or email tkooper@bellsouth.net.

Online Sale

<https://bit.ly/3Rtl7ei>

Order any time and have it shipped directly to you or another location.

