

# Bear Blast

## October 2 - 6, 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,

As you can see October is a wonderfully busy month for our school!

The month of October is known as the Month of the Rosary and Respect for Human Life. As a school community we will be participating in various activities to bring awareness to and prayerful reflection on the value of human life. We will once again be asking families to pray the Rosary at home and in doing so your family will be building a Rosary for our school. I hope you enjoy participating in this activity as a family and praying for the awareness of the value of human life from conception to natural death.

Our Virtue this month is Reverence-showing your deepest respect for God and the things of God. Some ideas for practicing the virtue of Reverence at home are speaking kindly to siblings, keeping rooms clean, sharing, praying before meals, and praying the Rosary as a family. What a wonderful way to be a "Keeper of the Flame"!

Check out your teacher's web page on the school website [www.saintanthonycatholic.com](http://www.saintanthonycatholic.com). You can click on your teacher's picture, and you will see a link to their web page! Teachers have created a page specific to their classrooms and subject areas. They have added schedules, class pets, fun information, class syllabus, newsletters and so much more!

See you on Wednesday with your furry, scaly, fuzzy, or feathery friend for the Blessing of the Animals!

Blessings,  
*Mrs. Galemme*

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept. 18 – Oct. 13 - Baby Bottle Coin Collection
- October 2 - 6 – MAP Testing Continues; Make-up Testing
- October 2-31 - Rosary Challenge
- October 2 - 2:00 Dismissal; Faculty Meeting
- October 4 - Blessing of the Animals 2:30 p.m.
- October 10 - End 1st quarter
- October 12 - PSAT Testing for 8<sup>th</sup> graders; Confirmation Practice
- October 13 – Noon Dismissal; Teacher Workday
- October 14 – Confirmation 11:00 a.m.
- October 16-17 – Soccer Tournament
- October 17 - Lower School Quiz Bowl; Report Cards Issued
- October 18 - Middle School Quiz Bowl; STREAM Bus for 4<sup>th</sup> graders


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.

### October 2 – Guardian Angels Memorial

Angel of God, my guardian dear to whom God's love commits me here. Ever this day, be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. **Amen.**

**Feast of St. Francis**  
*Blessing of the Animals*



The Feast of St. Francis is October 4. As has been our tradition, we will have a blessing of pets. You are invited to bring your pets to the front lawn of the church on Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, at 2:30 p.m.


Parents who intend to take students home from the blessing need to sign students out in the school office **by 2:00 p.m.** Students who have not been signed out need to return to the classroom for regular dismissal procedures.

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TESTING

Students in 5K – 8<sup>th</sup> grades will continue testing this week. Please help your child be successful by:


- ensuring your child gets a good night sleep
- encouraging your child to eat a good breakfast
- making sure your child arrives at school on time

**Hot Lunch Orders**




Online lunch ordering for October is open. Please complete your order online. This helps us with planning and ordering.

*St. Hyacinth of Poland*



Together as a school we will be learning about the life of Saint Hyacinth (1185-1257), whose Feast Day is August 17. Saint Hyacinth was born 1185 in Poland to noble parents. He became a Doctor in Sacred studies and a priest. Knowing that robbers were coming to the church, against all risks, Saint Hyacinth removed Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and a statue of Mary from the church to a place that was safe. He did so to show his love and reverence for Jesus and Mary, but most of all he did so because of his faith.


**Prayer for My Pet**



In your infinite wisdom, Lord God, when you created the universe you blessed us with all living creatures. We especially thank you for giving us our pets who are our friends and who bring us so much joy in life. Their presence very often helps us get through trying times. Kindly bless my pet. May my pet continue giving me joy and remind me of your power.

May we realize that as our pets trust us to take care of them, so we should trust you to take care of us, and in taking care of them we share in your love for all your creatures. Enlighten our minds to preserve all endangered species so that we may continue to appreciate all of your creations. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**BABY BOTTLE DRIVE CHANGE**

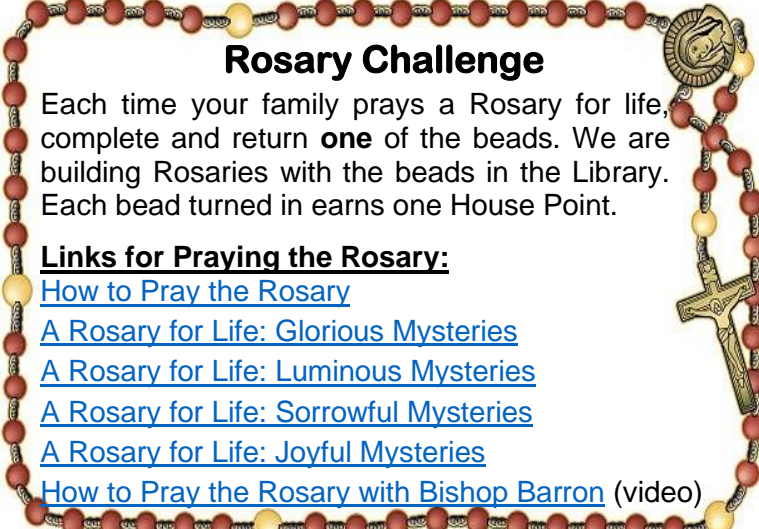


Our Baby Bottles have been filling up with change and bills. Thank you to all who have participated! All money collected will go to Lighthouse Ministries Working Mothers Education and Support Program. The amounts collected to date are:

- St. Joan of Arc** - \$276.61
- St. John Bosco** - \$51.92
- St. Jude** - \$94.21
- St. Paul** - \$102.85

**Ends October 13**

**Rosary Challenge**



Each time your family prays a Rosary for life, complete and return **one** of the beads. We are building Rosaries with the beads in the Library. Each bead turned in earns one House Point.

**Links for Praying the Rosary:**

- [How to Pray the Rosary](#)
- [A Rosary for Life: Glorious Mysteries](#)
- [A Rosary for Life: Luminous Mysteries](#)
- [A Rosary for Life: Sorrowful Mysteries](#)
- [A Rosary for Life: Joyful Mysteries](#)
- [How to Pray the Rosary with Bishop Barron](#) (video)

**October Virtue: Reverence**

Reverence – showing your deepest respect for God and the things of God.

“ When we have the virtue of **reverence** , we show in our words and actions that we have respect for anything that has to do with God - His Holy Name, the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, the Holy Eucharist, and all the holy objects found in a church or that have been given a special blessing. We also show reverence for God when we show reverence for each other, because we are all made in His image and likeness .” ( *Virtues in Practice*)

The virtue of reverence ties directly to the concept of Respect for Human Life. **October is known as Respect Life Month.** Every October, we consider more deeply why every human life is valuable and reflect on how to build a culture that protects life from conception to natural death.

We teach children to love and serve others, but do we ever explain why? Service is not just something nice to do; it is an important piece of our Catholic identity. We believe that every human life is sacred because each person is created and loved by God. Therefore we are committed to upholding the dignity of every person, without distinction. This love of neighbor manifests itself in many different ways in our Catholic tradition.

Our relationship with God is the basis of our relationships with others. The Ten Commandments are not rules to avoid punishment; they are guides for preserving and strengthening our relationships. The first three commandments help us to grow in relationship with God; the last seven help us to grow in our relationships with others.

Within each of our relationships we practice virtues. The virtues direct our actions in a way that respects ourselves and others. If we follow the path of virtue, whenever we are faced with a decision or with a person in need, we will respond with love.



**OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH**  
Practice the Stewardship of Life!

**Just a reminder**

As it gets chillier, non-uniform sweatshirts and hoodies may be worn outside during recess and before and after school. However, only approved items are allowed to be worn in the classrooms during the school day. **Please make sure your child's name is on all items.** We want to be able to return items to the correct owner.

**Calling all Harvest Helpers!**

**September 22 – October 13**

We are asking St. Anthony families and staff to help us to celebrate the first day of Autumn and the Fall season by dropping off pumpkins, mums, scarecrows, gourds, and other fall decor for our front entrance.

We would love for you to take a picture when you drop off your contribution and we will share it on our Facebook page!

**Thank YOU for getting into the Fall Spirit.  
Happy Harvest Time!**

**SOCCER**

**Schedule for the Week of October 2 - 6**

**4K/5K Team**

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>5:30 – 6:30 p.m.</b>	St. Anthony <u>at</u> All Saints
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**1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Team**

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>4:00 – 5:00 p.m.</b>	St. Anthony <u>at</u> Pursuit Christian
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>4:00 – 5:00 p.m.</b>	St. Anthony <u>at</u> All Saints
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9:30 – 11:00 a.m.</b>	Practice

**4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Team**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>5:00 – 7:00 p.m.</b>	Practice
<b>Tuesday**</b>	<b>5:00 – 6:00 p.m.</b>	Home Game vs Montessori
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>5:00 – 6:00 p.m.</b>	St. Anthony <u>at</u> All Saints

\*\*The originally scheduled game vs Pursuit Christian was canceled. It has been replaced with a home game vs Montessori for this age group.

Links for schedules: [4K/5K Soccer Schedule](#)  
[1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Soccer Schedule](#)