



Bear Blast

October 30 - November 3, 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,

Wow! We are at the end of another month! So many wonderful things are happening around our campus. We are excited about our class parties on Tuesday. Thank you in advance to our room parents for organizing the fun! Students and teachers may wear Halloween festive t-shirts with uniform bottoms on Tuesday, October 31. No costumes please!

Pope Francis declared Friday, October 27 a day of prayer and fasting for peace in the Holy Land. As a school community, we stopped throughout the day and took time to pray for peace in every corner of the world and for the protection of all civilians in the path of danger during this conflict in the Middle East. As a community and family of faith let us continue to pray the words of Christ Jesus and extend his mercy and comfort to those who are suffering.

Please remember we will be attending Mass on Wednesday, All Saints Mass, and Friday will be no school Mass, however a House Meeting Day! Friday, before the House meeting, we will be blessing our beautiful garden with Father John. The blessing will begin at 8:15 am. You are welcome to join us!

Please have a safe and happy Halloween!

Blessings,
Mrs. Salemmo

UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 2-31 - Rosary Challenge
- Oct. 23 - Nov. 17 - Food Drive
- October 30 – Feast Day of St. Jude
- October 31 – Fire Truck Visit 10 AM for 3K-3rd grade; Halloween Parties
- November 1 - 8:15 School Mass/All Saints Day; 4th grade Saints Presentation
- November 3 – No School Mass; House Meetings during Mass Time
- November 4 – Chorus sings at the Pecan Festival
- November 5 & 7 – Musical Auditions
- November 6 - 2:00 Dismissal; Faculty Meeting
- November 9 - Veteran's Day Program
- November 10 – Chorus sings at School Mass
- November 14 – School Picture Day
- November 15 - Prayers of Thanksgiving
- November 16 - Thanksgiving Lunch
- November 20-24 - Thanksgiving Break; No School



Tuesday, students and teachers may wear a Halloween shirt with uniform bottoms! No costumes please! Class parties will be at 2:15 p.m.



We will have **House Meetings on Friday, November 3!** The uniform for Friday is the house T-shirt. Students may wear jeans or uniform bottoms with their house shirt.

PLEASE NOTE

Student will need to wear **Mass Uniforms on Wednesday** this week. November 1 is a Holy Day of obligation and students will attend Mass.

House Competition



We have officially started our Food Drive! We are collecting food for the Food Pantry and Thanksgiving boxes. Information was sent 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 9:00

Veterans and their spouses are invited.

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.

**Monday, October 30th
Feast of St. Jude**

All students in the House of St. Jude should wear their House T-shirt. There will be special activities throughout the day to commemorate the Feast of St. Jude. The feast day for St. Jude is

Prayer to St. Jude for Today

St. Jude may your path of hope be mine in the days ahead. I promise in faith to share your hope with others, to forgive as I am forgiven by my Father in heaven, and to show caring and kindness at every opportunity. Guide me, St. Jude, so that I begin each new day with gratitude, truth, and hope in my heart. Challenge me, St. Jude, to end each day reflecting on my actions and motivations so that I grow in faith, love, and hope. **Amen.**

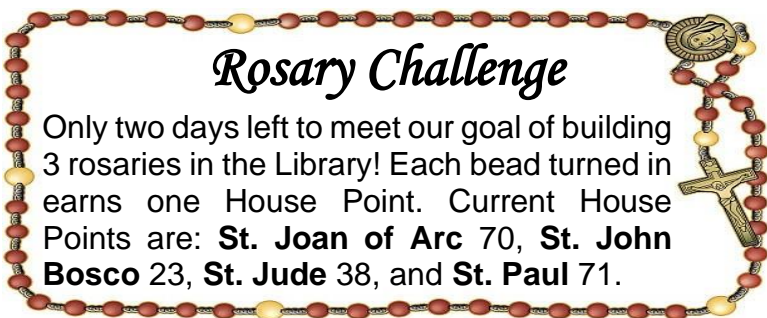
All Saints' Day is a holy day of obligation celebrated on November 1. It is dedicated to all those who have made it into heaven. Anyone who makes it into heaven is a saint, even if the Church does not yet recognize their sanctification.

Dear God, thank you for the example of the Saints. I desire to join in their company, worshipping you forever in Heaven. Please help me follow their footsteps, and yours, Jesus Christ. Please help me to conform myself to Your image, seeking Your will in all things, as the Saints did. Please help me to devote myself, and all that I do, to Your glory, and to the service of my neighbors. **Amen.**

All Souls' Day is celebrated on November 2. The Church prays for all those in purgatory.

Father and Protector of all You have created, we raise our hearts to You today for those who have passed out of this mortal life. For all the faithful who have died we pray, but in particular for those dear to us. In Your loving mercy, be pleased to receive them in Your heavenly company, and forgive the failings and faults they may have done from human frailty. May the merits and prayers of our Virgin Mother, Mary, and those of all the Angels and Saints, speak for us and assist them now. This we ask in Christ's name. **Amen**

Rosary Challenge



Only two days left to meet our goal of building 3 rosaries in the Library! Each bead turned in earns one House Point. Current House Points are: **St. Joan of Arc 70, St. John Bosco 23, St. Jude 38, and St. Paul 71.**

Congratulations to our St. Anthony Graduates and other members of our Catholic Community who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on October 14th.



We pray the Holy Spirit increases their desire to know and follow Jesus with a grateful and courageous heart.

Thanksgiving Family Lunch

We are inviting families to join us for our Thanksgiving Lunch on November 16th. We will need families to RSVP so that we can plan appropriately. Watch for details in the Tuesday Folder.



The St. Anthony School Chorus will sing at the Pecan Festival at 11:45 a.m. November 4 at the outdoor Amphitheater of the Performing Arts Center on Dargan Street. Chorus members will meet in front of main doors of PAC in concert attire at 11:15 a.m. Skirts will be sent home Thursday, November 2.



All 4th - 8th graders are invited to audition. Everyone who auditions is part of the cast! 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



#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!

HALLOWEEN AND ITS CATHOLIC ROOTS

"Halloween is part of our Catholic faith tradition. Dressing up for Halloween comes from the French, Jack-O-Lanterns come from the Irish tradition (originally turnips) and begging for treats comes from the English tradition of going door to door begging for "soul cakes," promising to pray for a family's loved ones. The missing link that you as parents are called to create and honor is the connection between All Saint's and All Soul's Day with Halloween." Read the rest of this article at: [NCEA Parent News](#)

Attractions[®] Dining and Value Guide

Prizes will be awarded!

- The first 25 sales turned in will receive a special treat!
- Sell 1 book - Pick an item from the Treasure Box
- Top Selling Class - Pizza Party and a NUT Card!
- Top Selling Individual - \$25 SCRIP Bucks AND one Spirit Wear Item!!!

Please return any unsold coupon books to the office in your child's envelope by **October 30**. If the unsold book is not returned, you will be invoiced \$25.00 per book.

If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Davis at babsdavis2015@gmail.com 843-217-3606.



St. Anthony Catholic School is participating in the national #iGiveCatholic campaign on #GivingTuesday, November 28, to benefit our school's Annual Fund!

Look for your family packet in your child's Tuesday Folder!

November Virtue: Stewardship

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

In centuries past, when a ruler or an influential leader had to be absent, the person appointed as steward exercised the authority to govern all the material possessions. The greater the possessions, the greater the responsibility of the steward. Fundamentally, stewardship is about exercising our God-given dominion over His creation, reflecting the image of our creator God in His care, responsibility, maintenance, protection, and beautification of His creation. This authority to govern, care, and beautify God's creation is a gift from God; and one day we must render to our creator an account of all we have done with His Gifts.

In his short but profound booklet, *Embracing a Generous Life*, Bishop Robert Morneau describes stewardship in a nutshell: receive, nurture, share, return. I love this description. It makes the sharing of our resources - be they material goods, abilities, or presence - a means to contribute to something larger than ourselves. Stewardship is, at heart, about generosity and the grace that returns to us in abundance when we disburse what we have been so freely given. It's about being a "cheerful giver," one who knows that all is blessing from a benevolent and magnanimous God. (Kathy Hendricks, *Sadlier Virtues Series*)

A Christian steward is "One who receives God's gifts gratefully, cherishes and tends them in a responsible and accountable manner, shares them in justice and love with others, and returns them with increase to the Lord" (*Stewardship - A Disciple's Response*).

Stewardship is a way of life, a life of accountability and responsibility acknowledging God as Creator and Giver of all. Stewardship involves responsible management of our God-given resources of time, talent, and treasure. Stewards as disciples of Jesus Christ see themselves as caretakers of all God's gifts. Gratitude for these gifts is expressed in prayer, worship, offering and action by eagerly sharing our gifts out of love for God and one another. Stewardship is a path to holiness. It makes us more like Christ who came not to be served, but to serve.



How could I bear a crown of gold when the Lord bears a crown of thorns? And bears it for me!

~ Elizabeth of Hungary

Saint Elizabeth was the daughter of a king and married a prince who became a king. She had many treasures, but during her life, she spent her money to feed the poor people in her kingdom. Elizabeth saw the face of Jesus in the beggar, the leper, the homeless, and devoted her life in the service of such people. She even had a hospital built near her castle.

Louis shared his wife's holiness and compassion for others. Only once, according to legend, did he interfere with her charity. To pacify complaints of the royal court, he forbade her to give away supplies belonging to the castle.

Soon a poor woman came seeking food for her family. Elizabeth immediately produced a covered basket of food and was about to give it to the woman when Louis appeared. He reluctantly asked to see the basket but, when lifting the cover, he found it filled with roses. He never again questioned Elizabeth.

Not yet 24 years old, Elizabeth died of poor health on Nov. 17, 1231. Her inspiring holiness, generosity and indefatigable devotion to the sick and poor were recognized by Pope Gregory IX when he named her a saint on May 28, 1235.

Elizabeth is the patron of many in need, including hospital and nursing-home patients, widows, charities, homeless people and people in exile. Her feast day is November 17.

Saint Elizabeth, help us to remember that all we have comes from Him and to seek our treasure in heaven. **Amen.**

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CHARITY SALE

NOVEMBER 3-5 • IN STORE ONLY

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Give \$5 to charity Get \$5 off anything, no brand exclusions + Extra 25% off your favorite designer brands

All proceeds go to the Women's Guild of St. Anthony
Tickets are \$5 each, available from Guild members and in the Church and School offices.

spelling bee

Students interested in competing in the Spelling Bee can use the following link for guidance in preparing. The Regional/State competition will be January 23.

[SCISA Page with links to rules and word lists.](#)



St. Anthony School Winners

9-year-old Boy – Christopher Juarez-Sierra

9-year-old Girl - Yara Seif

10-year-old Boy – Tyler Burkemper

10-year-old Girl – Jana Seif

11-year-old Boy – Aidan Woodall

11-year-old Girl – Sasha Finianos

12-year-old Boy – Declan Hamoy

12-year-old Girl – Ambiance Martinez

13-year-old Boy – Eli Seif

13-year-old Girl – Olivia Lewis

The next level of competition for the Florence Council winners is the State Event scheduled for Saturday morning, November 19 at Ridge View High School. If you want to participate, contact Mrs. G for details.



RADA Cutlery Fundraiser

40% profit benefitting 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.



Students interested in competing in the Battle of the Books can use the following link for guidance in preparing. The Regional/State competition for the Lower School will be January 16 and the Middle School will be January 17.

[SCISA Page with links to rules and book lists](#)



Basketball information will be coming out soon. We will have a 4-6th grade team and a Middle School Team (if sufficient interest). The Middle School Team is 6-8th graders. Sixth graders will be eligible to play on both teams. If your child is interested in playing, please have them let Mrs. G know during PE class.



WREATHS

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GARLAND

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.**

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2. Click on a product category or Shop Online.
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Questions, contact Teri Kooper at tkooper@bellsouth.net.



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