Bear Blast

October 5 - 9, 2026

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 October! Our faculty spent Friday learning and planning together to better support our students. Thank you for making arrangements for your children so we could have this time.

Our mums fundraiser has been extended through Monday, October 5. There is still time to order. Thank you for your support!

Please join us this Saturday, October 10, for our School Mass and annual dinner, continuing our Spaghetti Dinner tradition as this year's Italian Dinner. We need volunteers to help cook Friday and set up, serve, and clean up Saturday. If you can help, please let Marie Glinski or Mrs. Thomas know.

Our cross-country team did extremely well at Saturday's All-State competition, with a seventh-place finish in the boys' division and a tenth-place finish in the girls' division! Congratulations to all our runners for their hard work, including Wells Vincent, who placed seventh overall among the boys.

Both soccer teams are doing well and bringing energy and determination to the field. Thank you to our coaches for keeping our students motivated and to our families for cheering them on!

Save Saturday, November 14, for our first annual Oyster Roast, featuring Taste Like Chicken. Please check your child's Tuesday folder and our school website for more information.

This October, may we use God's gifts to spread joy through simple acts of kindness.

Blessings,
Mrs. Thomas

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 28- Oct. 23 – Baby Bottle Coin Collection

October 1-30 – Rosary Challenge

October 5 - House Leader Meeting 3:00

October 7 - House Sorting

October 8 - House Meeting

October 9 – Chorus signs at Mass

October 10 – School hosts 5 pm Mass followed by Spaghetti Dinner

October 11 – CYO's Faith, Food, and Fiddle Fest 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.

October 12 - 2:00 Dismissal; Faculty Meeting

October 15 – Regional/State Quiz Bowls

October 16 – End Quarter; Chorus sings at Mass

October 19 – PSAT Test for 8th grade

Oct. 19– Nov. 20 - Food Collection

October 22 – Chalk for Life

October 27 – Report Cards Issued; October Birthday NUT Card Day

October 28 - St. Jude Feast Day

October 29 – Classroom Halloween Parties 2:15

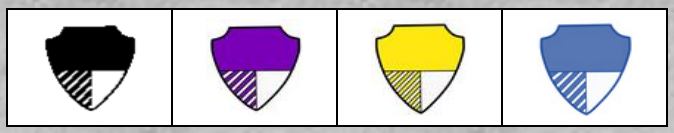
October 29 – House Leader Meeting 3-4 p.m.; Parent Conferences 4:30-6:30

October 30 - No School; Conferences 8-Noon

PLEASE NOTE

Meeting for House Leaders
Monday 3:00 – 3:45 p.m.

House Sorting and House Meeting



On Wednesday, October 7, we are kicking off the year with our House Sorting Ceremony. New students will be assigned to a house and receive their House T-shirt.

We will have our first House Meeting on Thursday, October 8th. **All students should wear House T-shirts on Thursday.** Students may wear school appropriate jeans or uniform bottoms.

The St. Anthony House System

The "house" system has its roots in the British school system where boarding students are divided into mixed-age groups in order to help meet their basic physical, emotional, and social needs and to create a sense of a "family". Catholic schools, in particular, have begun to use the house system to promote positive character traits as well as to instill a sense of belonging and group pride.

St. Anthony has four different houses to which students may be assigned. The goal is for members to remain in the same house until they graduate from St. Anthony. However, changing demographics may result in a need to reassign houses. At the beginning of each school year students participate in the House Sorting Ceremony. Students new to St. Anthony are assigned to houses. Sibling groups are always placed in the same house.

Each house is named after a saint and has a motto, color, and shield. Two teachers in each house serve as deans to oversee the house and support the house leadership. The house leadership consists of a Prefect, an Assistant Prefect, a Scribe, and a Parliamentarian. The house leadership helps plan and lead the house meetings that occur once a month.

House members work together to earn points for their house. Students will learn to work hard individually for the good of their house, along with working as a house team. Our house system encourages teamwork, friendship, cooperation, and leadership.

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.

Lower School Practice
Tuesday to Thursday
3:05 until 4:00 p.m.

Middle School Practice
Wednesday to Friday
3:05 until 4:00 p.m.

Rosary Challenge

Mrs. Thomas challenged the school to build 2 complete Rosaries in the Library. If students meet the challenge, student representatives will be able to spray paint her hair and she will proudly wear the colors for the entire school day. 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

How to Pray the Rosary with Bishop Barron

Ends October 23

Our Baby Bottles have started filling up with change and bills. All money collected will go to Lighthouse Ministries Working Mothers Education and Support Program. The amounts collected to date are:

St. Joan of Arc - $63
St. Jude - $10

October 10th is an opportunity for students to share their gifts with our Parish Community. At the 5 PM Mass, students will serve as lectors, altar servers, gift bearers and ushers. Please let Mrs. Thomas know if you are able to serve.

Uniform Store Note

Families may notice a fulfillment fee when ordering uniforms. This fee covers shipping from French Toast. It was waived when the large order was placed at the beginning of the school year, but it now applies to individual orders.

For sizing questions, exchanges, or returns, please call the school office, and we will connect you with the uniform store.

Sweaters, fleece, daily uniforms, and vests are available through St. Anthony Uniforms

Calling all Harvest Helpers!

September 28 – October 16

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.

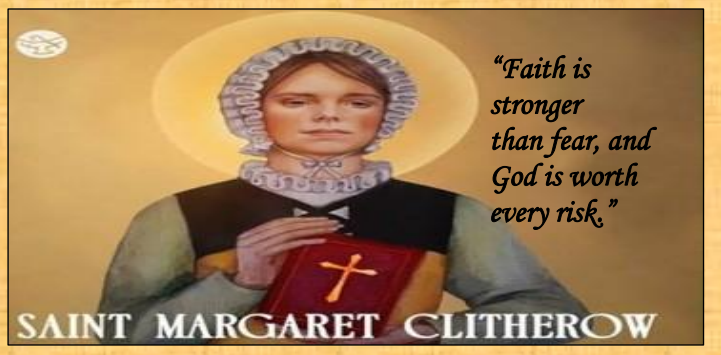
We would love for you to take a picture when you drop off your contribution, and we will share it on our Facebook page!

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

Respect for Life Prayer

God of life and love, you created us in your image
and sent your Son to bring us life.
Instill in us a respect for all life,
from conception to natural death.
Empower us to work for justice for the poor.
Nourish us that we may bring food to the hungry.
Inspire us to cherish the fragile life of the unborn.
Strengthen us to bring comfort to the chronically ill.
Teach us to treat the aging with dignity and respect.
Bring us one day into the glory of everlasting life.
We ask through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

October Virtue: Reverence



Margaret was born in 1555 in England. She was raised as a Protestant, a member of the Church of England, but after her marriage to John Clitherow, she made the decision to become Catholic. It was a brave decision, because Margaret lived during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I, who wanted to rid England of all Catholics and the practice of the Catholic faith.

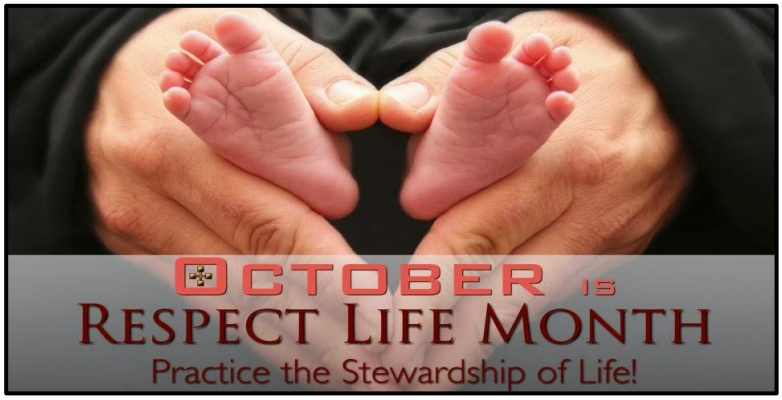
Although her husband was part of the established church, he didn't oppose her decision as his brother was a Catholic priest. John even paid the fines Margaret was charged for not attending Protestant services in their local church. Margaret had two hiding places built in their home. One was a small room for priests to hide. The other was a small cupboard. In it she kept the sacred vessels a priest would need to celebrate the Eucharist. Catholics came secretly to Margaret's house for celebrations of the Mass and for the reception of the other Sacraments.

Someone reported Margaret. On March 10, 1586, the authorities raided the Clitherow household, and she was arrested. Margaret was accused of breaking the laws against attending Mass and harboring Catholic priests. When she came to trial, Margaret refused to enter a plea because she did not want her husband and children to be questioned. She told the judges, "I know of no offense whereof I should confess myself guilty. Having made no offense, I need no trial." Margaret was found guilty and sentenced to death at the age of 30.

On March 25, 1586, which happened to be Good Friday, St. Margaret Clitherow was pressed to death in York, England. Margaret's great faith was an inspiration to all three of her children. Her daughter, Anne, became a nun, and her two sons, Henry and William, both became priests. St. Margaret Clitherow is the patron saint of martyrs, difficult marriages, and businesswomen. Her life story is a testament to her unwavering faith and strength, making her an inspiration for those facing challenges in their lives.

In 1970 Pope Paul VI canonized St. Margaret as a saint for her courage and faith. She is sometimes referred to as the "Pearl of York."

We can show our respect for her by thanking God that we are free to live openly as Catholics. We can also pray for anyone who is persecuted for their belief in Jesus and the Church.



SOCCER

Schedule for the Week of October 5 - 9

1st – 3rd Team**

Wednesday	**5:00 – 6:30 p.m.**	Practice
Thursday	**4:30 – 5:30 p.m.**	Home Game **vs** Montessori
Friday	**5:00 – 6:30 p.m.**	Practice

4th – 6th Team**

Wednesday	**5:00 – 7:00 p.m.**	Practice
Thursday	**5:30 – 6:30 p.m.**	Home Game **vs** Montessori
Friday	**5:00 – 7:00 p.m.**	Practice

**Link for schedules: Fall Soccer Schedule
(Check text messages and What's Up App for reminders.)

CROSS COUNTRY

Schedule for the Week of October 5 - 9

Tuesday	**5:30 – 6:45 p.m.**	Practice
Wednesday	**5:30 p.m.**	Trinity Meet @ Trinity
Thursday	**5:30 – 6:45 p.m.**	Practice
Saturday	**9:00 – 11:00 a.m.**	Practice

(Please check the group text daily for any updates.)

St. Anthony School Italian Dinner

Includes: Meat or Meatless Ziti, Salad, Garlic Bread, Drink

October 10 in the Family Center after the 5 PM Mass

Cost
Adults $10
Under 12 $5

****Adult beverages and desserts available for an additional $2 donation.**

Volunteers are needed to make the Italian Dinner a success. If you would like to help, please contact Marie Glinski at 803-422-6664.