View Sunday Mass at 11 am live on the Saint Anthony Facebook page.

Go to our church website www.saintanthony.com for the link to pray the Mass after it has ended.

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WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 26, 2020

TUE 4/28  Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35
WED 4/29  Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66: 1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40
THR 4/30  Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51
FRI 5/01  Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59
SUN 5/03  Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/1 Pt 2:20b-25/ Jn 10:1-10

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 26, 2020

Sunday:  3rd Sunday of Easter
Tuesday:  St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr;
          St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest
Wednesday:  St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Thursday:  St. Pius V, Pope
Friday:  St. Joseph the Worker
Saturday:  St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday:  4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Is God a real Being for you or simply an idea to be entertained? Often, we reduce God to a set of ideas, theories, and principles and neglect to see Him as the One who takes joy in helping us understand all of the events and mysteries of life. God delights in journeying with us and is the only One who can fill us with joy and make our hearts burn with excitement and jubilation. He is the One who assists us in recognizing the truth that is before us and interpreting not only the jewels of Sacred Scripture but the events of history. If we recognize God, we can also see that He inspires us to see the divine meaning of our own lives as well. Sometimes it takes us a little time. After all, even Jesus’ closest friends had to walk with him for a while on the road to Emmaus before their eyes were opened in the breaking of bread.

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2020 | 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER
WORSHIP & MEDITATION

FIRST READING
"God raised this Jesus; of this we are all witnesses. Exalted at the right hand of God, he received the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father." (Acts 2:32-33a)

PSALM
Lord, you will show us the path of life. (Ps 16) or Alleluia

SECOND READING
He was known before the foundation of the world but revealed in the final time for you. (1 Pt 1:20)

GOSPEL
"The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" (Lk 24:34)

GOSPEL MEDITATION
Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

What does it take for our eyes to be opened? Every day, a man laboriously walks down Main Street of town. With great difficulty but graceful determination, he places one foot in front of the other, uses a crudely made staff for support, and walks. His pace is slow, but he walks. What does he hope to see? Where does he want to go? What does he find? We all walk through life. The type of “walking” life requires is not always physical but is most assuredly emotional and spiritual. We walk, we look, we encounter, and we seek. How do we do these things and what we actually find is determined by what we carry and what we allow ourselves to discover along the way.

If walking is too challenging for us, we may choose to isolate and stay alone. If we are afraid to walk, we may become overly dependent on others providing for us and abandon the journey. We can walk and pay attention only to what is in front of our feet and never notice the immensity of what is happening around us. The road is never the same twice. The journey is always different. What kinds of things do you notice as you walk through life? It seems that the disciples of the Road to Emmaus missed a lot at first. We do as well.

We are called to walk with purpose, to listen, and to notice things that may not at first be apparent. We have to allow the One who has a special claim on our soul to enlighten, instruct, and inspire us. The incarnate mystery of God is pulsating in and through all of creation, where the presence of the Word who became flesh can be discovered. He has been with us all along. How could we have missed Him? Our journey brings us back to the breaking of the bread, and something begins to stir within us. We begin to understand, and things look differently. Bread, body, wine, and blood bring us to see that everyone and everything is a “Eucharistic” encounter. We become what we eat and we see what we eat. We continue to walk. Our eyes are now opened, and we recognize Him. Our hearts burn. Stay with us. Please stay with us.
Lord, Hear Our Prayer

Illness:

Nursing Home and Assisted Living:
Joyce Gingras, Ann Harrison, Linda Holloway, Carmella Sansone, Betty Scaturro, Alberta Thokar

Military Service:
Edward Olszanowski, Jr., Kacie Anderson, James W. Horahan, Sarah Casper Naletelich, Evan Souchet, John P. O’Donnell, Brad Linton

You have 1 month to register (April 13-May 18) and then 4 days (May 15-18) to run one or all three distances and then record your times.

All finishers will be included in door prize drawings and receive Pee Dee Grand Points. Each race registration gives you more opportunity to support your charity and more chances to win a door prize.

Looking for something to do in the midst of our social isolation, we have the perfect opportunity for you.

**PEE DEE VIRTUAL CHARITY RACE**

The timing company for the Run for the Heroes Race is hosting their first ever virtual race. Go to [www.saintanthony.com](http://www.saintanthony.com) for all the links to register. Choose St. Anthony School for the charity to receive 100% of your registration fee.
LITURGICAL LIFE
RESPONDING TO THE CALL

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP
Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

Mean What You Say

Missouri is known as the “Show Me” state. There seem to be differing points of view as to how this motto came into existence, but today it is said to speak of a people who operate with common sense and are not easily fooled by slick-talking or show. We would be prudent to adopt such a disposition ourselves. To be this way is not really like St. Thomas in the Gospel when he doubts what he clearly sees right in front of him. It is more about holding ourselves to a standard explained in another motto: “Say what you mean and mean what you say.”

If we claim to be Christians, disciples of the risen Jesus, then those around us should be able to tell by our actions. Can someone truly be a disciple of Jesus and not be a good steward of all he has given? Jesus makes himself known to us continually in the Holy Eucharist. When we come together to break bread at Mass, Jesus shows us his love by becoming truly present to us. He is willing to show us. What are we in turn willing to show him?

Every day, Jesus calls us to respond in some way. Our response shows whether we are who we claim his disciples. I am pretty sure Jesus is not from Missouri, but I know he is not fooled by our half-truths and misguided intentions. He also means what he says and says what he means. Shouldn’t his disciples do the same?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING
Our parish is grateful for your continued support. Thank you!

By helping others... ...we help ourselves

SHOP SMALL & LOCAL
Support your community

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2020 | 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER
HEALTH & WELLNESS

3 EASY STEPS
To Keeping Yourself & Others Healthy!
We are cautioned to be especially careful during the Coronavirus outbreak. Here are some simple ways to keep sickness away.

Wash Your Hands
Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds using soap and water. If you can't wash your hands, use hand sanitizer frequently.

Don't Touch Your Face
Especially around the eyes, nose and mouth. If you must sneeze, use a tissue or your arm.

Keep Your Distance
Practice social distancing during this epidemic and stay away from large groups. Instead, call, email or check up on family and friends using social media.

LIVING, HE LOVED ME.
DYING, HE SAVED ME.

And it happened that, while [Jesus] was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight.
- Lk 24:30-31

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2020 | 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER
Compassionate and Loving Father,

In the face of confusion and concern impart to us the calm of Your presence.

In You allow us to find hope and healing.

Be with those who serve the sick and give them Your caring hands.

Be with those who lead and give them Your spirit of wisdom.

Be with those who have fallen ill and give them Your comforting heart.

Wrap Your arms around our world and hold us in Your love.

Allow us at this time of trial to then serve as instruments of that love to all we meet.

We ask this in Your Name.

Amen
From the Principal

Dear St. Anthony Families,

I loved all the pictures and videos I received for the Friday Spirit Day! Thank you to the families that participated. My goal is to have one or two Spirit activities a week. I love showing our school spirit!

I have enjoyed the Google Meets with the students. I will continue to be checking in with our students and parents. Hearing and seeing the students interact with each other is wonderful.

We will join together on Wednesday for more Prayers in the Parking Lot. One thing I know for sure is the world needs lots of prayers and St. Anthony Catholic School prays!

I feel it is important to acknowledge and celebrate the good things that we are experiencing during this very strange time. If you have something special to share with our school community, please let me know about it. I want to celebrate growth and positive change.

If there was ever a time in our history where we need each other, it is now. Presently, parishioners are worshipping at home, and students and faculty are involved in distance learning. The day is coming when it will be time to begin the road to recovery. All Catholic schools will need resources – people, finances, wisdom, talent, ideas, creativity, etc. With this “collective wisdom” we will grow!

Blessings,

Mrs. Galemmo
Helping Children to Understand the Act of Spiritual Communion

There is an amazing promise by Jesus in St John’s Gospel - “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.” (Jn 14:23)

Jesus promises us that God will make His home in everyone who loves Jesus. What a very special gift this is that Jesus wants to give us! Jesus wants us to know that God loves us so much, trusts us so much, He will come and live in us, so we can be Jesus in the world today. We can be kind, loving, helpful and forgiving.

The most important way which Jesus comes to live in us, is when He gives us the gift of Himself in Holy Communion at Mass. At this moment in time, because you have to stay at home and be safe, you cannot come to Mass and receive Jesus in Holy Communion.

But your Church, who knows how hard this is, has a special gift that we can pray for. That gift is called the ‘Act of Spiritual Communion’.

This means when you cannot come to Mass and receive Jesus in Holy Communion, you can say a prayer asking Jesus to come into your heart and soul in a very special way. If you are watching Mass with your family on the TV, on the Tablet, on the phone or listening to it on the Radio, after the priest receives Holy Communion himself, he will say a prayer which you can repeat after him.

In this prayer you are telling Jesus that you really want Him to come to you at that moment, to make His home in you, so you can be Jesus’ love to everyone you share your life with each day. After this prayer, just like you would do at Mass, you can spend time in quiet prayer thanking God for making His home in you.

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe you are really present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you more than anything in the world, and I hunger to receive you. But since I cannot receive Communion at this moment, feed my soul at least spiritually. I unite myself to you now as I do when I actually receive you. Never let me drift away from you. Amen

There will be no more packet pickup. Assignments will be posted on Google Classroom and work will be turned in electronically.

Parishioners are invited to join our school Houses

Prayers in the Parking Lot
Wednesday & Thursday
10:00 – 10:20 a.m.

If your child needs a book from the library, please email the request to Mrs. Galemmo. Please list 3 choices in case some of the books are checked out. You will receive an email when the books are ready for pick up.

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On Facebook: facebook.com/DioceseChas
• Daily Mass, Monday through Saturday at 8:30 a.m.
On YouTube: youtube.com/DioceseChas
• Sunday Mass with Bishop Robert E. Guglielmone at 11 a.m. (English)
   Misa en español los domingos a la 12:30 p.m. (Mass in Spanish)

Storyline Online - Stories that are read aloud.
Audible Stories – Audiobooks for preschoolers through teens.
WebMath - Generates answers to specific math questions entered by a user. In addition to answers, shows how to arrive at the answer.