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A Letter from Our Pastor

It's Good to be in a JAM

JAM (Jesus And Me) is St. Anthony's Religious Education program for all children in kindergarten through eighth grade who attend public school. Classes begin September 11, 2011 and are held on Sundays from 9:30-11:15 a.m. in the school building, usually on the first and third Sundays of the month. This allows children to be dropped off for class and afterwards come to the church to join their families for the 11:30 Mass.

Our faith formation program is here to support and assist parents in their role as the first and primary teachers of the faith. Regular Mass attendance is crucial. Everything we do builds on our weekly participation in the Liturgy and regular reception of the Sacraments.

This year we will be using a new resource for teaching which will connect the catechism lesson directly to the Sunday Mass. It is called "Pflaum Gospel Weeklies," and it uses the Sunday Mass readings and prayers as a starting point for teaching the faith. It is our hope that the children will have a greater appreciation for what goes on at Mass and see how the Mass teaches the faith even as we pray. Because sessions are being held every other week, the lessons for the off weeks will be sent home for the child and family to review on their own. What a great way to prepare for Mass!

Our program is here to support and give spiritual nourishment to the entire family. During the year we provide opportunities for parents and children to participate together in faith formation

activities. These family sessions are both informative and fun.

Registrations are being accepted now. We will also be taking registrations after all masses beginning in August. Please call Connie Sandlin at 282-2290 for more information.

Give your children the advantage of an enduring faith that will sustain them in an ever changing world. Give them an education in Christian living that will support the character formation you give them at home. Introduce them to the one who will guide them when you can't be there — introduce them to Jesus Christ.

- Fr. Joe

From Pflaum Publishing:

"The program consists of a faith formation handbook – *What the Church Believes and Teaches* – for each child, plus 32 weekly Gospel-based lessons. Together they provide a unique alternative to the traditional textbooks, especially for programs where class time is limited."

"The handbook leads children to understand the basics of the Catholic faith; the weekly lessons inspire them to seek out ways to practice their faith.... Icons in the weekly guides help the teacher to link weekly lessons to doctrine in the handbook. The Gospel connection helps prepare children for Sunday Mass with their families."

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"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace."

-1 Peter 4:10

St. Anthony's annual picnic update

Help needed during picnic week

As the picnic approaches, there is a lot to get done for the picnic to even begin.

Below is a schedule of picnic events during picnic week and weekend. Please note there are several opportunities for volunteers to help.

Come on by and lend a hand, many hands make light work. And remember to come out for fun, fellowship, food and prizes!

**Monday July 18-
Thursday July 21**
6 p.m. - Picnic Set-Up
(Help is needed all four days)

Friday - July 22
5 p.m. - Picnic Opens
9 p.m. to Midnight - **The Louisville Crashers**

Saturday - July 23
7 a.m. - Midway, Beer Garden Clean-Up
(Help is needed)
2 p.m. - Picnic Opens
4 p.m. - Mass at St. Anthony (Note change in Mass time)

8 - 11 p.m. - **Lunar Beach House**

Sunday - July 24
6 a.m. - Electric tear down begins
8 a.m. - Picnic clean-up/tear down
(Help is needed)

All you need to know about picnic food

The Food Court will have brats, fish,

hamburgers, cheeseburgers, fries, nachos and other good food both nights along with beer, sodas and much more.

Sno-Cones and cotton candy will be available at the Midway.

Chicken Dinner will be served in the air-conditioned gym on Saturday from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Prices are: Adults: \$9, Senior Citizens: \$8, and Children: \$7.

Dinner includes chicken, all you can eat dumplings, green beans, slaw, dessert and choice of tea, lemonade or water. Carryout will also be available.

Information about the picnic raffles

Capital Prize:

1st Prize: \$5,000

2nd Prize: \$1,000

3rd Prize: \$500

Tickets: \$5.00 each

Quilts:

2 beautiful handmade quilts

Tickets: \$1.00 each

Chalet:

5 night stay in a 4 bedroom Chalet in Gatlinburg, TN: \$2.00 each

32" LCD HDTV:

Samsung Flat Panel television - \$1.00 each

Mountain Bike: Donated by Larry and Sheila Noon
Tickets: \$1.00 each

Various Gift Baskets:
Tickets: \$1.00 each

IPAD 2: Tickets: \$2.00 each

New additions promise great fun

Yes, this year's picnic is just around the corner. It will be held July 22 and July 23. On Friday night, The Louisville Crashers will perform from 9 p.m. until midnight. Saturday night, Lunar Beach House will take the stage from 8 to 11 p.m. It will be great fun for everyone.

We will even have an Under 21 area set up that will allow the under 21 crowd to get right up to the stage where the band is playing. Their admission will be free. The Beer Garden/Concert area will have a \$5.00 cover charge.

We are making some great changes this year. Kid-land is expanding. We will have several activities for your toddlers/preschoolers to do, which will include a Dinosaur Dig and a Ball Toss.

Also, our Grocery Booth is new and improved. Each bag of groceries you win will have a variety of items, and each bag will be different. You never know what you may find in your grocery bag!

We are also hoping to have a Gift Certificate Booth, with gift certificates donated by various stores and restaurants in the area. We do have some special cover-all prizes for this booth which include 2 free passes to "Holiday World/Splashin Safari" and 2 free day passes to French Lick's indoor water park, "Big Splash Adventure."

There will be great prizes, including Crazy Hats, LED lighted accessories, stuffed animals, inflatables and baseball hats with your favorite sports teams on them. Play-land will feature 4 rides that will be great fun for the kids.

Bingo, the Craft Booth and the Book Booth will be in the air-conditioned Social Hall. So you can come in, sit down and enjoy. Our famous Chicken Dinner will begin Saturday, starting at 2 p.m.



The Louisville Crashers

Faith Formation update from Connie Sandlin

Going on Vacation?

Don't let summer travel plans keep you from attending Mass! One way to find churches and Mass times is to go to online, or you can call 1-800- MassTimes. Have a fun and safe summer, and don't forget to go to Mass!

Confirmation

When you were baptized, you received the gift of the Holy Spirit! You became a member of the Catholic Church, however, you were not yet a fully initiated member. Some people refer to the Sacrament of Confirmation as the Sacrament of choice. They believe this is an opportunity for young people to accept the faith as their own.

Confirmation is so much more than that! As a Sacrament it is an encounter with Christ himself. Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist together complete one's initiation into the church. Confirmation is a celebration of the ongoing power of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

Confirmation deepens and intensifies the gifts of the Holy Spirit. It is a completion of the Baptismal grace already received.

Are you an adult who never celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation? If so, I encourage you to attend the Deanery Adult Confirmation sessions that are held in the fall. Confirmation is celebrated in the

spring.

If you are you a high school student in grades 10 to 12, I would like to invite you to enroll in Confirmation class here at St. Anthony. Sessions will begin on August 14. We will meet on Sunday mornings from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Please call Connie Sandlin at 282-2290 for more information or to register.

Summer time Catch-up

Summer is a great time to catch up on some of those books or movies you may have missed in the past.

One book that I recommend is **"Water for Elephants."** This is the story of Jacob Jankowski's life with the circus. The author, Sara Gruen spares no detail in chronicling the squalid, filthy, brutish circumstances of the circus.

The animals are mangy, underfed or fed rotten food, and abused. Jacob, once it becomes known that he has veterinary skills, is put in charge of the "menagerie" and all its ills. Uncle Al, the circus manager, slaps people around because he can.

August, the animal trainer, is a certified para-

noid schizophrenic whose occasional flights into madness and brutality often have Jacob as their object. Jacob is the only person in the book who has a handle on a moral compass, and as his reward he spends most of the novel beaten, broken, concussed, bleeding, swollen and hungover.

A movie that I recommend is "The Spitfire Grill."

This movie was released in 1996, but it's still well worth watching. It's rated PG-13. The story centers on a young woman named Percy who served prison time for manslaughter and arrives in a small town in Maine with hopes of beginning a new life. She works as a waitress in the Spitfire Grill, owned by Hannah. The plot unfolds when Hannah holds a \$100-per-entry essay contest to find a new owner for the grill. You may find yourself reaching for a Kleenex as the closing credits roll.

RCIA

Have you ever heard the saying "It takes a village to raise a child?" Well, you could also say "It takes a parish to raise a Catechumen!" You might be asking "How can I help with RCIA?" What can I do to help our parish continue to grow and thrive? The easy answer is to share the good news with

others.

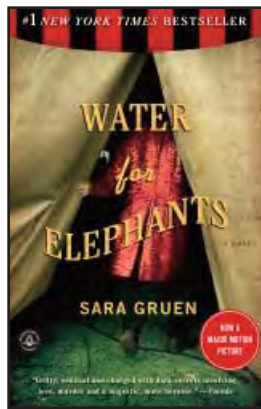
This sharing can happen in families, the workplace or gatherings with friends and neighbors. God will strengthen each of us who seeks to do his will by offering a gentle and clear welcome to the catholic faith.

Other ways you can help are by offering to sponsor one of our candidates. Often, people are interested in joining our parish and have no friends or family that attends here. They need someone willing to be their sponsor during the RCIA process.

You could also be on the hospitality team who prepares refreshments for the candidates and catechumens during the sessions.

You could offer to babysit on Wednesday evenings during RCIA. Occasionally, people are interested in joining the church, but can't attend because they need a sitter.

You can also pray for the entire RCIA team. There is power in prayer and our Catechumens and Candidates are on a life-changing journey. They can definitely benefit from your prayers! So, if someone you know is seeking a deeper relationship with God or looking for a church home, please invite them to RCIA. Call the Parish Office to volunteer. Our sessions begin Wednesday, Sept. 7 at 7 p.m. in the South Social Hall.



More picnic news from Dena King

We are looking for businesses to purchase advertising signs that will be hung in and around our food court and band areas during our annual picnic! We offer 2 different options: a 2 foot by 3 foot sign for \$200, or a 3 foot by 5 foot sign for \$500. These color signs are custom made to your approval with logos, pictures and other information.

Your sign will be displayed at the picnic, recog-

nized in the church bulletin, placed on our church website with a link to your website if you have one, and on our picnic report.

In appreciation of your financial support, we will send you four tickets to our old-fashioned chicken dinner on Saturday, July 23.

If interested, please contact me at denaking@insightbb.com or (812)944-8581.

Another successful year of Parish Pride



More than 70 parishioners arrived ready to work at 8 a.m. on May 14 and another group of more than 60 on June 11. With the help of these many hands a great deal was accomplished around our parish campus.

On May 14 we had a number of landscape teams that trimmed the landscape and added new mulch around the church, gym, prayer garden, parish gym, social hall, friary, parish office center, pre-school building and school.

We had a team of expert window washers working in the social hall, church and parish office.

Kim Fisher, a member of the window washing crew, discovered he had a window-washing skill that lay dormant for these many years. He did ask that we not mention this new found skill to his wife Carol.

The Cub Scouts from Troop 48 also pitched in on May 14 scouring the grounds picking up anything that didn't belong. Our service-minded Men's Club took on the task of removing the chips left from the many trees taken down in the fall and replaced the chips with top soil and then seeded those areas.

We had our crew of top notch painters painting a number of doors, awnings and the parish office sign post. This dedicated crew

came back a week later and painted the play ground equipment.

On June 11 we headed inside and had a number of our school teachers leading work teams in washing windows and doors in all classrooms. They also moved furniture to allow for the floors to be cleaned and waxed.

Another team headed to the stairwells to clean the banisters and tile. Earl Whitworth assembled a team of talented techno geeks to clean all of the computers in the school. A number of volunteers pitched in to clean the school's front entry, breezeway and cafeteria.

The Men's Club once again stepped up to assist with a few special assignments. They cleaned out and reorganized the boiler room in the church and cleaned the high ledges around the inside of the church.

And if this was not enough, a number of the volunteers pitched in to set up the gym for the lunch our Parish hosted, celebrating the dedicated service of the Conventual Franciscan Friars on June 12.

Each Parish Pride Day concluded with fellowship and lunch that was prepared by our lunch crew of Nancy Cox, Gil and Agnes Ernstberger.



Update of our busy youth from Stacy Gillenwater

The school year has come to end, which is a great time to reflect on some of the many initiatives and events St. Anthony's Youth participated in during the last several months. The Holy Spirit has been very active in the hearts of our incredibly generous and wonderful group of youngsters.



parish members by saying "Good Luck" to all St. Anthony's graduates – from eighth graders that are heading to high school, to our high school graduates moving on to college, and to our college graduates moving on their next journey in life.

Our young parishioners participated in numerous service projects. They created spiritual crafts for River View Nursing Home, sent letters to soldiers, made Easter Baskets, baked cookies, and participated in Mass as lectors, ushers, gift bearers, Eucharistic ministers and greeters.

They also helped out at the Reverse Raffle, held a Texas Roadhouse Dinner, and the Youth Leadership Team planned some upcoming events.

Congrats graduates

Thanks and kudos goes out to Kat Emly and Haylie Rebilas for their Leadership on the ACT Now Planning Team. Both girls served on the team from seventh grade until their recent high school graduation. I know that I share the same sentiments as many

We also want to wish Kevin Huber and Dennis Kidwell much success after choosing to serve our country in the armed forces.

Thanks to all of our prayer partners who prayed and sent small gifts during our first ever "St. Anthony's On Campus" initiative, where volunteers from the parish were paired with a college student – to let the student know that members of the parish were thinking of them while they were hitting the books. We plan to bring this back during the next school year.

Woo Hoo! Several of our graduating seniors were recently recognized by the Deanery for their commitment to Leadership, Service and Faithful Involvement in their spiritual lives. Way to go Ben Orem, Kara Garcia, Chris Jaynes, Ben Fulker-

son, Hayle Rebilas, Olivia Cox, Cody Montgomery and Kat Emly.

Belle Cruise

63 Youth and chaperones attend the annual Deanery Belle of Louisville Cruise in June, and they had a great time! They played games, danced, participated in a Scavenger Hunt on board the Belle, and they made some new friends!

Jenna Merchant and I attended "One Bread One Cup" at St. Meinred in June. This week-long leadership experience is a wonderful opportunity for young people to experience and grow their faith in the Catholic Church. I look forward to attending future "One Bread One Cup" experiences with more Youth down the road.

Please pray for Allie Gillenwater as she is preparing to attend a serv-

ice mission trip in the Appalachian region of Kentucky to help many people in need.

NCYC

An extraordinarily exciting event that occurs every two years is drawing near, and there is a buzz in the air. The National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) consists of more than 20,000 high school youth from all around the country who gather for fellowship, faith-building, friendship and frivolity!

Thirty-eight high school students and chaperones from St. Anthony's will attend the conference in Indianapolis for several days, including Father Joe. There will be a few upcoming fundraisers the parish can participate in that will help us defray some costs of NCYC. The youth of our parish thank you for your past and future support.



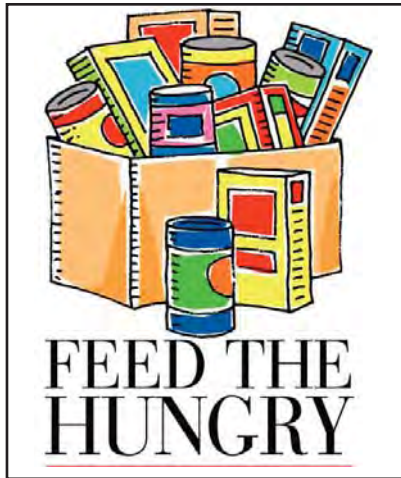
Ladies, lasses hold annual Tea Party

On Sunday, April 10, our Ladies and Lasses enjoyed the second annual Tea Party. We all enjoyed goodies and tea, and then listened to a story. As a reminder of the afternoon each took home a personal photo, a flower they made and a bookmark with a teapot on it.

The Lasses were all dressed up and used their best manners. Each looked forward to hearing their name drawn for a door prize and getting to autograph the book they had heard.

St. Anthony School to introduce new program

St. Anthony students in kindergarten, first and second grade will be introduced to a new program called Step by Step Student Stewardship. During the upcoming school year we will pilot the program in these grades. In subsequent years we will add this program to all grades at our school.



students will be exposed to these areas of need in our community:

- K - Introduction to Stewardship
- 1st - Needy
- 2nd - Hungry
- 3rd - Elderly
- 4th - Disabled
- 5th - Sick
- 6th - Children
- 7th - Homeless/Refugees
- 8th - Education and Literacy

Many of us have lived with the misconception that stewardship is primarily about fund-raising. As a result, we want to reach for and protect our wallet whenever the word comes up.

And yes, stewardship is in a small way about money. But students at St. Anthony School will learn stewardship is much more. This program will introduce stewardship, and the lifestyle of sharing the gifts and talents God have given us with those in need.

One Friday a month will be Stewardship Friday. On this special day, students will become:

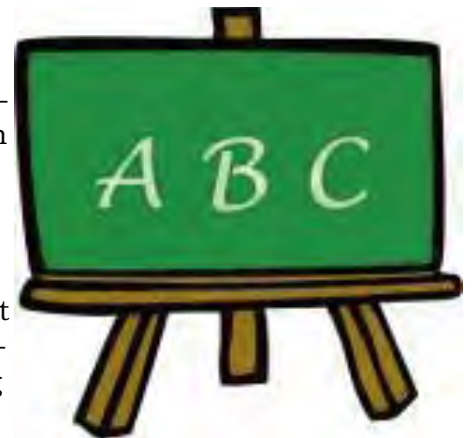
- aware of their blessings and gifts from God;
- aware of a variety of needs in our community;
- engaged in serving and learning about those in need through hands-on-experiences;
- aware of how we are called by our faith to serve God and others.

Step-by-Step Student Stewardship has a different focus each year. Students will gain nine years of exposure to a variety of community issues. Once this program is fully implemented

Students will also have a second focus each year — a Stewardship Virtue. One specific virtue — dignity, humility commitment, community, relationship, making a difference, sacrifice, gifts and blessings —are woven into the Stewardship Focus learning each year.

Parents and grandparent volunteers will be involved in implementing this program. If you are interested in assisting in this program, please contact Jim Kenney in the Parish Office.

It is programs like Step-by-Step Stewardship that makes the difference in receiving a Catholic Education.



Have a great rest of the summer

Planned giving: What you can do for your Parish

There are many planned giving options available that will help preserve our Catholic faith. But the simplest type of planned gift is a bequest through a will or trust. After you have taken care of your loved ones in your will or trust, we invite and encourage you to consider a gift to the St. Anthony Church and School. If you have questions about how to make a planned gift please contact Jim Kenney in the Parish Office at 282-2290 or at jkennyiii@insightbb.com.



If you have already made the decision to include St. Anthony in a bequest, we hope you will let us know. We would like the opportunity to thank you for your generosity. We do acknowledge and respect those who wish to remain anonymous, and we certainly understand, but please consider that your willingness to let the church and others know of your bequest will encourage others to follow your example.

As our planned giving initiative gains momentum, we would like to create a St. Anthony Legacy Society that will include all those that have made known their planned gift to St. Anthony. The mission of a

Legacy Society will be to lead by example and to encourage others to consider making a bequest or other planned gift to St. Anthony. Creating a culture of planned giving will allow parishioners to carry on the mission of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church for many generations to come.

Another way to give

Normally, a distribution from your IRA is taxed as ordinary income. However, federal tax legislation enacted in late 2010 allows you—for the remainder of 2011—if you are 70½ or older to make a direct gift from your IRA to St. Anthony Parish or any ministry or other qualified charity without the distribution taxed as income to you.

The IRA charitable rollover law may provide a very good charitable giving vehicle if you are age 70½ and take the standard deduction rather than itemize deductions on your tax return. The law also may reduce the tax impact on your Social Security benefits.

The distribution must be from your IRA, *not* a 401(k) or other retirement plan. If you have a 401(k) or other retirement plan consult with your financial or tax advisor about the possibility of transferring funds from one of these other plans to establish an IRA, with the distribution to charity coming from the newly established IRA.

For more information about how you and the Church can benefit, contact Jim Kenney.

Come participate in St. Vincent de Paul's walk

Save the date and join St. Anthony parishioners as to we join the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in "Friends of the Poor Walk." Our parishioners can designate that all of our pledges go to our St. Anthony Parish St. Vincent de Paul Conference.

For nearly two centuries, the poor and needy of the world have found a friend in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. This year on Sept. 24 the Society

will hold its annual nationwide Friends of the Poor Walk. We invite you to participate and become Friends of the Poor, too. Having no one to turn to in a moment of need is a trying experience for anyone, but especially for the poor.



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Registration materials will be made available in August, just

hold the date so you can walk a mile in someone else's shoes and find out how good it feels to give.

"Friends of the Poor Walk"

When: Saturday, September 24, 2011

Where: Churchill Downs

Time: 9 a.m.-Registration
10 a.m.- Walk

Fee: No registration fee, only pledges required to walk

Walk: 3 miles or at the discretion of the walker

St. Anthony of Padua Parishioner Update

Baptisms

3/19/11

Caroline Marie Dill daughter of Tony and Jennifer

3/27/11

Ryan Andrew Miller son of Seth and Kelly

4/23/11

Tanner Wayne Davis son of Robert and Johanna

5/22/11

Easton Mikel Dreher son of Jason and Brandi

5/29/11

Kinley Page and Kylie Marie Ledbetter daughters of Michael and Wendy

6/5/11

Brayden Joseph Emonz son of William and Beth

Abigail Marie, daughter, Maxwell Dennis and Wyatt Michael Poulter, sons of Dennis and Shawna

Deaths

3/31/11

Marie Reed Limp

4/7/11

Constance McAloon

4/9/11

Marcellus (Marc) Meyer

5/8/11

Joseph Louis Theobald

5/19/11

Thelma Mae Simpson

New Parishioners

Joseph and Angela Thompson and children Jarod, Samantha, Ellie and Lucy
Michael and Wendy Ledbetter and children Jacob, Kylie and Kinley
Elizabeth Hess
Eric and Brooke Lannan
Brian and Jennifer Dill and daughter Caroline



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