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A Letter from Our Pastor

We're on a Mission from God!

Most people of good will are searching for a mission worthy of their lives; a

set of ultimate guiding principles pointing toward a goal worth sacrificing for. Jesus Christ provides that mission for Catholic Christians. It is the mission on which he sent his apostles and the same mission that brought the faith down through the centuries to our own generation. That mission is to make this world a better place, even as we prepare ourselves for the world to come. Or, as the old Baltimore Catechism said: God made me to know, love and serve him in this world and be happy with him forever in the next. We need at least two things to accept this mission.

First, we need to know and fully understand the mission of Christ and regularly receive instructions and strength from him. We must know what Jesus taught. We must see and understand the blueprint of his kingdom if we hope to participate in its construction. We must know the scriptures and how to interpret them. We must take advantage of the sacraments and the grace and power, they provide.

Second, we need teamwork. We need a community of believers who are focused on this mission. This community teaches, guides and supports us in our work. It keeps us focused on the essentials of the mission. Others who are faithful to this mission can prevent us from going astray and pursuing selfish goals. This mission is a vast undertaking and we need the help of others to do our part.

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Community is committed to the mission of Jesus Christ. Every day we celebrate the memorial he left us when he said "do this in memory of me." We commonly refer to this sacrificial meal as the "Mass", which can be translated as "the mission" or the "sending forth". Every day, but especially on Sundays, we receive Christ's Body and Blood. This spiritual food strengthens us to be sent forth. The Mass is beautiful and fulfilling to those who enter into its prayers and the mysteries of Christ's life, death and resurrection. Active participants experience the richness of the scriptures, the beauty of the ancient prayers and ritual, and the power of the Eucharist fulfilling the promise of Christ: "I am with you always."

Our Parish is named for the famous Franciscan, Saint Anthony of Padua. Saint Anthony is often depicted holding the sacred scriptures with the Christ child standing upon the book; some might say the child is even emerging from the book. This is because it was said of Anthony, that when he preached, it was as if Christ were coming into the world again. This is the goal we Christians should be striving for - that we allow Christ to come into the world through us.

If dedicating yourself to Christ and his mission of transforming the world is a mission worthy of your life, come join in the many activities of St. Anthony of Padua Community. Christ has a plan and wants us all to be a part of it. In that plan we find a mission worthy of our lives; in that plan we find our greatest joy.

— Fr. Joe



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Parish recognizes parishioner Gene Sartini

Football coach honored for coaching, continued dedication to St. Anthony, Providence at annual banquet

Parishioner Coach Gene Sartini has been a member of St. Anthony of Padua Parish since 1960 when he moved to Clarksville from Louisville. His 46 years of coaching experience includes time as an assistant football coach at Flaget High School in Louisville (1957-1969); Head Football Coach at Flaget (1969); Head Football Coach at Shawnee High School in Louisville, and now as Head Football coach at Providence High School since 1971. Coach Sartini is celebrating his 40th year of Faith, Family and Football at Providence High School.

During this year's football season, Providence High School invited past football players back to help celebrate Coach Sartini's coaching career during half time at all of the home games.

At the last Providence High School football game against the Clarksville Generals on Friday, Oct. 15, all past football players were invited back to meet in the middle of the football field for a team prayer and to present Coach Sartini with a Providence lettermen jacket.

Former Providence football players and St. Anthony parishioners Dylan Young, Kyle Merchant and Sean Hoffman attended the game and shared their favorite moments of playing for Coach Sartini.

Dylan Young, played for Sartini during 2006-2008. His favorite memory was winning Sectional in 2007.

Kyle Merchant, who played for Sartini during 2006-2007, was injured during his sophomore year and could not play. He said Coach Sartini still made him



Gene Sartini, head football coach at Providence, was honored in November for his 40th year as Providence's head coach, and for his 40-year commitment to the Parish.

feel as part of the team.

Shawn Hoffman, who played for Sartini from 2006 to 2009, said his favorite memory was his sophomore year gathering in the locker room before the Sectional for a very "intense speech."

In Nov. 2010, at the St. Anthony Parish Football banquet, the coaches recognized Coach Sartini and presented him with a signed football from the St. Anthony football teams.

Coach Sartini gave a speech to the football coaches, players and their families. He shared some coach's insight: "What it takes to be a champion...you need to play like a champion. Will you do your best to improve? Work on things that are hard to do, not things that you are good at, that's the difference between an Athlete and a good Athlete." He also stated football is secondary to education, and he lives by Faith, Family and Football.

Coach Sartini has four children, Joe, Toni, Gino and Nick, all graduates of St. Anthony School. Toni and Gino are active members of St. Anthony parish. He has grandchildren at St. Anthony School and at Providence High School, and he has two step children and fifteen grandchildren.

On behalf of St. Antony Church, School and Athletics, we thank you for your dedication to: FAITH, FAMILY AND FOOTBALL. CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR COACHING CAREER.



Gene Sartini surrounded by close family and friends at the St. Anthony football banquet.

Parish giving easier with electronic fund transfer

St. Anthony Church invites you to consider a new way of giving. Our new Electronic Giving Program will enable every parishioner to give their church offering by using electronic funds transfer (EFT).

Having your Stewardship pledge or specified amount automatically withdrawn from your bank account will benefit both you and your parish.

This automated program will allow you to conveniently make regular contributions, while giving consistent and predictable cash flow to the parish.

It is fast and easy. The electronic transfer will cost you nothing. The parish will issue you a donation statement for your tax records and your bank statements will provide you with a record of transfer as additional proof of your contributions.

You will continue to receive your monthly contribution envelopes in the mail to enable you to continue contributing to special Archdiocesan collections, and for Mass attendance records.

It is safe. Special procedures are being put into place to safeguard your personal data. A 'firewall' has

been added to the parish office computer and our parish technology team has addressed other security matters.

All paper records will be filed in a locked file cabinet with access to only specified personnel. All security measures will be in place before we start processing ACH.

Here is how it works. You authorize a specific amount of money to be electronically transferred directly from your checking or savings account to the parish account.

Electronic transfers will be made from your account on the first Tuesday of every month. Of course, you can modify or cancel your authorization of transfer at any time by notifying the Parish Office in writing.

If you would like to be among the growing list of parishioners using automated giving, please contact the Parish Office to submit an authorization form. You can visit or call during business hours, Monday thru Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

An update about religious education

RCIA

On Sunday, Dec. 5 at the 11:30 Mass, we celebrated two rites of initiation with the RCIA participants and their sponsors: The Rite of Acceptance (for those seeking Baptism) and the Rite of Welcome (for those seeking full communion in the Church).

The following catechumens celebrated the Rite of Acceptance: **Robert Davis, Paula Flispart and Matthew Owens.**

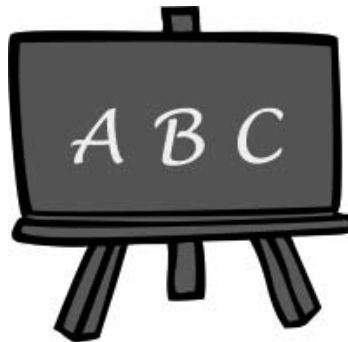
The following candidates celebrated the Rite of Welcome: **Joshua Clemons, Jennifer Dill and Mary Ann Jones.**

Please continue to pray for all our candidates as they enter into a period of deeper formation in the RCIA process.

Confirmation

Twelve young men and women from our community are preparing for Confirmation this year. The Candidates have been attending weekly sessions since September. Part of their preparation also includes an upcoming day of reflection here at St. Anthony on Feb. 26.

The Confirmation ceremony will be held on April 3 at Sacred Heart Parish in Jeffersonville at 5 p.m. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.



Help give children a Catholic education

Our Parish has many families who place a high value on Catholic education, and the ability to send their child or children to St. Anthony School.

With tough economic times, providing this opportunity can suddenly become extremely difficult.

We have parish school families who have or will be facing layoffs or other financial hardship. In response, St. Anthony Parish is establishing a **Tuition Assistance Emergency Fund** to assist parish families who demonstrate a strong commitment to stewardship in our parish.

Families must give their time and talent to the school and Parish, attend Mass regularly, sees

Catholic education as a high priority, have experienced financial hardship since the beginning of the school year and have worked with school administrators, they might be eligible for assistance.

If you are willing and able to assist, please send your donation in the enclosed envelop or drop it in the Sunday Collection.

Make your check payable to St. Anthony Church and identify your check as being for the "Tuition Assistance Emergency Fund."

Your charitable donation is tax deductible. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this request!

Financial Peace University returns

If you missed the opportunity to attend the first session, you will be glad to know FPU will be offered on Thursday nights beginning Jan. 27.

The overriding regret of the first class participants was they wished they had the opportunity to hear this financial message in their 20's. What a positive difference it would have made in their financial well-being.

Here is what some of your fellow parishioners had to say about their experience:

"Dave Ramsey makes it very clear that we all have to take responsibility for our finance's and for our future. Dave gives you the tools, the motivation and the knowledge to take control of your money and to start having your money work for you."

"Even if you are not in debt, this is a good way to help you become aware of your money and what it can do to change your life drastically. It helps to plan for today and your future. If you are young, middle-aged or older, you can come away from this class with something."

"For your long term financial security, you need to know how to save for retirement. You need to know how to sane and not spend on things you really don't need."

"It will give you great friendships with other people who can share how they defeated money problems".

Registration can be made following all Masses the weekends of January 1-2 and January 15-16. You may also request a registration form by e-mailing or calling Jim Kenney. Payment is due at the time of registration. The registration deadline is Jan. 16. E-mail

jkenneyiii@insightbb.com or call 282-2290.

Classes starts Thursday, Jan. 27 and will meet on Thursday evenings for an additional 12 weeks. Classes will not be held on the week of spring break (March 24). The last class will be held on April 28. Class each night will start at 6:30 p.m. and adjourn by 8:30 p.m.

If you would like to take a test drive before registering, Dave Ramsey is offering you the opportunity to attend the first class for free. If you would like to continue in the program you can register that night and your materials will be ordered and ready for you at the second class. Please let Jim Kenney know if you plan to attend the first class on a trial basis by Jan. 16.

The cost is \$99 per family, this includes you, your spouse and teens living in the home. It is recommended couples attend together so you have a mutual understanding of the materials and can reach a mutual agreement on how best to manage family finances.

Several parishioners have generously stepped forward and pledged funds to assist families needing financial assistance to attend FPU. If you desire to attend and need some assistance to offset a portion of the cost, please contact Jim Kenney by e-mail or call him at the Parish Office.

Child care will be provided. Volunteers for assisting with childcare are needed. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help.



Prime Timers celebrate the holidays with food, fellowship

Prime Timers have been busy this fall. At our October luncheon, to celebrate Halloween, we enjoyed sack lunches, with some participants dressed in costumes. There was a lot of talking, kidding and fun.

In November, we celebrated Thanksgiving at our luncheon. Gil and Agnes Ernstberger prepared the turkey, dressing and gravy, and received big "THANKS" from all of us.

The rest of the Prime Timers brought covered dishes and desserts. Fr. Joe and Parish Staff also joined in on the Thanksgiv-



ing celebration.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Elmer Renn. Elmer and the Prime Timers donated their share of the drawing to St. Vincent de Paul's Christmas fund.

Come join the prime timers for fellowship and fun in 2011. We meet at 11:30 a.m. on the third Wednesday of the month. Call the Parish Office at 282-2290 for more information.



A Youth Ministry update from Stacy Gillenwater

The Youth at St. Anthony continue to be a very busy group! During our Christmas break, our middle/junior high students volunteered with “Hosparus Helping Those Heal,” by making scrapbooks for the families and patients. That was a wonderful and fulfilling initiative.

Several members of our Youth took to the slopes in late December for our annual Paoli Peak Ski Trip.

Looking ahead...

As I look at my office window, I see snow falling on a cold, blustery day. As we gear up for a winter full of youth activities, the Youth will be mindful of those who may not have a warm, dry place to call home. Our annual “Souper Bowl of Caring” (late January) and the

“Food Famine” (Feb. 11) are two upcoming service and social activities that will help reach out to the less fortunate. The Food Famine is open to all high school students, and it is comprised of a poverty simulation, along with volunteer service stops at places such as the Ronald McDonald House and Dare To Care Food Bank.

Our Souper Bowl of caring takes place during Super Bowl weekend. Our Youth will gather after each weekend Mass to collect canned soup/ or money for the St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Bank here at St. Anthony Parish. At the end of the day, our Youth realize that their service and dedication to the Lord’s work can make a major difference in the lives of others.

More Parish news

St. Anthony School Mass Challenge

Weekend Mass is the place where believers gather to worship God with one another and participate with one another.

During the first 3 months of 2011 the Stewardship Committee is sponsoring the St. Anthony School Mass Challenge. The Challenge is for grades K-8. Each grade will compete for a party at the end of the school year.

From January through March we will track mass attendance for all registered parish school families in each grade. The grade with the highest percentage of attendance over the 3 month period will be our winner!

Parish school families should continue to drop in the collection basket their envelope (an empty one will do) or drop in a note to indicate our family’s attendance. If you forget your envelope, drop in a note with your family’s name on it.

St. Anthony Walking Club

Winter time generally means less opportunity to get the kind of exercise we need to keep our bodies fit. So if you need a place to walk and stay out of the cold, we have just the place for you.

St. Anthony’s will open its gym from January through April, Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. for parishioners to walk. It is free and you don’t need to register, just show up!

Enjoy walking with others? Bring a walking partner or partners with you – parishioner or non-parishioner it doesn’t matter. Having walking partners will make your walk more fun and help the time pass more quickly be motivation.

Physical activity and a happy mental attitude are key ingredients to a long and youthful life. Be active and stay healthy!

Scouts participate in food drive; express thanks

Boy Scout Pack 48 participated in the recent Scouting for Food project. As a result of their hard work, Pack 48 collected approximately 750 individual items for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry at St. Anthony Church.

Special thanks to the pack leaders who guided their contingents on the mission to collect food from our neighborhoods in Clarksville. Also, a huge thank you to PK Karunaratna and Greg Jayawardana — PK organized the pack’s overall effort, and Greg made possible the awesome lunch, thanks to donations of food from Taco Bell and his own family’s generosity.

The pack also appreciates those parents who brought dessert items. Finally, thank you to our former Cubmaster Ben Luken, who arranged discounts on the pizza from Papa John’s, and to Nancy Cox for driving to Charlestown to pick them up.

Through the combined efforts of the leaders and boys of Pack 48, and the generosity of the community, the volunteers of St. Vincent de Paul were able to deliver Christmas food baskets to many needy families in our area.



School cheerleaders raise money for breast cancer

On Sunday Oct. 24, 2010, five of the St Anthony seventh and eighth grade cheerleaders participated in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk. Cheerleaders Julie Bottorff, Megan Howlett, Lili Sartini, Sara Gastinger and Makenzie Koerner along with coaches Jill Bottorff, Mary Lynne Howlett and Dana Sartini all walked in honor of Gwinn Bowman.

Gwinn is a 2½ year breast cancer survivor who is also Dana's sister and Lili's aunt. Current SAS students Taylor Pace and Bradley Bottorff joined in the walk, too.



SAS cheerleaders and the coaches participate in a breast cancer walk and raise \$300. The cheerleaders walked in honor of Gwinn Bowman.

To generate donations for The American Cancer Society, the cheerleaders enlisted the help of current St Anthony parishioner and school parent Cheryl Heldman. Cheryl is a consultant for Scentsy. Cheryl generously donated to the cheerleaders a Breast Cancer Awareness Scentsy warmer and a brick of wax.

This is a great example of how St Anthony's students are giving back to the community. Many thanks to the cheerleaders for their outstanding service.

Up Coming School Events



Jan. 30-Feb. 5: Catholic School Celebration

Feb. 6: Open House

Feb. 28-March 9: ISTEP+ Multiple Choice Test

March 5: Spaghetti Dinner and Reverse Raffle

March 11-12: "Annie" School Play

School adds additional Open House in November

The Enrollment Committee at St. Anthony School has traditionally hosted an Open House in the winter as a way to showcase the school for prospective school families. For the past two years, the winter event has been followed by an informal, smaller scale Open House in May. For the first time, a fall Open House was also added to the calendar in November. These dates provide both weekend and weekday times to accommodate different schedules.



Potential parents tour St. Anthony during Open House.

Debbie Miller and Shawna Poulter are in their second year as Open House chairpersons. Throughout the next two months, these two school parents will be leading teams of volunteers in advertising efforts. Yard signs, mailings and blurbs in local newspaper are some of the ways the committee is spreading the word to families with children from pre-school through eighth grade.

The most productive form of advertising reported by past Open House guests has been personal reference.

School and parish families continue to share their positive experiences of SAS with other members of the community.

During the Open Houses, prospective families are given personal tours by a team of adult and student volunteers and are introduced to school staff. At the close of the tour, parents have the opportunity to enjoy refreshments while meeting PTO officers and representatives

of the Athletic Committee and viewing samples of school uniforms and spirit wear.

Open House volunteers believe the guests are impressed by the welcoming atmosphere and committed, qualified teachers. Since 2007, 125 families have attended St. Anthony School Open Houses and 63 percent of those families have become a part of the SAS community.

The winter Open House for this school year will be Sunday, Feb. 6 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

More information about upcoming school events

Catholic School Week

Every year Catholic School celebrate the value of a Catholic Education. The week focuses on the gift Catholic Education provides to American's young people, and its contribution to our church/parish, our community and our nation. This year the theme is "Catholic Schools: A+ for America."

During the week daily activities will be planned to help celebrate the success of our Catholic School. We will honor our students, our school families, our faculty and staff, our volunteers, our community supporters, and our local and national leaders. Be sure to watch our website for a complete list of the activities that have been planned for Catholic School Week.

"Annie"

St Anthony School will be performing Annie Jr. on March 11th & 12th at 7:00p.m. in the old gym. Grades 6-8 grades will be performing along with a 1st grader playing the role of Annie's dog "Sandy" and a 3rd grader playing the role of "Molly" – the youngest orphan.

Plan on coming to see how Annie and her orphan friends triumph over the evil Ms. Hannigan. Tickets will go on sale Monday Feb. 28 and can be purchased

in the school office. Tickets will be \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children.

Save the Date of March 5

This year we plan on doing a Spaghetti Dinner along with a Reverse Raffle for our major fundraiser at the school. We are asking you to "Save the Date" and plan to help us out on March 5. Also, you will be in good company and have lots of fun.

Veteran's Day

To honor and learn more about the United States veterans, St. Anthony eighth grade students participated in the Evening News "Holiday Cheer from Hoosiers" holiday greeting card project. Messages and artwork were created that will be sent overseas to our soldiers who cannot spend Christmas with their families.

In addition, Army veteran, Rhonda Scott, R.N., a Desert Storm veteran and representative from the Veteran's Administration Medical Center came to St. Anthony to teach the eighth grade about the every day lives of our soldiers. From the entire uniform to the MRE's, which were opened and sampled, the eighth graders learned the full dedication the men and women give for our freedom.

St. Anthony of Padua Parishioner Update

New Parishioners

Christie Stiles and children Haley & Kennedy
 Brian & Tiffany Dobson and children Riley & Lana
 Jason & Elizabeth Masters and child Morgan
 Don & Betty Cantrell
 Donald Cantrell, Jr.
 Toby Cranmer
 Denise Hammond
 Robert & Julie Higdon and child Katie
 Michael & Amy Coriell and children Zane & Olivia
 Brad & Erin Stevens
 Sharon & Dennis Brock
 Ann Wheatley
 Robert & Bernadette Wheatley
 Wes Clark
 Tara Kollenberg
 Maria Gutierrez and children Rene & Alejandro

Marriages

12-18-10
 Andrew Jacob Smith
 Emily Marie Hartman

Baptisms

8-8 Clare Elizabeth Hall, daughter of Stephen & Deborah
 8-22 Evan William Flispart, son of Scott & Paula
 9-19 Kylie Marie Pate, daughter of Gregory & Amy
 10-11 Mia Nicole Clemons and Molly Noreen Clemons, daughters of Joshua & Amanda
 10-24 Grace Ann Duggins, daughter of Patrick & Kelly
 Morgan Bailey Masters, daughter of Jason & Elizabeth
 Savannah Renee Fawn Spillman, daughter of Covie & Lori
 11-21 Teagan Fianna McGarvey, daughter of Nathan & Natalie

Deaths

10-05-10 Vincent 'Bud' Heldman
 10-20-10 Thomas K. Habermel
 10-24-10 James J McAloon
 10-28-10 Ernest Joseph Sanford, III
 12-4-10 Doris Weathers
 12-6-10 Charles W. Edelen, Jr.



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