St. Anthony School



# Bear Facts



## **December 10, 2025**



## Prayer



Loving God,

As we enter the second week of Advent, we light the candle of peace. In this busy season, help us to slow down and notice Your presence.

Fill our hearts with Your peace—

peace that quiets our worries, peace that strengthens our hope, peace that guides our words and actions.

Help us to be peacemakers in our school, our families, and our world.

May we treat one another with kindness, listen with patience,
and choose understanding over anger.

Prepare our hearts for the coming of Your Son, so that when Christmas arrives, we welcome Him with joy, with faith, and with the peace that only You can give.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



## Mark Your Calendars

### **Christmas Program (K-6)**

December 11 1:15 Dress Rehearsal 7:00 Program

#### Stewardship Friday

December 12

## **Spirit Wear Day**

December 12

## 8th Grade PHS Placement Test

December 13

## **Classroom Christmas Parties**

December 19

## Early Dismissal - 1:00, NO ASC

December 19

#### **School Resumes**

January 5



## Important Information



## K-6 Christmas Program

Our Christmas Program is scheduled for Thursday, December 11th. The evening program will be at 7:00 PM in the Church, student should arrive no earlier than 6:30 PM. Students will meet in the Social Hall before the program.

We will also have a dress rehearsal at 1:15 on December 11th. Families are welcome to attend the dress rehearsal. This is a great opportunity to avoid the big crowd in the evening. Our Kindergarten through 6th grade will participate in the Christmas Program. Please see the detail in the Bear Facts.

## **Spirit Wear Day**

We will have a spirit wear day on Friday, December 12. Students may wear SAS or PHS shirt with sweats or jeans.

#### **Christmas Break**

Christmas Break is quickly approaching! Our last day before break will be Friday, December 19. On this day, we will have an early lunch, and students will enjoy their Classroom Christmas Parties. We will dismiss at 1:00 PM, and After School Care will not be available. Please plan accordingly to ensure your child(ren) is picked up at 1:00 PM. School will resume on Monday, January 5, 2026.

Also, students may wear a Christmas/Festive shirt, ugly Christmas Sweater, or a red/green shirt with jeans or sweats.



## School News



#### **Shout Out**

I want to give a huge shout-out to Ally Huber, who worked tirelessly to make our Secret Santa such a wonderful event! We are incredibly grateful for everything you put into making this a success.

I also want to extend a thank you to all of Santa's helpers. Whether you assisted with setup, helped students shop or wrapped gifts, your help did not go unnoticed. We truly couldn't have done this without each of you.



### Save The Date - St. Anthony Reverse Raffle

Our Reverse Raffle is set for Saturday, February 7. Mark your calendar now to attend this fun-filled event. The Reverse Raffle is our biggest school fundraiser of the year. We would love to pack our parish gym with our school and parish community.



Join us at St. Anthony School on December 11th at 7:00 PM for our Annual Christmas Program!

We are excited to showcase our K-6 students as they perform Christmas music in a variety of musical genres.

Please have all students arrive in the Church Social Hall by 6:30PM, dressed in their Christmas finery, so our program can begin promptly at 7:00PM.

We will also have a dress rehearsal at 1:15PM on December 11<sup>th</sup>. Students should wear their Christmas outfits to school.

We look forward to celebrating the season with you!



## PROGRAMA NAVIDEÑO

Acompañenos al Programa Navideño el jueves, 11 de diciembre a las 7:00pm en la Iglesia.

Los alumnos de Kinder a Séxto grado participarán en el Programa Navideño.

Los alumnos pueden usar su vestuario Navideño favorito.

Los alumnos deben llegar al salon social a las 6:30pm, por favor llegue temprano para que el programa pueda empezar a las 7:00pm.

También tendremos una práctica de vestuario completo el 11 de diciembre a la 1:15pm.

Los alumnos deben usar su ropa Navideña favorita a la escuela.



## SCHOOL CLOSINGS AND DELAYS

Decisions are never easy and if you, as the parent or guardian, feel that the roads are too bad to get your child to school, it is your prerogative to keep your child at home. Safety is our first concern when the decision is made to delay or close school. Local fire and police are called upon for help in this decision regarding road conditions, etc., before a decision is made. My goal is to make a decision by 6:00 AM. If there is a closing or delay it will be posted in the following ways:

- Email and Text through PowerSchool Remember you MUST opt in to receive the text message from the school. You can text Y or Yes to 67587 to opt in to text messages!
- School Parent Facebook Page
- School Website
- Wave 3 News
- WLKY 32
- WDRB Snow Fox Closings make sure to sign up for Snow Fox Alerts! -You will look for St. Anthony School, Clarksville.
   Snow Fox Alert Sign Up

If you are a T-Mobile/Sprint customer you will NOT receive the alerts.

If weather and road conditions become bad enough to cause a change in the normal school schedule, we will follow one of the following plans:

**Plan One** - Two Hour Delay For a two-hour delay, the bell will ring at 9:50 AM. On days of delayed opening, the school and Preschool doors will open at 9:15 AM.

**Plan Two** - School Closed When this announcement is made, St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School Building will be closed, but classes will take place via remote learning. St. Anthony Pre School will also be closed.

## Entradas Tarde o Cierre de la Escuela Debido al Mal Clima

Tomar la decisión de cerrar o entrar tarde a la escuela debido al mal clima no es una decisión fácil. Si ustedes como padres de familia sienten que las calles están muy mal como para traer a sus hijos a la escuela, ustedes tienen la decisión final. La seguridad de todos es lo principal. Nosotros llamamos a la estación de policía y bomberos para que nos ayuden a tomar una decisión. La meta es tener una decisión a más tardar las 6:00am.

Se les comunicará cuando se tome una decisión usando las siguientes formas de comunicación:

- Se les mandará un mensaje de texto y correo electrónico por Power School-Recuerde que se tiene que inscribir para recibir estos mensajes. Mande Y o Yes al 67587 para inscribirse.
- Usando la página de Facebook de la escuela
- Usando la página de internet de la escuela
- Usando la Estación local WDRB (Canal 41) Recuerden que nosotros NO seguimos a las otras escuelas y tienen que buscar St. Anthony School-Clarksville.
- Usando la estación local WAVE 3 News. Recuerden que nosotros NO seguimos a las otras escuelas y tienen que buscar St. Anthony School-Clarksville.



## Si tiene T-Mobil/Sprint no recibirá los mensajes.

Si el clima está tan malo que debemos cambiar el horario normal de clases, seguiremos unos de los siguientes dos planes.

- Plan Uno: Entraremos dos horas tarde, la campana sonará a las 9:50am. Los días que entremos tarde la escuela y el pre kinder abrirá sus puertas a las 9:15 am.
- Plan Dos: Se Cancelaran las clases, el edificio estará cerrado pero tendremos clases virtuales. Las clases de pre kinder también serán canceladas.







SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2026 @2PM











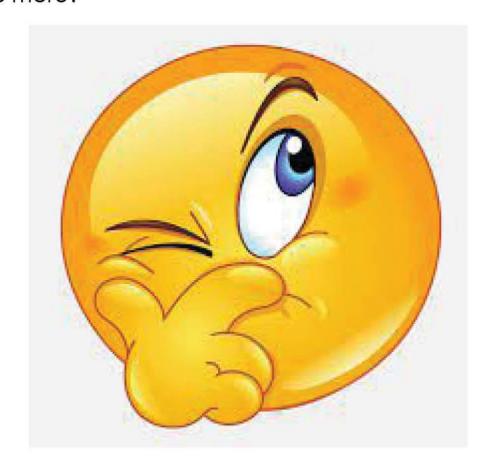


## Family Corner



## 3rd Sunday of Advent

- 1) After a long cold winter, what is the first Spring flower you look for?
- 2) When Isaiah speaks of "blooms with abundant flowers" (verse 2) what kind of flower do you picture in your mind?
- 3) When was the last time you let loose and danced for joy?
- 4) What effect will this Spring-like salvation have on the people?
- 5) Does this prophesy from Isaiah calm your fears or create more?



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## Parish News





Mt. 4:19 "Follow me," he told them, "and I will make you fishers of people!"

## Gaudete Sunday "Rejoice with joyful song!" Is. 35

How is your Advent Challenge coming along? For those who may have missed it. The first week of Advent I challenged people to a 25 day challenge (and its never to late begin if you missed it.)

**Here is the challenge:** I challenge you to wake up every day of Advent and say "Good morning Jesus. Let me discover you in a new way. Don't let me miss you." And at evening ask yourself, where did I find Jesus hiding, or revealing Himself to me? There is a wind-down process in the evening, thanks to St Ignatius of Loyola, we can do called "Examine" where we examine our day. Here is a key to help you remember. Think of Jesus standing before you with a bakers hat on to recall the cue word "BAKER":

B-Bless your day in thanks and praise for all that happened.

A-Ask for the Holy Spirit to guide this examine.

K-Kill, sin kills the spiritual life. Where did you sense the spiritual life was killed? What were the ups of your day? What were the downs?

E-Embrace, open your heart so Jesus can embrace and console you.

R -Response, What will be your response for tomorrow.

Thank God for the opportunity to have a tomorrow and begin again. Imagine Jesus the Baker who makes your favorite sweets who heads off to work when you go to sleep. In order for Jesus to bake you some tasty Christmas cookies, He needs you to do your examine. We are striving to have a personal encounter this Advent with Jesus, and first hand encounter, not a second hand from someone else. It's never too late to begin this endeavor. Good hunting detectives for the hidden Jesus!!!

Hold image below at arms lengths, squint eyes and look for the hidden Jesus!



Trivia (brought to you by Patrick & Patrick YM Trivia Night Exclusive): Only one species of penguin can be found north of the equator, in a part of the world made famous by Charles Darwin. What type of Penguin is this?

YM Trivia Night answer: The Galapagos penguin is one of the smallest penguins in the world and is endemic to the Galapagos Islands. It is the most northerly occurring penguin species, nesting entirely in the tropics, with some colonies living on the northern tip of Isabela in the Northern Hemisphere.







## Family Legacy Memorial

We're excited to announce we have filled our Family Legacy Brick Garden!

We may possibly add another row if we get 10 more orders. If you'd like to be on a waiting list, please click the button.



The Family Legacy Memorial to be dedicated on June 13, 2026.

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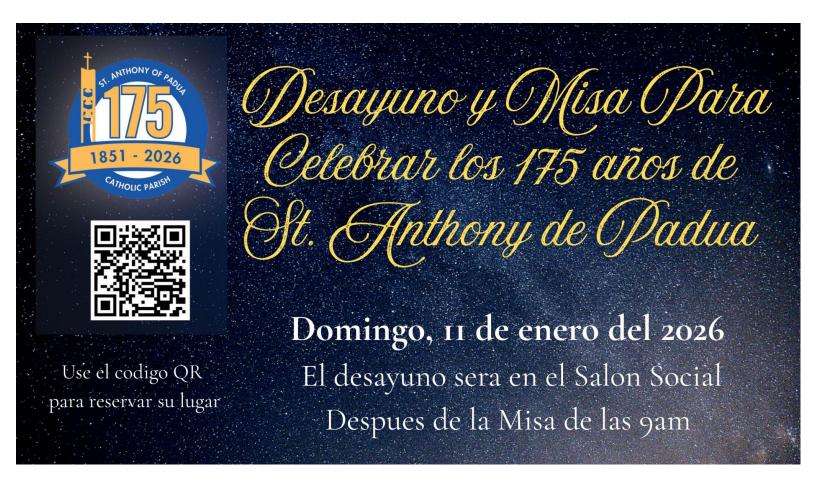
## Help Us Prepare for Our 175th Anniversary Kickoff Breakfast! RSVP Needed

On Sunday, January 11, 2026, we begin our 175th Anniversary Year with a special Parish Community Breakfast, hosted by our Scouts, immediately following the Kickoff Mass at 9:00AM. We hope you and your family will join us for this joyful celebration of faith and community.

To ensure we have enough food and seating for everyone, please RSVP by December 31, 2025.

You can RSVP by clicking the link below. The St. Anthony Connectors will also assist with RSVPs after Mass on December 20-21 and December 27-28.

https://form.jotform.com/253293256277161



## Ayudenos a prepararnos para la celebración del 175 aniversario de la Iglesia reservando su lugar.

El domingo, 11 de enero del 2026, empezaremos nuestro año 175 con un desayuno especial en la Iglesia para la comunidad, patrocinado por los Scouts después de la misa de las 9:00am. Esperamos que usted y su familia nos acompañen a celebrar la fe y nuestra comunidad.

Para asegurarnos de que tengamos suficiente comida y asientos por favor reserve su lugar a **más tardar el 31 de diciembre del 2025.** 

Use el enlace de abajo para hacer su reservación. Tendremos personas que le pueden ayudar a hacer su reservación después de las misas del 20-21 y el 27-28 de diciembre.

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# Calling All Singers!

Are you a 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grader who is interested in singing in the school choir? Come join us!

Beginning January 5 - March 11, practices will be held on Mondays after school until 3:15pm.

Beginning March 23 - May 20, practices will be held on Fridays after school until 3:15pm.

Interested students should fill out the following form and bring it with them to the first practice.

If you have any questions, please contact Music Director, Aidan Singleton, at musicministrystap@gmail.com.



## **School Choir Participation Agreement**

This agreement outlines the expectations for participation in the St. Anthony School Student Choir. As with any group activity, every participant has responsibilities. Please look over the expectations below to make sure you and your child feel you can honor the commitment to being a part of the choir.

By signing this agreement, both the student and their parent/guardian acknowledge and agree to the expectations and consequences. This agreement must be signed and returned by Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>. Students will not be allowed to participate until the agreement is returned.

### I. Student expectations

- Commitment: Participation in the choir requires commitment and dedication. Students should strive to be attentive, try their best, and maintain a positive attitude during rehearsals and performances. Practice music at home as directed to contribute to the choir's success.
- **Respect:** The choir director, accompanist, staff, fellow students, and guests should always be treated with respect and kindness. This includes active listening and valuing everyone's contributions. Rehearsal and performance facilities and equipment should be treated with care.
- Punctuality and Attendance: Arrive on time for all rehearsals and Masses, prepared to sing and participate fully. If a rehearsal or Mass must be missed due to illness, a family emergency, or a significant event, the parent/guardian should notify the director in advance, if possible. Excessive unexcused absences may result in probation or dismissal from the choir.
- Rehearsal Behavior: During rehearsals, focus on the music and instructions, minimizing talking and distractions. Using phones during rehearsals is not allowed. Students will receive two verbal warnings regarding inappropriate behavior. After two warnings, parents/guardians will be contacted. If parents must be contacted regarding rehearsal or Mass behavior more than once, the student will not be allowed to participate in the choir.
- Mass Conduct: Participate in all scheduled Masses and be prepared with music, lyrics, and any memorized movements. Arrive on time, wearing the appropriate school uniform. During Masses, remain focused on the director and the music, maintaining a respectful demeanor. Do not talk or whisper, wave to friends or family, or do anything that might distract others from what is happening during Mass.
- Cantors: Cantors will be chosen by the church music director. In order to be considered, a student must have good attendance at rehearsals and must be present for the rehearsal prior to the Mass they are to cantor. Serving as a cantor is a privilege and students may be asked to arrive early, stay late, or schedule extra rehearsal time if selected.

#### II. Parent/Guardian expectations

- **Support and Encouragement:** Support the child's participation in the choir and encourage them to practice and uphold their commitments.
- Attendance and Punctuality: Ensure the child attends all required rehearsals and
  Masses on time. Communicate with the director about any planned absences or concerns
  in a timely manner. Arrange for transportation of the child to and from rehearsals and
  other choir events.
- Communication: Read communications from the choir, ask questions when needed, stay
  informed, and communicate with the director about any concerns or changes to contact
  information.

#### III. Consequences of not fulfilling commitments

- Students should attend all rehearsals. If a student misses a rehearsal, it is at the discretion of the director whether the student will participate in the choir at Mass that week. Absences can be emailed to the director at <a href="mailto:musicministrystap@gmail.com">musicministrystap@gmail.com</a> or called into the school office at 812-282-2144.
- Students should be picked up promptly at the end of rehearsal. Students who are not picked up within five minutes of the scheduled rehearsal's end will be sent to after school care at the parent's expense no exceptions.
- Students should behave appropriately and respectfully during all rehearsals and Masses. Students will be given two verbal warnings. After two warnings, parents/guardians will be contacted. If parents must be contacted regarding rehearsal or Mass behavior more than once, the student will not be allowed to participate in the choir.

Failure to uphold these commitments may result in consequences, including verbal warnings, disciplinary actions, or dismissal from the choir.

### IV. Signatures

By signing below, it is acknowledged that the agreement has been read, understood, and agreed to for the duration of the choir season to ensure a successful experience for all students.

Student Name (Print):	
Student Signature:	Date:
Parent/Guardian Name (Print):	
Parent/Guardian Signature:	Date:
Emergency Contact and Phone #:	

Please return this signed agreement to Mr. Singleton by Monday, January 5th.

## **Atencion Cantantes!**

¿Estásen5º - 8ºgradoyte interesacantar en elcorodela escuela? Acompañanos!

Empezando el 5 de enero al 11 de marzo las practicas seran los lunes después de la escuela hasta las 3:15pm

Del 23 de marzo al 20 de mayo las practicas seran todos los viernes después de la escuela hasta las 3:15pm

Los alumnos interesados deben llenar la forma necesaria y traerla a la primera práctica.

Si tiene alguna pregunta por favor comuniquese con el Director de Música Aidan Singleton musicministrystap@gmail.com



## Acuerdo Para Participar en El Coro de la Escuela

Este acuerdo tiene las expectativas para participar en el Coro de Alumnos de la Escuela St. Anthony. Como cualquier actividad en grupo, cada participante tiene responsabilidades. Por favor vea las expectativas de abajo y asegúrese de que usted y su hijo creen que pueden seguir el compromiso que se espera de ustedes al ser parte del coro.

Al firmar este acuerdo, los dos el alumno y los padres entienden y están de acuerdo con las expectativas y consecuencias. Este acuerdo debe ser firmado y regresado el lunes, 5 de enero. Los alumnos no podrán participar hasta que el acuerdo sea regresado.

### I. Expectativas del Alumno

- Compromiso: La participación en el coro requiere compromiso y dedicación. Los alumnos deben esforzarse y poner atención, hacer lo mejor que puedan, y mantener una actitud positiva durante las prácticas y a la hora de cantar. Practicar la música en casa para poder hacer que el coro tenga éxito.
- Respeto: El director del coro, acompañantes, maestros, otros alumnos e invitados deben siempre ser tratados con respeto y amabilidad. Esto incluye escucharlos y valorar la contribución de los demás. El área e instrumentos con los que practicamos deben ser tratados con respeto.
- Puntualidad y Asistencia: Llegar a tiempo para las prácticas y las Misas, preparado para cantar y participar completamente. Si el alumno no puede asistir a las prácticas o Misa debido a una enfermedad, emergencia familiar, o evento, un padre de familia debe notificar al director de música, si es posible. El exceso de faltas puede resultar en que el alumno sea puesto en tiempo de prueba o no podrá participar en el coro.
- Comportamiento en las Prácticas: Durante las prácticas, el enfoque es la música y las instrucciones, minimizar las distracciones y no hablar. Usar los teléfonos durante la práctica no está permitido. Después de dos advertencias nos comunicaremos con los padres. Si es necesario comunicarse con los padres debido al comportamiento en la práctica o durante Misa más de una vez, el alumno no podrá participar en el coro.
- Comportamiento en Misa: Participar en todas las Misas agendadas y estar preparado con la música, la letra y memorizar todos los movimientos. Llegar a tiempo, usar el uniforme escolar adecuado. Durante la misa, estar enfocado en el director de música y la música, actuar con respeto. No hablar o susurrar, estar saludando de lejos a los amigos o familiares, o hacer algo que distraiga a los demás durante la Misa.
- Cantante: El alumno que cante solo en misa será escogido por el director de la Iglesia.
   Para ser considerado, el alumno debe tener buena asistencia a las prácticas y debe estar presente para las prácticas antes de misa. Ser el alumno que canta solo es un privilegio y se le puede pedir al alumno que llegue más temprano o se quede tarde o asista a una práctica adicional

## II Expectativas de los Padres

- **Apoyar y Animar:** Apoye la participación del alumno en el coro y animar al alumno a participar y cumplir sus compromisos.
- Asistencia y Puntualidad: Asegurarse de que su hijo asista a todas las prácticas y Misas a tiempo. Comunicarse con el director de música sobre cualquier falta planeada o preocupación. Asegurarse de que el alumno tendrá como llegar y ser recogido a tiempo de las prácticas y eventos del coro.
- Comunicación: Leer las comunicaciones del coro, hacer preguntas cuando sea necesario, mantenerse informado y comunicarse con el director sobre cualquier preocupación o cambio de teléfonos o formas de comunicarse con ustedes.

## III Consecuencias de No Cumplir los Compromisos

- Los alumnos que no asisten a las prácticas. Si el alumno no asiste a las prácticas, es decisión del director si el alumno participará en el coro durante Misa esa semana. Si el alumno va a faltar a la práctica los padres pueden comunicarse con el director musicministrystap@gmail.com o llamando a la oficina de la escuela 812-282-2144.
- Los alumnos deben ser recogidos a tiempo al final de cada práctica, los alumnos que no sean recogidos a más tardar 5 minutos después de que termine la práctica serán enviados a la guardería y los padres recibirán el cobro. No habrá excepciones.
- Los alumnos se deben portar adecuadamente y respetuosamente durante las prácticas y las misas. A los alumnos se les darán dos advertencias verbales. Después de dos advertencia verbales el director de música se comunicara con los padres. Si es necesario comunicarse con los padres debido al comportamiento en la práctica o durante Misa más de una vez, el alumno no podrá participar en el coro.

No cumplir con los compromisos nombrados anteriormente pueden resultar en consecuencias, incluyendo advertencia verbal, acciones disciplinarias, no poder participar en el coro.

### IV Firmas

Alfirmar en la parte de abajo, doy a entender que he leído, entendido y estoy de acuerdo con las reglas del coro durante la temporada de las prácticas del coro para asegurar el éxito de todos los alumnos.

Nombre del Alumno:	
Firma del Alumno:	Fecha:
Nombre del Padre/Madre:	
Firma del Padre/Madre:	Fecha:
Persona y teléfono de emergencia:	

Por Favor regrese este acuerdo firmado a Mr. Singleton a más tardar el lunes, 5 de agosto