



St. Anthony School

Bear Facts



December 3, 2025



Prayer



As we enter this season of Advent,
we pause together in gratitude for the hope, peace, joy, and love
that this time of year reminds us to prepare for.
Bless our school community as we begin this journey of waiting and
expectation. Help us to slow down, to notice Your presence in the small and
ordinary moments of our days,
and to make room in our hearts for the light of Christ.
Bless our students and their families during this sacred season.
May our classrooms be places of kindness, growth, and understanding.
As we walk together toward the celebration of Christ's birth,
renew our spirits, strengthen our purpose,
and fill us with hope for the work we are called to do.
We ask this in Your holy name.
Amen.



Mark Your Calendars

Secret Santa

December 4 and 5

All School Rosary

December 4, 2:00

All School Mass

December 8

Christmas Program (K-6)

December 11

1:15 Dress Rehearsal

6:30 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



Important Information



All School Rosary

We will hold an All-School Rosary on Thursday, December 4th at 2:00 PM. All are welcome to join us as we pray together in honor of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Our All-School Mass celebrating the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception will be held on Monday, December 8 at 8:00 AM. Because Mass will be celebrated on Monday, we will not have an All-School Mass on Wednesday, December 10.

K-6 Christmas Program

Our Christmas Program is scheduled for Thursday, December 11th. The evening program will be at 6:30 PM in the Church. 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.

Providence Placement Test

Attention parents of future Pioneers! It's time to register for our 8th-grade placement test! The placement test, which is on Saturday, Dec. 13, helps us place students in classes for the upcoming school year. The results are also used for academic scholarships. Click the link below for more details and to register. [#BluePride #classof2030](https://forms.gle/f4pX7eJCcjT17YX86)

Click here to register for the test: <https://forms.gle/f4pX7eJCcjT17YX86>



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.

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.

3rd and 4th Grade Basketball

Be on the lookout for 3rd and 4th grade basketball registration. For those who haven't signed up yet, registration is opened today!

<https://www.sasathletics.us/>

Volunteers Needed

SAS is hosting basketball games this Saturday, 12/6/25 and needs some volunteers. If you are interested and able to help, please sign up at the link below.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0548AFA729A2FBC25-60880464-basketball#/>



Christmas Program

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 6:15PM, 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 17th.
Students should wear their Christmas outfits to school.

We look forward to celebrating the season with you!



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.

ST. ANTHONY SCHOOL PRESENTS
Disney
FROZEN JR.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2026
@ 7PM**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2026
@ 2PM**



MUSIC & LYRICS BY
KRISTEN ANDERSON-LOPEZ & ROBERT LOPEZ
BOOK BY
JENNIFER LEE
BASED ON THE DISNEY FILM WRITTEN BY JENNIFER LEE
AND DIRECTED BY CHRIS BUCK AND JENNIFER LEE
DISNEY'S FROZEN JR. IS PRESENTED THROUGH SPECIAL
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The poster features a vibrant blue background with a large purple jellyfish on the left side. At the bottom, there is a detailed illustration of a coral reef with various types of coral in shades of orange, red, and blue, along with two starfish, one orange and one pink. Numerous small, realistic-looking bubbles are scattered throughout the water. The text is arranged in a clean, modern layout, with the event title being the most prominent element.

JOIN US FOR AN ENCHANTED EVENING

UNDER *the sea*

REVERSE RAFFLE AND SILENT AUCTION

**SATURDAY
FEB. 7, 2026**

**DOORS
OPEN AT
6PM**

**LOCATED IN
THE PARISH
GYM**

INDIANA GAMING LICENSE: 002390

ACOMPÁÑANOS A UNA NOCHE ENCANTADA

BAJO *Del Mar*

RIFA Y SUBASTA ANUAL

**SÁBADO, 7 DE
FEBRERO DEL
2026**

**LAS
PUERTAS
ABREN A
LAS 6PM**

**EN EL
GIMNASIO DE
LA IGLESIA**

INDIANA GAMING LICENSE: 002390



Family Corner



Lion and the Lamb

Among the Christmas cards arriving daily are the usual creche scenes, angels, wise men, shepherds, and Bethlehem stars like searchlights against the night. Truth be told, they are plenty of Santas and reindeer, snow-folk, and cute animals too. But somewhere is the old pairing of a lion and a lamb snuggling together, a predator refusing to eat its prey.



The lamb hosts the wolf, the calf dines with the lion, it is like the harmonious Garden of Eden all over again. The idea is that the worlds' original harmony is achievable—if we all retract our claws and keep our teeth to ourselves.

- 1) What cherished memory of Christmas is part of your childhood?
- 2) When family gathers for Christmas it most resembles a "Hallmark Christmas" or a "Home Alone" Christmas or "It's a Wonderful Life" Christmas?
- 3) What is an absolute "must see" Christmas movie in your family?
- 4) Who is the best musician playing Christmas songs on your radio?
- 5) If we are called to be peacemakers at home, what relationship in is in need of peace?



Advent 2nd Sunday GF Blessing of the Christmas Tree

The use of the Christmas tree is relatively modern. Its origins are found in the medieval mystery plays that depicted the tree of paradise and the Christmas light or candle that symbolize Christ, the Light of the world. According to custom, the Christmas tree is set up just before Christmas and may remain in place until the solemnity of Epiphany. The lights of the tree are illuminated after the prayer of blessing. In the home the Christmas tree may be blessed by a parent or another head of household, in connection with the event meal on the Vigil of Christmas or at another suitable time on the Christmas Day.

R Response of all in the household
Head of household who leads
The leader makes the sign of the cross, everyone responds, "Amen."

V Let us Glorify Christ our light, who brings salvation and peace into our midst, now and forever.

R Amen.

V My Brothers and Sisters, amidst sign and wonders Christ Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea: his birth brings joy to our hearts and enlightenment to our minds. With this tree, decorated and adorned, may we welcome Christ among us; may its lights guide us to the perfect light. Read Bible citation Titus 3:4-7

V The Word of the Lord

R Thanks be to God.

Intercessions:

V Let us ask God to send his blessing upon us and upon this sign of our faith in the Lord

R Lord, give light to our hearts.

1. That this tree of lights may remind us of the tree of glory on which Christ accomplished our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **R**

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

2. That the joy of Christmas may always be in our homes, let us prayer to the Lord. **R**

3. That the peace of Christ may dwell in our hearts and in the world, let us pray to the Lord. (Invite members of the family to offer their own prayers of petition) **R**

V Now let us pray the Lord's Prayer, Our Father...

V Lord our God, we praise you for the light of creation: the sun, the moon, and the stars of the night. We praise you for the light of Israel: the Law, the prophets, and the wisdom of the Scriptures. We praise you for Jesus Christ, you Son; he is Emmanuel, God-with-us, the Prince of Peace, who fills us with the wonder of the Love. Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we illumine this tree. May the light and cheer it gives be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts. May all who delight in this tree come to the knowledge and joy of salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R Amen.

(The lights of the tree are illuminated. The leader concludes by making the sign of the cross and saying:)

V May the God of glory fill our hearts with peace and joy, now and forever.

R Amen.

The blessing concludes with a verse from "O Come, O come Emmanuel"
O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

Trivia (brought to you by Patrick & Patrick YM Trivia Night Exclusive): Shite Nose Syndrome is a deadly fungal disease that can be carried on the gear and clothing of adventurous humans. It was first detected in Kentucky and Indiana national parks in 2012. Fortunately, it is harmless to people...but what animal does it attack?

V = Leader

R = Response

Trivia Night Exclusive Answer: White-nose syndrome (WNS) is a fungal disease killing hibernating bats in North America. The fungus, named *Pseudogymnoascus destructans* (or Pd for short) likely originated in Europe or Asia. Sometime in the early 2000's Pd arrived in North America and attacked vulnerable bat species, resulting in unusual and large die-offs of bats first observed in New York in 2006. Since then, the disease has spread to most US states and Canadian provinces, leaving millions of dead bats in its path. WNS causes high death rates and fast population declines in the species affected by it. Three species, little brown bats, northern long-eared bats and tri-colored bats, declined by more than 90% across the eastern US by 2018. The declines have been so fast and severe, the northern long-eared bat (*Myotis spetentrionalis*) has been listed as endangered, and the tricolored bat (*Perimyotis subflavus*) has been proposed for listing under the Endangered Species Act.



Family Legacy Memorial

Honor Your Family's Legacy

As we prepare to celebrate 175 years of faith and community, leave a lasting tribute to your family's life at St. Anthony Parish.

Don't miss this opportunity to honor your family or your parents or grandparents who brought your family into the St. Anthony faith community.



**Family Legacy Bricks will be available to purchase
until December 7, 2025**

With the Family Legacy Memorial
to be dedicated in May, 2026.

Don't wait, secure your family's place in
St. Anthony's history today!
Celebrate our past. Inspire our Future.

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it into the parish office along with payment.

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