



Bear Facts



April 8, 2026



Prayer



We rejoice in the joy of Easter and celebrate the gift of Your Resurrection. Fill our homes with peace, hope, and love as we gather together in faith.

Bless our families with renewed hearts and grateful spirits.

May the light of Christ guide our homes, strengthen our relationships, and inspire us to live with kindness, forgiveness, and compassion each day.

Help us to carry the joy of Easter beyond this season—sharing Your love with neighbors, friends, and all those we meet.

May our families always be places of faith, laughter, and unity, reflecting the promise of new life found in You.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Mark Your Calendars

All School Rosary

Reschedule April 23 at 1:45

**Classroom Birthday Parties
(Feb, March, April, May)**

April 10

1st Communion

April 11, 11:00 AM

ILEARN Testing

April 13-May 8

Zesto Spirit Night

April 15

Stewardship Friday

April 17

PTO Meeting

April 21

Kinderderby

April 30

Oak's Day - No School

May 1



Important Information



Easter Season

We hope all of our families enjoyed a joyful and faith-filled Easter celebration! As we continue into the Easter season, we look forward to celebrating the hope, renewal, and new life that the Resurrection brings to our school community.

As a reminder, please return your **CRS Rice Bowls** to school if you have not already done so. Hunger, food insecurity, violence and other suffering is much worse with the recent developments in place like Iran, Lebanon, and Gaza. It makes giving to the 2026 CRS Rice Bowl more crucial than ever. Thank you for your generosity and for helping our students live out the spirit of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving during Lent.

All School Rosary

The All School Rosary originally scheduled for April 9 has been rescheduled for Thursday, April 23 at 1:45 PM. Thank you for your flexibility, and we look forward to gathering together in prayer as a school community.



CRS Rice Bowls

As our Lenten season has come to an end, we would like to thank our families for participating in the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl program. Through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, our students have helped support families in need around the world.

Please remember to return your CRS Rice Bowls to school after the Lenten season. Thank you for your generosity and for helping our students live out the true spirit of Lent through service and compassion for others.



Classroom Birthday Party

Friday, April 10 we will celebrate our February, March, April, and May birthdays. Students who have a birthday in one of these months may be out of uniform on this day. Classrooms will have birthday parties on this day. Our room parents will send in treats. If you are sending in treats, please make sure to label with name of classroom.

Smart Watches

Students are not allowed to wear a Smartwatch to school. This is a handbook policy just like cell phones. The Smartwatch must be left at home or in a backpack during the school day. If a student has on a Smartwatch during school, it will be taken away and the parent must pick it up in the office.

Universal Choice 2026-2027

Families across Indiana now have more freedom and more financial support to choose the school that best fits their child. Because of the expanded Universal Indiana Choice Scholarship Program, ALL families now qualify for the Choice Scholarship to attend a participating private or Catholic school. Please help us spread the word about Universal Choice, a flyer is included in the Bear Facts!

1st Communion

Many of our students will be receiving their 1st Communion on Saturday, April 11 at 11:00.. Please join us in praying for each of them as they receive the real presence of the body and blood of Christ for the first time.



Evelyn Abelove

Alana Luna Valero

Landon Alvarado-Shelly

Ximena Marcelino Velez

Camila Galicia

Yahel Martinez Quintero

Victoria Hernandez Benites

Ryker McCain

Abigail Huber

Conner Merideth

Christopher Klingsmith

Zoe Panopio

Elias Leon Garcia

Greyson Seese



ILEARN Testing

ILEARN Testing will begin on Monday, April 13th and go through April 24th for 3rd - 8th Grade. It is imperative that students are present on their testing dates. Please mark your calendars and do everything you can to not schedule appointments, vacations, or other commitments during this time. Obviously, if your child is sick we want them to stay home and get well. Teachers will send specific dates of testing once a schedule has been set.

Students need headphones or earbuds for ILEARN testing.
Please make sure your student has these at school before testing.

Tips for a Successful ILEARN Test

The week before:

- Move any scheduled appointments to a date outside testing week or to the afternoons if possible.
- Celebrate your student. Let your child know you are proud of them and you believe in them. Positive reinforcement can help ease testing anxiety. A little encouragement can go a long way in lessening the stress that comes with testing.
- Discuss the upcoming test and what may be happening to help prepare them for it.



The night before:

- Ensure your student eats a healthy dinner.
- Plan on a normal night's sleep.
- Lay out uniform for the next day.
- If stress and anxiety are a problem play a game, go for a walk. Physical and mental activity will help relieve the stress.



The morning of:

- Have the student up early enough to enable them to prepare without rushing.
- Eat a healthy, but not heavy breakfast. Remember we are testing at 8:00 AM



During the test:

- Breathe. As simple as it may seem many of our students find themselves holding their breath creating unnecessary stress and anxiety.
- Help instill confidence. Remind them to think positive thoughts.
- Get them to "Self talk" (Tell themselves they will do his/her best and they are well prepared for the test). They can do this well!





School Store

Our School Store Program is a year-long fundraising opportunity that allows families to support our classrooms in a simple and convenient way. Thanks to your participation, we have already raised \$900 for our classrooms!

The School Store Program is 100% online, which means there is no face-to-face selling, handling money, or delivering products. Participation takes less than 12 minutes, and students have the opportunity to earn exciting prizes along the way.

This program is a wonderful way to directly support our teachers and students. Families can purchase gift cards through the program, and teachers are then able to use those gift cards to purchase needed items for their classrooms. Thank you for your continued support of our school and for helping provide valuable resources for our classrooms!

Here is all you need to do to participate:

1. Go to <https://www.schoolstore.net/sid.t?0000117345> to sign up.
2. Send form emails inviting family, friends and co-workers to support your child.
3. Return the Book Buddy Lanyard with the Student Prize Code to school for your child to get their fun participation prize.



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SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

🎓 OPPORTUNITY FOR FAMILIES: UNIVERSAL SCHOOL CHOICE IN INDIANA 🎓

A GREAT EDUCATION MAY BE MORE AFFORDABLE THAN YOU THINK!

Families across Indiana now have **more freedom and more financial support** to choose the school that best fits their child. Because of the **expanded Universal Indiana Choice Scholarship Program**, **ALL families now qualify for the Choice Scholarship** to attend a participating private or Catholic school.

✨ WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOUR FAMILY

- ✓ **Expanded eligibility** – ALL Indiana families now qualify
- ✓ **Choice Scholarship awards averaging \$6,700 towards your child's tuition**
- ✓ **Faith-based education opportunities**
- ✓ **Smaller class sizes and personal attention**
- ✓ **A safe, supportive school community**

Even if you **did not qualify before, you will qualify now!**

📖 WHY FAMILIES ARE CHOOSING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

- Strong academic programs
- Values-based education
- Safe and nurturing environment
- Focus on the whole child — mind, body, and spirit

Your child deserves a school where they can **Smile, Achieve, and Succeed.**

🔊 INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE?

We would love to help you explore this opportunity! Please contact our School Principal, Mrs. Stephany Tucker.

📞 **Call:** 812-282-2144

✉️ **Email:** s.tucker@stanthonyschool.us

📍 **Visit:** St. Anthony School, Clarksville, IN

Ask about:

- **Choice Scholarship eligibility**
- **Enrollment for next school year**
- **Scheduling a school tour**

★ **A high-quality education may be closer—and more affordable—than you think!**



SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

🎓 UNA OPORTUNIDAD PARA LAS FAMILIAS: AYUDA UNIVERSAL PARA LAS FAMILIAS DE INDIANA 🎓

¡UNA EXCELENTE EDUCACIÓN PUEDE SER MÁS ACCESIBLE DE LO QUE PIENSA!

Todas las familias de Indiana ahora tienen **más libertad y más apoyo financiero** para escoger la mejor escuela para sus hijos. Ya que se **expandió la Ayuda Universal de la Colegiatura TODAS las familias aplican para recibir la ayuda de la colegiatura** para asistir a una escuela privada o Católica. Ayúdenos a compartir la información sobre la Ayuda Universal de la Colegiatura.

🌟 QUE QUIERE DECIR ESTO PARA SU FAMILIA

- ✓ Se expande la elegibilidad – TODAS las familias de Indiana pueden aplicar ahora.
- ✓ La ayuda de la colegiatura le puede ayudar con hasta \$6,700 de la colegiatura de su hijo
- ✓ Educación basada en fe
- ✓ Clases más pequeñas y atención personalizada
- ✓ Una comunidad escolar segura que lo apoya

Si, no califico antes, **ahora si puede calificar!**

📖 POR QUE LAS FAMILIAS ESTÁN ESCOGIENDO ESCUELAS CATÓLICAS

- Por su programa académico
- Educación basada en valores
- Un ambiente seguro y enriquecedor
- Se enfoca en todo el alumno- su mente, su cuerpo y espíritu

Su hijo merece una escuela donde pueda **Sonreír, Lograr sus Metas y ser Exitoso**

🗣️ LE INTERESA SABER MÁS?

¡Nos encantaría ayudarle a explorar esta nueva oportunidad! Por favor comuníquese con Mrs. Stephany Tucker.

📞 **Telefono:** 812-282-2144

✉️ **Correo Electrónico:** s.tucker@stanthony.school.us

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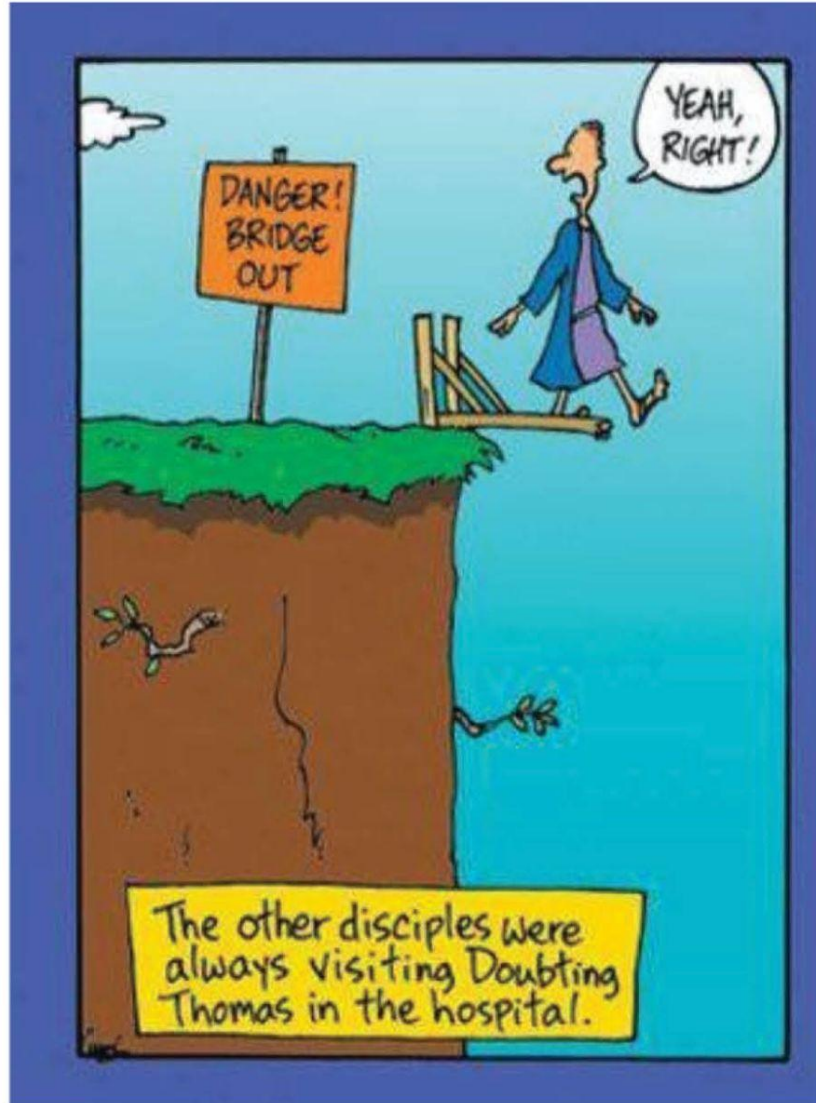
Pregunte sobre:

- Elegibilidad de Ayuda de Choice
- Inscripciones para el siguiente ciclo escolar
- Agende un recorrido

★ Una educación de alta calidad puede estar más cerca de lo que piensa- y más accesible de lo que piensa!



Family Corner



2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:42-47

- 1) Are you more giving of your time, money, or things?
- 2) What group do you find has the most unity? Sports team? Church group? Family group? Political group?
- 3) Why do you suppose the early church did such a good job of looking after each other?
- 4) How would you label the first Christians who shared their possessions? Radical? Insane? Cultish? Or inspiring?
- 5) If you had been invited to join this community, what would your initial reaction have been? How does St. Anthony resemble the early church? How do we differ?



GONE fishing

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

Why the Chaplet of Divine Mercy?

Divine Mercy Sunday occurs this year on the weekend of April 11th & 12th. There will be a deanery wide celebration of Divine Mercy at John Paul II parish in Sellersburg. Confessions will be held Sunday from 12:30-3:00pm and followed by spiritual reflections by Mother Olga at 3:00pm during Adoration. Mother Olga is the founder and Servant of the Daughters of Mary of Nazareth, a new religious order stationed in our deanery. I hope you can attend this spiritual-enriching event. Now Fr. Jeffrey Kirby wants to share why the celebration of Divine Mercy is so essential for us to celebrate during the Octave of Easter.



The call to mercy, moreover, was placed within a broader appeal to carry a cross, go the extra mile, return cruelty with kindness, minister to the sick, serve the poor, honor marriage, and to approach all men and women – not with judgment or condescension – but with fraternal love and affection. Even in the Lord's own day, such demands for discipleship seemed outrageous and unrealistic. Many of his teachings were initially tolerated because of his many miracles, signs, and healings. In due course, however, things reached a breaking point. The Lord's teachings and his claims about himself, the living God, and the anticipated kingdom became too much, and so he was unjustly condemned, turned over to the Gentiles, tortured, humiliated, and crucified. The story is over and life goes on ... at least, that's what some thought.

On the third day, the Lord Jesus rose from the dead and this singular splendid, magnificent, and awe-inspiring event of the Lord's Resurrection changed everything. The world was made new and was offered grace and glory as the Risen Christ – showing his eternal power to humanity – vanquished forever the ancient foes of sin and death. The Resurrection is the conquest of mercy. It is the triumph of goodness. It is the definitive emancipation of the human family. In the Risen Christ, we are now able to worship God without fear, being holy and righteous in his sight, as the Canticle of Zechariah sings. With such an eternal victory at hand, therefore, what was the Lord Jesus speaking about before his Passion and Death? Why the call to die to oneself in giving mercy and service to others? Doesn't the Resurrection make all things new?



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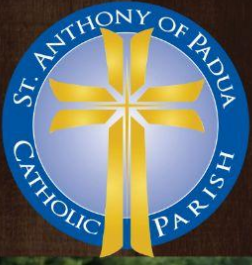
The Lord's Resurrection gives a renewed grace to humanity, but it is not a cheap grace. Grace is God's life and power within us. It is the healing of our fallenness and the redemption of our original goodness as the children of God. Grace restores what sin has stolen. It is the means of our salvation. Grace purifies, consoles, convicts, raises us up, pushes us forward, and calls us to show forth the presence and the kingdom of God in our world.

And so, in the Risen Christ, we are given a promise of glory and the help of grace. We are not dispensed from the darkness, sinfulness, and hurt of our fallen world. We receive grace where we are, and we are called to unleash it, and let it work within us and through us. Grace wails and groans within us to labor for the sake of righteousness. The Spirit of God grieves when grace is not permitted to bring forth the kingdom of truth and goodness. And this is the rub. God's grace desires to pierce our world, which was made good, but is now fallen. There is no battle between supposedly equal forces of good and evil. Such false drama is not reality. The true battle is between a good world and an illness – a spiritual cancer – called evil. Evil is not equivalent to goodness. It is a "nothing," and anti-reality, that eats away all that is good and existentially healthy. It fragments what is meant to be whole, it weakens what is meant to be strong, and it disfigures what is meant to be beautiful.

The battle, therefore, is to strengthen goodness and let it shine. There is no greater opposition to evil than robust goodness. And it is here, in this understanding, that the demands of the Lord Jesus to his disciples are properly placed. It is here in the battle, not between two equal forces, but between a good world that yearns to be reborn, freed from its fallenness, and strengthened by grace to flourish once again, that Christian disciples can most powerfully heed the Lord's call, play their role, and allow the graces of the Resurrection to be victorious in the here and now.

This is the purpose of the Lord's teachings. This is the way of the Christian. As the Easter Octave will soon end, and the Church throughout the world celebrates the Divine Mercy of God, every Christian is harkened back to the simplicity and challenge of the Lord's invitation to be a force of grace and goodness, to be a true son or daughter of the Resurrection, and allow its glorious and saving light to cover the whole world.

Follow Father Jeffrey Kirby on Twitter: @fatherkirby



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Youth Summer Camps

Registration is open for K-8 sports camps and theatre camp

CLARKSVILLE – Young athletes across Southern Indiana can level up their game with elite coaching and nonstop fun at Our Lady of Providence High School’s K-8 Summer Sports Camps!

Led by some of the best coaches in the region—along with current Providence athletes—these camps will introduce future Pioneers to the fundamentals of their favorite sports in a high-energy, engaging environment. Sports include volleyball, basketball, football, wrestling, golf, and more!

Spots are limited, so families are encouraged to register soon.

“Providence has a long-standing tradition of athletic excellence, from our 2024 state champion football team to our multiple-time state champion volleyball program,” said Ted Leasor, PHS Athletic Director. “These summer camps allow young athletes to develop their skills, build confidence, and experience Pioneer athletic excellence firsthand.”

Providence High School’s athletic programs are known for their competitive success, with state and semi-state championships across multiple sports, including football, basketball, baseball, volleyball, girls’ soccer and more.

Don’t miss this opportunity to train like a Pioneer!

THEATRE CAMP

If your student is ready to take the center stage, sign up for our musical theatre camp! Our younger thespians will focus on *The Jungle Book*, and the older thespians will focus on *Tarzan*.

For more information and to register for any of our camps, go to: <https://www.providencehighschoolsummercamps.com/>.

Providence High School is located at 707 Providence Way, in Clarksville, IN.

For more information, please contact Tara Schmelz at tschmelz@providencehigh.net.

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- ▶ THEATRE





MASTER GARDENER

2026 Youth Master Gardener Program

Plant and harvest your own vegetables and flowers while learning about plant growth & development, soils & composting, vegetables, herbs, fruits, flowers, pest & beneficial insects, wildlife & ecology and much more . . .

Who: Children who have completed 2nd grade to age 12.

Where: Georgetown Optimist Club - 8260 State Road 64
Georgetown, IN

When: Classes meet **Mondays** from **9AM until 12PM (noon)**.
June 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th, and July 6th, 13th

Plus, an **Early Planting Day - Saturday May 9th**
from **10AM to 12PM (noon)** since the gardens need
to be planted before classes start.

Sunnyside Master Gardeners will be available to assist each child.

Cost: A participation fee of **\$35** is due with the application. Includes all supplies, plants, and materials for the program.

Application deadline is April 30th, 2026.

Class size is limited with applications accepted on a first-received, first-enrolled basis so.... **don't delay!**

For more information and application forms, visit our website:

www.sunnysidemg.org/_ymg