



St. Anthony School

Bear Facts



August 26, 2026



Prayer



Dear God,

Thank You for the gift of a new school year and for the opportunity to grow together as a school family. Help our students to be curious, brave, kind, and willing to try new things.

Give our teachers and staff patience and wisdom as they guide our children, and bless our families with encouragement and understanding.

When things are difficult, remind us that growth takes time. Help us to learn from our mistakes, celebrate our progress, and encourage one another along the way.

May St. Anthony continue to be a place where every child feels loved, supported, and inspired to become the person You created them to be. Amen.



School News



Mark Your Calendars

Sign Choice Paperwork

August 26-27 in School Office

Pioneer Cup 8th Gr. @ Providence

August 27

PTO Information Session

August 31 @ 6PM

No School - Labor Day

September 7

7th & 8th Grade

Grandparent/Parent Liturgy @ 9am

September 10

Walk-A-Thon

September 11

Bear Nation BBQ

September 12

Youth Group Drop-In

September 15

Stewardship Friday

September 18

The school year is beginning to find its rhythm, and we are so grateful to see our St. Anthony community growing together. Each day brings new opportunities for our students to learn, make friends, try new things, and discover what they are capable of.

Growth doesn't always happen perfectly or all at once. Sometimes it means trying again after making a mistake, asking for help when something feels difficult, or showing kindness when someone needs a friend. As adults, we are growing too- learning our routines, getting to know one another, and finding new ways to support our students.

At St. Anthony, we want our students to know that they don't have to be perfect to grow. What matters is that we keep trying, keep learning, and keep moving forward.

Thank you for being part of our journey this year. We are excited to see how much we will learn, grow, and accomplish together!





Growing up, I have so many wonderful memories of my grandma. I spent many nights in her apartment playing cards with her and her downstairs neighbors until late in the evening, listening to her beautiful piano playing as the sunset shone through her living room windows, and many shopping trips to the grocery store to pick out snacks for when I would sleep over at her house.

We always had a “fancy” dinner when I would spend the night. She would make Champagne chicken and “candlesticks” for dessert: A pineapple ring, half of a banana sticking up through the hole in the pineapple ring, and a cherry on top of the banana to look like a lit candlestick. She would buy me grape juice and pour it into a wine glass, and we would clink our glasses together with our pinkies up. She would tell stories of vacations we spent together and silly things I would do when I was younger. We would laugh and laugh until we were both crying. I never could have imagined a time when she wouldn’t remember me.

My grandma was diagnosed with dementia when I was in my early twenties. At first, things progressed slowly. She was more forgetful than usual, asked the same questions a lot, and would need reminders about where we were going while we drove in the car. Eventually, things got harder for her, and she couldn’t live alone anymore, so she moved into an assisted living facility.

I would visit her every Wednesday evening after work. We would walk around the facility, eat less fancy dinners together, and talk about whatever was on her mind. After spending several hours together one night, I walked her back to her room. I turned around before leaving her room, and she had a big smile on her face. I said, “Grandma, are you happy?” and she said, “I really am, but I have a question. Who are you?” My heart sank into my chest in a way I haven’t experienced since. I explained who I was, gave her a tight squeeze, said I loved her, and quickly left her room so she wouldn’t see me cry.

Months passed, and she eventually had to move into a nursing home. She didn’t call me by my name anymore, and even though I loved spending time with her, I found myself constantly missing the grandma I once knew. I continued to visit her and FaceTime her with the help of the nursing staff when I couldn’t see her (darn Covid), and she continued to decline. I had a feeling she wouldn’t be around much longer, so before Mother’s Day in 2021, my brother and I visited her to make a special gift for my mom. My brother entertained her with stories and music while I mixed together a hand-casting kit in her bathroom. We told my grandma we were making a mold of her hand so my mom could hold her hand whenever she needed to. We made the mold, cleaned her up, and eventually decided to leave before her bedtime.

Just like many months before, I turned around before leaving her room, and she had a big smile on her face. I said, “Grandma, are you happy?” and she said, “I really am. I just got to spend time with two of my grandchildren, Brandon and Jess.” I ran to her, gave her the tightest squeeze I had in months, said I loved her, and she said, “I love you too...Jess.” Just like many months before, I quickly left her room so she wouldn’t see me cry, although this time, I cried happy tears. I didn’t realize how much I needed her to remember me until she did. She never called me by my name again, but I didn’t need to hear it anymore. She passed away six weeks later.

Ecclesiastes 3:11 states, “He has made everything beautiful in its time.” This verse is an excellent reminder of God’s perfect timing. So often in life, we put a plan in motion for exactly how we want to envision things to work out. We think we have everything figured out, like we know what is best for our future. It’s easy to forget that God’s perfect timing for our lives can turn out to be completely different than what we imagine it to be. When we find ourselves getting impatient or experiencing disappointment, or when things don’t work out as we think they should, it’s a great reminder to focus on God’s perfect timing. Things will always happen precisely when they need to.

How many times have you thought you were in control, only to realize that just wasn’t the case? How did you rely on your relationship with God during that time? How can you help your children recognize that God will make everything beautiful exactly when it is meant to be?

As we conclude another week together, know you and your children are in my prayers to receive God’s perfect timing exactly when you need it. If there is anything I can do for you or your children, please be in touch.

With sweet memories of my grandma in my mind, gratitude for God’s continual perfect timing, and (fermented) grape juice in a wine glass with my pinky up.

Ms. Jessica Young, Principal



Office of Catholic Schools New Grading Scale

After thoughtful review and collaboration among school leaders, the Archdiocese of Indianapolis has adopted a standardized grading scale and GPA structure for students in grades 3-12. This change is intended to better align with collegiate grading scales, while also expanding scholarship opportunities for our students, and to bring greater consistency and clarity as they progress through our schools and prepare for high school and beyond.

This update will have the greatest impact at the high school level, as it is intended to create greater consistency across schools and ensure our students are on a level playing field. At its core, the revised grading scale provides a clearer, more standardized structure for reporting student performance.

Please know that this change does not affect the care, support, or expectations our teachers have for your children. Our faculty will continue to support student growth and learning in the same thoughtful and dedicated ways you have come to expect.

For additional information on this change, please read this [attachment](#).



GRADING SCALE

Kindergarten - 2nd Grade (Standards-Based)	3rd - 8th Grade (Traditional)		
E - Exemplary	A+ = 97% - 100%	A = 93% - 96%	A- = 90% - 92%
M - Mastery	B+ = 87% - 89%	B = 83% - 86%	B- = 80% - 82%
P - Partial Mastery	C+ = 77% - 79%	C = 73% - 76%	C- = 70% - 72%
N - Non-Mastery	D+ = 67% - 69%	D = 63% - 66%	D- = 60% - 62%
X - Standard Not Assessed	F = 0% - 59%		



Choice Scholarship

All families who completed a Choice application must sign Choice paperwork by **Thursday, August 27th**. You can enter the school office to sign your paperwork.

After School Care Donations Needed

Our After School Care program is looking for donations of gently used toys and activities for our students to enjoy after school. If you have items at home that your family has outgrown, we would be grateful for your donation!

Some items we are especially looking for include:

- Puzzles
- Small cars and trucks
- Legos or building toys
- Board games
- Books
- Art and craft supplies
- Other gently used, age-appropriate toys



Thank you for helping make our After School Care program a fun and welcoming place for our students!

Interested in Getting Involved at St. Anthony?

We are excited to begin building a PTO Board at St. Anthony! We are looking for parents who are interested in supporting our students and teachers, volunteering their time and talents, and helping make our school the very best it can be.

Whether you have lots of time to give or can simply help when needed, we would love to have you be part of the team! This is a wonderful opportunity to meet other St. Anthony families, share ideas, support our teachers, and make a positive difference in our school community.

If you are interested in serving on the PTO Board or would like to learn more, please come to an information session next **Monday, August 31st at 6:00 PM in the cafeteria**. For questions or more information, please contact Ms. Young at j.young@stanthonyschool.us.



Cheerleading SIGN UPS

SNEAK
PEEK! ♥

ARE NOW OPEN!

FOR 5TH THROUGH 8TH GRADE!

BE LOUD. BE PROUD. BE A BEAR! 🐾



BE PART OF THE SPIRIT

Cheer on our Bears, build friendships & make memories that last a lifetime!



BUILD CONFIDENCE

Develop leadership, teamwork & skills on and off the mat!



AWESOME UNIFORM

Athletic, stylish & made to stand out just like YOU!



YOURS TO KEEP! ♥

You get to purchase your uniform and keep it – no returns, no worries!

A UNIFORM THEY'LL

Love & Keep! ♥♥

Our athletes get to purchase their uniform for around \$140 and **KEEP IT!**

- ♥ High-quality, custom uniform
- ♥ Made to last season after season
- ♥ YOURS to wear, show off & be proud of! ♥



SIGN UPS END SEPTEMBER 11TH!



ABSOLUTELY NO LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED. ♥

No exceptions. UNIFORMS WILL HAVE TO BE ORDERED. ♥

★ PRACTICES, EVENTS & MORE INFO COMING SOON! ♥ QUESTIONS? REACH OUT TO YOUR COACH TODAY!

SAS
CHEER



Following our 175th Anniversary Gala Mass, we invite you to join us for a catered luncheon. Tickets are just \$15 per person. Children under age 5 are admitted free but must be included on the reservation form for seating purposes. Reservations are limited to the first 250 tickets sold. Once capacity has been reached, no additional reservations can be accepted, so get your tickets today! Ticket deadline is Sunday, September 27.

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

175

1851 - 2026

CATHOLIC PARISH

St. Anthony of Padua

GALA

LUNCHEON

OCTOBER 18
after 10:00 AM Mass

Register here!

CELEBRATING **175** YEARS OF FAITH, COMMUNITY & HOPE

1851 - 2026 | HONORING OUR PAST • CELEBRATING OUR PRESENT • BUILDING OUR FUTURE



Come walk with us on October 10 at 10:00 a.m.

Registration deadline: October 4.

Registrations may also be made by completing a form
available at the Information Station.

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)



ST. VINCENT de PAUL & ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA



WALK *for the* POOR



HISTORY WALK



WALK DATE:
OCTOBER 10 • 10:00 AM



REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
OCTOBER 4

— Walk together. Help together. Make a difference. —

Honoring our past. Walking into our future.

**REGISTER
HERE! →**



FAITH IN ACTION



COMMUNITY IN MOTION



TOGETHER IN CHRIST





Annual Fund Donors 2025-2026

St Anthony School has been blessed with the support of many dedicated people who have provided much support to our school through the Annual Fund. This past year we raised over \$47,006 and with your generosity it helped us to continue to upgrade our facilities and to improve our technology.

We pray that during this season of Gratitude, we ask that God bless you and your family for your faithful giving and support of St. Anthony School with your generous gifts.

FACULTY/STAFF

Anderson, Hadley
Bettler, Shevawn
Borho, Jessica
Burke, Donna
Campbell, Debbie
Cano, Anabel
Conn, Keith
Dunbar, Sarah
Ellis, Jill
Evans, Dino
Harrington, Jenny
Hellinger, Kaitlyn
Hennessey, Andrew
Hoke, Maria
Hoon, Kathy
Howell, Shannon
Huber, Susan
Kelly, Jennifer
Kimball, Mary
Munson, Laura
Nokes, Garry
Pepin, Bethann
Popplewell, Amber
Rapier, Kim
Rapier, Logan
Rapier, Randy
Richard, Donna
Seay, Emily
Smith, Bonnie
Steurer, Bedeva
Stewart, Sarah
Stumler, Tracey
Tanner, Kathryn
Tucker, Stephany
Wathen, Mandy
Whitesell, Robin
Willinger, Julie
Worden, Theresa

SCHOOL COMMISSION

Burton, Pat
Byrne, Neil
Conner, Jay
Gutierrez, Greg
Lopez, Devine
Schmetz, Tara
Thomas, Marabeth
Pastor - Fr. John Bamman
Principal - Stephany Tucker

ST. ANTHONY ARCH ANGEL \$2,000 +

Anonymous
Cox, Jared
Feuerhelm, Douglas
Jennings, Robert & Jean
Kenney, Jim & Judy

ST. ANTHONY PASTOR'S CIRCLE \$1,000-\$1,499

Spray, Terry & Rosemary
Tucker, Tom & Phyllis

ST. ANTHONY PATRON CIRCLE \$500-999

Block, Dan & Susie
Coffey, Catherine
Collins, Galley and Cindy
Freund, Kevin & Cheryl
Schmidt, Antionette

ST. ANTHONY PATRON CIRCLE \$250-499

Kempf, Tom & Mary Ann
McHugh, Daniel
Muntean, Ion Family
Smith, Margaret
Van Cleave, Elizabeth
Wibbels, John

FRIENDS OF ST. ANTHONY SCHOOL (CONT) \$1-\$249

Aguirre, Omar
Anonymous
Book, Carl
Bottorff, James
Bowman, Laverne
Brodfuehrer, Michael
Brown, Katherine
Byrne, Neil
Campbell, Larry & Debbie
Cannon, Anna
Cannon, Barbara
Copple, Donald
Cumuc, Vasile
Dixon, Judy
Eger, Debbie
Grady, Suzanne
Grove, Janie
Hellinger, David
Kiesler, Judith
Ko, Soe
Kopp, Dolores
Lagerholm, Douglas
LaGrange, Michael
Mann, David
Marcelino, Guadalupe
McCulloch, Michael
Moody, Mark
Nohalty, John & Jeannie
Noon, Larry & Sheila
Oo, Aung
Ortiz, Fatima
Our Lady of Consolation
Overton, Stan & Diana
Payne, John
Sheilds, Charlotte
Siebert, Henry
Walker, Paige & Karen
Weber, John & Theresa
Win, Khin

IN MEMORY OF KELLY ASHBY

Ashby, Virginia

IN MEMORY OF DELMAR BARNES

Barnes, Kathy

IN MEMORY OF MARY BARNES

Barnes, Kathy

IN MEMORY OF ALMA JEAN CAMPBELL

Anonymous

IN MEMORY OF HOMER CARPENTER

Carpenter, Mary

IN MEMORY OF GALLEY COLLINSCook, Douglas
Denman, Ronald
Grove, Janie
Kraft, Pamela
Noonan, Patrick
Thompson, Charles**IN MEMORY OF MARY "LOU" CREAMER**

Hostetler, Sharon

IN MEMORY OF DAVID FISHER

Fisher, Mary Lu

IN MEMORY OF ROY FLESHMAN

Anonymous

IN MEMORY BOB HUTT

Flispart, Barbara

IN MEMORY PAT HUTT

Flispart, Barbara

IN MEMORY OF O.G. IGNACIO

Ignacio, Veronica

IN MEMORY OF CONCORDIA IGNACIO

Ignacio, Veronica

IN MEMORY OF DOLORES KREKEL

Wibbels, John

IN MEMORY OF FRANK KREKEL

Wibbels, John

IN MEMORY OF ELMER RENN

Renn, Marty

IN MEMORY OF MARTIN SCHINDLER

Schindler, Alice

IN MEMORY OF MIKE SCHMIDT

Schmidt, Antionette

IN MEMORY OF BERNIE SCHRODER

Schroder, Lynda

IN MEMORY OF LAURA SCHWENDER

Farris, Trent & Liz

IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM SCHWENDER

Farris, Trent & Liz

IN MEMORY OF AGNES SENZIG

Cyphers, David

IN MEMORY OF JOHN SIMS

Sims, John

IN MEMORY OF DEE SPITZNAGEL

Block, Dan Jr.

IN MEMORY OF FRANK SPITZNAGEL

Block, Dan Jr.

IN MEMORY OF FRANK & DEE SPITZNAGEL

Coleman, Bradley and Kathy

IN MEMORY OF JACK SPITZNAGEL

Taylor, Donna

IN MEMORY OF STEVE TAYLOR

Taylor, Donna

IN MEMORY OF LOUISE THOMPSON

Thompson, Charles

IN MEMORY OF CHRIS WILTON

Wilton, Brenda

IN MEMORY OF DR. PAUL YOUNGS

Youngs, Judith

IN HONOR OF THE SAS TEACHERS & STAFF

Gill, Supreet

IN HONOR OF KATIE HUTT LAHUE

Flispart, Barbara

IN HONOR OF ROBERT BRANDON METZGER

Metzger, Cheryl

IN HONOR OF SHEILA NOONHartman, Angela
Zoeller, David**IN HONOR OF CARLA HUTT SCHNIEDERS**

Flispart, Barbara

IN HONOR OF AUGUSTA & JACOB SCHONARD

Smith, Margaret

IN HONOR OF PAULINE SPITZNAGEL

Taylor, Donna

IN HONOR OF CECILIA HUTT STEELE

Flispart, Barbara



Thank You!

MEN OF ST. ANTHONY

— FAITH. SERVICE. BROTHERHOOD. —

**YOU'RE
INVITED**

*Make a Difference.
Build Friendships.*



The Men's Club of St. Anthony exists to

— **SERVE** *and* **SUPPORT** —
our **SCHOOL** and **PARISH**.

We do it together—with great friendships and fellowship along the way.



**SUPPORT OUR
SCHOOL**

Investing in the future
of our children.



**STRENGTHEN OUR
PARISH**

Serving where
we worship.



**SERVE OUR
COMMUNITY**

Making a positive impact
close to home.



**BUILD LASTING
FRIENDSHIPS**

Fellowship that
lasts a lifetime.



MEN'S CLUB RECRUITMENT NIGHT
— **MONDAY, OCTOBER 5** —



6:30 PM

DINNER & MEETING
STARTS AT **6:30**

LOCATION: PARISH CENTER BASEMENT

★ OPEN TO ALL MEN AGES 18+ ★



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BEAR NATION BBQ



SEPTEMBER 12

★ **STARTING AT 6PM** ★



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BBOQ DE BEAR NATION



12 DE SEPTIEMBRE

★ **COMENZANDO A LAS 6 PM** ★



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CLARKSVILLE, IN 47129**



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ACOMPañARNOS!**

**¡COMIDA, JUEGOS
Y DIVERSIÓN!**

