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*Ministry Guide for Parish Life*

————— Fall 2021 – Summer 2022 —————

St. Anthony de Padua Church & School



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—DE PADUA—  
CATHOLIC PARISH

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## Prayer to Know One's Vocation

Lord, my God and my loving Father, you have made me to know you, to love you, to serve you, and thereby to find and to fulfill my deepest longings. I know that you are in all things, and that every path can lead me to you. But of them all, there is one especially by which you want me to come to you. Since I will do what you want of me, I pray you, send your Holy Spirit to me: into my mind, to show me what you want of me; into my heart, to give me the determination to do it, and to do it with all my love, with all my mind, and with all of my strength right to the end.

Jesus, I trust in you. Amen.



Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows  
September 15, 2021

Dear St. Anthony Parishioners and Families,

I'm writing this on the day after the Mission has come to a close. It has been three amazing days of seeking Christ's light and taking steps to really dwell in it. Each night during the talks, as much as I loved hearing Lenny, I really loved looking around at each of your faces. I saw wide eyes taking everything in, smiles, brows furrowed in concentration, and a few tears at times. Our parish needed these three days.

And each night during the socials, as much as I loved eating the food (tatertots!), again, I really loved looking around at each of your faces. I saw eyes twinkling with laughter, smiles of friendship, and looks of true care and camaraderie. It brought me so much joy as your pastor to see all of us together.

Our Mission might be at a close, but our journey together to rebuild this parish is just beginning. The important thing I want you to ask yourself now is "how can I be a part of this place?" because believe me, you are needed. Our people are the heart of our community, and community is the heart of the Church. We can't build this community up unless you are all an active part of it! We cannot be welcoming unless we practice welcoming others. We cannot transform this place unless we ourselves are formed in Christ. And we cannot love our neighbor unless we take a risk and reach out to them.

This guide is filled with ways for you to do all of those things right here at St. Anthony. Take some time to look through it and think about how you can get involved. Where can you dedicate your time and talent here in our parish? At the end of this guide are some steps for discernment. Discernment is intentionally considering your gifts and how God is calling you to use them. Be sure to pay attention to those steps after you look through this guide.

Finally, next weekend, September 25-26, is Stewardship Sunday. You will be invited to place your Ministry Forms from this packet in the baskets during a special collection. The collection of your forms will signal an offering of your time and talent to the Lord through the works of our parish community. We can't wait to see what you decide to do.

Remember that Christ loves you and I love you.

*Fr. Ben Muhlenkamp*

Fr. Ben Muhlenkamp  
Pastor

PS. If you missed any of the Mission Talks, they are available on our website at [stasb.org/Mission](http://stasb.org/Mission). Be sure to pickup a program for when you watch the talks. The program serves as a guide through all three days.

# Ministries of Welcoming

A vibrant community rests on the welcoming spirit of its members, and that spirit is not limited to visitors. We must be welcoming to each other and in all circumstances let Christ's light shine through us to others.

These are the ministries that will lovingly form our community into one of warmth and welcoming if you participate in them.

*But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another. 1Jn 1:7.*

## Parish Life Ministries

*The life of the body is the soul; the life of the soul is God.* (Saint Anthony de Padua)

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Parish Life Ministries are dedicated to building up the St. Anthony Parish Community by fostering fellowship, encouraging prayer and faith sharing, and supporting parish and school initiatives. From HASA and annual church and school events to our new Men's Group and Senior Fellowship Group, Parish Life Ministries help us support each other and keep our community vibrant and welcoming.

### COMMUNITY SPIRIT

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#### Donut Sundays + Cookies & Cocoa

To nurture a spirit of hospitality and fellowship, donuts and beverages are served following morning Masses on the first Sunday of each month, except for Sundays during Lent, when we fast as a parish. On the Saturdays of those weekends, we offer cookies and cocoa. Sign up to lead or help with this ministry. We need Donut Sunday and Cookie Saturday leaders (and taste testers!). Yum.

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#### Sunday Coffee Counter

Sticking around after Mass to visit is a way to catch up with friends and get to know new people at St. Anthony. We'd like to serve coffee after each Sunday Mass starting this fall. Sign up to lead or help with this ministry. It's a small way to make a big difference!

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## Pizza & Playground

Our playground is a perfect place for families to gather after Mass on Saturdays when the weather is nice. Once or twice a month we'll pre-order pizzas for families to be delivered right after Mass so we can picnic together and kids can play. We'll need a few coordinators to get going! Sign up to lead or help with this ministry.

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## Welcoming Committee

The St. Anthony Welcoming Committee aims to create a warm and comfortable entry into our community through outreach to new school families & parishioners. This committee, led by the Parish Council and School Advisory Board, coordinates volunteers to meet new families and parishioners, host playdates on the playground, and serve as a hosts or mentors. Sign you to get involved.

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## FELLOWSHIP & PRAYER GROUPS ---

### Be the Light Women's Group

New to our parish in 2020, Be the Light is dedicated to nurturing strong Christian women in their faith and every-day lives. We meet monthly for activities, for prayer, and to build a community of support with each other. We also dedicate time to service in the parish and larger community.

*Peggy Matthys: [women@stasb.org](mailto:women@stasb.org)*

### St. Anthony Men's Group

St. Anthony is forming a men's group for guys of all ages to get together, enjoy good food and drinks, talk, watch games, pray, and get to know each other. Starting later this fall or early this winter, men in the parish will be invited to gather on the 3rd Thursday of each month for different activities. More coming soon!

*Adam Smith & Christopher Alumbaugh: [men@stasb.org](mailto:men@stasb.org)*

### Senior Fellowship Group

Planning is underway for this much-needed ministry! We've got a great team working on events for the seniors of our parish. The first event will be a catered lunch later this fall so everyone can get to know each other and dream up ideas for the rest of the year. Stay tuned for more!

*Ann Schmiedeler: [church@stasb.org](mailto:church@stasb.org)*

### Prayer Chain

We stand firmly on God's promises that when we call Him, He will answer (Isaiah 65:24). In spiritual unity our prayer team is available to intercede on your behalf and take your request before God. You can volunteer to be on the Prayer Chain team by signing up on the ministry forms.

*Barb Klowetter: [prayer@stasb.org](mailto:prayer@stasb.org)*

## CHURCH & SCHOOL EVENTS

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### **Parish Feast Day Team (Summer)**

This team helps organize the celebration of our patron, St. Anthony, and our parish. Volunteers are needed to help coordinate and organize the events for our parish and wider community. The Saint Anthony Feast Day Celebration is held on or near June 13th, the Feast of Saint Anthony de Padua. Sign up to help with this event.

*Karla Donlon: karladonlon@gmail.com*

### **Panther Tailgate Team (Fall)**

HASA hosts this amazingly fun adult community event held each year to cheer on the Irish (or risk your life cheering against them) while they play away. Be on the planning team! We scout out a local restaurant/pub to host the event (that's the fun part of planning), sell and fill ticket orders, and promote the event in the church and school.

*Meg Tomczak: 574-233-7169, hasa@stasb.org*

### **Spaghetti Dinner Team (Fall)**

The annual Spaghetti Dinner raises funds St. Anthony 8th Graders' end of the year activities, Mass, and graduation. Many many volunteers are needed to plan this important event, sell tickets, cook, setup, serve, and clean up.

*School Office: school@stasb.org, 574-233-7169*

### **Trunk or Treat Team (Fall)**

This annual community event brings the entire neighborhood together in a festive atmosphere. Be a part of the St. Anthony tradition by serving on the planning team.

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### **Saint Nicholas Breakfast Team (Winter)**

We are excited to host a special pancake breakfast to celebrate the Feast of Saint Nicholas, Bishop of Myra. Sponsored by our Knights of Columbus Council, guests will enjoy breakfast, a photo opportunity with the Bishop of Myra himself, crafts, and hot chocolate.

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### **Catholic Schools Week Team (Winter)**

This is a beautiful week of gratitude for Catholic Schools celebrated across the country! Help plan daily events that coincide with the CSW calendar and themes. This is always the last week of January and begins with Open House after the 10:30 Mass on Sunday.

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### **Trivia Night Team (Winter)**

We host the best trivia night in town! The questions are clever, the venue is comfortable, and the atmosphere is really festive. Hosted by HASA each January to help raise funds for school needs, we can always use a little help with planning, writing trivia questions, setting up, scoring, and cleaning up.

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## **Lenten Fish Fry Team (Winter/Spring)**

The Jonah Fish Fry is a Lent tradition at St. Anthony. Volunteers work to provide a delicious dinner with fish, fried on site, for dine-in or carry-out. You can sign up to lead or help with this event.

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## **St. Patrick's Day Parade Team (Spring)**

The St. Anthony community signs up to join the South Bend festivities to celebrate St. Patrick's Day! We need help organizing groups to walk in the parade, collecting candy to pass out along the route, and coordinating goodies, swag, and signs. You can sign up to lead or help with this event.

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## **Art Night Team (Spring)**

We hope to bring this annual fundraiser back to St. Anthony. If you're interested in coordinating or volunteering, please be sure to sign up. Beautiful pieces are made by the classes each year that become keepsakes for the lucky families who win them!

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## **Easter Egg Hunt Team (Spring)**

This new event started in 2020 to celebrate the glorious Resurrection of the Lord by giving kids a sugar high after Mass! Be on the team to plan the event, stuff, and hide eggs on Easter Sunday. It's the most adorable 30 minutes you'll spend this spring!

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## **HASA & SCHOOL SUPPORT**

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### **Room Parents**

Serve as a classroom parent for your child's (or another's) homeroom. Room parents help with class celebrations and activities each year and keep in touch with all parents to make these fun things happen for our students and teachers.

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### **Recess & Lunch Volunteers**

We always need help covering lunch and recess at school. If you are free during the day and like to spend time with kids, please consider serving in this way.

*School Office: [school@stasb.org](mailto:school@stasb.org), 574-233-7169*



## ICCL and Intramural Coaches

We are always short on coaches, and our students love to play these sports! Please consider coaching during one of the ICCL or Panther Intramural seasons.

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*The parish community has a special role in promoting participation in the life, mission, and work of the faith community. **The parish is where the Church lives.** Parishes are communities of faith, of action, and of hope. They are where the Gospel is proclaimed and celebrated, where believers are formed and sent to renew the earth.*

***The parish is where believers are formed and sent to renew the earth.***

*Parishes are the home of the Christian community; **they are the heart of our Church.** Parishes are the place where **God's people meet Jesus** in word and sacrament and come in touch with the source of the Church's life. (USCCB, Communities of Salt and Light)*



## Boo Hoo / Yahoo Breakfast

Saying goodbye to your kiddos after summer break can be hard (or just what you need!), so we are here to celebrate or hand over tissues as parents drop off their kids for the first day of school. You can sign up to help organize the morning with food and drinks.

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## Stock the Lounge

The generous hearts on the HASA team work hard to care for our incredible teachers who give so much of themselves all year. You can help by bringing yummy and nutritious items to stock the teacher's lounge once a month. Sign up to be on the rotation list.

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## Teacher Snack & Luncheon for Conferences

Help provide grab and go snacks and meals for teachers to enjoy while they are staying longer over parent-teacher conference days each October. Our team plans the menu, selects the restaurants, and sets the snacks up in the lounge.

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## Original Works

We need a coordinator and volunteers to help with this annual fundraiser and Christmas gift go-to!

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## Skillet Fundraiser

Help HASA with one of their most important fundraisers of the year. We need help managing the online forms, selling and filling ticket orders, and organizing the carline and Mass sales. Tickets go on sale for two weeks in the fall.

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## Halloween Costume Dance

This fun filled night is full of treats (no tricks!), dancing, and music. Be on the planning team, help decorate the gym, or organize the DJ and snacks for everyone to enjoy. This event happens before Halloween each year.

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## St. Nick's Day Surprise (Be an elf!)

Be a cheery elf and surprise our students. The night before St. Nicholas' feast day, our helper elves buy candycanes and stealthily place them on all students' desks. Come join the sneaky fun! And we can always use a head elf to coordinate.

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## Christmas Luncheon

This is a beautiful afternoon when we treat our hard working faculty and staff to a delicious and festive meal together. Be on the planning team to organize coverage for recess and lunch for each class, coordinate the meal, and decorate the event space to make it extra special. The Christmas Luncheon typically takes place the week before Christmas break.

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## Lolligrams

What a “sweet” event to help with! Lolligrams (heart shaped lollis) are sold for \$1. We need helpers to fill orders as they are paid for and hand them out on Valentine’s Day to students.

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## Teacher Appreciation Week

We can’t celebrate the faculty and staff enough! This is a fun filled week marked with daily themes to honor all those in the school building. HASA provides a sit down lunch during the lunch break. Sign up to lead or help with this ministry: We need volunteers to plan and coordinate festivities and cover recess/lunch duties so our teachers have a full hour to sit back and relax!

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## Field Day

School's out for summer! But before the final bell rings, we have to plan a great send-off. Volunteers are needed to help the PE teacher run stations for each event. It's a super fun way to spend time with the students on their last day and enjoy the summery sunshine.

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## PARISH OPERATIONS

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### Annual Bishop's Appeal Team

The Annual Bishop’s Appeal is held in the fall of each year to help raise funds for diocesan needs such as education, charities, evangelization, and pastoral assistance. Every dollar that goes over our given goal comes back to St. Anthony to address necessary improvements. We rely on volunteers to help promote and process the pledges.

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### Office Greeters & Helpers

We need friendly people to greet visitors in the CMR (under the Bell Tower) during the day and also help with clerical tasks, organization, copying, laminating, and other small tasks at the school.

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### Building & Grounds Committee

If you didn't notice, Fr. Ben loves to build stuff. He also loves to demolish things and drive heavy machinery in the process. If you like that kind of thing, too (or find yourself wearing a significant amount of plaid on any given day) sign up to be on our Building and Grounds Committee to assist with campus projects.

*Fr. Ben Muhlenkamp, Pastor: frben@stasb.org*

### Gardens, Greens, and Grounds

We have a gorgeous campus with so much greenspace! We need volunteers to take charge of our beautiful greenery and gardens, to tend, weed, and plan out flowers and freshening up each year. Sign up to lead or be a worker bee.

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## Money Counters

We rely on small groups of parishioners to count the parish collection every Sunday morning. Groups rotate on a monthly basis. This is an easy way to be a big help to our Business Manager, who has to count all the beans! Sign up if you are interested in helping.

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## Events: Audio/Visual & Videography

If you have a talent for all things tech and want to help us with cords and wires, cameras and taping, we'd love it! Whether showing a video or recording an event or special liturgy, we always have AV needs.

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## Events: Photography

Are you a shutterbug or good with a camera (especially in low church light)? Please sign up to volunteer your skills as a photographer. We often need help taking pictures at church and school events, special liturgies, and for our print and digital media/marketing.

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## ADVISORY COUNCILS

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St. Anthony Advisory Councils are appointed by the pastor, but we would love to know if you are interested in serving.

### Parish Pastoral Council

The pastor relies on the Pastoral Council's advice and direction in making critical decisions for the future of our parish and on matters of parish life. Parishioners ages high school and older serve on the council, which meets once a month.

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### Finance Council

The Parish Finance Council advises the pastor on financial concerns of the church and school. The Finance Council reviews financial statements and helps prepare the annual budget. They also advise on larger expenditures, investments, campus projects, and fundraising initiatives.

*Fr. Ben Muhlenkamp, Pastor: [frben@stasb.org](mailto:frben@stasb.org)*

### School Advisory Board

The St. Anthony de Padua School Advisory Board assists the Pastor and School Principal with the governance of St. Anthony de Padua Catholic School. Its mission is to provide advice and support on matters of Catholic character, development, marketing, planning, and policy for the success of the school and the greater good of the parish.

*Karen Bogol, Principal: [kbogol@stasb.org](mailto:kbogol@stasb.org)*

# Ministries of Formation

On-going faith formation is essential to a flourishing Catholic life, but many people don't know what faith formation means let alone realize that we all need it!

These are the ministries that will lovingly help form us each into disciples and our community into one who is centered on Christ if you participate in them.

*My children, for whom I am again in labor until Christ be formed in you. Gal 4:19*

## Liturgical Ministries

*Giving thanks to God for his unspeakable gift in Christ Jesus. (Sacrosanctum Concilium 1)*

Liturgical ministers at St. Anthony de Padua Catholic Parish work together to enrich and enkindle our liturgies. Whether at regular weekend Masses, weddings, funerals, or special liturgies such as Good Friday and Easter Sunday, our dedicated ministers share their gifts and talents to help lift our hearts to the Lord.

### MUSIC MINISTRY

#### Adult Choir

The St. Anthony de Padua Choir is open to anyone in high school and older. Repertoire includes a wide range of styles and periods from chant to traditional and contemporary hymns. This choir sings once a month at the 4:15 PM liturgy on Saturdays.

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#### Cantor

This ministry is open to anyone in high school and older who wants to serve as a leader in congregational song. The cantor is vital in helping to facilitate the active participation of the faithful. Cantors must be able to read music, take direction, and serve confidently in their leadership role. If you have any experience in cantoring, or are interested in being trained, do not hesitate to reach out and join.

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## Children's Choir

The Children's Choir is open to all children 5th - 8th grade. The choir sings at the 8:15 AM school Mass on Wednesday mornings and will also sing once a month at the 10:30 AM Mass on Sundays. Students will rehearse upon arrival at school on Wednesday mornings and before Mass on Sundays when they sing. Parental assistance is needed at some Masses. Participation in the choir trains children musically and liturgically as well as nurtures them spiritually. We also have a lot of fun!

*Lindsey Barrett, Director of Music: 574-282-2308, lbarrett@stasb.org*

## Instrumentalist

Our parish is always looking for talented musicians for weekend liturgies. High school and college-age young adults who want to share their talent with the church are especially welcome. If time is a restriction, consider volunteering your talents at Christmas and Easter when instruments are especially needed. We are specifically looking for people who play piano, organ, brass instruments, strings, and woodwinds.

*Lindsey Barrett, Director of Music: 574-282-2308, lbarrett@stasb.org*

## Folk Choir

The Folk Choir specializes in contemporary liturgical music. The instrumentation typically includes piano, guitar, and flute. The Folk Choir sings at the 4:15 PM Mass on Saturdays once a month.

*Lindsey Barrett, Director of Music: 574-282-2308, lbarrett@stasb.org*

## Schola

Our music ministry offers two scholas open to anyone in high school and older. One schola sings monthly at the 8:15 AM Sunday Mass, while the other sings monthly at the 10:30 AM Mass. Repertoire includes hymns, chants and even some polyphony. This group sings seasonally and once a month at weekend Masses.

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## HOSPITALITY MINISTERS

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### Greeters

Greeters arrive 15 minutes before Mass, they greet people as they arrive with a warm smile and hello, and hand out worship aids or programs on the occasions of special liturgies. Our greeters are so important! Individuals, families, and church and school groups are encouraged to help!

*Karla Donlon: 574-532-3711, karladonlon@gmail.com*

### Ushers

Ushers assist with the collection, serve as pew ushers during the Communion Procession at Mass, provide assistance to anyone who needs it during Mass, and hand out bulletins after Masses.

*Karla Donlon: 574-532-3711, karladonlon@gmail.com*



## Wedding Coordinators

Our wedding coordinators help with details in the church building before and during wedding liturgies. Coordinators attend to the needs of the families, help with the procession, and also help tidy before and after the liturgy.

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## LITURGICAL ENVIRONMENT

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### Linens, Greenery, and Decor

Ministers of Liturgical Environment lovingly tend to the worship space and altar at St. Anthony church, readying them for regular liturgical and seasonal celebrations. Roles in this ministry include Altar Linens (washing), Altar Linens (repairing), Flowers and Plants (watering & refreshing), and Seasonal Decorating.

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## ON THE ALTAR

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### Altar Servers

Altar servers assist at the 8:15 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. daily Masses, all weekend Masses, as well as funerals and weddings. Boys and girls in grades 5-12 are invited to serve.

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### Sacristans

Sacristans assist the presider at the 8:15 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. daily Masses and all weekend Masses, as well as funerals and weddings. Sacristans are well trained to set the altar for everything from daily Masses to special Masses, like Confirmation and our Holy Week and Easter liturgies.

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### Lectors

This ministry is responsible for proclaiming the First and Second readings at all weekend and daily Masses as well as the Prayers of the Faithful. Lectors should be confident in speaking in front of large groups and be willing to prepare ahead of time.

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### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion assist the Ordinary Ministers (priests) in distributing the Body and Blood of Jesus during Mass. We need fewer Extraordinary Ministers at this time due to one Species being distributed only.

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*In virtue of their baptism, all the members of the People of God have become missionary disciples (cf. Mt 28:19)....The new evangelization calls for personal involvement on the part of each of the baptized.*

*Every Christian is challenged,  
here and now.*

*Every Christian is challenged, here and now, to be actively engaged in evangelization; indeed, anyone who has truly experienced God's saving love does not need much time or lengthy training to go out and proclaim that love. Every Christian is a missionary to the extent that he or she has encountered the love of God in Christ Jesus: we no longer say that we are "disciples" and "missionaries", but rather that we are always "missionary disciples." (Evangelii Gaudium, 119)*

# Christian Formation Ministries

*Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations. (Matt 28:19)*

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We aim to nurture an ongoing conversion of heart in those who are already Catholic through unique programming, prayer, and formation opportunities. We also offer RCIA for adults who are seeking to become Catholic or fully initiated into the Catholic Church (and for those who want to brush up on the teachings of the Church).

## St. Anthony de Padua Catholic School

St. Anthony de Padua Catholic School is the first ministry of formation in our Parish. Since opening our doors in 1950, St. Anthony de Padua Catholic School has been committed to three principles: academic excellence, providing a warm and welcoming community, and nurturing Catholic virtues in our students to reflect the light of Christ. Maintaining these traditions while embracing innovation has allowed St. Anthony Catholic School to remain beloved by students and parents for over half of a century.

*Karen Bogol, Principal: 574-233-7169, school@stasb.org*

## School House Formation Program Volunteers

St. Anthony School's formation program is based on a house system, which means that the student body is divided up across grade levels into student groups, or "houses," named after modern saints. Coordinated by our Campus Minister, the houses participate in activities, mini-retreats, service projects, celebrations, and more throughout the year in order to build a strong student community, grow in their faith, and serve God through service to others. We need help with all of these things including dreaming up plans for the year ahead.

*Alycia Valentiny, Campus Minister: 574-233-7169, avalentiny@stasb.org*

## Christian Formation Team (New!)

We're hoping to assemble a team of parishioners who are interested in developing and coordinating formation opportunities for the church and school community, including retreats, parent & adult education series, seasonal scripture studies, speakers, and seasonal devotions, such as Stations of the Cross and Advent Lessons and Carols, and other programming that helps to nurture our community spiritually. This is a new ministry in the making, so we're looking for people ready to plan, dream, and lead.

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## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

RCIA is the process established for individuals to become Catholic and receive the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Communion). If you are curious about the Catholic Faith or want to brush up on Church teaching, join us for RCIA.

*Fr. Ben Muhlenkamp, Pastor: frben@stasb.org*

## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Sponsor

A sponsor provides spiritual and personal support to an adult who is seeking Baptism or becoming a Catholic Christian. This ministry is open to adult parishioners willing to share their spiritual and personal formation experience. Attendance at all RCIA sessions and applicable Rites is required.

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## Lending Library

The St. Anthony de Padua Parish Library exists to make Christian books, CDs, and DVDs available to our parishioners and community members at no cost for private study, devotion, and leisure. Located in the baptistry (soon moving to the old SCRIP room) we are looking for volunteers to reimagine this space and make it a comfy nook for reading and hanging out.

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## Sacrament Celebration Team (New!)

We like to celebrate around here (and Fr. Ben loves parties!). We need a team to coordinate celebrations after sacraments and special liturgies, including First Holy Communion, Confirmation, the Easter Vigil, and even baptisms. If you're interested in coordinating or volunteering, please sign up on the ministry form.

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Throughout our history, St. Anthony de Padua Catholic School has been committed to three principles: *academic excellence*, providing a warm and welcoming community, and *nurturing Catholic virtues* in our students to reflect the light of Christ.

*Beloved by students and parents.*

Maintaining these traditions while embracing innovation has allowed St. Anthony Catholic School to remain beloved by students and parents for over half of a century.

# Youth Ministries

*But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God. (Jn 1:12)*

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Through school clubs, CGS, Scouts, and Vacation Bible School, we aim to provide opportunities for the youth in our parish to learn new things, have fun, and grow closer to the Lord. We are hoping to expand our Youth Ministry offerings to include a Youth Group and more!

## Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

We are interested in starting a level one CGS class for 3-6 year olds who are not already attending CGS at St. Anthony School. If you would be interested in sending your child and/or helping to make "works," please sign up.

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## School Club Moderators

Our school kids would love to have a few clubs to join! We're looking for moderators for new clubs including Lego Robotics, Chess Club, and Art Club, and more. If you feel called to work with our kids (even if you're not an expert!) you can sign up to be a moderator.

*Karen Bogol, Principal: [kbogol@stasb.org](mailto:kbogol@stasb.org)*

## Scouts

Boy Scouts Troop 584 is chartered by St. Anthony de Padua Catholic Church. Cub Scouts & Boy Scouts are very active in our school community. As part of the LaSalle Council, our Scouts take part in exciting activities, trips, and service projects throughout the year. Scouts attend weekly meetings and earn merit badges for achievements.

*School Office: 574-233-7169, [school@stasb.org](mailto:school@stasb.org)*

## Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be in mid-June this year at St. Anthony de Padua Catholic Church. VBS is open to all children presently in grades PreK-4 at any school: public, private, or home school.

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## SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

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The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and St. Anthony de Padua Catholic Parish requires that all employees and volunteers complete the Safe Environment Training Program regardless of their level of contact with children. The program teaches adults how to create and maintain a safe environment in which all persons, especially children, can grow in faith. This training is meant to help protect children and also those adults who minister to them.

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# Ministries of Outreach

Outreach to those around us is a hallmark of discipleship. It is how we love our neighbor. To be equipped to reach out to the world with hearts aflame, we must start with those closest to us, in our own community.

These are the ministries that will lovingly help us learn to care for each other and love our neighbor *if you participate in them.*

*Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. Jn 12:26*

## Community Outreach Ministries

*Charity is the soul of faith, makes it alive; without love, faith dies.*

*(Saint Anthony de Padua)*

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Saint Anthony, our patron, had a heart for service, and we strive to immitate him by serving each other, our community, and our world through robust programs like our amazing St. Vincent de Paul Society chapter, Legion of Mary and Right to Life Groups, the Knights of Columbus, our annual Advent Giving Tree and much, more.

### SERVING EACH OTHER

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#### Funeral Luncheon Team

We'd like to bring the Funeral Luncheon Ministry back as it helps make a very difficult day a little easier for family and friends by providing a luncheon at St. Anthony de Padua Catholic Parish following the funeral of their loved one. This is truly a way to show the love of Jesus to others through our gifts of time and talent. We need a coordinator and volunteers to renew this ministry.

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#### Homebound Ministry

This ministry provides personal presence, prayer, and the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist to parishioners who are homebound, sick, or residents of nursing homes or assisted living facilities. The lay ministers are trained and commissioned to assist in connecting those that cannot attend Mass with our faith community at St. Anthony de Padua Parish by bringing them Holy Communion following the Saturday Vigil or Sunday morning Masses.

*Ryan Boeskool, Homebound Ministry Coordinator: 574-282-2308, [homebound@stasb.org](mailto:homebound@stasb.org)*

## Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary is the largest apostolic organization of lay people in the Catholic Church, with well over 3 million active members in almost every country of the world. It has been active in the United States since 1931 with the purpose of giving glory to God through the sanctification of its members. The Legion of Mary participates in a balanced program of prayer and active community service together.

Bonnie Bykowski, 574-276-8011, [bykowskib@yahoo.com](mailto:bykowskib@yahoo.com)

## Prayer Blankets and Prayer Shawls

These prayerfully made items are blessed and offered as a source of comfort to anyone during difficult times. Assembled by parishioners, fleece blankets are decorated with hearts and crosses and warmly comfort anyone in need of prayer for healing. Prayer shawls are knitted or crocheted by parishioners who offer prayers with every stitch.

Parish Office: 574-282-2308, [church@stasb.org](mailto:church@stasb.org)

## Respect Life Committee

Through prayer, education, example and action, the St. Anthony de Padua Respect Life Committee dedicates itself to promote the dignity of all human life according to the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. The Respect Life Committee coordinates support of similar activities with parish, city, state & national promotions.

Connie Dygalski: 574-360-6384, [lbean13@comcast.net](mailto:lbean13@comcast.net)

## SERVING OUR NEIGHBORS

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### Advent Giving Tree

The Advent Giving Tree is held year each starting during the season of Advent. This ministry provides gifts for families in need. Volunteers are needed to help with the wrapping, organizing, and distribution of gifts.

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### Catholic Charities Liaison

Catholic Charities is the social service arm of the Church in our diocese. As a result, every service we provide is aligned with the Church's teaching that all life is sacred from conception to natural death. St. Anthony would like someone to coordinate with Catholic Charities for parish outreach initiatives.

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### Christ Child Society Liaison

Since 1947, the primary project of the Christ Child Society in South Bend has been to provide new winter clothing to economically disadvantaged children from newborn through age twelve without consideration of religion or ethnic factors. St. Anthony would like someone to coordinate with CCS for parish outreach initiatives including clothing and boot drives.

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## Hannah's House Liaison

Hannah's House is a faith-based agency offering a continuum of stable housing, home life, staff support, and programming. Believing in the sanctity of life, we serve by providing guidance and direction for women and their unborn and newborn children. St. Anthony would like someone to coordinate with Hannah's House for parish outreach initiatives including the annual Hannah's House Baby Shower.

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## Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus focus is on charitable giving. St. Anthony de Padua Catholic Parish belongs to local Santa Maria Council #553 and is located on E. Washington Street in South Bend. Any male 18 years or older is welcome to join this Catholic fraternal group.

*Christopher Alumbaugh: christopher.alumbaugh@gmail.com*

## St. Vincent de Paul Society

Our parish St. Vincent de Paul Society Conference's mission of charity is person to person contact in the form of home visits to those in need. We visit families to bring food assistance and information to help them with other physical and financial needs to promote self-sufficiency. We also make an effort to help them with their spiritual needs through prayer and invitation to our church. Vincentians meet on a monthly basis to promote a spirit of friendship and spiritual growth.

*Mary Froning, Coordinator: mary.froning.2@nd.edu*



## SERVING THOSE WHO NEED HEALING

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### **Courage**

Courage is a spiritual support group founded in 1980 to help Catholics who experience same-sex attraction to live holy lives. The apostolate also ministers to families.

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### **Marriage Enrichment**

Catholic Marriage Enrichment in our area is part of the St. Pius X Parish ministries. Our goal is to support and strengthen marriages by providing opportunities for married couples to continually grow into the Sacrament of Marriage after their wedding day.

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### **Project Rachel**

Project Rachel is a ministry offering hope and healing for all those who suffer from the pain of abortion and its aftermath. If you are hurting, know that your church cares and understands. God is loving and forgiving and in His name the Church reaches out to you with compassion and concern.

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### **Retrouvaille**

Retrouvaille is an independent, Catholic program designed to help, heal and renew married couples who are drifting or who have drifted apart. The word "retrouvaille" simply means "rediscovery." The Retrouvaille program offers you the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse and a loving relationship in your marriage.

*Amy & Aaron Bobson: [amylbobson@gmail.com](mailto:amylbobson@gmail.com)*

### **Saint Augustine Men's Healing Group**

The Saint Augustine Men's Group, with chapters in Fort Wayne and South Bend, seeks to free men from the shackles of pornography and sexual sin to live according to God's plan of chastity. This Catholic lay apostolate gathers to support, encourage and pray for one another through a structure rooted in Catholic teaching.

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# What's next?

We've got a lot to offer, and so do you! Follow these steps to discern how you can be a part of building up our blossoming community at St. Anthony by sharing your time and talent with the parish.

## 1. Discernment

### 1. Prep: Two fantastic & fun ways to get started.

- Video: How to Discover your Gifts and Claim Them for Christ, from Ascension Presents (watch now at [media.ascensionpress.com](http://media.ascensionpress.com)).
- Gifts & Talents Quiz: Take the personal quiz in Discerning your Spiritual Gifts: A Toolkit for Faith Formation (download for free at [mcgrath.nd.edu/resources](http://mcgrath.nd.edu/resources)).



### 2. Partner: Talk to your family & friends.

- The people you love and who love you will be the first to celebrate your gifts. Ask them what they think you might enjoy doing and how your particular talents might have an impact at St. Anthony church and school.
- And consider serving together! It's fun to serve with a buddy and it's a wonderful way to foster a heart for service in your kids.

### 3. Pray: Spend quiet time in prayer.

- Find a quiet and comfy spot in your home or stop in for a few minutes during Adoration. Pray on your own following these steps, or you are welcome to use the Prayer to Know One's Vocation (found on page 2).
- Seal your prayer by making the Sign of the Cross.
- Thank the Lord for your gifts: Recall, in your gratitude, that God made you a vessel to carry his light and love to others in your own special way. Sit for a few moments and search your heart for those gifts.
- Ask God how he wants you to serve him by serving in St. Anthony Parish. Fred Rogers once said, "Every one of us on this planet longs to know that there's something about us that's worth giving." And there is. God made us that way. Even if you are a person who cannot give care because you need to be cared for, you are giving the gift of allowing others to learn what it means to love their neighbor.
- Ask God to send the Holy Spirit to illuminate your talents, gifts, and interests. Remember, you have gifts written into your heart and mind at your creation that are worth giving.
- Ask Christ to walk with you as you discern which of those things to share.
- End by thanking God as you recall the blessings in your life.



## 2. Explore

Take a fresh look at the many ways to get involved in St. Anthony Church and School. Remember: Our parish can only be a vibrant, warm, and welcoming community if you make it that way. Our parish can only be one that reaches out and heals if you're willing to do it. Our parish can only be a place for forming disciples if we, ourselves, seek to be formed.

## 3. Sign up & get involved!

### On Paper

Sign-up by using the enclosed forms and drop them in the collection basket at Mass on Stewardship Sunday, September 25-26. You can also turn them in at the Parish Office.

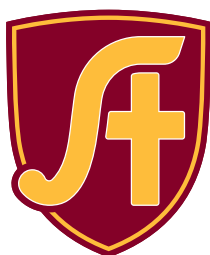
### Online

Visit our website at [www.stasb.org/MinistrySignUp](http://www.stasb.org/MinistrySignUp) to fill out your Ministry Forms online. Please complete one per family member.

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# Thank you.

Your participation is what makes our parish warm, welcoming, vibrant and filled with Christ's light! We wouldn't be a community without you!



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