

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Rose of Lima
Council Grove
St. Anthony of Padua
Strong City

March 2, 2025

Weekly Bulletin

OUR PARISH

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Weekday Masses

Tuesday 12:15 p. m. @ St. Anthony

Wednesday 5:30 p.m. @ St. Rose

Thursday 8:30 a.m. @ St. Anthony

Friday 8:30 a.m. @ St. Rose

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5:30 p.m. @ St. Rose

Sunday 8:30 a.m. @ St. Anthony

Sunday 10:30 a.m. @ St. Rose

Confessions—Anytime by appointment

St. Rose - Saturday 5:00 - 5:20 p.m.

St. Anthony - Sunday 8:00 - 8:20 a.m.

A GOOD TREE
CANNOT PRODUCE
BAD FRUIT,
NOR
can a bad tree
PRODUCE
GOOD FRUIT.
MATTHEW 7:18

Stewardship of Treasure

St. Rose

February 23 2025

Tithes & Offerings	\$ 2,206.00
Hall Rent	\$ 0.00
Building Fund.....	\$ 0.00
Memorial	\$ 150.00
Total Collections.....	\$ 2,356.00
Avg. Weekly Expense.....	\$ 3,027.00



Stewardship
a way of life

Stewardship of Treasure

St. Anthony

February 23, 2025

Tithes & Offerings	\$ 2,359.00
Building Fund.....	\$ 850.00
Hall Rent.....	\$ 100.00
Votive Candles.....	\$ 5.00
Christmas Call to Share....	\$ 0.00
Total Collections.....	\$ 3,314.00
Avg. Weekly Expense.....	\$ 2,483.00

Saturday	@ St. Rose	Mar 1st
5:30 pm	†Patricia Seiler	
Sunday	@ St. Anthony	Mar 2nd
8:30am	People of the Parishes	
10:30am	@ St Rose	
	†Joe & Rita Ribordy	
Monday	@ No Mass	Mar 3rd
Tuesday	@ St Anthony	Mar 4th
12:15pm	†Betty Clark	
Ash Wednesday	@ St Rose	Mar 5th
5:30pm	†John Seiler	
7:00pm	@ St Anthony	
	People of the Parishes	
Thursday	@ St. Anthony	Mar 6th
8:30am	†Shirley Oldham	
Friday	@ St. Rose	Mar 7th
8:30am	†Sarah Rohling	
Saturday	@ St. Rose	Mar 8th
5:30 pm	†Frank Buchman	
Sunday	@ St. Anthony	Mar 9th
8:30am	People of the Parishes	
10:30am	@ St Rose	
	†Robert Bongartz	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ASH WEDNESDAY - March 5th Mass schedule - St Rose at 5:30 PM St Anthony at 7:00 PM.

Father will have Stations of the Cross at 5:30 PM and Mass at 6:00 PM every Friday during Lent. He will alternate each week between St Rose and St Anthony.

ST ANTHONY'S and ST ROSE will be updating our church directory and would like to include your family! Kandace Wakeman will be taking photos on Sunday, March 2 and Saturday, March 8 at St Anthony's. Sign up sheets will be in the back of the church. If you have any questions please contact Kandace Wakeman at 620-794-7381 or Barb Davis at 620-220-0259. Callahan McIver will be taking photos on Saturday, March 8; Sunday, March 9 and Tuesday, March 11 at St Rose. If you missed having your photo taken the first time around please have them taken on one of these dates. Sign up sheet will be on the table in the hall.

ST ROSE LENTEN DINNERS We are looking for volunteers to provide the dinner for Friday, March 14 and April 4. If you can help with one of these dinners please contact Barb Sommer at 620-767-2191 or Carol Hewitt at 785-477-3431.

Background on the Gospel Reading

The third and final section of Luke's Sermon on the Plain begins: And he told them a parable. There are actually four parables, three of which we read today. They are all about how to be a good disciple.

The blind cannot lead the blind. And a disciple cannot be a good disciple unless he or she has learned from the teacher. Everyone who is fully trained is like the teacher who knows how to cure the blind. Before you can be a good disciple and teach others you must take care of yourself. Do not try to take a speck out of your brother's eye until you have taken the board out of your own. Finally, only when you have purified yourself can you produce the good works that the teacher requires. Discipleship asks us to produce good deeds. But to produce them requires the integrity and purity of heart found in the teacher. When people see your good deeds they will know that this is because you have a good heart.

The final parable, which we do not read today, is about building on the solid foundation of rock and not on sand. This is the only way to face the difficulties a disciple will encounter and survive.



prayer, that it is not important enough to take time from other pressing responsibilities.

As we search the Gospels, we are captivated by Jesus' promises: *"Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you"* (Lk 11:9), and again: *"[I]f you ask anything of the Father, he will give it to you in my name"* (Jn 16:23). We are attracted by the stories of Jesus' healings — the woman who touched the hem of his garment (see Mk 5:25-34), the healing from afar of the centurion's servant (see Mt 8:5-13), the woman willing to accept like a dog the crumbs from the Master's table so that her daughter could be healed (see Mt 15:21-28), the return from death of the daughter of Jairus (see Lk 8:41-42, 49-56).

But the Gospel stories also make us pause to think about the time that Jesus said that a blind man was not sin-afflicted but bore his sufferings so that, when Jesus came along, the glory of God would be made manifest when he was healed (see Jn 9:2-5), or when Jesus said much the same thing before he raised his beloved friend Lazarus from the dead after he had allowed him to die rather than hurry to cure him of his illness (see Jn 11:1-44). Even more thought-provoking for us might be Jesus' inability to heal in his native city because his friends and neighbors could not believe he was other than an ordinary carpenter (see Mk 6:1-6). Another time, he seemed so exasperated with their unwillingness to trust in God's providence that he exclaimed, *"O men of little faith!"* (Lk 12:28). In our own lives, it is helpful to keep a journal of answered prayers, which will show us our own list of small and large miracles of God's providential responses to our prayers. *Faith* is the root of our life and of our prayers. We must believe in *him*, trust in *him*, not in the vehemence or frequency of our prayers. We cannot ever escape the need to believe that he is God, and he is not only the possessor of all good but he is also the one who knows what is *for* our good. He knows best, and we must consciously allow his will to prevail in our lives and in all our prayers.

Discouragement

Discouragement is a difficulty closely linked to lack of faith. Discouragement will often cause us to think that our prayers are not heard and not answered. One might say to oneself: "I've prayed and prayed, I've asked and asked, but I still do not have a

good job, or my child is still sick, or I have yet to win the lottery. My prayers are not heard; God does not answer them." These thoughts may be prompted by Satan, but they are also normal issues that confront us in the honest pursuit of our prayer life.

Jesus gave us a story that shows his awareness of this kind of problem: *"And he told them a parable, to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor regarded man; and there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, "Vindicate me against my adversary." For a while he refused; but afterward he said to himself, "Though I neither fear God nor regard man, yet because this widow bothers me, I will vindicate her, or she will wear me out by her continual coming."'" And the Lord said, 'Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God vindicate his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will vindicate them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of man comes, will he find faith on earth?'"* (Lk 18:1-8).

The message of Jesus in the Gospels is clear and emphatic. He was blunt in his speech, and though his sayings were hard to accept, he neither altered nor diluted their significance. He let us know that God's *"thoughts are not [our] thoughts, neither are [our] ways [his] ways"* (Is 55:8) by his parable of the householder hiring laborers for his vineyard (see Mt 20:1-16). He told us plainly that, when we pray, we must be mindful that our *"Father knows what [we] need before [we] ask him"* (Mt 6:8).

In the prayer he himself taught us, the Our Father, Jesus gave us guidelines for our own prayer life (see Mt 6:9-13). God the Father is paramount; we must seek *first* the Kingdom of God, and then all that we *need* will be given to us besides (see Mt 6:33). "Need" must be understood from God's viewpoint, not our own. The Father's will, and reverence and glorification of his name, must guide our lives. Our Savior's prayer at the Last Supper and in Gethsemane centered on the Father so strongly (see Jn 14:17; Mk 14:32-39) as to make us mindful that, in our own prayers, we must see the Father, to whom all prayers are ultimately directed, as God the almighty one and not just as an "instrument" to be "used" to secure our own desires. In a state of true dependence and humility, we must truly ask for what *he* wants for his purposes and for us. This is usually not easy.

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to be continued -

Remember in Your Prayers

PLEASE PRAY FOR - OUR SICK:

Brooklyn Barrett, Karen Biehler, Brad Brintle, Margaret Mary Buchman, Mitch Budke, Cortney Clark, Sally Colbert, Stephanie Diehl, Patrick Disberger, Eddie Ebert, Dawn Frese, Charlie Fooke, Ranell Foxoven, Tana Griffith, Hank Hartwich, Mark Hayes, Mikala Hodges, Cindy Hogman, Claudia Homman, Paul Homman, Beckey Honas, Heather Honas, Christy Jimerson, Tylor Kaminsky, Brendon Kassleman, JoAnn Larson, Jean Leeper, Terri Lewis, Ethan Lif, Deb Mayer, Theresa McGannon, John Newland, Imelda Ochoa, Maria Ochoa, Theresa Picolet, Gail Ribordy, Anna Mae Robidou, Anne Robidou, Olivia Salas, Gary Schout, Malinda Schraeder, Jerry Seiler, Patty Sevenans, Kay Sigle, Walden Silva, Nick Simmons, Bruce Smith, Cole Svensen, Jay Tebbutt, Elizabeth Thornton, Marie Tonkins, Connie I. Werth, RaeLynn Werth, Vince Werth, Pete Wolf, Carol Wright

OUR MILITARY:

Col. David Buchanan, Sgt. Brian Ash, SSgt. Stevi Makripodis, PR2 Teryn Grafel, SSgt. Aaron LeMay, Captain Ben Kusinski, PV2 Hudson Dubiel

SOULS OF OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED: Steve Woodley, Jim Selby, Shirley Pundsack, John Seiler, Patricia Seiler, Roberta Buchanan, Fredrick Solis, Lorena Magathan, Shirley Oldham, Elaine Russett, Olivia Gates, Melvin Leckron, Frank Buchman, Wilma Manhart, Sarah Rohling

Catholic Trivia

This is that acquired, or infused quality or disposition which influences a person's action.

Inordinate desire for temporal goods and material wealth.

Answers

This is the driving out of evil spirits. An exorcism

A sin against the virtue of charity where a person provides the occasion of sin to another. scandal

This is a baptized and professed person who denies a truth revealed by God or proposed for belief by the Catholic Church. a heretic

Saint Anthony's Annual



CORN BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER

St. Anthony Hall Strong City

Sunday, March 16th

11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

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