

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint Antoninus News

1500 Linneman Road

September 15, 2019

Cincinnati, Ohio 45238

Rev. Ronald Haft, *Pastor*, 922-5400 x1
Deacon Robert Schroeder, *Pastoral Associate*, 922-2500 x2031
Mrs. Shannon F. Benvenuti, *Business Manager*, 922-5400 x3
Mrs. Becky Hileman, *Bookkeeper*, 922-5400 x4
Mrs. Beth Bollin, *Administrative Assistant*, 922-5400 x2
Mrs. Shelly Kahny, *School Principal*, 922-2500 x2030
Mrs. Erica Steinbeck, *School Office Manager*, 922-2500 x2000
Ms. Peg Delaney, *Music Director*, 922-5400 x5
After School Child Care Program, 922-2500 x2031

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday: 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. Thursday: 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Anytime upon request.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Thursday: 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Friday after Mass to 10:00 p.m.

NEW PARISHIONERS:

Please register as soon as possible. Please register by calling 922-5400 x 2

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Evening Mass: 4:30 p.m.
Sunday Mass: 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.
All Holy Days, Christmas and New Year: Special Schedule.
Daily Mass: Monday through Saturday 8 a.m. Mass

BAPTISMS:

The first & third Sundays of the month.
Call the Rectory for an appointment.

MARRIAGES:

The bride or groom must contact the pastor before a wedding date is set.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:

Please call the rectory at 922-5400.

To Plan a Funeral Mass please call Deacon Bob Schroeder 922-2500 x 2031 or the rectory office at 922-5400 x2, M-F, 8AM-3PM.

Rectory 922-5400 • Fax 451-5871 • School 922-2500 • www.saintantoninus.org

Parish Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., or by appointment.

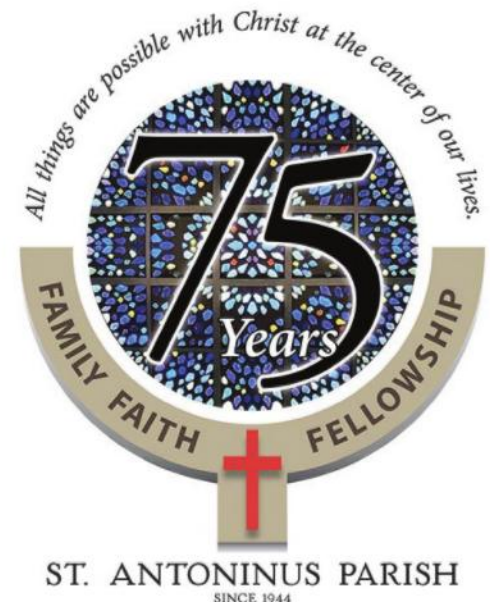
But now we
must celebrate
and rejoice,
because your
brother was
dead and has
come to life again;
he was lost
and has
been found.

Luke 14:27



PARISH ORGANIZATIONS AND CONTACTS

Adult Social Group:	
Edwin Brady	922-2971
Advancement Committee:	
Chairperson: Todd Beekley	602-9626
Athletic Club:	
President: Brian Downey	675-3925
Vice-President: Jim Doogan	675-6292
Gym Coord.: Steve Goetz	859-468-6864
Schott Field: Mitch Faeth	497-6996
Bereavement Ministry:	922-5400 ext. 1 or ext. 2
Boy Scouts: Bonnie Hueneman	922-5292
Building & Grounds Commission:	
Chairman: Jim Landers	922-3714
Secretary: Vince Olding	922-1820
Cub Scouts: Tom Mings	310-3794
Finance Commission: Norb Guetle	451-1227
Girl Scouts: Melissa Tepe	284-5283
Greeters: Marianne Roedersheimer	922-1525
Holy Spirit Prayer Group: Carol Jacob	451-1344
Knights of Columbus: Bill Wergowske	922-6262
Any man at least 18 years of age and a practicing Catholic.	
St Antoninus Moms Group:	
Heather Flick	859-803-0429
Network of Care Phone Line	922-5400 ext. 8
Pastoral Council:	
Chairperson: Tom Burger	240-0737
Parent Teacher Organization:	
Co-Presidents: Stephanie Duebber	515-9825
Danielle Goertemoeller	532-4104
Co-Vice-Presidents: Rebecca Douglas	659-4224
Amy Torres	884-2150
Pro-Life, Pro-Family Commission:	
Dave Willig	451-6192
Joan Loebker	922-0348
Sacristan/Marthas Contact: Ginny Johnson	922-1527
School Advisory Council:	
President: Greg Lammers	257-8500
St. Vincent de Paul Help Line	332-4600
Traveling Chalice: Debbie Rolfes	922-2414
Robert Schroeder	922-2500 ext 2031
DRE:	922-2500 ext 2031
Ministry for the Homebound:	922-2500 ext 2031
R.C.I.A.:	922-2500 ext 2031
Usher Coordinator:	922-2500 ext 2031
Virtus/Safe Environment:	922-2500 ext 2031
Welcome Committee: Judy Bonhaus	451-6718



The Meaning of the 75th Jubilee Logo

The Stain-glass window in the church sanctuary, that is above the altar is in the shape of a Host. It is resting inside of a Chalice. This symbolizes Christ Body and His Blood. The chards of stain glass embody "Us the People and The Parish Congregation". The many exquisite colorful pieces celebrate the diversity of a great multi-faceted ethnic group of parishioners. The square panes of glass inside the window represent the many groups and organizations that create The Saint Antoninus Parish Family. The Logo in its entirety signifies an on-going development of the past into the future beside a spirited vital family.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian
8:00AM MASS John Locaputo—Anniv. Rem.—Family

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 Saint Robert Bellamine
8:00AM MASS Special Intentions of Teresa Tomeo—
David Willig

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
8:00AM MASS Kathy Bedel—AMHEA Home School
Association

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 Saint Januarius
8:00AM MASS Special Intentions of Tom Crone—Pat
& Jerry Nymberg

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 Saints Andrew Kim Tae-jon
& Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions**
8:00AM MASS Dr. Ken Zwergel—Louis Family

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 Saint Matthew
8:00AM MASS Intentions of the Celebrant
4:00PM Rosary
4:30PM MASS Deceased members of the Humbert
Family—Bob & Mary Anne Mathews

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 25th Sunday of Ordinary
Time**
7:30AM Rosary
8:00AM MASS For the People of the Parish
9:30AM MASS Bernice Shields—Bd. Rem.— Family
11:30AM MASS Rose Mary Schulte— Anniv. Rem.—
Family



CONFESSIONS

Thursday, September 19, 6:30-8PM
Saturday, Sept. 21, 3:00PM - 4:00PM
Or upon request



Use **this cube** to get to the parish website
at www.saintantoninus.org to make
online donations to the parish and to see
other information.

THANK YOU to Annie Dlima at Piano Lessons for
Children for advertising in our bulletin.



SERVERS Sept. 16-20, 2019

8:00AM Mon.— V. Louis, L. Torres
8:00AM Fri. — V. Louis, L. Torres, N. Siler
8:00AM Tues., Wed., Thurs. - Adult Server

SERVERS Sept. 21 & 22, 2019

4:30PM C. Faeth, M. & M. Rehtin
8:00AM Adult Server
9:30AM M. Bauer, B. Beiting, D. Palicki
11:30AM L. Torres, N. Siler, L. Ross

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS Sept. 21 & 22

4:30PM B. Gibbs, L. & B. Bohan, A. & C. Huebner,
8:00AM Fr. Pancras, P. & M. Braunstein, S. Louis
9:30AM J. Scheid, S. Freudiger, K. Foland, M. Hirsch, E.
& K. Meyer, K. Hurley, C. Jones, D. Lucas, R. & D. Junker
11:30AM K. Klaene, J. & R. Loebker, S. Gerhardt, M.A.
Bartish, K. Hein, T. Fleming, C. McDonald, E. & M.B.
Nolan, J. Hoffman

LECTORS Sept. 21 & 22, 2019

4:30PM R. Roederscheimer S. Radziwon
8:00AM M. Kiely
9:30AM D. Junker J. Niehaus
11:30AM E. Nolan

SAVE THE DATE NOVEMBER 30-DECEMBER 1

As the 75th Jubilee draws to a close, the artifacts and
memorabilia will be on display one final time during
this weekend.

DECREE ON CHILD PROTECTION OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI

VIRTUS MEETINGS WILL BE HELD IN THE HOLY FAMILY
ROOM IN THE ST. ANTONINUS UNDERCROFT. Call
Deacon Bob Schroeder at 922-2500 x 2031. All
employees and regular volunteers are required to
attend one Virtus training meeting. You may attend
here or at any other location within the Archdiocese.
Pre-registration is required at www.virtus.org. Make
sure that the "User's Location" you choose during
registration is **St. Antoninus**—even if you attend
Virtus at another location. Be sure to write down
your Virtus User-ID and your Password. You will need
to use them monthly. Please register early to be
assured of a spot in the session you wish to attend.

The Father's Forgiveness & Mercy

What stands out to you in today's readings (**Ex. 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32**)?

God reveals his anger to Moses because the Israelites made for themselves another god. Not too long ago, they had miraculously escaped from Egypt by crossing the Red Sea yet they had forgotten what God did for them. They wanted good life on the desert very quickly! The desert was not offering them comfort. The desire for quick solutions to their problems clouded their minds! The Gospel speaks about the father and his two sons. One takes his inheritance and goes off; the good life at home pushed him to further seek more prosperous life elsewhere. He dissipates everything and 'experiences the scorching heat of the desert in his body and soul' and thus returns home with empty hands, physically and spiritually exhausted, dehydrated and depressed to seek forgiveness. The father does not deny him his love and forgiveness but goes further to show him mercy too in order to transform his son.

The Challenge

Consider this: Would you readily forgive this son who went away and squandered his inheritance? What attitude would you show him? Would you admit him into the home? Consider all the pain, the stress, and agony you will be going through in dealing with this issue. It isn't easy! However, Jesus is pointing us to something greater than ourselves by raising the bar for us. It is easier to say "I forgive you but hold on to the grudge." Jesus is saying to us: "Go further and freely 'donate' mercy too." In order to change and transform the sinner, Jesus points us to God's transcendent mercy that is capable of dissolving the intransigent disposition of holding on to grudges. He is saying: "Show forgiveness and mercy to the offender to change and transform him/her— bring the finest robe, the ring, the sandals and the fattened calf and celebrate NEW LIFE." In other words, give him/her your best self. That is the new life Jesus calls us to experience with one another. Be merciful as your heavenly Father is merciful!

IN LOVING MEMORY

A special section on the back of the bulletin is available to list the name of your deceased loved one. The cost is **\$55.00** per name, and their name will remain in the bulletin for **one year**. This will help defray the cost of printing our bulletin for the entire year. If interested, please fill out the slip and include it with your check **made payable to Saint Antoninus Parish**, in an envelope marked **"In Loving Memory"**, drop it in the rectory mailbox OR mail it to the parish office: Attn: Beth at St. Antoninus Church, 1500 Linneman Rd., 45238.

"In Loving Memory" (Please print clearly)

Loved One's Name _____

Your Name _____

Your Phone Number _____

Your Billing Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____



FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR

If you wish to dedicate the placing of flowers for one week at the altar in memory of a loved one, or to honor a person or special occasion, please send \$50 (check made out to Saint Antoninus Church, with Altar Flowers in the memo line) to the rectory office with your name, phone number and the week you would like to reserve. More than one family may reserve the same week. There will be no flower arrangements during the Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter seasons. If you have questions, call Beth Bollin, at 922-5400, x 2. Thank you for your support.

Week of September 14-21

In Memory of Shirley Niehaus
from Dr. Ferd Niehaus

amazonsmile Shop for wedding and shower gifts, birthdays, etc. at <http://smile.amazon.com>, and Amazon donates to St. Antoninus Church. Thank you for your participation.



You may sign up at any time for OnLine Giving, even for a one time donation,

to a particular fund. To start, go to the official Saint Antoninus Parish website at www.saintantoninus.org, click About Us, then click Giving, click on the Our Sunday Visitor button, then click the green Create New Account button. **If you want this service but do not have a computer, or if you have any questions, please call Beth at the rectory office at 922-5400, x 2.** ***NOTE: If your credit card company is changing, or your card expires, please update your account with your new credit card number, so your gift giving is not interrupted.***

If you have a problem texting your donation, please call OSV at 1-800-348-2886, ext. 2, then ext. 1. Or, call Beth at 922-5400, ext. 2.

TEXT TO GIVE

Your support during the summer months helps sustain our parish year-round. Parishioners and visitors can text a donation dollar amount to **513-952-8338**, and your transaction will be processed through the Online Giving account associated with the phone number above. \$ amount, single space, then fund name. See examples: 100 sunday or 25.75 maintenance

If you do not include a fund name, the default fund is Sunday contributions. These fund names are not case sensitive.

Fund Names

Text to Give Fund Names

Sunday contributions	sunday
Capital Campaign	capitalcampaign
Maintenance	maintenance
School Parish Support	schoolparish
Arleene Vallejos Tuition Assistance	avtap
School Endowment Fund	endowment
St. Antoninus Conference of	
St. Vincent de Paul Society	stvdpcnf
Dr. Albert C. Niedhamer Scholarship Fund	niedhamerfund

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

For the week ending September 1, 2019

Sunday Collections	\$15,603.25
Capital Campaign	\$ 3,235.00
Maintenance	\$ 60.00
School Parish Support	\$ 349.00
St. Antoninus, St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 260.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 15.00
Arleene Vallejos Tuition Assistance	\$ 125.00
Assumption of the Bl. Virgin Mary	\$ 40.00

For the week ending September 8, 2019

Sunday Collections	\$18,378.49
Capital Campaign	\$ 1,935.00
Maintenance	\$ 300.00
School Parish Support	\$ 185.00
St. Antoninus, St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 55.00
Assumption of the Bl. Virgin Mary	\$ 55.00
Donation	\$ 25.00

Thank you for your continuing support of the parish and school. Please remember Saint Antoninus in your will. Gifts of stock can also be made to St. Antoninus Church. If you currently work for, or are retired from, a company that has a Matching Gift program, you can make your contributions to Parish School Support, and have those contributions matched by your company. Please remind your company to include your name as the giver. If you have questions, please call Mrs. Shannon Benvenuti at 922-5400 x 3.



Thank you to everyone for your generosity toward the Raise the Roof & Cool the Croft Capital Campaign. As of September 10, our total is \$94,307.00. Thank you!

ROSARY GARDEN

For more information about memorial stones for purchase, please contact, Mr. Norb Guetle at 451-1227.



Dear Parishioners,

St. Antoninus Parish has been working in consultation with local law enforcement regarding the safety of our Parish/School. Local law enforcement has recommended that for the safety and security of our students, that during our school Mass the church doors be locked. There will be a staff member at the front doors to let in late comers if necessary. Additionally, after daily and weekend Masses are concluded the following doors will be closed – the west doors (Linneman Road), the northeast doors (coming up the steps from the parking lot), and the southeast doors (by the confessionals).

The south Chapel and north main (Church) doors will remain open during the day.

The hours for the south Chapel and main (Church) doors are as follows:

Open Monday- Sunday = 6:30 am

Closed Monday -Thursday = 8:00 pm

Closed Friday at 10 pm, Saturday at 6:30 pm, and Sunday at 7:00 pm

Please be patient with us as we get used to this new routine. Thank you!



Registration forms can be found on the St. Antoninus website under Girl Scouts at www.saintantoninus.org, click on organizations, click on Girl Scouts.

ROOTED YOUTH MINISTRY meeting will be on Sunday, **September 15, from 6:00PM until 8:00PM** in the undercroft. Please see the website for more details. For any questions or for more info, please contact Ms. Gibbs or Mrs. Lipps.

2019 St. Antoninus Jag-A-Thon

100% of the Jag-A-Thon fundraising goes directly to the St. Antoninus PTO. This is our one big fundraiser for the year, and 100% of goes back to support our staff and students. The Jag-A-Thon will take place on **Friday, September 20, after Mass (9am)**. Our Jags will spread their school spirit as they walk through our neighborhood, finishing back on the school playground. All are welcome to join in the walk or cheer for us along the way! So please join us! If you'd like to make a donation, please leave it in the school office at St. Antoninus: 5425 Julmar Dr. Cincinnati, OH 45238. Thank you for your support!!

Dear Parishioners,

The Parish Finance Committee, after extensive research and consultation, has approved a partnership with TDG Facilities Services to maintain our facilities. This partnership will begin on November 6, 2019. TDG comes highly recommended from several parishes and schools within the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

Like most parishes in the Archdiocese, St. Antoninus is experiencing a decrease in attendance, stewardship, and a loss of enrollment at our school. These factors contributed to the significant budget cuts we had to make in 2018-2019 fiscal year. Therefore, we are looking to provide St. Antoninus with the same level of excellence expected by the families of our parish and school, but in a more cost effective manner. Using TDG will allow us to run our campus more efficiently and effectively, without increasing our current facilities costs. All of our current costs have been factored into our partnership with TDG. Moreover, this partnership will help us catch up on maintenance issues over the entire campus and making sure we are being good financial stewards of the parish finances.

St. Antoninus is a large campus and currently we do not have the man power necessary to keep it running properly. We are doing the best we can with lots of volunteer assistance. We have one full time maintenance person for the entire campus, and a parishioner who donates his time and talent five (5) days a week (full time) to assist us. Eventually, he'd like to lessen his load here and go back to enjoying his retirement.

TDG typically invites existing maintenance staff to have a continued presence as employees of TDG. It is our hope that Mr. Whelen (our current maintenance worker) will still work at St. Antoninus incorporated into this arrangement as an employee of TDG.

Please feel free to email Shannon Benvenuti, Business Manager, at benvenuti@saintantoninus.org with any questions.

In Christ,

The Parish Finance Committee



Join the Greeters Ministry and help make all those who enter the doors of St. Antoninus Church know that we are a welcoming, caring community. For further details call Mrs. Roedersheimer at 922-1525.

ST. ANTONINUS NETWORK OF CARE

A network of volunteers is prepared to serve the St. Antoninus Parish Family by providing a meal after hospitalization, surgery or medical treatments, transportation to medical treatments or to Mass, prayer for the intentions on the St. Antoninus Prayer Chain, and A Listening Ear to parishioners facing difficulties. For information, please leave a message on the Network of Care Phone Line at 922-5400, ext. 8, and someone will return your call.



VISITS TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

If you know anyone who is homebound and who would like to receive Holy Communion and/or the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, please call Deacon Bob Schroeder at 922-2500, ext. 2031.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY



In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that the shepherd rejoices when he finds one lost sheep. The story tells us that nothing and no one is insignificant to God who is compassionate and

loving to all. Is there a neighbor or friend of yours who is in temporary need because of a loss of a job or an illness? Please leave a message for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Help Line #513-332-4600...we want to help!

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP

Sunday, September 15, is the feast of the Seven Sorrows of Mary. We will pray the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows of Mary from Our Lady of Kibeho and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy for the needs of our parish. Please join us to pray this Tuesday evening at 7 PM in the Chapel. All are welcome!



ROSARY

Saturdays after the 8 AM Mass and at 4:00PM.

Sundays at 7:30AM.

Monday thru Friday after the daily Mass.

Mondays 7:00PM Fatima Prayer Group in the Chapel.

Every evening at 7:30pm for the special Pro-Life intentions of Protection of our Unborn Children and the overturn of Roe v Wade.

Friday mornings at MaryAnn Baverman's home for Moms and grandmoms and young children from **10AM to 11:00AM**. We will show you how to pray the rosary. Please call MaryAnn at 503-9537 for details.

Join us in the Chapel on Sundays at 10:45am to pray the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows of Mary as prescribed by Our Lady of Kibeho. All are invited to join us for this time of prayer and reflection.

St. Antoninus Prayer chain: To intercede for prayer requests, please go to www.saintantoninus.org/prayer-chain, or pick up a list in the back of the greeting room on the right side of the counter. Requests for prayers may be emailed to: stapraychain@gmail.com or mail requests to St. Antoninus Prayer Chain, 1500 Linneman Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45238.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

In Matthew 26:40, Jesus says to Peter [and to us], "Could you not, then, watch one hour with me?" Please consider joining your fellow parishioners for 30 minutes, or one hour, at Eucharistic Adoration in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel on Fridays from 9:00AM until 10:00PM. Fatima Holy Hour with Exposition on Thursday evenings from 7PM to 8PM in the church with an opportunity for confession.

TRAVELING CHALICE

Now, more than ever, PLEASE consider taking the Traveling Chalice into your home and pray, for the intentions of our Holy Church, for Vocations, Pope Francis, all Church leaders, our country, and for our persecuted brothers and sisters around the world. Call Debbie at 922-2414 to schedule the Chalice.



BREAKING OPEN THE WORD with Kathy O'Connor
24rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14: Today's first reading finds God dialoging with Moses. This dialogue contains the doctrinal basis of salvation history: Covenant, sin, and mercy. The people of Israel have turned to idolatry: they have cast a golden calf to which they now give adoration. In their adoration of the golden calf they have rebelled against God and turned their backs on Him breaking the Covenant. After God led the Israelites out of captivity in Egypt working through Moses, the people thank Him by creating a false god. Notice that in this reading as God talks to Moses, He refers to the Israelites not as *His* people but as *your* people. In so doing God is showing Moses that His chosen people have acted like anyone else (pagans), guided by human leaders. The punishment that the sin deserves is their destruction but mercy always prevails over the offence. As Abraham did in another time on behalf of Sodom, Moses intercedes with the Lord. Because Israel is the people that God has made His own, He can't turn His back on the Covenant He made with them. Thus, promise, election, and Covenant form the foundation which guarantees that God's forgiveness will be forthcoming, even if they commit the gravest of sins. God forgives *His* people not because they deserve to be forgiven but out of pure mercy and moved by Moses' intercession. God's forgiveness and the people's conversion are both of them, a divine initiative.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 51: 3-4; 12-13, 17, 19: The responsorial psalm for this Sunday is psalm of David. It is a plea for purification from sin and for a heart made clean. Biblical scholars believe this psalm was written after David admitted his sin of adultery with Bathsheba and having arranged for the death of her husband. The psalmist feels the weight of his sin and cries to God for help. *He is aware that God has given him the wisdom to recognize his sin and to confess it: that is what God desires and what pleases Him.* He begs God to renew his inner being which will allow him to dwell in the presence of God and share in the life that He possesses and bestows.

Reading II: 1 Timothy 1: 12-17: This letter is part of a group of Pauline letters referred to as the Pastoral Letters. Timothy was a very loyal to Paul and Paul relied on him in his work with the early Christians. St. Paul seldom hesitates to draw lessons from his own life experiences if he thinks it will help others to better understand the Gospel or to deal with the problematic circumstances of their own lives. Sometimes the circumstances of St. Paul's life were less than flattering. Such is the case in the epistle for this weekend. Paul is talking about his earlier persecution of the early followers of Jesus. One of the greatest ironies of Christian history is that Paul, who once sought to destroy the faith, became one of its greatest and most effective teachers. Rather than being embarrassed by his past, he finds God's grace at work. This is an example of humility. He is happy to serve as an "example" of God's mercy. Christ came into the world to save sinners and an excellent example of this is St. Paul. This passage ends with Paul giving glory and honor to God.

Gospel: Luke: 15: 1-32: The Gospel for this weekend is about God's mercy and joy when a sinner recognizes the sin and repents. Indeed, there is great joy in heaven when sinners repent. The first part of the reading describes various scenarios of something being lost, searched for, found, and rejoiced over when found. All of these lost objects are symbolic for a sinner who is once again found. The rest of the passage contains one of Jesus' greatest teachings: the parable of the prodigal son. The prodigal son, as did David in the responsorial psalm, recognizes his sin, confesses it to his father, and is welcomed home by his joyful father.

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The parable teaches us in a beautiful way that God is a kind and understanding Father. The prodigal son is a symbol of the person who cuts himself off from God through sin. As seen in this parable, the lure of immediate gratification and pleasure of sin is powerful. What once was attractive has ultimately resulted in unhappiness for the son. The prodigal son sinks to a very low level and is miserable. But, his misery helps him see the error of his ways. He is not sure of the reception he will receive from his father but he nevertheless makes the journey home. His father is overjoyed at the son's return. The lesson is valuable: without the son's awareness of his sorry state in life, without his humility to admit his errors and as forgiveness, the father's love could not have reached him. But the father's love and compassion for him hasn't changed, a fact that the elder son has a hard time grasping. The older son draws an implicit contrast between himself and his younger brother, who has not worked for or submitted to his father. Yet, the older son's self-image seems to be one of a dutiful slave rather than a son. He feels unappreciated and says that although he slaved the father never gave him a young goat to feast on with his friends. His complaint may reveal that he does not even particularly enjoy being with his father; his choice of companions for a nice meal would be friends not family.

Reflection: God always hopes for the return of sinners. He is waiting for us like the father in the parable with open arms even though we don't deserve it. God's mercy is so great that we cannot really grasp it just like the elder son in the parable. It doesn't matter how great the debt is. Just like the prodigal son, all we have to do is open our hearts. How do we know God hopes for the return of sinners and is waiting for us with open arms? He gave us the sacrament of reconciliation to welcome us back. Reconciliation helps us to have contrition and a conversion of the heart; a desire to change and a firm decision to improve our lives. What a gift! Perhaps we can express our gratitude to God by going out of our ways to be kind and gracious to someone who is in no way deserving of our regard. Perhaps this week we might reflect on the following: 1) What insights does the father in the parable give me into God as my Father; how have I experienced His compassion for me; 2) what do I see of myself in the behavior of the younger son; what can I learn from his example; 3) who are the estranged members of my family; what kind of reception would I give them if they wanted to patch things up; 4) is my relationship with God primarily one of obedience and service or primarily one of love? *Lord, something made that younger son come back to his senses. You are working in mysterious, hidden ways in every heart. I don't have to go far to find people who are in trouble, who are sad, who need to come back to you and don't know the way. Open my heart so I can reach out to them; use my slightest effort even if it's clumsy, as a channel of grace. Lord, You are the way, the truth, and the life.....*



All moms welcome including those from other parishes!! Any questions please email moms@saintantoninus.org.

Mark your calendar for our upcoming meetings:

9/25—7PM evening meeting, Brave Mom Retreat

9:15 AM to 11:15 AM— October 2, November 6

7 PM to 9 PM November 20, evening meeting

9:15 AM to 11:15 AM— December 4, January 8

7 PM to 9 PM— January 22, evening meeting

9:15 AM to 11:15 AM—February 5, March 4

7 PM to 9 PM— March 25, evening meeting

9:15 AM to 11:15 AM— April 1, May 6

7 PM to 9 PM— May 13, evening meeting

SAINT ANTONINUS' WIDOWS GROUP will have a dinner at 5:00PM on **Wednesday, October 9th**, at Kennings Circle K, 6166 Bridgetown Road. Meal is individual choice, individual payment. RSVP before October 6, to Donna at 922-0833.

2nd SIGNS STUDY GROUP

Saturday, October 12th, meeting from 9am - 10:30am. Come view **'The Mass' videos by Bishop Robert Barron** - #3 Responding to God and #4 Preparing For Sacrifice. A discussion will follow with handouts.

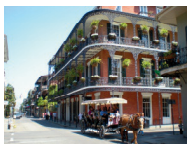
FRIENDS OF ELDER HS TRAVEL FOR 2020

Travel benefits Friends of Elder Endowed Scholarship for students at Elder High School.

2020 tours are:

MARCH 29- Spotlight on New Orleans.

APRIL 15- Holland American Cruise / Eastern Caribbean.



JUNE 15 - Yellowstone/Wildlife Safari.

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Golf Outing to Benefit Elder High School Hockey Program on September 22, at Aston Oaks at 2:00 P.M. Cost is \$100 per golfer and includes 4-person scramble, cart, drink tickets, and dinner. Prizes for low team, longest drive, and closest to the pin. Hole sponsorships available! To register, contact Tricia Peters at patriciapeters4@yahoo.com.

Caregiver Groups

September is Fall Prevention month – a great time to do a safety check. Is your loved one at risk for falls? There are caregiver groups in your area that meet at Bayley Wellness Center in Delhi (meets every Friday at 9:30 am). Please call Angie Homoelle at (513) 672-3834 or visit www.ccswoh.org/caregivers for more information. Sponsored by the Caregiver Assistance Network, a program of Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio funded through the Council on Aging.

Baby Bottle Campaign

Benefiting Pregnancy Center West

On **October 5 & 6**, St. Antoninus will again participate in the Baby Bottle Campaign benefiting the programs of Pregnancy Center West. You can also get a bottle from the school office from October 7th thru 11th. Fill it with change or a check made payable to PCW. Return filled bottles on **October 19th & 20th**. Thank you for your generosity! For info, visit www.pc-west.org.

Wondering how to change people's hearts and minds about abortion? The UNPLANNED movie is the answer. Come to a free showing at the St. Antoninus Church, 1500 Linneman Road on **Sunday, October 13, at either 2:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m.** Enter from the Julmar Drive parking lot entrance to access the Undercroft where the film will be shown. Questions? Call Judy at 451-6718.

ADULT SOCIAL GROUP will have a Communion Service at 12:30PM in the chapel and Lunch at 1:00PM in the undercroft on **Monday, October 14**. \$12 per person is due in the rectory office before Wednesday, October 9. RSVP to Bob Brown at 451-4842.

The St. A Men's Holy Name Society meet every second Saturday of the month in the Undercroft at 6:30am Fellowship with Coffee and Donuts, then 7:00am to 7:55 Meeting. **No meeting in October** when we have our Annual Eucharistic Procession in downtown Cincinnati on **October 19th**, from 9AM until 11AM. Call Dave Willig at 305-6719 or Doug Jaeger at 417-2503 for more information.

TOWN HALL FOLLOW-UP Thank you to all who attended or gave feedback on the first Parish Town Hall meeting! It is the first step in enhancing the parish leadership structure to engage more parishioners in the direction of our parish and school community. Committees are forming now, and nominations are being accepted for all elected leadership roles. To get more information and to offer your help, please complete the form included with this bulletin and return it in the collection basket or to the parish office. You may also go to the official Saint Antoninus Parish website, click on "To Volunteer", click on the "A" button. You may also email your contact information and area of interest to stantoninusleadership@gmail.com. Thank you!

St. Antoninus Parish and School Nominations and Committee Engagement Form

The leadership structure for the Parish has been refreshed with the goal of increased, integrated, and unified lay participation in setting the direction of the parish and school. Your help is needed in moving St. Antoninus Parish and School forward as an engaged and vibrant community.

Complete this form to add your name to the list of those willing to "be the change they want to see" in the Parish. You will be contacted by a coordinator who can answer questions and provide additional information. (Nominees must be parishioners over the age of 18.) Elections will be held as soon as possible this fall. Please mark any areas of interest or suggest ideas not listed. Contact the individuals listed below or stantoninusleadership@gmail.com for more information. Return this form in the collection basket at any Mass or to the Parish Office **by September 15, 2019**. Elections will be held as soon as possible in the coming weeks.

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL serves as the Parish Council and the primary lay decision-making body for the Parish. While the final decisions remain with the Pastor, this group brings together leaders from each of the parish committees/councils along with three members elected at-large to present comprehensive direction on this issues affecting parishioners. Names below will be considered for the three elected positions on the Leadership Council. Contact: stantoninusleadership@gmail.com

NAME	PHONE (MOBILE PREFERRED)	EMAIL

EDUCATION COMMISSION proposes school policy and advises the Pastor, Principal, and Director of Religious Education. Elected by the parish. Contact: Stephanie Striet; salstriet@gmail.com

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MINISTRY AND EVANGELIZATION COMMISSION supports the spiritual life of the Parish through Liturgy and groups that encourage living our faith in all areas of our lives. Elected by the parish. Contact: Jenee Ferguson; jeneeferguson@cinci.rr.com.

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COMMITTEE (VOLUNTEER) OPPORTUNITIES - Check all areas of interest.

- ☐ Finance Committee - Chris Meyer; chrismeyer7@outlook.com
- ☐ Building and Grounds - Norb Guetle; njgii@cinci.rr.com
- ☐ Athletic Club - Jason Corcoran; jason.corcoran@fmr.com
- ☐ PTO - Danielle Goertemoeller; goertemoellerd@yahoo.com
- ☐ Parish Advancement/Fundraising - Todd Beekly; todd.beekly@gmail.com
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