

St. Anthony Church
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Weekday Masses: Mon, Wed & Fri 5:30pm - Tue & Thurs 7:30am, Fri 8:15am during School Year
Weekend Masses: Sat. Vigil - 6:00pm; Sun. 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00noon (Spanish), 6:00pm (Youth Mass)
Confessions: Sat. 4:30pm-5:30pm & 15 min before the Evening Weekday Masses

Liturgies for the Week

Mon Jan 9 5:30pm +Kathryn Krueger
 Tues Jan 10 7:30am +Janice Canik (in Chapel)
 Wed Jan 11 5:30pm +Keith and Darrell Grafe, +Mildred Skutca
 Thurs Jan 12 7:30am Donna Tesch (S.I.) (in Chapel)
 Fri Jan 13 8:15am +Jerry Faldyn
 Fri Jan 13 5:30pm +Jacinto Banegas
 Sat Jan 14 6:00pm +Jimmy, Miss Pete, Gary, & Rusty Mikulenska
 Sun Jan 15 8:00am Knights of Columbus, Living and Deceased
 Sun Jan 15 10:00am +Gilbert and Audrey Kouba
 Sun Jan 15 12:00am People of the Parish
 Sun Jan 15 6:00pm +John A. Huebel



Sunday, January 8, 2023

The Epiphany of the Lord / Readings Begin at #803

“The star . . . stopped over the place where the child was” (Matthew 2:9). Imagine how difficult the Magi’s journey was. If they came from Persia, as most scholars believe, they would have had to travel nearly one thousand miles. That’s four months on the road. Traveling all that time with treasurers like gold, frankincense, and myrrh would have made them ripe targets for brigands and highway robbers. And then there were the general conditions, “the ways deep and the weather sharp,” as the poet T.S. Eliot put it. How many times do you think they were tempted to turn around and return home?

To add insult to injury, when they came to Jerusalem, they discovered there was no “newborn king of the Jews” to be found (Matthew 2:2). They had to go to Bethlehem and “search diligently” for Him there (2:8). What a model of faithfulness and perseverance! And these were pagans who didn’t even worship the God of Israel!

On this day, when we celebrate the first Gentiles to worship the Lord Jesus, let’s follow their example on our own journey toward Jesus. When the way of discipleship seems too deep and the weather too sharp, picture the Magi trudging over miles and miles, determined to get to Jesus. When the lies of the devil or the allure of the world tries to rob you of your faith, picture the Magi guarding their treasures. When the road to holiness turns out to be longer than you thought it would be, or when it takes an unexpected turn, picture the Magi pressing on to Bethlehem to see the Christ child.

The Magi were “overjoyed” when they found the Lord (Matthew 2:10). Similarly, your perseverance will be rewarded with the deep-down joy that comes from knowing the over-flowing love of Jesus. Surely this is a journey worth taking!

“Jesus, help me to persevere so that I can behold Your glory!”
 (from “The Word Among Us”)

If you would like a Mass said for a loved one, living or deceased, see the Church Office.

If you are new to the parish, please register your family in the church office or fill out a form from the back of church and drop in the collection basket. Please let your previous parish know.

The Emmaus Center in Victoria provides individual, marital and family counseling services from a Catholic perspective, regardless of religious affiliation, gender, race or age. To schedule an appointment or for info call (361) 212-0830.

Prayer Chain: If you are interested in volunteering to be a part of the St. Anthony Prayer Chain, please call Tracey or Chrissy in the Church Office.

Calendar for the Week

Sun Jan 8 No Youth Mass at 6:00pm
 Mon – Thurs Fr. Augustine will be on a Priest Retreat.
 Mon Jan 9 Bible Study, 6:15pm
 Conversations of Faith (RCIA), 6:15pm in Church Office
 Tues Jan 10 TNT Quilters, 8:00am at Columbus Hall
 Spanish Prayer Group, 6:00pm
 Wed Jan 11 CCE, 5:30pm
 Youth Group, 6:00pm in Cafeteria
 Thurs Jan 12 Contemporary Choir Practice, 6:30pm in Church
 (Everyone is welcome!!)
 Fri Jan 13 SAS Mass Prepared by 5th Grade, 8:15am
 Sat Jan 14 Confirmation Practice, 10:00am
 Sun Jan 15 Confirmation Mass, 10:00am

Last Weekend’s Collection

\$ 3231.00 Envelopes
 \$ 1434.00 Loose
 \$ 1747.00 Solemnity of Mary Collection
 \$ 1030.00 Paving the Way Fund

“Thank you for your generosity!”

2022 Diocesan Services Appeal (DSA): St. Anthony’s DSA goal for 2022 is **\$39,388.00**. To date, parishioners have pledged \$19,765 towards the DSA, leaving a balance of \$19,623. We ask that you prayerfully consider your gift. Donations can be mailed directly to the Diocese or brought to the church office. No gift is too small and we earnestly thank you for your generosity.

“ONLY ONE PERSON COMES OUT OF AN
 ABORTION ALIVE.” -UNKNOWN
 Please continue to pray for the Gabriel Project.

If you would like to purchase **Catholic Life Insurance Sweepstakes** tickets, come by the church or the school office. Last year, this fundraiser brought in \$6,100 for SAS, so not only do you get a chance to win \$20,000, a Toyota Corolla, or a Roman Holiday, you’re also helping our school! Win-Win! Tickets are \$5 each.

St. Anthony Church has pledged \$1200 to the Wellness Council of Colorado County to help fund a Mental Health Officer for our area. If you would like to contribute, please place your donation in the Sunday collection.

| <u>Ministers serving this weekend</u> | <u>Ministers to serve next weekend</u> |
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| 6:00 L Venghaus C/L M Stavinoha | 6:00 A Frnka C/L B Besch |
| 8:00 J Rau, L & W Glueck C/L S Glueck | 8:00 E & K Lanham, A Cranek C/L T Lanham |
| 10:00 J Schobel, W & H Kramr C/L D Braden | 10:00 Confirmation Students C/L Confirmation Students |
| 12:00 M, A, & A Garcia C/L S Hernandez | 12:00 E & J Tovar, A Lara C/L T Rosales |
| TLC N Nelson, A Walling | TLC RJ Jauernig, S Gerik |

*Come pray the
 Rosary with us!
 Wednesdays at 6:00pm
 Saturdays at 5:30pm
 Sundays at 7:30am
 Sundays 11:20am in Spanish*

Please pray for our Confirmation Students who will receive Confirmation on January 15: Madeline Aguilar, Carina Alonso, Salaydi Esperanza Alvarez, Lydia Benjamin, Ella Berger, Melanie Cabrera, Sophie Cantu, Madyson Carter, Samantha Duncan, Madalene Edmiston, Abigail Fisher, Annie Fuller, Molly Garcia, Maria Garcia, Avery Glueck, Lisbeth Gonzalez, Lisette Gonzalez, Melanie Hernandez, Armando Hernandez, Claire Elizabeth Klausmeyer, Isabel Martinez, Aleks Medrano, Javier Mendoza, Jillian Miksch, Payton Pavlicek, Daniel Ramirez, Yecenia Rosales, Ella Schneider, William Schneider, Tommy Schobel, Justin Strauss, Luke Sunderman, Miriam Villalobos, Abby Wiggs, Sophia Wolters, and Raymond Wrobliski.

The Altar Society has mailed letters informing the parishioners of the functions of the society, of which we are all members. You can bring your \$5 annual dues and \$5 flower fund donation to the church office or drop in the collection basket.

This year’s **Right to Life Walk** will be held on Saturday, January 21 at 2:00pm. We will meet in the Industry State Bank parking lot and march towards the courthouse. Please join us!

Altar Servers Needed! We are always looking for prayerful little hearts to help Father and the deacons on the altar. If your child would like to be trained to be an Altar Server (must have received First Communion), please contact the church office.

Happenings around the Diocese:
 (Go to victoriadiocese.org for more info or see fliers on bulletin board)
Grief Ministry Meeting—Parents who have children that have died at any age are invited to join us Tues, Jan 10th from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at Assumption Catholic Church Parish Hall in Ganado, Texas. For more information please call Pat Hoelscher at 979-257-9984.
Healing Mass—Thurs, Jan 12 at Parish of the Nativity in Eagle Lake. Adoration at 6pm, Mass at 7pm, Healing Svc will follow Mass
Silent Retreat—Jan 26-29 at Cathedral Oaks Retreat Center, Weimar, TX; Spiritual Direction by Sisters of Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament; \$150 per person; registration deadline is Jan 11. Visit victoriadiocese.org for more info
Weimar KC Chicken Fried Steak Dinner—Feb 5 at St. Michael Family Center; 10:30-sold out; \$12 per plate
St. Roch Turkey & Dressing Dinner—Feb 5 at St. Roch Parish Hall; 11:00am; \$15 per plate
2023 Men’s Conference—Feb 25 from 8am-4:30pm at Holy Family Catholic Church in Victoria. \$40 per person.