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Weekday Masses: Mon, Wed & Fri 5:30pm - Tue & Thurs 7:30am in the Chapel
Weekend Masses: Sat. Vigil - 6:00pm; Sun. 8:00am, 10:00am, & 12:00noon (Spanish)
Confessions: Sat. 4:30pm-5:30pm in the Church & 15 min before Weekday Masses in Church Office

Liturgies for the Week

Mon	Sept 16	5:30pm	Special Intention
Tues	Sept 17	7:30am	+Michael Miksch
Wed	Sept 18	5:30pm	+Steve Potter
Thur	Sept 19	7:30am	Crystal Decker (S.I.)
Fri	Sept 20	8:15am	SAS Football Team (S.I.)
Fri	Sept 20	5:30pm	+Clinton Voelkel
Sat	Sept 21	6:00pm	+George and Jovita Hernandez
Sun	Sept 22	8:00am	+Wilbert and Vernell Kucherka
Sun	Sept 22	10:00am	CDA, Living and Deceased Members
Sun	Sept 22	12:00noon	Karina Rubio (S.I.)

Ministers serving this weekend

6pm	K. Weishuhn, L. & D. Riehl
C/L	B. Besch
EM	B. Besch, Y. Wagner, T. Stehling
8am	J. & J. Rau, J. Trapp
C/L	J. Rau
EM	D. & G. Warschak, J. Huebel
10am	G. Theut, I. Awuah, Z. Kleimann
C/L	T. Lanham
EM	R. & T. Theut, T. Lanham
12pm	R. Sanchez, M. Aguilar, L. Alvarez
C/L	M. Ortiz
EM	P. & R. Tovar

Sunday, September 15, 2019
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him" (Luke 15:20). This beloved story is usually called "the parable of the prodigal son." But what if we looked at it as a story of a prodigal father instead? We may not want to call the father "prodigal." After all, the word means extravagant or excessive, like someone throwing away his money with both hands. That's clearly what the younger son did, and we don't like it. But the father *is* prodigal. First, he freely gives his younger son his inheritance years before the proper time. Then, maybe more important, when this son returns, he is exceedingly prodigal in welcoming him back: the finest robe, a ring, new sandals, and a great feast. It's no wonder the older son got upset! How could his father be so free with his gifts? How could he be so glad to accept that wasteful, irresponsible son back into his home?

This prodigal father can disturb us too. It's hard to understand how or why he could welcome his wayward son back into full status as a child and heir. We might think that for the sake of fairness, the father should have made the young man pay back what he had squandered or suffer some other kind of consequence for his actions before he could be forgiven. But that would be misunderstanding mercy.

The father in this parable gives us a glimpse of our heavenly Father. He sent Jesus to pour out His entire self--lavishly--to welcome us back home. In everything He said and did, Jesus revealed God's shockingly generous mercy, a mercy that is available to each one of us. It's a mercy that doesn't hold a grudge. It's a mercy that waits patiently for us to begin our return. It's a mercy that eagerly welcomes us home. This is the mercy that God has for you--and for everyone around you.

"Corrió hacia su hijo, lo abrazó y lo besó" (Lucas 15:20). Esta amada historia suele llamarse "la parábola del hijo pródigo". Pero, ¿y si lo viéramos como una historia de un padre pródigo en su lugar? Tal vez no queramos llamar "pródigo" al padre. Después de todo, la palabra significa extravagante o excesivo, como alguien tirando su dinero con ambas manos. Eso es claramente lo que hizo el hijo menor, y no nos gusta. Pero el padre es pródigo. Primero, da libremente a su hijo menor su herencia años antes del momento adecuado. Entonces, tal vez más importante, cuando este hijo regrese, es sumamente pródigo en darle la bienvenida de nuevo: la mejor túnica, un anillo, sandalias nuevas, y una gran fiesta. ¡No es de extrañar que el hijo mayor se enfadara! ¿Cómo pudo su padre ser tan libre con sus dones? ¿Cómo pudo estar tan contento de aceptar a ese hijo derrochador e irresponsable de vuelta a su casa?

Este padre pródigo también puede molestarnos. Es difícil entender cómo o por qué podría dar la bienvenida a su hijo descarriado de nuevo a su estado como un niño y heredero. Podríamos pensar que, en aras de la justicia, el padre debería haber hecho que el joven pagara lo que había despilfarrado o sufra algún otro tipo de consecuencia por sus acciones antes de que pudiera ser perdonado. Pero eso sería una misericordia injusta.

El padre de esta parábola nos da una idea de nuestro Padre celestial. Envío a Jesús a derramar todo Su yo -espléndidamente- para recibirnos de vuelta a casa. En todo lo que dijo e hizo, Jesús reveló la misericordia sorprendentemente generosa de Dios, una misericordia que está disponible para cada uno de nosotros. Es una misericordia que no guarda rencor. Es una misericordia que espera pacientemente a que comencemos nuestro regreso. Es una misericordia que nos da la bienvenida a casa con entusiasmo. Esta es la misericordia que Dios tiene por ustedes y por todos los que te rodean.

"Thank you, Father, for your extravagant mercy. Thank you for running out to meet each person who comes back to you. Even me."
(from "The Word Among Us")

Calendar for the Week

Mon	Sept 16	Bible Study: Bishop Barron and "The Mass," 6:15pm in the SAS Library
Tues	Sept 17	TNT Quilters, 8:00am at KC Hall TLC Bingo, 3:00pm
Wed	Sept 18	CDA Bingo, 3:00pm at Columbus Oaks CCE, 5:30pm Youth Group (How to be Happy/Live Life to the Fullest), 6:15pm
Thurs	Sept 19	Food Pantry (bagging), 9:00am Rosary led by SAS 5th graders, 9:30am in Chapel CDA Rosary, 10:30am at The Oaks
Fri	Sept 20	SAS Mass Prepared by the 4th grade, 8:15am in Church Food Pantry (Distribution), 10:00am
Sun	Sept 22	Divine Mercy and Hour of Adoration, 3:00pm in Chapel

Please keep
Rusty Theut and
John Glueck
 in your prayers as they continue
 their journey in the Diaconate

Last Weekend's Collection

\$ 4536.00	Sunday Envelopes
\$ 1527.00	Loose
\$ 619.00	Second Collection
\$ 313.00	Legacy Fund

Donations Made Last Week

\$ 1251.25	Capital Campaign Donations & Pledges
\$ 260.00	Capital Campaign Memorials
\$ 145.00	Legacy Fund Memorials
\$ 115.00	A/C Donations

Donations for New A/C in the Church

\$ 51,718.00 (\$130,000.00 Needed)

"Thank you for your generosity!"

"Building on our Legacy, Building for Christ!"

Your donations are appreciated. Construction of our beautiful school is complete, but we still have a loan with the Diocese, which to date totals **\$1,247,654.74.** (The loan started at \$1,300,214.50, with an interest rate of 4%.) If you would like to make a donation, please see Tracey in the church office. No gift is too small! Thank you!

LOCAL CHURCH PICNICS THIS WEEK :
(see bulletin board in back of church for more info)

St. Joseph, Moulton ~ September 15

All **CDA members** are urged to attend the 10:00am Mass on September 22. You may sit anywhere.

St. Anthony is in charge of the Food Pantry
this week. We are looking for volunteers to help
out on Thursday and Friday. Please call Dennis
Wagner 732-2422 with questions.

Ministers To Serve September 21 & 22

09/21	6:00pm	AS	T. A. & J. Schobel
		C/L	R. Heffley
		EM	R. Heffley, G. Elizondo, D. Rios
		FG	D. Wagner, F. Holesovsky
09/22	8:00am	AS	S. & B. Wolters, A. Cranek
		C/L	S. Rhodes
		EM	S. Rhodes, J. Barta, RJ Jauernig
		FG	C. Moore
EM to TLC 09/22, 9:30am:			B. Besch, J. O'Leary

Meat Donation Envelopes can be found in the pews. Please use these envelopes to help defray the cost of the meal at our church picnic. Every little bit helps!

Church Picnic Live Auction Items:

Handmade Chevrolet Tailgate Bench (Steve & Zach Anderson) * Portrait Session and 16x20 Canvas Portrait (Tracey Lanham, Meadowlark Portraits) * **Seafood Feast Dinner (Joe & Pat Reck, Bruce & Donna Tesch, and Donald & Gail Warschak)** * Hot Basket ~ John and Sandy Glueck * **Cedar River Table (24W x 47L x 30 H) (Handcrafted by Buddy and Bealinda O'Brien)** * Solid Oak 6ft Bench (Handcrafted by Buddy and Bealinda O'Brien) * **King Sized Multi-Paisley Quilt with 2 King Sized Matching Shams (Nancy Nelson)** * Yeti 65 (Harrell Dentistry - Sugarland)

Please consider signing up to prayer for the upcoming Men's ACTS Retreat on September 19-22. There is a prayer poster in the back of the church.

Please pick up your **Raffle Tickets** in the back of church!

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St. Anthony Church T-shirt order forms and a sample shirt can be found in the back of church. Please return order forms and payment to the church office, or drop it in the collection basket. T-shirts can be picked up on Saturday, October 12, during picnic setup at the KC Hall.

09/22 10:00am **AS** M. Olivarez, M. Ehlert, D. Barten
C/L N. Nelson
EM R. & T. Theut, N. Nelson
FG B. Hartensteiner

09/22 12:00pm **AS** E. & J. Tovar, S. Gonzlaes
C/L Ma. A. Sanchez
EM A. & V. Sanchez