

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	Aug 23	5:30pm	College Students and their Anxious Parents and Empty Nesters
Tues	Aug 24	7:30 am	Special Intention (NW)
Wed	Aug 25	5:30 pm	+Janie Kulhanek Hammonds
Thurs	Aug 26	7:30 am	+Charles Squyres
Fri	Aug 27	8:15am	+Robert and Nolie Schobel and Brad Weikel
Fri	Aug 27	5:30 pm	+Gloria Rocha Scheel
Sat	Aug 28	6:00pm	Altar Society, Living and Deceased Members
Sun	Aug 29	8:00am	+Kevin Oppermann
Sun	Aug 29	10:00am	+Audrey Ann Kouba
Sun	Aug 29	12:00noon	Teresa Rosales (S.I.)
Sun	Aug 29	6:00pm	+Linda Schmidt

Sunday, August 22, 2021
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

“We also will serve the Lord” (Joshua 24:18). As he is nearing the end of his life, Joshua wants to make sure his people will remain faithful to God. And so he asks them, Will you serve the Lord your God, or the foreign gods of your neighbors?”

We already know the outcome; we know how often the Israelites failed to keep their covenant with God. Yet it was not actually these particular people who turned away from God, but “a later generation” who “did not know the Lord or the work He had done for Israel” (Judges 2:10).

So how do the people gathered before Joshua that day keep their covenant? Notice that when they make their vow, they recall what God has already done for them. He has led them out of slavery, protected them on their journey to the Promised Land, and driven out the people who dwelt there (Joshua 24:16-18). Perhaps it’s because they are so aware of God’s goodness, faithfulness, and mighty deeds that they are able to make—and keep—their promises to Him.

We all struggle at times to keep our commitments to the Lord. How often have we made a resolution in morning prayer only to break it by noon! But when we face the inevitable temptation to serve other “gods,” perhaps we can follow the lead of these Israelites by recalling what God has done for us.

The next time you’re battling a temptation, you could recall the Father’s goodness in sending His Son to become one of us. Or His mercy in forgiving your sins. Or the gift of Jesus’ Body and Blood in the Eucharist. Or the “mighty deeds” He’s accomplished in your own life.

Reflecting on such truths will give you greater confidence that God’s abundant grace can help you overcome every sin. Then, filled with love and gratitude, you’ll be able to say wholeheartedly with Joshua, “As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord” (24:15).

“Father, let me never forget what you’ve done for me.”
(from The Word Among Us)

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*Jesus asks,
“Come help the
children learn
about me.”*

*Volunteers needed for CCE to
help monitor the children and
help with material distribution.
Call or text Lorraine Novosad
(979)733-3872.*

CCE will begin on Sept. 18.

Masses: If you would like a Mass said for a loved one, living or deceased, see Tracey in the Church Office

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.

Did you know? We have a Lost and Found in the Church Office. If you have accidentally forgotten something in the church, please call the Church Office. We might have it!

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.

Calendar for the Week

Sun	Aug 22	KC Drive Thru Dinner, 11:00am at Columbus Hall Divine Mercy and Adoration, 3:00pm in Church Youth Group CORE Team Commissioning, after 6:00pm Mass
Tues	Aug 24	TNT Quilters, 8:00am at Columbus Hall
Wed	Aug 25	St. Joseph Rosary, after the 5:30pm Mass
Fri	Aug 27	SAS Mass prepared by the 7 th grade, 8:15am
Sun	Aug 29	KC “Red Raven & Blue Denim” Dance, 2-7pm at Columbus Hall

Last Weekend’s Collection

\$ 2299.00	Envelopes
\$ 825.00	Loose
\$ 440.00	Online Giving through DOV Website
\$ 536.00	Assumption

Donations Made Last Week

\$ 211.00	Capital Campaign Donations
\$ 140.00	Capital Campaign Memorials
\$ 175.00	A/C Donations
\$ 1520.00	Holy Water Font Donation

PAID IN FULL!! THANK YOU!!

Donations for New A/C in the Church

\$ 62,338.00 (\$130,000 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 **\$952,165.17**. (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!

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 information call (361) 212-0830.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: To allow for all of our parishioners to be able to attend the Church Picnic on October 10, the Mass times for that Sunday have been changed to 8:00am, 9:30am, and 11:00am (Spanish). There will be no 6:00pm Youth Mass that evening.

<u>Ministers serving this weekend</u>	<u>Ministers to serve next weekend</u>
6:00 A Medrano, A Cranek C/L T Lillie	6:00 A & L Potter C/L B Besch
8:00 J Trapp, K & K Glueck C/L M Stavinoha	8:00 J & J Rau C/L J Rau
10:00 A Heffley, K Rubio, & A Rosales C/L T Theut	10:00 M Ehlert, D Barten, & A Rodriguez C/L L Walla
12:00 Ivett Hernandez, C Martinez, A Lara C/L V Sanchez	12:00 M & A Garcia, L Alvarez C/L T Rosales
TLC J O’Leary, J Huebel	TLC RJ Jauernig, S Gerik



It’s that time again! Time to start thinking about this year’s Church Picnic!! Meat Donation envelopes can be found in the pews and at the entrance of the church. Donations will be used to offset the cost of the meat and sides at our picnic and can either be dropped in collection basket or brought to the church office.
*Please call Barbara Weishuhn or Tracey Lanham to list your live auction items!! See the insert for our current live auction list!

The Year of the Family (Diocese of Victoria):
With your family this week:
Pray: Offer one “Our Father” for the intentions of Pope Francis.
Eat: Ask each person the highlight of their day.
Play: Send a card to one of our seminarians.

The KCs are hosting a “Red Ravens & Blue Denim Battle Dance” on Sunday, August 29, from 2pm to 7pm at the Columbus Hall. KCs will be serving hamburger and fried chicken gizzards with gravy all afternoon. Come out and enjoy an afternoon of music, fun, and dancing to continuous Polka and Country music!

The KCs will have a Fried Pork Steak and Sausage Drive Thru Meal with German potatoes and green beans today (Aug 22) at the Columbus Hall. Plates cost \$12 and serving will start at 11:00am until sold out.

The St. Anthony Hispanic Ministry will be hosting a drive-thru Beef and Chicken Fajitas plate on Sunday, September 5, after each Mass (8am, 10am, and 12noon) in the SAS Cafeteria breezeway. The plates will come with rice, beans, and salsa. The cost is \$11. Drinks and desserts will also be available for purchase.

The flowers on the altar this weekend were donated by the family of Victor Gerik.

Help Wanted!! SAS is looking for someone to help clean after school for two hours daily at \$8.50 an hour. Please contact the school office at 732-5505 if interested.

LOCAL CHURCH EVENTS THIS WEEKEND :
(see bulletin board in back of church for more info)
Sts. Cyril & Methodius, Cistern ~ Aug 22
St. Mary, Ellinger ~ Aug 22