

“A Time of Thanksgiving”

St. Anthony Catholic Church

June 11, 2017

60th Anniversary Kick Off

You are invited

We are asking and inviting you ~ our parishioners and former parishioners to share your good news so that we can post it and people can continue to reflect on and be inspired by your stories, your words. Why you are thankful for the church, what being a member of St. Anthony's, your faith, the parish community or what being Catholic means to you.

We hope you will share the good moments and events. We all need to hear your personal stories of faith, hope and love.

These will be posted on our “Wall” in the parish hall along with a photo of the person, family, youth... whoever responds, as we receive them. The Pastoral Council has already been invited to share.

Too often we hear people in our own and other parishes complain and so we hope your sharing's will be uplifting and also strengthen other parishioners and therefore the parish and we hope to inspire a positive response as we have 60 years to look back on to see those times we have proclaimed the “good news”. **Please email your stories, pictures, memories to 907anchor@gmail.com.**

Our actual anniversary date is November 17.

We hope to have an event, even if just a potluck to celebrate.

Archbishop Etienne has given us permission to share part of his May 22nd blog, to help inspire us to share. (please see other side)

In Thanksgiving



*For
60 Years of
Blessings*

You are needed to give us your ideas on ways we can mark this milestone.

If you would be willing to help call Peggy Bergsrud at 338-1210

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May22, 2017: Every year, the Holy Father issues a message to mark the occasion of the World Day of Communication. Here is what Pope Francis said in [this year's Message](#). *“I am convinced that we have to break the vicious circle of anxiety and stem the spiral of fear resulting from a constant focus on “bad news” (wars, terrorism, scandals and all sorts of human failure). This has nothing to do with spreading misinformation that would ignore the tragedy of human suffering, nor is it about a naive optimism blind to the scandal of evil. Rather, I propose that all of us work at overcoming that feeling of growing discontent and resignation that can at times generate apathy, fear or the idea that evil has no limits. Moreover, in a communications industry which thinks that good news does not sell, and where the tragedy of human suffering and the mystery of evil easily turn into entertainment, there is always the temptation that our consciences can be dulled or slip into pessimism. I would like, then, to contribute to the search for an open and creative style of communication that never seeks to glamourize evil but instead to concentrate on solutions and to inspire a positive and responsible approach on the part of its recipients. I ask everyone to offer the people of our time storylines that are at heart “good news”.*

We all know what the Holy Father is talking about. People seem to be all too aware of the bad news that surrounds us, while at the same time growing less capable of recognizing and telling the stories of the many good people silently present and at work around us. The CBS Evening News generally closes their Friday evening news coverage with its On The Road series by Steve Hartman, who always has a positive human interest story to tell, which quite often moves one to tears, laughter, joy. We need more of that in our daily diet.

More specifically, we are all called to be more open to the Holy Spirit, who continues to write the story of God's love in each of our hearts.

Every Easter Season, bishops are regularly celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation. This weekend, I was moved during the moment in the rite of Confirmation where the bishop invites all those present to pray with him over those who are about to be Confirmed:

“Let us pray to our Father that he will pour out the Holy Spirit to strengthen his sons and daughters with his gifts and anoint them to be more like Christ the Son of God.”

This brief prayer captures two important realities: our truest identity is that *we are sons and daughters of God*, and *our life's greatest accomplishment is to become more like Christ, the Son of God*.

