

# ST. ANTHONY CHURCH

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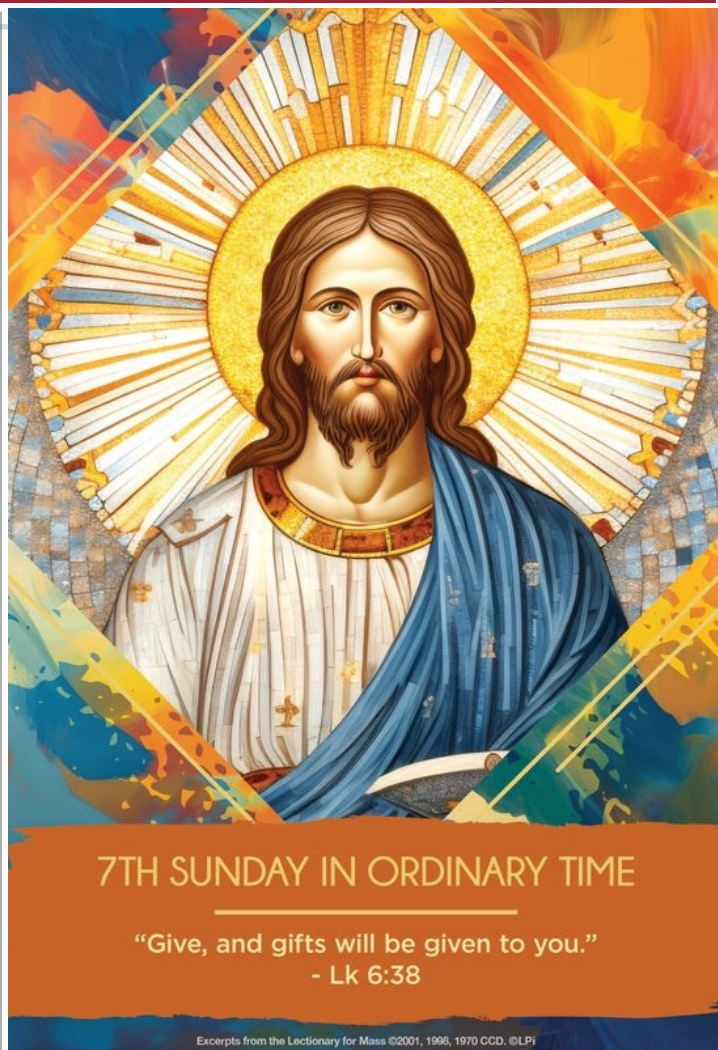
## REFLECTIONS

One of my favorite new singers/songwriters is Noah Kahan. I'm a little biased because, like me, he is originally from Vermont. In a fine song entitled "Stick Season," he sings of his hope to "cancel out the darkness I inherited from dad." This lyric articulates his painful recognition of a dark spiritual "inheritance" from his father, and his hope to be free of it. We all inherit some degree of evil from our earthly forebears. It's easy to feel doomed to repeat their darknesses.

But we're not so doomed, thank God. This week's Gospel proclaims this. Whatever good or bad we received from our parents, we have a more definitive and perfect inheritance in God. Jesus commands us, "**Be merciful just as your Father is merciful**" (Luke 6:36). We have a perfect Father in heaven and are destined to inherit and reflect *that* perfect and merciful love. We have an inheritance of light, not darkness, and thus a whole new possibility of magnanimous love. Like any inheritance, this is a free gift to us.

What are we destined to repeat? Not the darkness of our earthly parents. We are destined to be a reflection of *God's* life. Jesus liberates us from the inevitability of repeating whatever evils and imperfections are in our familial or cultural upbringings. It's time to claim that perfect inheritance.

— *Father John Muir*



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## THIS WEEK AT-A-GLANCE

<b>Monday</b> 5:00 pm 5:30 pm	<b>St. Anthony's—Lakin</b> Rosary & Prayers Mass
<b>Tuesday</b> 9:30 am 10:10 am	<b>HPRV</b> Mass Communion/Visiting
<b>Wednesday</b> 7:30 am (MT) 8:00 am (MT)	<b>St. Raphael's /Syra.</b> Rosary Mass
<b>Thursday</b> 11:00 am 11:45 am 12:15 pm	<b>St. Anthony's –Lakin</b> No No No This Week

## Friday

5:30 pm

## Saturday

3:50 pm  
4:00 pm  
5:20 pm  
6:00 pm

## Sunday

8:00 –8:50 am  
9:00 am  
10:30 am

## St. Anthony's

Mass

## Lakin

Confessions  
Mass (St. Anthony)  
Confession  
Mass (Christ the King)

## Lakin & Syracuse

Confessions  
Mass (St. Anthony)  
Mass (St. Raphael)

## COLLECTION FOR 2-16-2025

**Envelopes:** \$1090.00  
**Loose:** \$267.00  
**Online Giving:** \$1670.93  
**Total:** \$ 3,027.93  
**Average Weekly Expense:** 1,761.17  
**Income over/under:** +1,366.76



## OFFICE HOUR

T - F 8:00 am -6:00 pm

# ST. ANTHONY CHURCH—600 SODERBERG STREET

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## DEAR PADRE,

My ex broke up with me. I find myself hoping he gets subjected to the same emotional pain as I have. I hate feeling this way, so how do I ask God to take away this pain and help me forgive my ex?



What you are sharing is your hurt and confusion. Although your boyfriend was ready to end the relationship, you were not. It seems you are still not ready to move on. That is OK. Everyone has his or her own manner of dealing with disappointment, and there is no perfect timeframe. More than your boyfriend's suffering, you desire freedom for yourself and a return to a healthy sense of your own personhood. You perceive him as happy and perhaps wonder how that's possible while you are still struggling. This is all very normal, and it's part of the process we all experience when an important relationship changes. You will work through this. You will love again. You will no longer be triggered by strong feelings when you encounter him in the future. But you are going to have to do the hard work of growing, maturing, and learning to let go. Begin by praying for his well-being. And if you can't do that, ask God for the grace to want to pray for his well-being. Certainly, the Lord will help you, but he won't magically take away your pain. There are no shortcuts.

**The Redemptorists/DearPadre.org**

## 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time / February 23, 2025

**First Reading:** "Today, though the LORD delivered you into my grasp, I would not harm the LORD's anointed." (1 Sm 26:23)

**Psalms:** The Lord is kind and merciful. (Ps 103)

**Second Reading:** Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one. (1 Cor 15:49)

**Gospel:** "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." (Jn Lk 6:36)

**Observances for the week of February 23, 2025**

**Sunday:** 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Thursday:** St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot and

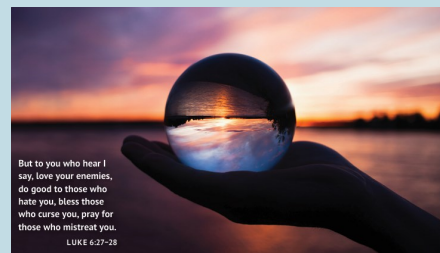
Doctor of the Church

**Next Sunday:** 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## A NEW WORLD ORDER

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

The American experiment of 1776 ushered in the dawn of a new world order, one that would redefine how nations functioned and interacted. The computer age brought about an upheaval in how we interact with one another personally—a new world order in human communication. Saint Paul wrote to the Corinthians about how Adam was the first being who ushered in human life, and how Jesus was the new Adam, who ushered in a new life-giving spirit. Jesus initiated a new world order, one that redefined what it meant to be human and contained a new spiritual dimension. "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you...give to everyone who asks of you...do to others as you would have them do to you.... Be merciful, just as [also] your Father is merciful" (Luke 6:27–36). The fact that there are many who think this is not a practical or useful way to live—to say nothing of whether it is desirable or even possible—does not negate its power to transform human relationships as well as our very own spirits. None of us do it as well as we might hope, which only attests to the fact that we live with a foot in each of two worlds—the earthly one and the heavenly one. Empowered by God's Spirit, we are still growing into the people God created us to be.



But to you who hear I say, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. LUKE 6:27-28

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Which is the most difficult challenge for me: turning the other cheek when I have been hurt or wronged, refraining from judging others, or giving without repayment? How will I change my thinking and my behavior?

## PREGUNTA DE LA SEMANA

¿Cuál es el desafío más difícil para mí: ofrecer la otra mejilla cuando me han lastimado u ofendido, contenerme de pasar juicio a los demás, o dar sin esperar recompensa? ¿Cómo podré cambiar mi manera de pensar y mi comportamiento?

## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Turning the other cheek is not the withdrawal of the loser, but the action of one who has a greater inner strength. [It] means defeating evil with goodness, which opens up a breach in the heart of the enemy, unmasking the absurdity of his hatred. And this attitude...is dictated not by calculation or by hatred, but by love.



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St. Anthony's Parish

*Praise  
Worship & Adore*

USING OUR MINDS, HEARTS,  
AND VOICES TO PRAISE JESUS  
IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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FEBRUARY 26, 2025  
6:30-8:00PM

Everyone is welcome to join together again for a night of prayer and worship lead by Christopher Rowden, a musician from Wichita, KS, as we adore Christ truly present in the Eucharist. CCD kids should attend class as normal and will walk over together to attend.

**Ash Wednesday Schedule**  
 Wednesday, March 5, 2025—St. Anthony  
 12:10 pm & 6:30 pm  
 St. Raphael  
 7:00 pm

**Confessions Times:**  
 Monday 4:00—5:00 pm  
 Wednesday 6:30 pm—7:30 pm  
 Thursday 11:00 am—11:45 am  
 Friday 8:30 am—9:30 am  
 Saturday 3:00 pm  
 Sunday 8:00 am

**FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST IN THE PARISH HALL**  
 10:00 AM | SUNDAY | FEBRUARY 23  
 START YOUR SUNDAY OFF RIGHT!  
 Hosted by our Knights

**MEETING NOTICE!**

3-4 @ 5 pm	Finance Council
3-4 @ 6:00 pm	Tuesday with the Diocese
3-5 @ 7:30 pm	Knights Of Columbus
3-12 @ 5:30 pm	Pastoral Council
3-12 @ 7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
3-22&25 @ 10 am	Budget Shop

**DISCERNMENT DAY**  
 Open to high school boys from around the diocese who want to grow in prayer, virtue, and brotherhood.

**SCHEDULE**

**MARCH 8TH**

9AM	Check-in at St. Mary's in Garden City Team competitions and talks throughout the morning
NOON	Angelus and Lunch Team competitions, and Eucharistic adoration in the afternoon
3PM	Send-off!

**23 de febrero de 2025 - 7º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario**

Hoy el Evangelio nos propone una catequesis de amor que obliga a estirar el corazón, para rendir al máximo al pedido de Jesús. Nos impulsa a pensar distinto, a interesarnos por los demás. Llama al perdón, a la nobleza, la humildad y, lo más importante, a saber, compartir lo que poseemos materialmente y darse uno mismo. Es algo difícil lo que pide el Señor en este pasaje del Evangelio. Eso, de amar a los enemigos, hacer el bien a quien no nos quiere, de orar por los que nos persiguen, es fuera de serie, no se usa en la sociedad actual. Y agrega Jesús lo siguiente: *“Traten a los demás como quieren que ellos les traten a ustedes” (Lucas 6:31)*. No se trata de que estemos siempre con la cabeza baja y humillados, mas bien se trata de luchar por la justicia, de no entrar en la violencia de tú me la haces, entonces, yo te respondo igual.

*“Porque si ustedes aman a los que los aman, ¿Qué merito tienen? Hasta los malos aman a los que los aman (Lucas 6:32)*. Por el contrario, bendecir a los amigos y enemigos es lo que nos hace dignos hijos e hijas de Dios. Pidamos el don de perdonar, de no ser vengativos, de tener un corazón de compasión, rebotante de ternura para hacer el bien.

*“Sean compasivos como es compasivo el Padre de ustedes” (Lucas 6:36)*. Ser semejantes al que siempre es bueno con nosotros. ¡Ese es el reto a cumplir! ©LPi

# St. Anthony Church— 600 Soderberg Street

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## PARISH STAFF

<b>Pastor:</b> Fr. Peter Tran	355-6405
<b>Rel.Edu. Committee:</b> Karen Burden,	355-6388
<b>DRE:</b> Lisa Gannett	272-6866
<b>Parish C. Chair:</b> Gwen Waechter	272-1030
<b>Finance C. Chair:</b> Tressa Powers	355-6206
<b>Altar S. President:</b> Nanette Rice	355-7676
<b>Grand Knight:</b> Tom Bachman	640-8259
<b>Prayer Line Starters:</b> Allison Bushek & Nanette Rice	355-1696 355-7676
<b>Vocation Team:</b> Nanette & Sandra	355-7676
<b>Youth Director:</b> Hannah Schauf	316-765-4131



## MASS INTENTIONS



Mon, Feb 24	5:30 pm	Elaine Pfannestiel & F.
Tue, Feb 25	9:30 am	† Greg Overlease
Wed, Feb 26	8:00 am	Syracuse
Thurs, Feb 27	No Mass	Sp. Int. Elaine Sack
Fri, Feb 28	5:30 pm	Pastor's Int.
Sat, Mar 1	4:00 pm	Sp. Int. Powers Family
Sun, Mar 2	9:00 am	† John Perez

## MINISTERS FOR THIS/NEXT WEEK

### 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2/22/2025 - Saturday, 4: 00 p.m.

**Servers:** Gus, Jonathan Gannett, Brisa Ibarra

**Reader:** Gwen Waechter

**Extra Ordinary of HC:** Rosemary & Tom Bachman

2/23/2025—Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

**Servers:** Kirbe & Kipton Koons, Joleigh Lohman-Fuller

**Reader:** Steve Sullivan

**Extra Ordinary of HC:** Teresa Beltran, Karen Burden

### 8<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

3/1/2025 - Saturday, 4: 00 p.m.

**Servers:** Ryann & Brecken Bamberger, Rowen Simon

**Reader:** Karen Burden

**Extra Ordinary of HC:** Debbie Frederick, Gwen Waechter

3/2/2025—Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

**Servers:** Haley Berning, Jace Berning, Luke Woodrow

**Reader:** Kyle Berning

**Extra Ordinary of HC:** Alvin Bergkamp, Bob Woodrow

## Question: Is Ash Wednesday a holy day of obligation?

**Answer:** Despite the often packed churches, you may be surprised to hear that the answer is no! Holy days of obligation commemorate a particular event (such as the birth of Christ at Christmas) or celebrate particular people (such as Mary's Immaculate Conception or the feast of All Saints). Ash Wednesday is a day of penance, fasting, and abstinence to begin the season of Lent. In a sense, it focuses on a *concept* rather than something particular and concrete. Of course, repentance ought to be reflected in particular, concrete ways! That's one of the reasons that attending Mass on Ash Wednesday is a very good idea. It marks the beginning of a solemn season of penance. Despite all its comparisons to the desert, Lent can be very fruitful for our spiritual growth! Beginning this season with the celebration of Mass and the reception of ashes is a sign of our commitment to God and to spiritual growth. ©LPi

### Reconciliation:

Confessions are heard every Saturday at 3:00 pm and every Sunday at 8:00

### Baptism:

Parents who have children to be baptized must be registered. Please call the parish office for an appointment.

### Marriage:

Please contact parish priest at least four months before the wedding.

### Anointing the sick:

Celebrated anytime by calling a priest.