



SEPTEMBER 04, 2022 | 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS SCHEDULE

St. Anthony

417 Caroline St, PO Box 206
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Tues, Wed, & Fri - 8:15 am

Thursday - Athenian Living - 9:00 am

Saturday - 4:00 pm

Sunday - 9:30 am

Confession, Saturday - 3:00 pm

St. Thomas

232451 Vilas St, Athens

Sunday - 8:00 am

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“Anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.” - Lk 14:33

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PASTOR'S CORNER

INSPIRED BY THE SPIRIT

Our parishes pride themselves as a place of welcome to all. It is a place where our parishioners can practice their Catholic faith and grow in service to our community and beyond. In keeping with that spirit, we can look to the future and make preparations in order to help St. Anthony de Padua and St Thomas thrive for the generations of tomorrow. Thanks to the great leadership of our bishop, bishop Callahan, who is helping all parishes in this regard through Inspired by the Spirit Campaign. The main focus of this Inspired by the Spirit Campaign is the strengthening of each individual parish in an effort to provide a bright future for generations to come. Here in St. Anthony and St. Thomas our goal is set at \$340,000 and \$65,000 respectively, of which 65% will be returned to our parishes. This campaign has a 5-year redemption period. As you consider your pledge, take into account that whatever you pledge can be paid over 5 years. In the month of September we shall launch this campaign in our Church. But before then, there are some parishioners who have received letters from me to call me to schedule an appointment with me. Some have called me and we have had very fruitful conversation. If you have not called me, please do call me to schedule an appointment, either for me to come to your house or you come to the rectory.

Again, there is no Diocesan Annual Appeal in the year 2022/23 fiscal year.

I want to make this one point; we should know that we can never outdo God's generosity towards us. So in your sacrifice to God, consider how much you are blessed. You are not paying God for his blessings on you but rather showing your appreciation to him.

I will now leave you with the words of St. Paul: "Let me say this much; He who sows sparingly will reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will reap bountifully. Everyone must give according to what he has inwardly decided; not sadly, not grudgingly,

for God loves a cheerful giver. God can multiply his favors among you so that you may always have enough of everything and even a surplus for good works". (2 Cor. 9:6-8)

May God continue to bless our Church and our families.

Fr. Graham

RECEPTION! RECEPTION! RECEPTION!

It's coming very soon: THE RECEPTION for the Inspired by the Spirit Campaign. All the major givers and many of you have received invitation to the reception on September 18, 2022 at the school hall, immediately after 9:30 am Mass. The menu is: pancakes, breakfast sausage, scrambled eggs, coffee, juice and fruits. It's going to be CONTINENTAL! So those of you who have received an invitation, kindly call the parish office or email tricia.cowan@staathens.org by September 16th to register for proper planning. - Fr. Graham

CONFIRMATION

This year, confirmation for St. Anthony and St. Thomas students will be held on October 8th, 4:00 pm at St. Mary's in Marathon. The required confirmation retreat is September 25th at St. Thomas, Milan. The retreat will start with the 8:00 am mass and will end around 1:00 or 1:30 pm. Lunch will be served.

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the Week

"Stand up straight and don't slouch!" Many a child has heard these words bellowed from their mother's lips. We need the perspective of others to help us understand when we are not walking as straight as we could be. God sends us the Holy Spirit to correct and guide us so that our paths through life can be straight. Without this assistance, how we see and understand ourselves and the world around us is incomplete. We will also lack the virtue of fortitude. It takes courage to listen to the Holy Spirit and devote ourselves to the task of discipleship. We have to put aside things that the world says are necessary and follow a path placed before us by Jesus Christ. Jesus is asking us to follow him. We must consider what we have to do to be free enough to do so. God needs us to show the world a complete picture of what life is meant to be, correct its vision and tell it to stand up straight!

ST. ANTHONY NEWS

IN SYMPATHY

Please pray for the family and friends of **Irene Riehle** and **Mary Ann Kropp** who have recently passed away. Eternal rest grant unto Irene and Mary Ann, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

CCD NEWS

There will be another CCD registration on Wednesday, September 7th from 6:30 - 7:30 PM in the school hall. If you could please register that evening before classes start on September 14th and not on the first night of class because I also teach. Thank you! We are in need of a first grade teacher and subs. If interested please let Sharon know by calling the school office (715-257-7541) during the day or at home at 715-370-0583 or her email: sharon.westfall@staathens.org.

WEEKLY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday to the following:

9/4 Thomas Henrichs	9/7 Sarah Payton
9/6 Lori Haines	9/7 Nikki Louis
9/7 Elizabeth Weiler	9/9 Angeline Ellenbecker

Happy Anniversary to the following:

9/6 John & Leona Schaetzl
9/10 Kevin & Terri Kree

STEWARDSHIP

August 27 & 28, 2022

Online -----	721.00
Weekly -----	2038.00
Offertory -----	208.00
Catholic Life-----	64.00
Assumption-----	1.00
Total	3,032.00

DIOCESE NEWS

OCT. 18 GOSPEL OF LIFE WHITE MASS AND BANQUET WITH BISHOP CALLAHAN Join us Tuesday evening, October 18, at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman in La Crosse. The Keynote presenter, Fr. Paul Check, Executive Director of the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, will speak on: "The Gospel Witness to Life, Truth and Love in a Hostile World." Schedule: 6:00 pm – White Mass with Bishop Callahan, honoring Catholic healthcare professionals; 7:00 pm – Banquet; 7:45 pm – Presentation. \$20/person, \$10/students. For more information and to register, visit diolc.org/gospel-of-life.

ST. THOMAS NEWS

BAPTISM

Congratulations to **Dean Horacek** who recently was baptized. He is the son of Kenneth and Erica Horacek.

PCCW MEETING

The PCCW meeting is on September 13th at 7:00 pm and Ann Nikolai is hostess.

CCD NEWS

Registration for the St. Thomas CCD program remains open for all youth grades 1st-Confirmation. The first night of CCD will be held on Wednesday September 7th from 6:30-7:30 PM at St. Thomas. Registration forms are available on the table located in the back of church. You can also register at the first night of CCD. Please contact Lisa 715-305-8334 with any questions. High school students will start on Wednesday, September 14th.

WEEKLY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday to the following:

9/4 Gerald Blenker	9/10 Beverly Boris
9/7 Patricia Miller	

STEWARDSHIP

August 28, 2022

Weekly-----	810.00
Offertory-----	71.25
Donation -----	50.00
Total	931.25

SCHOOL NEWS

CALENDER

Monday, September 5: NO SCHOOL, Labor day
Wednesday, September 7: All School Mass; Staff
Tuesday, September 13: All School Mass, 7 & 8



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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2022

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 BODY OF CHRIST: Nicole Ellenbecker
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 USHERS: Group 2
 SERVERS: Daxton Diethelm
 McKenna Lepak
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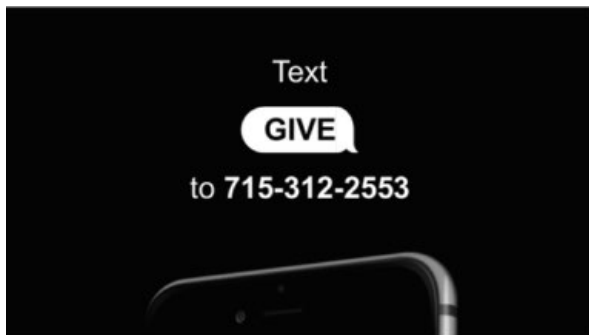
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

ST. THOMAS - MILAN - 8:00 AM

LECTOR: Kaylyn Halopka
 USHERS: Ty Halopka
 Chuck Stuttgen
 SERVERS: Tryce Schreiner
 Macey Beran
 SCRIP SELLER:

ST. ANTHONY - ATHENS - 9:30 AM

LECTOR: Linda Ellenbecker
 BODY OF CHRIST: Heather Hansen
 BLOOD OF CHRIST: Mark Ellenbecker
 USHERS: Group 3
 SERVER: Emma Krueger
 Volunteer
 SCRIP SELLER:



Sharon Westfall	715-370-0583
Lisa Beran	715-305-8334
Tom Ellenbecker	715-581-6404
Roger Bartnik	715-257-1000

St. Anthony CCD Coordinator
 St. Thomas CCD Coordinator
 St. Anthony Council Chair
 St. Thomas Council Chair

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 5, NO MASS

Labor Day

Tuesday, September 6, 8:15 am

Weekday

† Peter Albrecht - Sue Belter

Wednesday, September 7, 8:15 am, ALL SCHOOL

Weekday

Fr. Graham (si) - PCCW

Thursday, September 8, 9:00 am at A. L.

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

† Rev. Charles Hiebl

Friday, September 9, 8:15 am

St. Peter Claver, Priest

† Marcy Kornack - Chuck Kornack

Saturday, September 10, 4:00 pm

Weekday

L&D Members of Janke & Schreiner Families - A&L
Schreiner

Sunday, September 11

*24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Patriot Day;
Grandparents' Day*

8:00 am † Rev. Charles Hiebl

9:30 am † Mary Denk - Jane Bunkelman

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF September 4, 2022

Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18/Lk 6:43-49

Next Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

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