



SEPTEMBER 11, 2022 | 24TH 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

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Sunday - 8:00 am

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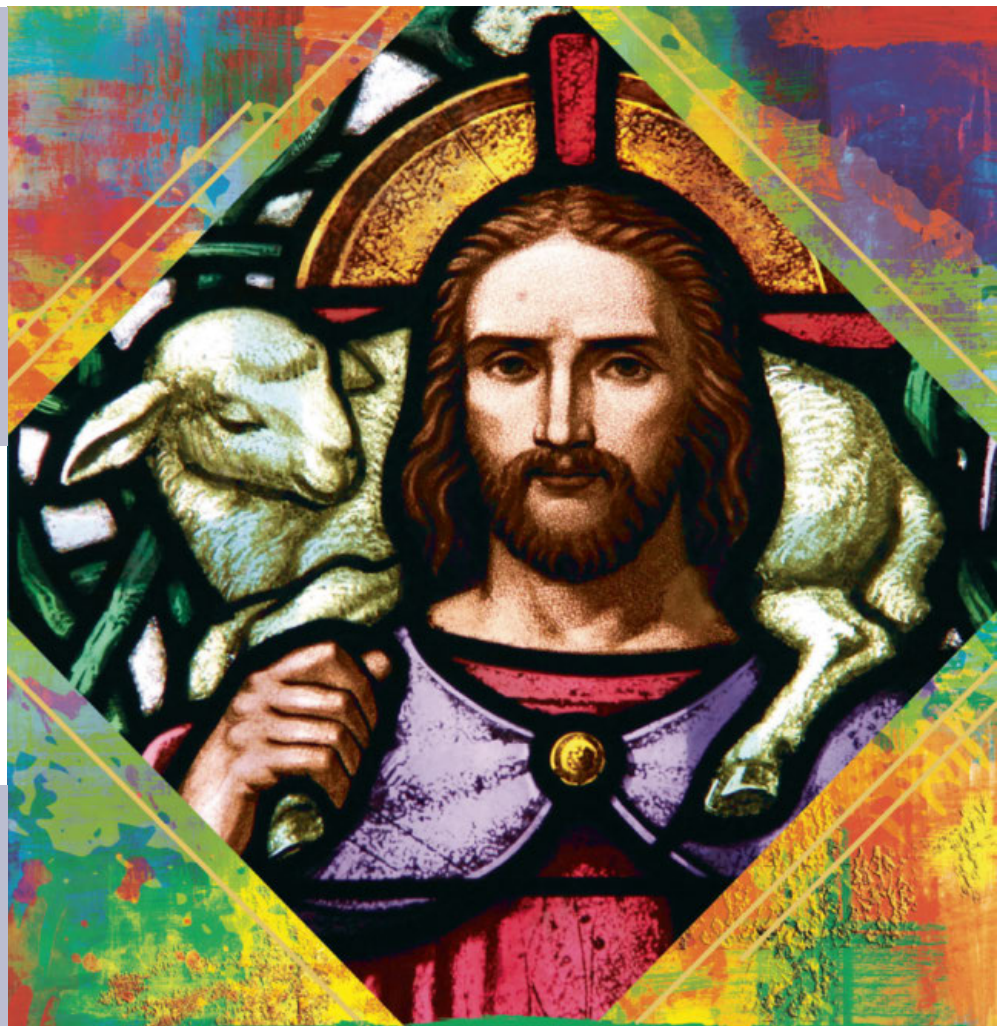
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“There will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents.” - Lk 15:10

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PASTOR'S CORNER

Today's readings invite us to believe in a loving, patient, merciful, and forgiving God. The Good News Jesus preached was that God is our loving and forgiving heavenly Father Who wants to save everyone through His Son, and not a cruel, judging and punishing God. He is always in search of His lost and straying children as Jesus explains, using three parables, in today's Gospel.

In today's first reading, from Exodus, Moses is imploring a forgiving God to have mercy on the sinful people who abandoned Him and turned to idol-worship, reminding God of His promises to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. In today's second reading, Paul tells Timothy that, although he, Paul, had been the greatest of sinners as the former persecutor of the Church, God has shown great mercy towards him. Chapter 15 of Luke's Gospel has been called "the Gospel within the Gospel," because it is the distilled essence of the Good News about the mercy of our forgiving Heavenly Father. The whole chapter is essentially one distinct parable, the "Parable of the Lost and Found," with three illustrations: the story of the lost sheep, the story of the lost coin and the story of the lost son. These parables remind us that we have a God who welcomes sinners and forgives their sins whenever they return to Him with genuine contrition and resolution. The Hebrew term for repentance, teshuvá, means a return to God by a person who has already experienced God's "goodness and compassion".

JOKE OF THE WEEK: Pastor for the dinner on the return of the prodigal son. Mr. & Mrs. Dennis invited their pastor for the dinner hosted in honor of the return of their son after long years of his wandering life. As Mrs. Dennis busied herself preparing food she asked her little daughter to set the table. When the pastor started the prayer before the meals, Mrs. Dennis noticed that her daughter forgot to place silverware for the pastor. Embarrassed at the oversight, Mrs. Dennis asked her little girl why she

had not placed silverware for the pastor. "Because, Mom, I have heard Papa saying that our pastor eats like a horse!"

DVD BIBLE SERIES

St. Anthony will host another DVD bible series starting Wednesday, September 14th after the 8:15 am mass in church and another session on Wednesdays at the school hall starting 6:30 pm. All are welcome!

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.

DIOCESE NEWS

SECULAR CARMELITE DISCERNMENT

Are you attracted to Carmelite spirituality or the writings of Saints Teresa of Jesus, John of the Cross, or Therese, the Little Flower? Do you desire to deepen your prayer life, to seek the face of God? Do you desire the support of a community? The Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites in the Diocese of La Crosse meets once a month in Marshfield and will begin a new formation cycle in October. Please call Lori Slattery at 715-213-2732 for more information.



ST. ANTHONY NEWS

IN SYMPATHY

Please pray for the family and friends of **Jerome Wagner** who has recently passed away. Eternal rest grant unto Jerome, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

CCD NEWS

Classes start on Wednesday, September 14th. 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:

9/15 Carol Wisnewski 9/15 Ty Halopka
 9/15 James Massop 9/17 Martin Wiese
 9/15 Lisa McCord

Happy Anniversary to the following:

9/11 Andrew & Melinda Daniels
 9/12 Henry & Nikki Louis
 9/15 Jeffrey & Lori Haines
 9/15 Frank & Valerie Murkowski
 9/16 Kurt & Renee Schreiner

STEWARDSHIP

September 3 & 4, 2022

Online -----	1395.00
Weekly-----	3270.00
Offertory -----	257.00
Catholic Life-----	132.00
Assumption-----	105.00
Meat Collection-----	5.00
Total	5,164.00

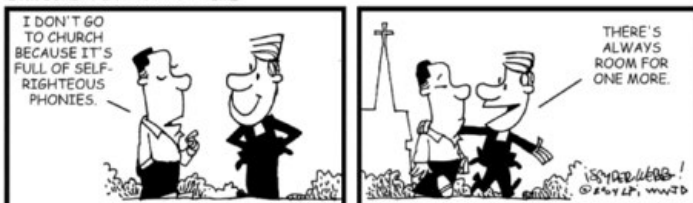
SCHOOL NEWS

CALENDER

Tuesday, September 13: All School Mass, 7 & 8

Tuesday, September 20: All School Mass, 5 & 6

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ST. THOMAS NEWS

IN SYMPATHY

Please pray for the family and friends of **Peter Schemenauer** who has recently passed away. Eternal rest grant unto Peter, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

PCCW MEETING

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

CCD NEWS

High school students will start on Wednesday, September 14th.

WEEKLY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday to the following:

9/17 Walter McKee 9/17 Jason Selves

Happy Anniversary to the following:

9/14 Michael & Renee Heindl

STEWARDSHIP

September 4, 2022

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

The Lord is persuaded by Moses' prayer of petition not to punish the Israelites for their apostasy. When has the Lord answered one of your prayers of petition?

Second Reading:

Paul speaks of God's abundant mercy in the context of his former life as an arrogant, sinful, and ignorant man. In what ways do you think the Lord has been patient with you?

Gospel:

The parable of the prodigal (lost) son is one the best-known parables of Jesus. Which of the characters do you most resonate with: the father, the older son, or the lost son?

Liturgical Ministers



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2022

LECTOR: Dee Brewster
 BODY OF CHRIST: Sharon Westfall
 BLOOD OF CHRIST:
 USHERS: Group 1
 SERVERS: Ceilah Schreiner
 Terah Schreiner
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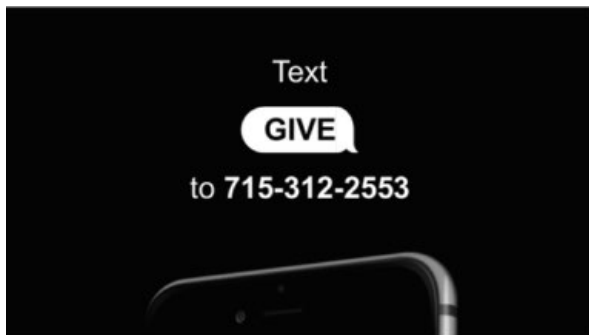
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

ST. THOMAS - MILAN - 8:00 AM

LECTOR: Judy Yessa
 USHERS: Mike Beran
 Jane Schaefer
 SERVERS: McCormick Heier
 Benno Heier
 SCRIP SELLER:

ST. ANTHONY - ATHENS - 9:30 AM

LECTOR: Mark Weiler
 BODY OF CHRIST: Crystal Sheahan
 BLOOD OF CHRIST: Sue Belter
 USHERS: Group 1
 SERVER: Mason Belter
 Volunteer
 SCRIP SELLER:



Sharon Westfall	715-370-0583
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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

The Most Holy Name of Mary

Tuesday, September 6, 8:15 am, ALL SCHOOL

St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

† Oliver Schueller - Ron & Judy Yessa

Wednesday, September 7, 8:15 am

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

† Rev. Charles Hiebl - PCCW

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

Our Lady of Sorrows

† Frank Beran - Hunce & Dolly Schreiner

Friday, September 9, 8:15 am

Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

† Cassie Denk - Family

Saturday, September 10, 4:00 pm

St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

† George Schreiber Sr. - Family

Sunday, September 11

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday

8:00 am † Linda Beran - Gerald & Joan Pepke

9:30 am † Pauly Orlikowski - Family of Elroy Dahl

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF September 11, 2022

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

Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14/Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

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