



JUNE 25, 2023 | 12TH 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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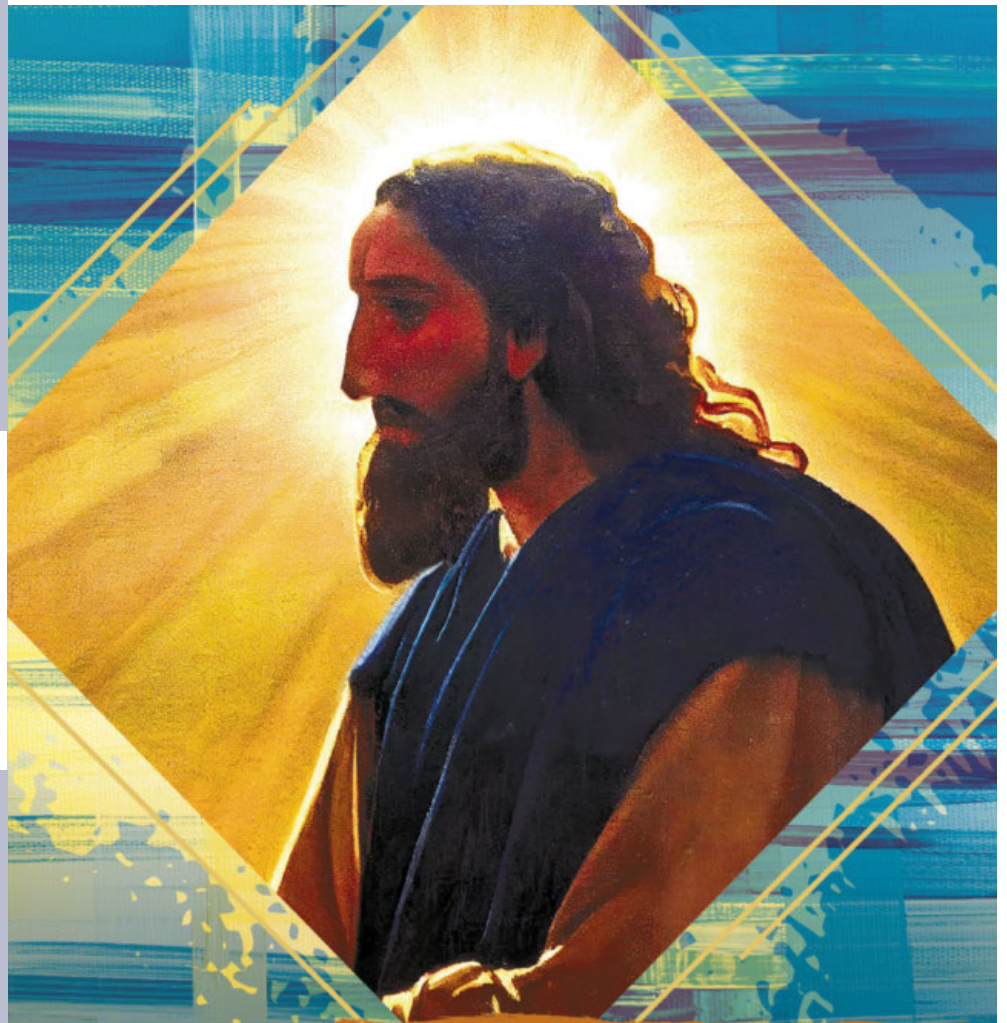
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“Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father.” - Mt 10:31-33

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PASTOR'S CORNER

The first reading tells us how the prophet Jeremiah trusted in the power of God while he faced opposition for his prophetic ministry. The psalmist in today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 69) repeats the same trust in the kindness and great mercy of God when he is misunderstood and ill-treated even by his brothers

and relatives. In the second reading, Paul assures the Christians in Rome that they need not be afraid of opposition both because they share in the death of Jesus and his Resurrection and because they are united with Christ, the new Adam, in his Resurrection. Today's Gospel passage is taken from the end of Jesus' instruction to his disciples as he sends them forth to carry on his mission of preaching and healing. He asks them to live simple lives and to expect opposition and rejection. After having foretold future opposition and persecution, Jesus encourages his disciples to stand firm. Three times they are urged, "Do not fear!" "Do not be afraid!" Instead of shrinking from their task, they are to proclaim the Gospel boldly, because they will be protected just as Jeremiah was assured of God's protection. Hence, Jesus commands his disciples not to fear their persecutors. He presents before them the image of the sparrow to reinforce the disciples' trust and hope in God. The readings hint at the opposition we future Christians will encounter as we carry on the work of Jesus in the world, and they encourage us to persevere in doing the work of Jesus. They assure us that we will be successful, despite the opposition we encounter.

JOKE OF THE WEEK Fear of monster under the bed: A man has been visiting a therapist because he has had a fear of monsters living under his cot. The man has been seeing this doctor for months. Every time he would come in, the doctor would ask, "Have you made any progress?" Every time the man would say "No". The man decided to go and see another doctor. When he went back to his first doctor, the doctor asked, "Have you made any progress?" he said "Yes, I am feeling all better now!" The doctor asked, "What happened?" The man said, "I went to another doctor and he cured me in one session!" The doctor asked, "What did he tell you?" The man said "He just told me to cut off all four legs of my cot and leave no space for the monster".

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

Registrations can be made through Monday, June 26, 2023. Again, registrations will need to be made over the phone using your credit card. Please refer to the brochure for the details. If you are interested in taking this Pilgrimage to Italy, don't delay! Register today! Don't miss out on this great opportunity to take this with Father Graham! Thank you!

SUMMER SCRIP

During the summer SCRIP will be sold (in school) immediately after morning Mass on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays; also on weekends at both parishes. Otherwise call (715) 257-9274 and Lil or Joanne will help you out. Thank you.

DIOCESE NEWS

St. Joseph Parish, 911 Wilson Ave., Menomonie, WI 54751. This Domestic Church Evangelization Retreat begins on Saturday morning at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 4:30 p.m. the following Sunday. During the retreat, couples are invited to delve more deeply into the graces of their shared spiritual journey. The goal of the retreat is to strengthen the couple's spousal union and lead them to experience complete harmony and joy in their marriage through simple formation and meaningful dialogue that intentionally places Christ in the center. Please visit diolc.org/marriage/marriage-enrichment/ for more information.

LIVE THE LITURGY

Christ promises to acknowledge us before his Father if we will acknowledge him. In what ways are we called to acknowledge Christ today? In what ways are we tempted to deny him, to distance ourselves from him?

<p>ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK</p> <p>Please let them know you saw their ad in our church bulletin.</p>	 <p>Benedictine LIVING COMMUNITY WAUSAU SHORT-TERM REHAB AND LONG-TERM CARE 1821 N. Fourth Avenue, Wausau, WI 715-675-9451 www.blcwausau.org</p>
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ST. ANTHONY NEWS

IN SYMPATHY

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

INSPIRED BY THE SPIRIT CAMPAIGN

St. Anthony is almost to our goal! Please pledge to finish the job! Thank you to those who have already pledged!

Goal: **340,000.00**
 Pledged: **338,450.00** (99.54%)
 Received as of 6/21: **121,892.94**

FAIR NEWS

You will be receiving a call to work. We are in need of day chair and other chairpersons. The schedule will be in church and on our website at the end of this month.

WEEKLY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday to the following:

6/30 Joe Prusinski
 7/1 Constance Bonin
 7/1 Tammy Belisle

Happy Anniversary to the following:

6/25 Keith & Annette Kremsreiter (40 years)
 6/27 James & Tammy Belisle
 6/29 Robert & Joanne Schug (60 Years)
 6/29 Mark & Linda Ellenbecker
 7/1 James & Doris Bollech

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

June 17 & 18, 2023

Online:	1360.00
Weekly:	4176.25
Offertory:	<u>241.00</u>
Total:	5,777.25

SCHOOL NEWS

JOB OPENING

St. Anthony de Padua school is looking for a faith-filled teacher to work as part of our educational team. This person must be a practicing Catholic and an enthusiastic, positive person for our Middle School students in grades 5-8. This position is for the 2023-2024 school year. Please send information to Donna Conley, principal, donna.conley@staathens.org. Applications will be taken until the position is filled.

ST. THOMAS NEWS

INSPIRED BY THE SPIRIT CAMPAIGN

St. Thomas is far from our goal. Please pledge if you have not. Thank you to those who have already pledged!

Goal: **65,000.00**
 Pledged: **45,480.00** (69.95%)
 Received as of 6/21: **18,370.00**

WEEKLY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday to the following:

6/30 Cecilia Johnson

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

June 18, 2023

Weekly:	840.00
Offertory:	<u>80.00</u>
Total:	920.00



BIO

Venerable Pierre Toussaint was born into slavery but became an elite hairstylist in New York City and a free man. He used the money he earned to transform the lives of

impoverished New Yorkers, former slaves, and immigrants alongside his wife, Servant of God Juliette.

PRAYER

Lord God, source of love and compassion, we praise and honor You for the virtuous and charitable life of our brother in Christ, Venerable Pierre Toussaint. Inspired by the example of our Lord Jesus, Pierre worshipped You with love and served Your people with generosity. He attended Mass daily and responded to the practical and spiritual needs of friends and strangers, of the rich and the poor, the sick and the homeless of the 19th century, New York. If it is your will, let the name of Venerable Pierre Toussaint be officially raised to the rank of Saint, so that the world may know this Haitian New Yorker who refused to hate or be selfish, but instead lived to the full commandments of heaven and the divine law of love — love for God and for neighbor. By following his example and asking for his prayer, may we, too, be counted among the blessed in heaven. We ask for this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Liturgical Ministers



SATURDAY, JULY 1, 2023, 4:00 PM

LECTOR: Dee Brewster
 BODY OF CHRIST: Sharon Westfall
 BLOOD OF CHRIST:
 USHERS: Group 1
 SERVERS: Brynn Knott
 Danica Knott
 SCRIP SELLER: Joanne Roll

SUNDAY, JULY 2, 2023

ST. THOMAS, MILAN - 8:00 AM

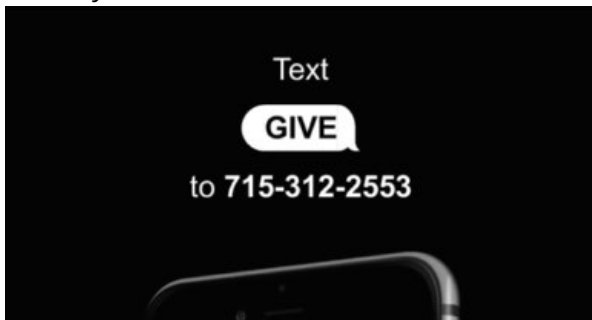
LECTOR: Phil Literski
 USHERS: Norman Beran
 Bill Yessa
 SERVERS: Tryce Schreiner
 Macey Beran
 SCRIP SELLER: Beth Heier

ST. ANTHONY, ATHENS - 9:30 AM

LECTOR: Abigail Schmollinger
 BODY OF CHRIST: Julie Guden
 BLOOD OF CHRIST: Linda Ellenbecker
 Mark Ellenbecker
 USHERS: Group 1
 SERVERS: Emma Krueger
 Volunteer
 SCRIP SELLER: Jackie Dalbec

PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

St. Anthony is grateful for your continued support.
 Thank you!



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Tom Ellenbecker	St. Anthony Council Chair 715-581-6404
Roger Bartnik	St. Thomas Council Chair 715-257-1000

WEEKLY PRAYER

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, June 27, 8:15 am

† Raymond Weiss - Virginia Springer

Wednesday, June 28, 8:15 am

† Fritz Redmann - Ray & Theresa Sobeck

Thursday, June 29, 9:00 am at A. L.

† Ralph Wozniak

Friday, June 30, 8:15 am

† John Nowicki - Jeff & Louise Ellenbecker

Saturday, July 1, 4:00 pm

L&D Members of Beran & Schreiner Families - N & S Beran

Sunday, July 2

8:00 am † David Geiger - Carol Geiger

9:30 am † Hunce Schreiner - Dolly Schreiner

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

JUNE 25, 2023

MON: Weekday

TUE: St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

WED: Saint Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr

THU: Sts. Peter And Paul, Apostles

FRI: The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

SAT: St. Junipero Serra, Priest

SUN: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF

JUNE 25, 2023

MON: Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22/Mt 7:1-5

TUE: Gn 13:2, 5-18/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Mt 7:6, 12-14

WED: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 7:15-20

THU: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19 Day: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

FRI: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 8:1-4

SAT: Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53, 54-55/Mt 8:5-17

SUN: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 (2a)/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42

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