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Dear Parishioners & friends of St. Anthony's,

As you already know, St. Anthony of Padua Parish is a Franciscan parish staffed by Franciscan Friars of the Sacred Heart Province and many other wonderful staff members. In The Testament, one of the writings of St. Francis of Assisi who began the Franciscan Order, he writes that, "The Lord revealed a greeting to me that we should say: 'May the Lord give you peace.'" It is hoped that St. Anthony's Parish has always been and will always be a place of welcome and peace for all people. And so today, in a world that is so troubled at times in so many different ways, we affirm and offer once again to all, the greeting of St. Francis, "May the Lord give you peace."

In 1861 Franciscan Friars from Teutopolis, IL started helping local clergy in the St. Louis area. On December 20, 1862 Fr. Servace Altimicks, a member of the first group of Franciscans who arrived in Illinois from Germany in 1858, came to help out with Christmas Masses in St. Louis. Archbishop Kenrick of St. Louis having heard of the friars helping the local clergy, then invited the Franciscans to come, establish a parish, and help with the ministry needs of the growing German population. In February 1863 the Franciscans moved into their first and temporary friary for St. Anthony's. For over 160 years the Franciscan friars, religious sisters and countless parishioners have sought to bring the Gospel to the people of the Southside of St. Louis.

Throughout our many years as a parish, we have welcomed the immigrant, educated our children, comforted those in need and celebrated the wonderful gift of our Catholic faith here in this parish.

The Parish is blessed to have all of you who are listed in this helpful Directory. We are grateful to all who continue to consider St. Anthony's their "home" even though today they may live many miles from Meramec Street. May each of us work to continue to provide a welcome for our parishioners, our neighborhood & all who are searching for God's mercy.

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May the Lord give you peace!
Fr. Jim Lause, OFM, Pastor

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St. Frances Cabrini Academy.....	(314) 776-0883

St. Anthony of Padua Parish Mission Statement

We, the members of St. Anthony of Padua Parish, strive to live out our faith as Christians in the Roman Catholic Church. Influenced by Franciscan spirituality, we see ourselves as a caring community, drawing from the strength and tradition of those who have gone before us, the wisdom of our senior members, and the energy of our younger members. We see St. Anthony's Church as a cornerstone in our changing neighborhood in South St. Louis.

We believe that our faith is our common bond; that all of us are made in the image and likeness of God and, as such, possess a dignity and potential that is to be respected. We are called to be signs of God's love to each other and to all we meet. We believe our strength and nourishment come from the Church's ministry of Word and Sacrament.

Having experienced God's grace, we commit ourselves to announcing to others God's saving love for them. We will face the future by reaching out and serving the needy, by fostering spiritual growth in our families, by educating our children in Christian values, by welcoming visitors and strangers into our community, and by joyfully facing the challenges of our neighborhood. We value openness rather than negative criticism and reconciliation rather than materialism, selfishness, and prejudice. We want to become a parish family with a care and concern that is characteristic of family members.

Parish History

The long history of St. Anthony's begins in 1863 when the first Mass was celebrated by Fr. Servace Altmicks, OFM, in a house donated by Mr. Witnell. From these humble beginnings, the parish began to grow, and the first church was built on the corner of Meramec & Kansas (now Compton). That first church opened in April 1864. The Franciscan Friars of Sacred Heart Province have staffed the parish from its beginning.

The value of education of the children of the parish took a big step forward with the building of the first school in 1870. In 1883, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet joined the parish and served it faithfully through their teaching ministry until 1996. A new boy's school was built in 1901 staffed by the Brothers of Mary and a girl's school, from kindergarten to twelfth, was opened in 1924.

As the parish grew and prospered, a new church was begun in 1908 and completed in 1910. It was refurbished in 1963 for the parish centennial and again in 1991. The church building was severely damaged by a fire caused by lightning on April 28, 1994 and was restored for the celebration of Christmas 1995. A new convent was built in 1955 in appreciation for all the work done by the Sisters. In 1996 it was sold to "Our Lady's Inn," an emergency shelter for women in crisis.

In 1963 the elementary school on Compton Avenue was finished and was open until 2005. Confluence Academy purchased the building in 2007. The high school closed in 1985. It housed Marian Middle School, and in 2006 became part of Confluence Academy. The former Knights of Columbus Hall, directly across from the Church, was purchased, renovated and opened as The St. Anthony Parish Hall in November 2007.

In the last 13 years or so the parish—currently comprised of about 500 registered households—has gradually become more diverse with local Catholics, both African Americans and others from St. Louis parishes, as well as refugees and immigrants from various countries in Africa, particularly Eritrea and Burundi Hispanics, mostly from Mexico and some Vietnamese and Filipino Catholics. Both longtime parishioners and those here for a short time enrich our parish community by their presence and by their sharing of prayer, participation, and generosity.

The Franciscan Friars continue to serve the parish, along with, a Sister of the Most Precious Blood of O'Fallon and many active parishioners. Maximizing resources through collaboration with other South City parishes, St. Anthony's supports our regional Catholic School Cabrini Academy and our regional South City Deanery P.S.R. Particularly strong in the parish at this point in our history are our spirit of welcome, groups such as the Men's Group, and service to the neighborhood through our Food Pantry, St. Anthony of Padua's Conference of St. Vincent de Paul, and our annual Trunk or Treat. All are welcome to share in the richness of all that St. Anthony of Padua Parish is today!



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Monday-Friday/ <i>Lunes-Viernes</i>	6:30 am-Chapel/ <i>Capilla</i>
Saturday-Vigil Mass/ <i>sábado-Misa de vigilia</i>	4:00 pm-Church/ <i>Templo</i>
Sunday/ <i>Domingo</i>	7:30 & 10:00 am-Church/ <i>Templo</i>
Holy Days (vigil)(<i>vigilia</i>)	7:00 pm-Church/ <i>Templo</i>
Holy Days/ <i>Días de precepto</i>	6:30 & 11:00 am-Church/ <i>Templo</i>
Civil Holidays*/ <i>Días Festivos Civiles</i>	9:00 am-Church/ <i>Templo</i>

* Includes Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving

Other Devotions

St. Anthony Devotion-Tuesdays.....	6:50 am-Chapel
Adoration & Benediction-Fridays	3:00-4:00 pm-Church

Parish Organizations & Activities

Parish Pastoral Council -

Contact Person: Fr. Jim Lause (314) 655-0513

Assists the Pastor in the general operation of the parish.

Finance Council -

Contact Person: Fr. Jim Lause (314) 655-0513

Assists the Pastor in areas of finance, budgeting, fundraising, development, investments and maintenance of the grounds and buildings.

SACRAMENTS

Sacrament of Baptism

To baptize children up to six years old, parents and godparents are asked to participate in a Baptismal Preparation class. Please call the Pastoral Associate to register for the class at (314) 655-0550. To set up a date for the Baptism, please contact Fr. Jim Lause, (314) 655-0513 or Fr. Andy Lewandowski (314) 655-0607. For children 6 years old and older, please contact the Pastoral Associate to discuss your child's process.

Preparation to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation & Eucharist

Children: Beginning as early as first grade, children study for two years in preparation for both Reconciliation (First Penance/confession) and First Communion at the SCD PSR (South City Deanery Parish School of Religion). You can register your child in May, June or August; classes start toward the end of August. Please contact the SCD PSR for more information (314-773-3070 or stl.scdpsr@gmail.com).

Youth in high school and adults are asked to contact the Pastoral Associate (314-655-0550) to plan their process of preparation.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Catholic, baptized youth in seventh or eighth grade who want to be confirmed attend a year of preparatory classes that can begin as early as seventh grade at the SCD PSR (South City Deanery Parish School of Religion). They are confirmed towards the end of the second year of study (8th grade through youth in high school), either at a South City Deanery parish or at the Cathedral. You can register your child in May, June or August; classes start toward the end of August. Please contact the SCD PSR for more information at (314) 773-3070 or stl.scdpsr@gmail.com. Youth in high school and adults are asked to contact the Pastoral Associate to plan their process of preparation.

Adult Preparation for the Sacraments of Initiation

The preparation of adults to be initiated as Catholic Christians is a process by which adults enter into Christian life through the Sacraments of Baptism (or, if already baptized, are received into the Catholic Church through a profession of faith), Confirmation and the Eucharist. The process, which can be an extensive one for those who are not baptized, requires a commitment from the participants. A sponsor from the parish accompanies the person on this journey of faith that usually culminates for the unbaptized at the Easter Vigil. Please call Patrick Dwyer (314) 655-0550 if you would like more information about this process.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Celebration of the Sacrament of Matrimony requires advanced planning and scheduling. St. Anthony of Padua Parish, and the Archdiocese of St Louis offer several methods of preparation based on the needs of each couple. Please contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance of the desired wedding date so that arrangements can be made. Our wedding coordinator Jeanine Tiemann can be reached at staweddings@hotmail.com or by phone at (314) 795-7227. She is available to schedule a date and provide additional information.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available in the Church: Friday and Saturday at 3:00 pm or call one of the priests to make an appointment.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

Please call the Parish Office (314) 353-7470 as soon as a parishioner is hospitalized or is seriously ill so that a priest may come to celebrate the sacrament. The sacrament is celebrated at church in a communal setting during Mass twice during the year.

PRAYER & LITURGY

Altar Servers

Assist at Masses and special liturgical celebrations. Young people fourth grade and older who have made their First Communion are invited to volunteer for this ministry after attending training sessions.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (10 am Mass) -

Contact Person: Patrick Dwyer (314) 655-0550

During the 10:00 am Mass every Sunday, volunteers help to make the Scripture readings relevant to the life and experiences of young children age 3-9 by using Scripture, songs and art. Those volunteers who are 18 (and out of high school) or older are required to complete the Protecting God's Children program and consent to a criminal background check before working with the children. Volunteers in elementary through high school must sign the Archdiocesan Code of Ethics to work with other minors.

Choristers & Cantors of St. Anthony -

Contact Person: Gary Scott (314) 353-7470

Consists of men and women who enable the assembly to participate more deeply in worship through music. Cantors sing at the 4:00 pm Saturday Mass, and 7:30 am Sunday Mass. The whole choir will sing regularly at the 10:00 am Sunday Mass, Christmas, Easter and many other liturgical gatherings throughout the liturgical year.

Liturgy, Art & Environment Committees -

Contact Person: Linda Kohne (314) 752-1790

Oversees the various ministries which provide the parish with opportunities for prayerful, participatory worship. The committee also coordinates decorating of the Church for Christmas, Easter and other seasons.

Ministers of the Word (Lectors) -

Contact Person: Mary Ann Schmidt: (314) 704-3001

Parishioners exercise the privilege of proclaiming the Word of God at daily and Sunday Mass.

Special Ministers of the Eucharist -

Contact Person: Patrick Dwyer (314) 655-0550

These special ministers assist the priest to help with the distribution of Holy Communion at the Eucharistic celebration. Some ministers bring Holy Communion to the sick and homebound, thus helping them to feel united with the parish family.

Ushers and Greeters

Contact Person: Patrick Dwyer (314) 655-0550

Assist at Mass by facilitating seating, assisting the elderly or someone who becomes ill, collecting the weekly offerings and greeting all who enter the church. Men, women, families and young adults are invited to volunteer.

FAITH FORMATION

PSR Program

St. Anthony Parish School of Religion is part of the South City Deanery PSR program. Formal classes in our Catholic faith are offered to children Pre-school to eighth grade, and preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation from first grade to High School. Classes are held Mondays 6:20 pm-7:40 pm from late August through May, at the South City Deanery PSR building (former St. John Baptist School) 4170 Delor St., St. Louis, MO 63116. Call (314) 773-3070 for information. Regular office hours are Monday 4:00 -7:45 pm; Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 am-12:00 pm.

Catecismo

La Escuela Parroquial de Religión (PSR) de San Antonio de Padua es parte del programa regional de catecismo para el decanato del sur de St. Louis (South City Deanery). Se ofrece clases acerca de nuestra fe católica a niños/niñas de la Pre-school al 8º grado. Además, se ofrece preparación sacramental para la Reconciliación (confesión), 1ª Comunión y Confirmación a los del primer grado hasta los jóvenes de la secundaria. Las clases se llevan a cabo los lunes de las 6:20 pm a las 7:40 pm de los fines de agosto a mayo en el edificio del PSR de South City Deanery (anteriormente la escuela de San Juan Bautista) a la 4170 Delor St., St. Louis, MO 63116. Para más información, llame al (314) 773-3070. Las horas de oficina normales son los lunes de las 4:00 -7:45 pm; los martes y jueves de las 9:00 am a las 12:00 pm.

Adult Faith Formation/Spiritual Development

Develops formal and informal programs to foster faith growth and knowledge for adults and families; including RCIA, scripture study, days of recollection and lectures on pertinent topics.

Vacation Bible School -

Contact Person: Patrick Dwyer (314) 655-0550

During Vacation Bible School children learn important daily life lessons based on scripture, instruction, skits, songs, arts and crafts and games over the course of one week during the summer in the morning. Pre-schoolers (potty-trained)- fifth graders participate while sixth graders-adults guide them. Volunteers of all ages must sign the Archdiocesan Code of Ethics before working with minors. Those 18 or older are required to complete the Protecting God's Children program and consent to a criminal background check.

Youth Group -

Contact Person: Pastoral Associate

This ministry is currently being developed for kids ages 12-16 who are invited to grow in their faith through prayer, learning sessions, personal growth experiences, social activities, and service opportunities.

Secular Franciscan Order -

Contact Person: Ron Sansone, OFS (636) 271-4844

An Order of lay men and women founded in the 13th century by St. Francis of Assisi within the Catholic Church. They strive to live the Gospel and pattern their life after Jesus Christ in the spirit of Francis and Clare of Assisi.

COMMUNITY-BUILDING/FORMANDO COMUNIDAD

Family Life Commission -

Contact Person: Pastoral Associate

Oversees programs designed for the health and growth of family life in the parish, including Pro-Life activities.

Comisión para Apoyar a la Vida Familiar -

Persona de Contacto: Asociado Pastoral

Supervisa a programas parroquiales diseñados para promover la salud y crecimiento de la familia, incluyendo a actividades Pro-Vida.

Hospitality Committee -

Contact Person: Bev Ruzicka (314) 416-4009 or (314) 752-1698

Oversees the special community-building events in the parish. They offer “coffee and donuts” hospitality the first and third Sundays of the month after the 7:30 & 10:00 am Sunday Masses as well as sponsoring the Holy Thursday Pot Bless Dinner, Corpus Christi Reception & other parish celebrations.

“Roadies for Christ”, Men’s Club -

Contact Person: President Sam Allen (785) 259-1242

Open to all men of the parish 21 years of age and older. It provides a place for men to come together to share ideas, to develop friendships, to provide parish support in a variety of ways—including working with other parishioners to put on a number of events—and to give service to the local community.

Social Committee -

Contact Person: Jeanine Tiemann (314) 795-7227

Plan and put on, in collaboration with the Men’s Club, yearly & seasonal social events, including Lenten Fish Fries, Trivia Night, Trunk or Treat, etc.

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

Food Pantry of St. Anthony

(Located in the Church basement at the southwest corner of the parking lot)

Contact Persons: Rob Telthorst, Director & Sr. Marie Orf, CPPS, Co-Director (314) 352-1460

Provides food, clothing and other needed services, such as classes on how to save on your utility bills, free legal assistance and referrals, to parishioners and also residents in need who live in zip codes 63111, 63116 and 63118. Collaborates with the parish for events such as Trunk or Treat, the Giving Wreath (food & household items given to parishioners and local residents in need at Christmas) and Vacation Bible School. Open Monday & Thursday from 10:00 am–12:00 pm/noon and Wednesday 4:00 pm-6:00 pm. Those volunteers who are 18 (and out of high school) or older are required to complete the Protecting God's Children program and consent to a criminal background check.

Despensa de San Antonio (ubicada en el sótano del templo al lado del sur del estacionamiento)

Personas de Contacto: Rob Telthorst, Director y Hna. Marie Orf, CPPS, Co-Directora (314) 352-1460

Provee comida, ropa y otros servicios necesarios como clases en cómo ahorrar dinero en sus biles de luz y asistencia e información legal gratis para los necesitados que pertenecen a la parroquia y también que viven en los códigos postales 63111, 63116 y 63118. Colabora con la parroquia para eventos como el Trunk or Treat, la Corona de Generosidad (comida y cosas para la casa dado a feligreses y residentes locales que están pasando necesidad en la Navidad) y la Escuela Bíblica del verano.

Abierto los lunes y jueves de las 10:00 am a las 12:00 pm/mediodía y los miércoles de las 4-6 pm. Se requiere que los voluntarios que tienen 18 años (y ya salieron de la escuela secundaria) o tienen más que 18 años tomen la sesión de Protegiendo las Hijas de Dios y que pasen un chequeo de antecedentes penales.

Prayer Shawl Group -

Contact Person: Mary Lindenberger (314) 772-4856

Gathers every Monday to knit or crochet prayer shawls to give to those in need of comfort (e.g., the elderly, infirm or bereaved) at 11:00 am in the East Room of the Parish Hall.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul - (314) 289-6101 Box 1133

The St. Anthony of Padua Conference of this worldwide Catholic service organization offers utility assistance to parishioners and people of the neighborhood on the first and third Wednesdays from 4:30 to 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

Sociedad de San Vicente de Paul - (314) 289-6101 Box 1133

El grupo local de esta organización católica caritativa mundial aquí en San Antonio de Padua ofrece asistencia en pagar los recibos de luz a los feligreses y residentes de este vecindario el 1er y el 3er miércoles del mes a las 5:30 pm en el convento al 3140 Meramec St 63118.

Neighborhood Accountability Board -

Contact Person: Patrick Dwyer (314) 544-5236

A Neighborhood Accountability Board consisting of four to seven members of the community meets at St. Anthony monthly to informally address juvenile delinquency matters. It offers juvenile offenders the opportunity to repair the harm caused by their offense and make a positive contribution to their own community.

Other Service Agencies

Franciscan Connection -

Contact Person: Fr. Paul Gallagher, OFM, Executive Director, 5201 Virginia, St. Louis, MO 63111; (314) 773-8485

Provides emergency utility aid to people living in zip code areas 63111, 63116, & 63118.

Open Wednesday and Friday 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Tuesday and Thursday 1:00-3:00 pm

1st Saturday of the month: 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Conexión Franciscana -

Contacto: Padre Paul Gallagher OFM, Director Ejecutivo, 5201 Virginia Ave, St. Louis, MO 63111; (314) 773-8485.

Provee ayuda de emergencia para pagar gas y luz a personas que viven en el código postal

63118 y 63111 y 63116. Abierta los lunes, miércoles y viernes 9:30-11:30 am; los martes 1:00-3:00 pm; jueves 2:00-4:00 pm.

Vocations

Franciscan Vocation Center (OFM)/Vocaciones Franciscanas.....
..... (314) 766-1952

<http://shvocationoffice.wixsite.com/home>

Franciscan Sisters/Vocations (OSF) (314) 965-3700

<https://franciscansisters-olph.org/engage-our-passion/>

Diocesan Vocation Center/Vocaciones-Sacerdotes Diocesanos
..... (314) 792-6460

<http://archstl.org/vocations>

Phone Numbers/Telefonos Importantes

Parish Offices/ <i>Oficinas Parroquiales</i>	(314) 353-7470
Parish Fax/ <i>Fax de la parroquia</i>	(314) 655-0573
Food Pantry/ <i>Despensa</i>	(314) 352-1460
St. Vincent de Paul Society/ <i>Sociedad de San Vicente de Paul</i>	(314) 289-6101, Box 1133
Our Lady's Inn/ <i>Hospedaje-mujeres embarazadas sin casa</i>	(314) 351-4590
Emergency (police, medical, fire)/ <i>Emergencia-policía, medica, incendio</i>	911
Police - Non-emergency/ <i>Policía si NO es emergencia</i>	(314) 231-1212
United Way HELP line 24-7/ <i>Línea de recursos para necesidades básicas</i> ..	211
Board of Aldermen/ <i>Junta de Concejales Locales</i>	(314) 622-3287
9th Ward/ <i>Distrito Electoral 9o</i>Dan Guenther	(314) 776-0161
11th Ward/ <i>Distrito Electoral 11o</i>James Lappe	(314) 622-3287
13th Ward / <i>Distrito Electoral 13o</i> Anne Schweitzer	(314) 589-6836
15th Ward/ <i>Distrito Electoral 15o</i>Megan E Green	(314) 622-3287
20th Ward/ <i>Distrito Electoral 20o</i>Cara Spencer	(314) 556-7379
25th Ward/ <i>Distrito Electoral 25o</i>Shane Cohn	(314) 504-1226
Domestic Violence Hotline-24 hr/ <i>Ayuda-violencia doméstica</i>	(314) 531-2003
Agency on Aging/ <i>Agencia para ayudar a los Ancianos</i>	(314) 612-5946
Child Abuse & Neglect Hotline/ <i>Abuso o negligencia infantil</i>	1-800-392-3738
Crime Victim Advocacy/ <i>Abogacía para víctimas de crímenes</i>	(314) 652-3623
Dutchtown South Community Corp	(314) 352-4865
Elderly Abuse/ <i>Abuso de Ancianos</i>	1-800-392-0210
Hunger Hotline/ <i>Línea directa de ayuda a los Hambrientos</i> ..	(314) 726-5355
Meals on Wheels/ <i>Comidas a Domicilios</i>	(314) 268-1523
Missouri Consumer Fraud/ <i>Fraude del Consumidor de MO</i> ...	1-800-392-8222
Suicide Prevention Hotline/ <i>Prevenir al Suicidio</i>	1-800-784-2433
Operation Brightside St. L/ <i>Limpia y Verde St Louis</i>	(314) 772-4646
Poison Control/ <i>Agencia para Controlar el Veneno</i>	1-800-366-8888
Rape Hotline/ <i>Ayuda en caso de que un@ sea violad@</i>	(314) 531-7273
Street Lights Out/ <i>Problema de alumbrado público</i>	(314) 664-2044
Women's Abuse Shelters/ <i>Refugio para Mujeres Abusadas</i>	(314) 533-1313