

ST. ANTHONY COUGAR CONNECTION

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FROM the desk of MRS. SCHWEITZER



For the 2025-2026 school year, our theme will be “Come Follow Me.” In the Gospel of John 10: 27-29, Jesus says, “My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father’s hand.”

What do these words mean to us as disciples of Jesus? During this Jubilee year in our church, we are called to be “Pilgrims of Hope.” We are supposed to contribute to our Church’s mission of unity and charity. John 10: 27-29 shows that Jesus knows us inside and out; He knows everything about us, and He loves us deeply. Jesus is our “Good Shepherd”, and we are “His flock” who are called to listen to His will for us and follow Him. In order to do this, we must try to learn and understand scripture and the traditions of the Catholic church.

This school year, we will spend time focusing on the Sunday Gospel readings and what they tell us about how we, as Pilgrims of Hope, are to follow Jesus, so that when our Good Shepherd says to us, “COME FOLLOW ME”, we listen, follow, and become a more unified Church.

Gospel Reading: John 9: 1-41

Word of the Week: Rabbi

Prayer for the week: Jesus, Wonderful Counselor (Isaiah 9: 5), you are our teacher, friend, and guiding light. Stay with us always.

MISSION STATEMENT

St. Anthony Catholic School accepts the responsibility, along with the parents, to educate students spiritually, morally, and academically in a safe & caring Christian atmosphere. Each individual is assured academic achievement and develops social and emotional growth while embracing the gospel message of Jesus Christ.

VISION STATEMENT

St. Anthony Catholic School’s vision is to work together as a team composed of students, parents, teachers and staff in a positive manner to build strong, spiritual children who give witness to their faith.

DRAMA CLUB - It is SHOWTIME! We invite ALL St. Anthony students and family members to attend our performance of DR. SEUSS' BIGGEST MYSTERY IN HISTORY - The Leprechaun Did It - Or Did He?! Our performance takes place this Thursday March 12 at 6:00 and/or 7:30! Admission is free, but donations are greatly appreciated at the door! We can't wait to share our story with you!

ACTORS - We will meet again in Fleming Hall tomorrow, Tuesday March 10, from 2:30 - 4:30. Pick up will be in front of Church and School at 4:30. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Faulhaber. And be sure to PRACTICE YOUR SCRIPT!

SCHOOL CLOSED -- School will be closed this Friday, March 13th. Enjoy the three-day weekend!

MOBILE DAIRY UNIT – This Wednesday, March 11th, a mobile dairy unit sponsored by Southwest Farmers will be here to help us learn about the importance of milk in our diets, the importance of dairy farming, and many other important facts about milk and dairy products. Let us pray that the weather holds out so that we can really enjoy the demonstration involving a real cow who will be visiting as part of the program!

LUNCH REMINDER - Our diocesan school lunch program does not allow outside fast food to be brought in. Sodas/sugary drinks/sports drinks/carbonated soda or water should not be in water bottles. Carbonated beverages of any kind should not be packed in a lunch brought from home.

ELECTRONIC DEVICE REMINDERS – As a reminder, in accordance with the 25/26 Handbook, all toys, headsets, electronic devices, **cell phones, smart watches**, etc., are not to be visible during the school day (7:00 AM – 2:30 PM). ANY hand-held device (cell phone, hand-held games, smart watches, etc.) is not permitted to be out or visible during the school day. If a cell phone must be brought to school, it must be turned off and kept in the child's backpack.

TEXAS ROADHOUSE NIGHT – Tomorrow, Tuesday, March 10th is St. Anthony Night at the Texas Roadhouse location in Ft. Wright. If you dine in or carry out and mention that you are with St. Anthony School, a portion of what you spend will be donated back to our St. Anthony PTO organization. This is a great way to support our school and our PTO.

WITH ONE HEART CAMPAIGN - The *Disciple Maker Index* survey is now live and will be open until **March 23rd**. For the survey to provide useful information for our parish, we need as many parishioners as possible to participate! Please see the attached letter from Mrs. Schweitzer and visit [With One Heart](#)

HOLY CROSS BASEBALL & SOFTBALL - 7th and 8th grade students interested in playing baseball or softball at Holy Cross should contact for softball Courtney Turner at Courtney.turner@hchscov.com or for baseball rob.wermeling@hchscov.com

HOLY CROSS BASEBALL 5K RUN - Join our Shamrock Shuffle on Saturday March 14 at Holy Cross High School, rain or shine! Check-in begins at 9:30am. The run begins at 10:00am. All proceeds from the event benefit the Holy Cross Baseball program. *Cost is \$15 for students, \$20 for adults. Wear your green - runners and walkers welcome! See attached!*

PLANNING AHEAD:

- **TEXAS ROADHOUSE NIGHT – TUESDAY, MARCH 10TH**
- **DRAMA CLUB PERFORMANCE – THURSDAY, MARCH 12TH**
- **SCHOOL CLOSED – FRIDAY, MARCH 13TH**
- **PTO MEETING – TUESDAY, MARCH 17TH @ 7PM**
- **WALKATHON – TUESDAY, MARCH 31 – More info to follow this week**

WEEKLY LUNCH MENU

- *Tuesday – Chicken or Cheese Quesadilla*
- *Wednesday – Confetti Pancakes*
- *Thursday – Chicken Nuggets*
- *Friday – Cheese Bites*
- *Monday – Hamburger / Cheeseburger*
- *Tuesday – Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza*

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- **WATER BOTTLES** - *There are no water fountains available in the building. Water refilling stations are available. Each student should bring their own water bottle.*
- **DISMISSAL** – Please be sure to arrive at school to pick up your students **ON TIME** and in the designated area that you have been instructed to park in. Traffic tends to become a problem if cars arrive once dismissal has occurred. Students line up in the school based on the area they will be dismissed to. The bus should depart **BEFORE** any cars leave the parking lot. If you have questions, please contact the office.

- Makeup (including nail polish and artificial nails) is **NOT** to be worn in school. Students are not permitted to wear face or body make-up, but are permitted to wear fingernail polish on out of uniform days. Also, boys' hair may be no longer than to the collar, and in front, hair should not hang in the student's eyes and should be neatly trimmed and groomed. Please ensure that your children are following these handbook guidelines.
- Our diocesan school lunch program does not allow outside fast food to be brought in. Sodas/sugary drinks/sports drinks should not be in water bottles. Soft drinks/sodas should not be packed in a lunch brought from home.