

St. Anthony Parish

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*Joy
to the World
the Lord
is come*



DECEMBER 28, 2025

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

**Saturday, December 27, 2025 – Feast of Saint John,
Apostle and Evangelist**

5:00 p.m. The People of St. Anthony

Sunday, December 28, 2025 –

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8:00 a.m. Elliana and Mikaela Hames

10:00 a.m. Annette Baker

Monday, December 29, 2025 –

The Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas

8:00 a.m. Tom Thiel

Tuesday, December 30, 2025 –

The Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas

8:00 a.m. Elliana and Mikaela Hames

Wednesday, December 31, 2025 –

The Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas

8:00 a.m. Dominic Hidle

11:00 p.m. SPANISH

Thursday, January 1, 2026 –

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord

8:00 a.m. Ben Bergman

**Friday, January 2, 2026 – Memorial of Saints Basil
the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and
Doctors of the Church**

8:00 a.m. Emma Gronefeld

Saturday, January 3, 2026

8:00 a.m. Elliana and Mikaela Hames

5:00 p.m. The People of St. Anthony

Sunday, January 4, 2026 – The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 a.m. Mike Braun

10:00 a.m. Doug Singleton

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

8:00 a.m. Thursday, January 1, 2026

Lector: Sr. Barbara

Host: Sheila Overley

5:00 p.m. Saturday, January 3, 2026

Lector: Laura Keener

Host: Nancy Muench

8:00 a.m. Sunday, January 4, 2026

Lector: Judy Dornbusch

Host: Jim Schepers

10:00 a.m. Sunday, January 4, 2026

Lector: Tobias Nathe

Host: Debbie Leuthner

5:00 p.m. Saturday, January 10, 2026

Lector: Michelle Groeschen

Host: Janice Wilshire

8:00 a.m. Sunday, January 11, 2026

Lector: Greg Westwood

Host: Sheila Overley

10:00 a.m. Sunday, January 11, 2026

Lector: Mary Ellen McDaniel

Host: Tom Ewing

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday – 27 1 John 1:1-4; John 20:1a and 2-8

Sunday – 28 Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Colossians 3:12-21
or 3:12-17; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Monday – 29 1 John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35

Tuesday – 30 1 John 2:12-17, Luke 2:36-40

Wednesday – 31 1 John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18

Thursday – 1 Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7;
Luke 2:16-21

Friday – 2 1 John 2:22-28, John 1:19-28

Saturday – 3 1 John 2:29-3:6, John 1:29-34

CHURCH CLEANERS:

January 3 – Greg and Paula Westwood

January 10 – Robbie and Susan Stewart

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND



Please let us know if you, a family member, or a fellow parishioner is admitted to the hospital, or ask a hospital chaplain to make that call to us. If you know of anyone else in the parish who is sick and/or homebound or should be removed, please call the Parish Office at 859-431-1773 and let us know so we can all pray for them and update our list. If you know of anyone on the list who has improved, please let us know so we can **Thank the Lord!**

Elizabeth (child)

George Wesselman

Rob Feldman

Teresa Winkler

Rick Keener

Pat Noll

Billy Lutz

Larry Vogelpohl

Sue Stewart

Jonathan Smock

Tonja Tellman

Warren Budde

Gary Drews

Billy O'Brien

Dan and Gayle Piron

Marty Beyer

Krusling Family

Michaela and baby

Jeff W.

Those seeking healing

Kenny Strinko

after the loss of a child

STEWARSHIP AND OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

December 21, 2025

This information was not available due to the early bulletin submission deadline.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Thursday from 8:30 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. with Benediction at 9:00 p.m. Come spend time with Jesus. We also need to keep Jesus company during Adoration! If you want to sign up for a 30-minute slot, contact Teresa Manczyk at 859-802-9209 or email (or call) our parish secretary at admin@stanth.org, 859-431-1773.

COFFEE HOUR

Please join your St. Anthony's family on the **third Sunday of each month** in Fleming Hall after the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Masses for food and fellowship.

MEN'S GROUP

The **First and Third Saturday of the month**, 8:30-10:00 a.m. in the Parish Center.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The **Second Monday of each month** in the Parish Center at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend. **NO Parish Council Meeting in January.**



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION

The **First Weekend of each month**, outside of the church doors after all Masses.

WOMEN'S GROUP

The **First Saturday of each month** at 9:00 a.m. Beginning **Saturday, January 3rd**, St. Anthony Women will meet at **9:00 a.m. at The Christian Shop Meeting Space**, 2491 Dixie Highway, Ft. Mitchell. Please feel free to join us for Rosary at 7:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. Mass prior to the meeting. (If you have questions, contact Paula Westwood at pswlifelady@gmail.com.)

WOMEN'S BOOK DISCUSSION

All women are welcome to participate in a monthly book discussion, **9:30-10:30 a.m.**, at the **Latonia Branch, Kenton County Library**; beverage and/or food permitted.

Upcoming dates: TBD

Current book is *Whispers of Mary, What Twelve Old Testament Women Teach Us About Mary*, by Gayle Somers. Join anytime or when schedule permits; chapters are self-contained (Mary Carol Heidrich, facilitator, 859-801-9030).



COMMUNION CALLS

Fr. Ivan would like to encourage the loved ones of the sick and homebound to contact Mary Carol Heidrich at 859-801-9030 to request Communion in the home.

ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE THROUGH THE PARISH WEBSITE

Thank you for your gifts of time, talent, and treasure. Parishioners and friends of St. Anthony can donate through the website. No need to write checks; you can just sign up and have your contribution withdrawn from your bank or credit card weekly or monthly, whichever you prefer. This also enables you to support your parish even when you are away.

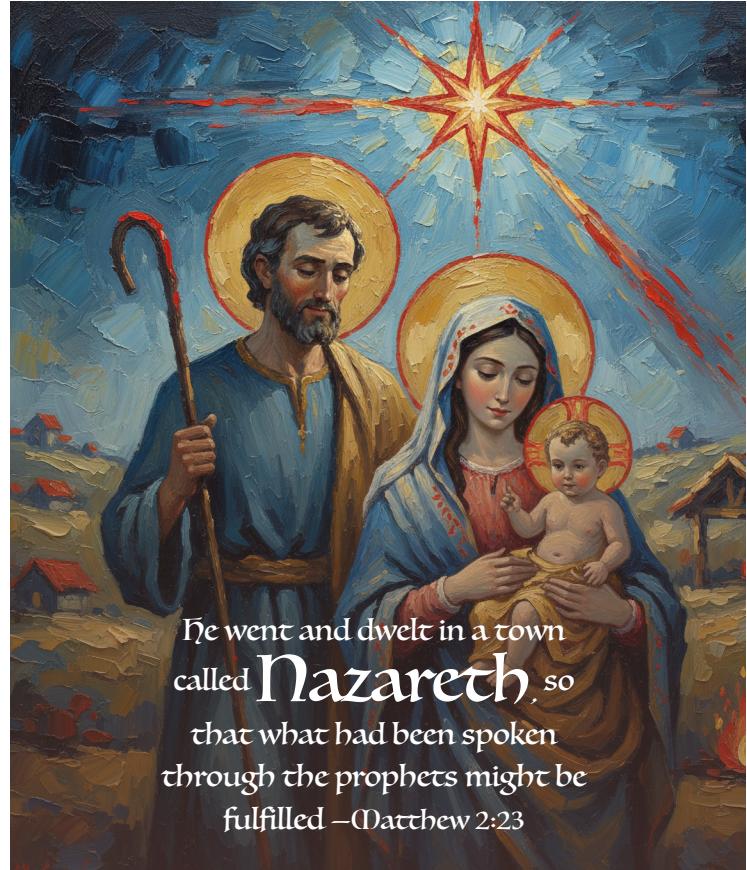


The online giving tab on St. Anthony's website includes all Second Collections throughout the year. Clicking on "Second Collections" opens a new window. This window includes all Holy Days, Diocesan collections, and donations for flowers at Christmas and Easter. When you donate online through Second Collections, the donation amount will be processed on the date listed next to the collection.

Please check out the online giving tab soon (<https://www.saintanthonytaylormill.org/>).

LOST AND FOUND

Please check the Lost & Found box in the back of church for any items left at church. The box is emptied periodically of items not retrieved.





ST. ANTHONY SCHOOL NEWS

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: Matthew 3:1-12

Word of the Week: acknowledged

Prayer for the Week:

Jesus, God's Beloved Son (Colossians 1:13), help us to be living examples of Your love for the world.

Words of the month from the Gospel readings:

acknowledged, Messiah, Emmanuel

MISSION STATEMENT

St. Anthony Catholic School accepts the responsibility, along with the parents, to educate students spiritually, morally, and academically in a safe and 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.



COME SING CHRISTMAS HYMNS TO THE ELDERLY AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISH.

In the midst of the Christmas Octave (Sunday, December 28 at 6:00 p.m.,) we will gather in the school library to loosen our tongues on a few tunes before carpooling to homes in the surrounding area to share the light and joy of the Newborn King. After a couple of hours of shivering excitement (dress warmly), we will return to the library for hot cocoa and refreshments. **You don't want to miss this!**

IN OUR COMMUNITY

OUR PARISH IS LOOKING FOR A NEW MEMBER TO JOIN THE PARISH COUNCIL.

If you have a heart for service and want to make a difference in our parish life, we'd love to hear from you!

If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office at admin@stanh.org.

Let's continue building a parish where faith grows, friendships flourish, and God's love is shared with all.

With gratitude and hope,
Father Ivan

MADISON AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

1530 Madison Avenue, Covington



MACC and community volunteers provide hot meals for those needing food assistance in our surrounding area. The meals are

prepared and served by members of MACC and other community volunteers every Monday and Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. MACC provides the meals FREE to those in need thanks to the support of its members and other individuals and organizations in the community. Setup begins at 4:00 p.m., Doors open at 5:00 p.m., Prayer, Devotion and Dinner at 5:30 p.m., Cleanup at 6:30 p.m.

The St. Anthony Group prepares and serves food the 2nd Wednesday every month. Cindy Fischer is the lead, and new volunteers are always welcome.



We are actively posting on Facebook **St. Anthony Church and School in Taylor Mill** and on X (formerly Twitter) **St. Anthony Church and School in Taylor Mill @StAnthonyTM**.

If you are not already following us, please do!
AND "SHARE" to increase our visibility.

Share Love This Christmas with St. Vincent de Paul Northern Kentucky

As we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ, St. Vincent de Paul Northern Kentucky invites our community to share His love by bringing warmth, joy, and hope to our neighbors in need.

**SVdP 25th Annual Winter Coat Drive**

Many in Northern Kentucky will face the cold without proper winter clothing. New or gently used coats (adult sizes XL-XXXL especially) and winter accessories may be shared through January 31 at any SVdP NKY thrift store or participating donation site.

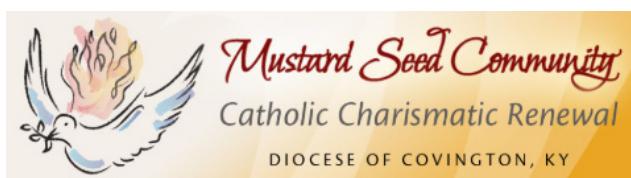
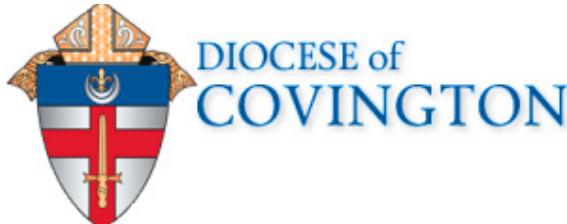
Vincent's Angels

"Vincent's Angels" allows parents and caregivers to personally choose Christmas gifts for their children. Toys are still needed, and parishes, schools, workplaces, and families are encouraged to collect presents so every child can experience the joy of Christmas morning. Donations can be delivered at any SVdP NKY thrift store.

Adopt-a-Family

To enter more personally into the spirit of giving, consider sponsoring a local family through our Adopt-a-Family program. Sponsors receive a wish list, purchase gifts, and drop off wrapped presents at our Erlanger facility to help a family feel seen and loved this Christmas.

Volunteers are also needed to help with coat sorting, toy distribution, and Christmas preparations. A few hours of your time can be a gift of Christ's light to someone in need. To register for these programs or learn more about volunteering, please visit www.svdpnky.org/holiday-giving or scan the QR code.



THE MUSTARD SEED
CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC COMMUNITY OF NKY

sponsors a **monthly Third Tuesday** prayer gathering, "Spirit & Grace," 7:00-8:45 p.m. at **Blessed Sacrament's Parish Center**, 2407 Dixie Highway, Ft. Mitchell, KY.

Join us for praise & worship music, teaching, witnesses, and healing prayers. All are invited! For more information, call Carol at 859-341-5932.



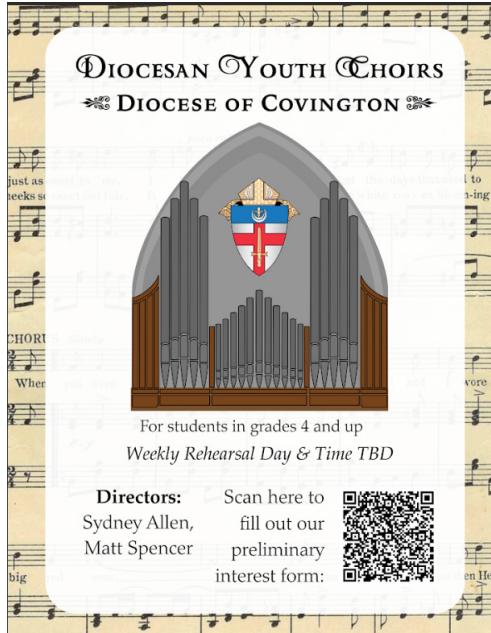
PARISH MISSIONARY DISCIPLES is a training program by which Catholic believers can become missionary disciples. This training deepens one's relationship with Jesus Christ, transforms one into a disciple, and empowers one to meaningfully, joyfully, and respectfully give witness to how Jesus Christ lives in our hearts, influences our lives, and calls us to holiness. Since 2024, 100+ parishioners representing 24 parishes in the diocese have participated. St. Mary Parish in Alexandria will host the next three-session training on **Thursdays, January 22, February 5, and February 19, 2026 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.** All are welcome! To register, contact Ken at kenglaser24@gmail.com or call 859-512-1577.

SUPPORT GROUP FOR SEPARATED AND DIVORCED BEGINS JANUARY 22, 2026

New Beginnings is an 8-week program that provides the opportunity to heal and move forward despite a complicated situation. Led by facilitators who have been through their own personal losses, this program invites participants to move toward their own new beginnings. **Registration is required.**

To register, visit <https://covdio.org/new-beginnings-2/> or call at 859-392-1529. The next session will be held on **consecutive Thursdays, January 22-March 12, 2026 – 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** at Catholic Charities (3629 Church Street, Covington, KY 41015).

A Diocesan Youth Choir is being formed with a start date of **late summer / early fall 2026**. The vision is of a prestigious youth choir that represents all the parishes of the Diocese and provides sacred music for select liturgies in the Diocese of Covington "for the glory of God and the sanctification of the faithful." We are collecting information to finalize the rehearsal details and would appreciate your input! Thank you!



CALLING ALL CURSILLO ALUMNI!

Take time to renew your spirit at the **Restoration Retreat** — a one-day retreat designed especially for those who have already made a Cursillo. Reconnect with your Cursillo community as we bring **"Piety, Study, and Action into Harmony."** Step away from the busyness of life to pray, reflect, and strengthen one another on your spiritual journey.

Men's Retreat: Saturday, January 31

Women's Retreat: Saturday, February 7

Location: St. Patrick Church, Taylor Mill

Schedule: Arrive at 8:00 a.m.; breakfast and lunch provided; concludes with the 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass

Cost: \$65.00

For details, contact **T.J. Wells** at 859-635-2384 or tjwells@fuse.net. Register at covingtoncursillo.org/restoration-retreats.

Come Spread God's Joy!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Be Concerned is seeking volunteers to push shoppers' loaded food carts from our Covington pantry to our parking lot, and there to help them unload their groceries into their cars. Cart pushers are needed **Tuesdays from 3:00-6:00 p.m. and Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon**. If you can help or would like more information, call 859-291-6789.



The People's Pantry

FRIDAY mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. If you can help or would like more information, call 859-291-6789.

SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2026

St. Philip, Melbourne is hosting a Super Bowl Homecoming.

All Are Invited!

Please visit stphilipky.org for more information.



E6 CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE — CHRISTMAS DISCOUNT

Give the gift of faith this Christmas! Throughout the month of December, E6 Catholic Men's Conference tickets are **\$10.00 off** with the promo code **CHRISTMAS**.

The conference takes place **February 21, 2026** at East Central High School and offers powerful speakers, fellowship, Confession, Adoration, and incredible formation for men.

Tickets: E6CatholicMensConference.com

A CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR MARRIED COUPLES

 Couples..... want to give each other something really special this Christmas? How about a gift filled with Romance and Excitement? That's just the beginning of what you will receive on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend.

The next Marriage Encounter Weekend experience is **March 13-15** at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center in Cincinnati, OH. The weekend experience is for those who wish to enrich their marriage and return to that newlywed feeling. Apply today at <https://esharing.org/applyWeekend.php>.

For more questions or more details, contact: Andy and Melanie Reinersman at 859-653-8464, application@esharing.org or visit esharing.org.

BIKE DONATIONS NEEDED FOR PICKETT'S CORNER – DONATE A BIKE AND CHANGE A LIFE!

Do you have a bike that you no longer have a use for? Donate it to Pickett's Corner, a ministry of Catholic Charities! Each bike makes a significant difference in the lives of those in need.

 Catholic Charities is happy to pick up the donations and make all the repairs needed. All you have to do is contact us at **PickettsCorner23@gmail.com** and give your name, address, and phone number. Donate a bike and change a life!

**FREE IN-PERSON
ADULT CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION
WORKSHOPS**

The Diocese of Covington is offering FREE In-Person Adult Catholic Faith Formation Workshops, **June 8-11, 2026** at Thomas More University's Administration Building (Library classrooms).

All workshops are broken into two parts and scheduled for two consecutive days, 1.5 hours per day. Instructors will provide topical information, video content, and open discussion time. Create a free account under your parish or school to access these and 200+ additional workshops at <https://franciscanathome.com>.

These workshops are open to **EVERYONE** who wants to learn more about their Catholic faith, including those entrusted with the formation of others, whether professional or volunteer — parish, school and homeschool leaders; catechists; teachers; DREs/CREs; youth and young adult ministers; family life ministers; OCIA/OCIC directors/coordinators; Bible Study/Rosary groups; retreat teams; coaches; parents; grandparents; married or single; etc.

There is something for every group! Please, come and join us for these wonderful faith growth workshops!

There are 63 workshops to choose from! Visit <https://covdio.org/register> or contact Isaak A. Isaak at 859-392-1529 or iisaak@covdio.org.

**VICAR FOR RELIGIOUS –
2025-2026 UNITED IN PRAYER**

This prayer for peace occurs every other month at **6:00 p.m. in Covington's Main Strasse at the Bell Tower**.

Future dates are **January 20, 2026; March 24; and May 5**. All are welcome. The prayer is live streamed at <https://www.facebook.com/CDPKentucky>.

These events are hosted by the Sisters of Divine Providence, Sisters of Notre Dame, and the Benedictine Sisters.



ST. BASIL THE GREAT

Saint of the Day: January 2

Patron Saint of Russia

Saint Basil the Great was on his way to becoming a famous teacher when he decided to begin a religious life of gospel poverty. After studying various modes of religious life, he founded what was probably the first monastery in Asia Minor. He is to monks of the East what Saint Benedict is to the West, and Basil's principles influence Eastern monasticism today.

He was ordained a priest, assisted the archbishop of Caesarea—now southeastern Turkey—and ultimately became archbishop himself, in spite of opposition from some of the bishops under him, probably because they foresaw coming reforms.

Arianism, one of the most damaging heresies in the history of the Church which denied the divinity of Christ, was at its height. Emperor Valens persecuted orthodox believers, and put great pressure on Basil to remain silent and admit the heretics to Communion. Basil remained firm, and Valens backed down. But trouble remained. When the great Saint Athanasius died, the mantle of defender of the faith against Arianism fell upon Basil. He strove mightily to unite and rally his fellow Catholics who were crushed by tyranny and torn by internal dissension. He was misunderstood, misrepresented, accused of heresy and ambition. Even appeals to the pope brought no response. "For my sins I seem to be unsuccessful in everything."

Saint Basil the Great was tireless in pastoral care. He preached twice a day to huge crowds, built a hospital that was called a wonder of the world—as a youth he had organized famine relief and worked in a soup kitchen himself—and fought the prostitution business.

Read the full article: "St. Basil the Great" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-basil-the-great/> (Accessed November 16, 2025).



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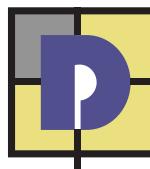
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