

MONDAY, AUGUST 25 St. Louis and
St. Joseph Calasanz

6:45AM Rev. Francis A. Massarella—CRA
8:00AM Vincent Walter— Mary Fran Walter

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26

6:45AM Frank Armstrong— Dori Altenau
8:00AM Special Intentions of Louis Burkart— Beth

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27 St. Monica

6:45AM Jack Lee— Dede & Earl Stalf
8:00AM Deceased Members of the Kemp Family—
Family

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28 St. Augustine

6:45AM Special Intentions of Beth & Ross
Bachman— Mom & Dad
8:00AM Deceased members of the Beard Family—
Family

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29 The Passion of
St. John the Baptist

6:45AM Jeanne Brunst-Hollmeyer— Anniv. Rem.—
Family
8:00AM Norma Henry— Don Dickinson

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30 Bl. Virgin Mary

8:00AM Mary Jane Fangmann— Anniv. Rem.—
Family
4:10PM Evening Prayer
4:30PM Paul, Dorothy & Jennifer Zimmer— Family

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

7:40AM Morning Prayer
8:00AM James R. Doyle, Sr.—Anniv. Rem.—
Family
9:30AM Joseph Beyersdorfer— Bd. Rem.—Family
11:30AM For Our Parishioners

**GOD SHOW ME ONE WAY IN THIS MASS
I CAN BECOME A BETTER VERSION OF
MYSELF THIS WEEK.**

CONFESSIONS

Thursday, August 28, 7:30PM — Fr. Mick
Saturday, August 30, 3:00PM— Fr. Mick

R • O • S • A • R • Y

Monday thru Friday after the 6:45AM and 8AM
Masses .

Mondays 7:00PM Fatima Prayer Group in the Chapel.
Friday mornings at MaryAnn Baverman's home for
Moms *of all ages* and young children. We extend an
invitation to all moms to join our group for prayer on
Friday mornings from **10AM to 11:00AM**. We will
show you how to pray the rosary. Please call
MaryAnn at 503-9537 for details.

Saturdays after the 8 AM Mass in church.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION in the chapel
every Friday, following the 8AM Mass until
10PM.

SERVERS AUGUST 25-29, 2014

6:45AM Adult Servers

8:00AM Lucas Palicki Owen Oaks

AUGUST 30 & 31, 2014

4:30PM Cooper Mullen, Louis Pham, Sean Niedhard

8:00AM Matthew & Mya Schmitt, Sarah Nie

9:30AM Lucas Palicki, Timmy & Jason Rigney

11:30AM Josie Ferguson, Lexi Kaeser, Bailey Venard

LECTORS AUGUST 30 & 31, 2014

4:30PM Dave Burger Joan Squeri

8:00AM Mark Braunstein Mary Lynne Rapien

9:30AM Anna Bonavita Don Junker

11:30AM Taylor Kaeser Lexi Kaeser

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AUGUST 30 & 31

4:30PM John & Kathy O'Connor, Marilyn Wempe,
Marta & Maria Rehtin

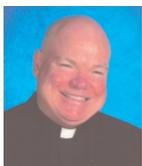
8:00AM Diane & Larry Reiring, Pam & Mark
Braunstein,

9:30AM Don & Ritzie Junker, Vince & Martha
Olding, Cecilia & Vince Feldman, Mary & Tom
Freudiger, Sandy Gerhardt, Marilyn & Jack Reinhold.

11:30AM Emma Foster, Donna Vitt, David, Janet &
Rachael Willig, Christine & Matthew Weber, Ray &
Joan Loebker, Kate & Julian Hein.

THANK YOU to Realescapes Lawn Care for
advertising in our bulletin.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



FROM OUR PASTOR, FR. CHRISTOPHER R. ARMSTRONG

This is an attempt to answer some questions which have come my way about my move to Washington DC. Archbishop Broglio of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, called me on June 12; he had met with Archbishop Schnurr at the Bishops meeting in New Orleans and asked to contact me. I told Archbp. Broglio that I could not answer until I spoke to Archbp. Schnurr, which I did on June 17. But since I was leaving on my sabbatical, it was decided that the announcement would be made on Monday, August 11. I first told the staff face to face and e-mailed parish entities as AMS was sending out a news release on that date. Later, I found out it was posted on face book! I announced it all the Masses last Sunday, August 17. At this writing, a parochial administrator will be appointed to fill out my term of office as pastor, June 30, 2015. The parish will be "open-listed" for a pastor through the Director of Priest Personnel. I will leave the parish on September 28. I plan to write and say more in farewell later. Please keep me and our parish in your prayers during this transition.

THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR will be present at all the Masses this weekend of **August 23 & 24**, seeking your assistance in their ministry. The Sisters depend on our support to meet the needs of their poor elderly. Your generosity will be appreciated. For more information visit their website at www.littlesistersofthepoorcincinnati.org.

Greater Cincinnati Performing Arts Society

The series will begin with **Tommy Emmanuel** on Sept. 13 and 14.

Tickets for all shows are \$30 - \$35 and you can designate \$5 of the ticket price to be donated to the school of your choice. That money is matched by the ESAP Foundation for a combined \$10 per ticket donation. For more info go to www.gcparts.org or call 484-0157.

Those seeking either a convalidation of their marriage or an annulment of the marriage should call Deacon Bob Schroeder at 922-2500 x. 2031 to set up a confidential appointment.



ST. JOSEPH STEWARDSHIP

August 9 & 10, 2014

Weekly amount needed \$26,540

Remember St. Antoninus Parish in your will.

275 Envelopes	\$17,359.00
Loose Monies	363.00
Electronic Fund Transfers	3,205.25
Year to Date Collections	\$118,318.55
Year to Date Fund Drive	1,002.65
YTD Fund Drive & Collection	
Under Budget	(\$39,918.80)

In today's reading, St. Paul reminds the Romans — and us — that all things come from God: "For from Him and through Him and for Him all things are." Good stewards understand that all is gift and share generously the gifts of time, talent, and treasure with which they've been blessed. See Romans 11:36

GIFT CARDS ARE AVAILABLE YEAR 'ROUND. We now have Busken Bakery \$10 gift cards! We still have \$10 Kroger gift cards, \$20 Holy Grail, \$10 Price Hill Chili, \$10 Ron's Roost, \$10 Chipotle, \$5 Skyline, \$25 Allison Landscaping and \$10 Servatti's gift cards. We receive 4% of your purchases at Kroger's, Remke's and GFS. By patronizing these establishments, you are also helping us raise funds for St. Antoninus. *The rectory is open 8AM-3PM Monday thru Friday.*

If you would like to volunteer to sell the certificates on the 2nd Sunday of the month, please call the rectory office at 922-5400.

THANK YOU for your donations of \$251.81 for the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl this past Lent. Visit the CRS Rice Bowl website at www.crsricebowl.org for more information.

ARCHBISHOP SCHNURR thanks the faithful here at St. Antoninus Parish for our generous participation in the 2014 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA). In total, the CMA raised over \$5.1 million in pledges from more than 30,000 households throughout the nineteen counties of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

The recommendation for Tuition Assistance has been finalized. Please check your FACTS account if you have not already done so for the amount that was awarded and distributed.

Your patience, financial support and continued prayers for the parish and school allows this to become a reality. Wishing you all a great school year and a life of continued learning!

I asked Deacon Bob Schroeder for the text of his homily on suicide because, as he said, it presents a Catholic perspective. It gave me, at least, a lot to ponder.

My first experience with suicide happened when I was a kid. There was a middle-aged bachelor who lived in my small hometown. One day it occurred to me that I had not recently seen him walking in town. I intended to ask my dad about him, but before I could ask, I overheard my dad talking to someone else about him. That may be the first time I ever heard the word, “suicide.” About three years ago, the man who was my Confirmation sponsor took his own life. Last weekend, Robin Williams ended his life.

This week, I have seen the extremes of the worst things to say when someone commits suicide. On one extreme, some of the coverage in the media seemed to glorify what Robin Williams did and made it out to be practically heroic. On the other, I saw comments on-line, one from a woman who identifies herself as an evangelical Christian who wrote, “If it was suicide, he’s in hell. Period.”

I would like today to offer a Catholic perspective, because the Church rejects out of hand, both of these extremes.

I would like to begin with a story from the life of St. John Vianney. St. John Vianney was a priest in the first half of the 1800s in rural France, and he had the gift of reading souls. If you went to confession to him, he would tell you your sins even before you spoke. He would sometimes spend 18 hours a day in the confessional, because people would come from all over. Sometimes they would wait for days, do whatever it took, just to go to confession to him.

There is story from his life of a woman who came to him, waiting in a line for eight days, so she could speak to him. This woman was tormented by the fact that her husband had committed suicide by throwing himself off a bridge. He told her that her husband was saved, but that he was in purgatory and that she needed to pray for him. He told her, “I know he made fun of you a lot and made fun of your religion, but there’s something he never told you. Every Sunday morning while you were at Mass, he was out taking a walk. You knew that he would pick a bouquet of wild flowers for you, but what you didn’t know, was that it was that he really wanted you to place them in front of the statue of the Blessed Virgin. Because of that act, in his final moment, the Blessed Mother interceded for him, and because of her intercession, won for him the gift of final repentance.”

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says this in paragraph 2283. Please hear this very carefully: “We should not despair of the eternal salvation of persons who have taken their own lives. By ways known to him alone, God can provide the opportunity for salutary repentance. The Church prays for persons who have taken their own lives.”

Hear that first sentence again, “We should not despair of the eternal salvation of persons who have taken their own lives.” Why not?

The Church has always taught that in order for a person to be culpable before God of committing a mortal sin, three conditions must be met.

The first, is that the act in question has to be grave matter. That is to say that it is an act that is objectively evil and an act that destroys charity in our hearts by a grave violation of God’s law. It turns a person away from God, who is our ultimate end, by preferring an inferior good to him.

Is suicide grave matter? Yes, it is, because we are the stewards of the life God has given us, not the owners. We may not dispose of it as we please.

The second condition is that the person has to know that that act is a grave violation of God’s law. Did my Confirmation sponsor know that? He probably did. Did Robin Williams know it? We don’t know.

The third condition is that the person committing the act has to give his or her full, free and deliberate consent to that act. Did my Confirmation sponsor give full, free and deliberate consent to taking his own life? I don’t know, but I doubt it. Did Robin Williams? I don’t know, but I doubt it. I say that because both men were suffering from depression. I realize that depression is not the only mental illness, but it was common to both of these men, and it is common to many to take their own lives.

I found this on the Twitter feed of Patheos Catholic, written by Elizabeth Scalia, and I found it very insightful. It can be found on-line here: www.patheos.com/blogs/the anchoress/2014/08/12/robin-williams-and-the-murderous-mendacity-of-depression

“Depression is a hissing false witness. It lies and tells someone there is no hope; it lies and declares, “you’re a fraud”; it lies when it warns you to hide your feelings, because people won’t love you if they know how terrified and alone and desperate you feel; it lies and sneers that you’re weak – that you can just snap out of it, anytime, if you really want to; it croons the lie that love is not real, and hope is for suckers; and it whispers the most insidious of lies, that your pain will never ebb, cannot be transcended, and has no value at all. After a while, the pain begins to feel like all you *are* and all there *is*: a worthless, pointless void. And when your life becomes just pain-without-end, suffering-without-meaning, tomorrow seems less a promise than a prison.

When depression wins, it is such a tragedy, no matter whether it has carried off a big, rich somebody, or an ordinary nobody, because it is the victory of an incessant liar.”

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says this: “Grave psychological disturbances, anguish, or grave fear of hardship, suffering, or torture can diminish the responsibility of the one committing suicide” (paragraph 2282).

That is why we should not despair of their eternal salvation. As St. John Vianney pointed out to the bereft widow, for God, the time between the bridge and water, is an eternity. For God, the time from when my Confirmation sponsor, or Robin Williams or anyone else, initiates the act of suicide, to the time they expire, is an eternity.

If what St. John Vianney told her was true, then the woman’s husband leaped, not so much into the water below, as into the loving arms of God’s mercy and compassion.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP

Now and then it is time to step back and examine ourselves in our knowledge and use of God's Word. Scripture reading is and should be an integral part of our daily prayer time. It is important to ask ourselves in our reading, "What is the Lord trying to tell me in this passage?" This of course leads us to deeper reflection. Helping us to understand this process better are two of our own who have become accustomed to using it. Ben Klaene and Carol Jacob have each selected certain passages to develop into a reflection they'll share with us. What a positive aid this is in encouraging, through our prayer, a closer more loving relationship with Our Lord Jesus. Come and share your thoughts on these reflections. In Chapel, 7:30 PM Tuesday.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Like Peter in today's Gospel, we can find that when we open our eyes to see, our ears to hear and our hearts to experience Jesus' presence in our daily lives, God reveals himself to us. This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul enabled the poor to experience Jesus' presence by assisting five families, providing \$800.00 in food and \$2,400 for utility and rent bills, etc. Thank you!

60th ANNIVERSARY MASS AT ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH FOR FR. DON MCCARTHY on Saturday, August 30, 2014.

If you will attend the Mass and stay for coffee and donuts in the Father Hilvert Center, please **RSVP** with Beth in our St. Antoninus rectory office at **922-5400 by Tuesday, August 26**, and leave your name and the number of guests. Fr. Don wishes to have a very simple celebration of the Mass. He asks to receive no gifts except your prayers of thanksgiving and spiritual support.

RCIA: RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

If you know someone who is interested in becoming Catholic, or someone who is interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith, please invite them to the RCIA, or contact Deacon Bob Schroeder (922-2500, ext. 2031). **RCIA meets on Tuesday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00 beginning on September 16, 2014.** Catholics who are interested in deepening their understanding of the faith are also welcome.

Girl Scout News: We would like to invite all girls in the parish to consider joining Girl Scouts. New troops are forming in the kindergarten. We are also in need of parents to be leaders on our kindergarten and 1st grade troops. We have room to add girls in all our troops 1-8 grade. Even if girls have been in the program in the past they were welcome to rejoin. Come be part of the fun! Please contact Mary Pettway at marypett@yahoo.com or Susan Kock at susankock@yahoo.com.

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL, JACK COREY

Dear Parishioners:

This Wednesday we open our doors to start a brand new school year. We will have a couple of new faces I did not anticipate earlier this summer. Please welcome Simone Westerkamp, our new art teacher. Ms. Westerkamp comes to us highly recommended by Mrs. Mitalski who is taking a full time position in another school.

Sandy Kayse, a long time kindergarten aide and tech assistant has also taken another job with Northwest School District. At press time for the bulletin we had not filled the position.

Please welcome our new teachers and staff member but also please welcome our new families. If you are a "veteran" family at St. Antoninus and you find out there is a new family in our parish, please reach out to them. Make them feel welcome. We are all comfortable with the people we already know; let's make a conscious effort to welcome our new families.



MOTHERS OF YOUNG CHILDREN

You are invited to participate in a MOPS: *Mothers of Potential Saints* group (this includes mothers of children 2nd grade and younger) here at St. Antoninus Parish on the first Wednesday of each month in the undercroft. We meet from **9:15 AM to 11:00 AM**. Babysitting is available in the Mary's Room located right off of our main meeting area during our meeting. Please come to our first meeting and see if the group is a good fit for you on **Wednesday, September 3rd**. If you have any questions please contact, mops@saintantoninus.org

THE NEXT ADULT SOCIAL GROUP LUNCH will be on **Monday, September 8th**.

ST. ANTONINUS WIDOWS for lunch/brunch at Perkins on Westbourne Dr. at 11AM on Wednesday, September 10th. Meal is individual choice, individual payment. RSVP before September 4th, to Pat Frame at 922-8801 or Pat Hensler at 467-1024.

Girls' volleyball signups for 3rd grade - high school for the 2014 season. Please go to <http://sports.bluesombrero.com/stantoninusjags> and register. If you have any questions, contact Tina Hawk @ 467-6355 or tina_hawk@hotmail.com

Sign-ups for St. Antoninus Boys Basketball (3rd -12th Grade) will be conducted online ONLY. Please go to <http://sports.bluesombrero.com/stantoninusjags> to sign up. The soft deadline for sign-ups will be 9/19. Any sign-ups received after 9/19 will require a \$50 pay-to-play fee. That hard deadline for sign-ups is 9/26. Sign-ups will be completely closed after this date. **THIS APPLIES TO HIGH SCHOOL SIGN-UPS AS WELL.** Please contact Dave Rudemiller (drudy23@me.com) with questions.

THE PTO would like to express a “HUGH Thank You” to Jimmy John’s in Western Hills, for donating lunch and dessert to the Back to School Faculty Day and the New Student Orientation Day for our new students and their parents.

GUIDE BOOK & DIRECTORY

We are working on the yearly parish directory. If you have moved or plan on moving soon, please notify the rectory office of your new address. If you prefer not to have your phone number printed in the directory, please advise the rectory office at 922-5400, M-F, 8AM-3PM.

TRAVELING CHALICE: Please call Debbie at 922-2414, to sign up for one week to take the Traveling Chalice into your home. The presence of the chalice in one’s home is a reminder to pray for vocations. A small prayer-booklet comes with the chalice.



ROSARY MEMORIAL GARDEN

For information about engraved stone blocks please call the rectory office at 922-5400, weekdays, Between the hours of 8:30A-3:00P.

St. Teresa of Avila Church on the corners of Glenway and Overlook Avenues will be having a food drive for the Holy Family Food Pantry. A truck will be available to accept donations in **front of Church on Sunday Aug. 24th, from 8am to 1pm.** All non-perishable food items are graciously accepted. Call 921-9200 ext. 101 with any questions.

HOSPICE OF CINCINNATI, WESTERN HILLS is seeking volunteers to provide companionship and support for patients in the inpatient care center (in the old Mercy Hospital) as well as in home-care settings. A special training is scheduled on **September 13**, at the Hospice of Cincinnati West Team Office, 3860 Race Road, Suite 202, 45211. *Pre-registration is required by August 24th.* Please call Judy Russell, Volunteer Services at 246-9168 or judy_russell@trihealth.com.

PRAYER FOR MY VOCATION:

Heavenly Father, You have a great and loving plan for our world and for me. I want to do my part in your plan. Help me to see the signs that you give me. Open my heart to respond to You. Grant me the courage to follow your call. Give me the strength to serve you and your people with generosity and love. Amen.

STAPLES REWARDS

Are you getting ready for school? Do you need a new computer? If you are going to make the purchase from Staples please provide St. Antoninus Church name and zip code, and 5% in rewards will be provided directly to St. Antoninus at no additional cost to you!

2014 Women's Day of Renewal Join faith-filled, Catholic women to hear Jeanne Hunt, author/columnist for the Catholic Telegraph on **Sat., Sept. 13, 2014; 8:30A-3:00P;** St. Clare Convent. Cost \$30 (includes lunch and refreshments.) Reservations: call Sally Wessel 353-3235

The next Marriage Encounter weekends are **September 19th—21st** and October 17th—19th, at the Holiday Inn Express in Georgetown, KY. Weekends fill up quickly, so a prompt response is encouraged to avoid the waiting list. Look for upcoming weekends at www.wvme.org or www.esharing.org.

Cincinnati Catholic Engaged Encounter is a marriage preparation option to help you fulfill your Pre-Cana requirement for getting married in the Catholic Church. The dates are: **NOV. 7-9, 2014.** For registration and info go to www.cincinnatiengagedencounter.org. Or contact Ashley Altenau, at 479-1700 or ashaltenau@yahoo.com with any questions.



The **FRIENDS OF ELDER HS travel program tours for 2015: Tropical Costa Rica, Feb 21-Mar 1, 2015 (air include w/14 meals) \$2499 reserved by Sep 22, 2014** and **Southern Italy & Sicily, Oct 15-26, 2015 (air included w/17 meals) \$3899 reserved by Apr 16, 2015.** All are welcome! Call Norb Guetle (Elder '59) for brochure, 451-1227.

Athenaeum of Ohio Lay Pastoral Ministry Program can enrich your life and enhance your ability to share your faith with others. Degree and non-degree options available with classes scheduled in the evenings and on Saturday. Call 231-1200 for info or for a personal interview.

HOLY FATHER'S MISSION INTENTIONS

Refugees. That refugees, forced by violence to abandon their homes, may find a generous welcome and the protection of their rights.

Oceania. That Christians in Oceania may joyfully announce the faith to all the people of that region.