

TWENTY-FIFTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Anthony of Padua Parish
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Holy Masses This Week



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

12:05 +Benny Vaughn

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

12:05 VN Mass

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

12:05 Intention of Tim and Heather Hessman

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

12:05 +Jim Mies

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

4:00 p.m. +Jim Garcia

5:30 p.m. Vietnamese Mass

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

9:30 a.m. St. Anthony Parish Family

11:00 a.m. Vietnamese Mass

Liturgical Roles for Saturday, September 28, at 4:00 p.m.:

Lector: C. Claycomb

E. Minister: K. Hunter

Ushers: J. & K. Cordell, B. Buhrman

Liturgical Roles for Sunday, September 29, at 9:30 a.m.:

Lector: D. Anton

E. Minister: D. Walterscheid

PARISH PRAYER LINE

+Jim Mies Jerry Warrell Rosa Reyneros
Ukraine and its Citizens Kathy Hunter
Johnny +Jim Garcia Julie Munoz Catti Mary
Michelle Houchin Lisa Esbrook +Judy Freed
+Laura Applegate Shauna McNally Lori Born

Good News!

September 22, 2024

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20 / James 3:16-4:3 / Mark 9:30-37

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Karl Rahner was a German Jesuit priest and a leading theologian of the twentieth century. He once observed that one of the tasks of life is to learn how to die well. On first hearing this, we may be much like the disciples who didn't understand Jesus when he spoke of his own need to enter death (see Mark 9:31-32).

How do we learn to "die well"? If we forgo the need to always have our own way, if we forgive and resist the impulse to get revenge, if we are sensitive to the needs of others even when it's inconvenient, if we care for the child among us, whether that "little one" be five, forty-five, or eighty-five—if we practice a willingness to die in such ways, then when it comes time for us to make that final journey of our earthly lives, it will not be as frightening because we will have been there before.

Furthermore, if we learn how to die well, our lives will take on new meaning. The focus of our lives will not be on ourselves, but on others and their needs. We will find ourselves less disappointed when life doesn't go our way. Blue moods will evaporate more readily. We will have a greater interest in daily life. In other words, the very aspects that once seemed to drag us down will become doorways to hope and renewed life. What once seemed to have been a kind of death will become an avenue to faith in the resurrection. ●

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OFFERING

September 15, 2024

English: \$ 2,306.52

Vietnamese \$ 5,230.00

Total: \$ 7,536.52

Did You Know?

Our parish secretary/bookkeeper Debbie Walterscheid will be out of town Friday, September 20, through Wednesday, September 25. Fr. Ben is needing some office help answering the phone from 9 a.m. to noon on the days she is gone. Anyone who can come in for a few hours would be greatly appreciated.

Call Fr. Ben if you can help at 269-4101, or call Debbie at 655-3075.

Robert Elliott,** a parishioner of St. Anthony's, is in urgent need of volunteer artists to help paint in colors on the Stations of the Cross for historic Mary, Queen of Angels Church in Fort Scott. The painting will be done at his Wichita studio downtown. Please contact Robert directly at 316-265-4286 or by email at robertelliottstudios@gmail.com.

**Mr. Elliott is a professional artisan whose company, Art Effects, L.L.C., was responsible for the interior painting and overall artistic development of St. Anthony's during our 2005 Restoration.

For those of you who read the Catholic Advance, the story of that church (Mary, Queen of Angels Church) destroyed by a fire caused by a lightning strike in August 2022 has been well documented there. Before being destroyed by fire, it was the oldest Catholic church in Kansas.

Volunteering your artistic talents gives you a chance to polish them as well as being part of a piece of its history for that church. At the same time you are also serving the Lord with your talents. The Stations of the Cross are the historic originals and salvaged from the wreckage. They will go back into the church after the repainting is finished.

There is another yummy **Vietnamese Food Sale** next weekend, September 28 and 29. Be sure to mark your calendar! The next sale is not until the last weekend of October.

There is a small change being made to the parish website. The on-line giving line [catholiodioceseofwichita.org] has been replaced by uncommongiving.com. For help, call 844-844-2938.

Dear Padre

September 22, 2024

What is spiritual direction? How does it differ from counseling?

In spiritual direction, a person is guided in a process of reflection, self-discovery, and recognition of God's presence in human experience; the primary focus is on one's relationship with God. Thus, in one sense, it is the Lord himself who is the "director" in all spiritual direction. In counseling, a person is also guided in a process of reflection and self-discovery; but the primary focus is on human growth and development. Counseling does not presuppose a person's faith or relationship with God; spiritual direction cannot be complete without it. Both spiritual direction and counseling share the same expectations of openness and honesty in the process; they share the same standards of confidentiality and professional conduct. Moreover, spiritual direction is similar to counseling in its aim toward human growth and development, but it further aims toward holiness and "toward ever more intimate union with Christ" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2014). That union is twofold: a personal relationship with Christ and with Christ's Church. "This union is called 'mystical' because it participates in the mystery of Christ through the sacraments" (CCC 2014). "All Christians in any state or walk of life are called to the fullness of Christian life and to the perfection of charity. All are called to holiness: 'Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect'" (CCC 2013). ●

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