

ST. ANTHONY CATHOLIC CHURCH

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

I hope this newsletter finds you in good health and peace. October is traditionally the month of the rosary. Here at St. Anthony's we do not wait for October to pray the rosary we recite it after the 9 am mass every Thursday and Friday and on Saturday and Sunday it is recited right before the mass. I invite all of you to come and join us as we pray the rosary together.

Our religious formation program has gotten off to a good start under the excellent leadership of our D.R. E., Estella Schlueter and the many volunteers who generously give of their time to teach our youth the ways of our faith. Please join me in thanking all the catechists and the substitutes for their devotion to this ministry. The Catechists are: Robin Harper, Brenda Hollis, Shannon Kramer, Parlet Kunz, McKenzie Meyer, Billy and Sandra Richardson, Robert Schubert, and Terri White. The substitutes are Katryna Wilke, Jessica Wolsey and Kylie Wolsey. Please keep all these people in your prayers and thank them for the blessings they are to our community.

In your prayers please remember Vivian Rogers. Vivian was a parishioner of our parish for many years. She passed away on September 22. Her rosary was on September 29 and the funeral mass was on the 30th. Vivian was very active in the parish and has definitely left a good mark on us. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

At the September meeting the finance council decided to give out the parish finance statements every three months instead of every month. We recently were audited by the Archdiocese of San Antonio. Overall, we did well. A few recommendations were made and are being implemented at this time. The full written report will be sent to us soon.

Did you know we have a new ministry at St. Anthony's? It is called the Emergency Response Team. They meet the third Thursday of each month in the hall from 6 – 8 pm. The purpose of this team is to make our campus a safer place. I encourage all individuals sixty years and under to please attend the next meeting and become part of the team. *The parish needs you.*

I want to thank all of you for your financial support of our parish. The pandemic we are in has hurt us. We are not allowed to have a full church for mass, and fundraising events have been cancelled. Bills still come in as usual but because of the pandemic our income is down. If you are unable to attend mass you may bring your donation to the rectory or electronically by going to www.stanthonyharper.org. Thank you for your support during this difficult time. May God bless you for your generosity.

In closing I want to thank all of you for your commitment to our parish community and your friendship to me. I am happy God sent me to Harper and I am looking forward to getting to know all of you and working alongside of you for the betterment of our parish. In your prayers please remember our country and our families. We are in challenging times and need God's help.

May the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, watch over us and keep us in their care.
Remember, God loves you and so do I.

Fr. Rudy T. Carrola, Jr.