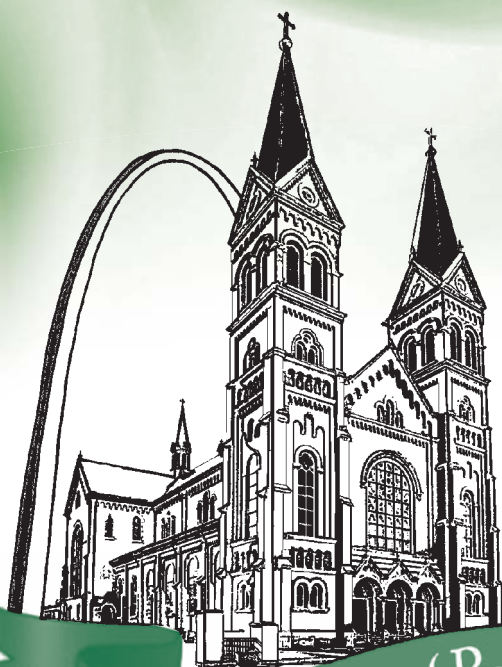


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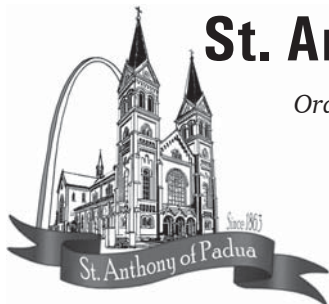
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# St. Anthony of Padua Parish

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Dear Parishioners,

In 1861 Franciscan Friars from Teutopolis, IL started helping local clergy in the St. Louis area. On December 20, 1862 Fr. Servace Altimicks, a member of the first group of Franciscans who arrived in Illinois from Germany in 1858, came to help out with Christmas Masses in St. Louis. Archbishop Kenrick of St. Louis having heard of the friars helping the local clergy, then invited the Franciscans to come, establish a parish and help with the ministry needs of the growing German population. In February 1863 the Franciscans moved into their first and temporary friary for St. Anthony's. For over 150 years the Franciscan friars, religious sisters and countless parishioners have sought to bring the Gospel to the people of the Southside of St. Louis.

Throughout our many years as a parish, we have welcomed the immigrant, educated our children, comforted those in need and celebrated the wonderful gift of our Catholic faith here in this parish. As Pope Francis stated during his visit to the USA at Our Lady of Angels School in New York City, *"I want to talk a little bit the Reverend Martin Luther King. One day Dr. King said, 'I have a dream'. His dream was that many children, many people could have equal opportunities. His dream was that many children like you could get an education. He dreamed that many men and women, like yourselves, could lift their heads high, in dignity and self-sufficiency. It is beautiful to have dreams and to be able to fight for our dreams. Don't ever forget this."* [Pope Francis, September 25, 2015, NYC]

As we begin the New Year of 2016, we are blessed to have all of you who are listed in this helpful Directory. We are grateful to all who continue to consider St. Anthony's their *"home"* even though today they may live many miles from Meramec Street. May each of us follow the Pope's encouragement and continue to dream for all the best for our parishioners, our parish and our faith.

I encourage you to thank the advertisers and sponsors of this 2016 Guide Book and Directory. Thanks to their generosity this Directory is made possible. If you do not see your name listed in this Directory or corrections are needed please be sure and contact Sr. Dolores in the parish offices.

May God bless you and your family in 2016!

Fr. Michael Fowler, OFM  
Pastor

Estimados feligreses,

En 1861 los frailes Franciscanos de Teutopolis, IL comenzó a ayudar al clero local en el área de St. Louis. El 20 de diciembre de 1862 el Padre Servace Altimicks, miembro del primer grupo de Franciscanos que llegaron a Illinois en 1858 de Alemania, vino a ayudar con las Misas de Navidad en St. Louis. Al oír que los frailes estaban ayudando al clero local, Arzobispo Kenrick de St. Louis invitó a los Franciscanos que vinieran para establecer una parroquia y ayudar con las necesidades del ministerio a la creciente población alemana. En febrero de 1863 los Franciscanos se movieron en su primer convento (temporario) de la parroquia de San Antonio de Padua. Para más de 150 años los frailes Franciscanos, hermanas religiosas y feligreses incontables se han esforzado para llevar el Evangelio a la gente de la zona sur de St. Louis.

A lo largo de nuestros años como parroquia, hemos dado la bienvenida a los inmigrantes, educado a nuestros hijos, consolado a los que sufrían necesidad y celebrado el maravilloso regalo de nuestra fe católica aquí en esta parroquia. Como Papa Francis dijo durante su visita a Estados Unidos en la escuela Nuestra Señora de los Ángeles en la ciudad de Nueva York, “Quiero hablar un poco del Reverendo Martin Luther King. Un día Dr. King dijo, Tengo un sueño. Su sueño era que muchos niños, mucha gente podría tener igualdad de oportunidades. Su sueño era que muchos niños como ustedes podrían recibir una educación. Soñaba con que muchos hombres y mujeres, como ustedes, podían levantar sus cabezas alta, en dignidad y autosuficiencia. Es hermoso tener sueños y poder luchar por nuestros sueños. Nunca olviden esto.” [Papa Francis, 25 de septiembre de 2015, NYC]

Al comenzar el nuevo año de 2016, somos bendecidos en que todos ustedes que están listados en este directorio útil son parte de esta parroquia. Agradecemos a todos los que siguen nombrando St Anthony su ‘hogar’ aunque vivan muchas millas de la calle de Meramec. Que cada uno de nosotros sigamos el camino que el Papa nos presenta y continuemos soñando lo mejor para nuestros feligreses, nuestra parroquia y nuestra fe.

Les animo a agradecer a los han puesto anuncios y han patrocinado este directorio y guía de 2016. Gracias a su generosidad, este directorio se hace posible. Si no ve su nombre en este directorio o si se necesite correcciones, por favor póngase en contacto con Hna. Dolores en la oficina parroquial.

Que Dios los bendiga a usted es y sus familias en este año de 2016!

Padre Michael Fowler, OFM  
Parroco

**Staff/Personal: ..... (314) 353-7470**

- Fr. Michael Fowler, OFM, Pastor/Parroco..... 655-0513  
Fr. Andy Lewandowski, OFM, Senior Associate Pastor..... 655-0607  
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Sister Dolores Sanchez, OSF, Pastoral Associate ..... 655-0550  
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Sr. Marie Orf, CPPS, Co-Director Food Pantry/Despensa de Comida .....  
..... 352-1460  
Nancy Haselhorst, South City Deanery PSR/Catecismo..... 773-3070  
..... stl.scdpsr@gmail.com

**Parish Schools/Escuelas Católicas**

- St. Cecilia Academy..... 353-2455  
St. Frances Cabrini Academy..... 776-0883

**PSR Program/Catecismo**

St. Anthony Parish School of Religion is part of the South City Deanery PSR program. Formal classes in our Catholic faith are offered to children Pre-school to 8th grade, and for older children in High School. Preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation is also offered.

Classes held Mondays 6:20 PM-7:40 PM, September to May, at the South City Deanery PSR Center (former St. John Baptist School Bldg.) 4170 Delor St., St. Louis, MO 63116. Call (314) 773-3070 for information. Regular office hours are Monday 4-7:45 PM; Tuesday and Thursday 9 AM-12 PM.

**Franciscan Vocation Center (OFM)..... 773-753-1925**  
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**Franciscan Sisters/Vocations (OSF) ..... 314-965-3700**  
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## Parish History

The long history of St. Anthony's begins in 1863 when the first Mass was celebrated by Fr. Service Altmicks, OSF, in a house donated by Mr. Witnell. From these humble beginnings, the parish began to grow and the first church was built on the corner of Meramec & Kansas (now Compton). That first church opened in April 1864. The Franciscan Friars of Sacred Heart Province have staffed the parish from its beginning.

The value of education of the children of the parish took a big step forward with the building of the first school in 1870. In 1883, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet joined the parish and served it faithfully through their teaching ministry until 1996. A new boy's school was built in 1901 staffed by the Brothers of Mary and a girl's school, from kindergarten to twelfth, was opened in 1924.

As the parish grew and prospered, a new church was begun in 1908 and completed in 1910. It was refurbished in 1963 for the parish centennial and again in 1991. The church building was severely damaged by a fire caused by lightning on April 28, 1994, and was restored for the celebration of Christmas 1995.

A new convent was built in 1955 in appreciation for all the work done by the Sisters. In 1996 it was sold to "Our Lady's Inn," an emergency shelter for women in crisis.

In 1963 the elementary school on Compton Avenue was finished and was open until 2005. Confluence Academy purchased the building in 2007.

The high school closed in 1985. It housed Marian Middle School, and in 2006 became part of Confluence Academy. The former Knights of Columbus Hall, directly across from the Church, was purchased, renovated and opened as The St. Anthony Parish Hall in November 2007.

There are approximately 470 registered households in the Parish.

## St. Anthony of Padua Parish Mission Statement

We, the members of St. Anthony of Padua Parish, strive to live out our faith as Christians in the Roman Catholic Church. Influenced by Franciscan spirituality, we see ourselves as a caring community, drawing from the strength and tradition of those who have gone before us, the wisdom of our senior members, and the energy of our younger members. We see St. Anthony's Church as a cornerstone in our changing neighborhood in South St. Louis.

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We believe that our faith is our common bond; that all of us are made in the image and likeness of God and, as such, possess a dignity and potential that is to be respected. We are called to be signs of God's love to each other and to all we meet. We believe our strength and nourishment come from the Church's ministry of Word and Sacrament.

Having experienced God's grace, we commit ourselves to announcing to others God's saving love for them. We will face the future by reaching out and serving the needy, by fostering spiritual growth in our families, by educating our children in Christian values, by welcoming visitors and strangers into our community, and by joyfully facing the challenges of our neighborhood. We value openness rather than negative criticism and reconciliation rather than materialism, selfishness, and prejudice. We want to become a parish family with a care and concern that is characteristic of family members.

## Mass Schedule/Horario de las Misas

Monday-Friday/ Lunes-Viernes .....	6:30 AM
Friar's Choir/Capilla de los Frailes	
Saturday morning /Sábado por la mañana .....	7:30 AM
Friar's Choir/Capilla de los Frailes	
Saturday-Vigil Mass /Sábado-Misa de la vigilia.....	4:00 PM
Church/Templo	
Sunday/Domingo.....	7:30 & 10:00 AM
Church/Templo	
2o Domingo del Mes/2nd Sunday of the month .....	12:00 PM (español)
Templo/Church	
Holy Days (Vigil)/Dias de precepto (vigilia) .....	7:00 PM
Church/Templo	
Holy Days (Days)/Dias de precepto .....	6:30 & 11:00 AM
Church/Templo	
Civil Holidays */Días Festivos Civiles .....	9:00 AM
Church/Templo	
* Includes Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving	
/ Incluye al Memorial Day, 4 de julio, Día de Labor, Día de Acción de Gracias	
St. Anthony Devotion/Novena a San Antonio .....	6:50 AM Tuesday/Martes
Friar's Choir/Capilla de los Frailes	
Adoration/Adoración al Santísimo.....	3:00 PM Friday/Viernes
Church/Templo	



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## Sacraments

### **Sacrament of Baptism**

Parents are asked to participate in a Baptismal Preparation class. Please call Sister Dolores (314) 703-1453 to register.

### **RCIA-Becoming Catholic**

RCIA, or the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, is the process by which adults enter into Christian life through Baptism or, if already baptized, are received into the Catholic Church through a profession of faith. The process, often an extensive one, requires a commitment from the participants. A sponsor from the parish accompanies the person on this journey of faith that usually culminates for the unbaptized at the Easter Vigil. Please call Sister Dolores (314) 703-1453 if you would like more information on joining.

### **Sacrament of Matrimony**

Celebration of the Sacrament of Matrimony requires advanced planning and scheduling. St. Anthony of Padua Parish, and the Archdiocese offer several methods of preparation based on the needs of each couple. Please contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance of the desired wedding date so that arrangements can be made. Our wedding coordinator Jeanine Tiemann is available to help couples who plan to marry at St. Anthony. (314) 795-7227

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available Friday and Saturday at 3 PM in the Church.

### **Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick**

Please call the Parish Office (314) 353-7470 as soon as a parishioner is hospitalized or is seriously ill so that a priest may come to celebrate the sacrament. The sacrament is celebrated during Mass in a communal setting twice during the year.

## Parish Organizations and Activities

### **Adult Faith Formation/Spiritual Development**

**Contact Person:** Sister Dolores Sanchez, OSF (314) 655-0550  
Develops formal and informal programs to foster spiritual education and growth for adults and families; including RCIA, scripture study, days of recollection and lectures on pertinent topics.

### **Church Cleaning Group**

**Contact Person:** Dolores Buescher  
Cleans the church every third Wednesday at 7:30 AM.

### **Comites Hispanos**

**Persona de contacto:** Hermana Dolores (314) 703-1453

Ayudan a planear y llevar a cabo diferentes actividades para la comunidad latina en la parroquia; por ejemplo, el altar del Día de Los Muertos, la fiesta de la Virgen de Guadalupe, y Las Posadas.

### **Eritrean Choir & Bible Study Group**

**Contact Person:** Senait Seleman

Meets Saturday night at 6:00 pm in the 2nd floor of the Parish Hall for Bible Study and choir practice.

### **Family Life Commission**

**Contact Persons:** Ray & Mary Meurer (314) 351-1790

Oversees programs designed for the health and growth of family life in the parish as well as Pro-Life activities.

### **Finance Council**

Assists the Pastor in areas of finance, budgeting, fundraising, development, investments and maintenance of grounds and buildings.

### **Franciscans - Secular Franciscan Order**

**Contact Person:** Steve Geldmacher, OFS (314) 223-0308

An Order of lay men and women founded in the 13th century by St. Francis of Assisi within the Catholic Church (formerly called Third Order). They strive to live the Gospel and pattern their life after Jesus Christ in the spirit of Francis and Clare of Assisi.

### **Instrumentos de Paz (Grupo de oración carismática)**

**Personas de Contacto:** Rosario & Rodrigo Cosgaya (314) 537-2514

Se reúnen los viernes para un tiempo de oración, cantos y compartimiento bíblico, y algunas veces al año para retiros carismáticos.

### **Health - Outreach Committee**

**Contact Person:** Parish Nurse-Barb Salmo, RN (314) 655-0554

Provides support, encouragement and services to the sick, elderly and homebound of the parish and their caregivers. Program includes a 9:00 AM Friday exercise class for seniors.

### **Hospitality Committee**

**Contact Person:** Bev Ruzicka (314) 416-4009 or (314) 752-1698

Oversees the special community-building events in the parish. They offer “coffee and donuts” hospitality the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month after the 7:30 & 10 AM Sunday Masses as well as sponsoring the Holy Thursday Pot Bless Dinner, Corpus Christi Reception & other annual celebrations.

### **Men's Club**

**Contact Persons:** Don Roesch (314) 351-6742

Larry Nolte (314) 481-6983

Open to all men of the parish 21 years of age and older. It provides a place for men to come together to share ideas, provide parish support and develop friendships.

### **Pastoral Council**

Assists the Pastor in the pastoral, spiritual and social concerns of parish life.

### **Prayer Shawl Group**

**Contact Person:** Mary Lindenberger (314) 772-4856

Gathers every Tuesday to knit or crochet prayer shawls to give to those in need of comfort (e.g., the elderly, infirm or bereaved) at 11:00 am in the East Room of the Parish Hall

### **Seniors - Wednesday Club**

**Contact Person:** Audrey Sullivan (636) 916-3273

Promotes social activities for senior citizens. Meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month (except Jan. & Feb.) at 11:30 AM in the Parish Hall.

### **Social Committee**

**Contact Persons:** John Eirvin (314) 352-6284

Jeanine Tiemann (314) 795-7227

Plans yearly and seasonal social events, including the Lenten Fish Fries Trivia Night, Picnic in the Park, Trunk or Treat, etc.

### **Vacation Bible School**

**Contact Person:** Sister Dolores Sanchez, OSF (314) 655-0550

VBS is offered one week every summer during June or July. Children ages 4 through 5th grade are invited to participate. Adult volunteers direct the program with the help of young adults (6th grade through college age). The children learn important daily life lessons based on scripture, instruction, skits, songs, arts and crafts and games.

### **Youth - High School Youth Group**

**Contact Person:** Larry Nolte (314) 481-6983

Mia Lorenzo (636) 295-0470

Through this ministry we hope to invite high school students of the parish to participate in their faith through education, social activities, volunteer and service opportunities and prayer. The group meets on Sunday evenings twice a month. Over past years activities have included participation in the Pro-Life March in Washington, DC, in January and the Summer Youth Rally sponsored by Franciscan University of Steubenville in Springfield, Missouri in July.

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### Franciscan Connection

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### St. Anthony Food Pantry (Located behind Church-end of parking lot)

**Contact Persons:** Sr. Connie Probst, OSF Director (314) 352-1460  
Sr. Marie Orf, CPPS Co-Director  
Provides food, clothing and other needed services, such as classes on how to save on your utility bills and free legal assistance and referrals, for the needy parishioners and residents living in the 63111, 63116 and 63118 zip codes.  
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Wednesday 4 PM-6 PM

### St. Vincent de Paul

**Contact Person:** Jerry Forchee (314) 289-6101 Box 1133  
The St. Anthony chapter of this worldwide Catholic service organization offers utility assistance to parishioners and people of the neighborhood on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 7 PM. They are also responsible for assisting the parish Christmas Food Basket program (“Giving Wreaths”) and many other parish activities.

### Alcoholics Anonymous

Fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. Meets every Thursday at 7:30 PM in the Parish Hall.

### Narcotics Anonymous

Ongoing group recovery for those with addictions. Meets every Wednesday at 7 PM in the Parish Hall.

## Liturgical Ministries

### Altar Servers

**Contact Person:** Generose Nimpaga and S. Dolores Sanchez  
(314) 655-0550  
Assist at Masses and special liturgical celebrations. Young men and women from fourth grade on are invited to volunteer for this ministry. After training, they will be scheduled with an experienced server who can assist them.

### **Children's Liturgy of the Word**

**Contact Person:** Sharon Nolte (314) 481-6983

During the 10 AM Mass every Sunday, volunteers help to make the Scripture readings relevant to the life and experiences of young children age 3-8 by using Scripture, songs and art.

### **Choir: St. Anthony Choristers & Cantors**

**Contact Person:** Tim Jansen (314) 353-7470

Consists of men and women who enable the assembly to participate more deeply in worship through music. They sing regularly at the 10 AM Sunday Mass, Christmas, Easter and many other liturgical gatherings throughout the liturgical year.

### **Coro Hispano de San Antonio de Padua**

**Persona de Contacto:** Hermana Dolores Sanchez (314) 703-1453

### **Liturgy, Art & Environment Committees**

**Contact Person:** Linda Kohne (314) 752-1790

Oversees the various ministries which provide the parish with opportunities for good worship. The committee also coordinates decorating of the Church for Christmas, Easter and other seasons.

### **Ministers of the Word (Lector)**

**Contact Person:** Mary Ann Schmidt: (314) 865-0729

Men and women of the parish exercise the privilege of proclaiming the Word of God (scriptures) at daily and Sunday Mass.

### **Special Ministers of the Eucharist**

**Contact Person:** Fr. Andy Lewandowski (314) 655-0607

These special ministers assist the priest to help with the distribution of Holy Communion at the Eucharistic celebration. Some ministers bring Holy Communion to the sick and homebound, thus helping them to feel united with the parish family.

### **Ushers and Greeters**

**Contact Person:** Sister Dolores Sanchez (314) 655-0550

Assist at Mass by facilitating seating, assisting the elderly or someone who becomes ill, collecting the weekly offerings and greeting all who enter the church. Men, women, families and young adults are invited to volunteer.

## Phone Numbers

Parish Offices .....	(314) 353-7470
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Food Pantry .....	(314) 352-1460
Parish Nurse .....	(314) 655-0554
St. Vincent de Paul Society.....	(314) 289-6101 Box 1133
Secular Franciscans.....	(314) 223-0308
Franciscan Connection .....	(314) 776-8485
Our Lady's Inn.....	(314) 351-4590
Emergency (police, medical, fire) .....	911
United Way HELP line 24/7 .....	211
Board of Aldermen.....	(314) 622-3287
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11th Ward .....	Tom Villa..... (314) 352-2084
13th Ward .....	Beth Murphy..... (314) 589-6836
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Agency on Aging .....	(314) 612-5946
Child Abuse & Neglect Hotline .....	1-800-392-3738
Credit Union .....	(314) 353-6676
Crime Victim Advocacy .....	(314) 652-3623
Dutchtown South Community Corp.....	(314) 352-4865
Elderly Abuse .....	1-800-392-0210
Hunger Hotline .....	(314) 726-5355
Meals on Wheels .....	(314) 268-1523
Missouri Consumer Fraud .....	1-800-392-8222
Suicide Prevention Hotline .....	1-800-784-2433
Operation Brightside (Cleaning & Greening St. Louis).....	(314) 772-4646
Poison Control.....	1-800-366-8888
Police-NON emergency .....	(314) 231-1212
Rape Hotline .....	(314) 531-7273
Street Lights Out.....	(314) 664-2044
Women's Abuse Shelter .....	(314) 533-1313