



TRI-PARISH CATHOLIC CHURCHES

ST. ANTHONY, ST. AUGUSTINE & ST. BENEDICT

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Mass Times

St. Augustine Sat. 4:00 pm Wed. 9:00 am

St. Benedict Sun. 10:00 am Thurs. 9:00 am

St. Anthony Sun. 8:00 am Fri. 9:00 am

Liturgy of the Hours @ St Augustine

Wednesday 8:30 am Morning Prayer

Sunday 4:00 pm Evening Prayer, Divine Mercy/
Eucharistic Adoration (and Benediction)

Penance: Saturday 3:30pm at St. Augustine
or by appointment.

Bible Study: Wed. 5pm at St. Anthony Church Hall

OCIA: Thursday 6pm, St. Anthony

Parish Council:

Chair: Annette Kirkwood

Vicechair: Billy Thompson

St. Anthony: Marian Sims Annette Kirkwood

St. Augustine: John Semar Billy Thompson

St. Benedict: Andi Jansing Vanessa Logsdon

Finance Committee

Chair: John Semar

St. Anthony: Marian Sims

St. Augustine: John Semar

St. Benedict: Scotty Sharp

Divine Equity

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Jesus told his disciples this parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with them for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. [Matthew 20:1–2](#)

As the parable unfolds, the landowner returns to the marketplace four more times—at nine o'clock, noon, three, and finally at five—to hire additional workers. When the day's labor concluded at six o'clock, each received the same full daily wage. Was this fair? They grumbled, “These last ones worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day's burden and the heat” ([Matthew 20:12](#)).

God is perfectly just. Yet His justice is never separated from His mercy. Together they form a harmony we may call Divine Equity, a principle that transcends limited human notions of fairness. God gives not merely according to labor performed but according to the wisdom of His eternal love and providence. What appears to us as inequality is, in truth, the generous outpouring of grace from the One who sees hearts, not hours. His ways are not our ways, and His judgments surpass the grasp of reason unaided by faith ([cf. Isaiah 55:8–9](#)).

God sees each soul individually. He does not measure us against one another. He sees each worker according to his own disposition, his interior response to His call, and the sincerity of his effort. Grace is distributed not based on external accomplishments alone but on the openness of heart and fidelity to His will.

Reflect today on your own place among the laborers in the vineyard. Are you tempted to compare your spiritual journey with others? Do you resent the blessings others have received, or do you trust that God sees your heart and will reward you with generosity beyond measure? Rejoice that Divine Equity governs the Kingdom of Heaven; in that justice, perfected by mercy, all things are made right.

MASS – LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

ST. AUGUSTINE – SATURDAY		9/26 4 PM
WORD:	Jessica Frye	
EUCARIST:	Ronnie Mudd	
GIFTS:	Bryan & Norma Milliner	
SERVERS:	Miles Mudd, John Semar	
HOSPITALITY:	Charlie Bradley, J.J. Frye	
COLLECTORS:	Charlie Bradley, James Clemons	
ST. ANTHONY – SUNDAY		9/27 8 AM
WORD:	Rachel Thompson	
EUCARIST:	Marian Sims	
GIFTS:	Russell Clemons, James Higdon	
SERVERS:	Cordale Milliner, Heather Higdon	
HOSPITALITY:	David Alvey, Jim Grant	
COLLECTORS:	Tim Bradley, Norb Soenneker	
ST. BENEDICT- SUNDAY		9/27 AM
WORD:	Scotty Sharp	
EUCARIST:	Janie Slade	
GIFTS:	Vanessa Logsdon, Christie Willis	
SERVERS:	Sommer Davis, Hattie Dennison	
HOSPITALITY:	Glen Otis, Chad Wilson	
COLLECTORS:	Lisa Rose, Linda Webb	

MASS INTENTIONS

9/23	Wed.	Augustine	9 AM	Jeff Hill
9/24	Thur.	Benedict	9 AM	Noel & Carolyn Johnston
9/25	Fri.	Anthony	9 AM	Wanda Clemons Horn
9/26	Sat.	Augustine	4 PM	Jeff Hill
9/27	Sun.	Anthony	8 AM	Tri-Parish Members
9/27	Sun	Benedict	10 AM	M/M Jimmy Higdon

Church Cleaning **September 2026**

St. Augustine	Sondra Gavieres	9/26
St. Anthony	Joe & Monica Reuther	9/27
St. Benedict	Virginia Davis, Renee Defevers, Addie & Sommer Davis	9/27



Wedding Anniversaries

Darren & Angela Simon 9/23



Happy Birthday!

Carma Duvall	9/20	Lisa Alvey	9/23
Willidean Alvey	9/22	Dustin Clark	9/23
Spencer Sharp	9/22	Tayden Logsdon	9/25
Chad Wilson	9/22		

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BEREAVEMENT MEALS –Committees

Anthony	Lynn Carroll, Judy Clemons, Pat Clemons, Carla Grant, Mary Ellen Higdon, Annette Kirkwood, Donna McLemore, Louise Patterson, Kathy Perella, Garnetta VanMeter, Martha Witten, Bonnie & Tom Obourne, Marla Ward, Lesa Weikel
Augustine	Charlie Bradley, Marcia Bradley, Sheila Clemons, James Clemons, Barb Higdon, Heather Higdon, Laura Hughes, Karen Meredith, Bryan Milliner, Norma Milliner, Marla Ward
Benedict	Carma Duvall, Steve Jansing, Brenda Johnston, Vanessa Logsdon, Louise Patterson, Linda Webb, Christie Willis

Anointing of the Sick: If you know someone who is seriously ill and needs to be anointed, please call the parish office.

Eucharistic Adoration: Eucharist Adoration is the First Friday of every month at St. Anthony Church from 9:30am - 3:30pm. Please spend some time in prayer and reflection during this time of adoration.

Visits to the Sick/Homebound: If you are sick or homebound or know someone who needs Holy Communion please contact the parish office. We will arrange for someone to bring you communion.

Prayers Matt Alvey*, Ryan Alvey*, Ricky Alvey*, Willidean Alvey*, Carlene Braun*, Megan Butler*, Benjamin Carrejo*, Floyd Childress, Robert Clark*, Billy Clemons, Charlie Clemons, **James Clemons**, Odaline Clemons*, Regina Clemons*, Sled Clemons, Steve Clemons*, Sonny Cockeral*, Maria Crum*, Anita Downard*, Carma Duvall*, Shelby Fulkerson*, Stephanie Fulkerson*, Janice Gainer*, Debbie Grant*, Bill Grant*, Gary Harp*, Earl Higdon*, Pat Higdon*, Bill Hornback*, Eve Jarboe*, Victor Jarboe*, Rose Mary Kenney*, Steven Kenney*, Bev & Mike Knoop*, Patty Logsdon*, Russell Logsdon*, Jimmy McKinley*, Brenda Milliner*, Erv Moore*, Mike Morris*, Paula & Larry Mudd*, Ayden Nelson*, Zoey Otis*, Jonah Page*, Greg Peerce*, Everett Pepper*, Donna Roberts, Mary Ross*, Ellen Schrader*, Aaron Schull*, Mary Doris Simon*, Cleve Sims*, John Sims*, Rodney Sims*, Shawn Sims, Michael White*, Lloyd Young*, Joseph Ziegler* * = Indefinite



Resets occur in the first month of the quarter. October 2026

Active Military Prayer List: Shawn Atcher, Wyatt Atcher, Ryan Clemons, Seth Page, Matthew Phillips, Michael Sim. ***Lord, protect our troops as they serve to protect us. Bless their families who share in their sacrifice. In Jesus, Amen.***

Collection 9/12-13

	Anthony	Augustine	Benedict
Regular	\$ 1,161	\$ 1,890	\$ 1,595
Building Fund	\$ 35		\$ 25
Social Concerns	\$ 40	\$ 135	\$ 10
Attendance	84	46	61

Western Kentucky Catholic News

If you are not receiving the Western Kentucky Catholic paper, and would like to, then please drop the office a note to make certain you are on the distribution list. Optionally, you can read the paper online at: The Western Kentucky Catholic | The official newspaper of the Diocese of Owensboro. https://westernkycatholic.com Click the image of the front page of the paper on the right of the screen.

Word of Life

"When we have lost our way and find ourselves brought low by sin and suffering, we can know with confidence that the Lord will never abandon us. No matter what sins we have committed or how many times we have chosen to separate ourselves from the flock, we can know that Christ's mercy and kindness await us. There is nothing we can do, no sin so great, that cannot be overcome with the infinite mercy of Christ."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Hope After Abortion"

UPCOMING EVENTS

09/20	Disciples Response Fund Commitment Weekend
10/02	Eucharist Adoration, St. Anthony 9:30 to 3:30pm
10/3-4	Building Fund Collection
10/11	Blessing of your Pet/Animals – St Anthony 2 PM
10/18	Mission Sunday Collection

Condolences to the family and friends of **Michael White**, member of St. Augustine Church, who passed September 09, 2026. A funeral mass was held September 18th at St. Augustine Church, with Fr. Brian Johnson & Fr. Paschal Umoh officiating. Burial followed at St. Augustine Cemetery. Please keep the departed soul and his family and friends in your thoughts and prayers.

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GOSPEL PRAYER

My Divine Judge, You rule with perfect equity, justice, and mercy. Your ways are flawless and overflow with generosity. Please govern my soul and judge me according to Your Wisdom, so that I may receive all that You long to bestow. Grant me the grace to remain faithful to the end, persevering and deepening my service to You for the building up of Your glorious Kingdom. Jesus, I trust in You.

The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

Job Opening: Parish Organist We are seeking an organist familiar with **Catholic liturgical music** to serve at:

- **Sunday Mass – 10:00 a.m.**
- **Weekly choir rehearsals**
- **Special Masses, funerals, and holy days** (as available)
- **Music License Management**
- **Optional: Saturday Vigil Mass – 4:00 p.m.** at our sister parish

Applicants should be proficient in organ/piano and comfortable directing a choir. This is not the complete job description. See the Tri-Parish Office for more information. Competitive Rate.

Volunteer Ministry Opening: Building Maintenance – St. Anthony Church

We are seeking a volunteer to support St. Anthony Church in the area of building maintenance.

- Catholic Mutual Group online training of maintenance checks to perform throughout the year.
- Requires coordination with third party providers, such as, pest control quarterly application, elevator maintenance quarterly operation checks, Insurance company building walk through inspections, fire extinguisher annual checks for replacement or additional safety needs, HVAC service coordination.
- Requires the replacement of air filters, LED lighting, light bulbs, etc. as needed.
- Project Management for building repairs, when needed.
- Member of Tri-Parish Building Maintenance Committee

If you are interested in offering your time and talent in support of St. Anthony in this area, please reach out to Fr. Paschal.

Saint Matthew the Apostle



September 21: Saint Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist—Feast First Century

Patron Saint of civil servants, accountants, bankers, bookkeepers, customs officers, financial officers, guards, moneychangers, money managers, stockbrokers, and tax collectors

Today's saint emerged from the despised profession of tax collectors, seen as traitors to the Jews for collaborating with the Romans and often profiting by imposing extra taxes on their own people. Saint Matthew was most likely born as Levi, the son of Alphaeus. The name "Levi" implies that he was from the Tribe of Levi that was responsible for Jewish liturgical worship. It is almost universally accepted that the Levi in [Mark 2:14](#) and [Luke 5:27](#) is the same person called Matthew in [Matthew 9:9](#). Possibly, Jesus gave Levi the name Matthew, meaning "Gift of Yahweh," upon his conversion.

Levi's call to follow Jesus changed his life in an instant. Likely working in Capernaum, where Jesus had been living in Peter's home, Levi might have been corrupt, greedy, and ostracized by his Jewish community. His duties would have included collecting taxes on goods coming to Capernaum via the Sea of Galilee, as well as charging a toll to those who arrived there by boat. Matthew's Gospel relates his conversion this way, "As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the customs post. He said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him" ([Matthew 9:9](#)).

Immediately after Matthew abandoned his occupation, he invited Jesus to dine at his house and Jesus accepted. Dining with them were other tax collectors and sinners. The Pharisees quickly condemned Jesus for associating with these men. Jesus rebukes them: "Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do. Go and learn the meaning of the words, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' I did not come to call the righteous but sinners" ([Matthew 9:12–13](#)).

Throughout the rest of the Gospels, Matthew's name is listed with the Twelve. He was present at the Ascension and at Pentecost. Early Church Fathers state that he remained for some time in Judea, preaching the Gospel and helping the newly formed Church. He might have penned his Gospel during this period. The Church Fathers commonly held that Matthew went to "Ethiopia," but not in northeast Africa. Instead, he might have traveled to modern-day Iran or Armenia.

One legend holds that Matthew became a martyr while in ancient Ethiopia. In the story, Matthew thwarted King Hyracus' desire to take Princess Ephigenia as his wife, telling Hyracus that she was a virgin consecrated to Christ. King Hyracus sent an assassin who fatally stabbed Matthew in the back while he stood at the altar, provoking such chaos and death that Hyracus' brother became king, establishing Christianity as his kingdom's official religion.

Saint Matthew's most enduring gift is his Gospel, which early Church Fathers attribute to him unequivocally. Matthew's Gospel was written by a Jew for his fellow Jews, likely written in Hebrew and Aramaic and later translated into Greek. His Gospel shows Jesus as the fulfillment of the Old Testament, the long-awaited Messiah. He begins with a lengthy genealogy tracing Jesus' roots back to Abraham, the father of the Jewish nation. The Sermon on the Mount portrays Jesus as the new Moses, offering the New Law on the new mountain. Moses received the Law from God on Mount Sinai while the Son of God gives the New Law on the Mount of the Beatitudes.

Saint Matthew, the emptiness in your soul could not be filled with money, and you immediately left all behind to follow Christ. Please pray that I will never hesitate in saying "Yes" to God's call in my life, so that God can transform my life and use me as He wills. Saint Matthew the Apostle and Evangelist, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You. Source: My Catholic Life