



# A Word from the Pastor

Dear St Anthony Parish Family,

I begin my report with the words of Jesus, "I will build my church the gates of hell will not prevail against it." Jesus is building his Church; nothing will stop Him from building it! We are the body of Christ, we belong to Jesus, we are in Christ and Christ is in us. We are the triumphant, glorious, overcoming church. Co-workers with Christ, our best and most exciting days are in front of us, nothing can stop Christ's Church from advancing.

The COVID season 2020-2022 brought many challenges and adjustments with it, yet we experienced enormous blessings and breakthroughs. Personally, my heart fills up and overflows with gratitude for all those who have served so faithfully, giving hours of their time, energy, and wisdom to support and advance the mission and vision of St Anthony. I feel so privileged to serve with you and co-labor together as we partner with Christ to build His Church.

A big thank you to our staff and our leadership teams who have served so well: Our interim Parish Director, Steve Giffoni; Parish Council: Andrew Beach (Youth Minister), Deacon Joe Brumbaugh, Steve Giffoni (chair), Bruce Good, Mary Ann Konczal, and Beth Livoti; and Finance Council: Debbie Campas, Isabelle Finney, Steve Giffoni, and Greg Matz (chair).

Thank you for supporting our parish community through your contributions of time, financial support, and love for one another. In this next year, may you find strength and peace as you continue on your journey with us.

I can't wait to see and experience all that God has in store for us in 2023.

Fr. Felix



425 attending  
Mass weekly

44 new families  
since July 2021

# Our Mission

*Jesus invites you to a journey of a lifetime -  
We will walk with you.*

# Our Vision

*We are a parish family that makes disciples,  
spreads God's love in our Novato community,  
and reaches and engages the next generations for Christ.*

**Parish Council:** Formed on November 11, 2019, the Parish Council consists of five Commissions: Administration, Faith Formation, Liturgy, Parish Life, and Outreach.

**An in-pew parish survey** in December 2019 revealed that the median age of our parishioners is 65 years old! In response, the Parish Council undertook a consultation process that led to the definition of a new mission statement and vision statement.

Next, we implemented several new strategies to try to reach and engage the next generations for Christ. The strategies focus on creating an exceptional Sunday Mass experience through excellence in **Hymns, Hospitality, and Homilies**. Our Sunday Masses feature a professional Praise & Worship band and worship leaders. We installed monitors in the church so that everyone is able to actively participate in the Mass, praising and worshipping the Lord.

# Ministry Highlights: Faith Formation & Sacraments



## 2021-2022 Sacramental and Faith Formation Celebrations

*Baptism: 47; First Communion: 27; Confirmation: 83  
Quinceanera: 3; Anointing of the Sick: 36; Funeral: 27*

After a tough 2020-2022 COVID season, the school year 2022/23 has begun with much enthusiasm among our students and young families. We currently have a total of 122 children enrolled in Children's Liturgy of the Word, K-5, First Communion, Confirmation, and High School Youth Ministry. Andrew Beach is our Youth Minister.

## Ministry Highlights: Liturgy



**The Liturgy Commission** gives direction to the liturgical life of the parish. Its goal is to foster full, conscious, and active participation of the lay faithful at the liturgies. The Commission is composed of 9 dedicated ministries: Altar Servers, Church Environment, Audio/Visual, Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters, Lectors, Music, Sacristans, and Ushers. We want everyone to have a faith-filled, comfortable, and enjoyable Sunday Mass experience at St Anthony.

# Ministry Highlights: Parish Life

**Call Care:** attempted to reach 1,481 registered parishioners; made contact with 418.

**Grief:** contacted 35 families to offer condolences and organized an Annual Parish Remembrance Mass in November.

**Heart to Heart:** 9 parishioners meet once a month on zoom to share their experiences as a result of their loved ones suffering from addictions. The Group has lost two participants and gained two participants in the past year.

**Helping Hands:** After COVID restrictions were lifted, supported two Funeral receptions in the Hall.

**Homebound:** 24 sick and homebound parishioners are visited weekly by 9 homebound ministers.

**Hospitality:** Coffee and Donuts after the Sunday Masses. We have six volunteers providing this service on a weekly basis.

**New Parishioners:** Contacted 43 new parishioners. Started the Welcome table after the weekend Masses.

**Knights of Columbus:** 30 active members; assisted in setting up the outdoor Sunday Masses during the COVID season; provided a Pancake Breakfast for Father's Day; passed out roses for Mother's Day; served hamburgers and hot dogs for Trunk and Treat; raised money for an Ultrasound machine for the Marin Pregnancy Clinic (\$3,265); donated \$600 to the Lifehouse in San Rafael; honor guard for Corpus Christi, Confirmation, and First Communion.

**Parish Events:** Organized Father's Day Barbeque (160 attended) and International Food Festival (100 attended).

**Young Families:** Organized Young Families Christmas Party.

## Ministry Highlights: Outreach

**Rummage Sale** had another prosperous year. The Rummage Sale committee comprised of John Halapoff, Linda Henderson, Beth Livoti, and Kathy Minor lead this event. With the help of over 81 volunteers, we were able to produce \$66,301 gross with a net of \$57,243.

**St Vincent's De Paul:** With 27 active members, we were able to help 203 families with rent, medical bills, auto repair, utilities, dental bills, phone bills, and furniture, with total disbursements of \$62,081. Christmas Outreach provided gift cards and Safeway cards to 67 families (with 142 children) and 10 day laborers, with a total disbursement of \$14,450.

**Loaves & Fishes:** 90 volunteers help distribute 200 portions of food every Monday afternoon at St Anthony between 3 pm and 5 pm. The food (fresh fruits, vegetables, dry goods, and protein) comes from the Marin/San Francisco Food Bank. We feed 600-700 people each week.

**Legion of Mary:** 6 active members and 83 auxiliary members, works completed include Book Barrow on Grant Ave; led the parish Homebound Ministry and Call Care Ministry; organized parish celebrations for Divine Mercy Sunday, Our Lady of Guadalupe, and Our Lady of Fatima; led the daily rosary after 9 am Mass and the weekly Friday night ZOOM rosary for 25-30 people.

**Gabriel Project** had three clients: one in February and two in March of 2022. Two girls needed help with rent; one girl was homeless, living at Inn Marin, which we helped with. She finally got section 8 housing. All three had seen the Gabriel Project sign at St. Anthony's, which is how they found us.

## Ministry Contacts (part 1 of 4)

**Altar Servers** - Assist the priest and deacon during Mass. Contact: Peter Dolan at [dolantp@aol.com](mailto:dolantp@aol.com).

**Audio/Visual** - Contact: Mark Russell [markorussell@gmail.com](mailto:markorussell@gmail.com).

**Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, Last Rites, Anointing of the Sick.**

Contact: Fr Felix [felix@stanthonynovato.org](mailto:felix@stanthonynovato.org).

**Buildings & Grounds** coordinates the maintenance and upkeep of the church's buildings and grounds. Contact: Steve Giffoni at [steve@stanthonynovato.org](mailto:steve@stanthonynovato.org).

**Call Care** makes phone calls to parishioners who are ill and those on the prayer list. Contact: Carmela Chandrasekera [NovatoLOM@gmail.com](mailto:NovatoLOM@gmail.com).

**Church Environment** prepares the altar weekly and creates a beautiful environment conducive to worship. Contact: Judy Ross 415-892-1465.

**CYO** organizes basketball and volleyball programs for Grades 3-8. Contact: Al Endriss [alsarmy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:alsarmy@sbcglobal.net).

**Eucharistic Ministers** Contact: Lori Giffoni [sltcgif@comcast.net](mailto:sltcgif@comcast.net).

**Faith Formation** coordinates children, youth, and adult faith formation. Contact: Andrew at [andrew@stanthoynovato.org](mailto:andrew@stanthoynovato.org).

## Ministry Contacts (part 2 of 4)

**Finance Council** - Advises the Pastor in the financial affairs of the parish.  
Contact: Greg Matz [fc@stanthonynovato.org](mailto:fc@stanthonynovato.org).

**Gabriel Project:** a confidential and compassionate outreach to women who are distressed over an unplanned pregnancy. Contact: Gael Ayala [gaelayala45@gmail.com](mailto:gaelayala45@gmail.com).

**Greeters** welcome parishioners and visitors for weekend Masses. Contact: Norma Howard [nohowcom@aol.com](mailto:nohowcom@aol.com).

**Grief Ministry** provides compassionate support to those who are grieving the death of a loved one. Contact: Tony Santiago [tonysantiago1@netscape.net](mailto:tonysantiago1@netscape.net).

**Heart to Heart** supports those who have a loved one suffering from addiction or mental health issues. Contact: Nancy Brumbaugh at [joeandnancyb@comcast.net](mailto:joeandnancyb@comcast.net).

**Hospitality** promotes Coffee & Donuts and fellowship after Sunday Mass. Contact: Frank Borsellino at [fborse@aol.com](mailto:fborse@aol.com).

**Helping Hands** organizes funeral receptions and other special events in the church hall. Contact: Elaine Couch 415-883-1333.

**Homebound Ministry** delivers the Eucharist to those unable to attend Mass. Contact: Esther Solar at [esolar@att.net](mailto:esolar@att.net).

**Knights of Columbus** – A service organization founded on the principles of charity, unity, and fraternity, this international ministry helps men, their families, and their parishes grow closer to Christ. Contact: Bruce Good at [mrgood1999@gmail.com](mailto:mrgood1999@gmail.com).

## Ministry Contacts (part 3 of 4)

**Lectors** - Contact: Elizabeth Lee at [elee7442@gmail.com](mailto:elee7442@gmail.com).

**Legion of Mary** assists in parish evangelization by visiting the homes in the neighborhood, visiting the sick in nursing homes and in hospitals, weekday Rosary, and Friday night ZOOM Rosary. Contact: Mary Ann Konczal [mary.ann.konczal@gmail.com](mailto:mary.ann.konczal@gmail.com).

**Loaves & Fishes** provides food to those in need every Monday afternoon. Contact: Bob Puett at [Loavesandfishes@stanthonynovato.org](mailto:Loavesandfishes@stanthonynovato.org).

**Music** Contact James Harman at [jharmanguitar@gmail.com](mailto:jharmanguitar@gmail.com).

**New Parishioner** welcomes and orients new parishioners to our parish family. Contact - Elizabeth & John Halapoff [ehalapoff@aol.com](mailto:ehalapoff@aol.com).

**Parish Council** advises the Pastor on the mission, vision, and long-range planning for the Parish. Contact Steve Giffoni [sltcgif@comcast.net](mailto:sltcgif@comcast.net).

**Parish Events** promotes fellowship by organizing family-friendly events. Contact Bridie Brawley at [tombridi@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tombridi@sbcglobal.net).

**RCIA** is the process by which non-Catholics enter the Catholic Faith or baptized adult Catholics are Confirmed. Contact: Deacon Joe at [joeandnancyb@comcast.net](mailto:joeandnancyb@comcast.net).

## Ministry Contacts (part 4 of 4)

**Rummage Sale** is an annual event that raises money, funds charities, and promotes fellowship. Contact - Beth Livoti [llivoti@comcast.net](mailto:llivoti@comcast.net).

**Sacristans** prepare and oversee the articles and elements required for the Mass. Contact Pete Dolan at [dolantp@aol.com](mailto:dolantp@aol.com).

**St Vincent de Paul Society** helps those experiencing difficult times by coordinating funding, food, and rental assistance. Contact: Steve O'Keefe at [steve.okeefe@yahoo.com](mailto:steve.okeefe@yahoo.com) or Marilyn Williams at [marilynpwilliams@gmail.com](mailto:marilynpwilliams@gmail.com).

**Stewardship** assists parishioners in becoming good stewards by implementing programs that utilize their time, talent, and treasure. Contact Steve Giffoni [steve@stanthonynovato.org](mailto:steve@stanthonynovato.org).

**Ushers** assist Mass attendees in finding a seat, pass around the collection baskets, recruit gift bearers and assist with the Communion line. Contact: Guadalupe Cortez [cletaperaza@outlook.com](mailto:cletaperaza@outlook.com).

**Young Families Ministry** promotes fellowship among the younger families in the parish. Contact: Bruce Good at [mrgood1999@gmail.com](mailto:mrgood1999@gmail.com).

# Financial Update

## (Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022)

### Operating Income

Offertory Income	\$800,247
Religious Education Income	\$8,406
Bequest	\$78,214
Investment Income	\$(12,433)
<b>=Total Operating Income</b>	<b>\$874,434</b>

### Operating Expenses

Ministry, Salaries, and Benefits	\$316,256
Building Maintenance and Utility expenses	\$229,146
AAA assessment	\$90,244
External Charitable Donations	\$77,126
General Operating Expenses	\$54,839
<b>= Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$767,610</b>

**Net Operating Income** **\$106,824**

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### **Why We Tithe**

*We give thanks to God for the generosity of so many in this period of uncertainty that enabled our parish to end the year on a solid financial footing. We invite you to consider tithing to St Anthony. Tithing is a conscious and prayerful decision to return a portion of the gifts we have been given from God to support the works that we do in His name. This selfless act of giving becomes a need embedded in our hearts and is a part of our time and talent stewardship offerings. Your tithing funds all expenses relating to the daily operations of the parish and all our charitable giving. It also includes the salaries and benefits of all staff members of St Anthony and the financial support of our parish ministries. Tithing also allows the parish to have a steady and predictable sense of funding, which allows us to be bolder in our giving to the poor and the community at large. Please call Steve Giffoni, our Parish Director, at (415) 883-2177 or learn more at [stanthonynovato.org/annualreport](http://stanthonynovato.org/annualreport).*