

Dear Friends in Christ,

I want to thank everyone who participated in our Parish Picnic/Ministry Fair last weekend. We had a wonderful turnout, great food and games, and many new volunteers and participants in our programs and services. Special thanks to our parish staff and parish leadership for your vision, hard-work, and generous spirit in making this event a very special day here in the parish.

Just a reminder, this Thursday, September 1st, our daily Mass time moves to 7:30 a.m. as we begin the new academic year here at St. Anthony. We will open our parish school this year with 355 students in pre-K through 8th grade. Please keep our students and staff, and all the children and their families from our parish in your prayers as they begin this new year.

Thank you for your generous donations of new *Coats for Kids*. As I dropped the coat I purchased in the barrel last Saturday, I tried to imagine the big smile on that child's face when they receive the gift of a beautiful, warm winter coat this year. Many thanks to the Knights of Columbus for giving us this opportunity to reach out to children in need in our community.

We will pray in a special way at our Share the Journey Holy Hour this Sunday, September 4th from 7 to 8 p.m. for all students and their families in our parish as they prepare to start the new year. Please share this gift of prayer and adoration with your children. In addition to the prayer, song, silence and adoration, there is the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Another fantastic way to start the new academic year!

Peace+



**Fr. Tom**  
***Pastor***