ST. ANTHONY CHURCH OF VIOLET

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Office Hours

Monday	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Holy Mass Schedule

Sunday:

Saturday (Vigil Mass)	6:00 p.m.
Sunday	9:00 a.m.
Spanish	11:00 a.m.

Weekdays:

Monday, Thursday, Friday	8:00 a.m.
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday (no Holy Mass)	

Holy Day of Obligation

Vigil Mass	6:00 p.m.
Mass	8:00 a.m.

Adoration/Divine Mercy

Wednesday	5:00 p.m.
First Saturday of the month	8:00 a.m.
First Sunday of the month	3:00 p.m.

Rosary

Wednesday	5:30 p.m.



October 4, 2026
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
30 minutes before each Mass.

Sacrament of Baptism:
Contact Parish Office.

Sacrament of Marriage: Six months prior to wedding notice. Obligatory preparation program.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick:
By appointment.

RCIA - Contact the Pastor if you would like to join the RCIA program to receive your sacraments in the Catholic faith.

Visiting Homebound: Once a month on First Friday. Please call the parish office to request a visit.

Sacraments will be offered in English or Spanish.

Parish Ministries

Altar Servers

Music Ministry	Carolyn Snapka
Organist	Mary Helpert
Women's Circle	Carol Kocurek
Violet Historical Society	Sam Morris
St. Anthony's Cemetery Association	Sam Morris

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY **OCTOBER 3, 2026**
6:00 p.m. **+GREG TRUESDALE -** By Karen Sue S. Rotlo

SUNDAY **OCTOBER 4, 2026**
9:00 a.m. **+JO ANN MEISHEN -** By Judi Hoelscher
Pray to end abortion - By Matlock Family

11:00 a.m. **PRO POPULO**

MONDAY **OCTOBER 5, 2026**
8:00 a.m. **+NATHELEN HOELSCHER &**
+SISTER MARTHA SNAPKA
By Alfred & Lucille Snapka



TUESDAY **OCTOBER 6, 2026 - No Holy Mass**

WEDNESDAY **OCTOBER 7, 2026**
6:00 p.m. **+FRED SCHONHOEFT**
By Alfred & Lucille Snapka

THURSDAY **OCTOBER 8, 2026**
8:00 a.m. **+JIM BERNEN -** By Family

FRIDAY **OCTOBER 9, 2026**
8:00 a.m. **Everett Flores, Mass of Thanksgiving, Birthday**
By Larry & Carolyn Snapka

SATURDAY **OCTOBER 10, 2026**
6:00 p.m. **+PAUL THOMPSON -** By Bruce & Penny Hoelscher

SUNDAY **OCTOBER 11, 2026**
9:00 a.m. **+JEROME & +MARGUERITE HOELSCHER**
By Matlock Family
PRO POPULO

11:00 a.m. **Pray to end abortion -** By Bernard & Margie Najvar

Sanctuary Candle

October 3 – October 9,2026
+ Pete & + Gloria Gonzales
Requested by Annette Gonzales

News in Our Parish

Sunday, 10/4/26 - Spanish Mass. This will be first Sunday we will have the Spanish Mass. If you know anyone who would be interested in attending please invite them. Mass begins at 11:00 a.m.

REMINDER: OCTOBER 4, 2026: The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed in the church at 3:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to participate.

Coming Soon - Rosary Rally! October 10, 2026 at 12 noon in front of the church. Everyone is welcome to participate in the beautiful event. If you have any questions please contact Carolyn Snapka, 361-537-5384.

ONLINE GIVING

If you would like to start making your donations online donations through OSV, please visit the parish website: www.stanthonyviolet.org or scan the QR code below from your phone to start. Thank you for your donations and supporting your parish.

Sunday Collection
Sept. 26 & 27, 2026

Envelope	$ 765.00
Loose	$ 434.00
Hall Fund	$ 200.00
Misc Donations	$ 700.00
Women's Circle	$ 100.00
Total	**$2,199.00**

Online Donations $340.00 (2)
Total Envelopes Used: **9**

A Saint for This Feast: St. Francis of Assisi

Today is also the memorial of St. Francis of Assisi (1181/82–1226). He may be the clearest picture in Church history of a man who finally understood he was a tenant and not an owner.

Francis grew up as the son of a wealthy cloth merchant. He had everything: money, friends, and a promising future. But he began to sense that something was missing. In the ruined chapel of San Damiano, he heard the crucifix say, "Francis, rebuild my church." He took it literally at first, carrying stones and mortar, and only later understood the larger commission.

The turning point came in the public square. His father, furious that Francis was giving away the family's goods, hauled him before the bishop. Francis removed his clothes, handed them back to his father, and said that from now on he would say only "Our Father who art in heaven." He gave the vineyard back and asked for nothing. And what came of his poverty was fruit beyond counting: the Franciscan family, a renewal that swept Europe, and a witness to peace, creation, and the poor that still speaks eight centuries later.

His *Canticle of the Creatures* praises God through Brother Sun, Sister Moon, and Mother Earth. It is what Paul's "prayer and petition with thanksgiving" looks like when it is lived. (The famous "Make me a channel of your peace" prayer is not actually from Francis, but it captures his spirit.) Someone who receives everything as gifts does not grasp, and someone who does not grasp can be a channel of peace.

From the Pastor's Desk
October 3 & 4, 2026

Part 5. The Revenge of Amoris Laetitia. This is true even if calumniating helped him to avoid a great deal of suffering or gained him some other significant advantage. (A good historical example of this kind of tension was the Novatian Schism and the moral crisis over the *lapsi*, Christians who became idolaters—many out of fear for their lives.) Even though displeasure with the act lessens one's guilt, as it manifests some desire to do the will of God, one remains guilty of a grave sin. Only a kind of fear or other dissociating affliction intense enough to take away the ability to think about the consequences and meaning of acts would suffice to excuse one from grave sin. When this kind of dissociation is persistent, we call it a psychological pathology, a mental illness. This same structure applies to adultery, especially adultery chosen over years and decades. This is not a sudden movement of desire or a flash in the imagination. It is a way of life that one has consciously chosen, formalized by a legal arrangement, and cultivated into a habit—a vice. Those in difficult "remarriage" situations may indeed be afraid of the consequences of breaking from adultery—yet adultery it remains, even if done with a repugnant but still deliberate will.

St. Thomas discusses this topic in the Summa Theologica I-II q. 77, in Articles 6 through 8. It is a well-treated area of moral psychology. In Article 8, he concludes: When anyone proceeds from passion to a sinful act, or to a deliberate consent, this does not happen suddenly: and so the deliberating reason can come to the rescue here, since it can drive the passion away, or at least prevent it from having its effect, as stated above: wherefore if it does not come to the rescue, there is a mortal sin; and it is thus, as we see, that many murders and adulteries are committed through passion. He has in mind anger and desire, but fear is also a passion which can lead to either sin—or to many others. We pray in the Our Father not to be led into temptation and to be delivered from evil. But when souls are put to the test, they need to be helped by their shepherds. Perhaps instead of looking for non-existent moral loopholes in avant-garde deepities about "discernment," the bishops at the upcoming encounter with the Holy Father could spend some time with the blunt words of the Lord on adultery, not only His direct teaching on divorce and remarriage, but also His dialogue with the woman at the well (John 4:1-42). How are we going to inspire the D&R Catholics to the kind of transformation which she had? How are we drawing people to Living Water? How are we helping them to become the saints that they have been put in the position to become, so that they can worship in the Spirit and in truth?

PRAYER LIST: Bianca Apusen, Norine Bernsen, Elaine Cain, Sharon Cox, Jerry Cox, Conway Frost, Margaret Garza, Dylan Gill, Noah Gonzalez, Wilma Grupe, M Briana Gutierrez, Mary Helpert, Ava Henson, Marie Hoelscher, Gwendy Iacobi, Kara Jacobi, Smokey Jacobi, Sarah Jalufka, Rees Korzekwa, Elijia Loa, Mrs. Leonard May, Frank McCumber, Pat Ordner, Scott Ordner, Lola Putvin, Grace Scheipe, Miller Schom-burq, Elie Stone, Charmaine Stroh, Shannon Taylor, Mark Tijerina, Dwayne Truesdale, Susan Umphres, Patricia Vaugh, Maya Vera, Donovon Villarreal, Joan Vinson, Ravi Walker, Holden Weaver, Mi-lus Wright, Carolyn Yarborough.

