

**ST. ANTHONY CHURCH
OF VIOLET**
"A Place You Can Call Home"

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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.; 11:00 a.m.

Weekdays:

Monday, Thursday, Friday 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday (no Holy Mass)

Holy Days:

Vigil Mass 6:00 p.m.

Holy Day Mass 8:00 a.m.

Adoration/Divine Mercy

Wednesday 3:00 p.m.

Rosary

Wednesday 5:30 p.m.



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 ~~Sapka~~
Jose & Cecelia Lopez

Organist May ~~Hebert~~

Women's Circle Carol ~~Kocurek~~

Violet Historical Society

Sam Morris

St. Anthony's Cemetery Association

Sam Morris

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY **SEPTEMBER 27, 2025**

6:00 p.m. **PRAY TO SAVE THE UNBORN -** By Matlock Family
ELAINE CAIN, MASS OF THANKSGIVING, BIRTHDAY
By Franics Cain

SUNDAY **SEPTEMBER 28, 2025**

9:00 a.m. + **ELWOOD MEISCHEN -** By Judi Hoelscher
+ **LARRY BRUNS**
By Shannon McDonough Taylor

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

MONDAY **SEPTEMBER 29, 2025**

8:00 a.m. + **RUBY LONG -** Jerry & Charmaine Wade

TUESDAY **SEPTEMBER 30, 2025**

No Holy Mass

WEDNESDAY **OCTOBER 1, 2025**

6:00 p.m. **BEN & ALANA SNAPKA, MASS OF THANKSGIVING**
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY— By Alfred & Lucille Snapka

THURSDAY **OCTOBER 2, 2025**

8:00 a.m. + **FRANNIE HOELSCHER -** Matlock Family

FIRST FRIDAY **OCTOBER 3, 2025**

8:00 a.m. **YVONNE SAMPLE -** By Grataski & Sample Families

SATURDAY **OCTOBER 4, 2025**

8:00 a.m. + **GILBERT & PATRICIA HOELSCHER -** By Family
6:00 p.m. + **TOM & TOMMY E. BERNSEN -** By Family

SUNDAY **SEPTEMBER 28, 2025**

9:00 a.m. + **JO ANN MEISCHEN -** By Family
11:00 a.m. **PRO POPULO**

From the Pastor's Desk

September 27-28, 2025

What would you do if someone killed your spouse or your beloved child? Would you forgive the assassin or keep anger forever?

Last Sunday, I watched for over 4 hours the memorial for Charlie Kirk delivered in Phoenix -Glendale, a city where I worked for three years. The first city in USA when I saw the evil who using human hands (ex-priest burning the beautiful catholic church in downtown Phoenix), and last Sunday real human angel Erika Kirk overturned evil for good. Her profound message was pure Gospel delivered to millions of people around the world. Erika Kirk's statement of forgiveness for her husband's assassin has to be the most **God-glorifying** act by an American public figure in a long while. I pray that this will be the pleasing offering to God that helps to turn our country around. Aside from Erika's heroic example of forgiveness, which speaks for itself, there are two other things we can learn from her.

Lessons from Erika Kirk we could all learn. She said to the The New York Times, "I do not want that man's blood on my ledger. Because when I get to heaven, and Jesus says: 'An eye for an eye? Is that how we do it?' And that keeps me from being in heaven, from being with Charlie?" Aside from her prudence in not wanting to risk her soul with a potentially vengeful act, Erika, even as a victim of a crime, is taking moral responsibility. By contrast, progressive ideology (as a perversion of Christianity) worships victimhood as such, and says that being a victim justifies any reaction to one's hurts. Yet Christians know that Christ alone is the pure and spotless victim, and that suffering does not necessarily improve us morally unless we unite it to His. It needs to be spiritualized, not romanticized.

By contrast, even in her profound suffering, Erika Kirk has achieved the humble Christian recognition that her very victimhood, unregulated by the Gospel, could become something monstrous that leads to hell—which would be in a way to betray her own loss, by separating her from Charlie forever.

It is worth noting that in the above statement, Erika did not say that the killer should not receive the death penalty, but that she did not want to be involved in the decision. But whatever general obligation Catholics may have to oppose the death penalty because of current Church policy. Today Christian charity has been perverted into false compassion, such that punishment justly meted out by the state is denigrated by many as a mere pretext for vindictive personal hatred. Many people think that loving one's enemies means not working to defeat them, and that forgiving criminals means letting them get off scot-free.

People do not understand why purgatory would be necessary after our sins have been forgiven (and even many Catholics unwittingly contradict Church teaching when they deny that purgatory is punitive in nature). And it is generally forgotten that repentance is necessary in order to benefit from forgiveness that is offered.

People, online have even criticized Erika Kirk's act of forgiveness do not know Church's teaching. Would you publicly forgive the murderer of your beloved in the eyes of millions?

Publicly forgiving the murderer yet not calling for a lenient sentence is a witness that we must forgive our enemies, (Jesus told us "Love your enemies") and that forgiveness does not mean that the state ceases to punish evildoers.

Forgiveness is not equated with opposition to just punishment. Whatever we may wish the state to decide given the Church's current prudential position on the death penalty, it is arguably important for people to see Erika Kirk allowing justice to take its course as a real-life example of that distinction.

Sanctuary Candle

Sept. 27 - Oct. 3 2025

For the Intentions of

St. Anthony Church, Violet Parishioners

Respect Life Chain

Sunday, October 5, 2025

2:30 pm—3:30 p.m.

Meet at the Monument of the Unborn at Kostoryz & Saratoga. For more information contact Mary Crabtree, twocrabs@awbell.net or 361-816-9958.

America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally

Saturday, Oct. 11, 2025

At 12 noon in front of

St. Anthony's Church

For more information please contact Carolyn Snapka, 361-537-5384.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Sept. 21, 2025

Envelope	\$ 905.00
Loose	\$ 364.00
Total	\$ 1,269.00
Oktoberfest 2025	\$ 200.00
Disaster Relief	\$ 55.00
Chasuble Donation	\$ 300.00
Wine Donation	\$ 520.00
Total Deposit	\$ 2,344.00

Online Donations

9/13—9/19/25 = \$410.00

9/20—9/24/25 = \$235.00

Thank you for supporting your parish.

PRAYER LIST: Bianca Apusen, Norine Bernsen, Elaine Cain, Aida R. Chapa, Sharon Cox, Jerry Cox, Margaret Garza, Dennis Gilbert, Dylan Gill, Wilma Grupe, M Briana Gutierrez, Matt Havelka, Ava Henson, Marie Hoelscher, Gwendy Jacobi, Smokey Jacobi, Sarah Jalufka, Eliza Loa, Mrs. Leonard May, Frank McCumber, Pat Ordner, Scott Ordner, Lola Putvin, Jaime Rodriguez, Roy Rodriguez, Annaleigh Rothlisberger, Grace Schaefer, Miller Schomburg, Norbert Schroeder, Elie Stone, Shannon Taylor, Susan Umphres, Patricia Vaughn, Maya Vera, Joan Vinson, Ravi Walker, Holden Weaver, David Williams, Milus Wright, Carolyn Yarbrough.

Oktoberfest 2025

Our Annual Oktoberfest Fundraiser is right around the corner. This year we are asking that a \$100.00 donation or more be made by each family. Envelopes will be placed in the foyer of the church in the coming weeks.

2025 Donations \$ 200.00

2024 Donations \$13,260.00

2023 Donations \$13,930.00

Missing coffee saucer!

Please check your cubbards for this coffee saucer. If anyone has taken it by mistake, please leave the saucer on the table in foyer. This plate has a very special meaning to Linda Connely and her friend Elvira and she would like for it to be returned. The saucer was last seen at Fr. Andrew's welcome luncheon.

