



St. Anthony Catholic Church

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My Dear Parish Family,

In 1930, during the time of our nation's great Depression, our parish launched a bold initiative—the construction of a new beautiful church building. Financially our parishioners were suffering dramatic economic hardships—along with the nation as a whole. And yet, in the great spirit of St. Anthony parish, the parish family creatively met the challenge, resulting in the beautiful building in which we now worship and call our home.

How did they do it? The “old timers” told me that the many ladies who baked bread in the outdoor ovens which dotted the southside would sell a loaf of bread in order to purchase a brick for the church building. Many loaves of fresh bread—baked in love—along with other acts of sacrificial giving on the part of so many—helped build our church.

And so the beautiful story continues, as we are called to meet the challenge again—with our Annual Diocesan Appeal. The appeal weekend is March 3rd and 4th. At this time, we are called to tap into the creative spirit of generous giving that marks St. Anthony parish as a parish apart. The last three years we have exceeded our appeal goal—much to the amazement of the bishop and many others. Let's do it again.

As your Pastor, I humbly ask all parishioners who generously gave the last several years to please consider matching your gift, and if you feel God's calling, consider increasing your gift for this year by a small percentage. The parishioners who have not given previously, please consider doing so this year and please give a minimum gift of \$360.00. **Our 2018 ADA goal for St. Anthony Parish is \$134,635.** This represents a decrease from last year. Please return your pledge card in the weekly offering, or you can go online to give at <https://dmdiocese.thankyou4caring.org/>

I thank you on behalf of Fr. Dan, Fr. Reynaldo, our deacons and staff in my own name.

God Bless you all for your generosity.

Sincerely,

Mgr. Frank E. Childs