



SAINT ANTHONY CATHOLIC CHURCH

A Novena Prayer for our Parish, to St. John Paul II—to culminate with the celebration of our Polish Feast on October 26, 2024

Pray once a day for nine consecutive days, beginning **October 18** (we will pray the final day's prayer together before the feast on October 26):

SAINT JOHN PAUL II, YOU TAUGHT THE WORLD THROUGH WORD AND EXAMPLE THAT JESUS IS THE FACE OF THE FATHER'S MERCIFUL LOVE. YOU CALLED UPON THE WORLD TO "BE NOT AFRAID" AND "OPEN WIDE THE DOORS FOR CHRIST." NOW, THROUGH YOUR POWERFUL INTERCESSION, SHOW US THAT THE LOVE OF GOD IS LIVING AND ACTIVE, STRONGER THAN ALL THE FORCES OF THE WORLD, THE FLESH, AND THE DEVIL. THROUGH YOUR PRAYERS, HELP US IN EVERY NEED AND DELIVER US FROM EVERY EVIL. MAY WE ALWAYS KNOW BY EXPERIENCE THE LOVE OF GOD THE FATHER, MEDIATED THROUGH JESUS CHRIST BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. "GOD, MERCIFUL FATHER, IN YOUR SON, JESUS CHRIST, YOU HAVE REVEALED YOUR LOVE AND POURED IT OUT UPON US IN THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE COMFORTER. WE ENTRUST TO YOU TODAY THE DESTINY OF THE WORLD AND OF EVERY MAN AND WOMAN. BEND DOWN TO US SINNERS, HEAL OUR WEAKNESS, CONQUER ALL EVIL, AND GRANT THAT ALL THE PEOPLES OF THE EARTH MAY EXPERIENCE YOUR MERCY. IN YOU, THE TRIUNE GOD, MAY THEY EVER FIND THE SOURCE OF HOPE. ETERNAL FATHER, BY THE PASSION AND RESURRECTION OF YOUR SON, HAVE MERCY ON US AND UPON THE WHOLE WORLD!"

We pray for an increase in holiness amongst all youth and families at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church; we ask for wisdom and zeal to be upon our youth and adult faith formation ministries and upon those who lead them; and we ask for an increase in vocational calls to the clergy and religious life amongst our parish.

AMEN.

OUR FATHER... HAIL MARY... GLORY BE...

Thank you for praying with us!

P.S. Want to help put on the feast? Call the office at 517-437-3305, come in and speak with Jacob, or scan this QR code to volunteer:



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