



St. Anthony's Senior Living

COMMUNITY LIFE NEWSLETTER



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WE ARE OPEN!

The big day arrived on Monday, November 18th. St. Anthony's staff were so excited to see the building come alive with residents. All of those moving in, are part of our Founder's Club. By the second day, residents were sharing meals in the dining room and attending the evening Happy Hour. The first week was made all the more special on Saturday, when Monsignor Leitner celebrated the first Mass in our Chapel.

The staff are excited to share this very, special Christmas season in the company of our new friends and residents.



Getting acquainted in the Dining Room.



Jean and Andrew Tate share a toast at Happy Hour.



When you're the first resident to move in, like Bill Taylor, the dining staff are at your service. (L-R) Gary Sylvas, Bill Taylor, Adrienne Kensinger, Earl Morgan.



In a building with 120 apartments over 8 floors, the safety of our residents is taken seriously. Dave Smith, Director of Building Operations met with new residents the first week to go over safety and security issues.



The Wheels On The Bus Go Round & Round

After just one week of operation, our Dodge Grand Caravan has been hitting the road daily. The site of our van traveling up and down 63rd St. and Ward Parkway is becoming a common site. We've been Grocery Shopping, to the Post Office and Bank, a Fitness Center, and some medical appointments. The van holds four people comfortably, five if everyone inhales. For that reason, it's important to get your reservation in early if you want to attend an outing. As our community grows a larger, a bus will be added, making it easier to accommodate more residents. To schedule a ride call the Concierge at 816-846-0870



Featured Artist—Monsignor John E. Leitner

St. Anthony's Retirement Community is proud to be the new home of this month's featured artist. Msgr. John Leitner. Msgr. Leitner moved in on November 18, and by the next day, we knew that his art needed to be shared with others.

Msgr. Leitner is a prolific artist and jokes that, "My walls are getting very crowded with my work. Maybe I should start giving some of it away." The Monsignor started painting as a boy while attending St. Peter's School. Sister Bertille Gallagher gave him lessons every Saturday as he progressed through High School at Bishop Hogan and later into College.

After serving the Church from 1955 through 2004, he decided to retire and take up his painting. God had other plans for the Monsignor, though. While living at Villa Ventura in South KC, he celebrated Saturday Mass, in addition to leading the Rosary weekly.

When St. Anthony's was being built, he was approached about moving to St. Anthony's. We're so glad that he said yes. Msgr. Leitner's art will be on display through the end of the year in the Community Room.

If you're interested in having your art or craft displayed, please see Jessie Ann in Community Life.



Monsignor Leitner's art will be on display in the Community Room from December 9th through December 27th.





OUR PRAYERS FOR ADVENT



Week 1, Hope Dear Jesus, you are the hope in our messy world. This Advent help us slow down, listen to your voice, & focus on what's really important. We place our hope in you as we prepare to celebrate your birth. Amen.

Week 2 Peace Dear Jesus, you entered our world on Christmas as the Prince of Peace. This Advent, as we strive to become the best-version-of-ourselves, fill us with a deep and abiding peace. Help us share that peace with everyone we encounter, especially those who need it most. Amen.

Week 3 Joy Dear Jesus, help us focus on you during this busy season. May we stay aware of the joy you bring into our lives. We want to find you in the everyday moments and come with our hearts of gratitude to your manger on Christmas. Amen

Week 4 Love Dear Jesus, may the light of your love always shine in our heart. As Christmas draws closer, we marvel at your great love for us. Let your love transform every aspect of our lives & touch everyone we encounter. Our hearts are open to you, Jesus. Amen

It Was a Dark & Stormy Halloween Night



(L-R) Our Dave Smith, Jeff Walters, Nancy Majors & daughter Lydia line up for a pic.



(L-R) Steve Mehl lends a hand to wife, Jessie Ann Mehl (R).



Decisions, decisions. Dave Smith (L) talks with Trick or Treaters while Jeff Walters (R) looks longingly at the candy.

St. Anthony's staff were thrilled to participate in Trunk or Treat with our good neighbors across the street, University Academy. This Charter School serves 1,000 children from K-12. The rain and snow flurries drove the event indoors, but ghoulish spirits weren't dampened. A devilishly good time was had by all.





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**Come Stay, Play
and Pray With Us**

Breakfast with Santa

The Jolly Old Elf, himself will stop by St. Anthony's for a pancake breakfast with residents and their families on December 21.



Between 8:00am and 10:00am, you can enjoy pancakes, sausage and bacon and Christmas goodies. Bring your cameras or cell phones and get a picture taken with Santa, before he heads back to the North Pole to ready himself for Christmas Eve deliveries.

The Catholic Charities food drive ends on the same day, so it's a perfect occasion to make a last minute donation.

If you'd like to attend, please remember to RSVP to the Concierge at 816-846-0870.



Christmas Food Drive for Catholic Charities

Don't forget to bring your donations by the Community Room by December 13th. Your gift will help thousand of needy families throughout the Diocese.

LifeLoop Helps You Stay In The Loop.

Today's older adults are more technologically savvy than ever before. That shouldn't be a surprise, given all of the other major changes we've lived through. Seniors are embracing the use of Smart Phones and Tablets to stay connected to family, play games, conduct on-line banking and shopping.

St. Anthony's is proud to offer residents the advantage of LifeLoop. This web based program allows our residents to stay in touch with activities and outings that are offered at St. Anthony's with the simple touch of a button. When you download the LifeLoop app, you can check the schedule daily to see if there is anything you want to attend or if anything new has been added. You can sign up for a trip, activity or lecture using the app. After you sign up, you will receive a notification on the day of the event reminding you that you've signed up for an activity. If you love movie night or Bingo, you can reserve your spot by signing up and receive reminders for each event.

LifeLoop also allows you to submit a transportation request without having to go through the concierge. It's a simple process and will ensure that you get your request made in a timely manner. Since transportation spaces are limited, getting your reservation in early is essential.

If you enjoy staying in touch with others there is a portal that allows you to share photos and messages with friends and family.

Signing up for LifeLoop helps you be independent and up-to-date. See the Community Life Director to schedule a training session.

