

Saint Anthony Library



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Who Can Check Out Books?

Registered parishioners 13 years of age and older can check out books. A current phone number and e-mail address are required. E-mail is the preferred way to send over-due notices, library updates, new book notices, etc.

Members of other parishes in the Asheville Vicariate may also check out books. However, they must provide their name, phone #, mailing address, email address, parishioner ID#, and church of membership.

Online Catalog

We are pleased to offer an online catalog where patrons may peruse all of the titles available in our library.

To access this catalog visit: LibraryThing.com/catalog/BasilicaLibrary

Book Donation Policy

We welcome donations of books appropriate for a Catholic library. Donated books become the property of the Basilica of Saint Lawrence and can not be returned to the donor.

Books not added to the catalog will be sold, given away, or discarded. The proceeds of any book sales will go toward the upkeep of the library. We ask that all books donated be in good condition and free of mold and mildew.

A book plate in honor or in memory of the donor can be added upon request.

Book donations should be taken to the parish office during office hours or brought to the library after weekend Masses.

Saint Anthony of Padua

1195-1231, Feast Day - June 13

The patron saint of our library is Saint Anthony, a Doctor of the Church. In choosing this saint, we honor the merging of the Saint Anthony of Padua parish with the parish of Saint Lawrence which happened in 1969.

Saint Anthony was a gifted preacher and very knowledgeable in the Faith. Our library's mission is to help our parishioners and the community at large grow in knowledge and understanding of the Catholic Faith; and with that knowledge we hope to continue in the tradition of Saint Anthony's life of evangelization.



This statue was part of the entrance to the Saint Anthony Parish Chapel & School which was located on Walton Street in downtown Asheville.

Who Takes Care of the Library?

The responsibility for the library falls under the Education and Formation Commission.

A library committee has been formed to provide management and leadership for the care of the library.

Many volunteers staff the library after weekend Masses. They oversee the check-in, check-out process, re-shelve books, and assist library patrons.

Library patrons are asked to provide personal care and concern for the condition and timely return of books to the library.

We have such Catholic treasures in our library. With proper handling of these treasures, many generations to come will benefit from the Church's tradition of literary excellence bringing knowledge and understanding to the Faithful and those exploring the Faith.

So, who takes care of the library? ***In essence, we all do.***

Honor System Self Check-Out

If no librarian is on duty, you may check out books by completing the following steps:

- ▮ **Remove the Book Card from its pocket (normally in the back of the book.)**
- ▮ **Write your name and phone number in all caps on the “borrower” line.**
- ▮ **Write the due date (three weeks from check) on the Book Card.**
- ▮ **Place the Book Card in the envelope marked Honor System located on the Library Desk.**
- ▮ **Write the due date on the Due Date Slip - this remains in the book.**