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St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church is a diverse community of people, unified in Christ on a faith journey to salvation through worship, education and service.

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Sunday Masses

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM, 7:30 PM

Weekday Masses

Monday-Friday: 6:45 AM, 5:15 PM

Saturday: 8:00 AM

Confessions

Saturday: 3:30-4:45 PM

15 minutes before daily morning Mass

30 minutes before daily evening Mass

Parish Office Hours

Monday: 1:00 PM-5:00 PM

Tuesday-Friday: 8:00 AM-5:00 PM

Closed 12:00-1:00 PM for lunch.

Eucharistic Exposition

Thursday: 7:15 AM to Midnight

Baptism: Contact Parish Office during pregnancy to register for classes.

Marriage: Contact Parish Office 6 months prior to schedule a date.

To Register in the Parish:

Please see a priest after Mass.

Prayer Chain: 701-235-0308

St. Vincent de Paul: 701-566-0638

Centennial: StAnthony1917@gmail.com



5th Sunday of Lent April 2, 2017

*"I am the resurrection and the life;
whoever believes in Me, even if he dies,
will live, and everyone who lives and
believes in Me will never die."*

-John 11:25-26

Please Pray For...

Those of our Parish who are sick or suffering, especially Robert Jundt, Benita Deichert, Barb Sornsins, and Beverly Huber.

Our sympathy and prayers as a Parish to the families of those who have died, especially Michelle Grant, wife of Jay Grant, daughter-in-law of Norma Grant, sister of Wayne Henjum, and mother of Nicholas Grant, and Msgr. Joseph Huebsch, third pastor of St. Anthony of Padua (1975-1978).

Administration

OFFERTORY FOR March 26

	Amount Given	Budget
Sunday Collection	\$9,649.06	
Online Giving	\$3,373.32	
Total Giving	\$13,022.38	\$12,827.00
Year to Date	\$487,789.70	\$500,273.00

Supporting the Holy Land Catholic Community

Beautiful hand carved religious articles from the Holy Land will be for sale in the Gathering Space after each Mass next weekend (April 8 and 9). Proceeds go to support the few remaining Catholic families in Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Please stop by to see the beautiful olivewood religious articles and support our Holy Land brothers and sisters.

*** You may submit announcements to be considered for inclusion in this bulletin before noon on Tuesday via email: deidra@stanthonyfargo.org ***

Mass Schedule

MONDAY, APRIL 3

Dn 13: 1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62/Jn 8:1-11

6:45 AM Clara Harvey Family

5:15 PM ++George and Thelma Menne and Family

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

St. Isidore, *Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

2 Cor 4:1-2, 5-7/Lk 6:43-45

6:45 AM +Baltzer B. Weigel

5:15 PM ++George and Thelma Menne and Family

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

St. Vincent Ferrer, *Priest*

2 Tm 4:1-5/Lk 12:35-40

6:45 AM +Frank Kappel

5:15 PM +Harold Weis

THURSDAY, APRIL 6

Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59

6:45 AM +Alois Gross

5:15 PM ++Joseph and Harriet Kuppich

FRIDAY, APRIL 7

Obligatory day of abstinence from meat

St. John Baptist de la Salle, *Priest*

2 Tm 1:13-14; 2:1-3/Mt 18:1-5

6:45 AM Tom Kempf Family

10:00 AM Mass at Bethany Homes

5:15 PM +Michael Cameron

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56

8:00 AM Cray and Jean Eppler

5:00 PM +Don McAllister

SUNDAY, APRIL 9

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14 – 27:66

7:30 AM ++George and Thelma Menne and Family

9:00 AM +Harold Weis

10:30 AM Gene and Denise Jordan

7:30 PM Parishioners of St. Anthony

Thank you for your prayers

St. Anthony parishioner, Betty Kiser, extends a heartfelt thank you to all who offered prayers for her brother during his illness and recent passing.

Church Calendar

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

1st Sunday Food Collection

Coffee and Rolls after AM Masses

- served by the Knights of Columbus

MONDAY, APRIL 3

8:00 AM-1:00 PM *Parish Office Closed*

7:00 PM *Return session*

7:00 PM Choir Practice

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

7:00 PM Centennial Committee

7:00 PM St. Vincent de Paul Conference

7:00 PM Welcome Committee

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

3:00 PM Legion of Mary

5:30 PM Simple Supper

6:30 PM Be One Night

7:15 PM Living Stations Preview

THURSDAY, APRIL 6

1:00 PM Senior card player group

7:00 PM Inquiry Class

FRIDAY, APRIL 7

Obligatory day of abstinence from meat

10:00 AM Bethany Homes Mass

5:30 PM Fish Dinner

6:45 PM Living Stations

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

9:00 AM Decorate church

3:30 PM Confessions

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Easter Sunday Mass Note

A reminder that there will be NO 7:30 PM Mass at St. Anthony's on Easter Sunday. St. Joseph's in Moorhead has Easter Sunday Mass at 6:30 PM.

JP II Catholic Schools – TRIP gift cards

This month, JP II TRIP gift cards will be sold the weekends of April 8-9 and 22-23. TRIP cards are also available at Hurley's Religious Goods.

LAY MINISTERS SECOND SUNDAY					
	SATURDAY 5:00 PM	SUNDAY 7:30 AM	SUNDAY 9:00 AM	SUNDAY 10:30 AM	SUNDAY 7:30 PM
PROCLAIMERS	Cleo Drummond	Deb Kuntz Mary Gaffrey-Knier	Rick Gartner Alicia Waldoch	Chris Thoms Kevin Rittenhouse	Helen Steffens
ALTAR SERVERS	Isaac Kinzler Jacob Kinzler Carter Mitchell	Anna Bernhardt Charlie Bernhardt August Grothmann Maddy Grothmann	Katrina Gietzen Lucas Gietzen Mara Nielsen Anna Seefeldt	Brady Ouart Jayden Ouart	Emily Zurn Felicity Suda Allison Klose
HOSPITALITY	Larry and Jane LaMont		Gabe and Maria Gietzen Waldoch Family		
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	Cheryl Cameron Jim Kram Marilyn Kram Peter Oduor	Gene Hersch Joanne Selzler Theresa Stickel Joan Suda	Barb Braaten Camie Dickherber Carla Gartner Stacey Mathias	George Axtmann Duke Dukart Suzanne Dukart Carol Okigbo Marilyn Ouart	Lori Jones Natalie Lies Troy Pedersen Joshua Van Raden

Liturgy

HOLY WEEK SIGN UP: Any EMHCs, Proclaimers, Mass Coordinators, Ushers, Ministers of Hospitality, and Altar Servers can volunteer for the upcoming Triduum Masses by signing up on the sheet in the Sacristy or contacting Samantha at the Parish Office. Please take a moment and sign up today! We are also in need of help decorating the church on Saturday, April 8 at 9:00 AM, please come!

Religious Education and Youth

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY CONFIRMED AND FIRST COMMUNICANTS! The following are the names of those who received the final sacraments of initiation into our Faith on Friday, March 31. Please keep them and their families in prayer as the fullness of the Holy Spirit grows in them throughout their lives.

Thea "Lucy" AMBROSE
Christian "Anthony" BACKLUND
Katelyn "Teresa" FIEDLER
Isabel "Claire" GIETZEN
Emma "Veronica" GLADUE*
Lucy "Maximilian" GROTHMANN
Hattie "Clare" LIEDBERG
Blythe "Cecillia" KREITINGER

Isaac "Aloysius" MADSEN
Landon "James" MITCHELL
Marianne "Lucy" ODUOR
Justin "Dominic" SCHMITT
Joshua "John" SUDA
Benjamin "Timothy" SWEENEY
Benjamin "Benedict" WAGNER
Jaeda "Lucy" ZIMMERMAN

*Sacrament of First Communion only.



FINAL 'BE ONE' NIGHT Fr. Courtright will be presenting the final Be One talk for the school year on Wednesday, April 5. The evening begins with Simple Supper at 5:30 PM, followed by a talk at 6:30 PM, breakout sessions, and a 7:15 PM preview of The Living Stations. All parishioners are invited to attend this time to come together as One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church.



EASTER EGGS NEEDED We are asking parishioners to drop off candy-filled plastic Easter Eggs to be used for our parish's Easter egg hunt. Michael has a number of empty eggs, so please stop by the office during the week to pick some up for filling. **ALSO:** If you love the Easter Egg hunt and are available, Michael could use some volunteers to help hide eggs and guide the kids following the 10:30 AM Mass on Easter. Please contact Michael at 701-237-6063.

Lent 2017

APOLOGETICS THIS MONDAY Our next **Return** session focuses on apologetics (defending the faith). Are you interested in learning great responses to the many personal and moral objections people use against the Catholic Church? Join us this Monday at 7:00 PM in the Mother Cabrini Room to hear how to defend our faith from the many false claims so prevalent in our society today.

MANY OF YOU ALREADY LISTEN TO CATHOLIC ANSWERS LIVE, but for those not familiar with the program, it is on Real Presence Radio (1280 AM) each weekday from 5-7 PM. Did you know that **Catholic Answers** is more than a radio program? Now on Formed.org, all parishioners have access to other great **Catholic Answers** content, such as "The Problem of Evil" by Jimmy Akin; "How to Talk About Marriage & Same-Sex Unions" by Trent Horn; "How to Win an Argument Without Losing a Soul" by Matt Fradd; and more! Note: If you haven't signed in to FORMED yet, go to formed.org and use our parish code: **H6D6VP**.

Parish Happenings

PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY Please make our centennial year parish photo directory complete by signing up today for a free professional photo session. Openings remain on April 4 – 7, 10, 11 and May 2 and 3. Sign up on our parish website: www.stanthonyfargo.org or call the parish office 701-237-6063.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE: CHARITY IN ACTION During the past month, your SVdP conference fielded 100 phone calls resulting in 34 home visits, 46 referrals to other agencies, and 32 food baskets being dispersed. Over \$4,200 was distributed this past month for needs such as rent, water, utilities, bus passes, and phone cards. All totaled, 95 of our friends in need were assisted with funds and food. Thank you for your continued donations to help those struggling to meet their family's needs. God has blessed us with two new members, Brian and Amy. If you are interested in becoming a part of the ministry, contact Dcn. Stu Longtin: 701-237-6063.

Community and Diocesan Activities

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS! Join us for a retreat day with Msgr. Schlesselmann on Saturday, April 8 at St. Anthony's Parish, Fargo. RSVP with your unit caller for more information and to facilitate a count for breakfast and lunch. Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 11 at 6:30 PM in the basement of St. Mary's Cathedral. Join us beforehand for a light supper at 6:00 PM. For questions or to join us, contact Tacita at [701-403-4732](tel:701-403-4732).

STUDENTS FOR LIFE Feel called to make your voice heard in support of pro-life causes in our country? Check out the current Students for Life campaign at <http://studentsforlife.org/sockit2pp-campaign-launches/>

SUPPORTING VOCATIONS Diocesan Serra meals (free will offering) include a short vocation story and conclude with ideas to encourage vocations in your parish or family. The Fargo Seminarians will be joining us at our next dinner, Tuesday, April 11 at 6:00 PM, Sts. Anne and Joachim's Parish, Fargo. Call the Diocese of Fargo Vocation Office, 701-356-7956, to RSVP by April 6. We hope you will join us and bring a friend

---\$10 donation for Easter Flowers in the name of a loved one - Complete this form and return it in the collection by Palm Sunday----

Your Name _____ Donation \$ _____

☐ In memory of (deceased) ☐ In the name of (living) _____

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Centennial Projects Survey

Results

March 28, 2017

I'm pleased to share the results of the recent parish survey. I want to thank all those who volunteered to help and the nearly 200 families who gave extended comments.

- Greg Jeffrey, Parish Centennial Projects Coordinator

BACKGROUND. In February 2017, St. Anthony began a parish survey to determine parishioner sentiment toward two projects proposed in conjunction with our Centennial: the renovation of the church sanctuary and the creation of a parish endowment.

Over 100 people attended one of two informational meetings in which the proposed plans were discussed. From those meetings, 27 individuals/couples agreed to assist with an 'in person' survey.

Volunteers were given the opportunity to choose people they preferred to visit. Altogether, 214 households were assigned to 27 volunteers. The volunteers did an exceptional job reaching out to their assigned people. I processed surveys and / or comments from about two thirds of the 214 assigned households.

In addition, best efforts were made to ensure that all registered parishioners had an opportunity to take part in the survey. All households were sent a copy of the *Project Overview* in February, and I spoke about the survey at all the Masses on March 18 - 19, and had paper surveys available after Mass March 18 – 19 and March 25 – 26. For convenience, an online survey was available and advertised in the bulletin, on our web site, and via notification to all volunteers. Altogether we received 219 surveys.

ABOUT THE SURVEY

The survey focused on three questions:

1. Are we on the right track with the plans for the Sanctuary depicted in the *Project Overview*?
2. Do you think St. Anthony parish should establish and grow an endowment?
3. Would you support a fund drive for these projects?

In addition to these questions, parishioners were invited to add comments; nearly 80% did.

RESULTS

Answer	Is the Sanctuary Project on the Right Track?	Pct of respondents	Is the Endowment on the Right Track?	Pct of respondents	Will you Support?	Pct of respondents
Yes	138	63%	140	64%	132	60.2%
No	16	7%	17	8%	12	5.5%
Unsure	44	20%	35	16%	39	17.8%
Did not answer	21	10%	27	12%	36	16.5%
Totals	219	100%	219	100%	219	100.0%

Between the paper surveys and on-line surveys, a total of 124 respondents took the *additional* step of estimating their gift; the *collective total* was **\$344,275**. That represents a very hopeful 'baseline' from which to launch a campaign.

GIFT RANGES

Gift Range	Number of Households estimating gift in this range.
\$10,000 - \$15,000	11
\$5,000 - \$9,999	15
\$1,500 - \$4,999	55
\$1000	19
< \$1000	24
Total respondents estimating their gift	124

DISCUSSION

As survey coordinator, I transcribed people's comments *in their own words*. While keeping the respondent's name anonymous, I provided the pastor, finance council and parish council a print-out of every comment submitted – 15 pages in all.

I attempt to summarize those comments below.

Sanctuary Renovation

- With any project that involves sacred space, there's always a diversity of opinion. This was especially true at St. Anthony's. Even among some married couples, there were differences of opinion.
- One of the themes that emerged was that of simplicity; that St. Anthony is comprised of very down-to-earth people, and in the words of one, we should not attempt to imitate other parishes.
- Others expressed their excitement for the plan as presented.
- Items mentioned:
 - Estimates seemed high. Questions regarding bid process.
 - Adoration chapel could be improved
 - Comments regarding Stations of the Cross and stained glass windows
 - Angels and murals – people really like them, or dislike them
 - Desire to keep the crucifix
 - More / better / different handicap seating
 - Questions about the murals; suggested changes to the look

Endowment

- About two-thirds of all respondents supported the idea of an endowment. When I did the final tally, I was surprised that it polled as high as it did, because a number of people said it was "not appropriate" to do an endowment campaign in conjunction with the sanctuary campaign.
- However, no one said *why* it was inappropriate.
- That leaves me to speculate. In reading through the individual comments, my sense is that people mistakenly assumed we would be asking for not one, but two, gifts.
- We should have made it clear that the campaign would be asking for one gift or pledge; that renovations would be paid first, and additional dollars earmarked for endowment.
- Given the number of questions, additional materials are needed to give parishioners examples of 'what's possible' when it comes to the establishment and growth of an endowment.

Other Things We Learned

- *Sound system.* A number of people mentioned issues with the sound, especially in the back of the church. Since we have a high quality sound system, the solution to this issue might simply be better training of lectors in the use of the microphone.
- *Parking.* Since the parish is landlocked, the solution to parking issues might be addressed, at least in part, through education. Of particular concern is parking for parishioners in wheelchairs. There are myriad reasons why people are issued handicap parking passes, so those spots fill up quickly. Perhaps we could reserve spaces *specifically* for people in wheelchairs. As for regular parking, those easily able to walk some distance could *purposefully* park on the street as a kind gesture to our retired parishioners and parents with little children. If people were aware of the situation, perhaps they would voluntarily make adjustments in their parking habits.
- *Pews.* A number of people questioned the proposal for new or refurbished pews; many suggested that we refinish what we have "if needed." However, unless a parishioner served on the maintenance staff, he or she would be unaware of the extensive maintenance regularly done on our existing pews. We will share more information in this regard with parishioners.
- *Budgets.* A few people had the impression that St. Anthony's budget fell short every week; a few others were curious about our overall financial position. Others questioned investment in renovation rather than people and programs, citing concerns about the younger generation leaving the church. Still others suggested our money would be better spent serving the needy.
- *Lighting.* As the survey was coming to a close, new 'daylight' LED bulbs were installed in the church. A few people expressed strong opinions regarding dislike of the color of the light, especially relative to our renovation efforts.

LOOKING AHEAD

I have made best efforts to provide to the pastor and councils an accurate reading of parish sentiment, in parishioners' own words. On March 28, 2017, the Pastor met in joint session with the Parish and Finance Councils.

Having read the comments, and reviewed the data provided in the tables above, there was extended discussion, followed by these decisions by the Finance Council, Parish Council and Pastor:

- Steve Kraushaar made a motion that St. Anthony move forward with a capital campaign for sanctuary remodeling and the creation of an endowment. It was seconded by Stella Jeffrey. Motion carried unanimously.
- After much discussion concerning scheduling and the impact of renovations on parish activities, Josh Bartholomew made a motion that St. Anthony launch the campaign within six weeks. It was seconded by Bonnie Kroetsch. Motion carried unanimously.

Based upon parishioner comments, there will be modifications to the plan. Fr. Courtright made the point that, like in a family, there are differences of opinion. It's impossible to give each individual 100% of what they want. He will be responsible for the final design and will take into consideration the suggestions of hundreds of parishioners.

Finally, Ken Kroetsch, Parish Council Chair, felt that we needed a clear 'final' plan before going to the people to ask for support. There was general agreement on this point.

In closing, one of the things I appreciate about the survey respondents is their overall willingness to work together. While there was diversity of opinions, I also found in people's comments a willingness to compromise for the good of the whole, and to respect the fact that others may have different tastes or opinions. That Christian attitude will serve the parish well.

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