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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 (Sept - May)

Monday-Friday: 6:45 AM, 5:15 PM
 Saturday: 8:00 AM

Confessions

Saturday: 3:45-4:45 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 11:59 PM

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

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Fourth Sunday of Advent/ Christmas Eve

December 24, 2017

Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a Son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give Him the throne of David His father, and He will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."

~Lk 1: 31-33



May it be done to me according to your word

Please Pray For...

Those of our Parish who are sick or suffering, especially Robert Jundt, Mary Vondal, Donna Sweeney, Jered Grossman, Karen Fischer, Nancy DeCock, Barbiece Ness, Andrew Henning, son of Brian Henning, Pete Elizondo, and George Axtmann.

Administration

**OFFERTORY FOR December 17

	Amount Given	Budget
Sunday Collection	\$10,023.11	
Online Giving	\$1,877.60	
Total Giving	\$11,900.71	\$12,827.00
Year to Date	\$ 307,645.98	\$320,675.00

Christmas Mass Schedule

Please remember that this is the fourth Sunday of Advent AND Christmas Eve this year. We will NOT have a 7:30 PM Mass tonight. ****If you attend the morning Masses today, this DOES NOT fulfill your Holy Day obligation for Christmas. Please attend one of the following Masses to do so:**

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:

Sunday, December 24, 4:00 PM (Children's Mass)

Monday, December 25, Midnight Mass (WITH incense)

Monday, December 25, 8:00 AM (NO music, NO incense)

Monday, December 25, 10:00 AM (WITH music AND incense)

LAY MINISTERS FIFTH SUNDAY					
	SATURDAY 5:00 PM	SUNDAY 7:30 AM	SUNDAY 9:00 AM	SUNDAY 10:30 AM	SUNDAY 7:30 PM
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EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	Cheryl Cameron Lorraine Crouse Deidra Lies	Yvonne Rock Joanne Selzler Brian Skjerseth Theresa Stickel Shirley Sweeney	Mary Belcourt Barb Braaten Jason Dickherber Mary Klubberud	Kara Bailey Paul Bailey Joyce Bowman Marilyn Ouart Jane Schuh	Jeff Bozovsky Bonnie Kroetsch Ken Kroetsch Natalie Lies Jeaninne McAllister

Parish Events and Happenings

OUR INQUIRY CLASS STARTS JANUARY 11! Do you have any questions about God? Would you like to know how to hear God's voice? Do you have questions about the Catholic Church? If you do, and you want to make sure we cover them in the Inquiry Class (Thursdays at 7:00 PM, starting January 11), please give Joe a call at 701-237-6063 or email joe@stanthonyfargo.org and let him know what you are interested in learning!

MASS SERVER SKI TRIP! We are planning a Mass Server Ski Trip to Andes Tower Hills on Saturday, January 13, 2018. This is open to all Mass Servers, veterans and beginners. Please contact Deacon Stu to let him know if you are coming and to pick up a Permission and Release of Liability Form. Do so quickly, as we need to know how many to plan for. Parents, we are looking for chaperones too! Black diamond qualification not necessary.

COATS FOR KIDS The Knights of Columbus still have some coats for kids in need. January and February often have the coldest days of the year. If you (or someone you know) is going without a quality winter coat in this brutally cold weather, please call Michael or Deacon Stu at the parish office: 701-237-6063. No child should be left out in the cold this winter!

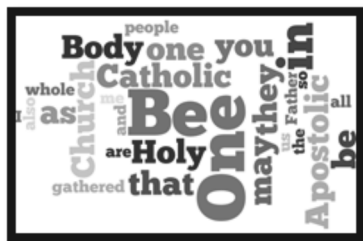
ESSAY AND COLORING CONTESTS FOR KIDS PRE-K-12th GRADE! The Knights of Columbus Council 7083 want to reward young ones for embracing the message that Charity is Love! Our local council is giving prizes for entries in our coloring and essay contest – Also, watch for information about the free throw and poster contests as well! Entries can be picked up from the bins in Saint Francis Hall (near the bulletin board). Some entries will be sent on to the state level where they may win even more

IMMACULÉE ILIBAGIZA IS COMING TO ST. ANTHONY'S Internationally acclaimed author and speaker, Immaculée Ilibagiza, will be coming to St. Anthony's for a spring mission retreat on May 4 and 5 of 2018! Immaculée is a Rwandan Holocaust survivor who has shared her moving story of the power of prayer and need for forgiveness with thousands. Hearing her story has changed the lives and deepened the faith of many. Please visit our Facebook page, or visit www.immaculee.com, to learn more and reserve your spot today! Scholarships will be available.

VIETNAMESE MASS AND RECEPTION Please join our Vietnamese Catholic community for a Mass in their native language on Sunday, January 7 at 1:00 PM. A reception will be held immediately following the Mass in St. Francis Hall (the Gathering Space). Please come and celebrate our truly universal faith!

COLLAR CLASSIC Since there is no RE Wednesday, December 27, head out to Shanley High School at 7:00 PM to see the seminarians take on the priests in a friendly, but intense, game of basketball!

Religious Education and Youth



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR BE ONE NIGHT! Each month we gather to Be One Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. Come be a part of the conversation, Wednesday, January 3, 2018! We begin with Simple Supper at 5:30 PM and have a keynote conversation at 6:30 PM, followed by breakout sessions, an opportunity for adoration, and more.

PARENT MEETING JANUARY 10 All parents of students being confirmed should attend a special information session Wednesday, January 10 at 6:30 PM.



“WHO AM I TO JUDGE” ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM

On Wednesday nights during Religious Education, adults from the parish are encouraged to attend this educational program. We will begin Wednesday, January 10 at 6:30 PM with Dr. Edward Sri’s program, “*Who am I to Judge? Responding to Relativism with Logic and Love*” and continue each week. Dr. Sri will be in

Fargo for the Redeemed Conference in Spring 2018– this program is a great way to get a taste of his skillful articulation of the best ways to live out our Catholic faith. Please join us!



SEMINARIAN PROFILE

Corey Baumgartner
St. Philip Neri Parish, Napoleon, ND
College IV, Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Detroit, MI

Do your family and friends think it is a good idea that you’re becoming a priest? My family and friends support me and think it is a great idea. They still have questions every now and again, but so do I!

Do you ever have any fun? What do you do in your free time? I have a lot of fun. This summer I was able to go mountain biking as well as visit Rome. While I am in Seminary I love to play on our basketball team and participate in our Seminary wide track meet.

If you were not going to be a priest, what do you think you would be? I would love to be a Youth Minister or work somehow for a church in Evangelization.

How many brothers and sisters do you have? I have 2 brothers, 1 sister, and 5 nephews!

Who is your favorite singer or music group? Right now my favorite music group is Bethel. They sing really great Praise and Worship music.

How is a seminary different than a regular school? How often do you see your family? We take classes like a regular school, but at seminary we are asked to pray a Holy Hour every day. We also go to Mass every day and have a time for ministry every week. Also, we are surrounded by likeminded people who also want to love Jesus. I see my family at Christmas and Easter. I usually try to keep in contact with all of my friends and family throughout the year.

What do you enjoy most while studying to be a priest? I enjoy having the brotherhood with my seminarian brothers.

Who helped you decide to become a priest? Jesus. Spending a lot of time in prayer with Jesus and talking with priests have really helped me discern my call. Someone who has really impacted me to persevere is Fr. Paul Kuhn. It was nothing really that he said, but just knowing him and what his years in seminary were like has really helped me persevere.

What is your favorite quote or saying? “*It is my eager expectation and hope, that I shall not be put to shame in any way, but with all boldness, now as always, Christ will be magnified in my body whether by life or death, and for me Christ is life, and Death is gain.*” - Phil 1:20-21

What is one other thing you would like to tell people about yourself? My favorite time of year is the fall and the first snow. There is nothing more exciting than seeing the leaves change and the ground turn white.

Mass Schedule

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day)

Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18

Midnight ++Leo and Delores Grandbois
8:00 AM +Marcell and +Angie Grandbois
10:00 AM +Morris Doyle

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

St. Stephen, *The First Martyr*

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22

6:45 AM Chris Noah
5:15 PM +Orey Hansen

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

St. John, *Apostle and Evangelist*

1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

6:45 AM +Louis Bertrand
5:15 PM Maggie Siebels

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

The Holy Innocents, *Martyrs* (Feast)

1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Mt 2:13-18

6:45 AM +Mark Sweeney
5:15 PM Carmen Hendrickx

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

St. Thomas Becket, *Bishop and Martyr*

1 Jn 2: 3-11/Lk 2:22-35

6:45 AM ++George and Thelma Menne and Family
10:00 AM Bethany Homes Mass
5:15 PM +For Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas

1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40

8:00 AM Silas Dickherber
5:00 PM +Gail Kelly

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21/Lk 2:22-40

7:30 AM +Harriet Greving
9:00 AM Special Intention
10:30 AM Carol Okigbo Family
7:30 PM Parishioners of St. Anthony of Padua

INCENSE will be used at the Midnight Mass and at the 10:00 AM Mass on Christmas Day. Those allergic or sensitive to the incense are encouraged to attend one of our other Christmas liturgies (listed on the front page of this bulletin).

Parish Calendar

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

Fourth Sunday of Advent/Christmas Eve

NO coffee/rolls after Masses

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Parish Office Closed in observance of Christmas

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

Parish Office Closed

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

3:00 PM Legion of Mary

~NO Religious Ed~

7:00 PM Collar Classic - Shanley High School

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

1:00 PM Senior Card Player Group

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

3:45 PM Confessions

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Coffee/rolls after Masses

-served by the Knights of Columbus

CHRISTMAS REFLECTIONS FROM POPE

FRANCIS:

“Saint Paul invites us to prepare for the coming of the Lord by assuming three attitudes: constant joy, persevering prayer, and continual thanksgiving. Joy, prayer, and gratitude are three attitudes that prepare us to live Christmas in an authentic way.”

“The joy of the Christian comes from faith and from the encounter with Jesus Christ, the reason for our happiness. The more we are rooted in Christ, the more we find inner serenity, even in the midst of everyday contradictions.”

“The Christian who has met Jesus cannot be “a prophet of misfortune” but must be “a witness and a herald of joy. This is “a joy to share with others; a contagious joy that makes life's journey less tiring.”

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

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