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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

Eucharistic Exposition

Thursday: 7:15 AM to Midnight

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 – 12:00 PM

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

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

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

To Register in the Parish:

Please see a priest after Mass.



3rd Sunday of Advent

Gaudete Sunday

December 13, 2015

“Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.” – Phillipians 4:4-6

Please Pray For...

Those of our Parish who are sick or suffering, especially Louis Bertrand, Margaret Burgess, Justin Reynolds, Ed Rowell, Betty Schiele.

OFFERTORY FOR December 6

	Amount Given	Budget
Sunday Collection	\$20,098.22	
Online Giving	\$2,607.67	
Total Giving	\$22,705.89	\$12,827.00
Year to Date	\$266,178.13	\$295,021.00

Parish Penance Service

We have invited a dozen priests to come **tomorrow, December 14 at 7:00 PM**, to come hear confessions. You are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to make a good confession before Christmas!

Aging Religious Need Your Help

In the US, there are more than 33,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests. These religious have worked tirelessly in Catholic schools, hospitals, and agencies, with little to no pay. As a result, many religious communities lack adequate savings for retirement and eldercare. Your gift to today's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and more. Please be generous.

You may submit announcements in writing to be considered for inclusion in this bulletin before noon on Tuesday via email: sarastanthonyfargo.org

Mass Schedule

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14

St. John of the Cross, *Priest and Doctor of the Church*
Num 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27

6:45 AM Bishop John T. Folda
5:15 PM ++Joseph and Harriet Kuppich

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32

6:45 AM Lenore and +Mark Sweeney
5:15 PM +John Noah

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

Isa 45:6c-8, 18, 21b-25/Lk 7:18b-23

6:45 AM +Carol Koesterman
5:15 PM +Harold Weis

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17

Gen 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17

6:45 AM +Souls in Purgatory
5:15 PM +John Noah

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18

Obligatory day of abstinence (or some other penance)

Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25

6:45 AM +John Noah
10:00 AM Mass at Bethany Homes
5:15 PM +John Noah

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

Judg 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25

8:00 AM +Betty Widman
5:00 PM +Russell Harvey

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

4th Sunday of Advent

Mic 5:1-4a/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

7:30 AM +Benjamin Gaffrey Knier
9:00 AM +Valerie Kilzer
10:30 AM +Werner Schuler
7:30 PM Parishioners of St. Anthony

33 Days to Morning Glory Conclusion

On December 8, over 50 parishioners chose to consecrate themselves to the Sacred Heart of Jesus through Mary. The final follow-up group sessions will take place in room 206.

Session 6—What's Next
Mon 12/14, 12:05 PM
Mon 12/14, 5:45 PM
Tue 12/15, 7:15 AM

Church Calendar

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

Coffee and Rolls after AM Masses

- Served by the Knights of Columbus

11:45 AM Sun. School Christmas Program
3:00 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14

8:00 AM–1:00 PM Parish Office Closed

12:05 PM **33 Days to Morning Glory - #6**
5:45 PM **33 Days to Morning Glory - #6**
7:00 PM Parish Penance Service

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

7:15 AM **33 Days to Morning Glory - #6**
3:00 PM Legion of Mary
7:00 PM St. Vincent de Paul Conference
7:00 PM Finance Committee meeting
7:00 PM Knights of Columbus meeting

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

6:30 PM Parish Bingo
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17

1:00 PM Senior card player group

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18

Obligatory day of abstinence (or other penance)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

3:45 PM Confessions

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

Breakfast after AM Masses

- Served by the St. Vincent de Paul Conf.

3:00 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet

Sunday School Christmas Program

Please join us as our youngest students celebrate the joy of Christ's coming! The program will begin at 11:45 AM today in the social hall.

St. Vincent de Paul Breakfast

Join us next Sunday, December 20 for a tasty breakfast and fellowship. Proceeds will be distributed to families in need of help with rent, utilities, food, and other daily needs. Stop by and ask us how you can be a part of these works of mercy.

Liturgy

LAY MINISTERS THIRD SUNDAY					
	Proclaimers	Altar Servers	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion		
Saturday 5:00 PM	Helen Steffens	Jacob Fox Jack Duval	Cathy Anderson Helen Steffens	Cheryl Cameron Peter Oduor	
Sunday 7:30 AM	John McLaughlin Kathleen Setness	Emily Zurn	Tara Bisek Chuck Ruzicka	Bonnie Kroetsch Shirley Sweeney	Ken Kroetsch
Sunday 9:00 AM	Tom Smith April Mitchell	Erica Weinmann Felicity Suda Allison Klose	Gerry Grensteiner Cindy Longtin	Linette Knoll Troy Pedersen	Pat Knoll
Sunday 10:30 AM	Jeff Bozovsky	Hunter Mathias Cabot Mitchell Luke Mitchell	Melissa Bozovsky Troy Schuh	JR Madsen Chris Thoms	Tom Nagel
Sunday 7:30 PM	Brent Nerenz	Josh Bartholomew Josh Van Raden	Steve Cossette Jeaninne McAllister	Brent Nerenz Joan Schaefer	

INCENSE: To help you and your families plan for the upcoming liturgies, here is a schedule of when we will be using incense at Mass. If you or a family member is allergic or sensitive to the incense, we encourage you to attend one of our other liturgies.

- December 25: Christmas Day 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM
- December 27: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM
- January 1: The Solemnity of Mary 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: There will be **NO** Eucharistic Adoration on Thursday, December 24, or Thursday, December 31.

Religious Education Events



December 16 – Parish Bingo

That's right! It's time for prizes and fun with our Annual Advent Bingo Party. Popcorn, snacks and of course, BINGO! Please join us for this fun night! Donations and earning from the night will further support the students attending World Youth Day this summer.

SWEET REWARDS! The youth of our parish offer a tremendous thanks to the entire parish for the huge success of the bake sale! The generosity of those baking and buying is a testament to the quality of stewards we have at St. Anthony's as well as an excellent example to our youth who benefit from this event. The weekend and Immaculate Conception bake sale donations totaled over \$1,700 to support our youth. We are sincerely grateful to everyone involved; bakers, buyers, organizers and even taste testers! Thank you.

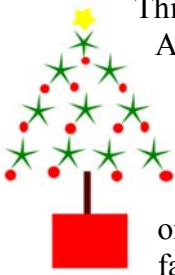


Consider making a \$10 donation for Christmas Poinsettias in the name of a deceased loved one or a dear friend/relative. Fill out this form and drop it with your Sunday contribution.

Your Name _____ Donation \$ _____

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

Mitten Tree



This year, please place NEW scarves, mittens and hats under our Mitten Tree in the Gathering Place. All items will be donated to Churches United for the Homeless, New Life Center, Dorothy Day House and Gladys Ray Center as their needs require.

The decorations on this year's Mitten Tree were created with a lot of love by Mrs. Stone's 5th grade class. Some people noticed the tree was already in progress during the Parish Bazaar. Our students began the first week of Religious Education making an ornament each week. Each ornament represents a prayer intention offered by the class. So, it is their prayer and their growth in faith that is decorating the tree. Now, the students and each of us get to see the beautiful effect of drawing closer to Christ. Thank you, 5th grade class, for your beautiful prayers and brightening our church!

GIFTS FOR THE CHILD: On Christmas Eve, before the 4:00 PM Mass, our children will go with Father to bring the baby Jesus to the manger scene. At that time, the children will also bring "gifts" of baby items such as diapers, clothing, toys, blankets, etc. These supplies will be donated to Birthright and First Choice Clinic. All are welcome and encouraged to donate gifts for this program. Donations can be placed near the Mitten Tree in the Gathering Place.

World Youth Day Bio Series



Meet a Pilgrim! In preparation for the first Christmas, Mary and Joseph journeyed from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Today's pilgrims don't have quite the same challenges of such a journey, but much can be learned by their travels and growth on the way. Each week during Advent we will feature one of our young people as they prepare to make the trip to participate at World Youth Day.

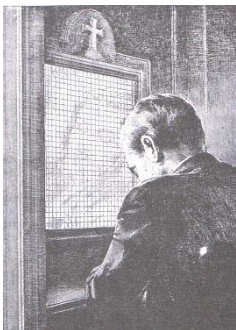
Hi, my name is Lia Coyle and I am a senior at Fargo South High. I will be one of the lucky pilgrims traveling to Poland this summer for the World Youth Day event.

I am so grateful and excited for this opportunity! Throughout my years, I have learned that it is important to build a foundation for my life through the Catholic Faith, which gives me the support and strength I need to live fruitfully. Through this wonderful opportunity to visit Poland, I know that the roots of my faith will deepen through the experiences I obtain there and I'll come back a stronger woman of God, more able to shine light in the dark places of the world.

Thank you to everyone that has supported our efforts to make this trip possible, and thank you for all the prayers as well!

Please pray for Lia and her companions as they continue making preparations for their journey.

Advent Penance Services



As we prepare to welcome the Christ Child on Christmas Day, take advantage of these opportunities to make a good confession during Advent. Services begin at 7:00 PM unless otherwise noted:

Monday, December 14: St. Anthony, Fargo

Tuesday, December 15: Sts. Anne and Joachim, Fargo

Wednesday, December 16: St. Maurice, Kindred

Thursday, December 17: Nativity, Fargo

Sunday, December 20: Cathedral of St. Mary, Fargo 4:00 PM

Sunday, December 20: St. Benedict, Wild Rice 4:00 PM

Monday, December 21: St. Leo, Casselton

Works of Mercy

Our St Vincent de Paul Conference is making remembrance gifts for parishioners who have lost a close family member during the year. We need people to help deliver these gifts on Saturday, December 19. If you would like to help, please call Deacon Stu Longtin at 701-237-6063 or Bonnie at 701-356-7925 or 701-235-9515.

Community Events

The Jubilee of Mercy began on Tuesday, December 8. This special year, requested by Pope Francis, will be a time to focus on God's mercy through prayer, pilgrimage, works of mercy, the Sacrament of Confession and indulgences. On Sunday, December 13, a Holy Door will be opened at St. Mary's Cathedral and other churches throughout the diocese. Resources will be provided soon, to help us celebrate this year of grace. Information will be posted on the web page www.fargodiocese.org/yearofmercy as it becomes available.

The list of churches besides the Cathedral which will have a Holy Door is as follows:

- Carmel of Mary, Wahpeton
- St. Michael, Grand Forks
- St. John the Evangelist, Grafton
- St. Joseph, Devils Lake
- St. Cecilia, Harvey
- St. Ann, Belcourt
- St. James Basilica, Jamestown
- St. Philip, Napoleon

JUBILEE OF MERCY: You are invited to a **Jubilee of Mercy Holy Hour** on Wednesday, December 16, 10:00-11:30 AM at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 5201 Bishops Blvd. Eucharistic Adoration will include Scripture, prayers for those involved with local post-abortion ministries, the defunding of Planned Parenthood, and the conversion of hearts and minds for those who reject the Gospel of Life. Holy Mass will be offered at 11:30 AM. Please join us as we open this Jubilee of Mercy with prayer dedicated to the end of abortion and the healing of our nation.

CAROLING NIGHT: Join us for the second annual Caroling Night at St. Mary's Cathedral on Tuesday, December 22 at 6:00 PM. We'll sing carols inside where it's warm and the acoustics are superb, then we'll gather below for snacks and socializing. Featuring a piano solo by His Excellency, Bishop Folda! Get your vocal chords in shape and brush up on those harmony parts--we'll see you at Caroling Night!

DECORA: Discover your Feminine Genius on Saturday, February 6, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM, at Sts. Anne and Joachim. This is an exciting day for young women, (13-16 yr. olds please bring a female mentor) to include speakers, fun activities and topics: fertility care, skin care, diet, guy panel, Pinterest craft, fashion tips and more. Cost is \$10. Register at fargodiocese.org/decora. Contact Renee at 701-361-3270 or decorafargo@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE: Jennifer Fulwiler will be speaking at the Real Presence Radio Banquet in Fargo on Monday, February 29, 2016. Watch your bulletin for more information or call 701-795-0122 for more details.

Employment Opportunity

DIOCESE OF FARGO is currently accepting applications for a FT Director of Communications. This position is the press secretary for the Bishop and the Diocesan Spokesperson to the media. Successful candidate will have a minimum of three years communications experience, excellent written and verbal communication, computer skills, integrity, ability to multi-task under pressure, and knowledge of Catholic Church structure and teachings. Communications degree preferred. Additional responsibilities include, developing and publishing the monthly Diocesan news magazine, New Earth. Application deadline is January 15, 2016. Submit cover letter, resume, writing samples and three references to Barbara Augdahl, Human Resources Coordinator, 5201 Bishops Blvd. South, Suite A, Fargo, ND 58104-7605 or Barbara.Augdahl@fargodiocese.org.

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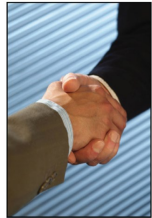


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