

# St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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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.



## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2015

*“Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Blessed are you who believed what was spoken to by the Lord would be fulfilled.” – Luke 1:42, 45*

### Please Pray For...

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



### Our Faithful Departed: Duane Hodges

+ *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.* +

**Our sympathy and prayers as a Parish** are with the families of Andrew Nielsen on the death of his father, Gary and Sharon Carlson on the death of her brother, James Johnson.

### OFFERTORY FOR December 13

	Amount Given	Budget
Sunday Collection	\$28,090.88	
Online Giving	\$2,030.00	
Total Giving	\$30,120.88	\$12,827.00
Year to Date	\$296,299.01	\$307,848.00

**OFFICES CLOSED:** Our Staff Offices will close at NOON on Thursday, December 24 and remain closed throughout the Christmas weekend. Regular church business hours will resume on Monday, December 28.

**AS OUR PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING PROGRAM CONTINUES,** many of our parishioners have already indicated their willingness to increase their weekly offerings, making their gift from its substance and not merely one of convenience or from its surplus. When our parish began this program we recognized that participation would be based on equal sacrifice, not equal giving. We cannot ask everyone to consider the same level of church support, but we ask that everyone let their offering reflect how generous God has been to them with His gifts. Please remember to use your special commitment card in response to our Parish Sacrificial Giving Program. If you did not receive a mailing, please contact the Parish Office.

## **Mass Schedule**

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### MONDAY, DECEMBER 21

St. Peter Canisius, *Priest and Doctor of the Church*  
2 *Tim* 4:1-5/*Mt* 5:13-19

6:45 AM Lenore and +Mark Sweeney  
5:15 PM +Deceased Jahner Family

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22

1 *Sam* 1:24-28/*Lk* 1:46-56

6:45 AM +John Noah  
5:15 PM Andrew Courtright

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23

St. John Kanty, *Priest*  
*Jam* 2:14-17/*Lk* 6:27-38

6:45 AM +John Noah  
5:15 PM +Mary Lothspeich

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

Christmas Eve  
2 *Sam* 7:1-5, 86-12, 14a, 16/*Lk* 1:67-79

6:45 AM +Gilberta Clemenson  
4:00 PM +Michael Cameron

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25

#### **Christmas Day**

**Holyday of Obligation - Friday penance is lifted today!**

*Isa* 9:1-6/*Titus* 2:11-14/*Lk* 2:1-14  
*Isa* 62:11-12/*Titus* 3:4-7/*Lk* 2:15-20

*Isa* 52:7-40/*Heb* 1:1-6/*Jn* 1:1-18

12:00 AM +Wally Mitchell  
7:30 AM ++Leo and Delores Grandbois  
9:00 AM +Harold Weis  
10:00 AM Communion Service at Bethany Homes  
10:30 AM +Irene Rieger

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26

St. Stephen  
*Acts* 6:8-10; 7:54-59/*Mt* 10:17-22

8:00 AM +Neil Krumm  
5:00 PM Chris Noah

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

#### **Feast of the Holy Family**

1 *Sam* 1:20-22, 24-28/1 *Jn* 3:1-2, 21-24/*Lk* 2:41-52

7:30 AM Parishioners of St. Anthony  
9:00 AM +Vicky Differding  
10:30 AM +Amanda Leininger  
7:30 PM Tom and Mary Klubberud

\*\*\*You may submit announcements in writing to be considered for inclusion in this bulletin before noon on Tuesday via email: [sarastanthonyfargo.org](mailto:sarastanthonyfargo.org)\*\*\*

## **Church Calendar**

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### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

Breakfast after AM Masses  
- Served by the St. Vincent de Paul Conf.  
3:00 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 21

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

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22

3:00 PM Legion of Mary  
7:00 PM Pastoral Council

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23

-- NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES --  
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

9:00 AM Decorate church  
12:00-5:00 PM *Parish Office Closed*  
11:30 PM Carols

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25

**Merry Christmas!**  
*Parish Office Closed*



### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26

3:45 PM Confessions

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

Coffee and Rolls after AM Masses  
- Served by the Knights of Columbus  
*Year of Marriage and Family ends*  
3:00 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet

# Liturgy

LAY MINISTERS FOURTH SUNDAY					
	Proclaimers	Altar Servers	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion		
Saturday 5:00 PM	Helen Steffens	Anthony Mitchell Haison Nguyen Nina Vi	Donna Honek Joan Schaefer	Lori Jones Gen Tougas	
Sunday 7:30 AM	Deb Kuntz Barb Ruzicka	Flugence Nisisngizwe Genevieve Ingabire J.Bosco Usavyimana	Betty Kiser Pat Paumen	Tim McMullen Theresa Stickel	Frank Paumen
Sunday 9:00 AM	Janet Weinmann Carol Petty	Hunter Mathias Isaac Kinzler Jacob Kinzler	Gloria Hogue Jay Schmallen	Paul Knoll Todd Weinmann	Bill Petty
Sunday 10:30 AM	Jeff Bozovsky	Leo & Max Devick Michael Grensteiner	Melissa Bozovsky Carmelle Nelson	Tammy Desautel Jenny Nielsen	Bobbie Hogan
Sunday 7:30 PM	Chris Thoms	Nickolas Seefeld Hannah Seefeld	Marlys Hareland Rod Stoa	Linette Knoll Chris Thoms	Mary Stoa

**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
- January 3: Feast of the Epiphany, 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

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** There will not be Sunday School this weekend or next (December 20 or 27) – Thank you for your flexibility and bringing your children to Mass each week during this special season. Class will resume on January 3, however we expect to join the classes into one for that celebration of the Three Kings.

**THERE WILL BE NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES** on Wednesdays, December 23 or December 30. Please enjoy a well-deserved break from class to celebrate the Christmas season!



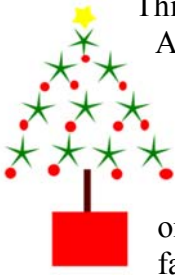
Consider making a \$10 donation for Christmas Poinsettias in the name of a deceased loved one or a dear friend/relative. Fill out this form and drop it with your Sunday contribution.

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of (deceased)  In the name of (living) \_\_\_\_\_

## Mitten Tree

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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, 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Religious Give Thanks

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"We cannot begin to repay all who contribute," writes a Catholic sister. "So we pray to God, Who is never outdone in generosity, to reward you." Heartfelt thanks for your donation to last week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. May God bless you for your goodness!

## Community Events

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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, 13-21. (ages 13-16, 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](http://fargodiocese.org/decora). Contact Renee at 701-361-3270 or [decorafargo@gmail.com](mailto: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

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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](mailto:Barbara.Augdahl@fargodiocese.org).

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## **Christmas Mass Schedule**

### Christmas Eve, December 24

4:00 PM Children's Mass  
11:30 PM Carols

### Christmas Day, December 25

12:00 AM Midnight Mass  
7:30 AM Mass  
9:00 AM Mass \*  
10:30 AM Mass \*

## **Solemnity of Mary Mass Schedule**

### December 31

5:15 PM Mass

### January 1

7:30 AM Mass  
9:00 AM Mass \*  
10:30 AM Mass \*



\* Incense will be used

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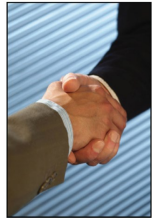


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