

# St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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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.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

December 6, 2015



*“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low.” – Isaiah 40:3-4*

### Please Pray For...

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



#### Our Faithful Departed: Vivian Neys

+ Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen. +

### OFFERTORY FOR November 29

	Amount Given	Budget
Sunday Collection	\$8,092.11	
Online Giving	\$1,490.00	
Total Giving	\$9,582.11	\$12,827.00
Year to Date	\$243,472.24	\$282,194.00

### Holy Day of Obligation – December 8



The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is on Tuesday, December 8. This is a Holy Day celebrated by the Church to honor this unprecedented favor bestowed on the Blessed Virgin Mary; namely, that from the moment she was conceived, God preemptively applied the merits of redemption to the future Mother of the Redeemer, thus preserving her from the stain of Original Sin. **As Catholics, we have an obligation to attend Mass this day, to celebrate our Holy Mother.** Please see the next page in this bulletin for the Holy Day Mass schedule.

*O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.*

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

## Mass Schedule

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### MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

St. Ambrose, *Bishop and Doctor of the Church*  
*Isa 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26*

6:45 AM Lenore and +Mark Sweeney  
5:15 PM +Ione Brodigan

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

#### **Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

#### **Holy Day of Obligation**

*Gen 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38*

6:45 AM Tom Kempf Family  
12:10 PM ++Michael Cameron and Cari Cameron  
5:30 PM +Genevieve Metzger  
7:30 PM Parishioners of St. Anthony

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin  
*Isa 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30*

6:45 AM Jake and Sandy Boschee Family  
5:15 PM Anna Gaffrey Knier

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

*Isa 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15*

6:45 AM +Harold Weis  
5:15 PM Louis Bertrand

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

St. Damasus I, *Pope*

#### **Obligatory day of abstinence (or some other penance)**

*Acts 20:17-18a, 28-32, 36/Jn 15:9-17*

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

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

*Rev 11:19; 12: 1-6a, 10a6/Lk 1:39-47*

8:00 AM Emily Kempf and Sophie Kempf  
5:00 PM Matt and Susan Noah Family

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)**

*Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18*

7:30 AM +Darlene Daugherty  
9:00 AM +Peggy Jensen  
10:30 AM +Lawrence Petrowitz  
7:30 PM Parishioners of St. Anthony

## Church Calendar

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### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

Coffee and Rolls after AM Masses

- Served by the Knights of Columbus

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Food Collection

-- BAKE SALE --

Pictures with St. Nicholas

3:00 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

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

12:05 PM **33 Days to Morning Glory - #5**

5:45 PM **33 Days to Morning Glory - #5**

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

7:15 AM **33 Days to Morning Glory - #5**

6:30 PM Catholic Daughters

6:30 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

3:00 PM Legion of Mary

6:30 PM Religious Education

6:30 PM *Beginning Apologetics*

6:30 PM Parent Meeting – Penance #1

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

1:00 PM Senior card player group

7:00 PM **33 Days to Morning Glory - #6**

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

#### **Obligatory day of abstinence (or other penance)**

7:15 AM **33 Days to Morning Glory - #6**

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

3:45 PM Confessions

### 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

## Support Elderly Religious

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Show your appreciation for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests who made a positive difference in so many lives. Please give generously to *next week's collection* for the Retirement Fund for Religious. There is a special envelope in your contribution packet, or you can donate online at [tiny.cc/StAnthonyGiving](http://tiny.cc/StAnthonyGiving).

# Liturgy

LAY MINISTERS SECOND SUNDAY					
	Proclaimers	Altar Servers	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion		
Saturday 5:00 PM	Cleo Drummond	Erica Weinmann Felicity Suda Allison Klose	Cheryl Cameron Peter Oduor	Jim Kram Gen Tougas	Marilyn Kram
Sunday 7:30 AM	Deb Kuntz Mary Gaffrey Knier	Flugence Nisisngizwe Genevieve Ingabire J.Bosco Usavyimana	Gene Hersch Theresa Stickel	Bob Kuntz Joan Suda	Joanne Selzler
Sunday 9:00 AM	Rick Gartner Alicia Waldoch	Taylor Schmidt Carter Mitchell Mel & Therese Odour	Barb Braaten Carla Gartner	Mary Duggan Stacey Mathias	Camie Dickherber
Sunday 10:30 AM	Chris Thoms	Brady, Jayden, & Skyler Ouart Andrew Naylor	George Axtmann Sheila Van Raden	Duke Dukart Rick Van Raden	Suzanne Dukart
Sunday 7:30 PM	Helen Steffens	Nicholas Seefeld Hannah Seefeld	Lori Jones Josh Van Raden	Natalie Lies	Troy Pedersen

**CHRISTMAS CHOIR:** St. Anthony's Choir is looking for singers for Christmas Midnight Mass with caroling starting at 11:30 PM. Rehearsals will take place on December 9, 16, and 23 at 7:00 PM in the choir room. Please help us make our Christmas liturgy more beautiful by sharing your lovely voice! Contact Samantha at the Parish Office. 701-237-6063.

**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

## Religious Education Events

**December 9 – Parent Meeting:** Parents of 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders and others who have not yet received reconciliation: The First Reconciliation Parent meeting will be December 9, at 6:30 PM beginning in the church. If you are in need of child care, please contact Michael in advance.

**December 13 – Sunday School Christmas Program:** Our Sunday School Christmas Program will take place following the 10:30 AM Mass. Join us as we celebrate the joy of Christ's coming with our youngest students.



### 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.



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) \_\_\_\_\_

## 33 Days to Morning Glory

On December 8, as we celebrate Our Lady's Immaculate Conception, we have the opportunity to consecrate ourselves to the Sacred Heart of Jesus through Mary. During each Holy Day Mass parishioners will participate in the consecration. In the meantime, group sessions continue:

Session 5: St. John Paul II	Session 6: What's Next
Thu 12/3 - PAST	Thu 12/10, 7:00 PM
Fri 12/4 - PAST	Fri 12/11, 7:15 AM
Mon 12/7, 12:05 PM	Mon 12/14, 12:05 PM
Mon 12/7, 5:45 PM	Mon 12/14, 5:45 PM
Tue 12/8, 7:15 AM	Tue 12/15, 7:15 AM

## Works of Mercy

Our St Vincent de Paul Conference will be making remembrance gifts for parishioners who have lost a close family member during the year. We are in need of 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. Also, the St Vincent de Paul Conference will be serving breakfast on December 20 after all the Masses. Breakfast will include a sausage bake, holiday breads and fruit. Hope to see you there. Thank you.

## 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. In next few weeks, we will feature one of our pilgrims as they prepare to make the trip to participate at World Youth Day. This week, we hear from Michael Wilde, a chaperone on the pilgrimage and our Director of Religious Education.*

As a chaperone for the St. Anthony's delegation to World Youth Day, I am also very much a pilgrim on this journey and tremendously blessed to have the honor. Although I had the experience of attending WYD in the US, the opportunity to travel abroad with young people in our parish and encourage them as they encounter Christ is exciting and clearly a part of God's providential plan for me.

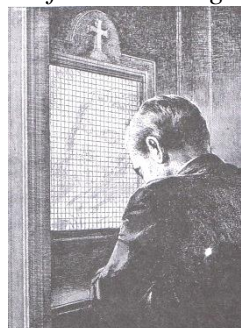
I have several reasons I am drawn to this journey: My grandmother was from Poland; my mother's good friend (like an aunt to me) was a prisoner in a concentration camp similar to Auschwitz (which we will visit); St. John Paul II (from Poland) was present at the world youth day I attended in Colorado; Pope Francis has declared this the Year of Mercy and this pilgrimage will include a visit to the location where the image and prayer of Divine Mercy were revealed. There are many indicators that this opportunity is not only exciting, but is clearly covered in God's fingerprints.

Finding myself at St. Anthony's with such rich community and journeying alongside these youths assures me that God has still more planned for my future. I am grateful for the efforts of the students, support from their families, and generous prayerful and financial support from St. Anthony's.

*Please pray for Michael and his companions as they continue making preparations for their journey.*

## Advent Penance Services

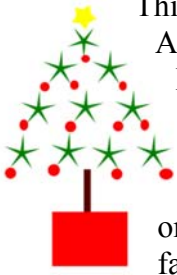
*As we prepare to welcome the Christ Child on Christmas Day, take advantage of these opportunities to make a good confession during Advent. Services begin at 7:00 PM unless otherwise noted:*



Thursday, December 10: Blessed Sacrament, West Fargo  
 Sunday, December 13: Holy Spirit, Fargo 4:00 PM  
**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

## 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!

## Community Events

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COURT ST ANN of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas will meet Tuesday, December 8 at St Anthony's. Members and guests are encouraged to attend Mass for Feast of the Immaculate Conception at 5:30 PM. Following Mass will be a Potluck Supper with all units donating food. There will also be a short meeting Silent Auction basket event. Baskets may be filled with home decor, personal care items, jewelry or accessories, food, etc. We will also collect new socks & toiletries for the homeless. All adult Catholic women are welcome. Call Casinda Langseth at 701-388-2835 with questions.

NIGHT OF PRAYER: The 26<sup>th</sup> Annual National Night of Prayer for Life will be held on December 8, 8:00 PM to midnight at Sts. Anne & Joachim's Magnificat Chapel. Each hour includes adoration, the Holy Rosary with additional prayers and silent prayer. This time of prayer bridges the Feast of the Immaculate Conception with the Feast of St. Juan Diego to honor our Blessed Mother and pray for her intercession for the establishment of a Culture of Life. Special prayers asking for God's mercy will be prayed also since December 8 begins the year of Mercy declared by Pope Francis. We invite families from local parishes to join us for any part of the evening.

VOCATIONS: Our Vocation Office sponsors a monthly SERRA Dinner for anyone interested in supporting vocations. A free offering meal is served followed by a short vocation story and concludes with ideas to encourage vocations in your parish or family. Our meetings take place at Blessed Sacrament Church in West Fargo on the second Thursday of each month from 6:00-7:00 PM. Our next dinner is Thursday, December 10. Call the Diocese of Fargo Vocation Office at 701-356-7956 to RSVP. We hope you will join us and bring a friend!

CATHOLIC MAN NIGHT: You are invited to Catholic Man Night: Men Meeting Jesus. Monday, December 7. 6:00-7:00 PM is Adoration and Confessions. 7:00-8:00 PM Bishop Folda will be giving a short presentation and dinner will be served. You are welcome to join us for all or some of the evening. There will be a free will donation to cover the cost of food. Holy Cross Catholic Church, 2711 7<sup>th</sup> Street East in West Fargo.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA "Breath of Heaven" created by Russell Mauldin and Sue C. Smith will be performed Saturday, December 12 at 7:30 PM and Sunday, December 13 at 4:00 PM at Holy Cross Church in West Fargo. It features musicians including choir, orchestra, and hand bells! A free will offering will be collected during the performance, benefiting Holy Cross Catholic Church music ministry. A reception will follow each performance.

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.



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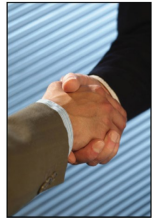


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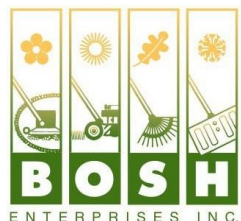
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