St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

Rev. H Setter, Pastor • Rev. Kenneth VanHaverbeke (In Residence)

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.
Saturday: 5:30 p.m.
Weekdays: 7:30 a.m. (Mon., Tues. & Fri.)
6:30 p.m. (Wed.)
(See Bulletin for Thur. Mass Time)

BAPTISMS

Baptisms are celebrated after the 10 a.m. Mass on either the first or second Sunday of the month at St. Anthony Parish and St. Mary Parish respectively when Fr. H is celebrating Mass. Parent(s) who plan to have their child baptized are required to be practicing their Catholic faith, be registered and active in the parish for no less than six months prior to the baptism. First time parent(s) need to attend a baptismal class. Baptismal forms are available at the parish office, during office hours. Forms need to be returned at least one week prior to the date of baptism.

REGISTRATIONS

New parishioners, please contact the Parish Office for a Registration Packet. Forms may be returned via the collection basket, mail or delivered to the Parish Office.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday Afternoons at 4 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.
Wed. - Fri. 30 minutes Before Weekday Masses
(Heard for 15 minutes, or by appointment)

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Offered communally, quarterly, or by appointment as needed.

MARRIAGES

The bride or groom must be registered in the parish for a minimum of six months before preparations for marriage will begin. The bride or groom registered in the parish is expected to be actively participating in the life of the Church by living the Stewardship Way of Life. Please contact the pastor to begin.

PARISH PRAYER LINE

If you would like a prayer request, call Janie Wells at (316) 540-9878.

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MASS INTENTION

Sat., December 21
5:30 p.m. - † Gary Funke
Sun., December 22
8:00 a.m. - † Doreen Reida
10:00 a.m. - People of the Parish
Mon., **December 23**
7:30 a.m. - Albert & Gertrude Kerschen Family
Tues., December 24 (Christmas Eve)
5:00 p.m. - † Marcia Panek
Wed., December 25 (Christmas)
12:00 a.m. - Special Intention
9:00 a.m. - † Elaine Wells
Thurs., December 26
NO MASS
Fri., December 27
7:30 a.m. - All Souls
Sat., December 28
5:30 p.m. - Intent of Schauf/May Families
Sun., December 29
8:00 a.m. - † Randy Cook
10:00 a.m. - † Hugo Seidl

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE

Sat., **December 21**
5:30 p.m. - Collin Haukap, Kade & Tanner Rockers
Sun., **December 22**
8:00 a.m. - Charity Seiwert, Lyndsee & Sydnee Ricke
10:00 a.m. - Kaden Pauly, Aden Stuhlsatz & Tate Vieselmeyer
Mon., **December 23**
7:30 a.m. - No Servers Assigned
Tues., **December 24 (Christmas Eve)**
5:00 p.m. - Cody & Riley Simons, Hank & Ella Lilly
Wed., **December 25 (Christmas)**
12:00 a.m. - Christian & Peyton Custer, Megan Heimerman & Hanna Kitzmann
9:00 a.m. - Kaden Pauly, Logan McKim, Noah & Jonah Seiwert
Thurs., December 26
NO MASS
Fri., **December 27**
7:30 a.m. - No Servers Assigned
Sat., **December 28**
5:30 p.m. - Markus Gorges, Travis & Ty Scheer
Sun., **December 29**
8:00 a.m. - Josiah, Jeremiah & Jeb Nowak
10:00 a.m. - Eli Eck, Adria & Tate Nelson

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sat., December 21
N/A
Sun., December 22 (4th Sunday of Advent)
11:00 a.m. - Church Decorating for Christmas
Mon., December 23
No Adoration
Tues., December 24 (Christmas Eve)
12:00 p.m. - Office Closed
Wed., December 25 (Christmas)

Thurs., December 26
Office Closed
Fri., December 27
N/A
Sat., December 28
N/A
Sun., December 29
4:00 p.m. - CYM's Sunday Funday - Dodgeball at parish hall.

December 22, 2019, Fourth Sunday of Advent: *Is 7:10-14 / Rom 1:1-7 / Mt 1:18-24*
"This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about" (Mt 1:18). What an important moment in the history of mankind. Here marks the beginning of missionary discipleship. Mary, young and unmarried, accepted the call to discipleship as the mother of our Lord and Savior. Joseph, considerate and humble, accepted the call to discipleship as the husband of Mary and the foster father of Jesus. They must have been afraid and uncertain of their future, but they were faithful to God and were willing to be part of His plan for the salvation of all. Discipleship is a gift of self. As we celebrate Christmas this week, let us remember the discipleship of those who have been instrumental in our faith journey and express gratitude for the gifts they shared and the sacrifices they made.

GIFT OF TREASURE

December 14 & 15, 2019

Regular Collection - $11,049.00 Loose Collection - $137.00 Parish Improvement Donations - $600.00
Online Donations - $2,755.00 Christmas Donations - $360.00 Votive Collection - $220.40

Thank you for your support of St. Anthony Catholic Church!

Year-End Contribution Reminder:
In accordance with the IRS regulations, all contributions received in the parish office on or by December 31 will be credited as a 2019 contribution on your annual contribution statement. All contributions received in the parish office after December 31, 2019, unless it has a December post mark date, will be credited as a 2020 contribution. The offertory collection received on Tuesday, December 31 will be considered a 2019 contribution. The offertory collection received on Wednesday, January 1, will be credited to your 2020 contribution record. Thank you for your generous support of our parish.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULE:

Christmas: 12/24 & 12/25/2019

Mass Time & Date:	12/24 at 5:00 p.m.	"Midnight Mass" 12/25 at 12:00 a.m.	12/25 at 9:00 a.m.
EMHC's:	Ed Funke Julia Qualls	Rod & Jennifer Thimesch	Judy Nowak Jennifer McFadden
Lectors:	Chris Drum	Dan Ridder	Chuck Stuhlsatz
Rosary Leaders:	No Rosary	No Rosary	No Rosary
Offertory Gifts:	Pam Gorges	Craig Nelson	Todd Kampling
Ushers: (December)	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed
EMCH's For Homes: (December)	Jean Carter Tom Sandoval		

12/28 & 12/29/2019

	12/28 at 5:30 p.m.	12/29 at 8:00 a.m.	12/29 at 10:00 a.m.
EMHC's:	Ed Funke Pat Koester	Judy & John Nowak	Carla May Julia Qualls
Lectors:	Dennis Meyer	Dana Bauer	Rich Watson
Rosary Leaders:	Tina Washabaugh	Martin Kerschen	Carla May
Offertory Gifts:	Mike Leis	Zane Ehling	Eric May
Ushers: (December)	Darin Leis Matt Miranowski Greg Rausch Kevin Hammond	Brad Puetz Greg Wells Chris Simpson Jeremy Seiwert	Eric May Ryan Koester Eric Stuhlsatz Greg Jennings

FROM FATHER H

Stewardship... Our Way of Life

Merry Christmas to All

I would like to wish you and your loved ones a Merry and Blessed Christmas. I hope your holidays are filled with great joy and happiness as you gather with family, friends and loved ones during these days of celebrating God's greatest gift to us in the person of Jesus Christ. Please join me in praying for those less fortunate than ourselves who will spend these days alone or apart from loved ones, whatever the reasons may be. May God bless them abundantly these days. Know that you remain in my prayers in a most special way. I am truly blessed to be your Shepherd. Please keep me in your prayers as well. I love you all. *- Father H*

Welcome Potluck Gathering for New Parish Families

Please join me on Sunday, January 12 at St. Anthony to welcome the new families that have joined our parishes this last year. We will have a potluck lunch/dinner beginning at 1:00 p.m. that day in the parish hall. In addition, we will formally bless the new families of our parishes as we welcome them into our families. If you have registered this last year, please come and join us as we welcome you to St. Anthony and St. Mary parishes. For all of us who have been here a while, please come and welcome these families by bringing your favorite potluck dish.

Stewardship Renewal

Our deadline to return completed Stewardship Renewal forms has passed as we are now getting all of our information put into our parish data system. Our goal was to get everything updated in the data system by the end of December in order to have accurate and current information with respect to our ministries, organizations, etc., to begin the new calendar year. Sadly, I must report to you that of the 434 registered families we have here, only 164 time and talent forms were returned, and only 142 treasure forms were returned. I had honestly hoped that we would see a much more successful return rate. While I am saddened by such a small return, I am hopeful and optimistic that many of you have just overlooked getting these back to the parish office and will do so as soon as possible.

It is most important that we realize that our parish family is just that, a family. A family that needs everyone to be active and committed to making our parish as vibrant and successful as possible, no matter who we are. We are all important, we are all needed and we all matter. If you haven't done so, I would kindly ask that you take the few minutes it takes and complete your renewal materials and return them as soon as possible. I know in my heart that we can do better, because we are better than the current return rate that we have. Please join me in praying that every family of our parish becomes a "stewardship way of life" family by starting with the return of our renewal documents for 2020.

On the fourth week of Advent, we light the final purple candle to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait for the birth of our Savior. This final candle, the "Angel's Candle," symbolizes peace. It reminds us of the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

The fifth candle represents light and purity and is called "Christ's candle." It is placed in the middle and is lit on Christmas Day.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PSR Classes

There are no classes this week.

Thank you to all of the families and students who participated in the "Baby Bottle" fundraiser for the St. Anthony Pro-Life Outreach! This year $1,171.67 was donated to this wonderful program.

Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those whom His favor rests. Luke 2:14
With the angelic host proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem! Hark! The herald angels sing "Glory to the new-born king!"

Have a blessed Christmas!

Questions for Faith Sharing

The theme for this Sunday's readings is: Jesus is God made flesh. (Emmanuel = God is with us!) Question for Adults: What experiences do you have of God "speaking to you" and directing your life and work? How does God speak to you in prayer? Question for Youth: God speaks to us in our intuitions and imagination, as he did to Joseph in this dream. What is your experience of hearing God speak in this way? What is God asking of you?

Let us pray that we will be able to clearly hear God speaking to us and respond with the same faith which Joseph had.

Julie Puetz, DRE (316) 641-2689
e-mail: jpuetz@stanthonygardenplain.com

YOUTH MINISTRY

Fundraiser

Don't forget to get those orders in for the CYM's Yankee Candle fundraiser. All proceeds will go toward the CYM summer trip. Orders close on January 8. Consider combining your order with a friend to save on shipping! You may also contact Sarah Beying or a CYM member to order. Online go to: www.yankeecandlefundraising.com and enter Group #: 999997061

Adoration and Dance

The CYM is hosting an evening of Adoration with music followed by a dance at the Parish Hall on Friday, January 3 beginning at 7:00 p.m. All ages are welcome to attend Adoration from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the church. High school students are invited to the dance which will end at 10:30 p.m. Please contact Sarah Beying with any questions.

Sarah Beying, DYM (316) 993-8695
e-mail: sbeying@stanthonygardenplain.com

OTHER NEWS

Knights of Columbus Major Degree

The Knights of Columbus is having a major degree for the District at Schulte on January 5, 2020. New candidates should be there at 10:30 a.m. with the Degree starting at 11:00 a.m.
If anyone has questions, call Eric May, Grand Knight at (316) 712-2582 or Chris Drum, District Deputy at (316) 761-7165.

SQUIRES BREAKFAST

Squires will host a breakfast on January 12 in St. Anthony's Franciscan Hall starting at 9:00 a.m. and will end at 12:00 p.m. They will be serving pancakes, eggs, sausage, fruit salad with orange juice and coffee. It will be a FREE WILL offering. Donations will go to the Squires to help with their Steubenville trip and other activities. Thanks in advance for your support.

SVdP Backpacks4Kids Food Program

There is an immediate need for volunteers for Food Packaging on January 2 from 1:00 - 3:30 p.m. Families and youth groups are welcome. Location is: 1919 E. Douglas Ave., Kansas Food Bank. For additional information call Kathy at (316) 253-1383.

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