



St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

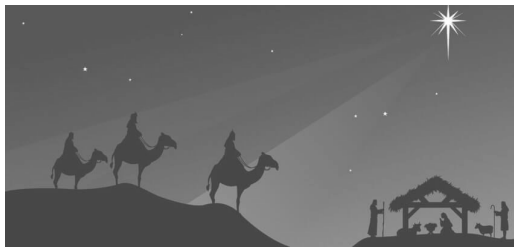
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January 2, 2022 — The Epiphany of the Lord(C)

A Message from Fr. Tom Donovan:

I will out of town for a retreat-conference this week. The office and school will be re-suming regular hours. Please be aware that some of the weekday Masses may become Communion Services, as I have not yet re-worked the schedule for substitutions as the bulletin went to press.



It has been a remarkably busy Advent and Christmas season this year, and as I tried to mention in my Christmas homily, a particular focus for this year is that there are a number of families in our parish that are in need of your prayers following the passing of loved ones during the season. Perhaps the most enduring metaphor of the Lord's presence is that of light, and it is un-

to that Light that we pray for souls of the faithful departed, that they may have eternal rest and receive a share in that light perpetually. Light is the means by which we see, and sight in the scriptures refers not only to physical sight, but especially spiritual sight.

The magi were lead by the light of a star to find the Lord. It was a light that preceded them until it remained stationary over the place where the child was (Matthew 2:9). It would seem then, that the phenomenon lasted for some time, but afterwards disappeared. This celestial behavior would be a most unusual for a star, any star, gracing our skies, as the constellations and times of coming and going for most stars appear stable for thousands and thousands of years. But there was something special about this star... something different. It was the Star of Bethlehem, for which there is some historical and scientific credibility for its appearance. But what about its behavior?

I'm not sure that we can ever adequately reconstruct the experience of the enlightenment of the minds of these astrologers, but the bottom line is that they were amazed by the sign, and saw it as a compelling reason to leave what they were doing to go and worship the One, True God. After seeing the Child and doing homage, they returned home to their studies, to their own country, and perhaps even to their own religion once again. But this moment was one of such immense importance that their lives were put on complete hold until they could make the long and treacherous journey to worship.

Each week we find ourselves drawn to worship and an encounter with Christ... not by a star or some other natural phenomenon, but by the wisdom taught by those who formed us in the Christian faith... perhaps our parents and most likely our teachers and catechists and pastors from years gone by. Worship takes us out of our element and places us on sacred ground where we say and do sacred things. And then, as the magi, we stand up and go home when the encounter is done. The star has served its purpose and its light blends back into the the constellation of all the lights in the sky. The magi were called but once for this encounter with the Lord, but we receive this call regularly—at least once a week—to come do our homage at his altar. I wonder if it is because we need so much more practice with the eyes of faith that are dimmed by the darkness of sin and, perhaps even more importantly, indifference to the things of God?

What has become heavy on my mind and heart in this year filled with funerals has been the call to 'perpetual light': "Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let *perpetual light* shine on them." There is a call for each of us that is so compelling and so inevitable when the Lord comes for each of us at the end of our lives, that the light we follow is not a passing light— one that shines for a while and returns us back to where we were beforehand. This is a light that will become our life... that will become our *only* concern... a light that will lead us to an eternal destiny, if we can only catch a glimpse it with the eyes of faith and use it to guide us through the crude distractions often found in glowing neon signs and LED screens—those lights which flood our everyday world.

We have been considering the Lord's advent, "in history, in mystery, and in glory." As we hear the story of the magi courageously following the light, may we be reminded of our own obligation and opportunity to follow the light and do worship, that when he calls, we may be ready to enjoy the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.

— Mass Times —

Saturday: 4:00, 6:30 pm
Sunday: 8:00, 10:30 am
M, Tu, Th, F: 7:30 am
W. at St. Dominic School 8:30 am
Th. at Good Samaritan 10:00 am
Holy Days: as announced
When on vacation visit: www.masstimes.org

— Sacrament of Reconciliation —

Saturday: 5:00-6:00 pm and other times by appointment

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:
Tuesday: after Mass until noon



Mass Intentions

Mon., Jan. 3, 2022

7:30 a.m. Bill Koch+

Tues., Jan. 4, 2022

7:30 a.m. Evelyn Genenbacher+

Wed., Jan. 5, 2022

-at St. Dominic School

8:30 a.m. Kay Smith+

Thurs., Jan. 6, 2022

7:30 a.m. Robert & Mary Ellen Lohman+

-at Good Samaritan:

10:00 a.m. Ray Stupavsky+

Fri., Jan. 7, 2022

4:00 p.m. Betty Maas+

Sat., Jan. 8, 2022 *The Baptism of the Lord*

4:00 p.m. Christine Gehrt Wynar+

6:30 p.m. Parish Intentions

Sun., Jan. 9, 2022

8:00 a.m. Bradley Hildebrand+

10:30 a.m. Ray Stupavsky
Living & deceased members of the Tim & Leona Mast family+

Perpetual Prayer Candle for

Special Intentions

Week of Jan. 1-7

— Parish Office Hours —

Monday-Friday
8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

St. Dominic School

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A Message from Mrs. Carol Frericks—Principal

Celebrating the Liturgical Season of Christmas with Art

This year our students celebrated the liturgical season of Christmas with art by creating an entry for the Missionary Childhood Association Christmas Artwork Contest. The contest is open to young Catholics in grades K-8. One student from each grade was selected and recognized as a finalist from our school. In addition, all of the students' artwork pieces will be submitted to the National MCA Contest. Two grand-prize winners whose artwork is chosen will be the official National Christmas card of the Pontifical Mission Societies. Contest winners will be notified in late spring 2022 and announced to Catholic media in fall 2022. All winners receive a commemorative plaque, and will be celebrated at an event in December 2022 at the Mission Mass in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield. Below, the original artwork of the Feast of the Epiphany was created by an 8th-grade student, Eva Breckenkamp.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

December 19th — January 2nd
Christmas Break No School

Monday, January 3rd
School Resumes

Tuesday, January 4th
7:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting

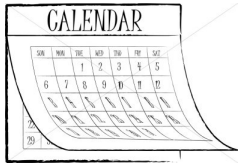
Wednesday, January 5th
8:15 a.m. Rosary
8:30 a.m. School Mass led by 7th-grade
7:00 p.m. PTO Meeting

Friday, January 7th
Second Quarter Report Cards Distributed



Upcoming Events

2022 Calendars



The 2022 Calendars are in the vestibule of church. Please feel free to take one.

Yearly Contribution Statements



If you are needing a contribution statement for 2021 from St. Anthony Church please contact the parish office, 222-5996, to request a statement. We can either mail or email your statement. These will only be printed upon request.

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— Parish Data —

PARISH CALENDAR	
<u>Monday, Jan. 3</u>	School Resumes
<u>Tuesday, Jan. 4</u> 7:00 p.m.	Parish Council Meeting
<u>Wednesday, Jan. 5</u>	
<u>Thursday, Jan. 6</u> 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Grief Share Choir Practice
<u>Friday, Jan. 7</u>	
<u>Saturday, Jan. 8</u> 4:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Mass Mass
<u>Sunday, Jan. 9</u> 8:00 a.m. 9:00-10:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Mass PSR Mass
<i>As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace (1 Pt 4:10).</i>	

WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING		
Week 26	Dec. 24/25 & 26	Total Year-to-Date
Loose Collection	\$ 3,189.00	\$ 19,899.43
Weekly & Christmas Env.	\$ 18,064.00	\$ 274,779.04
Electronic Deposits (monthly)	\$ 0.00	\$ 24,360.00
Total, Dec. 24/25/26, 2021	\$ 21,253.00	\$ 319,038.47
Budget Goal (to be recalculated soon!)	\$13,000.00	\$ 338,000.00
Difference	\$8,253.00	(\$ -18,961.53)
Counters: Monday, Jan. 3, 2022 Bill Anderson Norma Weiman Lou Ann Weills Parish Community Tithe (PCT) for July to Diocese: \$10,927.00 Parish Community Tithe (PCT) for August to Diocese: \$5318.00		
DEBT/ACCRUED DEFICITS		
Unpaid Diocesan Liabilities from FY 2018-21: (updated to reflect late payments posted at the end of FY2020-21)	ACSA 2018-19: \$13,798.24 ACSA 2019-20: \$52,302.36 ACSA 2020-21: \$58,905.82 Total: \$125,006.42	
Debt Reduction Envelopes <i>Thank you! —></i>	Cumulative, 12/26 \$13,081.00 FY 2020-21: \$39,749.00	
Parish Community Tithe (PCT) News:		
<i>We are STILL (12/29/21) waiting on our most recent statement from the Diocese which includes our most recent debt reduction payments. These numbers will be updated when the new data becomes available. Thank you for your generosity to St. Anthony Parish and St. Dominic School!</i>		

Parish Ministry Schedule - Sat.& Sun., January 8 & 9

	Saturday, 4:00 PM	Saturday, 6:30 PM	Sunday, 8:00 AM	Sunday, 10:30 AM
Key Minister/ Sacristan	Dorothy Parn		Dan Reichert	
Lector	Mary Courty	George Benz	Jim Obert	Debra Woodworth
Usher	Tom Grawe Randy Huber James Lohman Bob Maas	George Benz Jay Peter RJ Boone Dan Boone	Mike Genenbacher Gene Goerlich Jerry Grawe Anthony Haley	Frank Arnold Ken Klauser Brian Koch David McCleary
Servers	Pius IX Altar Servers	Helen Mathews Trisha Mathews	Elaina Weiman Addison Weiman	Joe Warning Calvin Breckenkamp
Greeters/ Gift Bearers	Dorothy Parn	RJ & Marilyn Boone	Leon & Kay Lentz	Dale & Jennifer Hilgenbrinck
Rosary Leader	Tawny Benz	Carolyn Waterkotte	Giny Baker	David & Janice McCleary

In charity, please remember in your prayers: All Caregivers, The Shut-Ins of our Parish, Military Members and their families, Albert Huber, Barbara Boone, Neva Nelson, Mike Hildebrand, Tanner Scranton, Florence Griesbaum, Susan Bauer, Jackie Schieferdecker, Tony Engels, Cathy Watson, Dennis Meyer, Jessica Huber, James Ponsot, Mary Gehrt, Winnie Huber, Gerald S. Maas

Also please remember in your prayers those who have died in 2021: Cheryl Whitaker, Myron Koch, Jim Freiburg, Sandy Brinkman, Ruth Deters, Margie Benz, Valmont "Bunny" Disseler, Katie Neuser, Mary Wellman, April Rohn, Kent Wellman, Nancy Brooks, Jim Holtman, Alvera Haxel, Bill Deters, Brian Vahlkamp, Bruce Prindle, James Duesterhaus, Jacob Messmer, Norman Schmelzle, Trudy Stupavsky

Nursing Care Patients

IL Veterans Home

Michael Hildebrand
Albert Huber
Paul Stupasky
Jim Ponsot

Good Samaritan Home

Bill Wellman

Barry Community Care Center

Barbara Boone

Bickford Cottages

Joanne Greving

SUNSET

Beverly Andrews

Memorial Mass pictures and candles are in the parish office for those who still need to pick them up.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of
Ken Dietrich
Eternal Rest Grant to him O Lord,
and let Perpetual Light shine on him.

PRAYER CARDS FOR SEMINARIANS:

Please take a prayer card in the back of church and pray for our seminarians.

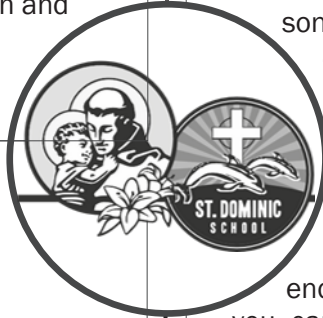


HELP NEEDED We are gearing up for the St. Anthony Picnic and are needing chairpeople. If you are interested please call the parish office 222-5996 or contact Jackie Dreyer 222-8049.



We are in need of Altar Servers! If you have a child who has made their First Communion and would like to be an Altar Server please contact the parish office either by call-

ing 222-5996 or email bulletin@stanthonypadua.org. If your child has not been trained we will set that up with Deacon Harry. If you would like to serve with your child we would be glad to put you on the schedule with them. Please encourage your child to take part in the wonderful ministry of St. Anthony Parish. This is a great way to teach your child about stewardship.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of
Melvin Maas



Eternal Rest Grant to him O Lord,
and let Perpetual Light shine on him.

Church Cleaning Schedule for Thursday January 6th, 6:00 PM "GROUP C: Jackie Dreyer, Theresa Bockhold, Joyce Hildebrand, Betty Kasparie, Dana Wittler, Carol Vogel, Lou Ann Weills, Penny Weiman & girls, Pat Steinkamp, Cindy Cramer, Julie Reichert, Julie Peter & girls, Bea Hermsmeier, Anna Benz, Anna Dixon, Yvonne Campbell, Olivia Powell, Michelle Deege, & Marilyn Boone
Thank you Ladies!

MOVING?? If you are moving please let us know in the parish office, 222-5996. Thank you.

GriefShare Starts Next Series of Sessions: St. Anthony's GriefShare begins a new round of sessions January 6th, at 6:00 PM in the Fr. Irenaeus Kimminau Parish Center.

GriefShare is a Biblically based program that helps persons who have had a love one pass away. GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside of you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. Each meeting includes a video presentation with experts and folks who have had their own losses and share their experiences. There are small group discussions where you can share or just listen and a workbook that guides you and helps you track your progress. Non-parish members are also welcome. There is no cost as GriefShare is provided at St. Anthony's by parishioners through their We Care donations. To register or for questions call the parish office, Jim Liesen at (217) 577-6664 or Deacon Harry or Cindy Cramer at (217) 224-1160.



Thank you.

JANUARY GROCERY ITEMS:

**Dish Detergent, Toilet Paper, & Laundry Detergent
The Ladies of Charity & Catholic Charities
Thank you!**

Protecting God's Children ONLINE: During the Covid-19, you have the opportunity to complete this one time training online. For more information please contact the parish office 222-5996 or email bulletin@stanthonypadua.org and we will email the instructions to you.



Safe Environment Program

TO REPORT ALLEGATIONS OF SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR BY CLERGY— EVEN IF IT IS IN THE PAST—INDIVIDUALS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CALL **THE DIOCESAN CHILD ABUSE REPORTING AND INVESTIGATION NUMBER (217)321-1155.**

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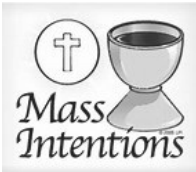


Save the Date! February 13, 2022 at 2:30 p.m. Join Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis, MO to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony on World Marriage Day!

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AUTOMATIC DONATIONS to the CHURCH

This might be a good time to consider making your monthly donation to the church through "DONATIONS". This can be done through the parish office. This is the perfect way **NOT** to forget to make that monthly contribution. The transfer is done on the last Friday of each month.



MASS INTENTIONS: If you would like to schedule a Mass for a loved one you may do so by coming in or calling the parish office. The offering is \$10 per Mass.

Diocesan Wide Pro-Life Mass and March All are invited to join in the Diocesan Wide Pro-Life Mass and March Event on Friday, January 21st in Springfield at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. The day will begin with Mass at 10:00 a.m. followed by an 11:00 a.m. march to the Illinois Capitol. Like last year, the diocese has decided to forego a trip to Washington, D.C. and focus on a local march. The Mass and march are intended for 7th-12th graders, college students, and adults. For those who are able to join us for the Mass but are unable to join us for the march, Eucharistic adoration will be going on at the Cathedral during the march. The Cathedral cafeteria will be open to groups who would like to eat a sack lunch after the march. Please note that this space is limited and will be a first come first serve basis. You will be able to indicate this option on the registration form found at www.dio.org/youthministry/mfl as well as other information.

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