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**WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**  
 St. Anthony-NT Saturday 7:30 PM  
 St. Anthony-M Sunday 8:30AM  
 St. Anthony-NT Sunday 11:00AM  
 Confession 15 minutes before Mass  
 Pastor Fr. Roger A. Synek

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# GAUDETE SUNDAY DECEMBER 17, 2017

## MASS TIME

Weekend Schedule (See Header)

### WEEKDAY SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 18 - 22

NO MASS MONDAY

St. Anthony	NT	Tues	6:00PM
St. Anthony	NT	Wed	7:00AM
St. Anthony	NT	Thu	9:00AM
St. Anthony	NT	Fri	9:00AM

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. Anthony	NT	Tues	5:00PM
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### THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM

#### (DOCUMENTARY FILM)

The Star of Bethlehem is a documentary by Frederick A. "Rick" Larson to show what he found when he searched for clues about the Star of Bethlehem. Please join in viewing this documentary on Tuesday, December 19th following Mass. There will be food served.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The\\_Star\\_of\\_Bethlehem\\_\(documentary\\_film\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Star_of_Bethlehem_(documentary_film))

**ST. ANTHONY MANDAREE**  
**CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY PARTY**  
**DECEMBER 17**  
**FOLLOWING 8:30am MASS**  
**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for December is for the elderly: That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

### SAINT ANTHONY MANDAREE

**WELCOMES YOUR HELP!**



Advent season is very short this year, therefore help is needed to decorate the church during the week of December 18-21. Thank you! If

### CCD CLASS-ST.ANTHONY NEW TOWN

December 20, 6:30pm

There will be an opportunity for children to go to Confession at 7:00pm.

### HOLY MASSES FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON



### **Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord** **Sunday, December 24th**

4:30PM Saint Anthony New Town Christmas Eve

8:30PM St. Anthony Mandaree Hymns & Songs

9:00PM Saint Anthony Mandaree Christmas Eve

### **The Nativity of the Lord** **Monday, Dec. 25th**

11:30PM St. Anthony New Town Hymns & Songs

12:00AM Midnight Mass St. Anthony New Town

### ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

★Sunday, December 17th at 9:30AM - St. Anthony, Mandaree

Sunday, December 17th at 2PM - St. John's, Minot

Sunday, December 17th at 5:30PM - St. Bridget, Parshall

Monday, December 18th at 7:00PM - Little Flower, Minot

Tuesday, December 19th at 7PM - St. Leo's, Minot

Wednesday, December 20th at 7PM - Our Lady of Grace, Minot

★Wednesday, December 20th at 7PM - St. Anthony, New Town

★Sunday, December 24th at 9:30AM - St. Anthony, Mandaree

The Act of Contrition: O my God, I heartily sorry for having offended You. And I detest all my sins because of Your just Punishment. But most of all because they offend You my God, Who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Your grace, to sin no more and avoid the near occasion of sin. Amen.

**POINSETTIAS FOR THE HOLIDAYS:** Christmas flowers (or donations for flowers) for the church may be given by parishioners in memory of deceased loved ones or in honor of the living. Plants may be brought to the church office between December 18th and 23rd. Please make sure we have your information if you wish to have your name published in the bulletin. Thank you!

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

or

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

From \_\_\_\_\_

Money donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_



**WELCOME TO ON LINE GIVING:** Our parishes online giving system lets you make your one-time, weekly, or monthly donation using your debit card, credit card or bank account. It's easy to allocate different amounts for different collections, and view complete and accurate financial records anytime. If you would like to use On Line Giving to donate to the church please go to our website. [www.saintanthonypadua.com](http://www.saintanthonypadua.com)

**WE WILL PRAY FOR YOU:** The Carmelite Sisters of Hague, ND will pray for your intentions. Mail requests to: The Carmelite Monastery, 2051 91st. SE, Hague, ND, 58542; or go on line to [www.carmeloftheholysface.com](http://www.carmeloftheholysface.com) or leave a message on the prayer line, 701-336-7907.

**HOSPITAL VISITATIONS FROM PASTORS:** Due to state regulations concerned with a person's privacy, the burden is now placed on each individual person admitted into the hospital. When admitted into the hospital, please be sure you have indicated that you are a Catholic and that you are from a specific parish. The hospital allows the pastor to only see names from a particular parish. If no parish is indicated, pastors will be unaware that you are in the hospital. Visiting the sick is one of the corporal works of mercy, a command by Jesus. By informing others of your hospitalization, you allow others to follow Christ. Take time for others and visit family and friends this season that are shut in.

**USE OF SACRAMENTS**  
**Baptism:** By appointment  
**Reconciliation:** Before or after Mass or by appointment.  
**Marriage:** Nine months notice; marriage pep required.  
**Anointing of the Sick:** Please let us know when someone is seriously ill, has a prolonged illness or is to have surgery. This sacrament celebrates the healing of mind and body and the forgiveness of sins.  
**Catholic Funeral Rites:** When a death occurs in your family, please call the Parish Office and we will assist you in making the necessary liturgical arrangements.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE**  
 The final results from the most recent 40 Days for Life prayer campaign are in! During this tremendous witness for life, 693 lives were spared from abortion and 16 abortion workers had a change of heart and quit their jobs. Throughout the 40 days 100,000 people prayed at 375 locations across 24 countries, representing 4,600 churches. [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com)

**STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY:** All of the people in today's readings – the prophet Isaiah, the Virgin Mary, St. Paul, St. John the Baptist – seemed to understand clearly and rejoice in what God was calling them to be and to do. Do I?

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT:** "Happiness lies more in giving than in receiving." (Acts 20:35) A bequest in your Will is important for the future of St. Anthony. If everyone made a gift, we would be assured of being able to continue our services to the community. Please prayerfully consider what God is asking you to give this year.

**SAVE THE DATE:** St. Anthony of Mandaree will be hosting Catholic Congress this summer, June 2 & 3.

**THE CALENDAR YEAR:** The year is coming to an end soon. "Thank you" for your participation in many different ministries and volunteer opportunities in our parish community. Thank you for your Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure in 2017. Please be aware that "all tax deductible contributions" to the parish is to be received by December 31st if it is to be included for 2017.



**POPE FRANCIS: THE MASS NEEDS SILENCE, NOT 'CHIT-CHAT:** On November 15th, Pope Francis stressed - before Mass is a time for silent prayer not 'chit-chat'. It is a common habit that we practice; chatting with people around you before Mass. This is a time for silent prayer, when we prepare our hearts for an encounter with the Lord. "It is a moment of silence for preparing ourselves for dialogue, a time for the heart to collect itself in order to prepare for the encounter with Jesus," he said, and adding that "silence is important..." When it comes to prayer, we are so busy with other things, "We lose sight of what is fundamental: our life of the heart, our spiritual life, our life of prayer with the Lord." However, Jesus surprises us in truth by loving us and calling us even in our weakness, he said, adding that just as Christ called his disciples, he also call us to him at each Mass. "This is therefore the greatest grace: to be able to experience the Mass, the Eucharist. It is the privileged moment to be with Jesus, and through Him with God and his brothers."  
*The Catholic World Report*

**WEBSITE FOR ADVENT ACTIVITIES:** [www.holyheroes.com](http://www.holyheroes.com) - Gives families many ideas to help keep the focus on Advent, during the Advent season and help your family grow spiritually.

1st Sunday Of Advent 12-03-2017		Financial Offerings		2nd Sunday Of Advent 12-10-2017		Financial Offerings	
		St. Anthony New Town	St. Anthony Mandaree			St. Anthony New Town	St. Anthony Mandaree
Parish Income Applied to Expenses	Envelopes	\$ 525.00	\$ -	Parish Income Applied to Expenses	Envelopes	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 50.00
	Loose	\$ 226.00	\$ 203.00		Loose	\$ 220.60	\$ 195.00
	Breakfast/Bin	\$ -	\$ 966.00		Vigil Candles	\$ -	\$ 56.62
	Hall Rent	\$ -	\$ 100.00		Sale of Assets	\$ 20.00	\$ -
	<b>Total</b>	\$751.00	\$1,269.00		<b>Total</b>	\$2,340.60	\$301.62
Diocesan Collections	Rel Riterment	\$ 225.00	\$ 100.00	Diocesan	Rel Retirement	\$ 331.72	\$ 45.00
Fiscal YTD	<b>Total</b>	\$52,842.41	\$30,635.12	Fiscal YTD	<b>Total</b>	\$ 55,183.01	\$ 30,936.74
YTD Need	Week 23	\$35,466.00	\$56,120.00	YTD Need	Week 24	\$37,008.00	\$58,560.00

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If you have information to be included in the bulletin, please contact Fr. Roger Synek at 627-4423 or Bobbi Shegrud @720-3998, (texting available) Bobbi.Shegrud@k12.nd.us The deadline is Thursday at noon each week.