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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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THE HOLY FAMILY DECEMBER 31, 2017

MASS TIME

Weekend Schedule (See Header)
WEEKDAY SCHEDULE

There will be no daily Mass from Tuesday, January 2 through Friday, January 12.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. Anthony NT Tues 5:00PM

CCD CLASS-ST.ANTHONY NEW TOWN

Our next schedule class is **January 10, 2018**
 Work on learning your prayers; "Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, Angel of God."



ANGEL OF GOD

Angel of God, my Guardian dear, to whom His love commits me here, ever this day (or night) be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide.

2017 CONTRIBUTION

As we approach the end of 2017 we ask that any contributions you'd like to count for 2017 be dated in 2017 and delivered to the parish by midnight December 31. For 2017 the Diocese will send out contribution documents for all its collections; separate from the report St. Anthony's will provide in January 2018 for use in preparing your taxes. Thanks you again for your financial support.

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

OLD CHRISTMAS CARDS

Please bring in your gently used Christmas cards (can be the ones you received) with photos of the Nativity or the Holy Family on the front. We will use these as art pieces in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd atriums. There will be a basket in the entry way to leave them in.



PREFERENTIAL OPTION FOR THE POOR: "We must not seek the child Jesus in the pretty figures of our Christmas cribs. We must seek Him among the undernourished children who have gone to bed at night with nothing to eat...." (Archbishop Oscar Romero)



RESPECT LIFE: We make many resolutions at the beginning of each year. Some we keep, but many are left by the wayside after only a few weeks. This year, why not make a resolution to stand by and pray daily for the women who find they are in a crisis pregnancy situation. When we pray for the women who think that abortion is their only option, we are representing the peace, mercy and joy of Christ in the darkest corners of our culture. If He comes first, then everything else will follow in proper order. prolifecorner.com



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

SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD MASS SCHEDULE - JANUARY 1, 2018

5:00 PM	Saint Anthony	New Town	December 31
8:30AM	St. Anthony	Mandaree	January 1
11:00AM	St. Anthony	New Town	January 1

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD - JANUARY 1

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. On this day, we are reminded of the role that the Blessed Virgin played in the plan of our salvation. Christ's Birth at Christmas, celebrated just a week before, was made possible by Mary's *fiat*: "Be it done unto me according to Thy word."

THE CODE OF CANON LAW STATES:

On Sundays and other holy day of obligation the faithful are bound to participate in the Mass; they are also to abstain from those labors, business, and leisure concerns which impede the worship to be rendered to God, the joy which is proper to the Lord's Day, or the proper relaxation of mind and body. (Canon 1247)



Fr. Roger will be out of the office from Tuesday, January 2 - January 12. Please continue to pray for Fr. Roger and all priests that will be on retreat in the coming week. In case of a Sacramental Emergency please call Fr. Teji Thanipilly @ the following number. (701)220-3059.

ADOPT A THREE-POINT PLAN FOR HOLINESS IN THE NEW YEAR

All Christians are called to holiness. "Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Matthew 5:48). There are three tools on which every Catholic can rely to attain greater holiness.

Daily prayer. God meets us in a very real and present way when we come to him in prayer. Start in the morning and pray throughout the day.

Weekly Mass. The Mass is a sacrifice and a meal. We receive Jesus' body and blood as real food for our souls. He said, "For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him" (John 6:55-56). That's why we call it, "Communion."

Monthly Confession. Jesus created the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation (Confession) because he knew we would stray. He also knew we would want to come back. Frequent participation in this Sacrament sharpens our sense of sin, holds us accountable for our errors, and gives us the grace to keep trying for holiness.

stjamescatholicchurch.org/news

A WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND: A private weekend away from the distractions of daily life for couples in good marriages. Give your marriage this gift. The next available weekend is Jan. 5-7 in Mandan and Feb. 2-4 in Hermantown, Minn. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information, visit ndwwme.org or contact Rob and Angie at 701-347-1998

MARRIAGE WORKSHOPS IN DICKINSON AND BISMARCK: The Diocese of Bismarck will host a marriage enrichment series entitled REFOCCUS in two locations, Bismarck and Dickinson. This series is for anyone who wants to learn more about the strength areas, as well as growth areas of their marriage. The Bismarck series will be held at Diocese's Pastoral Center beginning Monday, Jan. 8 at 7 p.m. In Dickinson, the sessions will be held at Queen of Peace Church beginning Monday, Jan. 15 at 7 p.m. The cost for the series is \$15/couple to go towards the scoring of your inventory. For more information, contact Tara Brooke at 204-7209. Register for the event at bismarckdiocese.com/refoccus

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2019: The 34th World Youth Day (WYD) will take place in Panama City, Panama, Jan. 22-27, 2019. The event will be hosted during the winter to avoid the country's rainy season, which occurs in July and August the traditional dates for WYD. The diocese's Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries will be coordinating a trip. Due to the timing of WYD 2019, the trip will only be offered to those who are 18 or older, so as not to compete with school-sponsored March for Life events, and other activities happening during this same time. The registration deadline is March 30, 2018. For more information go to www.bismarckdiocese.com/wyd

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 or leave a message on the prayer line, 701-336-7907.

NEW YEAR'S WISHES FOR YOU!: · May your hair, your teeth, your face-lift, your abs, and your stocks not fall; and may your blood pressure, your triglycerides, your cholesterol, your white blood count, and your mortgage interest not rise. · May what you see in the mirror delight you, and what others see in you delight them. · May you live in a home and a world at peace, with the awareness of the beauty in every sunset, every flower's unfolding petals, every baby's smile, and every wonderful miraculous beat of your heart. · May the Lord bless you with every joy, good health, peace and much love in 2018 (author unknown, via Rev. Dr. Karl R. Kraft, Dover, DE)

SEARCH: Search for Christian Maturity is a weekend retreat experience sponsored by the Catholic Diocese of Bismarck. The weekends are for anyone of high school or college age (at least 15 years old). Search weekends are held at the Badlands Ministries Camp just south of Medora. Upcoming weekends for 2018 are: Jan. 19-21; March 2-4; and April 20 to 22. More information can be found at www.bismarckdiocese.com/search1.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS: We humans mark time with watches and calendars. As we start a new year, perhaps it would be meaningful to enter into a conscious NOW with your beloved. As you read this, pause, find your spouse, and look at each other tenderly. Ponder the goodness of being together. Embrace.

PARENTING POINTERS: How will you celebrate the end of 2017? Gather the family and remember the joys of the year (birthdays, accomplishments, milestones) and sorrows (deaths, hurts, mistakes). End with a group hug. (Susan Vogt...www.SusanVogt.net)

FEDERAL PRIVACY REGULATION: HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act), prohibits all hospitals from informing churches of a patient's presence unless the patient gives permission for the hospital to do so. If you are admitted to a hospital and would like a member of the clergy to visit you, please notify the hospital or call the parish office.

3rd Sunday Of Advent 12-17-2017		Financial Offerings	
		St. Anthony New Town	St. Anthony Mandaree
Parish Income Applied to Expenses	Envelopes	\$ 1,255.00	\$ -
	Loose	\$ 332.00	\$ 298.00
	Donation	\$ -	\$ 500.00
	Total	\$1,687.00	\$828.00
Dio Coll	On Line Cath Char	\$ 20.00	
Non-Parish Inc not App to Exp	Vhook Cem End	\$ 300.00	
Fiscal YTD		\$ 56,945.01	\$ 31,764.74
YTD Need	Week	\$0.00	\$0.00

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY: "Whatever you do," says St. Paul to the Colossians, ". . . do it in the name of the Lord Jesus. Give thanks to God the Father through him." And so it is that we offer our gifts in the Eucharist "through Him, with Him and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit . . ."

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT: "Your light must shine before all so that they may see goodness in your acts." (Matthew 5:16) You can avoid excess taxes by giving certain appreciated securities, art or coin/stamp collections to St. Anthony. This is a very attractive and substantial way to make a memorial gift.

VOCATION VIEWS: The voice of God is first heard in the voice of a mother and father. (Sir 3:2) Make a commitment to make your home a domestic church where the Lord's call can be heard and nourished

Financial Corner: The monthly and YTD totals do not include special collections such as God's Share since that money is forwarded to the Diocese. "YTD Need" is based on slightly increased 2015-16 total expenses (less fundraiser expenses) and calculated on a weekly basis (SA-NT \$1542/wk, SA-M \$2440/wk). Thank you for your continued time, talent, and finances that you share with your parishes.

HOW WILL YOU LEAVE A LEGACY?
Your generosity during your lifetime has enabled St. Anthony to serve the people of God in this community. Continue to be part of the strength of this community by make a bequest in your Will to St. Anthony.

