

UPCOMING EVENTS IN OUR PARISH

Monday, January 13th

Adoration and Confessions—6 to 8 pm

Tuesday, January 14th

Bible Study—10:30 am

Saturday, January 18th

Men's Group—7:30 to 8:45 am

Monday, January 20th

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Mass—10 am

Parish Offices Closed

(No Adoration or Confessions)

Tuesday, January 21st

Healing Mass—7 pm

MASS INTENTIONS JANUARY 13—19

1/13	8:00 am	Rick Muffler (L) r/b Mary Ann Ullrich
1/14	8:00 am	Santiago Dacanay (D) r/b Dacanay Family
1/15	8:00 am	Lawrence Hyson (D) r/b Don and Mich Hemmer
1/16	8:00 am	Jayne Holland (D) r/b Woodburn Family
1/17	8:00 am	Catherine Dean (D) r/b Jo Tyler
	11:00 am	Steve & Sharon Wathen (L) r/b Dorothy Wathen
1/18	9:00 am	George Terrence O'Brien, Jr. (D) r/b Ladies of Charity
	4:30 pm	Dana Lord (D) r/b Jim & Eileen Kleinheinz
1/19	8:15 am	Mr. & Mrs. John Zachhuber (D) r/b Hetmanský Family
	11:15 am	Parishioners

"AND I WILL GIVE THEM REST"

Pray for the repose of the souls of all deceased members and their families.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Please pray for all members of our parish community serving our country both here and overseas.

PRAYER FOR PRIESTLY VOCATIONS

God and Father of all creation, Your Son Jesus Christ, by His passion, death and resurrection, reigns as High Priest forever.

Raise up from this parish of St. Anthony's an abundance of vocations to the priesthood; devout men who are willing to follow in the footsteps of Your own beloved Son by giving generous service to the Church as priests of the New Covenant.

Father, we ask for this grace, through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of Your Son, Jesus Christ in Whose Name we pray, for He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

Communion of the Saints

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Anthony's,

Today as I write my article, the Church is celebrating the feast of the recently canonized Saint; Brother Andre Bessette. Brother Andre was a lay brother of the Congregation of the Holy Cross. He is associated with many miraculous healings which he, himself, took no credit for, attributing them to St. Joseph. He died in 1937 and was canonized a saint of the Church by Pope Benedict XVI in October of 2010. His ministry in the congregation was that of "Porter", or door keeper. While at first inspection, you might not think this was very important, but this marvelous and simple brother turned it into a thriving ministry. In the saint's own words, he said: "When I joined this community, the superiors showed me the door, and I remained 40 years."

In our creed that we pray every Sunday, we profess; "The communion of the saints." But does this concept become real for us? One of the blessings of our Catholic faith is to be in union with those who have gone before us. But the mystical reality that they have gone before, and that they can continually be called upon to help us, is truly a blessing that we should take full advantage of. And today I did just that.

All of us know how important our friends are. To have friends is an important aspect of human life. We want and need people in our lives to share thoughts and ideas as well as love and aspirations. God gives these people we call "Saints" to us and our Church to help and inspire us to greater heights. When we see a person like Saint Andre, who was a relatively simple person attracted literally thousands of people we know that God is reaching his people.

It was said that our saint had a great devotion to Saint Joseph. I have always thought of Saint Joseph as the unsung hero of the New Testament. He is featured in the Gospel of Matthew prominently as the person who the angel is in constant contact with. Saint Andre must have known how special Saint Joseph was in the early life of Jesus. Saint Joseph never gets the main spotlight, but he is that constant presence that the young boy Jesus would lean on in hard times and difficult moments.

As we finish out the Christmas season with the Baptism of the Lord and begin living in the "Ordinary Time" of the Church year, maybe a person like Saint Andre may inspire us to strive to new heights by doing the simple things in life well. Who would have ever thought that answering a door or a phone or an email would be a cause of holiness, but in the case of Saint Andre, it was the means of great sanctity.

Peace, In Christ Jesus, Fr. Stack

FAITH FORMATION

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for hosting a wonderful breakfast last weekend! And thank you to all those who were there and helped sing "The Twelve Days of Christmas" for our Christmas and Epiphany party. It is beautiful to hear all of the children's voices, and even Fr. Stack's (lol), during this holy season of the year! **Congratulations to the winners of the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster contest:**

Grades 6-8: 1st Place Luke DeGrange, 2nd Place Casey Brabson, 3rd Place Jonas Hilker

Grades 3-5: 1st Place Donovan Stone, 2nd Place Grace Wilharm, 3rd Place Tamaya Mendoza

PreK—2: 1st Place Olivia Mooney, 2nd Place Elizabeth DeGrange and 3rd Place Sofia Gallo

Thank you to all who participated and shared your time and talent with our parish.

Please pray for our Confirmation students as they are formally enrolled in the final phase of the Confirmation Preparation Program:

Paige Bendle	Courtney Harding
Christian Brooke	Benjamin Hilker
Payton Campbell	Megan Krukar
Alyssa Dolina	Kailani Lumho
Lillian Duckett	Quinn Maloit
Aidan Ford	Camryn Mendez
Marianna Galarza	Gianna Porfiri
Giovanni Gomez	Andrew Weilmuenster
Katherine Greene	

LIFE TEEN

There is **NO Life Teen on Saturday, January 25th** because we will be resting after our day in DC for the March for Life — please see details below

Please join us on **Friday, January 24th** for the Youth Rally and Mass at the Capital one Arena in Washington DC! Doors open at 6:15 am so our bus will leave St. Anthony's at 5:30 am. **You need a ticket to attend, so please contact Mary Beth ASAP to reserve your seat on the bus.** Deadline to order tickets is this weekend, January 12th. The Youth Rally and Mass for Life occurs each year in conjunction with the annual National March For Life held on (or near) the anniversary of the 1973 Roe v. Wade court decision making abortion legal in this country. This year, St Anthony's will be hosting two youth groups from Michigan, Our Lady of the Lakes and Brother Rice High Schools, and we will be helping welcome them to our parish after the March. Please plan to stay on Friday night to help serve dinner and meet our friends from Michigan!

Birthday of Prince Frederick was very appreciative of our donations from "Mary's" baby shower: "Dear St. Anthony's Youth, Thank you very much for all your donations. You all rock 4 God!"

HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

The Maryland State Council of the Knights of Columbus are offering several 4 year High School Scholarships to Catholic School students who are residents of Maryland. Applications must be submitted by February 1st, 2020 and can be requested by emailing gkcouncil7870@comcast.net.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Vicki Baxter, John Bell, Sam "Bo" Bradley, Florence, Dominic Brady, Jack Bragger, Jeff Carr, Jane Carrello, Bill Carroll, Mary Chin, Helga Cuevas, Luis Cuevas, Elaine Cunnane, Jean Davis, Sig Degitz, Gavin DiBitetto, Dominic Di Iorio, Jo Finch, Anthony Fowler, Jace Fowler, Taylan Fowler, Aaron Fortney, Cathy Giancoli, Noah Christopher Haas, Anna Halterman, Marie Heaton, Maslynn Holmes, Cory Honoker, Carolyn Humerick, Roza Ivanac, Lindsey Jay, Kayla Johnston, Shirley Kallal, William Kallal, Jim Kleinheinz, Richard Knupp, June Kretzing, Brian Lloyd, Donna Lynch, Anne Marie Mako, Josephine Martin, Mark Mann, Catherine Mathiesen, Kelly McCarley, Josephine McWhorter, Jennifer Melanab, Margie Edwards Morgan, Sarah Olsen, Doris Pettko, Darley Phillips, Payton Phillips, Babies Ace and Troy Remer, Jonathan Rieger, Carolyn Ritch, Grayson David Rodriguez, Wayne Romanek, Geri Rosen, Kristy Salek, Infant Brandon Simonds, Jr., Richard Swann, Bunny Tate, Marc Timms, Carolyn Vargas, Susan Vilcheck, Pat Waak, Chelsea Whittington, Shannon Wink, Sue White.

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Offertory and Donations

January 4 / 5—\$9,096.44
Solemnity of Mary—\$3,419.88

Offertory envelopes for 2020 are available outside of Padua Hall for those who receive them.

Next Weeks Readings

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time: January 19th

First Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Gospel: John 1:29-34



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12:30—2:30 PM

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