

# Welcome to the Catholic Parishes of:

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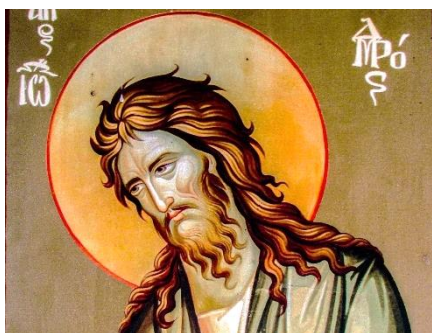
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## **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Our Lady of Fatima First Saturday Devotions:**

8am Adoration, Rosary, Confessions

9:00am Mass, enrollment of scapular afterward

*Next First Saturday Event: January 6<sup>th</sup>*

***“Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks”***

### **WEEKDAY MASSES**

#### **St. Anthony**

Tuesday at 5:30pm  
Wednesday at 5:30pm  
Thursday at 5:30pm

#### **St. Margaret**

Friday at 9:00am

### **WEEKEND MASSES**

#### **St. Margaret**

Saturday at 4:00pm

#### **St. Anthony**

Sunday at 9:00am

#### **Sacred Heart**

Sunday at 11:30am

### **CONFESSIONS**

Half hour before Mass

### **ADORATION:**

One hour before all  
weekday Masses

## ***Nine Week Novena for our new priest***

**Week of Dec 16-22:** Holy Spirit, we bring to You all young men discerning a vocation to the priesthood, especially those who will eventually serve in our parishes. May they hear Your call and give consent to a life of generous service to You and Your people. Give them the graces necessary to commit to the path you have put on their heart to travel. We thank you for the vocational call of all the priests who have served or will serve in our parishes.

**Calendar of Events & Mass Intentions:**

**Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> – Week 3 on Novena**

4pm Mass St. Margaret, Int: For the people

**Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**

8am *Lectio Divina* (room off RE office) all invited!

9am Mass St. Anthony, Int: Sandy Gunville

10am DECORATE FOR CHRISTMAS

10am Rehearsal for Christmas Pageant

10am RE class for boys in grade 4<sup>th</sup>- 7<sup>th</sup>

11:30am Mass SH, Int: Bonnie Mackin

**Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**

8:00am Catholic Home School

4:30pm St. Anthony Adoration,

4:45pm Liturgy of the Hours, 5pm confession

5:30pm Mass St. Anthony Int:

**Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>**

4:30pm St. Anthony Adoration,

4:45pm Liturgy of the Hours, 5pm confession

5:30pm Mass St. Anthony Int:

NO RE classes – see you Jan 10<sup>th</sup>!

**Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>**

4:30pm St. Anthony Adoration,

4:45pm Liturgy of the Hours, 5pm confession

5:30pm Mass St. Anthony Int: Bob Beauchamp

**Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>**

9:00am Mass St. Margaret, Int: Alice Kristoff

**Saturday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> – Week 4 on Novena**

4pm Mass St. Margaret, Int: Mary Ellen Dixon

**Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent**

9am Mass St. Anthony, Int: For the people

11:30am Mass SH, Int: Colin Mackin

**Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve**

3:30pm Christmas Pageant at St. Anthony

4:00pm St. A. Christmas Eve Mass:

7:00pm Sacred Heart Christmas Eve Mass:

**Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Day**

9:00am St. M Christmas Mass: Tom Linsmeyer

*Confession ½ hour before Masses (except Christmas)*

**Please pray for those in need of prayer.**

Roberta Vondall, Jimmy Farrington, Donna Moreau, Mike Michaud, Kim Geib, Kadyance M. Gilbert, June Anderson, Nick DalSanto, Mary Stewart, Blake Fleury, Mark Endres, John Geib, Jeff, Peter N., Lucinda Simone, Diane Rock, David Rock Sr., Geri Scheidt, Jeremy and Paula Conery, Dave Holmes, Nathan Glime & family, Elias Zarate, Riley Lestrud, Elijah, Duke family, Neil Anderson, Christopher Schoon, Jenna Erno, Dan Wetzel, Eric Frantz, Ellie Mae, Keri Rugg, Steve Keeley, Debbie & Joe, Debbie Ziebert, Kelly Jean Rose-Lehto, Trish Gardiner, Robin Rugg, June Uren, Marcie & Jim Crandall, Dick Doucette, Bonnie Nowland, Tom Balthazor, Jana Wood, Kathy Martin, Connor Wallace, Bob Butler, Robert Walters, Jody Wall, Roger Karban, Dan Hughes, Eric Kellings, Barb Schultz, Jim Brennan, Al Swanson

**Nursing home:** Terry and Cheri Sweig

**Please keep our soldiers in your prayers:** Adam Valeski, Sarah Mills, David Phillips, Emily Phillips, Drew Schiefelbein, Benjamin Oratch

*Please call Rose Bousley for intention 715-251-3249*

**Personnel**

Pastor (Temporary Administrator): Fr. Felix Abano, Jr.

Accountant: Cain Accounting

Secretary & RE Coord: Dawn Johnson, 715-251-1773

RE Assistant: Donna Henrichs

St A Maintenance: Randy Pilon, 920-850-6998

St A Janitor Hall/Parish Center: Veronica Church

St Margaret Secretary: Tricia Kuhns & Pam Vross

St Margaret Maintenance: Charles Kuhns

St Margaret Trustees: Andy VandenBush & Ed Nowland

Sacred Heart Trustees: Jim Carncross & Pat Schaut

St Anthony Trustees: Tony Noska & Judy Parent

**GROUP MINISTRIES**

•Karen's Pantry Contact Donna or Teresa: 906.239.4662

•Prayer Shawl Ministry –1st Wednesday at 10am 2<sup>nd</sup> floor in SVdP room. Call Cindy Pilon 920.851.7316

•SACCW –President Laura Brinkman 906.869.8868  
next mtg: January

•K of Columbus –2nd Tues of month @ 5:30pm in hall  
Christmas Party Saturday, Dec 9 at St. Anthony hall

•Finance Council – next mtg: January 17<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm

•Pastoral Council - next mtg: after Mass

**Candle Intentions:**

St. Anthony: Infant Prague – Special Intention

St. Margaret: Sanctuary – Jerry Neuman

Blessed Virgin - Mary Wnuk

St. Joseph -Beth and Andrew

Infant of Prague -- Beth and Andrew

**Saint Anthony of Padua Giving 12/3 & 12/10**

Collection: \$2,176 and \$3,890

**Saint Margaret of Scotland Giving 12/9**

Collection: \$810

**Sacred Heart of Jesus Giving 12/3 & 12/10**

Collection: See next week's bulletin

**Council's Corner:**

- Our next First Saturday is January 6<sup>th</sup> starting at 8am and then Mass at 9:00am. This devotion was requested by our Lady to the Fatima children as she told them:

“those who for five months, on the first Saturdays, go to confession, receive Communion, say five decades of the Rosary and keep me company for 15 minutes meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary, with the purpose of making reparation to Me, I promise to assist them at the hour of death with all the graces necessary for the salvation of their souls.” Our Lady, December 10, 1925

**Pastoral Letter: *Encountering Jesus in the Eucharist: Disciples Called to Worship***  
by Bishop Ricken

Part VII — Sent Forth as Disciples on Mission

### **The Inestimable Role of the Holy Spirit in the Sacred Liturgy**

A couple years ago, the bishops of Region VII (Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin) and I had a chance to meet personally with Pope Francis. During our time together, I shared with him the progress we are making in our effort to build a culture of missionary discipleship. He encouraged me (and us) to “lean into the Holy Spirit,” listening for where the Spirit is guiding us. He also said that we need to remember it is not so much that we bring the Holy Spirit to others; the Holy Spirit is already there. We simply help the people realize how close God is to them already and help them respond to God’s love. I remember how powerful his words felt at the time.

There are challenges ahead my dear brothers and sisters in Christ, but we should never forget that 2,000 years later the Holy Spirit is right here with us, in the constant love of Jesus. What a great comfort it is, knowing that the Holy Spirit is guiding us. In fact, there are many people of advanced wisdom and experience in the spiritual realm who believe that we are in a similar place as that of those early followers. We are being poised by Divine Providence for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit — one that calls each of us to a deeper repentance of sin, one that will illuminate our minds and transform our hearts with the “fire of Divine Love” and compel us forward to witness to others the power of God in our lives.

I pray this is true! (pg. 41)

### **Weekly Bible Reading for Mass:**

**Sun the 17th:** Psalter III, Advent Week 3.

Gaudete Sunday: Isa 61:1-11; Luke 1:46-54; 1 Thess 5:16-24; John 1:6-28

**Mon the 18th:** Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-19; Matt 1:18-24

**Tue the 19th:** Judg 13:1-25; Ps 71:3-17; Luke 1:5-25

**Wed the 20th:** Isa 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Luke 1:26-38

**Thu the 21st:** Peter Canisius, priest and doctor

Sng 2:8-14 or Zeph 3:14-18; Ps 33:1-21; Lk 1:39-45

**Fri the 22nd:** 1 Sam 1:24-28; 1 Sam 2:1-8; Lk 1:46-56

**Sat the 23rd:** John of Kanty, priest

Mal 3:1-4:6; Ps 25:4-14; Luke 1:57-66

**NOVENA** – Please join us in a 9-week novena as our parishes await the next priest to be assigned July 1<sup>st</sup>. (See first page for this week’s prayer)

children's  
program



**Calling all youngsters** – there will be a Christmas Pageant rehearsal after Mass. If you are not able to come but would still like to participate, please call Shelby at (906)221-7788 or Christine at (619)200-0787.

Sunday, DECEMBER 17<sup>th</sup> please stay after Mass to help decorate for CHRISTMAS.

We need all the help we can get!



**The Envelopes for St. Margaret's for 2024 are available in the lobby**

**Shawl Ministry:** If you know anyone in need of a prayer shawl, please contact Cindy Pilon.

**Thank you** to Home Depot for donating the outside nativity scene to St. Anthony Parish!

The Food pantry is in need of paper bags to distribute food. Please donate what you have lying about.

**THANK YOU!!** SACCW would like to thank everyone who supported our recent Pie Sale. 100% of the proceeds (\$545) were donated back to St. Anthony to be used specifically for utilities (heating bill).

**Loving  
Memory of:  
Pat Recla**



**Deceased Members of the  
Brinkman Family**

In Loving Memory  
of: Phyllis Willis



“Praying for the souls in purgatory is the  
highest act of supernatural charity”  
~ St. Pope John Paul II



**December Devotion: The Immaculate Conception of Mary**

From all eternity God planned for Mary to be His Mother. She is saved from Original Sin because the merits of Jesus’ redemptive work is given to her before she is even born, at the moment her parents conceived her. Mary is the Ark of the New Covenant. The great honor given to Mary speaks of God’s holiness and His mercy. Everything the Church teaches about Mary speaks even more about who God is than it does about Mary.

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Memory of  
Jim Merritt**



In Memory of the  
Deceased Members of the  
**Kadulski Family**



“Who will teach me what  
is most pleasing to God,  
that I may do it?”  
St. Katera Tekakwitha

In Loving Memory of  
**Jim & Mary  
Parent**

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Frank & Charleen  
Frantz*



**AA Serenity Group**  
Wednesday 7:30pm at  
St. Margaret Parish  
Call Don 715-929-0011

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loved one here...