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**March 17, 2024**

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Rev. Sleeva Raju Kala, O.S.F.S.

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## Masses

Sunday .....9:00, 11:00 am & 5:00 pm

Monday - Friday .....6:45 am

Saturday.....6:45 am & 5:00 pm

Holidays & Holy Days.....Consult the bulletin

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday.....4:00 - 4:45 pm

*Any time by appointment at the rectory.*

For guidance with respect to Baptisms and weddings, please contact the rectory at 302-421-3700 / parish@stanthonynet.org.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Weddings must be booked at least one year in advance of planned wedding date.

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# FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 17, 2024



<b>Monday,</b> 6:45 AM	<b>3/18</b> CHRISTY & PHYLLIS EPISCOPO	CHILDREN
<b>Tuesday,</b> 6:45 AM	<b>3/19</b> ROBERT FLOYD	WIFE & FAMILY
<b>Wednesday,</b> 6:45 AM	<b>3/20</b> THOMAS FIDANCE	MARIE FIDANCE FAMILY
<b>Thursday,</b> 6:45 AM	<b>3/21</b> THOMAS FIDANCE	WIFE MARIE & DAUGHTERS
<b>Friday,</b> 6:45 AM	<b>3/22</b>	
<b>Saturday,</b> 6:45 AM 5:00 PM	<b>3/23</b> NEVIO A. MARINI, JR. PARISHIONERS	FAMILY
<b>Sunday,</b> 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	<b>3/24</b> CAROL CIOTTI PRZYCHODZIEN SALVATORE & REGINA CAMPESE	HUSBAND FAMILY



## Next Sunday's Readings

### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading:

Isaiah 50:4-7

### Responsorial Psalm:

Psalms 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:

Philippians 2:6-11

### Gospel:

Mark 14:1--15:47

## "God's Plan for Giving"

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 03/03/24

TOTAL OFFERTORY COLLECTION:	\$11,252.00
Avg. Collection Last Fiscal Year:	\$ 7,973.28
Actual vs. Last F/Y:	+\$3,278.72
Percent Difference This Week:	+ 41.1%
Total Difference Fiscal Year to Date:	+\$17,878.59

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 03/10/24

TOTAL OFFERTORY COLLECTION:	\$ 8,293.00
Avg. Collection Last Fiscal Year:	\$ 7,973.28
Actual vs. Last F/Y:	+\$ 319.72
Percent Difference This Week:	+ 4.0%
Total Difference Fiscal Year to Date:	+\$18,198.31

*Thank you for your sacrifice of tithing!*



In today's Gospel, we experience the confident faith of Martha and Mary in Jesus as He brings back to life their brother Lazarus. St. Francis de Sales notes:

If our faith in the power of Our Savior has the confidence of Mary and Martha, it can bring life to us. It is in Him and from Him we expect all our help.

Our confession of faith is an act to willingly love God and all the things of God. Our hearts find God at the fountain of faith. When God gives us faith, God enters into us and speaks to our minds through inspirations. The first thing God does to our hearts is to arouse them to their own goodness. God sees us in our misery, and if we are willing, God rescues us from that misery. Faith is the best friend of our spirit. It has us love truth.

Faith prompts the beginning of love that the heart feels for the things of God. Faith sees that God is gentle with us, and constantly fills us with goodness. Faith sees that God's eternal love arouses compassion rather than justice. God, by way of inspiration, leads us from love to love, as from dwelling to dwelling, until we are brought into most holy love. Divine love makes our faith come alive. Faith united to sacred love yields the fruit of good works. By His works, Jesus gives us every kind of proof of His love for us.

In raising Lazarus from the dead, our dear Master shows us that all His works are done through His goodness alone. He also made of Himself our food in the Eucharist. And did He not make the greatest possible act of love by dying on a cross, where He proved that love was stronger than death? Can we not confidently trust our faithful Servant and love the things that He loves? Our Savior's watch over you is greater than your weaknesses. Live your faith joyously then in holy love as Martha and Mary did. Like Lazarus, God will work wonders in you, and enliven your faith with eternal life.

*The Oblates*

**"Do not desire to be what you are;  
desire to be very well what you are."**

*St. Francis de Sales*

We welcome the recently Baptized:

**Olivia Rose Kolodgie**

**Charles Rein**



In your charity, please pray for

**Robert Julian**

and all the deceased of St. Anthony's.

## Your Prayers and Support Requested

Eve Archangelo	Allison Auld	Toni Bricker
Buzzy Cooke	Michael John D'Alto	Luci Deputy
Joe Formisano	Tara Fridley	Christopher Ganey
Rudy Husfelt	Lynn McElroy	Eva Meriggi
Gay Meriggi	Samuel Mirabella	Wayne Norris
Cindy O'Neil	Dolores O'Neill	Kelly Panella
Marlene Papillo	LeVon Peterson	Louis Petrulo
Fr. Francis J. Pileggi	Keith Preston	Valerie Preston
Joseph Setting, III	Pat Sianni	Alexandra Sparco
Marie Stecko	Marie White	

*...and all the sick of St. Anthony's Parish.*



Listen to Catholic Forum each week. Next week, we explore the Sacrament of Penance with Pastor, Rector, Chancellor and Judicial Vicar, Father Joseph McQuaide, as we prepare for Reconciliation Monday on March 25th. The Catholic Forum podcast on Apple, Spotify, iHeartRadio, Amazon Music podcasts and YouTube.com/DiocesefofWilm debuts every Wednesday at 12:00 p.m.; and on Relevant Radio 640 every Saturday afternoons at 1:30. More information is available at [cdow.org/CatholicForum](http://cdow.org/CatholicForum) and FaceBook.com/CatholicForum.

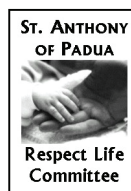
## Sodality

The Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality is a faith-based women's organization that honors the Blessed Mother and leads initiatives to support the St. Anthony of Padua Parish. Sodality Communion Sunday is held every third Sunday of the month from September through May (except December). The office of the Blessed Mother is recited at 8:40 a.m. followed by 9:00 a.m. Mass. Monthly Meetings are held in the Ballad Room promptly after Mass. All women 14 years of age and over are welcome to attend. If you have any questions, please email [BVMSodality@stanthony.net](mailto:BVMSodality@stanthony.net), or contact Tina Madanat, President, at 302-547-1582.

## Padre Pio Mini Retreat

Immaculate Heart of Mary is hosting a MINI RETREAT on PADRE PIO! Please join us for an informational session AND hear up-close and personal experiences by Father John Aurilia O.F.M., PhD, Tuesday, April 16, 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon, IHM Church, 4701 Weldin Road, Wilmington. Fr. John was the secretary to Saint Padre Pio in 1967 and he will share his remarkable experiences with Saint Pio. For questions, contact Rita McDowell at [mcdowell@ihm.org](mailto:mcdowell@ihm.org) or 302-438-9739. To register, contact Lisa Krueger at [lkrueger@ihm.org](mailto:lkrueger@ihm.org) or 302-762-5550.

## Respect Life



"When life and family are not treasured and preserved in a society, collapse on all fronts is inevitable."

Fr. Richard Welch, CSSR, JCD  
President of Human Life International

## LENTEN GUIDELINES

### Penitential Fast and Abstinence

The current discipline of penance for the United States, in addition to the general character of the Lenten season may thus be summed up:

- **Ash Wednesday (Feb. 14th) and Good Friday (March 29th) are days of abstinence from meat and also days of fast**, that is, limited to a single full meal. With regard to Good Friday, the teaching of the Second Vatican Council should be recalled: "Let the paschal fast be kept sacred. Let it be celebrated everywhere on Good Friday and, where possible, prolonged throughout Holy Saturday, so that the joys of the Sunday of the Resurrection may be attained with uplifted and clear mind" (Constitution on the Liturgy, no. 110).

- The other **Fridays of the season of Lent are days of abstinence from meat.**

- **The Fridays of the year outside Lent remain days of penance**, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial or personal penance: this may be physical mortification or temperance or acts of religion, charity, or Christian witness.

- **All those who are fourteen years old and older are bound to the law of abstinence. The law of fast binds all who are eighteen years old and not yet fifty-nine years old.**



Our third annual Reconciliation Monday will take place on Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup> from 3 until 8 p.m. Not only will we have confession here in our church during that time, but all parishes in the diocese will be holding confessions. So if it is more convenient for you to go to another church closer to work, feel free to do so. Please invite those friends and family members who have been away from the Sacraments to take advantage of this opportunity. Visit [cdow.org/ReconciliationMonday](http://cdow.org/ReconciliationMonday) for more information.



## Parish Calendar

### Wednesday

6:00 PM, Padua Junior  
Ring Mass

### Friday

7:30 PM, Via Crucis

### Saturday

9:00 AM to 5:15 PM, CYM  
Pilgrimage

Monday, Mar. 18

through

Sunday, Mar. 24

*(All events listed in the  
Parish Calendar are  
in church unless  
otherwise noted.)*

## Grade School Calendar



## Help Wanted

F/T and P/T positions available immediately for Lead Teachers in our Early Learning Center at St. Anthony's Community Center. TECE 1 and/or 2 required or Early Childhood Education credits. Salary: From \$18/hr and pay commensurate with education & experience Health, Dental, Vision, Life, & paid time off among benefits available. If interested: stacc@comcast.net or 302-421-3721.

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2024



**Sacrament of Penance**

**Saturday, March 23**

3:45 to 4:45 PM

**No Confessions on Holy Saturday, March 30**

**Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**

**Saturday, March 23**

Blessing of Palm and Procession

at 5:00 PM Mass

**Sunday, March 24**

Masses: 9:00, & 11:00 AM, 5:00 PM

9:00 Mass livestreamed

**Holy Week: March 25, 26, 27**

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday**

Daily Masses: 6:45 AM

**Holy Thursday, March 28**

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:00 PM

Adoration at the Altar of Repose until 10:00 PM

7:00 Mass livestreamed

**Good Friday, March 29**

Church open for prayer & reflection:

12:00 Noon through Lord's Passion

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion: 3:00 PM

3:00 Liturgy livestreamed

**Holy Saturday, March 30**

Solemn Easter Vigil: 7:30 PM

Livestreamed

**Easter Sunday, March 31**

Masses: 9:00, & 11:00 AM, 5:00 PM

9:00 Mass livestreamed.

## Easter Flowers Memorials



Once again, we are presenting our Easter Flowers program. This effort helps to fund the Easter Flower church decorations. As in years past, we ask \$15.00 per memorial. Send your memorials marked "Easter Flowers" to the rectory **no later than Friday,**

**March 22nd.** A booklet listing all the memorials will be available in church in the weeks following Easter.

## Eucharistic Encounter Weekend

St. Elizabeth Parish and School are honored to host the Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit, collected and designed by +Blessed Carlo Acutis, from Friday, March 22 through Sunday, March 24. It contains extensive images and historical descriptions of Eucharistic Miracles recognized by the Catholic Church. Enjoy a self-guided tour of these miracles, on loan from Malvern Retreat House. The presentation, created by +Blessed Carlo, will be displayed in Msgr. Grant Hall at St. Elizabeth Church. Throughout the exhibition, there will be the opportunity to venerate a first-class relic of +Blessed Carlo Acutis and St. Benedict. For updates about the event, the full schedule and video, please visit <https://steparish.org/>. Please call 302-353-0480 with any questions. For information about +Blessed Carlo and his cause for canonization, visit [carloacutis-en.org](http://carloacutis-en.org)

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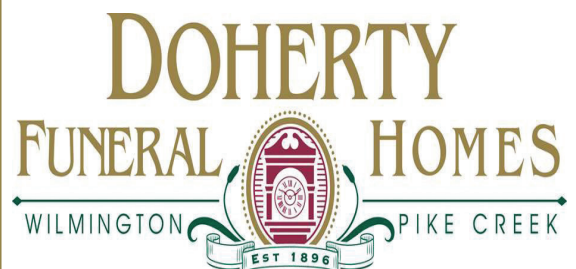
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