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March 24, 2024

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Oblate in Residence

Rev. Francis J. Rinaldi, O.S.F.S.



Masses

Sunday9:00, 11:00 am & 5:00 pm

Monday - Friday6:45 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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Registration: New parishioners are requested to contact the rectory and schedule an appointment with the Parish Secretary.

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PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 24, 2024



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| Monday, 6:45 AM | 3/25 | |
| Tuesday, 6:45 AM | 3/26 | FRANCIS GRUGAN IRENE & EMILY GRUGAN |
| Wednesday, 6:45 AM | 3/27 | |
| Thursday, 7:00 PM | 3/28 HOLY THURSDAY | MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER |
| Friday, 3:00 PM | 3/29 GOOD FRIDAY | LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION |
| Saturday, 7:30 PM | 3/30 EASTER VIGIL | VIGIL OF EASTER |
| Sunday, 9:00 AM 11:00 AM | 3/31 Easter Sunday | CAROL CIOTTI PRZYCHODZIEN HUSBAND SAM & ANNIE ROSSITTO HOPE NAWROCKI FAMILY |



Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading:

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalms 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

2nd Reading:

Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel:

John 20:1-9

"God's Plan for Giving"

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 03/17/24

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| TOTAL OFFERTORY COLLECTION: | \$ 8,631.92 |
| Avg. Collection Last Fiscal Year: | \$ 7,973.28 |
| Actual vs. Last F/Y: | +\$ 658.64 |
| Percent Difference This Week: | + 8.3% |
| Total Difference Fiscal Year to Date: | +\$18,856.95 |

Thank you for your sacrifice of tithing!



In today's readings we experience Jesus, as the suffering servant who brings God's love to the human family. St. Francis de Sales reminds us that we are called to be like Jesus:

The most powerful reason for Jesus' death is to fill the human spirit with God's love. Out of death has come life, the wondrous paradox, which the world does not understand. Jesus not only died a cruel death to bring God's love to us, but He also suffered fear, terror, abandonment, and inner depression such as never had and never shall have an equal. He did this so that we too may persevere in pursuing divine love.

Jesus' human feelings left his entire heart exposed to sorrow and anguish. For this reason he cries out: "My God, why have you forsaken me?" Mount Calvary is the mount of lovers. All love that does not take its origins from the Savior's passion is foolish and perilous. On Calvary, we cannot have life without love. Nor can we have divine love without dying to our false loves. Christian wisdom consists in choosing rightly. Hence we ought to consecrate every moment of our lives to the eternal divine love of Our Savior's death. This means we need to empty ourselves of all other loves that are destroying us so that we may be filled with God's eternal love that gives life!

So when injured by others, look often with your inward eyes on Christ Jesus, crucified, forsaken and overwhelmed, by every kind of anguish. Then think of the many people who are incomparably more afflicted than you are and say: "Are not my hardships roses in comparison with those, who without help, assistance, or relief live a continual death under the burden of afflictions infinitely greater than mine? When all things fail us, when our distress is at its height, say the final words of Jesus on the cross: "Into Your hands I commend my spirit."

The Oblates

"We accuse our neighbor for so little, and we excuse ourselves for so much."

St. Francis de Sales

We welcome the recently Baptized:

Connor Matthew Mulligan



In your charity, please pray for
John P. Sparco
and all the deceased of St. Anthony's.

Your Prayers and Support Requested

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| 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 |
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| Joseph Setting, III | Pat Sianni | Alexandra Sparco |
| Marie Stecko | Marie White | |

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



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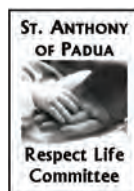
Sodality

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, 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 or 302-438-9739. To register, contact Lisa Krueger at lkrueger@ihm.org or 302-762-5550.

Respect Life



"The real question today is not when human life begins, but what is the value of human life?"

Ronald Reagan



Our third annual Reconciliation Monday will take place on Monday, March 25th 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 for more information.



St. Anthony's is proud to celebrate a century of ministry and service, commemorating the selfless dedication of so many who labored to create the parish we love and cherish today. We will mark our centennial over the year ahead with fun and memorable events. This milestone moment is even more special as we also celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Italian Festival and the 70th anniversary of St. Anthony of Padua Grade School and Padua Academy! Stay tuned for details on our upcoming festivities as we honor our legacy and work together in forging the future as we begin our second century!

Divine Mercy Chaplet

In observance of Divine Mercy Sunday on April 7th, the Knights of Columbus will lead this seven minute prayer following the Communion Prayer at all Masses on the weekend of April 6th & 7th. The observance this special day was instituted by St. John Paul II.

Parish Calendar

Monday

3:00 – 8:00 PM, Reconciliation

Holy Thursday through Easter Sunday

Consult the Holy Week

Schedule on this page.



Monday, Mar. 25

through

Sunday, Mar. 31

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

Grade School Calendar

Wednesday

1:30 PM, Living Stations of

The Cross

School closed Thursday, March 28th through Friday April 5th for Easter Holiday.

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.

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

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

Via Crucis 7:30 PM; in-church procession following

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

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