

December 20th—Fourth Sunday of Advent

WELCOME

ST. ANTHONY CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIOCESAN SHRINE of OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL & DIVINE MERCY

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Mass

Sat. 8:30am & 4:00pm—Vigil

Sun. 8:00am English in the Church, 8:00am Spanish in the Parish Hall, 9:30am English, 11:00am (Solemn Mass with Incense), 1:00pm Spanish in the Church, 5:00pm Latin (EF)

Online Mass is available:

11:00am English & 1:00pm Spanish

Go to: STANTHONYDSM.ORG

Weekday Mass

Mon. — Fri. 8:30am English

Tues. — Fri. 7:00pm Spanish

Eucharistic Adoration: Located in the Adoration Chapel

9:15am Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 8:00pm.

Welcome to St. Anthony Church!! If you are new to our faith community and are interested in becoming a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church, please go online to StAnthonyDSM.org to fill out a "New Member Form."

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation: (Confession) Saturdays 9am, or by appointment and Sundays 12:30pm — 1:00pm in Spanish.

Baptism: Baptism is conferred by appointment on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month. At least one parent must be registered and a practicing member of the parish. Parents are requested to call the office (244-4709) to register for the pre-baptism class and date for baptism. Baptism in the Latin Rite, Ext. Form will be done on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at 4:00pm by appointment.

Marriage: At least one of the parties must be registered and a practicing member of the parish. Please contact the office at least 8 months prior to the proposed date of the wedding.

Funeral: Please contact a funeral home and they will notify the parish office.

PARISH OFFICE

Hours: 8am—4pm Monday—Thursday & 8am—12pm Fridays.

Phone: 515.244.4709

Address: 15 Indianola Rd., Des Moines, IA 50315



Our new Statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe



Monsignor Frank Chido, Pastor

Join Monsignor's YouTube channel for Heart Journey videos and Sunday homilies.



**Fr. Guthrie Dolan,
Parochial Vicar**



**Fr Jose Reynaldo,
Chaplain of
Hispanic Community**

DEACONS

Rev. Mr. Tom Hunkele

Rev. Mr. Frank Lopez

Rev. Mr. Tony Romeo

Rev. Mr. Thomas Starbuck

Rev. Mr. Quan Tong

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MASS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Mass can be viewed online at StAnthonyDSM.org.
See the Mass schedule on the front cover of this bulletin.

Monday, December 21st

8:30am—+William Thomas Hines, Jerry Watters

Tuesday, December 22nd

8:30am—+Mr & Mrs B.D Joseph, Mary Lamotta

9:15am—Adoration in the Chapel

7:00pm—+Vicente Cuevas

8:00pm—Benediction of the Blessed Sacraments

Wednesday, December 23rd

8:30am—+Joe & Mary Soda & Charles & Florence

Grant, George & Mary Lamotta

9:15am—Adoration in the Chapel

7:00pm—Rosalina Cuevas

8:00pm—Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, December 24th

9:15am—Adoration in the Chapel

4:00pm— All St Anthony Parishioners (Church)

4:00pm—+Deceased mmb of Dolan Family (Parish Hall)

8:00pm—+ Chiodo Cardamone Families

Friday, December 25th

8:00am—+Wilbur & Kathleen Dolan

9:30am Latin—+ Special Intention of the Celebrant

11:00am—+Lester & Regina Clark

1:00pm Spanish—+Gloria del Carmen Rivas

Saturday, December 26th

8:30am—+Ralph Leto Sr

4:00pm—+James, Jessie, Francis Sarcone

Sunday, December 27th

8:00am English—+St Anthony Parishioners (Church)

8:00am Spanish—+Teresa de Jesus Rivas (Parish Hall)

9:30am—+For an end to ab. respect for all human life

*11:00am—+Peter & Ascension Vito

1:00pm—+Jose Domingo Perez

5:00pm—+Raedeene Compagno

+ Mass Intention

* Incense

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF Dec. 20—Dec. 27

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/
Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

Monday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk
1:57-66

Thursday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk
1:67-79

Friday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt
1:1-25 or 1:18-25. Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/
Lk 2:1-14. Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20. Day: Is 52:7
-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

Saturday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt
10:17-22

Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or
Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-
19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40



Dear Family St. Anthony Family,

If one word can describe the spirit of Christmas it is "family." At this festive time of the year, families normally gather to share their love for one another and celebrate their faith in the gift of the Christ child.

This year, due to the pandemic, many will not be able to join family for the celebration. Nonetheless, we can use this extraordinary time to pray for our families, for peace, renewed faith, and healing. The Holy Spirit unites us—even when we are physically separated. May the Holy Spirit anoint each of us during the beautiful days ahead and remind us—we are never alone. The Lord is with us.

Masses will be limited in seating capacity especially during the next few weeks. Please be aware of it. We are sorry for the inconvenience. When unable to attend Mass personally, please tune into our parish website or Facebook page (StAnthonyDSM.org or @StAnthonydsm for Facebook).

From your parish and school staff, from your priests and deacons, Merry and Blessed Christmas.

Monsignor Chiodo, Pastor

PLEASE PRAY FOR



Theresa Marie Hagarty
Sophia Winter
Rose Mary Soda
Mini Elnaggar
Sr. Esther Morris
Paul H Gillispie Jr.
Bobby Eginore

Please send your prayer request to:
Info@stanthonysm.org or call the parish office at 515.244.4709

ALUMNI TUITION ASSISTANCE CAMPAIGN

A letter from Monsignor Chiodo

Dear Parish Family,

A couple weeks ago you may have received a letter from our school principal Jennifer Raes about the Alumni Student Tuition Assistance Campaign that is being spearheaded by our former principal Joe Cordaro, Loretta Rizzuti and the Alumni Committee.

I appreciate the Alumni Committee for leading the charge to help families that are being negatively affected by the Covid pandemic. I'm finding that families are in the middle of needing short-term help to pay their monthly house payments, food, utilities, and tuition fees to keep their children in school at St. Anthony. It's important to remember that it is by no fault of their own, and that many of us have experienced trials like these personally. It is times like these that we are called to lend a hand for our brothers and sisters in need.

Please prayerfully consider helping the Alumni raise \$15,000 by giving to the **Alumni Student Tuition Assistance Campaign** that will support our families in need to provide short-term financial assistance. This should be very doable if we all give just a little according to what the Lord has blessed us with.

Special thanks to all St. Anthony families, teachers, students and to our amazing Alumni that is always giving back to the St. Anthony community.

In Christ,
Monsignor Frank Chiodo

WAYS TO GIVE

We hope you will help us reach our goal to raise \$15,000! There are two ways you can participate in giving to the **Alumni Tuition Assistance Campaign** to help families who are struggling.

Mail a Check: You can mail a check to the parish office:
Make your check payable to St. Anthony School
In the memo, please write: **Alumni Tuition Assistance**
Mail to: St. Anthony Church
15 Indianola Rd Des
Moines, IA 50315

Online Giving: You can give online Easy and secure method of giving:

1. Visit our website at www.stanthonydsm.org.
2. Click the green dollar sign in the upper right hand corner.
3. Click "Sign up for a New Account" under the User ID and Password boxes.
4. Input the requested information and click "Submit". An email will be delivered to your inbox asking to validate your email address. (Continue to follow the prompts)

Questions, please contact **Loretta Rizzuti**
515-783-8293 stanthony1912@gmail.com

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This is the Fourth Sunday of Advent and we are blessed to remember a defining moment in our faith history when Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord, may it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

As we ponder Mary's "yes" to God and what that means for all of us, we realize the great faith and trust she had in the Lord. She accepted God's plan not knowing the details, exhibiting great love for God through her faith.

Faith is a trust that comes from a true love for God. Faith in God, not the world is how we please Him.

It was by faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain. By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death. Before he was taken he was attested as having pleased God. By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, took heed and constructed an ark and became an heir of the righteousness which comes by faith. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place which he was to receive as an inheritance. Hebrews 11:6 says, "And without faith it is impossible to please him [God]. For whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek Him.

Many times we can lack faith in God because we spend too much time listening to the world. So rather than believing and trusting in the providence of God in our lives, we adopt the ways of the world and depend on the world rather than God. We must shift our thinking and pray deeply for God to show us the way of faith, love and trust.

Fact: Nothing is impossible for Him who created all things. Nothing.

Mary had perfect faith and perfect trust--which led to the salvation of mankind. When we desire to do God's perfect will, we cooperate with Him and participate in advancing the Kingdom of God **for the salvation of souls** (emphasis added). Mary, our mother, set an example of great faith and trust that we can reflect on and try to do in our own lives. She trusted, loved and lived her faith. So then, let the Spirit of God lead us to be faithful so that we too will trust our Lord with all things in our life.

Again, let us reject the spirit of the world and have a faith that does not waver in times of trial. Be of good cheer, for God Almighty loves you!

Kim Lehman
Adult Faith Formation & Communication

Year End Giving

Alumni Tuition Assistance Campaign

With less than a month remaining in 2020, a charitable donation to the Alumni Tuition Assistance Campaign to help families in need is an excellent way to reduce your tax burden for the year, while helping St. Anthony church continue to fulfill its mission.

What are the tax benefits to making a gift before the end of the year?

For parishioners who itemize deductions on their annual tax return, gifts made by December 31 can be claimed as a charitable tax deduction on your 2020 income tax return. A donor can total up their cash gifts to any qualifying organization for 2020 and claim a deduction for up to 50% of their adjusted gross income. For a gift to count towards your 2020 income tax return, the parish must receive your donation by December 31.

How does the CARES Act impact my 2020 Required Minimum Distribution (RMD)?

The CARES Act waives RMD payments for 2020, including for inherited IRAs. It establishes a new, above-the-line deduction (universal or non-itemized deduction that applies to all taxpayers) for total charitable contributions of up to \$300. The incentive applies to contributions made in 2020 and would be claimed on tax forms next year (Section 2204). The bill also lifts the existing cap on annual contributions for those who itemize, raising it from 60 percent of adjusted gross income to 100 percent.

Please consider giving to our St. Anthony families during these difficult times. For ways to give, see page 3 in the bulletin or go online to StAnthonyDSM.org.

God bless you!



Christmas Mass

PLEASE PLAN AHEAD

Please plan ahead. Kindly be reminded that the capacity for seating for Christmas Mass has been drastically curtailed and seating will be on a first come, first serve basis--social distancing essential. If you come at a point when we have reached the limits of safe capacity, we will invite you to go to the church basement for a virtual Mass—communion will be distributed to you in the lower church. If we reach capacity there, please come to another Mass. If a person is ill, exposed to someone with the virus, or has compromised health or age, we urge you to worship by way of the online Mass that can be found on the St. Anthony website (StAnthonyDSM.org).



DECEMBER SCHEDULE

Communal Penance

Reconciliation will be every Saturday in December starting at 9am.

Daily Rosary

Pray the Rosary together Mon - Sat 5:30pm and Sun 3:00pm. Pray in the church or go online. See StAnthonyDSM.org for online.

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6:30pm Rosary
Sun 12:30pm Rosary

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve - Dec 24
4:00pm Church and Parish Hall
8:00pm Church
No 7:00pm Spanish Mass

Christmas Day - Dec 25

8:00am English
9:30am Latin
11:00am English
1:00pm Spanish
No 7:00pm Spanish Mass

(Masks are required at Mass and confession)



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A CALL TO PRAYER

The graphic features the text 'A CALL TO PRAYER' in a large, bold, serif font. The text is set against a background of a bright, golden-yellow sky with soft, white clouds. The text is reflected on a dark surface below it.

Join us everyday to pray the Holy Rosary with a plea for the Lord to forgive and heal our nation. You can also sign up to lead the Rosary one a month. You can participate in person or go online to:
StAnthonyDSM.org

A Call To Pray the Holy Rosary:
Located at St. Anthony Church
Monday—Saturday 5:30pm
(New Time) Sunday 3pm

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

The graphic features the text 'MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES' in a large, bold, serif font. The text is set against a background of a bright, golden-yellow sky with soft, white clouds. A large, leafy tree is visible on the right side of the image.

All are invited to join any of our ministries. We serve the Lord by serving others.

Below are the leaders of each ministry.

Learn more about each ministry at StAnthonyDSM.org

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Mary's Roses (Spanish): Marta Robles 515-868-3280

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