



Winter 2021

St. Anthony Newsletter

FROM
MONSIGNOR CHIDO



Advent Greetings to Our Parish Family, Once again, we begin a new liturgical year, and together we move closer to the crib where we renew our love and devotion to the Holy Family.

It is easy to get sidetracked and focus only on the externals of the pre-Christmas season. But together, this year, let's make a better effort to shift the focus onto the meaning of the season: Christ coming again into our hearts and homes.

I invite you to spend a few extra minutes in daily prayer; pray the rosary during advent, focusing on the needy and the poor. Gather together as a family around the Christmas Crib at home and offer a special prayer for your family's faith. Read a few lines of the Bible, especially from the Gospels. Come to Mass during a weekday. Pray to the Holy Family that your family may become more like theirs—filled with faith, hope and love.

We have all been through so much struggle and trial this past year. Let this year be a renewal of joy and hope for all of us.

Pray this Advent Prayer with me daily:

*O Divine Redeemer,
You came so long ago in history, but you come again to renew Your Presence and Your power in our lives. May Your Spirit pry open our minds and hearts and let the fresh outpouring of your Spirit's anointing renew us in our faith, strengthen us in our trust in you, and rebuild a deeper love for you. Come Lord Jesus, come. Touch each member of my family with the gentleness of your Christmas Spirit. Amen*

Mgr. Frank E. Chiodo

May the Lord bless you!
Monsignor Chiodo, Pastor



ADVENT

November 28 - December 24

Beginning the Church's liturgical year, Advent ("ad-venire" in Latin or "to come to") is the season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of Christmas.

December

Dec. 3 - 11

Novena for Our Lady of Guadalupe

6:30pm Church

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Dec. 7 Vigil Mass

5:30pm English, 7:00pm Spanish

Dec. 8 Mass

8:30am English, 5:30pm Spanish, 7:00pm Latin

Dec. 11

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

6:00pm Church

Dec. 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

(Birthday Song with Mariachis)

7:00am Parish Hall

Dec. 15 - 23

Posadas

6:30pm Church

Dec. 18

Communal Penance

9:00am



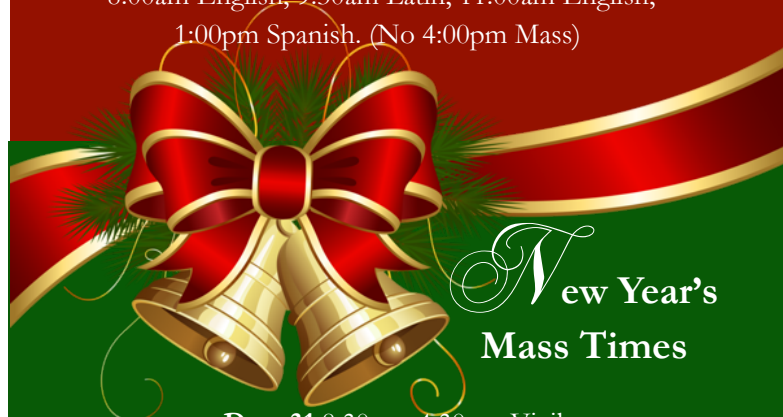
CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Dec. 24 Christmas Eve

4:00pm English (Parish Hall & Church), 7:00pm English

Dec. 25 Christmas Day

8:00am English, 9:30am Latin, 11:00am English,
1:00pm Spanish. (No 4:00pm Mass)



New Year's Mass Times

Dec. 31 8:30am, 4:30pm Vigil

January 1, 2022

9:00am Latin, 11:00am English, 1:00pm Spanish
4:00pm Vigil English

GRACE in GIVING

3 Simple Giving Programs

Join one of these giving programs to help increase your giving commitment as an act of faith.

“99 Club”

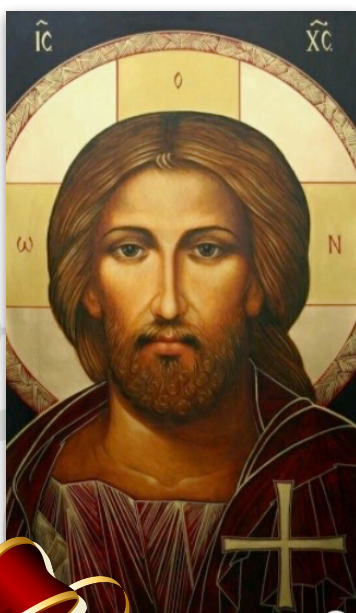
Just \$25 a week, minus \$1

“Dollar a Day”

\$1 a day for 365 Days in the year

“Leap of Faith”

Biblical Giving - a percentage



In Luke's Gospel Jesus teaches us, "Forgive and it will be forgiven, give and it will be given to you,

good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap."

Matching Dollars for the School

Thanks to a generous donor, gifts can be made to the school and every dollar will be matched. So if you give \$25, it turns into \$50.

The Deadline for Matching Dollars is December 31, 2021.

Thank you to all who have already given. Please see the weekly bulletin to keep up on how much has been donated to date. The goal is to raise \$25,000 for a matched total \$50,000 for the school.

New Statues at St. Anthony



St. Padre Pio and Sister Faustina have been added to the halls at St. Anthony Church, which is to bless all those who see them. We think of these beloved saints who encourage us to live as they did for Jesus Christ.

The statue of Sister Faustina is dedicated to Jesus and His fathomless Mercy for all mankind and to His choosing St. Faustina to be the humble messenger of His endless mercy and His inexhaustible treasury of compassion for us. In thanksgiving for the frequent offering of the Traditional Latin Mass, the statue of St. Padre Pio is a gift from the Members of Una Voce Des Moines.



Formed

St. Anthony now has the program “Formed” for the whole family. Go to: formed.org to sign in. Choose St. Anthony or 50315, and provide them with your email. Then download the app for free. Enjoy free books, movies and audios.



New Year's Eve Gala Knights of Columbus

Friday, December 31

5:30 Social / 6:30 Dinner / Parish Hall / \$20 per person

Disc jockey, dancing and silent auction!
Beer and wine will be available with a cash donation.

Dinner Includes:

Smoked Boneless thick cut Pork Loin Chop or Grilled Boneless Chicken Breast, green beans, potato, roll and dessert.

Bring your favorite appetizer to share at the Social.
RSVP by Dec. 28 and must pay in advance.



Advent Books

Available in the Church

As we prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas, we practice our Catholic faith by observing the season of Advent. To help in your walk with the Lord, the church has Advent books for each day of the season. You can pick up your book in the front of the church.

Adult Faith Formation - “The Search”

Coming Early January 2022

The Search is a video-based program designed to enkindle wonder as it takes people on a journey through life's enduring questions. Plant it, and it will grow like a mustard seed. Produced by Augustin Institute. This study will rekindle your faith. Look in the bulletin for more information.



Raffle Dinner and Historic Party

Thursday, April 21, 2022

Pasta dinner, wine, beer and prizes...what's not to like. There will be multiple drawings throughout the evening with lots of winners! At the end of the evening there will be a final drawing for a \$10,000 winner. It will be a fun filled night with food, friends and lots of winners. Raffle tickets (\$1 each) for the smaller items will be sold during the evening. You will be able to see all the items that will be given away.

Tickets for the \$10,000 Raffle will go on sale in March. There will only be 300 tickets sold to increase the chance of winning. Each ticket will be \$100, and like a donation, you will receive a receipt for your gift to the church.

The Historic Party will also be a part of the evening fun. We will formally show honor and celebrate St. Anthony's listing into the National Historic Register.

Mark Your Calendar for Thursday, April 21, 2022!

110 Year Celebration



Mark your calendar for the 110th celebration of St. Anthony School, hosted by the Alumni Association. It will be held at **Blank Golf Course August 20, 2022**. We are now taking nominations for the “Outstanding Alumni Award.” These are St. Anthony School alumni who have distinguished themselves as leaders in our community, state or nation. Send your nominations to: **Alumni Awards Committee**, St. Anthony School, 16 Columbus Ave, Des Moines, IA 50315.

Dates to Remember

Advent begins Nov. 28 - Dec. 24

School out for Christmas Break Dec. 22 - Jan. 3

Knights of Columbus New Year's Gala Dec. 31

Confirmation Class Break Nov 24 - Jan 19

Ash Wednesday March 2

Raffle Dinner and Historic Party April 21

CCD First Communion May 14