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St. Anthony's Parish is a Catholic Faith community rich in cultural diversity with a strong flavor of identity.

Our mission is to foster a strong spiritual growth of life and faith in our families, community and society by sharing the gift of our time, treasures and talents.

We hope to do this with a Spirit of Christian generosity that brings us closer to the blessing of unity, peace and reconciliation.

Like St. Anthony called to love and to serve - we try our best in following Christ on the road of this world using God-given gifts for his glory and for the good of our brothers and sisters.

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St. Anthony Parish Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9:00am-12 noon 1:00pm- 4:00pm

Church Groups & Ministries - Contact the office at 768-1878

Funerals	Contact the office	Altar Servers	Sandra Coccimiglio
Hospitality Ministry	Jerry Sottile	Communion to the Sick	Contact the office
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Holy Name Society	Tom Mihaljevic	R.C.I.A.	Deacon Dave Cattani
Seniors	Maria Floreancig	Youth Ministry	Pasquale & Sandra Coccimiglio

For Daily & Weekend Mass Intentions see inside
SATURDAY: 5:00 PM (English) SUNDAY: 9:00 AM (Italian - English) & 11:00 AM (English)

- Registration:** Parish Census Forms at Church entrance or call the Office.
- Baptism:** Parish Membership & Baptism class required. Please contact the Office.
- Marriage:** Parish Membership & Preparation required. Contact Office 6 months in advance.
- Reconciliation - Confession:** Saturday 4:00pm & 30 min. before each Daily Mass or on request.
- Anointing of the sick:** Every First Friday of the Month during the Mass & on request.
- Church & Hall at one level:** Wheelchair Access & Washroom Facilities available. Hall: 768-9368



*The Spirit of the Lord now upon me
has sent me to bring good news to the poor.*



The joy of Advent shines forth with an inspiring message of hope and encouragement urging us to rejoice and be happy because the Lord is near. On the first Christmas when God came down in the person of Jesus, he filled the world with glad tidings of great joy. His life was geared towards God the Father in joy, prayer and thanksgiving. Our Christmas joy cannot be complete unless we show generosity to those who

have nothing to give to us in return. The happiest people are those who are doing most for others. They know from experience that it is in giving that we receive. We were created for happiness. May the joy of Christmas free us again from our selfish way of life and open our families to the true light the Emmanuel is giving us.

HOLY FAMILY ICON will be touring our diocese for the next few months. The Holy Family Icon will be displayed Sat., Dec. 16 & Sun., Dec. 17 in our parish. Prayers hosted by the Knights of Columbus for the Unity of a Christian Family will be on Tues., Dec. 19th at 6:00pm in our church.

BEST YOUTH ON HILLS—UPCOMING DATES:

Dec. 17—Caroling Practice at 6:00pm-7:30pm in church meeting room, with pizza.

Dec. 20-Christmas Caroling at Bethammi Nursing Home, in St. Joseph's Heritage at 6:30pm. Please arrive no later than 6:10pm.

Dec. 24-Youth Mass on Christmas Eve at 5:00pm

Dec. 31-Youth Mass at 11:00am

GIVING TREE: *In support of students in need at St. Vincent's School. A heartfelt thanks to all for your generosity and participation. **Kindly remember to return your gift with the ornament attached by December 17.***

CELEBRATE THE ADVENT SEASON: **Come & enjoy an evening of spiritual awakening on Wednesday December 20 in our parish hall after the 7:00pm Mass.** Join us in watching and discussing some enlightening spiritual movies to celebrate the Advent Season. Movie: Joseph of Nazareth. **Free Admittance. Bring a friend.**

C.W.L. 2018 MEMBERSHIPS: can be paid for at the office during office hours. They will also be sold after Masses beginning in January as well as during the "Membership Wine & Cheese" meeting on Tuesday, January 9th. We wish all our members and their families a blessed and healthy Christmas. Membership fee is \$25.00

FIRST COMMUNION: A reminder to those who missed the December 7th meeting to please contact the office for program and more information.

FUNERAL CHOIR: Anyone interested in singing in our funeral choir is welcome to join us. Please call MaryAnn for more information -767-7470.

MUSIC MINISTRY: Join us in our music ministry at 11:00am Mass. We need voices & musicians to fill our church with song. Practice will be on Monday December 18 at 7:00pm.

CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS:

Friday, December 22 office open until 12:00noon

Monday, December 25 office closed.

Tuesday, December 26 office closed.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2017 – 2018



Indi-
Con-

vidual

*essions will be
1 hour before every Mass.*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday, December 24th, 2017

9:00am (English & Italian)

11:00am (English)

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES:

Sunday, December 24th, 2017

5:00pm Mass (English)

8:00pm Mass (English)

11:00pm Mass (Italian & English)

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES:

(Nativity of the Lord)

Monday, December 25th, 2017

9:00am Mass (Italian & English)

11:00am Mass (English)

NEW YEAR'S EVE MASSES

(Feast of Holy Family)

Sunday, December 31st, 2017

9:00am (English & Italian)

11:00am (English)

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES

(Mary, Mother of God)

Monday, January 1st, 2018

9:00am (Italian & English) 11:00am (English)



Thank you to all our parishioners and visiting friends for your continued generosity and support.



III DOMENICA DI AVVENTO



La **profezia di Isaia** sull'avvento del Messia, che abbiamo ascoltato nella prima lettura, contiene le parole che lo stesso Gesù citò, riferite a sé, in risposta ai discepoli del Battista, inviati ad interrogarlo se fosse lui il Messia. Siamo a una settimana da Natale, e questa riflessione ha tutto il sapore della Domenica delle Palme... Ma se ci pensate, i dolori della passione hanno accompagnato il cammino del Signore, fin dall'inizio. **"Non c'era posto per loro nell'albergo"** ci riferisce san Luca (2,6): questa notazione, passa pressoché inosservata agli orecchi di un ascoltatore poco avveduto ... Gli artisti si sono sbizzarriti a dipingere, o modellare grotte, stalle, mangiatoie e altre simili amenità, così pure i costruttori di presepi... La verità è molto meno romantica: ve la esprimo con le parole di Giovanni: **"Venne fra la sua gente, ma i suoi non l'hanno accolto."** Non oso pensare se e come lo accoglieremmo, se nascesse ai nostri giorni...



COMMUNITY EVENTS:

A CANDY KANE CHRISTMAS: performed by **St. Ignatius Senior Drama Class** Dec. 19 & 20 at 7:00pm in school auditorium. Tickets \$8 available at the school. A portion of proceeds to support The Salvation Army Thunder Bay.

STOCKING STUFFERS: Support the Knights of Columbus in your gift-giving this year. Visit the Columbus Centre for gift certificates, available for Rosie's Friday Lunch buffet, monthly spaghetti suppers, take-out meals, swimming passes, etc. Call 623-3252.

THE CATHOLIC PASTORAL CENTRE has stocked up on a great selection of **inspirational Christmas gift items (some made in-house)**, Christmas cards, along with several new books. Apple cider is brewing every day from 8:30am to 4:30pm (closed 12:30pm-1:00pm). Tues., Dec. 19 office open until 8:00pm. Drop in & enjoy a cup of hot apple cider and find that perfect gift for the difficult-to-shop-for person on your list or find some inspirational holiday reading. Bring cash or a personal cheque, and a friend.

TEC (Teens Encounter Christ): next TEC retreat will take place Feb. 2-4 at Corpus Christi Church. TEC is for youth in Gr. 11 & 16 years to college/university & young adults. Application forms can be found at www.tec-thunderbay.org, parishes & Catholic high schools. Cost: \$60 for students/ \$70 for non-students. Contact Debbie at 346-1266. TEC 40th Anniversary Special Newsletter is available in the lobby.

MASS INTENTIONS December 18 – 24, 2017

Monday, December 18

All Parishioners
Carmine & Elvira Pascuzzo & Mario Felice
Ida Fiorido
Joe Jannie & All Souls

9:00am English

Pastor
Frank & Anna
Family
B. Cong

Tuesday, December 19

Nazzarena & Salvatore Pelaia
Lidia Berardi
Angelo Nardi
Maria Grazia Nardi
Giuseppe Mirabelli
Giulia, Nicola, Salvatore & Chiara Sanzo
Giuseppe & Raffaella Iorfida
† Francesca Russo in Stefanile

7:00pm Italian

Children
M. Berardi
Moglie Maria
Raffaella & Cosmo
M. Bradizza
Lucy
G. & G. Magisano
R. & M. Stefanile & Family

Wednesday, December 20

Teresina Serravalle
Gregorio Bava
Santo & Bruno Bitonte
Gina Ambrose
Joe Jannie & All Souls

7:00pm English

I. Greco & Family
B. & M. Love
M. Bitonte
L. Ambrose & Family
B. Cong

Thursday, December 21

Nicola Squartecchia
Serafina Niccoli
Giuseppe Floreancig & All Souls in Purgatory
Giuseppina Valente
Ottorino Farno
Raffaele & Sergio Iachetta & Orlando & Lidia Maio

7:00pm Italian

Wife & Children
L. Nucci
M. Floreancig
Family
Wife & Family
Family

Friday, December 22

Mario & Lauretta Filice
Maria Rosa Consolata Tino
Deceased of Ferrise, DeLuca & Ceci Families
Tarcisio Guidolin
Giuseppe Tassone
Salvatore & Caterina Marinaro

7:00pm English

Family
Giuseppe & Family
F. & G. Ceci
Wife & Family
Wife & Children
figli Santina & Giuseppe

Saturday, December 23

5:00pm

Francesco Nelli & Carina D'Alessandro
Marcello Donato
Sam Larizza
Defunti Tozzo & Nazzareno Tassone
Bobby Carvalho & Ron Percy
Cosmo, Michele & Brunina Ariganello
Nicola Tucci
Ernesto, Luigi & Natalina Romito & Conforti Family
Natalina Quinn
Ilidio DaSilva
Raffaella & Giuseppe Marino & Consolata Tino
Erik Sereda
Peter Arella
Domenico Donato
Antigio Veneruz

Family
Family
R. Frattaroli & Family
Family
Family
Family
Wife
Esterina
Family
Family
R. Forte & Family
L. Taylor
E. & B. Coccimiglio
L. Rosso
R. Furioso

Sunday, December 24

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