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St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church is a diverse community of people, unified in Christ on a faith journey to salvation through worship, education and service.

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Sunday Masses

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM, 7:30 PM

Weekday Masses

Tuesday-Friday: 6:45 AM

Monday - Thursday: 5:15 PM

Saturday: 8:00 AM

Confessions

Saturday: 3:45-4:45 PM

15 minutes before daily morning Mass

30 minutes before daily evening Mass

Other times available by appointment.

Parish Office Hours

Monday: 1:00 PM-5:00 PM

Tuesday-Thursday: 8:00 AM-5:00 PM

Friday: 8:00 AM-12:00 NOON

Closed 12:00-1:00 PM for lunch.

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday: 7:30 AM to 11:59 PM

Baptism: Contact Parish Office during pregnancy to register for classes.

Marriage: Contact Parish Office 6 months prior to schedule a date.

To Register in the Parish:

Please see a priest after Mass.

Prayer Chain: 701-235-0308

St. Vincent de Paul: 701-566-0638

St. JPII Catholic Schools Representative: Anna Grothmann, 701-306-7621



SECOND SUNDAY OF
Easter
(OR SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)
APRIL 19, 2020

Jesus said to Thomas, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me?
Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

John 20:29

Please Pray For...

Those who are sick and suffering, especially David Southern, Rose Olson, Dorothy Kroetsch and all those who are ill and affected by the COVID-19 virus.

Those who have died, especially Linda Haag, Pat Bodensteiner, Mary Irsfeld, mother of Tom Irsfeld and Donald Chesley, grandfather of Stephanie Honek.

Administration

***OFFERTORY for April 5 and 12, 2020.** Please note that the amounts listed for Sunday collection were mailed in/dropped off donations since no in-person Masses were held.

April 5/12	Amount Given	Budget
Sunday Collection	\$10,308.76/9,216.35	
Online Giving	\$4,035.89/2,817.08	
Total Giving	\$14,344.65/12,033.43	\$15,600.00
Year to Date	\$574,117.50/586,150.93	\$624,000/639,600

Divine Mercy Sunday

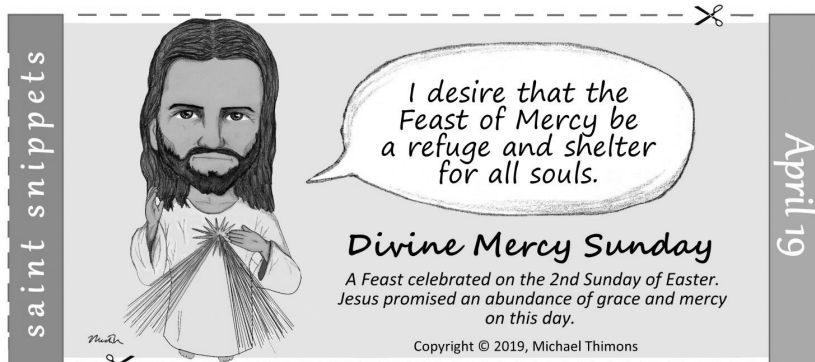
The Message of Divine Mercy that St. Faustina Kowalska received from the Lord was directed toward the good of all people. With the canonization of St. Faustina in 2000, St. Pope John Paul II proclaimed that the Second Sunday of Easter would be celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday.



Parish Happenings

OUR EASTER GIFT - THREE DAYS: SEARCH FOR THE BOY MESSIAH

Please take advantage of the donation from one of our generous parishioners and pick up a copy of Dynamic Catholic's new book, Three Days: The Search for the Boy Messiah. In the Bible, we are told Jesus was lost in the Temple for three days when he traveled to Jerusalem for Passover with Mary and Joseph. Why did he stay behind? What did he do? Who did he meet? Where did he sleep? Was he ever in danger? This Biblical novel is a compelling tale about 12-year-old Jesus, based on the second chapter of Luke's Gospel. Pick your copy up today!



CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!! We would LOVE to recognize and celebrate your senior year accomplishments via our parish bulletin and bulletin board, and, with your permission, on our parish website and Facebook page! Please submit a photo and a paragraph of your post-graduation plans to Maria at recoordinator@stanthonyfargo.org. Despite these uncertain times, we want to celebrate your accomplishments and the bright future God has in store for you!

CONTRIBUTION APPRECIATION We **sincerely thank** all who materially support our parish and our work to bring Christ to others. In this time of uncertainty, we humbly ask that you continue your generous giving to our parish. You can mail your contributions to the parish (St. Anthony of Padua, 710 10th St S, Fargo, ND 58103) or please consider giving online. For more information about online giving, or to make an online donation, please click the "Giving" tab on our website: stanthonyfargo.org. If you have any questions about online giving, or need assistance to do so, please call Deidra in the Parish Office.



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JPII TUITION RAFFLE Your child or grandchild could receive one FREE year of JPII Catholic School tuition! Each raffle ticket is \$20. The drawing will be held on Saturday, April 25. Complete the form below, clip it and mail it to: St. John Paul II Catholic Schools, Attn: Tuition Raffle, 5600 25th St S, Fargo, ND 58104. Contact the JPII Schools Auction Director Lee Hoedl at 701-306-1266 or leeloedl@yahoo.com with questions.



2020-2021 JPII SCHOOL TUITION RAFFLE ORDER FORM

I would like to purchase _____ raffle tickets at \$20 each. My check is enclosed, and I understand that the ticket stubs to my purchased raffle tickets will be mailed to me.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____



Raffle Conditions:

- Winner need not be present to win.
- Prize value (up to a max. amt. of \$6000) to be applied toward one school tuition at any of the St. John Paul II Catholic Schools for the 2020-2021 academic year.
- Raffle drawing will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2020 and the winner notified.
- Must be 18 years or older to purchase a raffle ticket.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO DONATED FOR OUR EASTER FLOWERS

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In Memory/Honor of...

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+Family of John Poehls

+Karen Schott

+Murray McManus

+Raeann Germain

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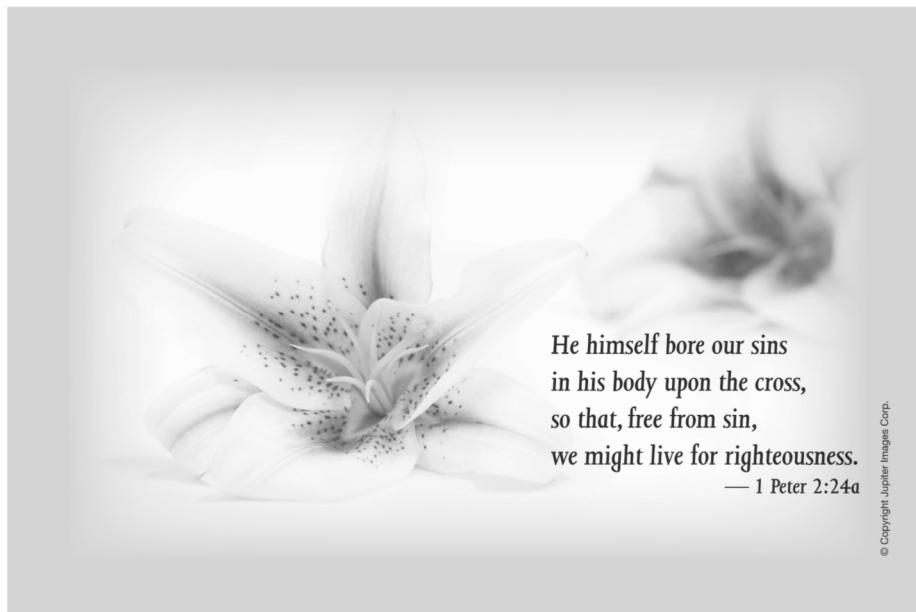
++Fred and Ann Longtin

++Martin and Mary Mitzel

All Family Members, living and deceased

+Elmer Schreiner

+Wesley Schreiner



Mass Schedule

*Mass intentions will be said at private Masses by Father Courtright and Father Antony Samy.

For the week of April 20-26, prayers will be offered for the following individuals: +Al Zimmerman, ++George and Thelma Menne and Family, +Noel Drummond, Brandon DeMinck, +Kim Eisenbeis, +James VanRaden, ++Ken and Char Smith, Doug Henke, ++George and Betty Widman and the Parishioners of St. Anthony's.

MONDAY, APRIL 20

Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr

Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr

Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

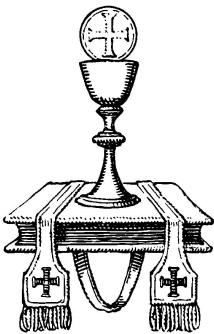
St. Mark, Evangelist

1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22-33/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35



CONGRATULATIONS FATHER

ANTONY SAMY on your 7th priestly anniversary (on Friday, April 10)! May the Lord continue blessing you in a special way for the love and concern with which you minister to those around you. May your life be filled with God's good gifts and abundant joy!

EASTER PICTURES Please email us your best, strangest, and most interesting photos of how you spent and experienced this Easter Triduum. We would love to include them on our St. Anthony's Facebook page and would also forward them to Catholic Extension or the New Earth publication for the Fargo Diocese. Email to cetcoordinator@stanthonyfargo.org. Thank you!

Parish Happenings

MASS AT ST. ANTHONY'S *LIVE* Join us each day at 9:00 AM *Live* on Facebook as Father Courtright or Father Antony Samy celebrate daily and Sunday Mass. If you do not have a Facebook account, you can access these same Masses through the St. Anthony's YouTube page. Go to [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and search for St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church Fargo, ND to see each day's Mass by 10:00 AM.



Don't Have Internet Access?

- Television - Sunday Mass on WDAY TV at 10:30 AM
- Radio - Daily Mass at 3:15 PM on AM 1280 (Real Presence Radio) and Sunday Mass at 7:30 AM and 10:30 AM.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion:

My Jesus, I believe that you are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you Sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

CONFESSIONS AVAILABLE Confessions are available at St. Anthony's by individual appointment. Please call the Parish Office to schedule.

EASTER CANDLE DISPLAY For the Easter Season, we will have several of our past Easter Candles on display in St. Francis Gathering Place. The Easter Candle is one of the items in the liturgy that represents Christ. It is blessed and lit for the first time each year at the Easter Vigil. The Candle is also lit for the celebration of each baptism throughout the year and from it, the baptismal candles are lit. Also, the Easter Candle is lit for each funeral Mass. For a number of years, Mona Frank has made our candles and parishioner Jane Schuh has decorated them. Thank you to both ladies for your beautiful creations! Please stop by to take a look as you take time to pray over the coming weeks.

SEEING GOD IN THIS PANDEMIC How have you seen God working in this pandemic? How has God's grace touched you? Are you doing anything different to increase your faith? We would love to share some examples of ways that our parishioners are overcoming and growing through the trials of this pandemic. Please submit your thoughts to cetcoordinator@stanthonyfargo.org or mail or drop them off in the Parish Office. Thank you!

COVID-19: An Opportunity for Grace

On March 19, 2020, Pope Francis authorized, during this time of a global epidemic, special graces (“indulgences”) to be made available to the faithful suffering or dying from COVID-19, to health care workers, family members and all those who in any capacity, including prayer, care for them.



The usual conditions: As an expression of the abundance of God’s mercy, gaining an indulgence requires us to turn away from sin and be converted to God. The conditions are:

- Sacramental Confession,
- Reception of Eucharistic Communion,
- Pray for the Holy Father’s intentions.

“As soon as possible”: During this time of “social distancing”, the Vatican, recognizing that it may not be possible to fulfill the first two conditions immediately, permits them to be delayed, simply stating they be completed “as soon as possible.” This removes the requirement to complete them within a specific period of time, allowing people to receive grace while remaining physically safe.

The special *Plenary Indulgences* in the current pandemic can be gained in one of four ways:

1. The faithful suffering from Coronavirus, who are subject to quarantine by order of the health authority in hospitals or in their own homes:

In addition to satisfying the usual conditions (see above), they are to have a spirit detached from any sin, offer this trial in a spirit of faith in God and charity towards their brothers and sisters, and complete one of the following:

- Unite themselves spiritually through the media to the celebration of Holy Mass,
- or recite the Holy Rosary,
- or complete the Way of the Cross,
- or another form of devotion (such as the Divine Mercy Chaplet),
- or at least recite the Creed, the Lord’s Prayer and a pious invocation to the Blessed Virgin Mary (for example, a Hail Mary, the Memorare, or a Hail Holy Queen)

2. Health care workers, family members and all those who care for the sick of Coronavirus, exposing themselves to the risk of contagion:

Satisfy the conditions listed in #1.

3. The faithful who implore from Almighty God the end of the epidemic, relief for those who are afflicted and eternal salvation for those whom the Lord has called to Himself:

They are to satisfy the usual conditions (see above), and complete one of the following:

- Visit the Blessed Sacrament, Eucharistic adoration, or read Holy Scriptures for at least one half an hour,
- or recite the Holy Rosary,
- or complete the Way of the Cross,
- or recite the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

4. Those at the point of death, who find themselves unable to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and of the Viaticum:

The official Decree states: “The Church prays for [them], ... entrusting each and every one to divine Mercy by virtue of the communion of saints and granting the faithful a *Plenary Indulgence* on the point of death, provided that they are duly disposed and have recited a few prayers during their lifetime (the Church makes up for the three usual conditions). For the attainment of this indulgence the use of the crucifix or cross is recommended.”

Indulgences

"The starting-point for understanding indulgences is the abundance of God's mercy revealed in the Cross of Christ. The crucified Jesus is the great "indulgence" that the Father has offered humanity through the forgiveness of sins and the possibility of living as children (cf. Jn 1: 12-13) in the Holy Spirit."

- St. John Paul II, General Audience of September 29, 1999.

An indulgence is the remission of the temporal punishment due to sins which have been forgiven. Sin has both eternal and temporal consequences. In confession, the eternal consequences are forgiven, but the damage we have done to ourselves and to others here on earth remains, and God asks us to assist him in making amends. When we cooperate with God in doing good works and offering up our sufferings we are purified from the residue of sin. If we die without being completely purified, God, in his mercy, allows us to complete our purification in purgatory.

An indulgence is exactly what its name implies: God the Father, through Christ's spouse, the Church, being indulgent with his children. It is like the mother who, knowing that her child will not be able to clean up the mess he has made, simply asks him to pick up a couple of toys by himself.

The indulgences which the Church offers us during the COVID pandemic are plenary indulgences.

That means that if we are completely detached from sin, the Lord grants the full remission of the temporal punishment due our sins. If there is not yet complete detachment from sin, however, we still receives a partial indulgence.

We may receive a plenary indulgence once a day. We may always apply it to oneself or to the soul of someone who has died, but cannot apply to another living person. A single sacramental confession suffices for gaining several plenary indulgences, but Holy Communion must be received and prayer for the Holy Father's intention must be said for each plenary indulgence. However, the Decree "Special Indulgences in the Current Pandemic" notes that we simply need to have "the will to fulfill the usual conditions as soon as possible." If there is the danger of contracting Coronavirus by receiving Reconciliation or Holy Communion, we are to satisfy those conditions later. The Church is a loving mother who wants us to receive indulgences without the danger of getting COVID.

Additional Reading:

Decree of the Apostolic Penitentiary on the granting of special Indulgences to the faithful in the current pandemic, March 20, 2020 (press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2020/03/20/200320c.html).

St. John Paul II, General Audience of September 29, 1999 (a catechesis on indulgences, www.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en/audiences/1999/documents/hf_jp-ii_aud_29091999.html).

"Indulgences" in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, paragraph numbers 1471–1479.



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