

Saint Anthony Catholic Church

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Second Sunday of Easter
Sunday of Divine Mercy

April 24, 2022

Our Mission

To provide a safe place, equally inviting to all people – of all ages, races and cultures – to grow, share, develop and deepen our personal relationship with God and with our neighbors.



Mass Schedule

Tuesdays - Fridays: 9 AM

Saturdays: 5:30 PM

Sundays: 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 5:30 PM

Healing Mass: First Friday, 9 AM

Filipino Mass: Second Sunday, 5:30 PM

Native Mass: Third Saturday, 5:30 PM

Samoan Mass: Last Sunday, 10:30 AM

Youth Mass: Second Saturday, 5:30 PM

Adoration

Fridays: 7-8 PM

Reconciliation

Saturdays: 4-5 PM

Baptism

Baptism Parents Class: First Sunday
of month: 9:45 AM, Parish Office

Marriage

Meet with Pastor at least six (6) months
prior to wedding

Funerals

Contact the Parish Office
immediately after a death

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday By Appointment

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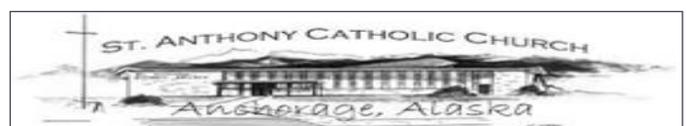
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All are welcome!



Reflection for the Week

Reflection: We are all the walking wounded.

For me, it was after a medical emergency and hospitalization last November. In the following months, as I waited to see specialists and have tests done, I could not do vigorous exercise, swim, or drink alcohol—but most challenging: I could not drive a car. In winter in Minnesota, walking or biking is not feasible. I could either spend hundreds of dollars on Uber or Lyft getting to work, medical appointments, and necessary errands, or reveal my limitations and ask for help in a community where I am still a newcomer. Like many in Ministry, I am more comfortable giving than receiving, but grudgingly, I chose to show my wounds, tell my story, and ask for the support I needed. I swallowed my pride and requested rides from friends, colleagues, and parishioners.

In those weeks of being a passenger and sitting in so many front seats, I heard the stories of those who drove me. Stories of their own hospitalizations, cancer treatments, their navigation of caring for aging parents, their own losses. Sharing my story, acknowledging my limitations, and asking others to do for me what I could not do for myself led to developing authentic relationships. Acquaintances became friends. I realized anew we are all walking wounded in one way or another. When we show our wounds, trust is built. Truth is spoken. Connection is developed.

There is a natural human impulse to hide our wounds – they make us seem weak, needy, or even unlovable. We desire to present the best of ourselves, hide our imperfections and pain. But Jesus models the opposite in today's Gospel. We witness how the post-resurrection Jesus shares our human experience of being the walking wounded – even in the triumph of the resurrection. Unashamed and offering peace, He reveals Himself, allowing His wounds to be seen and touched and known.

We celebrate God's embodiment at Christmas, in awe of the Word made flesh, God's vulnerability as a tiny baby. And at Easter too, we celebrate this body that endured immense suffering, rose from the grave, bearing wounds. Is it possible that Jesus – fully God, the Second Person of the Trinity – could have resurrected without visible wounds? Of course! We hear in today's Gospel that He entered a locked door. Of course, He could have moved through His resurrected life with a flawless body, bearing no mark of Good Friday's torture and trauma. Jesus had a choice: and He chose to walk among us in His resurrected life marked with wounds.

What if this Gospel shows how to move through the world wounded and real and unashamed? After all, Jesus revealing His wounds leads to Thomas' famous proclamation of faith: "My Lord and my God." The Church begins with this revealing of wounds and the transformation and conversion that flow from that divine act of vulnerability.

We are all walking wounded. Today's Gospel invites us to consider the wounds we live with and ask for courage and vulnerability, so those wounds draw us into deeper connection with one another and a more authentic proclamation of truth.

Rhonda Miska

Preacher, Writer, Spiritual Director, Lay Ecclesial Minister
Taken from uscatholic.org

Parish News and Events

Archbishop Andrew Bellisario, CM has reinstated the obligation to attend Holy Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. This obligation reinforces our need for essential celebration of the Holy Eucharist, which is "the source and summit of Christian Life." Please consult Father Vince, if you have any questions about the obligation to attend Mass.

Effective immediately, face covering will be optional while attending Mass and other events here at Saint Anthony. However, if you are or any of your family member is feeling sick, please stay home.

For those Parishioners who would like to continue online giving, here is the link to the online giving site - [Sign In](#) | [OSV Hub](#).

The Saint Anthony Parish Council will have an in-person meeting next Sunday, May 1, Noon at the Parish Hall. All are welcome to attend. Masks and social distancing are optional.

Sunday Doughnuts. Please join us after the 8:30 and 10:30 AM Sunday Mass for coffee and doughnuts. Enjoy the food and the fellowship that follows.

Saint Anthony needs volunteers to help Mario in cleaning the parking lot. The more folks helping will make this a shorter task. Sweeping Party will start at 9 AM, Saturday, April 30. Please bring your sweepers and enjoy the fellowship! Thanks in advance for all the helpers.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST. Please join us for the Knights of Columbus Monthly Pancake Breakfast for those delicious pancakes, scrumptious sausages, coffee, and juices after the 8:30 and 10:30 AM Masses on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 8. This month's pancake event is sponsored by Annette Alleva. All are welcome for delicious food and great fellowship.

Forty Days of Lent Food Drive. To help drive us toward our goal of 40,000-pounds of food, we are hosting a friendly competition to see which group donates the most food over the forty (40) days of Lent! Drop donations off at 3710 E. 20th Avenue, Monday-Friday, 9 AM - 4 PM. Current standings are Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Knight of Columbus: 2,730 pounds, Saint Anthony's: 2,325 pounds, Saint Andrew's: 1,892 pounds, Saint Benedict's: 1,514 pounds, Holy Family Knights of Columbus: 711 pounds, Saint Patrick's: 582 pounds, Holy Cross Catholic Church: 294 pounds, Other: 720 pounds, TOTAL: 10,768 pounds. If you have any questions, reach out to [Molly Cornish, mcornish@cssalaska.org](mailto:mcornish@cssalaska.org), 907.310.7190.

The Elizabeth Ministry of Saint Andrew Parish in Eagle River is sponsoring a "Healing Mass of Pregnancy and Child Loss," on May 6, 6:30 PM with a light reception to follow. There will be an opportunity for individual or group prayer and fellowship with others who have experienced these painful losses after the Mass. The Mass will also be live streamed for those who can not attend in person at <http://aksintandrews.org>. For additional information, please see our advertisement in the May edition of the North Star Catholic newspaper, or contact Jo Martin, Elizabeth Ministry.

The **Little Sister of Jesus** are happy to announce a **Mass** at **Saint Anthony Parish** celebrating the **canonization of Brother Charles De Foucauld** on **Sunday, May 14, 5:30 PM**. All are welcomed to attend.

The **Knights of Columbus** have a new **Ministry** in support of the **Community Pregnancy Center (CPC)**, a nonprofit organization dedicated to offering **resources** and **support** to **help parents choose Abundant Life** for their families. Please no broken, dirty, or damaged items. **CPC** cannot accept used car seats, cribs, or breast pumps. Financial donations are likewise accepted.

The **Knights of Columbus** are selling tickets for their **21st Annual Bison Hunt Raffle!** Winner will receive an **all-expenses-paid guided Bison Hunt** on **Kodiak Island**, or **\$3,500 cash**. The tickets are **\$20 each**. The drawing for the winning ticket will be on **May 1**. This is a major fundraiser for our Knights and helps them to support our Parish Ministries. For more details, or to purchase, contact **Paul Lightner**.

For those Parishioners who want to participate in the Ministries, particularly the **Ministry of Proclaiming the Word**, the Ministry will have a **Lector Training** on **Sunday, May 22** after the **10:30 AM Mass**. If you are interested and have recommendations on how to improve our Ministry, please contact **Imelda Vioria, 907.317.0625** or contact the **Parish Office**.

Catholic Social Services (CSS) needs the following items: **pots and pans, and towels**. The listing above are the needs of the following Programs: **Saint Francis Food Pantry, Homeless Family Services, and Supportive Family Services**. You can bring these items to the Main Office, 3710 E20th Avenue.

Clare House (CH) needs a variety of different donations. Currently, **CH** needs the following items: **white garbage bags, black garbage bags, and lotion**. **CH** provides a safe home environment for women and children in crisis, keeping the families together.

Clare House (CH) Meals Team. We need a volunteer or group who can bring dinner to **CH** on the Fourth Monday of every month. Dinner would need to be able to feed forty (40) people - women and children. Reach out to **Molly Cornish**, if you are interested or have any questions email **mcornish@cssalaska.org**.

Book Drive for Brother Francis Shelter (BFS). The guests at **BFS** have requested National Geographics, comic books, graphic novels, all types of novels, sci-fi, mystery and romance too! Magazines would be a great addition to the **BFS** Library as well. Please help us meet our goal of 500 books by dropping off books at the **Catholic Social Services (CSS)**, Main Center, 3710 E 20th.

The **Genesis Retreat** in **May** is our latest effort to strengthen retreatants and campers as they bring their faith to bear on the next phase of their lives.

Genesis is aimed at **18-35-year-olds** and takes **Theology of the Body** as its topic. Presentations include an **introduction to Theology of the Body, Bioethics, and Catholic Decision Making**, pitfalls to avoid in **preparing for a healthy marriage**, and an outline of **Natural Family Planning**.

As these topics indicate, **Genesis** will provide information and perspectives on issues related to Theology of the Body that are relevant to our community's young adults. Our intention is to give reliable, faith-informed guidance so that young people can make faith-filled and fulfilling decisions as they enter adulthood. In so doing, their relationship with God and others will stay on a holy and satisfying trajectory. This retreat will also offer young adults the opportunity to have time with the Lord, surrounded by others in fellowship.

If you or a young person in your home are our target audience and are interested, please come on **May 13-15, Saint Therese's Camp**. **Cost: \$99** before Easter Sunday, **\$109** after Easter Sunday. Contact **Maddie Stoffel, Genesis Organizer, 651.500.5620** for more information. Thank you, God bless you, and see you at Genesis!

Saint Therese's Camp offers a week-long residential **Camp Summer 2022** registration is open! If you have already registered your child for summer camp, thank you. We look forward to hosting your child or children! If you have not, we encourage you to click on **<https://sainttheresescamp.regfox.com/summer-camp-registration-2022>** and register today. **Spaces are filling up**. The registration rates are **\$364** for **Grades 3-8** and **\$380** for **High School**. The High School Campers will go on a half-day rafting trip! Campers who **register before May 10** will get a **free t-shirt!** We do have **scholarship funds available**; contact **Rudy, 907.232.2066** or **campdirector@stthereseak.com** for details. Camp weeks: **June 12-17, June 19-24, June 26-July 1, High School Week, July 10-15, July 17-22, and July 24-29**.

Summer Camp is filling up. Register soon, camp is **84% full**. If you have registered your child for **Summer Camp 2022**, thank you! We look forward to leading them through a week of fun, faith, and friends.

If you have not yet registered your child but are planning to, I encourage you to do it soon. The number of available spots is down to **fifty-three (53)**. It is our experience that registrations come in batches; siblings from the same family or children and parents from different families communicate with each other and decide what week they want to send their children, and then they register en masse. That number could fall steeply and without warning.

If you are eager to send your child or children to camp but finances are a bit tight, please contact **Rudy, 907.232.2066, campdirector@stthereseak.com**. We do have financial aid and we can work something out.

Summer 2022 T-Shirts. Parents and not-yet-camping siblings can get them! Campers registered before May 11 get a free t-shirt. For others who want a shirt or sweatshirt, contact **Rudy, 907.232.2066** or **campdirector@stthereseak.com** to order. **T-shirts** are **\$13** and **sweatshirts** are **\$20**, slightly higher prices for XL shirts and XXL sweatshirts. Ordering ends **May 11**, so that we can send the order to the print shop and get your shirts to you when you pick up your camper this summer.

The **Parish Office** continues to refresh the listing of the **Sick and Suffering** as well as the **Parish Directory**. If there are any updates, please contact the **Bulletin Editor** or the **Parish Office**. Thank you.

| Liturgical Ministers - April 30/May 1 | |
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| Lectors | Eucharistic Ministers |
| Saturday – 5:30 PM | |
| Melissa Branch | Jim Bell |
| Sunday – 8:30 AM | |
| Darcy Steger | Minerva Roldan |
| Sunday – 10:30 AM | |
| Serani Tafune | Sandy Foreman Ulalia Tafune Annabelle Candelaria |
| Sunday – 5:30 PM | |
| Emmanuel Mast | Nicky Van Hoey |

Readings for Next Week's Masses
May 1, 2022
Third Sunday of Easter
FIRST READING
Book of Acts of the Apostles
 Acts 5:27 - 32, 40b - 41 (48C)

SECOND READING
Book of Revelation
 Revelation 5:11-14

GOSPEL
The Holy Gospel according to Saint John
 John 21:1 - 19 or 21:1 - 14

| Week at a Glance | |
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| Tuesday | Recitation of the Rosary - 8:30 AM Creative Circle – 9:30 AM |
| Wednesday | Recitation of the Rosary - 8:30 AM <u>BULLETIN DEADLINE – 5 PM</u> |
| Thursday | Recitation of the Rosary - 8:30 AM Kateri Circle – 1 PM |
| Friday | Recitation of the Rosary - 8:30 AM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 7 PM |
| Saturday | Recitation of the Rosary - 8:30 AM Samoan Divine Mercy Group Prayer Meeting - 10:30 AM Reconciliation - 4-5 PM Filipino Choir Practice - 5 PM Samoan Choir Practice - 7 PM |

Thought for the Week
 Jesus had a choice and He chose to walk among us in His resurrected life marked with wounds.

Prayer List for Our Sick and Suffering

If you have a name you wish to be added to the listing, please contact the **Parish Office** or send it to the **Bulletin Editor**, sapbulletin@gmail.com.

| Pray for our Sick and Suffering | |
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| Robert Beans Emelia Beliveau Daniel Brooks Neddie Canete Paul Cordasci Nan Dietz Robert L. Edwards Jim Egan Ina Emmett John Erickson Erlinda Fleming Father Luz Flores Patricia Garrett Donna Gum David Hollingsworth Frank Javier Jerome Karella Erika Kelly Joshua Kutzgar Sam Kutzgar Alexine Leach Sophia Lee Joyce Lightner | Teresita Lolesio Darlene Lord Bill Mueller Bobby Nickarz Christopher Nickarz Dee Olin Conchita Pal-Byas Paul Palinski Mary Patania Carol Plancich Augustine Randt-Reidell Randy Ribble Angela Ribuffo Jacob Rivera Jaxson Rivera Exaltacion Rolle Josephine Skeete Angie Sipin Elizabeth Varee Richard Varee Marisa Villanueva Chris White Bart Whitecotton |

Collection - Holy Week

Offertory - \$11,845
 Building and Maintenance - \$60
 Holy Land - \$610
 CRS Rice Bowl - \$340
 Catholic Home Mission - \$20
 Online Offering - \$1,045
 Online Building and Maintenance - \$100

Thank you for your generosity!

Are you new to Our Parish?

Do you have questions about our Faith Community? Have you been attending Saint Anthony and would like to register as a member of our Parish? Do you need to update your contact information? Call the **Parish Office**, 907.333.5544 or via email office@stanthonyak.org.

Would you like to receive the Bulletin by email? You may not be aware that the Bulletin can be emailed directly to you or anyone with an interest every week. If you would like the current Bulletin in your inbox on a weekly basis, please contact the **Parish Office**. We will gladly add you to our Mailing List.

The Saint Anthony Parish Hall and Conference Rooms are still **unavailable** until further notice. Please contact the **Parish Office** for details.