



# THE CATHOLIC CHURCHES OF ST. ANTHONY *and* SEVEN DOLORS

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## Cycle's of Faith

### 4th Sunday of Advent

For some reason Christmas seems to bring out stories of the underdog-the unseen, unpretentious, almost unknown, who suddenly breaks on the scene. There's the little drummer boy, who has nothing, but shows up to play for the newborn king. There's the fictional story of the fourth magi, who was delayed in getting to the meeting place and so didn't make the journey to Bethlehem but found Jesus later in life. And then there's Charlie Brown's Christmas tree, that forlorn sprig that at the end of the show is shown as a glorious tree.

As we hear in the first reading from Micah, Bethlehem is much the same. A tiny backwater village that isn't even big enough to be numbered among the clans of Judah. Add to the story a young, pregnant girl from a remote town in Galilee and you don't exactly have the makings of fame and fortune.

Yet by God's grace, the underdog triumphs. Mary's kinswoman, Elizabeth, recognizes the greatness when Mary shows up at her doorstep. "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb," exclaims Elizabeth, using words that we now pray every time we say the Hail Mary. Elizabeth points out, "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

When we're in the lowly position, it can be hard to imagine that we can see our way out. But God does raise the lowly, as Mary said in reply to Elizabeth's greeting. Conversely, when we're on top of the world, we might do well to recall the rest of Mary's prayer: "[The Lord] has cast down the mighty from their thrones." A humble spirit can help us act upon God's will for us. ©2009 Liturgical Publications Inc

## Readings for the Week

### Week of December 20, 2009

Sun: Mi 5:1-4a/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45  
 Mon: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45  
 Tues: 1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56  
 Wed: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66  
 Thurs: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Lk 1:67-79  
 Fri: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25  
 Midnight: Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14  
 Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20  
 Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14  
 Sat: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22  
 Sun: Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52



## Events Calendar

### December

Dec. 19th-20th: Christian Mothers /Women Bake Sale  
 Tues. Dec. 22nd: Christmas Pageant & Concert 6:30pm at Seven Dolors  
 Thurs. Dec. 24th: Christmas Eve Mass 5pm (SD) 8pm (SA)  
 Fri. Dec. 25th: Christmas Day Mass 8:30am (SA) 10:30am (SD)  
 Mon. Dec. 28th: Knights of Columbus 8pm (SD)

### Bulletin Deadlines for December

Early bulletin announcement deadline for the week of January 3 is 8:00 am on December 29.



*Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." - Lk 1: 41, 42, 45*

## Mass Schedule

### Monday, December 21

7:30 am † Jerome Lemke  
 † Harvey Lemke (SD)

### Tuesday, December 22

7:30 am Living & †† Deceased of  
 John & Gertrude Mergen (SD)

### Wednesday, December 23

9:00 am Holy Family School Mass  
 (Prepared by Grade 6)  
 † Johanna Rodenwald  
 †† Oswald & Eleanor Fischer (SD)

### Christmas Eve, December 24

5:00 pm † Bill Blenker & † Carol Andvik  
 † James Thelen (SD)  
 8:00 pm † Jeff Breth  
 † Gert Kretzschmar (SA)

### Christmas Day, December 25

8:30 am † Melvin Vos  
 † Alex Cremers (SA)  
 10:30 am † John Garding Anniversary  
 † Katharine Poxleitner (SD)

### Saturday, December 26

7:30 am † Mary Welters (SD)  
 5:00 pm †† Al & Valeria Mareck  
 † Debbie Evens (SD)

### Sunday, December 27

8:30 am † Patrick Wilson  
 For the Parishes of St. Anthony  
 & Seven Dolors (SA)  
 10:30 am † Dolores Fischer  
 † Phyllis Schmitz (SD)

## Merry Christmas

Let us all rejoice in the Lord,  
for our Savior is born to the world.  
True peace has descended from heaven.  
Wishing you every blessing as we celebrate the  
birth of Christ. Merry Christmas, Father Michael



## Christian Mother's Bake Sale & Gift Boutique

December 19-20

Saturday from 4:30-6:30pm Sunday from 9am-noon  
Seven Dolor Parish Center, Albany

Do some of your Holiday baking while supporting the Christian Mothers. Fancy Work items will be on display and for sale in the gathering area during the Bake Sale—great Christmas gift ideas! Craft Items—Baby Quilts & Blankets—Embroidered Dishtowel Sets—Holiday Dishtowel Sets and much more!

## Preserving Our Past, Securing Our Future Campaign

Thank you to those who have made a pledge or donation to the "Preserving our Past, Securing our Future and Challenge Grant" Campaign. We invite all members of the parish to respond to the current and future needs of your Parish. Perhaps you could benefit from reduced tax liability this year by making an additional pledge payment on or before 12/31/09.

## Quilting

Christmas Break—Quilting will resume January 5th & 6th! A very special thank you to all of our quilters for coming each week and to those who bring "goodies" for our breaks. We really appreciate all you do! We wish ALL of you a very Blessed Christmas. Joyce, Teresa & Bonnie

## 2010 Calendars

The 2010 Catholic Reflections Calendars are available at all entrances. We would like to thank the Albany Office of the Central Minnesota Federal Credit Union for providing the calendars.

## Honoring Marriage Day

Bishop Kenney and staff have asked for our assistance in providing them with Seven Dolors and St. Anthony couples who will be married 5, 25, 40 or 50 years (in 2010) so they can send you an invitation to a special liturgy that will be held on Saturday, May 1, 2010 at St. Mary's Cathedral. If you would like to attend please submit a request to the parish office by February 1st.

## Breakfast of Sunday

We would like to THANK everyone who attended the Breakfast with St. Nick December 6th. We especially THANK St. Nick, all the students, parents, Confirmation students, Coordinators and any others that helped plan and work at the breakfast. It was truly wonderful to see everyone working together, having fun and sharing such a great spirit. Thank you for all the great donations. God bless you!

## Direct Mailing of 2010 Adult Donation Envelopes

In an effort to save money and reduce the cost of our 2010 contribution envelopes 2010 Envelopes will be mailed out quarterly. We are only allowed 17 envelopes per packet for the reduced mailing rate. Along with the usual Sunday envelopes we will include a "Parish Concerns Envelope" every month except September & December and four quarterly "Special Needs Envelopes".

**Direct Deposit Available:** If you would like to have your donations made through "direct deposit", forms are on the back table of church and gathering area. If you have any questions, please call Joan at the parish office.

## 2010 Youth Donation Envelopes

Youth Envelopes will be handed out at Faith Formation registration this spring ... please continue to use the same box your children have now. If your child needs a box or theirs is empty and they need a new one, let Joan know and arrangements can be made to pick up a new box.

## Christmas Pageant & Concert

Tuesday, December 22 at 6:30pm in church. Jesus is the reason for the season! Everyone is invited to spend an enjoyable evening listening to Christmas music, singing along to some favorite songs and a traditional Christmas Pageant. Refreshments will be served following the program.

## Christmas Eve Music Prelude

The Choir invites you to enjoy a music prelude beginning at 4:30pm on Christmas Eve. The Choir will sing some four part selections, there will be piano performances by young pianists and you will be invited to sing along to familiar Christmas favorites!



## Bazaar Dinner Tickets Available

Seven Dolors 2010 bazaar dinner tickets are now available to purchase for Christmas gifts! Ticket cost for 2010 dinner will be: Adults \$7.50 and children \$4.00. To purchase tickets, please stop in and see Joan at the parish office.

## Thank You Eucharistic Ministers!

Teams need to be established by Dec. 18th for printing in the December 27th bulletin. If you haven't received a phone call from Carol S. regarding EM teams, please call her at 845-7310.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Alicia Tobkin & Ben Mergen who were married at St. Henry's Church in Perham on Saturday. May God's Blessing be upon them as they begin their new life together.

## Retirement Fund For Religious

Retirement Fund Collection was last weekend. Please use a regular envelope or an envelope available at church entrances. Please be generous in your support—thank you!

## Statue of our Blessed Mother

The traveling Fatima Pilgrim statue of our Blessed Mother is at the home of Roger Friedrichs. To reserve the statue call 845-4092.

## Rosary Leaders

### December

21-26: Clarence & Jean Enneking

No Rosary Dec. 25th Christmas morning

28-2: Tony & Geri Lenneman



## Please Pray For...

.... all who are sick in our parish especially Doris Jesh & Terry Baggenstoss. To add a name to the prayer intentions or Prayer Line, please call Joan at the parish office 845-2705.

## Eucharistic Adoration

"Sound the trumpet in Zion, the day of the Lord is near; he comes to save us. Alleluia."

Eucharistic Adoration will not be held Friday, December 25 (Christmas Day) and Friday, January 1st (New Year's Day).

## Current Funeral Group: #3

**Faith Formation Classes**

Christmas break –No more classes this year. Enjoy the Christmas Break! Classes will resume January 6th, 2010.

**Needed:** Paper tubes from paper towels or wrapping paper. Please drop them off at the parish office or the gathering area.

**Concert & Pageant:** December 22 at 6:30pm

How do I adequately let you know the warmth, wonderful and unforgettable ways so many of you brought great gifts (personal and material) to our Faith Formation Program and myself. All of these gifts, which ultimately, come from the heart, emphasizes the true meaning of Christmas for us. Writing to each one of you is impossible, but like a "little angel" I want to GIVE EACH OF YOU THE PERFECT GIFT, so, ..... I turn to God for help! Yes, I WILL BE PRAYING SPECIALLY FOR YOU that God will BLESS YOU for helping me do the work of Christmas.

BEST WISHES!!!! Sister Alice

**Holy Family School News**

We wish all of you a very Happy & Blessed Christmas. Thank you for the beautiful ways you share God's love with us throughout the year. We deeply appreciate the care and love you continually share with us. May God bless you. From Holy Family School Students & Staff

As the Holidays approach please remember that Scrip gift cards purchased through Holy Family School would make great Christmas gifts. The cards are sold to you for face value of the card and can be picked up at the school office. The school receives a percentage of the value of the card for selling them. You can choose to have all of the profit generated from your purchase donated to the school or have 50% of the profit donated to a family's tuition fees and 50% donation to the school. We have over 70 stores available including many local Albany stores. You can save the time and gas for a trip into St. Cloud to purchase gift cards to many of the St. Cloud or National Chain stores. A complete listing of gift cards we have available can be found on the website ([www.holyfamilyalbany.com](http://www.holyfamilyalbany.com)) or call the school office for more information 845 –2011. This is a great way to support the school with no cost to you!

Bonnie Massmann, Principal, Holy Family School, Albany



**S T . A N T H O N Y**

**Saint Anthony Liturgical Roles**

**Christmas Eve, December 24**

**Servers**

8:00 pm Ashley Goebel & Emily Ramacher

**Lector**

8:00 pm Karen St. Marie

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

8:00 pm Mary Stich, Ralph Stich & Arnold Stueve

**Sacristan**

8:00 pm Kim Karki

**Gift Bearers**

8:00 pm Elmer & Joyce Ostendorf

**Ushers**

8:00 pm Ken Gerads & Ken Wenning

**Christmas Day, December 25**

**Servers**

8:30 am Tanya Rehkamp & Travis Rehkamp

**Lector**

8:30 am David Stueve

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

8:30 am Darlene Adrian, Gen Beutz & Ann Cremers

**Sacristan**

8:30 am Sandy Wielenberg

**Gift Bearers**

8:30 am Paul & Mary Rademacher

**Ushers**

8:30 am Jim Rehkamp & Jessie Brinker

**Religious Education**

**Grades 1—9**

Wednesday, December 23 & 30,  
No Class ~ Christmas Break



**Sunday, December 27**

**Servers**

8:30 am Cole Eynck & Bryce Eynck

**Lector**

8:30 am Maxine Goebel

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

8:30 am Dean Goebel & Jeff Goebel

**Sacristan**

8:30 am Kim Karki

**Gift Bearers**

8:30 am Alois Jr. & Linda Rakotz

**Ushers**

8:30 am Vern Goebel & Linus Goebel

**Thank You!**

Thank you to James Hemker and Freeport State Bank for their generous Christmas gift of \$1,000 to St. Anthony Church. May God Bless you all!

**Layette for Baby Jesus**

Layette for baby Jesus is set up in front of church by the Blessed Virgin Mary; sponsored by the Christian Mothers, proceeds to go to Birthline. New or gentle used baby items; such as sleepers, blankets, diapers, bibs, etc.

**Please Pray For...**

all who are sick in our parish especially Irene Breth, Joe Gerads, Sylvester Luethmers and Theresa Urbashich.

**Decorating for Christmas**

We will be decorating for Christmas after the 8:30am Mass on December 20th. This is a huge project and your help would be greatly appreciated!

**Contribution Envelopes**

Please pick up your 2010 contribution envelopes in the back of church. Any contributions for 2009 MUST be received in the parish office by Dec. 31.

**Thank You!**

Thank you to the St. Anthony Christian Mothers & Women for reading Masses for shut-ins and the disabled. It is greatly appreciated.

Merry Christmas and may God Bless you!

Nick Zeimetz



## Seven Dolors Liturgical Roles

**Christmas Eve December 24 & Christmas Day December 25**

**Servers:** 5:00 pm Alexis Schwinghamer &  
10:30 am Brady Pundsack & Bethany Christen

**Lectors** 5:00 pm Edna Goebel  
10:30 am Roger Ohmann



### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

**5:00 pm** Fr. Michael OSB, Sue Shay, Carol Bloch,  
Rosie Zimmerman, Mary Greeley, Jack Petermeier. Choir: John  
Wesbur

**10:30 am** Fr. Michael OSB, Monetta Watry, Terri Dingmann,  
Rollie & Tillie Gilk, Sharon Weyer

**Sacristans** 5:00pm 10:30am:

**Gift Bearers** 5:00 pm: Mary Greeley & Jonathan  
10:30 am: Keith & Roxane Pundsack Family

### Ushers:

5:00 pm Ervin Zierden, George Reber, Jim Fischer,  
Mark Klemmer, Richard Wolf, Harold Goebel

10:30 am Kevin Watry, Steve Pelzer,  
Josh Pelzer, Loren Pelzer

### Seven Dolors Shut-in Eucharistic Ministers

Al Wenker

Joan Gruenke - Hospital and Virgil Gruenke - Mercy Manor

## **Saturday, December 26 & Sunday, December 27**

**Servers** 5:00 pm Nick Mergen & Marcus Mergen  
10:30 am Danny Odenthal & Luke VanOverbeke

**Lectors** 5:00 pm Jim Welle  
10:30 am Sandra Meer

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

5:00 pm Fr. Michael Naughton OSB, Greg Smoley,  
Larry Mareck, Mary Jane Kortenbusch, Monetta Watry,  
Jack Petermeier

10:30 am Fr. Michael Naughton OSB, Lisa Groetsch,  
Edna Goebel, Linda Hauschild, Roxane & Holly Pundsack

### Sacristans

5:00 pm Joyce Wolf 8:00 am Candles:  
10:30 am Joan Scherping

**Gift Bearers** 5:00 pm First Communion Student & Family  
10:30am First Communion Student & Family

**Ushers** **5:00 pm** Harold Goebel, George Reber,  
Ervin Zierden Duane Herkenhoff

**10:30 am** Brian Holthaus, Larry Moser,  
Nick Koopmeiners Matt Groetsch

### Seven Dolors Shut-in Eucharistic Ministers

Sue Overman and Rita Gasperlin

Renee Mergen—Hospital and Edna Goebel—Mercy Manor

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Kim Fish ..... (M, T, W) 8:15-10:15 am

### Bookkeeper

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Bonnie Massmann.....845-2011

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Joan Sand.....845-2705

### Shut-In Eucharistic Ministry Coordinator

Carol Schwinghamer.....845-7310

Rosie Zimmerman .....845-2366

### Parish Nurse,

Cindy Nienaber .....845-4046

### Parish Accompanist/

### Director of Music Ministries,

Karen Heitzman.....845-2755

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### Rosary Schedule

**Seven Dolors:** Monday-Saturday (prior to 7:30 am Mass);  
Tuesday 10:00 am (Scripture)

**St. Anthony:** Thursday (prior to 8:30 am Mass)

### Confessions

**St. Anthony:** Sunday before 8:30 am Mass

**Seven Dolors:** Saturday 4:00 pm

Thursday (before 1st Friday) 4:00 pm

### Baptism

**St. Anthony:** Contact the Parish Office

**Seven Dolors:** 1st & 3rd Sunday; contact the Parish Office

### Marriage

Six months preparation required; contact the Pastor.

### Anointing of the Sick

Please have a family member contact the Pastor or Parish Office.

### Shut-Ins

Communion, Sacrament of the Sick, Pastoral Visitation:

We want to know your pastoral needs. Please have a family member contact the parish office.

### Bulletin Deadline

Wednesday 8:00 am. Please send your announcement to the St. Anthony office 845-2416, (fax) 845-2414 or stanthony@albanytel.com. *Thank you!*

### New Parishioners

If you would like to become a member of one of our parishes please call the Parish Office at 320-845-2416 or 320-845-2705.

## Stewardship Posting Delays

Please keep in mind during this Christmas Season that posting of stewardship for Seven Dolors and St. Anthony will be delayed due to early bulletin deadlines. Thank you!

## Concerns About Falling?

Many older adults experience concerns about falling and restrict their activities. A Matter of Balance is an eight session award-winning program designed to manage falls and increase activity levels. Classes will begin in January and held at Mercy Manor. To register call Jolene Boeckermann at Mother of Mercy 845-2195.

## Seven Dolors Quilting Retreat

Seven Dolors Parish Center on Sat., Jan. 16

and Sun., Jan. 17. A day of fun which will include working on individual projects, hand

quilting a parish quilt for the Seven Dolors Parish Festival in August and demonstrations of paper piecing and machine bindings. Cost: \$10. Contact Donna Huckenpoehler to register (by Jan. 8) and with questions - 356-9437

