



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

A L B A N Y • M I N N E S O T A



Cycle's of Faith

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

It may sound like a story line from a bad situation comedy, but how many of you parents out there have gone to one of those parent-teacher meetings, only to come away shaking your head in wonder. "Was that our kid she was talking about?" Little Junior who can't find the clothes hamper, talks with his mouth full, and slugs his sister at home is one of the most delightful young students in Mrs. Smith's class. Sometimes, are we standing too close to our children to really see them for who they are?

According to ancient Jewish laws, a woman who had given birth was not allowed into the temple for forty days, where she was then given "purification" as described in today's Gospel reading from Luke. Most new mothers would also offer a lamb and a dove for a sacrifice, or if the family was very poor, two doves or pigeons, as was the case for Joseph and Mary.

It was Simeon and Anna, two faith-filled individuals from outside the family, who recognized with joyful exclamations that the child Jesus was the Messiah. Luke tells us that Joseph and Mary "were amazed at what was said about him."

In today's seemingly secular world, where those of faith are greeted with disdain and even hostility, the faithful family stands even more importantly as a center of life itself (CCC 1656). The Second Vatican Council even recognized that parents are "by word and example ? the first heralds of the faith with regard to their children. They should encourage them in the vocation which is proper to each child." Today is the feast of the Holy Family; look at the children around you, perhaps for the first time, with amazement at these young gifts from God.

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"My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." - Lk 2:30-32

Mass Schedule

Monday, December 29

7:30 am † Clarence Silbernack
† Alice Wolf (SD)

Tuesday, December 30

7:30 am † Marvin Andrews
† Veronica Rohe (SD)

Wednesday, December 31

7:30 am Living & †† Deceased of Cremers
& Poxleitner Families (SD)

Blessed Virgin Mary ~ Mother of God Vigil

5:00 pm Living & †† Deceased of Zeis, Vos,
Maus & Bredeck Families (SD)

Blessed Virgin Mary ~ Mother of God

Thursday, January 1

8:30 am † Tony Janke
For the Parishes of St. Anthony &
Seven Dolors (SA)

10:30 am † Estelle Klemmer
†† Duane & Todd Gerads (SD)

Friday, January 2

7:30 am † Bertha Gresser
† Duane Gerads (SD)

Saturday, January 3

7:30 am †† Edmund & Dolores Fischer (SD)
5:00 pm † Meinie Janssen Anniv. (SD)

Sunday, January 4

8:30 am † Michael Milligan
For the Parishes of St. Anthony
& Seven Dolors (SA)
10:30 am † Marvin Mareck (SD)

Readings for the Week

Week of December 28, 2008

Sun: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12 3:12
-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Mon: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35

Tues: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40

Wed: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18

Thurs: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Fri: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28

Sat: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Jn 1:29-34

Sun: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



Events Calendar

December

Mon. Dec. 29th: Knights of Columbus 8pm (SD)

Wed. Dec. 31st: Blessed Virgin Mary-Mother of God Vigil Mass 5pm Seven Dolors

January

Thurs. Jan. 1st: Blessed Virgin Mary Mass 8:30am (SA) 10:30am (SD)

Wed. Jan 7th: School Board Meeting Albany Area Schools

Thurs. Jan 8th: Seven Dolors Liturgy Committee 7:00 pm

Sun. Jan 11th: Holy Family School Breakfast/Holy Family School

St. Joseph & St. Ann's Society. 8pm Holy Family School

Tues. Jan 13th: Holy Family School Board of Education Meeting 7pm

Thurs. Jan 15th: Seven Dolors Building & Maintenance Committee 6:30

Thurs. Jan 15th: Seven Dolors Parish Council Meeting 7:30pm

Mon Jan 19th: Evening of Prayer for our Community 7:30pm (SD)

Mon. Jan 26th: Knights of Columbus 8pm Holy Family School

Bulletin Deadline for the Holidays

January 4th bulletin announcements due **Tuesday, December 30th at 8:00am**. These early deadlines may delay stewardship postings in the bulletin.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank every one for their Christmas cards, gifts, prayers and baked items. Thank you for your generous Christmas donations and for your donations to Preserving Our Past, Securing Our Future Campaign. Thank you to Karen Heitzman, choirs & instrumentalists for the beautiful Christmas music, everyone who helped with the Christmas Pageant especially Kathy Katka and ladies for the beautiful costumes. Thank you to the Reber Family, Rita Gasperlin, Tillie Gilk and the Liturgy Committee & Environment Committee for the Advent & Christmas decorations. May you all have a blessed New Year! Father Jonathan

Church Renovation to begin January 5th

Beginning January 5th the interior church renovation will begin. Pews will be removed (altars & organ covered for protection), scaffolding set up to begin the plaster repair, painting and stenciling. Lighting & sound system; floor preparation and mechanical installation next and if everything went as planned final cleaning and pew installation first part of May.

Renovation Plans

Saturday 5pm & Sunday 10:30am Mass will be held in the parish center.

Rosary & Daily Mass will be held in the gathering area.

Holy Family School Mass will be held in the school lunchroom.

Friday Adoration will be held at St. Anthony Church.

Adoration Votive Candles will be put on hold until May—no candles in gym. We ask for your prayers and patience during the renovation and look forward to a beautiful worship space in May.

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 12/31/08.

Quilting

Christmas Break—Quilting will resume January 6-7, 2009!

Retrouvaille

Retrouvaille can help couples who are living in the pain of a strained marriage. Next program starts in January; 1-888-255-5314.

Charitable Donation

The Pension Protection Act of 2006 allowed certain IRA holders the opportunity to donate assets in their IRA to qualified charitable organizations. If it's done correctly, the distributions are tax-free. Originally, this benefit was available only through December 31, 2007. On October 2, 2008, President Bush signed into law the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008, which contains a provision that extends the charitable donation benefit through December 31, 2009. Eligibility and donation limit—IRA holders must be at least 70 ½ years of age on or before the actual day of making the donation. Additional information is available on the sofa table.

2009 Youth Donation Envelopes

Envelopes will be given out as needed ... If your children have envelopes now, please continue to use the same box. 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.

Adult Envelopes & Year End Donations

Direct mailing of adult envelopes will begin January 2009. Direct Deposit Available: If you would like to start making your contributions through direct deposit, a form is in the file box on the sofa table in the gathering area.

Planning Ahead

Evening of Prayer for our Community will be January 19, 2009 at 7:30pm in Seven Dolors Parish Center, Albany.

Christian Mother's Meeting

By-Law Change

The Albany Christian Mothers/Women voted on a change to the By-Laws at the December 2nd meeting. After discussion; motion made and passed the By-Laws Article VI, Sec. 2 will be as follows:

"Continuous membership for 50 years entitles a member to Golden membership and annual dues are not required. After one year non-pay of dues a reminder phone call will be placed, and again after two years with non-pay of dues a letter will be sent notifying a removal from our organization."

CAA Youth Group Christmas Party

Any youth up to age 16 are invited— check with your parents—if you have a Catholic Aid Policy, you are a member of the Catholic Aid Youth Group! CAA youth Christmas Party will be Mon, Dec. 29 at the Albany Bowling Alley from 1-4pm. Come bowl, have a short meeting, eat and win prizes. And it's all free! Any questions, call Natalie Mrozek at 845-2215.

Thank You

The family of Estelle Klemmer would like to thank everyone, especially Fr. Jonathan, Karen & the choir, Roman, the lunch group; also Mother of Mercy Campus of Care, Albany Hospice and Miller-Carlin Funeral Home for the kindness and caring of our mother Estelle.

The Family of Estelle Klemmer

2009 Calendars

The 2009 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.

Fatima Pilgrim Statue of our Blessed Mother

The traveling statue of our Blessed Mother is at the home of Clarence & Jean Enneking.

Rosary Leaders

December 12/29-1/3: Linus & Jenny Kalthoff
January

5-10: Al & Margie Wenker

12-17: Mike & Renee Mergen

19-24: Clarence & Jean Enneking

26-31: Ralph & Marie Lauer

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 8:00am—6:00pm

The shepherds went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, with the child cradled in a manger.

Adoration will not be held Friday, December 26 or January 2. Friday Adoration will begin again January 9th at St. Anthony Church. May you all have a blessed Christmas. Thank you for your prayers and the time you spend with Jesus.

“Current Funeral Group: #14

From Holy Family School

We wish all of you a very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year. Thank you for the beautiful ways you share God's love with us throughout 2008. We deeply appreciate the care and love you continually share with us. May God bless you.

Help Wanted

Parish Custodian/Maintenance; responsible for the maintenance and cleaning of parish and school facilities and grounds, material handling and opening/closing of facilities. Must have or willing to obtain Class C Boiler license. A full job description will be provided to candidates chosen for interview. Letters of inquiry only to: Seven Dolors Parish, PO Box 277, Albany, MN 56307

Faith Formation

No more classes this year —enjoy the Christmas Break! Classes will resume January 7, 2009.

Honoring Marriage Day

Bishop Kenney and staff have asked for our assistance in providing them with Seven Dolors couples who will be married 5, 25, 40 or 50 years (in 2009) so they can send you an invitation to a special liturgy that will be held on Saturday, May 2, 2009 at St. Mary's Cathedral. If you would like to attend please submit a request to the Seven Dolors parish office.

Bulletin Advertising

Jim Byrne from Liturgical Publications, Inc, our bulletin publisher, will be in Albany/St. Anthony this week working on selling new advertising for our bulletin. Please consider advertising in our bulletin since the revenue from the ads is what makes our bulletin possible. Call Jim at 1-800-678-4574 x215.

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Religious Education Grades 1—6

December 31, No Class Christmas Break
Classes will resume January 7th, 2009

Religious Education Grades 7—11

December 31, No Class Christmas Break
Classes will resume January 7th, 2009.

CAA Matching Grant Breakfast

Income from Meal & Raffle	\$2,673.88
Expenses	- 469.26
Profit	\$2,204.62
Matching Grant	+ 1,000.00
Grant Net Profit	\$3,204.62
To Religious Ed.	- 2,900.00
Money for CAA	\$304.62

A detailed report of the breakfast is available in the back of church. **Thank you** to everyone who attended and worked and also the following for their donations:

Central MN Federal Credit Union, Albany	All dairy products
Albany Roller Mill	75 dozen eggs
Country Hearth Bakery Outlet	Bread
Stearns Bank and Stearns Insurance Agency	\$105.00 cash
Freeport State Bank	\$50.00 cash
Paul & Mary Rademacher	Potatoes

Saint Anthony Liturgical Roles

Thursday, January 1 & Sunday, January 4

Servers

Jan. 1, 8:30 am Matthew Rademacher & Julie Rademacher
Jan. 4, 8:30 am Matthew Beutz & Bailey Jensen

Lector

Jan. 1, 8:30 am Adam Goebel
Jan. 4, 8:30 am Joyce Ostendorf

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Jan. 1, 8:30 am Joyce Ostendorf
Jan. 4, 8:30 am Darlene Adrian, Dean Goebel, Jeff Goebel & Matt Jensen



Sacristan

Jan. 1, 8:30 am Sandy Wielenberg
Jan. 4, 8:30 am Matt/Lisa Jensen

Gift Bearers

Jan. 1, 8:30 am Gerald & Shirley Adrian
Jan. 4, 8:30 am Joe & Darlene Adrian

Ushers

Jan. 1, 8:30 am Randy Hartung & Chris Breth
Jan. 4, 8:30 am Ray Beutz & Ken Gerads

Contribution Envelopes

2009 contribution envelopes are available in the back of church.

Please Pray For...

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

C O M M U N I T Y N E W S & I N T E R E S T S

Holy Family School Breakfast

The families of Holy Family School in Albany are sponsoring a breakfast on Sunday, January 11, 2009 from 8:30—12:30 in the Holy Family School Cafeteria. The location has temporarily changed due to the renovation of the church. The menu includes: Sausage, ham, pancakes, hash browns, scrambled eggs, applesauce, strawberries, whipped cream, caramel & cinnamon rolls, juice, milk and coffee. Adults, \$7.00; children (K-6) \$4.00; children 5 & under FREE.

CHRISTMAS HAS COME
Let the Church Bells Ring
Celebrate the Birth of Jesus with Music

Presented by
THE TRI-PARISH CHOIR
*Performers include members from Sacred Heart Parish in Freeport,
Immaculate Conception Parish in New Muntich
and Saint Rose of Lima Parish in St. Rosa*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28TH
AT 7:30 PM

Concert will be held in the Sacred Heart Church, Freeport
No admission fee ~ Christmas Goodies & Reception to Follow ~ Donations appreciated

Seven Dolors Liturgical Roles

New Years Eve December 31 & New Years Day January 1

Servers

5:00 pm Kaylee Gilk & Alexis Schwinghamer
10:30 am Neil & Lauren Anderson

Lectors

5:00 pm Jim Welle
10:30 am Mike & Diane Noll

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

5:00 pm Fr. Jonathan OSB, Linda Abraham, Kim Ohmann,
Lois Reber, Monetta Watry, Sheela Arceneau,
Doug & Diana Konz, Sue Shay, Joanne Ricker
10:30 am Fr. Jonathan OSB, Joan Gruenke, Diane Noll,
Mary Sauerer, Angie Stangler, Edna Goebel,
Jack Petermeier, Bev Lieser,
Lowell Rushmeyer, Greg Smoley

Ushers

5:00 pm Rollie & Tillie Gilk, Gerald Sand, Larry Mareck
10:30 am Jack & Char Petermeier, Virgil Gruenke,
Ron Goebel

Saturday, January 3 & Sunday, January 4

Servers

5:00 pm Travis Pundsack & Jordan Haukos
10:30 am Joshua Christen & Isach Evens

Lectors

5:00 pm Marie Schleppebach
10:30 am Megan Davis

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

5:00 pm Fr. Jonathan OSB, Sharon Weyer, Roman Meitz,
Carol Bloch, Mary Jane Kortenbusch,
Larry Mareck, Butch & Joyce Wolf,
Laurie Blackmore, Connie Havard
10:30 am Fr. Jonathan OSB, Rita Gasperlin
Thomas & Laurel Enneking, Rebecca DeGeest,
Shannon Olson, Doris Budde, Terri Dingmann,
Linda Hauschild, Carol Mader

Sacristans

5:00 pm Sharon Weyer
8:00 am Candles: Lora Fourre
10:30 am Janet Christen

Gift Bearers

5:00 pm Tim & Sharon Sand Family
Confirmation Candidate: Nathan
10:30 am Michael & Staci Mayers Family
First Communion Student: Holly

Ushers

5:00 pm Cody & Jessi Eischens,
Mark Klemmer, Duane Herkenhoff
10:30 am Paula Burslie, Michael Mayers,
Greg Smoley, Shawn Ehler

Seven Dolors Shut-in Eucharistic Ministers

Carol Bloch Carol Schwinghamer Roman Meitz
Rita Gasperlin - Hospital and Virgil Gruenke - Mercy Manor

St. Anthony Stewardship

Due to the early bulletin deadline, stewardship for December 20 & 21 will be posted next Sunday.

Seven Dolors Stewardship

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\$5,054 is needed weekly to help balance our budget. As of Dec. 14 (the 24th week of the fiscal year) —we have averaged \$4,772.

Difference of \$282 per week x 24 weeks = (\$6,768)
We ask all to be generous.

Pastor Fr. Jonathan Licari, OSB

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Parish Secretary,

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

Bookkeeper

Janice Wuebkers Monday 7:30-10:30 am

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Bookkeeper/Parish Secretary,

Joan Sand 845-2705

Shut-In Eucharistic Ministry Coordinator

Joan Gruenke 845-2802

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Cindy Nienaber 845-4046

Parish Accompanist/

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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 stanthony1874@yahoo.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.