



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

2nd Sunday of Advent

Admit it you are already making yourselves crazy, what with decorations and gifts and special meals and travel plans, not to mention sending out the cards and annual letters. Some of you may even be thinking, "I'll be glad when all of this is over!" though I certainly hope not! Think back to those days over 2,000 years ago; under the quiet cover of night's darkness, a young couple set out on a journey. There was nothing of what we've added to this season, only quiet anticipation and prayer as they slowly made their way to an as yet unknown destination.

The Gospel of Mark is the shortest of the four, but is often described as the most striking and descriptive. Today's reading, from the beginning of the book, introduces us to John the Baptist. He is described as a voice of one, crying out in the desert, announcing to everyone who will hear him that the Messiah is coming. Imagine the excitement of those who listened to John; after centuries of waiting, the Christ was coming to baptize with the promised Holy Spirit.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church describes St. John the Baptist as "the Lord's immediate precursor or forerunner, sent to prepare his way" (CCC 523). Indeed, he was the last of the prophets to proclaim the coming of Jesus Christ. Appearing with the characteristics of an Old Testament prophet, this holiest of men had waited all of his life for the moment when he could announce the coming of the Savior. He was patient; he was faithful. During this Advent season, as we remember the promise of a Savior who would save us from our sins, let us pray for patience and faith through the Holy Spirit. Now is the time for peace in our lives and in our hearts. ©2008 Liturgical Publications Inc



As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: "Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way." - Mk 1:2

Mass Schedule

Monday, December 8

Immaculate Conception of Mary

- 7:30 am † Katharine Poxleitner (SD)
- 10:00 am †† Roman & Sally Voit
Holy Family School Mass
(Prepared by Grade 5) (SD)
- 8:00 pm St. Anthony Christian Mothers & Women
† Donald Klimmek (SA)

Tuesday, December 9

- 7:30 am † Alice Wolf
†† Duane & Todd Gerads (SD)

Wednesday, December 10

- 7:30 am † Ray Eggert (SD)

Thursday, December 11

- 8:30 am † Veronica Rohe
† Jerome Lemke (SA)

Friday, December 12

- 7:30 am † Bob Zimmerman
† Duane Gerads (SD)

Saturday, December 13

- 7:30 am Living & †† Deceased of Frank & Loretta Meyer Family (SD)
- 5:00 pm † Delores Thelen (SD)

Sunday, December 14

- 8:30 am †† Reinhart & Jim Gerads
Living & †† Deceased of LeRoy Ebnert Family (SA)
- 10:30 am † Katharine Poxleitner
For the Parishes of St. Anthony & Seven Dolors (SD)

Readings for the Week

Week of December 7, 2008

- Sun: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8
- Mon: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
- Tues: Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14
- Wed: Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30
- Thurs: Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15
- Fri: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Lk 1:26-38 or 1:39-47
- Sat: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
- Sun: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28



December Events Calendar

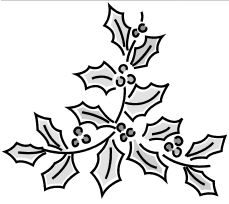
- Sun. Dec. 7th: Holy Family School Fundraiser Breakfast.
- Mon. Dec. 8th: Immaculate Conception Mass, 7:30 & 10am (SD) 8pm (SA)
- Mon. Dec. 8th: St. Joseph & St. Ann's Society. 8pm Holy Family School
- Mom. Dec 8th: St. Anthony CMW, Men's Society, CAA Mtg. after 8pm Mass (SA)
- Tues. Dec. 9th: Holy Family School Board of Education Meeting 7:00pm
- Wed. Dec. 10th: Communal Penance Service 6:30pm (SD) 5 Priests Available
- Thurs. Dec. 11th: Seven Dolors Liturgy Committee 7:00pm
- Dec 13 & 14: Bake Sale: Albany Christian Mothers Sat 4:30 & Sun 9-noon
- Tues. Dec. 16th: Holy Family School Christmas Program 1pm & 7pm
- Mon. Dec. 22nd: Christmas Pageant & Choir Concert at Seven Dolors Church
- Wed. Dec. 24th: Christmas Eve Mass 5pm (SD) 8pm (SA)
- Thurs. Dec 25th: Christmas Day Mass 8:30am (SA) 10:30am (SD)

Bulletin Deadline for the Holidays

- December 21st bulletin announcements due **Tuesday, December 16 at 8:00am**
- December 28th bulletin announcements due **Monday, December 22nd at 8:00am**
- January 4th bulletin announcements due **Tuesday, December 30th at 8:00am**
- These early deadlines may delay stewardship postings in the bulletin.

Formal Installation of our Pastor

The Parishes of Seven Dolors and St. Anthony invite everyone to the Installation Ceremony for our Pastor, Father Jonathan Licari, OSB. The ceremony will be during the **10:30 Mass on Sunday, December 21**. Fellowship sponsored by both Parish Councils will follow.



Christian Mother's Bake Sale

December 13-14

Saturday from 4:30-6:30pm

Sunday from 9am-noon

Seven Dolor Parish Center, Albany

Let us do some of your Christmas baking!

All Christian Mothers are asked to bring baked items for the sale.

Immaculate Conception

Immaculate Conception—Holy Day of Obligation is Monday, December 8. Mass Schedule: 7:30am, 10:00am (Holy Family School Mass) at Seven Dolors and 8:00pm at St. Anthony

Communal Penance Service: Wednesday, Dec. 10

Father Jonathan has scheduled 5 priests for Communal Penance at Seven Dolors Church on Wednesday, December 10 at 6:30pm. December will be an extremely busy month; please prayerfully consider attending this Communal Penance Service. Please keep in mind that here will be other very limited opportunities, before Christmas, for those unable to come December 10th. Confessions

St. Anthony: Sunday before 8:30 am Mass

Seven Dolors: Thursday, December 4 at 4:00pm and Saturday 4:00 pm

Christmas Ministries

Please sign up for Christmas Ministries ... the sign up sheet for Eucharistic Ministers & Gift Bearers is on the back table of church. Ushers, Lectors & Servers, please call your coordinator to be scheduled. Thank you!

Christmas Flowers

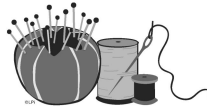
If you would like to make a donation for Christmas flowers in memory of a loved one please mail or drop an envelope in the collection basket with the donation, your name and the name of your loved one (before Dec. 16th). An envelope in your Sunday donation boxed set (dated Nov. 30).

Retirement Fund For Religious

Retirement Fund Collection is next Sunday. By making a donation to this retirement fund you are helping support our religious men and women who have made a commitment to serve God throughout their lives. More than 95% of your donation benefits elderly religious. Use a regular envelope or an envelope available at church entrances. You may specify which Order you would like your donation to be sent. Please be generous in your support.

Quilting

"One yard of fabric, like one cookie, is never enough!" QUILTING will be Tuesday & Wednesday, Dec. 9 and 10 beginning about 8:30am and continuing into the afternoon and Wednesday evening from 6:30-9pm. St. Francis Cabrini Mission Group and Funeral Groups #9 & 10 will be quilting. Please join us!



Thanksgiving Food Shelf:

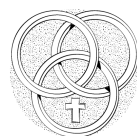
Thank you for your generous Food Shelf donations. We would like to especially thank the Holy Family School students & staff for the abundance of items (285#) they brought for the School Thanksgiving Mass. The Albany Food Shelf is open the first Thursday of the month from 9:00-10:00AM and the third Thursday from 5:30-6:30pm at the Albany Area Community Center. For an emergency please call Edna Goebel 845-2343.

Thank you

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston would like to thank you for your prayers and support. They appreciate your generous donations to help aid in the recovery after Hurricane Ike.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Stephanie Klaphake & Joshua Worms who were married on Saturday. May God's Blessing be upon them as they begin their new life together



THANK YOU

I would like to thank you for your cards, gifts, prayers and birthday greetings; to those that attended the morning Mass & fellowship and the Tuesday school Mass along with the children. I appreciate all your efforts in making the day very special. God Bless you, Father Jonathan

Christmas Program

Holy Family School will be presenting the annual Christmas program on Tuesday, December 16th at 1:30 and 7:00pm in the church. We would like to invite all of you to attend. Refreshments will be served in the gym following the 7:00pm performance.

Christmas Concert & Pageant

Christmas Concert & Pageant will be Monday, December 22 at 7pm in church.

Thank You

THANK YOU to all the students and adults who took the time to put the new 2009 Missalets in the covers. Thank you to the students and adults who took all old books out to be recycled and put all the new books in the pews. A job well done!

Thank You

The family of Rosemary Scepaniak would like to thank everyone who showed their care during and after her final days. Especially Father Jonathan Licari and Father Mark Stang for their visits, prayers, wonderful Mass at St. Hedwig's and lunch prepared by the funeral lunch group. Also thank you for the wonderful care given to Rosemary by Mother of Mercy Campus of Care, Albany Hospice and Miller Carlin Funeral Directors. Our hearts go out to all of you. A Mass of Thanksgiving will be said for all.

The Family of Rosemary Scepaniak

Choir Mass Schedule

Dec. 13 Cantor @ 5pm

Dec. 14 Adult Choir @ 10:30

Dec. 20 Cantor @ 5pm

Dec. 21 Youth Choir will sing @ 5:00pm

Fatima Pilgrim Statue of our Blessed Mother

The traveling statue of our Blessed Mother is at the home of Ralph & Marie Lauer. To reserve the statue please call 845-4092.



Rosary Leaders

December

15-20: Tillie Gilk & Theresa Roerick

22-27: Roman Meitz (No Rosary Christmas morning)

11/29-12/3: Linus & Jenny Kalthoff



Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 8:00am—6:00pm

"The Lord is

Current Funeral Group: #12

Faith Formation Classes

Wed. Dec. 10: Grades 3, 4, 5, 6C 2:30–5:00pm

Wed. Dec. 10: Grades 6D, 9, 10, 11 6:30–8pm

* Advent Sundays Dec. 7, 14 & 21

Grade 9 will light the Advent Candles and participate in other Mass Ministries.

“Goodsearch” & “Scrip”

Do you search the internet to find information or make purchases? Take a look at the search engine "Goodsearch". When you go to the opening page type in Holy Family School and find the correct listing for Holy Family School, Albany, MN. The school will receive \$.013 for each search you do. If you think this search engine works well for you, it can be set to open as your internet home page. This program is open for both personal and business use. This search engine works through yahoo so it should have almost any website you are looking for. Give it a try!

Scrip gift certificates will be available during the Dec. 7th breakfast; description of the program will be on the dining tables. They make great gifts and help support the school.

Holy Family Can Be Proud!

Of the 7th-12th grade students currently enrolled at Albany Public Schools that attended Holy Family School, 76% are on the 1st Quarter Honor Roll. I believe their are three major factors contributing to this high achievement, a faith based environment, the excellent staff at Holy Family and the tremendous support students and staff receive from parents and the parish. Keep up the great work. We would also like to thank the staff at Albany High School for helping the Holy Family students to continue to achieve.

I also wanted to share with you a few of the comments I have been hearing lately about our students. When visiting the capital the tour guide told me that our group was one of the best behaved group of students she has worked with in a long time. Our staff that work in more that one location or that can compare their experiences here with past experiences have stated that this is a great place to be. They feel that they can spend more time teaching and less time on behavioral issues as the students are basically very respectful and attentive. With my on past experiences in a variety of locations and school setting I would also strongly agree with these statements.

During the advent season the school is focusing on the theme “Wondering, Watching and Waiting”. Each day of advent the students will be visited by a bible character. The characters, portrayed by parents and staff, tell the children their "story" from the bible and share with them why they are waiting for Jesus to come.

Bonnie Massman, Holy Family School Principal

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Saint Anthony Liturgical Roles

Sunday, December 14

Servers

8:30 am Matthew Rademacher & Julie Rademacher

Lector

8:30 am Matt Jensen

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

8:30 am Arnold Stueve, Darlene Adrian, Ann Cremers & Dean Goebel

Sacristan

8:30 am Matt/ Lisa Jensen

Gift Bearers

8:30 am 5th Graders

Ushers

8:30 am 5th Graders

Please Pray For...

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



Religious Education Grades 1—6

Wednesday, December 10, Class 3:30 to 4:30pm.

Religious Education Grades 7—11

Wednesday, December 10, Class 7:30 to 8:30pm.

CONGRATULATIONS to Garrett Edwin Larson and blessings to his parents Wayne and Jill as he enters into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism.



Layette for Baby Jesus

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

St. Anthony Christian Mothers & Women

An invitation for membership is being extended to “all” adult women of St. Anthony Parish. Dues are \$3 a year; present members are asked to bring their dues up to date and can be placed in the collection marked Christian Mother’s Dues. To find out how much you owe, contact Doris at 845-2724.

St. Anthony Christian Mother’s & Women, Men’s Society & Catholic Aid Association Meeting

Meeting, Advent Party and \$5 gift exchange after the 8:00pm Mass on Monday, December 8.

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

Light of Love

You are invited to light a Light of Love in Honor of someone who is living or in memory of someone who has passed away. Everyone is invited to the tree lighting ceremony on Sunday, December 7 at 6:30pm.



Breakfast & Book Fair

Breakfast with St. Nick is TODAY from 8:30am-12:30pm in our parish center. Scrip gift certificates will be available! **BOOKFAIR:** Holy Family School is having their "Bookfair Safari" through Dec. 10 in the school Resource Room; also open during the Breakfast with St. Nick. Do your shopping and support the school library at the same time!



Seven Dolors Liturgical Roles

Schedule for **Monday, Dec. 8th** please see Nov. 30th Bulletin

Saturday, December 13 & Sunday, December 14

Advent Candles

5:00 pm Josh Stangler, Austin Klaphake & Matt Groetsch

10:30 am Tony Harlander, Zach King & Travis Sand

Servers 5:00 pm Abby & Eric Silvers

10:30 am Elizabeth DeGeest & Kayla Roering

Lectors 5:00 pm Edna Goebel

10:30 am Kayla Fischer

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

5:00 pm Fr. Jonathan OSB, Terri Dingmann, Edna Goebel,

Larry Mareck, Doug & Diana Konz, Lois Reber, Joan Gruenke

Tony & Geri Lenneman

10:30 am Fr. Jonathan OSB, Rosie Zimmerman, Earl &

Darlene Felling, Jennifer Fischer-Woitalla, Lisa Groetsch,

Joan Wieber, Mary Sauerer, Aili Katka, Lowell Rushmeyer

Sacristans 5:00 pm Lois Reber

8:00 am Candles: Larry Mareck

10:30 am Linda Toenies

Gift Bearers

5:00 pm Josh Stangler, Austin Klaphake, Matt Groetsch & Dylan Welle

10:30 am Erin Kunstleben, Jenna Schneider, Ashley Rodenwald & Tony Harlander

Ushers 5:00 pm Jim Welle, Trevor Derichs, Adam Silvers, Tyler Rothstein

10:30 am Tony Harlander, Travis Sand, Nick Koopmeiners, Paula Burslie

Seven Dolors Shut-in Eucharistic Ministers

Sue Overman, Ervin Silvers, Al Wenker

Joan Gruenke - Hospital and Rosie Zimmerman—Mercy Manor

St. Anthony Stewardship

November 30

Adult \$713.00

Children \$29.60

Loose \$83.00

Thanksgiving \$3,578.44

Candles \$44.90

TOTAL \$4,448.94

Seven Dolors Stewardship

November 22-23

Adult (#195 envelopes) \$3,527.60

Youth (#59 envelopes) \$73.56

Plate \$283.09

TOTAL \$3,884.25

As of Nov. 23 we have averaged \$4,709.20.

November 29-30

Adult (#206 envelopes) \$4,783.50

Youth (#39 envelopes) \$46.75

Plate \$323.51

TOTAL \$5,153.76

\$5,054 is needed weekly to help balance our budget. As of

Nov. 30 we have averaged \$4,729.40. Please be generous.

Special Collections

Thanksgiving

Adult (#65 envelopes) \$1,717.25

Youth \$10.00

Plate \$115.00

TOTAL \$1,842.25

Campaign for Human Development \$159.00

Preserving Our Past-Securing Our Future

Pledges \$1,703,037.59

Actual Income \$1,428,176.60

Additional 11/23 +\$2,126.67 and 11/30 +\$3,317.11

TOTAL \$1,433,620.38

Maintenance & Repair \$780.00 + \$125.00 = \$905.00

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

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Janice Wuebkers Monday 7:30-10:30 am

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Joan Sand 845-2705

Shut-In Eucharistic Ministry Coordinator

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Cindy Nienaber 845-4046

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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.