



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

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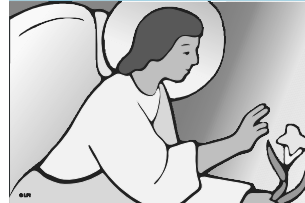
Cycle's of Faith

4th Sunday of Advent

In Mother Teresa's speech before the National Prayer Breakfast in 1994, she related a story of how she had been told of a starving Hindu family. Quickly, she gathered as much rice as she could spare from her orphanage and went to see the family. There were several children, their eyes "shining with hunger" as Mother Teresa put it. The children's mother left the house for a short time; when she returned, Mother Teresa wanted to know where she had gone. "They were hungry, too," she told her, referring to a neighboring Muslim family.

A mother is presented with an unexpected gift, and without thought of self immediately sets about to share it with the world. Gabriel has proclaimed that Mary not only is pregnant, but that she will give birth to the Savior of the world. Talk about unexpected gifts! We have a tendency to sometimes take this story matter-of-factly, but perhaps during this final week of Advent, we might take a few moments to quietly reflect on Mary and how she immediately knew and freely accepted her role in being part of God's greatest gift.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that Mary most perfectly embodies the definition of faith. From her humble acceptance of the angel Gabriel's news to her trust as her son-God's Son-was led to his death, reveals to us that a mother's faith and love can be perfect (CCC 148-149). In these last few days before Christmas, share in the joy of the season with your mother, even if it is only in her memory. If there has been a falling out, know that she has never stopped loving you; reach out to her, tell her you love her and that life begins today. ©2008 Liturgical Publications Inc



*And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God."
-- Lk 1:35*

Mass Schedule

Monday, December 22

7:30 am † Gertrude Mergen Anniv. (SD)

Tuesday, December 23

7:30 am Living & †† Deceased of Bloch & Schmidt Family (SD)

Wednesday, December 24

7:30 am †† Sylvester & Clarence Silbernack and † Jan Schiffler (SD)

Vigil of Christmas, December 24

5:00 pm † Terry Thelen, † Bill Blenker (SD)
8:00 pm † Hildegard Nett (SA)

Nativity of the Lord, Christmas Day

Thursday, December 25

8:30 am ††† Roman, Duane & Todd Gerads (SA)
10:30 am For the Parishes of St. Anthony & Seven Dolors (SD)

Friday, December 26

7:30 am † Albert Imdieke (SD)

Saturday, December 27

7:30 am † Ray Overman (SD)
5:00 pm † John Pratschner (SD)

Sunday, December 28

8:30 am For the Parishes of St. Anthony & Seven Dolors (SA)
10:30 am † Matt Koltes (SD)

Readings for the Week

Week of December 21, 2008

Sun: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38
Mon: 1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56
Tues: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66
Wed: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Lk 1:67-79
Thurs: 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
Fri: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22
Sat: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Sun: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40



Events Calendar

December/January

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)
Mon. Dec. 29th: Knights of Columbus 8pm (SD)
Wed. Dec. 31st: Ascension Vigil Mass 5pm Seven Dolors
Thurs. Jan. 1st: Ascension Mass 8:30am (SA) 10:30am (SD)

Bulletin Deadline for the Holidays

December 28th bulletin announcements due **Friday, December 19th 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 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.

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 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, in all likelihood, 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.

Christian Mother's Bake Sale

Christian Mothers Bake Sale was a huge success! Thank you to all who brought baked goods. Thank you to every one who supported the Christian Mothers by buying items or making a donation. Donations are still being accepted ... just drop an envelope in the Sunday collection noted for the Bake Sale! Thank You!

Quilting

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

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

In an effort to save \$\$ and use less paper; we are implementing a new plan for youth 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 forms are in the file box on the sofa table. This is a good time to make year end contributions, there is only more Sunday left in which to do so!

Bulletin Insert: Christmas Flower Memorials. Thank you for your donations.

Christmas Concert & Pageant

Monday, December 22 at 7pm 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.

Food Shelf

We invite you to share God's Blessings by bringing non-perishable food items or personal hygiene items for our local food shelf. Please place items in the basket in gathering area.

Christmas Eve Music Prelude

The Choir invites you to enjoy a music prelude beginning at 4:30pm on Christmas Eve.

Advent Tree

You are invited to bring an ornament/s to hang on the "Parish Family" Advent Tree.

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.

CAA Youth Group Christmas Party

CAA youth (to age 16) Christmas Party will be Mon, Dec. 29 at the Bowling Alley from 1-4pm.

Thank You

Please check the back of the bulletin for sponsors supporting our parish. We would like to thank our advertisers for their support and ask yours for them.

Thank You

I would like to thank all the Eucharistic Ministers who go out to the shut-ins every Sunday. May God bless you abundantly, in time and eternity for your kindness. N.G. Zeimetz.

Retirement Fund For Religious

Retirement Fund for Religious envelopes are available at church entrances.

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
22-27: Roman Meitz
(No Rosary Dec. 25th Christmas morning)
12/29-1/3: Linus & Jenny Kalthoff

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 8:00am—6:00pm
"Sound the trumpet in Zion, the day of the Lord is near; he comes to save us. Alleluia."

Christmas:

Christ is born for us; come let us adore him!

Current Funeral Group: #13

Faith Formation

No more classes this year —enjoy the Christmas Break!

Classes will resume January 7th, 2009.

Christmas Concert & Pageant: Dec. 22 at 7pm

Catholic Aid Association Ministree

Thank you to all the Ministree volunteers, Jenny K. and Shawn Ehlert & the Catholic Aid Association. We received a check for \$275 from the Catholic Aid Association for our Faith Formation Program.



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

Wednesday, December 24 & 31, No Class, Christmas Break

Religious Education Grades 7—11

Wednesday, December 24 & 31, No Class; Christmas Break

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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.

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.

Christmas Carols

Christmas carols will begin at 7:30pm on Christmas Eve. Please join us!



Contribution Envelopes

2009 contribution envelopes are available in the back of church.

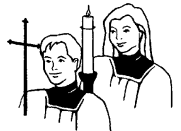
Saint Anthony Liturgical Roles

Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, Christmas Day, Dec. 25 & Sunday, Dec. 28

Servers

Dec. 24, 8:00 pm
Dec. 25, 8:30 am
Dec. 28, 8:30 am

Tanya Rehkamp & Travis Rehkamp
Ashley Goebel & Brittany Wenning
Stacy Luethmers & Emily Ramacher



Lector

Dec. 24, 8:00 pm
Dec. 25, 8:30 am
Dec. 28, 8:30 am

Karen St. Marie
David Stueve
Becky Wittkop

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Dec. 24, 8:00 pm

Dec. 25, 8:30 am

Dec. 28, 8:30 am

Mary Stich, Ralph Stich, Arnold Stueve & Darlene Adrian
Ann Cremers, Dean Goebel Jeff Goebel & Matt Jensen
Kathy Kramer, Mary Stich, Ralph Stich & Arnold Stueve

Sacristan

Dec. 24, 8:00 pm
Dec. 25, 8:30 am
Dec. 28, 8:30 am

Sandy Wielenberg
Matt/Lisa Jensen
Kim Karki

Gift Bearers

Dec. 24, 8:00 pm
Dec. 25, 8:30 am
Dec. 28, 8:30 am

Duane & Christy Wielenberg
Herman & Irene Wielenberg
Bob & Sue Wittkop

Ushers

Dec. 24, 8:00 pm
Dec. 25, 8:30 am
Dec. 28, 8:30 am

Isidore Hartung & Jim Rehkamp
Sylvester Geise & Danny Geise
Jesse Brinker & Gary Geise

Please Pray For...

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



Thank You!

The parish of St. Anthony would like to thank Freeport State Bank and President, James J. Hemker for their generous gift of \$1,000 for St. Anthony Church. Your continued support and generosity is so greatly appreciated!

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.

Seven Dolors Liturgical Roles

Christmas Eve December 24 & Christmas Day December 25

Servers: 5:00 pm Dustin & Devin Siegle
10:30 am Brady Pundsack/ 1 needed call 845-2705
Lectors 5:00 pm Edna Goebel
10:30 am Bev Lieser

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

5:00 pm Fr. Jonathan OSB, Larry Mareck, Sue Shay, Katelyn Tamm, Rosie Zimmerman, Roman Meitz, Carol Bloch Diane Noll, Butch & Joyce Wolf. Choir/G.Area Darlene Felling

10:30 am Fr. Jonathan OSB, Sheela Arceneau, Monetta Watry, Tom & Laurel Enneking, Jean Sand, Mary Sauerer, Lisa & Jennifer Groetsch, Joan Gruenke

Sacristans 5:00pm-Tillie Gilk 10:30am:

Gift Bearers 5:00 pm Jack & Deb Evens Family
10:30 am 1 family needed/call Rosie Z. 845-2366

Ushers:

5:00 pm Ervin Zierden, Richard Wolf, Dan Weber, Rick Tamm, Anthony Stangler, Gerald Sand. Greeters: Rollie & Tillie Gilk

10:30 am Kevin & Dustin Watry, Dan & Nathan Meer, Sheela & Jaylyn Arceneau. Greeter: Zachary Meer

Seven Dolors Shut-in Eucharistic Ministers

Joan Gruenke - Hospital and Virgil Gruenke - Mercy Manor

Saturday, December 27 & Sunday, December 28

Servers 5:00 pm Kaylee Gilk & Amber Zierden
10:30 am Andrew Scherping & Devin Siegle
Lectors 5:00 pm Lila Tschida
10:30 am Darlene Felling

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

5:00 pm Fr. Jonathan OSB, Butch & Joyce Wolf, Mary Jane Kortenbusch, Tony & Geri Lenneman, Sue Shay, Laurie Blackmore, Jack Petermeier, Greg Smoley

10:30 am Fr. Jonathan OSB, Doris Budde, Earl & Darlene Felling, Lisa Groetsch, Diane Noll, Linda Hauschild, Mary Sauerer, Joan Sand, Lowell Rushmeyer

Sacristans

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

Gift Bearers 5:00 pm One Family needed/call 845-2705
10:30 am Ron & Ami Ohmann Family
First Communion Student: Jessica

Ushers 5:00 pm

Harold Goebel, Duane Herkenhoff, Ervin Zierden, Larry Mareck
10:30 am Larry Moser, Jim Fischer, Steve & Josh Pelzer

Seven Dolors Shut-in Eucharistic Ministers

Joan Gruenke, Tillie Gilk, Ervin Silvers
Renee Mergen - Hospital and Edna Goebel - Mercy Manor

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

Bookkeeper

Janice Wuebkers Monday 7:30-10:30 am

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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

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.

St. Anthony Stewardship

December 8 & 14

Adult	\$537.00
Children	\$28.25
Loose	\$85.50
Thanksgiving.....	\$25.00
Immaculate Conception.....	\$43.00
Christmas Flowers.....	\$58.00
Christmas	\$10.00
Freeport State Bank.....	\$1,000.00
TOTAL	\$1,786.75

Seven Dolors Stewardship

December 13 & 14

Adult (#160 envelopes)	\$4,313.50
Youth (#29 envelopes).....	\$31.30
Plate.....	\$186.00
TOTAL	\$4,530.80

Special Collections Immaculate Conception \$689.25

Preserving Our Past-Securing Our Future

Pledges \$1,703,037.59

Actual Income..... \$1,435,930.38 + 635.00=\$1,436,565.38

Maintenance & Repair \$905.00 + \$10.00 = \$915.00

Cemetery Fund Balance..... 12/21 \$100.00