St. Anthony of Padua Parish

Founded 1909

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Parish Office Hours
Monday - Friday: 8 AM — 4 PM
Closed: Noon-1PM

Religious Education Office Hours
Sunday: 8 AM - noon 815-965-3448

Schedule of Masses and Devotions
Weekend Masses: Saturday 4:30 PM
Sunday: 8 AM and 10:30 AM
Daily Mass: Monday - Friday 9 AM
First Friday of the Month: Noon
Rosary: Monday - Friday 8:30 AM
Morning Prayer after Weekday Mass
St. Anthony Devotion:
Tuesday after Mass

Holy Day Masses
7 AM, Noon, 5:30 PM

Confessions
Daily after the 9 AM Mass
Saturday 3:30 PM — 4 PM

Baptisms
2nd and 4th Sundays: 12:30 AM
Register at the parish office

Baptism Class
1st Sunday of the month: 10 AM
Register at the parish office

Sacrament of Matrimony
Reserve your date at the parish office at least six months before your proposed marriage.

All Saints Academy: 815-962-8515

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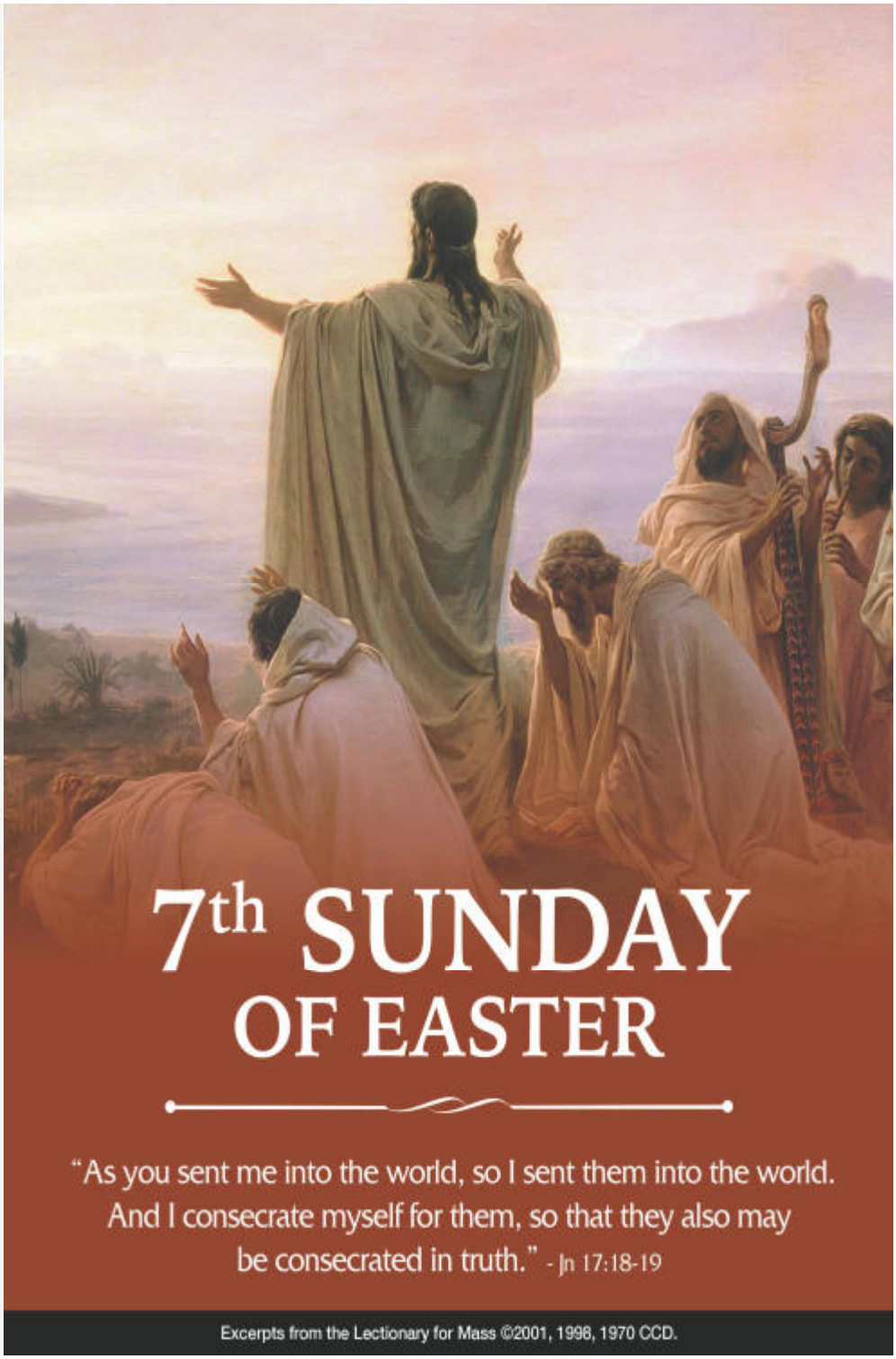

Mission Statement

Reborn in Christ, our mission is to worship God in truth and in love, as we discern and fulfill God's will in the work of evangelization by welcoming, sharing our faith, and compassionate outreach.

Our Presider's Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, MAY 15 - VIGIL
4:30 PM +Geraldine Spataro by family
The intentions of the Mother's Day Novena

SUNDAY, MAY 16 - THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
8:00 AM The intentions of the Mother's Day Novena
The people of St. Anthony Parish
10:30 AM +Geraldine Spataro by Mike & Nora Doyle

MONDAY, MAY 17 - EASTER WEEKDAY
9:00 AM +Michael & +Mary Ann Rondone by family
The intentions of the Mother's Day Novena

TUESDAY, MAY 18 - SAINT JOHN I
9:00 AM The intentions of the Mother's Day Novena

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19 - EASTER WEEKDAY
9:00 AM +Joe Bruscato by Tom & Debby Luchetti

THURSDAY, MAY 20 - EASTER WEEKDAY
9:00 AM +Charles Purin by Holy Name Society

FRIDAY, MAY 21 - SAINT CHIRSTOPHER MAGALINANES
9:00 AM +Rosa Intravaia by family

SATURDAY, MAY 22 - VIGIL
4:30 PM +John Terranova by Bernice Terranova

SUNDAY, MAY 23 - PENTECOST
8:00 AM For the Navarra Family by Anita & Carl Rossi
The people of St. Anthony Parish
10:30 AM +Mark T. Galluzzo by family

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Rev. James Ciaramitaro, OFM Conv., Pastor
Bro James Dufresne, OFM Conv.

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Holy Name Society —Tom Wise 815 904-0527
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Young Seniors — Angie Franks 815 988-2791

Weekend of Sunday May 9, 2021

Weekly amount to meet budget $6,346.15
Children's offerings (0) 0.00

Amount collected in church & through the mail $4,800.20
Electronic transfers (43) $1,022.00
Total: $5,822.20
Under Goal: ($523.95)

Thank you for your Diocesan Appeal Donations

If you have not made a donation to help us reach our 2021 goal yet, please prayerfully consider a donation. Any amount will help us reach our goal!

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SUPPLY DRIVE

Items needed for the 2021–2022 school year:

- KLEENEX
- HAND SANITIZER
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- CRAYOLA MARKERS (ANY SIZE)
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- EXPO DRY ERASE MARKERS (ANY SIZE)

Items can be left in the box located at the back of the church during the months of June, July, and August!

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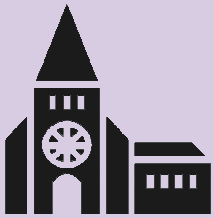

Thank You For Keeping God's House Clean!

- For straightening up the books before leaving Mass.
- For throwing away any unwanted wrappers or paper in the garbage located in the back of the church.
- For not chewing gum in church and leaving it on the pews, sidewalks or parking lot.
- You are appreciated!

Do you feel the call to a life of deeper relationship with our Lord? If so, consider visiting our Secular Carmelite community of the Order of Carmelites Discalced founded by St. Teresa of Jesus and St. John of the Cross. We meet once a month at St. Rita Church in Rockford, IL. Please email Paul Sanderson at paulsandersonocds@gmail.com or leave a voicemail at 815-904-1184 for more information. God bless you in Carmel!

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME

Where do you get the best night's sleep? For me, it's in my own bed. I don't even really know why. There's something about the texture of the sheets, the groove I've worn in the pillow. The mattress seems to recognize my shape. I've got a job that sees me traveling often and I've stayed in plenty of nice places. But there's just no sleep like the sleep you get at home.

There's a feeling that we have when we're at home. Our bodies seem to recognize it when we walk in the door. There's a relaxation that kicks in, a peace that falls over us. I think that's what Heaven will be like. It won't be pleasure or happiness — those words aren't enough to describe what it feels like to be at home, are they? It's more than that.

If you ever wonder why there is pain in this world, it's because we're not at home.

That's not to say we don't belong here. Through God's mercy, this beautiful world is where we live out our earthly existence, and those existences can be filled with amazing relationships and profound experiences. In fact, we might enjoy our time here so much that we don't want to leave.

But there's a reason this life has so many things that don't make sense: loss, fear, anger, sickness, hatred. It's because we weren't made for this place. For our souls, it's like a never-ending night in a hotel bed.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THE LETTERS THAT PROFESSED RELIGIOUS HAVE AFTER THEIR NAMES?

The Catholic Church includes hundreds of religious communities. The priests, religious brothers, religious sisters, and nuns of these communities (which are often referred to as "religious orders") are committed to particular spiritual traditions and often to a particular charism (such as teaching, healthcare, social work, or pastoral care).

To help identify a person as a member of a particular religious community, the custom developed of including post-nominal letters that provide a sort of shorthand for the name of the community that the priest, brother, sister or nun is part of. So, for example OSB after a person's name would indicate that they are a member of the Order of St. Benedict (the Benedictines), just as SJ would indicate that a priest or brother is a member of the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) or RSM would show that a woman is a Sister of Mercy.

Other common examples include:

DC = Daughters of Charity

FSC = The Brothers of the Christian Schools/ Christian Brothers

OCist = The Order of Cistercians

OCD = Order of Discalced Carmelites

OFM = The Order of Friars Minor (the Franciscans)

OFM Cap = The Capuchin Franciscans

OP = The Order of Preachers (Dominicans)

OSF=Franciscan Sisters

SC = Sisters of Charity

SDS = Society of the Divine Savior (Salvatorian Priests and Brothers and Salvatorian Sisters)

SSND = School Sisters of Notre Dame

SVD = Society of the Divine Word (Divine Word Missionaries)

LIVE THE LITURGY
INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

When Jesus was physically with his disciples, he guarded and protected them. One of his greatest desires was that they share his joy completely. God's love is the source of all things and their sustenance. As we conduct the normal routines of our lives it is easy to get caught up in the immediacies of this world and lose focus. We become very self and worldly dependent, forgetting that God wishes to guard and protect us. The joy the resurrected Christ can offer cannot be found in this world. It takes a bit of faith to realize that God's will is a constant in our lives and that God desires only the sustenance and goodness of both our bodies and our souls. We need to trust in God's constant and rejuvenating love. This radical resurrection trust allows us to experience the joy of God's presence in all of the good and the bad, positive and negative, life building and life destructive events that we encounter. God remains where love remains.

PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

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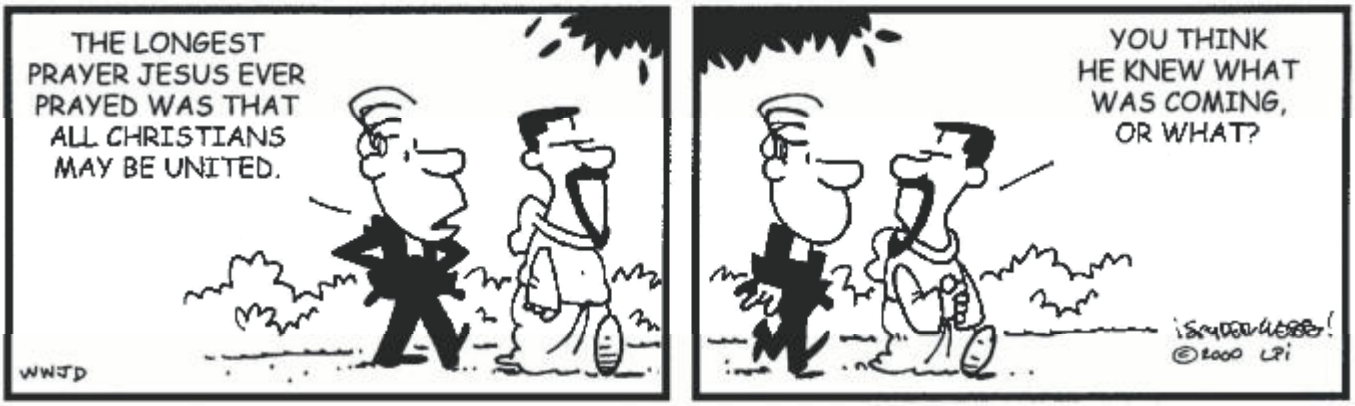
7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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God remains where love remains. When a believer realizes without doubt that God is love, it is a powerful moment. Being able to place our resurrection trust in this fundamental truth allows us to experience God's presence in all of our experiences: the good and the bad, positive and negative, life enriching and destructive events we encounter. It is no wonder that St. Paul so accurately tells us that it is love that endures all things and lasts. How can God not endure or ever fade away? Because he is God, Jesus also guarded and protected his disciples as the endearing shepherd who always had their best interest at heart.

If we become too immersed in the world, we lose touch with these deeper realities. We can become so preoccupied with preserving what we have created or think that we need, forgetting that it is not building our city that really matters, but God's. Jesus clearly did not belong to the world and, by virtue of his resurrection, he tries to get us to understand that we do not either. The truth brings us to other worldly, more divine places and takes our eyes off of the concerns that often captivate our fears and storm our senses.

Life can easily erode our faith. Think of your life over the last couple of weeks. What challenged your faith and distracted your divine glance? Even being overly stimulated with technology and social media can erode our sense of confidence and cause us to forget who we really are. We need to distance ourselves from the world in order to experience the joy that Christ offers. The world will never like the word of God. It is too challenging and too perplexing. The world mistakenly believes that it can survive on its own. It is a mistaken judgment that may cost people a lot in the end. It is all so very simple: God remains when we love one another. If in all the business of our lives and all that each day brings, the good and the bad, we follow the call and path of love, we will walk with God. There is nothing to fear and anxiety finds no home.

Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed saying: "As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world. And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be consecrated in truth."
- Jn 17:18-19

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