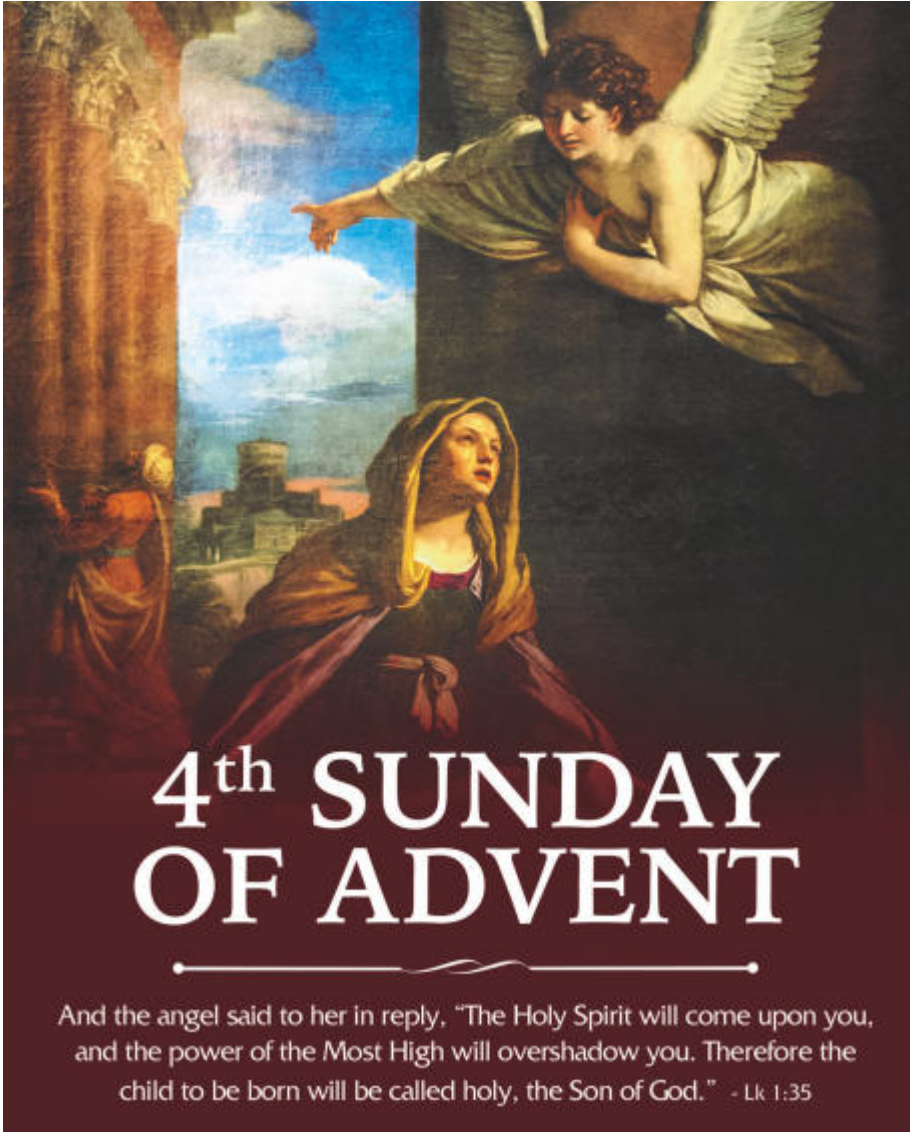


St. Anthony of Padua Parish

2223 - 51ST STREET KENOSHA, WISCONSIN 53140

December 20, 2020
Fourth Sunday of Advent



Mass Schedule

Saturday - 5:00 PM (Mass of Anticipation)

Sunday - 10:00 AM

Thursday—7:00 AM

First Friday Mass - 5:00PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:15-4:45

Sunday 9:15-9:45

Marriage

In order to wisely discern a minimum of six months is required. Contact the Parish Office.

Baptism

Arrangements are to be made with the Administrator. Parents must be active, registered and practicing Members of St. Anthony Parish.

Office Hours

262-652-1844

Sundays

11:30-12:30

Parish Membership

All adults from high school age up are expected to be registered members with the Parish including candidates for Baptism and Marriage.

Parish Pastoral Council

Alan Padlock, Chairperson

Will Martin, Vice-Chairperson

Barb Clark, Secretary

Members-at-Large

Mary Andrews, Tom Hamm,

Sue Kaeppler, Darlene Slater

Members Ex-Officio

Fr. Todd Belardi

Trustees ;

Lawrence Dolnik, Pat DeGrace

Parish Mission Statement:

That the people of St Anthony of Padua parish experience the love of Jesus Christ through:

Vibrant sacramental life

Knowledge of the truth and beauty of the Catholic Faith

Generous service to others

Family atmosphere

So that we can all be true disciples of Jesus that reflects

His commandment to "Love one another"

In Blaise Pascal's work, *Pensees*, he says: "What else does this craving, and this helplessness, proclaim but that there was once in man a true happiness, of which all that now remains is the empty print and trace? This he tries in vain to fill with everything around him, seeking in things that are not there the help he cannot find in those that are, though none can help, since this infinite abyss can be filled only with an infinite and immutable object; in other words by God himself."

We have a difficult time accepting that fulfillment and happiness are not achieved by our own merits but through a relationship with God. We are hardwired for this relationship and it is in our DNA. The simple fact is that we come from God and are designed to return to God. If our beginning and our end define who we are, why would we not want to seek the One who can truly satisfy? The world does not realize that it is waiting. It is waiting for the birth of God in time, within one's soul and in eternity. We get so confused by seeking other momentary satisfactions that we misinterpret the hunger within. We crave God.

The union of God and humanity, revealed in Jesus Christ, is precisely what sets us on a straight path, orders our relationships, establishes proper focus and goals and tells us whose kingdom we really are meant to serve. We are so lost. God is with us. The prophet Nathan told this to King David, the angel said this to Mary and the birth of Christ brings this Good News to us. We do not need to be busily looking for more things but must learn to find contentment and blessing in the One Presence. This is the beautiful simple message of Advent!

If you are feeling unsettled, anxious, angry, disgruntled, disconnected, unhappy, worried, fearful, off center, becoming overly self-indulgent, unable to spend time alone and without distraction, then there's a good chance you are lost. Now is the time to allow God to find you! Ponder the holy simplicity of Mary's call to be the Mother of God. "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." When we are helpless and at home with our emptiness, God will fill us. Our Savior has come.

Observances for the week of December 20, 2020

Monday: St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church
 Wednesday: St. John of Kanty, Priest
 Thursday: Christmas Eve
 Friday: The Nativity of the Lord (holy day of obligation)
 Saturday: St. Stephen, the First Martyr

Pray for us....



The Schedule of Services for This Week

SATURDAY	December 19	4th Sunday of Advent (Mass of Anticipation)	5:00 pm—Lucy Radykowski (Kurt & Debbie Lawler)
SUNDAY	December 20	4th Sunday of Advent	10:00 am—Marian Casciaro (Family)
THURSDAY	December 24	Christmas Eve	4:00 pm—Tim & Jean Cicchini (Family) 10:30 pm—Peter Matoska (Family)
FRIDAY	December 25	The Nativity of the Lord	10:00 am—Joseph Dolnik (Victoria Butteri)
SATURDAY	December 26	The Holy Family (Mass of Anticipation)	5:00 pm—Stephen Kudella (Barbara & Stephanie)
SUNDAY	December 27	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	10:00 am—Edward & Betty Hodal (Their children)

Readings for the week of December 20, 2020

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

Monday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66

Thursday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79

Friday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25. Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14. Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20. Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

Saturday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22

Contact Information

Fr. Todd Belardi - Administrator
Jane Padlock—Parish Secretary

For Regular Parish Business
call the Rectory and leave a message at
652-1844 or email us at
paduakenosha@gmail.com

Normal Office hours:

Sundays 11:30-12:30 Parish Center Office
To speak with Fr. Todd please call the rectory
and leave a message.

If you have an urgent need please call Fr. Todd
at (404) 545-4988

The Pope’s Prayer Intention for
DECEMBER

For a life of prayer

We pray that our personal relationship
with Jesus Christ be nourished by the
Word of God and a life of prayer.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

December 24 4pm Children’s Mass

ATTENDANCE AT THE 4PM MASS

IS BY TICKET ONLY

December 24 10:30 pm

December 25 10:00 am

January 1 Solemnity of Mary
10:00 am

(No Mass on Thursday, December 31)

FORMATION CORNER

This week on Formed.....



Mary of Nazareth

This film captures the essence of Mary's profound faith and trust in God, amidst the great mysteries that she lived with as the Mother of the Messiah. Prepare for Christ's coming by reflecting on his mother's profound faith and trust.

This is a wonderful movie to watch with your family during this Advent season!



Brother Francis special Sunday premier Show your children "Jesus is Coming: The Blessings of Advent and Christmas" to help them prepare for the coming of Christ. This special program will be accessible for free exclusively on Sundays of Advent.

Brother Francis also has a daily Advent reflection for children .

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Fourth Week of Advent
Pray With Me
December 20, 2020
A Prayer of Love

Dear Jesus,
Let us be people who love.
Open our hearts to your love.
Let us love ourselves and take care of our bodies and minds.
Let us love our families and take care of them with patience and respect.
Let us love our friends and show them they are people of worth.
Let us love our neighbors and help them in any way we can.
Let us love and respect our country and pray for our leaders.
Most of all let us love You Jesus with all of our hearts, minds, and will.
Amen.



This season of anticipation concludes with the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. St. Joseph Catholic Academy celebrates this glorious time as God’s promise to his people is fulfilled. SJCA extends a special Christmas blessing to all of those who support our school with their time, treasure, talent, and prayers. May God bless you as you have blessed us, and may our students continue to be a credit to their families, schools, parishes and faith. We wish everyone a very MERRY CHRISTMAS, full of peace, hope, joy and love.



First Friday Masses
Mass will be held at
St. Anthony at 5:00 pm on
the first Friday of each
month.
Next Mass: February 5

March for Life Chicago Travels
Through the Midwest in January
2021

Spanning three weeks in January and covering five states, pro-life advocates from around the Midwest will gather in multiple locations leading up the March for Life Chicago. The march, an annual event, draws thousands from across the Midwest to celebrate all human life from conception through natural death. “Over 130,000 lives are lost in the Midwest each year to the tragedy of abortion,” stated March for Life Chicago Executive Director Kevin Grillot. “Each one of us has the opportunity to stand up against the biggest human rights crisis of our time. In 2021, we are bringing the March for Life Chicago to individual cities, giving people the chance to mourn the many lives lost in their communities and to advocate for a life-giving future for unborn babies and for their parents.”

The local tour stops will build up momentum that will culminate in the major event on January 23 - the March for Life Chicago. As in past years, diverse groups united by their respect for life will gather together in downtown Chicago. Careful attention will be paid to the logistics to ensure that pro-life voices are heard, local regulations are honored, and all marchers are kept safe.

WHAT: March for Life Chicago 2020 and the Moving the Movement Tour

WHEN: January 2 through 23, 2021

WHO: weDignify, local partners, and thousands of men, women, and families throughout the Midwest

WHERE: (in our area)
January 2: Madison, WI (cohosted by Pro-Life Wisconsin, Wisconsin Right to Life, Wisconsin Catholic Conference, and Wisconsin Family Action)

January 17: Mundelein, IL (cohosted by Lake County Right to Life of IL, the Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago, and Orthodox Christians for Life)

January 23: March for Life Chicago, Downtown Chicago, IL (cohosted by Moody Radio, Illinois Right to Life, CatholicVote, Southside Pregnancy Center, and Body of Christ M.B. Church)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
MarchForLifeChicago.org

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