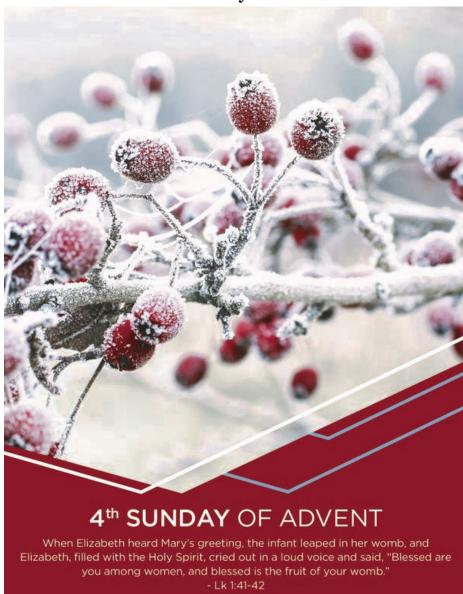
St. Anthony of Padua Parish

2223 - 51ST STREET KENOSHA, WISCONSIN 53140

December 19, 2021 Fourth Sunday of Advent



Parish Mission Statement:

To Inspire Personal Encounters with Christ that Transform Hearts and Lives! Mass Schedule
Saturday - 5:00 PM (Mass of
Anticipation)
Sunday - 10:00 AM
Thursday—7:00 AM

First Friday Mass - 5:00 PM

Eucharistic Adoration Thursday 5:00--6:00 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 4:15-4:45 PM Sunday 9:15-9:45 AM

<u>Parish Membership</u>
We welcome new members to our faith and parish.

We encourage all adults to be registered members so to be better stewards of their time, talent and treasure.

The <u>Sacraments</u> of Baptism and Marriage are administered to parish members who have prepared according to the guidelines set by Fr. Todd and the Formation Commission. Please contact the Parish office or see the parish website for details.(stanthonykenosha.org)

Ministers at the altar must be St. Anthony of Padua members and in a state of grace.

Parish Leadership Team:
Fr. Todd Belardi
Alan Padlock Jenna Pitts
Karen Clair Mary Andrews
Jane Padlock
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Office Hours
Sundays
11:30-12:30
Gathering Space Office

St. Augustine tells us that a "Christian is a mind through which Christ thinks, a heart through which Christ loves, a voice through which Christ speaks and a hand through which Christ helps." As we look around and out at the world, we do not have to search too far before we come face to face with inequity and injustice. There is so much unfairness, prejudice, anger, hatred, violence, and want. The stories of human heartache, people being hurt, deprived of life's necessities, loneliness, and sickness are far too commonplace. For many of the world's ills, the vices of greed, lust, pride, gluttony, and jealousy are clearly among the more significant root causes.

Why doesn't God just step in and fix this mess? After all, God created this world, and one would hope that he would step up and take some measure of responsibility for it! Once we sit with this thinking for a while, we can begin to realize just how flawed it really is. God did take responsibility and God did fix the problem! God sent us Jesus Christ as the divine solution to the world's ills. It is not God who has shirked responsibility, we have. We are the ones who continually fail to set our own personal needs, wants, and securities aside so that One more powerful than us can use us.

Mary had to set her needs aside in order for the Son of God to come into the world. Put simply, Mary listened and believed. Having opened herself to being an instrument of the Divine, God could use her as his mind, heart, voice, and hand. She became God's vessel so that God's greatness could reach the ends of the earth and peace could come upon the world. God's fix for the world's difficulties is you and me. We are the ones who confess that Jesus Christ came into the world as the Son of God, the Prince of Peace, and herald of justice. All we have to do is believe, as did Mary, that what has been spoken to us by the Lord will be fulfilled. Then, we can step aside and be the Christians we claim to be. What a difference it would make if every person who professed to be Christian truly understood that their one and only vocation is to be God's instrument. What a beautiful, equitable, and just world it would be.

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Observances for the week of December 19, 2021

Tuesday: St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Thursday: St. John of Kanty, Priest

Friday: Christmas Eve

Saturday: The Nativity of the Lord Next Sunday: The Holy Family



The Schedule of Services for This Week SATURDAY December 18 Fourth Sunday of Advent (Mass of Anticipation) 5:00 pm—St. Anthony Class of '61 (Alexis Land) 10:00 am— Edward & Betty Hodal **SUNDAY** December 19 Fourth Sunday of Advent (Annette Haburg) 7:00 am- John & Angeline Hosmanek (Family) THURSDAY December 23 St. John of Kanty, Priest **FRIDAY** December 24 The Nativity of Our Lord 4:00 pm—Jean Cicchini (Family) 10:30 pm—Dorothy Romanowski (Fred & Barb Nyara) SATURDAY December 25 The Nativity of Our Lord 10:00 am—James & Dianne Padlock (Alan & Jane) SUNDAY December 26 10:00 am - Lucy Radykowski The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph (Kurt & Debbie Lawler)

Readings for the week of December 19, 2021

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45 Monday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38

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

Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56

Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66 Friday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79

Saturday: 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

Ministers at the Altar

Dec 24 10:30pm Lector: Linda

Dec 25 Lector: Alan

Eucharistic Minister: Judy

Dec 26 Lector: Dianne

Eucharistic Minister: Mary Ann

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

St. Anthony Prayer Line 262-891-8602 paduaprayerline@gmail.com

The Pope's Prayer Intention for <u>DECEMBER</u>

Intention for Evangelization
Let us pray for the catechists,
summoned to announce the Word of
God: may they be its witnesses, with
courage and creativity and in the
power of the Holy Spirit.

Parish Dates:

December 19 Gingerbread houses 11am

FORMATION CORNER

CHRISTMAS SEASON MASS SCHEDULE

<u>December 24</u> 4:00 pm Children's Liturgy (must be seated by 3:30 to be admitted)

<u>December 24</u> 10:30 pm Carols beginning at 10:00

December 25 10:00 am

<u>December 26</u>—Holy Family 10:00 am

January 1—Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary 10:00 am 4:00 pm Mass of Anticipation Epiphany

January 2-10:00 am Epiphany

Fourth Sunday of Advent Pray with Me The Magnificat, The Canticle of Mary

My soul magnifies the Lord, And my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; Because He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaid; For behold, hence forth all generations shall call me blessed. Because He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name; And His mercy is from generation to generation

On those who fear Him. He has shown might with His arm, He has put down the mighty from their thrones,

He has filled the hungry with good things and the rich He has sent away empty, He has given to Israel, his servant, Mindful of His mercy Even as he spoke to their fathers, to Abraham and to his posterity forever.

Luke 1:46-55

Human Concerns is sending a huge thank you to all of our parishioners. You donated over 155 towel sets and 85 toys! This is outstanding! God Bless our generous and loving parishioners!!

Parishioners please have your 2021 contributions in by December 31, and dated for 2021, to be credited for 2021 on your yearly contribution statement. Thank you!

We are currently in our 11th year at All Saints Catholic School providing Catholic education to close to 400 children in grades K4-8th grade and 3 year old preschool. All Saints Catholic School serves families from all 10 parishes in Kenosha. Thank you to all of the parishioners that have contributed to this year's ASCS Annual Fund Campaign. More than ever, the availability and viability of Catholic education for the youth in our community is of utmost importance. If you haven't already done so, please consider an end of the year gift to All Saints Catholic School. You may mail your contribution to ASCS or donate online at allsaintskenosha.org/FUND. Thank you for your support! 4400 22nd Avenue, Kenosha, WI 53140 (262)925-4024

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

Next Mass: January 7

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Nativity Scene at Civic Park – On Sunday, December 12th The Knights of Columbus held a public Rosary and sang Christmas Carols in front of the Nativity Scene at Civic Park. Please take your family to the Nativity either during the day or at night when it is illuminated for all to

Upcoming Events – Sunday,
December 26th, is the Feast of the
Holy Family. At 9:30 am the Knights
and the Rosary Society will lead a
Rosary followed by the Knight
processing in with the Holy Family
Icon (Blessed by Saint John Paul II).
This event is part of the
"Consecration to the Holy Family"
and is offered to revitalize our
parishioners and help them devote
themselves to the ideal model of
family love set by Jesus, Mary, and
Joseph.

Update to the Monument to the Unborn - As many of you know, last year during our annual Novena for Life, our Kenosha community raised over \$25,000 for a beautiful monument. Well, the concrete slab is completed, the stone has arrived from Europe and has been cut and etched! We are planning a community event in the spring of 2022 to bless this monument. Details will follow in the next 3-4 months.

Mark your calendars for the 2022 Novena for Life from January 20th (St. Anthony's) to the 28th (Holy Rosary). In January we will post exact times, events, and locations!



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