



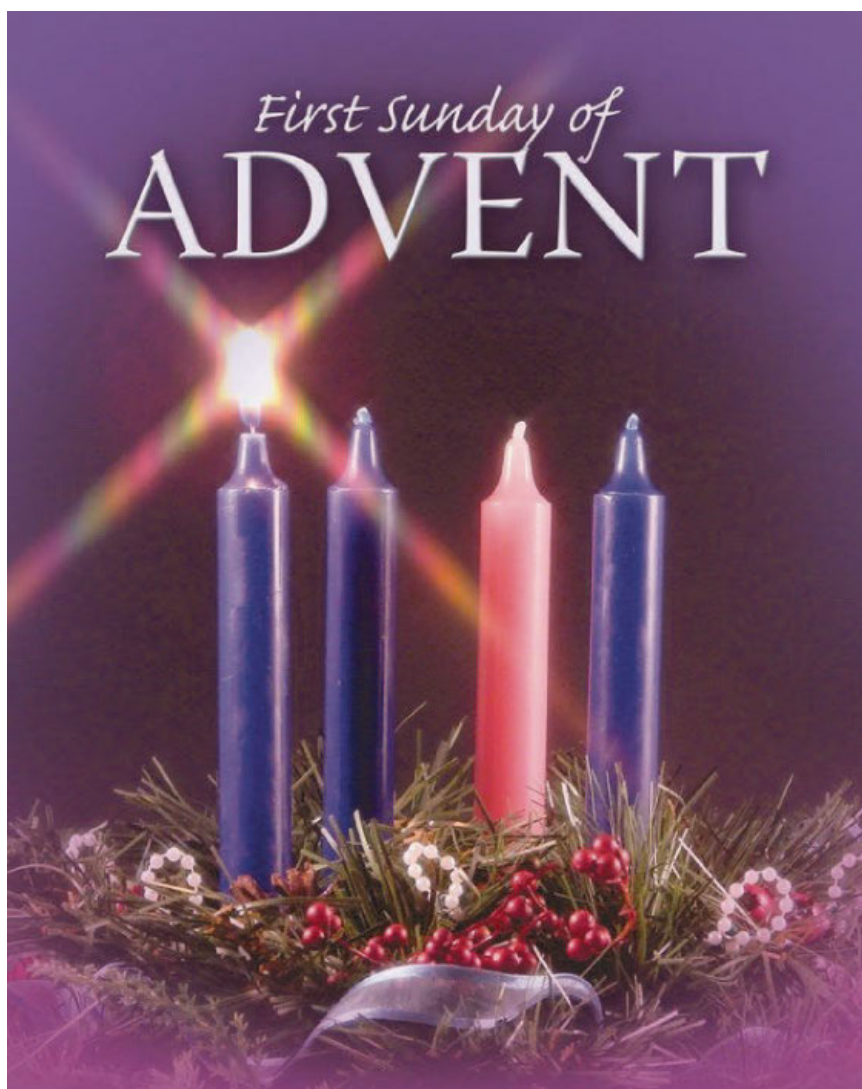
“Seek and you will find” Matthew 7:7

ST. ANTHONY — OF PADUA —

CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 3, 2023

Parish Mission Statement:
To Inspire Personal Encounters With Christ That
Transform Hearts and Lives!



Eucharistic Adoration - Thursday 11:00 am - 6:00 pm

Masses - Thursday 7:00 am | Saturday Vigil Mass - 5:00 pm | Sunday Mass 10:00 am

Confessions Offered Saturday 3:45 pm - 4:45 pm | Sunday 8:45 am - 9:45 am

Office Hours - Tuesdays - Rectory 9:00 am - 3:00 pm | Gathering Space Sundays - 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

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WHAT EVERY CATHOLIC SHOULD KNOW

THE ADVENT WREATH – TRADITION & MEANING

Advent wreaths are a favorite way to celebrate the month of December leading up to Christmas Day and are filled with rich meaning and symbolism, reminding us that we are to shine and be the light of Christ in this world.

The circular shape of the wreath has no beginning or end, symbolizing God's complete and unending love for us. It also represents eternal life which becomes ours through faith in Jesus Christ.

On the wreath are four candles, three purple, the color symbolizing penance, preparation, and sacrifice, and one pink, this color symbolizing joy. Some Advent wreaths include a fifth candle, white in color representing purity – for Christ our King and is lit on Christmas Eve (or Day.) As the Messiah's "Advent" (or "coming") draws nearer another candle is lit, dispelling more darkness demonstrating the contrast between darkness and light, just as Jesus dispels the darkness of sin:

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life"
(John 8:12).

Purple is the primary candle color associated with Advent. Within the Catholic Church it symbolizes penance, sacrifice, and preparation. During the first week of Advent, we remember the Old Testament prophets who foretold of Jesus' coming with hope and anticipation; therefore, the first candle is known as the "Prophecy Candle," the HOPE candle.

During the second week of Advent, we reflect on our lives and work to become better versions of ourselves as we prepare for Jesus' coming, while remembering the journey Joseph and Mary took from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Therefore, the second candle, referred to as the Bethlehem Candle, is the PEACE candle representing Peace and Preparation.

This third candle is pink and is the candle of JOY. During this week of Advent, we are filled with joy and excitement as we near the arrival of Jesus on Christmas Day. On this Sunday, often called "Gaudete Sunday" we reflect on the JOY that the shepherd's felt at the birth of Jesus.

The 4th and final Sunday of Advent the remaining purple candle is lit. This candle called the "Angel's Candle" symbolizes PEACE and reminds us of the message of the angels that day: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."



Dear St. Anthony Parish Family,

We proudly announce that our Parish Family has donated 250 Christmas items for families in Kenosha who have less and need Christmas gifts.

We are part of five parishes who donate yearly Christmas items to St. Mary's Giving Circle. Families, in need, are identified by Kenosha Public and Kenosha Catholic School counselors. Our Parish purchased towel sets, sock sets (most asked for items), children pajamas, teen sweatpants, teen hoodies, and family board games.

Despite tight economic times, our church family has shown love and generosity in abundance. Not only are we providing Christmas cheer, but we are also demonstrating Jesus' love and mercy.

Thank you again for your overwhelming generosity and may our Lord Bless all of you and your families this Christmas!

Sincerely,

Your Human Concerns Committee:

Mary Andrews, Judy Illada, Kay Jensen, Marion Richardson,
Betty Solum, Al Tarsitano and Richard & Mary Ann Adamson.

The Tradition of Oplatky

Once again, this year we will be selling "BLESSED" Oplatky in the vestibule after all Masses.

The European tradition of sharing Oplatky began with a simple wafer, baked from flour and water and is shared before the Christmas Eve meal.

The eldest member of the family begins by breaking off a piece of the wafer and passing it to another family member with a blessing. This blessing can simply be a wish for your loved one in the upcoming year – good health, success, or happiness. This simple act expresses one's love and forgiveness for each member of their family.

Just as we share in the Eucharist as one family in Christ receiving His love through the Eucharist, the Oplatky invites our family to come together and share the love they have for one another.

Consider starting this tradition with your family.



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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 2

5:00 pm +John Kennedy
(Tim & Sue Lippert)

Sunday, December 3

10:00 am St. Anthony Class of 1961

Thursday, December 7

7:00 am +Ashley Womack
(Carol Peters)

Friday, December 8 (Holy Day of Obligation)

5:00 pm +Harry P. Leipzig
(Family)

Saturday, December 9

5:00 pm +John & +Josephine Kolar
(Steve & Jane Zongolowicz)

Sunday, December 10

10:00 am +Mary Leipzig
(Family)

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANTHONY'S

SUNDAY, December 3

11:00 am - 2nd Grade Faith Formation
Gathering Space Room

11:30 am - RCIA
Mission Room

TUESDAY, December 5

6:00 pm - Knights of Columbus
Mission Room

WEDNESDAY, December 6

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm Food Pantry
School

THURSDAY, December 7

6:00 pm - Bible Study
Mission Room, & Gathering Space

FRIDAY, December 8

Feast of the Immaculate Conception
5:00 pm - Mass

BULLETIN HOLIDAY SUBMISSIONS

If you need an article in the bulletin during the holiday season please see the following deadlines.

December 17 bulletin due by 5:00 pm Thursday, December 7th

December 24 bulletin due by 5:00 pm Wednesday, December 13th

December 31 bulletin due by 5:00 pm Wednesday, December 20th

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First Reading:

Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you. (Is 63:19)

Psalms:

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved. (Ps 80)

Second Reading:

The testimony to Christ was confirmed among you, so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Cor 1:6-7)

Gospel:

"Watch, therefore; you do not know when the lord of the house is coming." (Mk 13:35)

At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart?

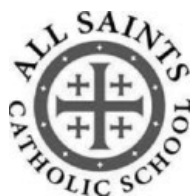
Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving
the others with God's own love and concern.

~St. Mother Theresa of Calcutta

Save the Date! Open House January 28, 2024, from 11am-2pm

Our Open House is scheduled for Sunday, January 28, 2024, from 11am-2pm. Open enrollment for new families will also begin that day. In the meantime, we invite you to learn more about our 3-Year-Old Saints in Training Preschool Program, as well as our K4 through 8th grade offerings, by visiting our website, speaking to friends and family that currently have children enrolled, contacting our ASCS Admissions office with questions and/or scheduling a tour to visit our campus. We understand that this is a decision that requires time and investment. ASCS is happy to provide you with the information you need to make this important decision for your children. Contact us today to start learning more about how to provide your children with the beautiful gift of Catholic Education!

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