



“Seek and you will find” Matthew 7:7

ST. ANTHONY — OF PADUA —

CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 31, 2023

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



THE HOLY FAMILY

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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The Epiphany House Blessing Tradition

After Jesus' birth in Bethlehem, the Holy Family was visited by three Magi from the east. They came to worship Christ and brought him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

We refer to this as The Feast of Epiphany and is celebrated on the 12th Day of Christmas, January 6th. Here in the United States, it moves to a Sunday between January 2nd - 8th. This year we celebrate this feast next weekend, on January 7th.

On the Feast of Epiphany, it is traditional for families to bless their homes, remembering the hospitality of the Holy Family to the Wise Men and asking for protection and blessings on the home and all who enter. This time-honored tradition celebrated around the world is once again making a comeback in the United States.

The home blessing is simple. Chalk symbols are written on the door or door frame. The "lintel of the door (the horizontal piece above the door) is the most traditional place.

Once completed your symbols should look like this:

$$20+C+M+B+24$$

The 20 and 24 represent the current year. The + reminds us of the cross on which Jesus died. The C, M and B stand for the traditional names of the Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar, as well as an abbreviation for the Latin phrase "*Christus Mansionem Benedicat*" meaning "May Christ bless this house." Writing on the door also recalls the Passover of the Jews during the final plague in Exodus when the blood of the lamb protected the inhabitants within.

Our St. Anthony's Prayer & Worship committee invites you to start this beautiful tradition with your families. Free home blessing kits including prayers and instructions will be available in the Vestibule after Mass next weekend. Be sure to get yours!

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."
~Matthew 2:2

Hear Ye, Hear Ye.....

Are you celebrating your 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th etc. (you get the idea) wedding anniversary in 2024? There will be a special Anniversary Mass offered in February. Stay tuned for more details coming soon!



Thank You to our talented team of Church Decorating Volunteers!

It is understood that our church is a beautiful place of worship on its own. This Christmas season, however, our volunteers transformed the church to an elevated level of beauty and reverence.

Your decorating talents not only created an environment that was befitting the season but also offered serenity and fostered meditative prayer.

Thank You!



The Holy Family We are excited to announce our series of FORMED Now! Christmas and New Year special episodes. In these episodes, professors from the Augustine Institute Graduate School will lead us in reflections throughout the season!

Litany of the Holy Name of Jesus Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as we celebrate the feast of The Most Holy Name of Jesus with this litany prayer of the Holy Name.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 30

5:00 pm +Lucy Radykowski
(Debbie & Kurt Lawler)

Sunday, December 31

10:00 am +Edward & +Betty Hodal
(Anette Hamburg)

Monday, January 1

9:00 am +Suzanne McKeon
(Family)

Thursday, January 4

7:00 am +Richard & +Audrey Blise
(Carol Peters)

Friday, January 5

5:00 pm +Carol Pelke
(Sue Kaeppler)

Saturday, January 6

5:00 pm Fr. Todd & St. Anthony's Parish
(Dick & Mary Ann Adamson)

Sunday, January 7

10:00 am +Nina Aceto
(Kohlmeier Family)

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANTHONY'S

MONDAY, January 1

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9:00 am - Mass

TUESDAY, January 2

Knights of Columbus
7:00 pm - Monthly Meeting

WEDNESDAY, January 3

Food Pantry
5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

FRIDAY, January 5

First Friday Mass
5:00 pm - Church

First Reading:

Your own issue shall be your heir." The Lord took Abram outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so," he added, "shall your descendants be."
(Gn 3:4-5)

Psalms:

The Lord remembers his covenant forever.
(Ps 105)

Second Reading:

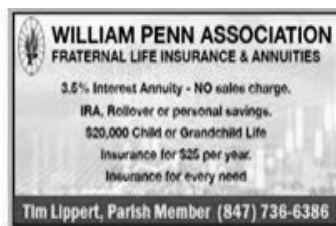
By faith he received power to generate, even though he was past the normal age—and Sarah herself was sterile.
(Heb 11:11)

Gospel:

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.
(Lk 2:40)

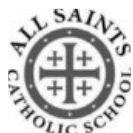
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Here at SJCA, we keep the spirit of Christmas in our hearts all year long. In our classrooms, on the playing field and in our homes, we teach our students to love Jesus and love others always. To learn how your child can be part of our wonderful school, join us on January 28th from 1:00-4:00 PM for our Open House. For more information, visit our website at sjcawv.org.



Save the Date! Our All Saints Catholic School Open House is scheduled for Sunday, January 28, 2024 from 11am-2pm. We want to share with you our amazing school, supported by the 10 parishes of Kenosha! We continue to successfully offer a faith-filled, quality education to our students in Preschool-8th grade. We invite your family to join us for a guided tour, an opportunity to meet our principal, teachers and staff and see for yourself the wonderful gift a Catholic education can be to your children. If you are considering enrolling at ASCS for the 2024-25 school year, enrollment for new families begins the day of the Open House, January 28, 2024! Space is limited.

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