May the Light of Faith shine forth from our parish as a beacon to guide our community to the Lord. When life seems difficult and troublesome, may our faith offer us security and strength. When we come together to celebrate God's gifts may the Holy Spirit fill us with joy.

St. Anthony of Padua Parish

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PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS
Nominated Members
Chair - Emily Siebert,
Tim Manross, Andrew Bernardo,
James Balog, Timothy Valentine
Appointed Members
Stephen Kristoff, Jennifer Takacs

FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS
Chair—Rick Gurley, Trevor Theobald,
Don Rochon, Joe Hawkins, Tom Langer,
Linda Hlebak (parish accountant)

MEETINGS/GROUPS
Parish Council 354-4525
Altar/Rosary 221-7140
1st Tuesday September - May
Parish Life Commission 354-4337
Finance Committee 354-4525
Music Ministry/Choir/Cantors 251-6820
Building/Maintenance 354-4525
Spiritual Blessing Card Ministry 354-3769
Good Samaritan Fund/Food Bank 357-6714
Aluminum Recycling/furniture/clothes for the needy
All items can be placed by the garage or call 354-4525
Spiritual/Liturgical Commission/Lectors/Eucharistic
Ministers/Acolytes/Ushers 354-4525
Bereavement 354-4525
Prayer Line Requests 352-7703
Jail Ministry / Dee Trepal 382-1889
AA Meetings Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR)
September-May

Steve Biro, Parish Catechetical Leader
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Grades K-7 on Sundays 11:00a.m.-12:00 noon
Confirmation grade 8+ scheduled Sundays 6:00-8:00 p.m.

BAPTISMS
Please call the rectory to set up an appointment.

WEDDINGS
Six months notice is required.
Please call the rectory to set up an appointment.
### December 21 / December 22

**ALTAR SERVERS**
- **4:00PM** Tristan Simko / Steve Kristoff
- **8:00AM** Joe Hawkins / Robert Hlebak
- **10:00AM** Sharon Abrahamson / Nora Urban

**LECTORS**
- **4:00PM** Kathie Kristoff / Renee Simko
- **8:00AM** Dave Rining / Michelle Loomis
- **10:00AM** Marietta Lipps / Laura Urban

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**
- **4:00PM** Joe Tomasik (ciborium)  
  Joan Lehman (choir)  
  Mike Bonelli (backrow)
- **8:00AM** Deacon John / Bob Donovan (cups)  
  Kathy Johnson (ciborium)  
  Joe Vayo (backrow)
- **10:00AM** Brad Rogers (ciborium)  
  Deacon John/Linda Grisez (cup)  
  Pat Korenko (choir)

**CROSS**
- **4:00PM** Volunteer
- **8:00AM** Bill McCabe
- **10:00AM** Walter Blare

### December 28/ December 29

**ALTAR SERVERS**
- **4:00PM** Ethan Williams / Steve Kristoff
- **8:00AM** Lou & Jim Balog
- **10:00AM** Sharon Abrahamson / Sarah Bernardo

**LECTORS**
- **4:00PM** Steve Appledorn / Barry Sabol
- **8:00AM** Bob Smith / Linda Hlebak
- **10:00AM** Sherry Maruschak / Traci Salkiewicz

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**
- **4:00PM** Lisa Simodi (ciborium)  
  Phil Young (choir)  
  Joe Tomasik (backrow)
- **8:00AM** Deacon John / Dan Parker (cups)  
  Joe Hawkins (ciborium)  
  Steve Biro (backrow)
- **10:00AM** Ben Bagdonas (ciborium)  
  Barb Bagdonas (back row)  
  Sherry Maruschak (choir)

**CROSS**
- **4:00PM** John Simodi
- **8:00AM** Robert Hlebak
- **10:00AM** Steve Wallace

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**Offertory Collection - Dec. 15, 2019**

- **Regular Collection:** $2480
- **Online Giving:** $585
- **Total Regular Collection:** $3065
- **Diocesan Assessment:** $506
- **Balance for Parish:** $2559
- **Youth Ministry:** $78
- **Food Bank:** $275
- **Religious Retirement:** $105
- **Christmas flowers:** $30
- **Immaculate Conception:** $40
- **Christmas:** $275

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**Mass Intentions**

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*Please note PM (Fr. Peter Mihalic) or GS (Fr. Schaut)*

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**Mark Your Calendar**

- **Dec. 24** Mass at **4pm and 6pm**
- **Dec. 25** Mass at **9 am**
- **Dec. 31** Vigil Mass **4 pm** - Solemnity of the Virgin Mary
- **Jan. 1** Mass at **9 am** - Solemnity of the Virgin Mary
- **Jan. 8** Parish Council at **7 p.m.**
- **Jan. 15** Bible Study at **6:30 p.m.**
  
  Bereavement Group at **6 p.m.** in the library.
- **Jan. 29** Bible study at **6:30 p.m.**
During the Christmas season we see angels everywhere - on our treetops, in our nativity scenes, in our yard decorations, and on our Christmas cards. What do we really know / believe about angels and why are they everywhere at Christmas? Angels are created beings - like you and I - but they exist in a different form. They are not tied to material bodies, as we are, but they are "light beings" or "energy beings" and are often depicted in art as a beam of light or surrounded by light. When we try to depict them, we often give them wings or halos as a way of describing their ability to move about the heavens in a way we cannot as human beings. Angels guide us and protect us. They are often the messengers that God sends into our lives to help us discern why we are here and what we are being called to do. Angels can appear in dreams, as we see repeated throughout the Scriptures including the experience of Joseph, Jesus's earthly father. They can also appear when we are awake, as we see in the story of Mary's annunciation with the Angel Gabriel. Angels can also "do their work" by leaving us little signs – some call them God moments or God signs - or by speaking to us through other people and / or situations. The angels are ALWAYS here with us in a variety of different ways.

Our theme for Advent is ;

“Mary” Christmas

Mary’s song is our song. It’s the song of anyone who has experienced God’s overflowing generosity and grace. Even though Mary was free from original sin, she sings the song of every person who has faced up to his sin and found a God of mercy and forgiveness. It’s the song of everyone who begins to see that God loves them unconditionally. God has chosen me. Despite my sin and weak faith, He still loves me and values me. Yes, my spirit does rejoice in God my savior!

Sincere best wishes and prayers for a very Merry Christmas!

The Food Bank needs donations of food to fill the Christmas dinner baskets for the needy. Jars of peanut butter and cans of tuna fish are needed.

First Reading: Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign: the virgin shall conceive, and bear a child. (Isaiah 7:14)

Psalm: Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory. Ps 24

Second Reading: Through him we have received the grace of apostleship, to bring about the obedience of faith. (Rom 1:5)

Gospel: “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus.” (Mt 1:20b-21a)