



Welcome to St. Anthony

At the center of our logo is the Christ Child held by our patron saint, Saint Anthony. The simplicity of this logo signifies what we are asked to do – we are simply to embrace Christ and share with others the gift of His love.

The open lines of the cross behind Saint Anthony are symbolic. As the Christ Child extends his arms out to us, we are to show through our actions that we are a community of caring and loving people, focusing on the suffering and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

When we gather together to worship, we are reminded that we are a community of people brought together by Christ and for Christ. We are reminded through the Eucharist that our lives are centered around Jesus.

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Welcome to Saint Anthony!

All of us belong to the one Body of Christ, the universal Church. We also live in a particular place and time, and so belonging to a parish community of faith is our concrete way of living that life of the Church.

Each parish has its own unique identity, history, and character. It is something alive, an unfolding communion of life with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and with one another. Your own presence enriches us and builds up the life of the Church. In our day, many people look for meaning and a place to belong; our faith allows us to meet both of these needs through sharing the life of the Risen Christ together in faith, hope, and love. We strive to carry our His mission as Priest, Prophet, and King, here in our own place and time.

Among the things you will find in the welcome packet you receive is a list of volunteer opportunities in the parish. I am sure you have many responsibilities to meet, but many people find that getting involved in service enriches their lives, helps create that sense of belonging, and creates many new friendships. Prayerfully consider what unique gifts you and the members of your household might bring to our parish and how you might best share them with us to build up the Body of Christ.

If you have children of school age, I also warmly invite you to check out Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton School. Contact Tom Troness, our principal, for more information. We are very proud of the quality education our school offers, not just in academics, but also a solid formation in faith.

We thank God that He has brought you to Saint Anthony, and we look forward to worshipping, learning, and serving along with you and your loved ones. Know of my daily prayers for you and your intentions.

In Christ,

Father Tom Knoblach
Pastor

Welcome to the Church of St. Anthony

Saint Cloud, MN

Welcome to the Church of St. Anthony! We are happy to have you as a member of our parish family.

Membership in the Church is about belonging to God, and to His people. To better assist you in getting to know other parishioners and parish staff, we invite you to participate in as many of the welcome activities as you can.

1. Please read the enclosed welcome packet. This packet contains important information about our Parish including our Mission Statement, ministries and organizations. Also included in this packet are names and telephone numbers of contact persons associated with the various ministries and organizations.
2. We would like to telephone or visit your home to answer any questions you may have and to continue our welcoming spirit.
3. Worship with us. The enclosed welcome packet has information including Mass, Reconciliation, and other opportunities for prayer and worship.
4. Join us for other parish events listed in the welcome packet. There is something for everyone. We invite you to become involved in our parish community and ask that you support our parish with this same spirit of participation.

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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Saint Anthony of Padua Catholic Parish is to nourish our love of God through Jesus Christ under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Centered in the Eucharist, we are developing a faith community through prayer, education, worship and Christian fellowship.

As stewards of God's love, we strive to share our gifts and talents for the service of God and all God's people.

Prepared by Parish Planning team and adopted by St. Anthony's Pastoral Council on November 29, 1988.

Revised: May, 1996

CLUSTER MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Schedule

Weekday Schedule

St. Anthony

Saturday – 4:30 pm

Sunday – 9:15 am

Tuesday through Friday – 7:15 am

(Tuesdays – Occasional 8:30 am school Mass)

First Friday Mass – 7:00 pm

First Saturday Mass – 8:00 am

Holy Spirit

Saturday – 4:00 pm

Sunday – 9:30 am

Monday through Thursday – 8:00 am

(Tuesdays – Occasional 8:30 am school Mass)

First Friday Mass – 8:00 am

Other Fridays – Communion Service

St. John Cantius

Sunday – 7:30 am

Sunday – 10:30 am

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday – 7:00 am

Wednesday – Communion Service – 7:00 am

RECONCILIATION

St. Anthony: 3:00 – 4:15 & 5:45 – 6:15 pm Saturday

3:30 pm Thursday before 1st Friday of the month

Holy Spirit: 3:00 pm Saturday or by appointment

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

Expectant parents are asked to participate in a Baptismal session if they have not already done so. Parents are encouraged to participate in the class before their first child is born. Classes are usually scheduled the second Tuesday of every month by appointment only.

Please call to register.

Contact Person: Deacon Vern Schmitz (248-6835) email: vernschmitz@gmail.com

MARRIAGE

Please make arrangements at least 6 months in advance. A Marriage Course and other preparations will be arranged

Contact Person: Deacon Vern Schmitz (248-6835) email: vernschmitz@gmail.com

RETROUVAILLE

(Re-tro-vi), the French word for rediscovery, is a ministry that provides hope to those couples who are struggling to make their marriage work or for those in hurting marriages. Are you frustrated, hurt and often times angry with each other? Are you feeling cold, alone, disillusioned or bored? This program starts with a weekend experience, which gives the couple tools to help them put their marriage in order again. The program then continues with six follow-up sessions that aid the couple in rebuilding their relationship.

Contact Person: Jerry and Carol Jansen

Retrovi (255-5314 or 1-888-255-5314)

Website: www.savingmarriages.org

MINISTRIES

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

These are parishioners who have been instructed and commissioned to help the priest in the distribution of Holy Communion at the Eucharistic Liturgy. They are persons who distinguish themselves by Christian life, faith and morals.

Contact Person: Pat Kosel (252-9247)

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS TO THE HOMEBOUND

These are parishioners who have been commissioned to bring Holy Communion to persons who are homebound and unable to come to Church. These ministers bring communion to the homebound once a week.

Contact Person: Lee Hibbard (251-5966)

LECTORS

Lectors are an important and integral part of the Mass celebration. Lectors are parishioners who volunteer to be ministers of the Word at liturgies. Usually lectors are scheduled to read at two different Masses every other month. Holiday schedules may cause this to vary, but effort is made to accommodate the individual's schedule and time preference.

Contact Persons: John & Linda Kidd (252-1530)

MASS GREETERS

Greeters are present in the Gathering Space of the church to welcome all members and visitors to our worship celebration. A simple greeting helps provide an atmosphere of hospitality and fosters a feeling of community among us. Individuals or couple greeters would serve at one Mass per month for a year.

Contact Person: Parish Office (251-5966)

USHERS

This group is open to all members of the parish, high school age or older. The ushers' responsibilities include helping people get seated for the Liturgies and assisting in taking up the offering. They are also available to answer questions. The schedule is set up so that each person will usher one Mass per month.

Contact Person: Mike Moeller (259-4355)

MASS SERVERS

Any boy or girl, 4th grade and above who regularly attends Mass, can become a Mass server. They receive training and are scheduled regularly to serve at Mass and assist with Sanctuary duties.

Contact Person: Steve & Ida Burt (252-5118)

LITURGY COMMITTEE

This group functions in an advisory capacity, providing input to the parish on the preparation of major liturgical celebrations of the Church year.

Contact Person: Barb Kosel (251-4031)

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

This Ministry is not so much a “doing” but rather a “being” ministry – a service of presence and quiet listening. Many are needed to befriend others.

Contact Person: Lee Hibbard (251-5966)

MUSIC

PARISH CHOIR

The parish choir sings a wide variety of music. New members (ages 18 & over) are always welcome. Rehearsals are held in the choir room on Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 8:00 pm from September through May and forty-five minutes before singing at liturgy. The choir sings at two 9:15 am Sunday liturgies per month and one Saturday 4:30 pm liturgy, plus Christmas and Holy Week. During the summer, a smaller choir that sings three times per month is formed from the parish choir.

Contact Person: Gail Drinkwine (217-2907)

RESURRECTION CHOIR

The Resurrection choir sings for parish Funeral liturgies, parish Memorial Mass and Stations of the Cross during Lent.

Contact Person: Jackie Reisinger (251-4555)

PARISH HOSPITALITY

FUNERAL DINNERS AND AREA LEADERS

Whenever any member of the parish dies, a luncheon is provided for the family, friends and relatives. The different areas take turns providing the luncheon, going numerically from area to area. The area leader for each area contacts parishioners to help prepare and serve the meal. All registered parishioners are eligible for funeral dinners. The family of the deceased is asked to pay for the meat. The balance of the cost is covered by donations received through funeral dinner collection envelopes contained in parishioners' packets. This practice provides meaningful support and understanding in this time of need.

Contact Persons: Terry Olson (252-2413) or Laura Brennan (253-9411)

MEN'S FAMILY BREAKFAST

In 1976, a group of parish men formed one of our most popular social events, the Men's Breakfast Group. Now known as the Men's Family Breakfast Group, their function is to present and prepare a monthly breakfast that offers all parishioners a chance to visit with their neighbors and enjoy a wonderful assortment of breakfast entrees.

The St. Anthony's Men's Family Breakfast Group redirects all profits obtained from our Sunday breakfast back into the parish for use within our church, school or the many youth programs now available to our young people. Their membership consists of volunteers from many different age groups, high school or older. Well known throughout St. Cloud, breakfast is warmly served from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm on the 3rd Sunday of each month, September through May.

Contact Person: Denny Hennen (252-9220)

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

CATHOLIC AID COUNCIL #265

The Catholic Aid Council #265 meets every first Tuesday of the month (except in July and August) at 1:00 pm in the Parish Office Conference Room. Coffee and cards follow the meeting.

This is a Catholic Fraternal organization, which offers life insurance. Members use their funds for purposes like making a donation to the Holy Father, two layettes for unwed mothers, matching grant programs for parish/school educational programs and two Masses for deceased members. The Catholic Aid Council also purchases fabric for the baptismal gowns given to the newly baptized. Members of the parish then sew the gowns. Anyone may volunteer to help with the sewing.

Contact Person: Mary Ann Winkelman (252-9047)

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS/CHRISTIAN WOMEN

This organization began its mission at St. Anthony Church in 1921. The original purpose was to bring mothers together and share ideas on how to raise their children and pray for one another's families. Since that time, we have extended welcoming arms to women from all walks of life (single, married, widowed, divorced.) We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of September, October, November, March, April and May. Guest speakers, from many different backgrounds, present a variety of timely topics at these meetings.

Christian Mothers/Christian Women sponsor many notable events and help support parish endeavors. The Spring and Fall Rummage Sales, Annual Parish Card Party and the Fall Festival receive support from this group of active women. These events offer all women a great way to meet and get to know other women of the parish. Christian Mothers/Christian Women of today use their time, talent and resources to help Catholic Missions and Pro-life causes.

Contact Person: Patricia Ann Schmitt (230-9837)

LEGION OF MARY

This is a lay Catholic organization of men and women, married or single, who give service to the church.

The mission is to work for the glory of God by evangelizing first ourselves and then others.

This lay apostolate is developed by prayer and active works such as home visitation of parishioners and shut-ins and door-to-door visitation, all within the guidelines established by the local pastor.

We submit ourselves to the Holy Spirit and the Blessed Virgin Mary to develop a closer relationship with Christ for the glory and honor of God, Our Father.

Contact Person: Patricia Ann Schmitt (230-9837)

MISSION GROUPS

A mission group consists of women who enjoy getting out and doing things for, and with, others. Some activities are quilting, sewing or making items for the missions. There are numerous ideas available through the Diocesan Mission Office.

Meetings are usually held monthly in each other's homes, beginning and ending with prayer. Dues are collected (group decides on dues), and 40% is given to the Diocesan Mission Office while 60% is used for other mission work.

Contact Person: Mary Brinker (251-3854)

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

CHAPEL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The Blessed Sacrament chapel is located in the southeast corner of our church building. Originating in January of 1995, the chapel was developed to allow all willing parishioners Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration. The Blessed Sacrament remains exposed on the altar 24 hours a day so that at all times someone is actively at prayer at St. Anthony Church.

Anyone is welcome at our chapel during daytime hours. During evening hours, the chapel can be entered by use of our security system. A sign-up sheet is available in the chapel for parishioners wanting to commit themselves for one or more hours per week.

Chapel Coordinator: Kathleen Virnig (259-6809)

MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS, ROSARY CENACLE

This group of committed Catholic people meet every Monday at 7:00 pm. The rosary and other prayers are offered for the Holy Father, Priests throughout the world and for vocations in general. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place throughout the entire hour of prayer.

Passages from the book "To the Priests" are read aloud after the Holy Hour. A 15-minute group discussion relative to the subject matter previously read then follows.

Contact Person: Kathy Koshenina (202-0379)

PRAYER LINE

St. Anthony Church Prayer Line will pray for your needs. All prayer requests are confidential.

Contact Person: Lee Hibbard (252-6753) or Parish Office (251-5966)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)

This is a process for adults by which one becomes a Catholic Christian and a member of the Catholic Church. Classes are usually held Sunday mornings, beginning in October of each year and going until the Easter Vigil, at which time candidates are received into full membership of the Catholic Church by the Sacraments of Baptism (if not already baptized), Confirmation and Eucharist.

Contact Person: Deacon Vern Schmitz (248-6835) email: schmitz8@frontiernet.net

FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

SPIRIT & SAINTS FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM (SAS) is a cluster-wide Faith Formation Program set up for public school children in Grades K-9. It also provides Sacramental preparation programming for all children in the three parishes of Holy Spirit, St. John Cantius and St. Anthony. Each year 350-400 children and youth take part in a SAS sponsored event with the help and support of parents, clergy and many wonderful volunteers.

Registration for classes is done in the Spring of the year for the school year starting the following Fall. Classes for K-9 are held Wednesday nights at 6:30 to 7:45 pm at the St. Anthony School Building, following a rough schedule of two consecutive weeks of classes followed by one week off. Watch the bulletin for exact schedules; schedules are also distributed at the beginning of the school year to families participating.

Special Events:

Once every month during the school year, Spirit & Saints offers a presentation for parents and youth on topics of interest; including such things as depression, drug addiction, suicide, life after death, etc. These presentations are held on Sunday nights at 7:00 pm at St. Anthony Parish Center. Everyone is welcome, and there is no fee.

Parent Sessions:

Once or twice a year, the ministry staff of the cluster will offer a night exclusively for parents to educate them on the latest issues concerning children, keep them informed of developing trends and to encourage and support them in their critical mission of parenting our youth. These will be announced in the bulletin, and flyers will be sent home with the students.

Contact Person: Ginny Duschner (252-0535) email: faith.formation.ginny@hotmail.com

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION:

In their second grade year, students from both the Catholic schools and the public schools gather together to prepare for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist. The meetings, and the events themselves, are organized on a parish basis, but all events are open to anyone in the cluster. First Reconciliation usually occurs in December and First Eucharist in April or May.

In Confirmation, the Cathedral students join us as we review faith formation in a new way, reflecting their increased maturity level. These students meet every week at St. John Cantius for a 13-week session in either the Spring or the Fall. Students have other requirements as well, including a journal to complete with a mentor and a Service component. Starting in the 10th grade year, the students can take as long as they want to prepare for the sacrament. When the students have completed the requirements, they will be included in the next Confirmation group.

Contact Person: Ginny Duschner (252-0535) email: faith.formation.ginny@hotmail.com

YOUTH GROUP

Youth (7th-12th Grade)

Youth meet at the St. Anthony School Building twice a month, September through May.

Activities include community and parish projects.

Youth Ministry offers several different activities throughout the year on and off the Church grounds along with diocesan events.

This is a great way for youth to gather and have a great time with other youth!

See bulletin for Youth Ministry Events.

Also, bimonthly "Youth Tracks" postcards are mailed out to registered youth in the parish.

Contact Persons: Melissa or John (420-8782)

SCHOOL

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON SCHOOL

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School is a faith community committed to the teachings of the Church with the mission to provide quality learning in a Christ-centered atmosphere for its students, families and staff.

Pre-kindergarten through grade six elementary school

Faith Formation:

We work with parents in the faith formation of their children through receiving the sacraments, sharing of knowledge, and social justice opportunities.

- Weekly Children's Mass
- Religion Class 3-4 times a week
- Service Projects
- Classroom Visits from the priests of the Cluster

Extracurricular:

We offer a variety of opportunities for students to further develop their God-given talents. This includes in-school band and orchestra lessons, Knowledge Bowl, a variety of team sport opportunities throughout the school year, and a week-long Artist in Residency program.

Other Activities:

*Our Rainbow Pre-School works with children ages 3 to 5 years old.

3 yr olds meet on Tuesday & Thursday for 2 ½ hours

4 & 5 yr olds meet on Monday-Wednesday-Friday for 2 ½ hours

*Our Kid-Kare after-school program offers children the opportunity to make new friends, receive help with homework, and participate in fun activities in a safe, nurturing environment.

Contact Person: Tom Troness (251-1988)

ANNUAL PARISH AND SCHOOL EVENTS

Among the events throughout the year:

JANUARY

Catholic Schools Week/Open House
Kindergarten Open House
Parish Breakfast

FEBRUARY

Rainbow Preschool Open House
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School Family Snowtubing Night
Catholic Aid Association Matching Grant Fish Fry (1st Friday of Lent)
Christian Mothers/Christian Women Food Shelf Month
Christian Mothers/Christian Women Lenten Soup Suppers
Throat Blessing (St. Blaise)
Parish Breakfast

MARCH

Stations of the Cross (Lent)
Parent/Teacher Conferences
Christian Mothers/Christian Women Card Party
Lenten Fish Fries
Christian Mothers/Christian Women Lenten Soup Suppers
Parish Breakfast

APRIL

Kindergarten Roundup
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Spring Fling
School Volunteer Appreciation
Catholic Aid Association Matching Grant Bake Sale (Palm Sunday)
Christian Mothers/Christian Women Spring Rummage Sale
Parish Breakfast

MAY

Sixth Grade Graduation
School End of the Year Picnic
Christian Mothers/Christian Women May Banquet
Catholic Aid Association Living Rosary (1st Tuesday evening of May)
Annual Parish Picnic
Parish Breakfast

SEPTEMBER

School Fall Fundraiser
All School Picnic

OCTOBER

Christian Mothers/Christian Women Fall Rummage Sale
Fall Festival/Quilt Bingo
Christian Mothers/Christian Women Poor Clare Tea Party
School Skating Party
Grandparents' Day
Parent/Teacher Conferences
School Book Fair
Cluster Mass of Anointing
Parish Breakfast

NOVEMBER

Christian Mothers/Christian Women Bake Sale
PAA Turkey Bingo
Memorial Mass
Parish Breakfast

DECEMBER

Barnes & Noble School Fundraiser
School Christmas Program
Christian Mothers/Christian Women Christmas Cookie Baking
Christmas Sharing Tree
Meals on Wheels
Parish Breakfast

MONTHLY/WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS

- ◆ Adult Faith Formation (RCIA)
- ◆ Catholic Aid Association
- ◆ Christian Mothers/Christian Women
- ◆ Legion of Mary
- ◆ Men's Family Breakfast
- ◆ Pastoral Council Meeting – Quarterly
- ◆ Rosary Cenacle
- ◆ Lenten Fish Fries
- ◆ Holy Hours (Every 3rd Sunday)
- ◆ Bible Study / Other Adult Faith Formation Opportunities

ST. ANTHONY PARISH STAFF MEMBERS

Father Tom Knoblach (Pastor).....	251-5966
Father Jimmy Joseph, VC (Parochial Vicar)	251-5966
Gail Drinkwine (Music Director)	251-5966
Ginny Duschner (Faith Formation).....	252-0535
Lee Hibbard (Pastoral Assistant)	251-5966
Clara Stein (Parish Secretary)	251-5966
Melissa Toenjes (Youth Ministry Coordinator)	420-8782
Tom Troness (Principal).....	251-1988
Peggy Arseneau (Business Manager)	251-5966
Dea Raml (Accountant).....	251-3764

ST. ANTHONY PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Ida Burt	252-5118
Brian Carlson	202-8723
Lea Gallagher	255-8808
Jeffrey Latzka.....	229-7474
Mark Schlough	217-8320
Laurie Sjogren.....	251-7996
Sarah Yost	250-5376
Pam Zimmerman	252-2791
Richard Schaefer (Alternate).....	251-7847

Finance Council

Fr. Tom Knoblach	251-5966
Chris Codden	252-2790
Steve Frechette.....	252-9419
Denny Hennen	252-9220
Bill LeClaire.....	251-1089

Other Members/Advisors:

Father Tom Knoblach	251-5966
Father Jimmy Joseph.....	251-5966
Chris Codden (Trustee)	252-2790
Steve Frechette (Trustee)	252-9419
Joan Heider, recording secretary	229-0591

STEWARDSHIP VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES, TIME AND TALENT ST. ANTHONY PARISH, ST. CLOUD

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

In grateful response to God for my gifts and talents, I volunteer to return to God, as I am able, my time and ability for service in my parish as indicated below. Please check an area of ministry in which you are willing to help or participate and return to the Parish Office. Training will be provided for these ministries.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

- Extraordinary Minister
- Extraordinary Minister to the Homebound
- Weekday Extraordinary Minister
- Greeter
- Lector
- Weekday Lector
- Mass Server
- Funeral Mass Server
- Usher
- Sacristan
- Decoration Committee

MUSIC MINISTRY

- Adult Choir (Ages 16 +)
- Funeral Choir
- Cluster Children's Choir (Grades 2-6)
- Cantor
- Instrumentalist/Musician

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- Teacher
- Teachers' Assistant
- Substitute Teacher
- Office Aide
- Hall Monitor

YOUTH MINISTRY

- Chaperone or Driver for Activities
- Help with Youth Group Fundraiser
- Provide Snacks for Youth Activities

ST ELIZABETH ANN SETON SCHOOL

- Library Volunteer
- Office Volunteer
- Teachers' Assistant
- Classroom Assistant
- Lunch Room Help
- Playground Assistant

MARRIAGE

- Sponsor Couple (a married couple who helps prepare engaged couples for marriage in their home - training is provided)
- Help with Marriage Enrichment Activities
- Hospitality
- Babysitting

OUTREACH

- Homebound (a Listening Ministry to the sick, shut-ins, grieving, etc. – training is provided)
- Welcoming Committee (to welcome new members to our parish)
- Driver for Home Delivered Meals
- Funeral Dinner Helpers
- Breakfast (3rd Sunday of Month, September-May)

CHURCH MAINTENANCE

- Care of Cassocks and Altar Linens
- Church Care and Cleaning

PARISH GROUPS

- Christian Mothers/ Christian Women
- Legion of Mary
- Mission Group

PARISH OFFICE HELP

- Bulletin Inserts
- Parish Mailings
- Office Volunteer

SKILLS

- (volunteer help for parish maintenance needs)
- Carpenter
 - Electrician
 - Painter
 - Plumber
 - Snow Removal
 - Lawn/Landscaping