



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 p.m.

Sunday – 9:15 a.m.

Tuesday through Friday – 7:15 a.m.

(Thursdays – Occasional 8:30 a.m. School Mass)

First Friday Mass – 7:00 p.m.

First Saturday Mass – 8:00 a.m.

Holy Spirit

Saturday – 4:00 p.m.

Sunday – 9:30 a.m.

Monday through Thursday – 8:00 a.m.

(Third Wednesday – Communion Service)

(Thursdays – Occasional 8:30 a.m. School Mass)

First Friday Mass – 8:00 a.m.

Other Fridays – Communion Service

St. John Cantius

Sunday – 7:30 a.m.

Sunday – 10:30 a.m.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday – 7:00 a.m.

Wednesday – Communion Service – 7:00 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

St. Anthony: 3:00 – 4:15 and 5:45 – 6:15 p.m. Saturday

3:30 p.m. 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 Saturday of every month by appointment only.

Please call to register.

Contact Person: Parish Office (251-5966) email: saps@spiritandsaints.org

MARRIAGE

Because marriage is the basis of stable family life, in turn the basic unit of human society, adequate preparation for this life-long vocation is vitally important. For more information on marriage preparation and other questions about marriage in the Church, contact Dcn. Frank Ringsmuth, wedding coordinator for our parish. Please schedule an appointment with him as soon as possible after your engagement to help guide you through the process. We want to celebrate with you and walk with you on your journey of love and discovery toward the sacrament of Holy Matrimony. A Marriage Course and other preparations will be arranged. It takes at least six months for the full marriage preparation process.

Contact Person: Dcn. Frank Ringsmuth (320-267-7554) email: frank.ringsmuth@gmail.com

RETROUVAILLE

(Re-tro-vī, with a long i), 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)

Website: www.savingmarriages.org

MINISTRIES

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

This ministry consists of 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. These ministers are asked to serve at weekend liturgies, funerals and/or weekday Masses as they are able.

Contact Person: Pat Kosel (252-9247)

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS TO THE HOMEBOUND

This ministry consists of 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: Nancy Zaczkowski (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 and are usually scheduled to read at two different Masses every other month. Holiday schedules may cause this to vary, but every effort is made to accommodate the individual's schedule and time preference. Lectors need to spend some time studying, reading and practicing their readings before they read. A confident and strong voice helps, but often this just comes with practice. Several senior lectors are available to help anyone desiring to learn how to lector. One can observe the actions of any lector at any Mass.

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

MASS GREETERS

Greeters are present in the Gathering Space of the church prior to liturgies to welcome all members and visitors to our worship celebration. If able, we like greeters to assist with opening doors for people coming into the church. A simple greeting helps provide an atmosphere of hospitality and fosters a feeling of community among us. Individuals, couples or family greeters would serve at one Mass per month. We ask greeters to arrive 30-45 minutes prior to the liturgy. Training will be provided.

Contact Person: Nancy Zaczkowski (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. Training for this very valuable position in our parish community will be provided.

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 and Ida Burt (252-5118)

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

This is a ministry of listening and being there rather than talking or doing! There are many fellow parishioners who at some time of grief or loss, sickness or fear, need a loving person to just sit with them, be present. There are also many homebound parishioners who miss the friends and social gatherings of the church.

If you have been told or feel you are a great friend who listens well to others, this surely is the ministry for you. It is a chance to make new friends or reunite with old friends. There are no time limits or constraints ... visits can be daily, weekly, monthly ... whatever works in one's schedule. All volunteers will need to go through the "Safe Environment" training.

Contact Person: Nancy Zaczkowski (251-5966)

MUSIC

PARISH CHOIRS

The parish music ministry is open to ages 8-100! New members are always welcome. We have an adult choir and a children's choir. The children's choir sings one Saturday and one Sunday per month. Rehearsals are on Sundays after Mass the weekend prior to singing. We also sing Christmas Eve and Easter Sunday. The adult choir rehearses and sings 2-3 times per month. Rehearsals for the adult choir are held in the choir room on Thursday evenings from 7-8:00 p.m. September through May. We also practice forty-five minutes prior to singing at the Liturgy. In addition, we have a string quartet which rehearses on Tuesday evenings as needed. During the summer months the cantors, duos, trios and quartets lead the singing at the weekend liturgies.

CANTORS/INSTRUMENTALISTS/MUSICIANS

Please contact Gail at 217-2907 for further information. Note: instrumentalists/musicians must be proficient at their instrument(s), and a minimum age of 14 is required unless otherwise arranged with Gail.

Contact Person: Gail Drinkwine (217-2907)

RESURRECTION CHOIR

The Resurrection Choir sings for parish funeral liturgies, the parish Mass of Remembrance and Stations of the Cross during Lent. Everyone is welcome; there are no auditions. This is not a 4-part choir. Currently, there are about 30 members. The Resurrection Choir does not sit in the elevated choir space but in the pews directly facing the piano and organ. Funeral liturgies vary in length from 45 minutes to 1 hour or plus, usually followed by a lunch in the Parish Center. We know hymns and prayer are comforting—a "feel good" ministry for us—and we have all heard "Singing is praying twice."

Contact Person: Vernetta Notch-Rumsey (251-4434)

PARISH OUTREACH

FUNERAL DINNERS AND AREA LEADERS

It is over 40 years that we have provided dinners the day of the funeral for all registered parishioners. This charitable service is offered to the family of the deceased at no expense to them except for the cost of the meat. We have been able to remain self-supporting, with no cost to the parish, for the entire time due to the generous donations made in your envelopes twice yearly—in February and August—marked “Funeral Dinners.” We deeply thank all of our faithful and dedicated Area Leaders and their volunteers who so generously continue serving our parish. However, as many of our volunteers here served in this program from the beginning, we desperately need new people to offer their help so that we can continue this service. It is an important and special part of a funeral where relatives and friends can provide support to the family. We feel St. Anthony Parish is unique and special and hope we will always be able to provide this service through your help.

Assisting at the funeral dinner will involve about 3-4 hours, and the wonderful, warm cooperation of the people working together in this emergency is truly a Christian example of understanding and love.

Contact Persons: Terry Olson (252-2413) or Ruth Kosel (252-9247)

SPIRIT AND SAINTS HEALTH AND WELLNESS TEAM

This team has been formed with representatives from each of our cluster parishes. Its purpose is to provide health and wellness education and support to parishioners in their life journey, integrating faith and physical well being. We welcome any health-related questions and suggestions from parishioners. You can either place them in the suggestion box or use our website. All questions will be answered in a timely manner!

Contact Person: Nancy Zaczkowski (251-5966)
Email: sapa@spiritandsaints.org

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. Shifts can range from 2-5 hours depending upon the needs of the day. More volunteers allow us to balance the hours and spread out the workload.

The St. Anthony’s Men’s Family Breakfast Group redirects all profits obtained from our Sunday breakfast back into the parish for purchases of equipment for the parish, material for the quilts for the October Quilt Bingo, and other needs of the parish. 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 p.m. on the 3rd Sunday of each month, September through April.

Contact Person: Denny Hennen (252-9220)

PARISH LIBRARY

The St. Anthony Parish Library was begun in 2006 by Rose Edington. She and husband Peter brought most of the book cases. The parish members donated most of the books. Pastor Fr. Tim Wenzel gave permission for the library to share space with maintenance storage in the kitchen off the Gathering Space.

Volunteers sorted the books and decided on various categories: Jesus, Mary, Spiritual, Meditation, Church History, Parents, Children, Poetry, Saints, Biography, Papal Writings, Fiction, Biblical, Social Commentaries, Prayer and Mystics.

Books may be taken out and returned at the convenience of the readers.

The library is open before and after weekend Masses. At present one person is responsible for overseeing the library—one on Saturday and another on Sunday: opening the door, turning on the lights, opening the 2 cupboards to display books, and shelving books that are turned in.

Needs:

1. Individuals to oversee the library—perhaps a month at a time
2. Several people to read shelves and organize the books
3. Someone to prepare bulletin information and/or promote use of the library

Contact Person: Pat Hill (251-9445)

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL COUNCIL #265

The Catholic United Financial Council #265 meets every first Tuesday of the month (except in July and August) at 1:00 p.m. 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: Aggie Smitten (252-2744)

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, and 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 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: Pam Rickbeil (493-8347)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #5548

On March 29, 1882, the Connecticut state legislature officially chartered the Knights of Columbus, a fraternal benefit society founded by Father Michael J. McGivney with a group of parishioners in the basement of St. Mary's Church in New Haven. Still true to its founding principles of charity, unity, and fraternity 125 years later, the Knights of Columbus has grown to the largest lay Catholic organization in the world with more than 1.7 million members.

Throughout its history, the Knights of Columbus has been an effective advocate and defender of civil and religious rights for all. The organization has also contributed billions of dollars and millions of hours of volunteer service to charity.

Contact Person: Dean Walz (251-2252)

LEGION OF MARY

Started in Dublin, Ireland, in 1921 by Frank Duff and companions, the Legion of Mary is the largest Catholic lay organization in the world with nearly 3 million members on the continents of Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, and North and South America. This is an organization of men and women, married or single, who give service to the church.

The mission is to work for the glory of God through its members, developed by prayer and active cooperation in the work of the Blessed Virgin Mary under the influence of the Holy Spirit. There are active members who meet weekly and do substantial work in pairs consistent with the church and parish needs through visitation of families; visits to those in hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living, their own homes; and parish newcomers, etc., and through collaboration in every apostolic and missionary undertaking sponsored by the parish. Auxiliary members participate by praying a short set of Legion prayers in the tessera in union with the Rosary daily in their homes or own setting and yearly are invited to attend the annual Acies to renew our consecration to Jesus through Mary. Other functions may be attended during the year without obligation. We are servants to our parish and its priest.

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 a percentage is given to the Diocesan Mission Office while the rest is used for other mission work.

Contact Person: Mary Brinker (251-3854)
Marge Kersting (251-9395)
Agnes Kramer (252-9308)

QUILTING GROUP

We have approximately 15 ladies who give of their time and talent to make 40 hand-stitched quilts for a fundraiser for the parish in the fall. Some of them quilt weekday mornings; others prefer Tuesday evenings until about 8:30 p.m. There is no time clock; you come and go as you see fit.

If you need a lift either physically or from boredom, come and join the quilters--you won't be disappointed. No experience necessary to join—just time and willingness to learn. Humorous stories are a good touch. (Great leaders.)

Contact Person: Mary Brinker (251-3854)

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The Spirit and Saints Cluster holds four blood drives yearly for our community. St. Anthony Church has their blood drives in May and December. Volunteers are needed to assist with the canteen, call donors, and greet donors as they arrive to donate. The drives are typically from 1 to 7 p.m. Volunteer callers call the people on our list prior to the drive and set up their appointment time. Generally, each volunteer will have a list of about 20-30 donors to call within a two-week period. Canteen workers help serve the people a light snack after donating. Usually canteen volunteers stay for two hours during the drive. Greeters sit at the table as people arrive and check them in for their appointment. Usually greeters volunteer for at least half of the shift. Training is provided for all of these tasks. This is a very rewarding volunteer opportunity, helping to provide the gift of life to so many in need!

Contact Person: Nancy Zaczkowski (251-5966)

CHURCH OF THE WEEK / HOMELESS SHELTER AND MEALS

Each year we are asked to join in a community project to provide overnight shelter for the homeless in collaboration with Place of Hope. St. Anthony's has typically provided this one to two weeks during the winter months. During these weeks, we are also asked to prepare an evening meal at the Place of Hope (old St Raphael Convent) for 60 – 120 persons. Meals can be prepared at home and taken to the Place of Hope or prepared there. Families, youth groups and friends have joined together to make and serve the meals. The appreciation of persons being served is so rewarding!

When working with the overnight shelter, two people stay at the shelter (we have used SEAS elementary school) and welcome people as they are bussed over from Place of Hope at about 9-9:30 p.m. A light snack before bed is provided (donated by parishioners) and night prayers are said together. Lights are turned out at 10 p.m. Some participants will ask you to wake them at 5 or 6 a.m. to get to jobs. The rest are awakened at about 6:30 a.m. and picked up at 7 a.m. by the Place of Hope bus. At least one volunteer is awake at all times to insure the safety of all.

Contact Person: Hollis Rickbeil (493-8352)
Nancy Zaczkowski (251-5966)

MEALS ON WHEELS DRIVERS

Twice yearly, St. Anthony joins with our community in helping elderly in our area get a healthy, nutritious meal once daily. Five to ten meals are picked up by the volunteer and delivered to the households on their list. The first day you help, it may take a little longer while you adjust to the list of names. But for the rest of the week, you will have the same list, and it becomes familiar, usually only taking ½ to 1 hour to deliver the meals. Volunteers are asked to deliver meals five days in a row or sub for others as needed. We usually do one week in the spring and one week in the fall. Without volunteers, this community outreach would not be available. It is a simple way to live out our Christian faith, loving and giving to others.

Contact Person: Sandie Neidlinger (255-9028)

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 and others the opportunity to worship Our Lord on a continual basis 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. This excludes the Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday evening until Easter Sunday Mass at midnight) and Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. According to Canon Law, someone must be present at all times excluding Mass time. Holy Mass remains the source and summit of all of our worship.

If you are a baptized Catholic drawn to worship Our Blessed Lord, you are welcome to join our Chapel Adorers. In addition, anyone is welcome to spend time with Our Blessed Lord during the open hours from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. If you feel the desire to spend time with Him, please "come and see" during the open hours. Then, if you are able, please sign up for your own hour to visit with Our Blessed Lord.

Chapel Coordinator: Kathleen Virnig (259-5148)

MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS, ROSARY CENACLE

Any persons who love Our Lady, understand or are familiar with the Fatima message, and who are familiar with Fr. Stephano Gobbi's book, *To the Priests: Mary's Beloved Sons*, are welcome to join us. If you do not know about Fr. Gobbi's mission but love Our Lady, you, too, are also welcome to pray and learn with us.

We meet on Mondays at 1:00 p.m. in St. Anthony Church. We pray for priests especially, with emphasis on their unique gift of the priesthood, and pray for all priests to live out their vocation. We pray general prayers for priests and the pope, say the Rosary, listen to a reading from Fr. Gobbi's book, and end with the Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Additionally, we pray for the sick and dying with prayers of reparation and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. All of this is done in the presence of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Our meetings last about 90 minutes. Please come!

Contact Person: Kathleen Virnig (259-5148)

PRAYER LINE

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

Contact Person: Nancy Zaczkowski 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 Tuesday evenings, 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 Frank Ringsmuth (267-7554) email: frank.ringsmuth@gmail.com

SPIRIT AND SAINTS FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM (SAS)

This is a cluster-wide Faith Formation Program serving public school children in Grades K-9 from the parishes of Holy Spirit, St. John Cantius and St. Anthony. It also provides Sacramental preparation programming for all children in the three parishes. 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-8 are held Wednesday nights at 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the St. Anthony School Building, following a rough schedule of two consecutive weeks of classes followed by one week off. Classes for Grade 9 are held once a month from 6:30-8:30 p.m. as well as a retreat. Watch the bulletin for exact schedules; schedules are also distributed at the beginning of the school year to families participating.

WordSearchEvents:

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 p.m. at the St. Anthony Parish Center. Everyone is welcome, and there is no fee.

Sacramental Preparation – First Reconciliation and First Eucharist:

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.

Sacramental Preparation – Confirmation:

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 from 7:45-9:15 p.m. 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 Ext. 101)

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website: <http://spiritandsaints.wordpress.com>

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group provides youth in Grades 7-12 opportunities to explore their Catholic faith through experiences of prayer and catechesis. Youth Group provides the “Young Church” opportunities to develop faith skills that will help them minister to our parish community now and in the future. Youth Group also helps youth to build relationships with adult mentors who model their faith in their everyday lives.

Some of the activities include once-a-month Youth Group sessions, Castaway, Diocesan Senior High Youth Rally and Diocesan Junior High Youth Rally. Service projects include Senior Prom, A Call to Service and baking cookies for shut-ins. Recreational activities include a ski trip, a Christmas Break trip to Mall of America and a trip to Valleyfair.

Contact Person: Scott Frieler

(252-0535 Ext. 102)

email: youth@spiritandsaints.org

YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD

Youth in Grades 7-12 are invited to work with the Youth Ministry Coordinator to provide vision and direct the Youth Ministry Program. The commitment is one meeting per month during the school year.

Contact Person: Scott Frieler

(252-0535 Ext. 102)

email: youth@spiritandsaints.org

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 and Thursday for 2 ½ hours

4 and 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: Kelly Vangsness (251-1988)

ANNUAL PARISH AND SCHOOL EVENTS

Among the events throughout the year:

JANUARY

Catholic Schools Week/Open House
Parish Breakfast

FEBRUARY

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School Family Snowtubing Night
Rainbow Preschool Roundup
Parent/Teacher Conferences
Catholic United Financial Matching Grant Fish Fry (3rd Friday of Lent)
Lenten Fish Fries
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
Lenten Fish Fries
Christian Mothers/Christian Women Lenten Soup Suppers
Parish Breakfast
Catholic United Financial Matching Grant Bake Sale (Palm Sunday)

APRIL

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Spring Fling
School Volunteer Appreciation
Christian Mothers/Christian Women Spring Rummage Sale
Parish Breakfast

MAY

School Spring Music Program
Sixth Grade Graduation
School End-of-the-Year Picnic
Catholic United Financial Living Rosary (1st Tuesday evening of May)

AUGUST

Annual Cluster Picnic
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School Open House

SEPTEMBER

Rainbow Preschool Open House
School Fall Fundraiser
All School Ice Cream Social
Parish Breakfast

OCTOBER

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

NOVEMBER

Christian Mothers/Christian Women Bake Sale
Kindergarten Open House
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 United Financial
- ◆ 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 except during the summer months)
- ◆ Bible Study / Other Adult Faith Formation Opportunities

ST. ANTHONY PARISH STAFF MEMBERS

Father Tom Knoblach (Pastor).....	251-5966
Father Placid Santhosh (Parochial Vicar)	251-5966
Gail Drinkwine (Music Director)	251-5966
Ginny Duschner (Faith Formation).....	252-0535
Nancy Zaczkowski (Pastoral Assistant)	251-5966
Clara Stein (Parish Secretary)	251-5966
Scott Frieler (Youth Ministry Coordinator).....	252-0535
Kelly Vangsness (Principal)	251-1988
Peggy Arseneau (Business Manager)	251-5966
Steve Nusbaum (Bookkeeper).....	251-3764

ST. ANTHONY PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Ray Schluender	252-5361
Jim Schreifels.....	291-2756
Gary Stroeing.....	253-2817
Patricia Strang	224-8570
Maribel Torres-Bertram.....	250-1821
Ted Venske.....	252-9988
Norm Virnig.....	259-5148

Finance Council

Fr. Tom Knoblach	251-5966
Sharon Asselin.....	253-4555
Steve Frechette.....	252-9419
Denny Hennen.....	252-9220
Bill LeClaire.....	251-1089

Other Members/Advisors:

Father Tom Knoblach	251-5966
Father Placid Santhosh.....	251-5966
Sharon Asselin (Trustee)	253-4555
Steve Frechette (Trustee).....	252-9419
Joan Heider, recording secretary	229-0591

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

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

Please check an area of ministry in which you are willing to help or participate and return to the Parish Office or place in the collection basket. 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

MUSIC MINISTRY

- Adult Choir (Ages 16 +)
- Funeral Choir
- Girls/Women Choir
- Boys/Men Choir
- Strings
- Cantor
- Instrumentalist/Musician

PRAYER MINISTRY

- Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration
- Rosary Cenacle
- Prayer Line

FAITH FORMATION

- 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
- Youth Board Members (Grades 7-12)

PARISH OUTREACH

- Homebound/Nursing Home Visiting
- Welcoming Committee
- Funeral Dinner Helpers
- Health and Wellness Committee
- Parish Library

PARISH ACTIVITIES/FUNDRAISERS

- Breakfast (3rd Sunday of Month, September-May)
- Annual Fall Festival/Quilt Bingo
- Lenten Fish Fries

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

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Driver for Meals on Wheels
- Food Shelf Volunteer
- Church of the Week/Homeless Shelter
- Red Cross Blood Drive Volunteer
- Pro Life Activities
- Project H.E.A.L. (Health, Education, Access, Link)

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

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

CHURCH MAINTENANCE

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

PARISH OFFICE HELP

- Bulletin Inserts
- Parish Mailings
- Office Volunteer

SKILLS

(volunteer help for parish maintenance needs)

- Carpenter
- Electrician
- Painter
- Plumber
- Snow Removal
- Lawn/Landscaping