



**Third Sunday  
of Advent**

**December 17, 2023**

*All Are Welcome!*

**ST. ANTHONY PARISH**

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**WEEKEND MASSES**

Saturday 5:00 pm  
Sunday 8:30 am and 11:10 am

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

**MONDAY - WEDNESDAY MASSES - 12:10 PM**

Rosary: Mon - Wed 11:50 am - 12:10 pm  
First Floor, Room 103 • Parish Life Center

**THURSDAY - SATURDAY MASSES - 12:10 PM**

11:40 am • Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet  
Prayed before Mass  
Father Wang

Parish Life Center • First Floor, Room 103

**CHAPEL**

MONDAY - THURSDAY - 8 AM - 4 PM  
Parish Life Center • St. Anthony Adoration Chapel

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

MONDAY 4 AM - TUESDAY 8 PM

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

SATURDAY - 3:50 - 4:30 PM or by appointment

**ST. ANN'S, BONNER**

Weekend Mass: Sunday, 9:45 am  
Weekday Mass: Thursday, 10:00 am

**PASTORAL TEAM**

Pastor..... Reverend Pascal Kasanziki  
Administrative Assistant ..... Linda Greiner  
Volunteer R. Ed. Coordinator / Bookkeeper .... Sarah Roberts  
Custodian ..... George Loos  
Accompanists..... Jim Driscoll, Barb Ballas  
Bulletin ..... Kate Likvan

**MISSOULA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

Loyola Sacred Heart H.S. Principal ..... Paul Richardson  
SJS Elementary/Middle Schl Principal..... Joanna Eichner

**TODAY'S READING: WORSHIP BOOK #1008**

**GIVING TREE ENDS TODAY**

Your Christmas Giving Tree food gift cards are due today. Thank you for your generous support and your interest in taking tags from the tree. If you forgot to bring your gift cards to church today, you can drop them off at the office this week before Friday.



**PENANCE SERVICES**

This Advent there will be no Communal Penance Service. However, from December 18-22, Father Pascal will be available after daily Masses for individual confessions. Saturday, December 23, Father Pascal will be available for individual confessions from 3:30-4:30.



**FUNDING THE MINISTRY OF THE DIOCESE OF HELENA**

As of the Diocese's most recent report, the members of St. Anthony Parish have contributed or pledged \$19,605 toward our goal of \$51,300 for the 2023-2024 Annual Catholic Appeal! So far, 26% of our registered members have participated. We would like to express our gratitude for your support of this important campaign. As a whole, the Diocese has raised \$1,452,042.89, which is slightly ahead of this time last year. To learn more about how these funds will be used over the fiscal year, visit <https://diocesehelena.org/aca2023/> or visit the Diocese of Helena's YouTube page and watch one of many videos on the funding allocations. You can find their YouTube page here: <https://www.youtube.com/@dioceseofhelena/videos>.

**For those who have not yet pledged support for the Annual Catholic Appeal, please do so to help us reach our goal as soon as possible. Thank YOU!**



## Holiday Mass Schedule:

**Sunday, Christmas Eve** – 8:30am & 11:10am

- **Christmas Eve Vigil** - 5:00pm

**Monday, Christmas Day** – 8:30am & 11:10am

**Sunday, New Year's Eve** – 8:30am & 11:10am

**Monday, New Year's Day** – 12:10pm



### A BIT OF HUMOR

Upon leaving an evening church service, I noticed a fierce snowstorm had started. Being an older driver, I was nervous to drive home and mentioned this to the pastor who said, "If you get lost in the snow, wait for a plow truck, then follow it."

The snow was blowing so fast and piling up so high, I couldn't see any street signs. With no map in my car and a dead cell phone, I thought I might be stranded so I pulled over to the side of the road.

Then breaking through the flurries, I saw the headlights of a plow truck in my rearview mirror. Thanking my lucky stars, I turned and followed the truck, hopeful that it would lead me back somewhere I recognized.

I followed that truck for what felt like hours. He turned left, I'd turn left. He'd swing to the right, and I was right on his tail. After a while, I saw brake lights from the plow, followed by four-way flashers. The plow had stopped, and I saw the driver get out and approach my car. I rolled down the window to talk to him.

"Why are you following me?" the plow driver asked. "Well sir, my pastor told me if I got lost in this snowstorm, to wait for a plow truck and then follow it."

"Well," said the plow driver. "I just finished clearing the Target parking lot. Want to follow me over to Best Buy?"

### COFFEE & DONUTS AFTER MASS



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Stop in the Parish Life Center after the 8:30 am and 11:10 am Masses and enjoy fresh donuts and coffee. It's a delicious way to get to know others in our parish and a great way to start your afternoon!

Volunteers are needed for the **coffee and donut ministry**, making coffee before the 8:30 Mass and putting the donuts out on a plate. The same people do not have to do both Masses on every weekend. Typically the coffee and donuts wrap up about 30 minutes after Mass. If you are interested, please call the parish office.

### BIBLE STUDY

Bible study utilizing the Ascension Study Program, *Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life* is being held in the Parish Life Center between the 8:30 and 11:10 Masses. Join us at any time during these sessions!

### DECEMBER 9 & 10 STEWARDSHIP

Loose Collections	\$ 413.00
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Christmas	\$ 500.00
Holy Day	\$ 1,077.00
Facilities & Grounds	\$ 27.00
Donations	\$ 3,960.00
Restricted Contributions	\$ 100.00
St. Ann's Contribution/Labor Costs	\$ 280.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 20.00
Funerals	\$ 425.00
Religious Articles	\$ 214.00
Funds for Other Entities	\$ 105.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,141.00</b>

**LONG TERM LIABILITY FOR ST. ANTHONY CHURCH**  
City of Missoula Sidewalk Project - \$43,534.26  
**Annual payments until 2037 & payments decrease in amount each yr. Simple interest of 4.25% is charged by the City.**

*Thank you for your generosity!*

## MASS INTENTIONS DEC 16 - 24

### Sat December 16.....WEEKDAY

- 5 pm + **Peggy Maloney**  
*by the Harvey Family*
- + **John Antrim**  
*by Mary Ann Antrim*

### Sun December 17.....THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 8:30 am + **Allen Miller**  
*by Barb & Joe Gorsh*
- 11:10 am **Father Pascal**  
*Marcia Mattson*

### Mon December 18.....WEEKDAY

- 12:10 pm + **Peggy Maloney**  
*by the Harvey Family*

### Tues December 19.....WEEKDAY

- 12:10 pm **David & Julie House**  
*by Anonymous*

### Wed December 20.....WEEKDAY

- 12:10 pm + **Theresa House**  
*by David House*

### Sat December 23.....ST. JOHN OF KANTY

- 5 pm + **Jennifer Malone**  
+ **Stanley "Mick" Finn**  
+ **Barbara E. Finn**  
*by Ann Marie Finn*

### Sun December 24.....FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 8:30 am + **Blanche Nicoles**  
*by Pam Newby & Pat Myers*
- 11:10 am **Marcella Bagnato**  
*by the Hebert Family*

**Christmas Vigil & Christmas Day**      **Our Parish Family**

## MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions are available if you'd like a Mass said for a loved one. You could also make a donation for the altar bread & wine for a week of Mass services for a suggested donation of \$25 - \$50 in the name of someone you'd like to remember or as a remembrance of birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, weddings, etc. Just call the parish office to reserve your intention.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

R.E. classes in the PLC for preschool through high school continue each Wednesday, 6 - 7pm until May 1, 2024. A family-style dinner is served at 7pm. The whole family is welcome. Classes include: 1st Communion/1st Reconciliation; Confirmation and Youth Group/Family classes. If you have any questions, email Sarah Roberts at [st.anthony.msla@gmail.com](mailto:st.anthony.msla@gmail.com).



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*To get started, you can call (406)442-4130 or visit [www.cssmt.org](http://www.cssmt.org).*



### **ST. ANTHONY'S PRAYER CHAIN**

For someone in need of prayer,  
please contact Gayle Stout at  
406-543-5503

## **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

God blesses St Anthony's Parish through the 40 Hours Eucharistic Adoration Ministry occurring Mondays 4am until Tuesdays 8pm in the Adoration Chapel. Scheduled or substitute adorers are always needed! Come...pray...and remain in His Presence. For information about participating in this prayerful ministry, contact the parish office 406.543.3129 or Mrs. Kelly Mitzel 406.240.4195.



**COFFEE & CHOCOLATE WEEKEND!**

Need a Secret Santa gift? Or some delicious stocking stuffers? How about some chocolate or coffee? You can get both this weekend after Mass.

Our thanks to Dennis Druffel for bringing a little sweetness to our lives each month. "Fair Trade" Coffee/Chocolate Weekend falls on the third full weekend of each month.

## **CHRISTMAS ITEMS FOR SALE AT THE RAC**

Check out the Religious Articles Counter (RAC) before or after Mass for some religious items you can give as gifts, or for your own personal use. Need a stocking stuffer? The RAC has items that would fit nicely in someone's stocking!

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