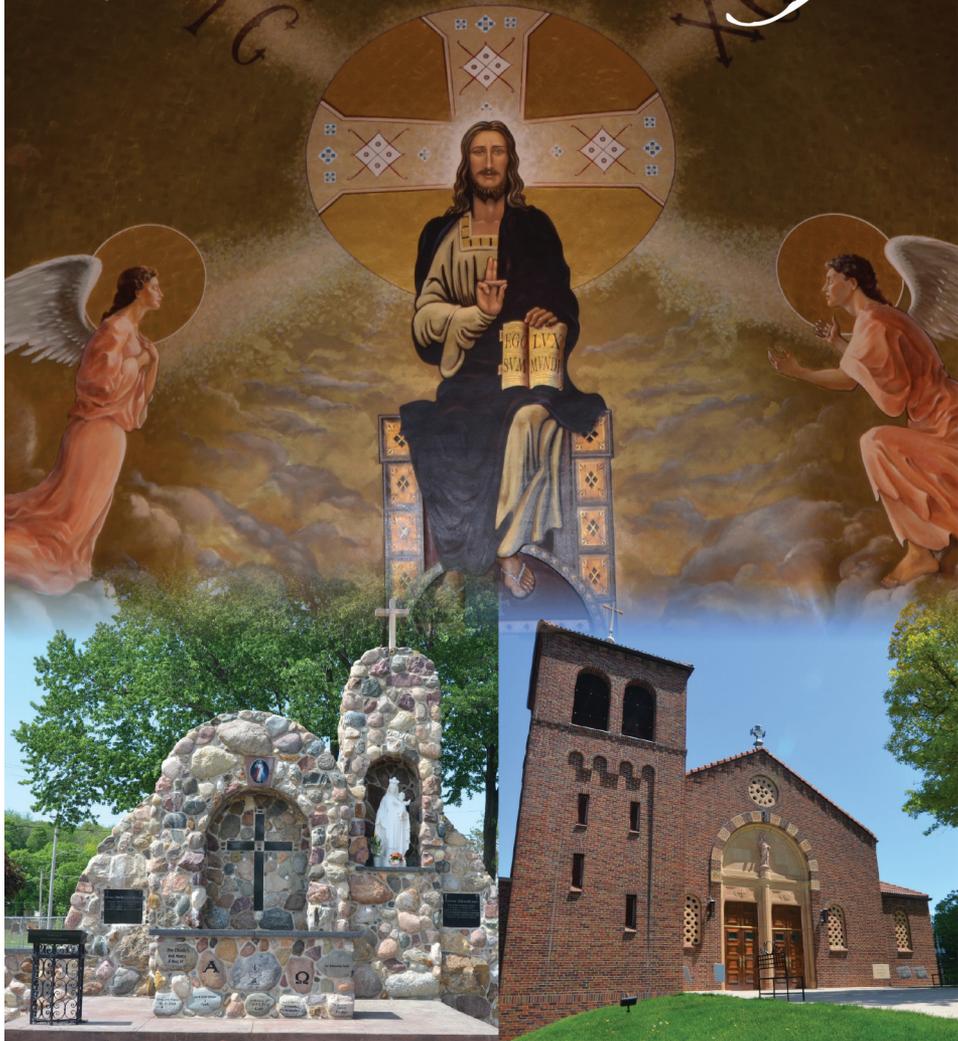


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St. Anthony

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St. Anthony Parish Mission Statement

Our Mission Statement: *To make life-long disciples, baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teach them in all aspects of the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church.*

Our Pastor

Monsignor Frank Chiodo was born and raised in Des Moines in a family of four siblings. After graduating from St. Anthony grade school and Dowling High School, he attended Conception Seminary in Missouri. In 1974 he was awarded a Master of Arts degree in Moral Theology from St. Thomas Seminary in Denver, Colorado.

Ordained in 1976, he has served many parishes as pastor – from Leon and Chariton, Iowa to St. John Basilica and Holy Trinity in Des Moines to St. Thomas More in Omaha. He was named a Prelate of Honor with the title of Monsignor in 1990 by Pope John Paul II.

He has authored three books, **Cross Your Heart and Hope to Die, One Dose Daily, and What the Senses Fail to Fathom.** A series of CDs are available which provide a variety of homilies and reflections. Some of these are entitled, “The Power of Faith,” “The Power of the Cross,” and “The Power of the Eucharist.”

Our Patron Saint

St. Anthony of Padua is one of the most loved saints of the Catholic Church. He was canonized one year after his death. He died on June 13, 1231. His feast day is June 13. Many ask him to pray to God for them to find lost items. Three hundred years after his death, his body was exhumed and, miraculously, his tongue was found to be incorrupt.

Our History

Founded in 1906 to serve the ever growing influx of Italian immigrants to the Southside of Des Moines, St. Anthony's now comprises some eighteen hundred families of a variety of cultural and ethnic backgrounds, while continuing to recognize its historic identity.

A multitude of ministries are offered here as we together attempt to build a vibrant parochial life. Our Catholic School serves as another fundamental building block of our identity. We create within its walls a Catholic culture, providing excellence in academics as well as a spirituality which helps equip our youngsters with the tools to be committed Catholic adults.

St. Anthony's parish, grounded in our Catholic tradition, but ever open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit to build for a more glorious future, welcomes you.

Our Staff

Pastor, Msgr. Frank E. Chiodo.....	244-4709
Parochial Vicar, Fr. Guthrie Dolan	244-4709, Ext. 213
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Communications/Adult Faith, Kim Lehman	515-202-2517
School Principal, Jennifer Raes	243-1874
School Secretary, Darcy Swesey	243-1874

Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses:

Saturday	4:00 p.m.
Sunday	8:00, 9:30, 11:00, a.m. (Solemn)
.....	1:00 p.m. Spanish, 5:00 p.m. Latin Ext. Form

Weekday Masses:

Mon., Tues., Thurs., & Fri.	7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday	8:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m.
Saturday	8:30 a.m.

Reconciliation:

Saturday.....	9:00-9:30 a.m., 3:00-3:30 p.m.
.....	(Or call parish office for appt.)

Preparation for Infant Baptism

In an effort to maximize the awareness of the special graces present in the sacrament of Baptism, and to assist parents in understanding the duties and responsibilities they are accepting by seeking Baptism for their child, the Church requires parents to attend a baptismal preparation class prior to baptism of their first child.

Infant Baptism is conferred by appointment on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month. At least one parent must be registered and a practicing member of the parish. Parents should call the business office to arrange for a pre-baptism class and a date of baptism.

Marriage Preparation

St. Anthony offers a program in cooperation with the Diocese of Des Moines to assist couples in preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage.

At least one of the candidates must be a registered member of St. Anthony.

Couples planning marriage are to contact the business office at least eight months prior to the proposed date of the wedding.

Lectors

Lectors, through study and effective presentation of the Word of God in the Old and New Testament readings, contribute to the build-up of faith for the people of God and the congregation. Lectors receive training, and workbooks containing all readings with helpful guides and suggestions about presenting and pronunciation.

For more information, please contact Michele Belden at 255-3471.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Extraordinary Ministers, either at Mass or in visits to the homebound, recall or instruct us that Jesus established the Blessed Sacrament of His Body and Blood and that He died for us. They receive detailed training and a complete instruction manual for Homebound Ministers.

These ministries are open to all confirmed members of the parish in good sacramental standing with the Church.

For more information, please contact Michele Belden at 255-3471.

Altar Servers

Beginning in the fourth grade boys and girls are invited to serve Mass, and also assist at funerals and weddings.

For more information, please contact Jacob Heflin at 816-273-4792.

Ushers and Greeters

Ushers and greeters perform a very important ministry.

Greeters welcome people as they arrive for Mass. Ushers assist seating people, taking up the offertory collections, coordinating gift bearers and distributing weekly bulletins after Mass.

For more information, please contact the business office at 244-4709.

Eucharistic Gift Bearers

We invite households, families, singles, or others to volunteer in bringing forth the gifts during the Eucharist. Ask an Usher before Mass for details.

Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

St. Anthony parish is blessed with a special Eucharistic Adoration Chapel. All parishioners are encouraged to give an hour in adoration of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Eucharistic Adoration Chapel is open every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday beginning at 9:15 a.m. and ending at 8:00 p.m. with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

For more information, call Jo Anne Corigliano at 243-7738.

How do I register?

Individuals interested in registering at St. Anthony can visit our website (www.stanthonydsm.org) to complete the on-line registration, print off form; or, stop by the business office. Within two months, your weekly tithing envelopes will begin to be mailed to you on a bi-monthly basis. In the meantime, you may use any envelope. Please be sure you put your name on it.

Parish Web Site

www.stanthonydsm.org provides our parishioners with current information about what is happening in our parish. Read the weekly bulletin online, learn about various parish organizations, stay informed about current events within our parish, as well as view selected links to other Catholic organizations. Many items about our school are also available.

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St. Anthony business office 515-244-4709

Trustees

Church law requires each parish to have two trustees. They are appointed by the pastor to provide guidance and sign corporate documents as required by civil law. St. Anthony trustees are Julie Konkol 287-7256 and Bill Trout 285-0026.

Pastoral Council

The Pastoral Council is a representative group of parishioners who work with the Pastor to develop parish goals and objectives. They also advise the Pastor on specific issues which may arise in the life of the parish. The Council develops policies and procedures which govern the life of the Parish.

For more information, contact St. Anthony business office at 244-4709.

Parish Finance Council

The primary responsibility of the Finance Council is to advise the Pastor on the income and expenditures of the Parish. The Finance Council makes regular reports to the parish, sets the annual budget and oversees parish operations. Council members are appointed by the Pastor.

For more information, please contact the business office at 244-4709.

St. Anthony's Foundation

The Foundation was established more than 20 years ago with the intent to establish an endowment by receipt of permanent gifts to the Parish. The funds held by the Foundation are intended to be a permanent endowment for the future of St. Anthony Parish.

Gifts to the Foundation come in many forms. Often gifts are made in memory or in honor of a deceased loved one. The Foundation has received gifts of real estate, stocks and bonds, and other assets. Gifts can be made as part of the general endowment or restricted such as the "Elizabeth Vencil Chandler Scholarship Fund" which was established to provide scholarship money for students from St. Anthony's to Dowling Catholic High School.

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Parishioners are encouraged to join the St. Anthony Legacy Society, which has two categories of membership; an annual membership, or a lifetime membership. As a member of the Society, you are acknowledged on a plaque permanently placed at the back of the Church and recognized at an annual Mass.

Please remember St. Anthony Parish Foundation when making memorial gifts and in your annual giving.

For more information, please contact the business office at 244-4709.

Knights of Columbus

The Knights are an organization of Catholic men, whose foundation is based on the principles of Unity, as a Catholic Society, Charity, to those in need, and Fraternity, toward fellow Knights. The principle of Patriotism was later added to reflect the love of one's country.

The Knights of Columbus has grown from several members in one council to more than 14,000 councils and 1.8 million members throughout the United States, Canada, and twelve other countries and territories.

Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to practicing Catholic men who live up to the Commandments of God and Precepts of the Church.

St. Anthony's Fr. Romanelli Council #12482 meets every first Monday at 6:30 p.m. in the Lower Church.

For more information contact the Grand Knight, Paul Comito, 515-246-1402.

Master of Ceremonies

The Master of Ceremonies (MC) assists Monsignor Chiodo and the Parochial Vicar in all liturgical celebrations. The MC plays a vital role in the liturgical celebration by assuring all clerical and lay ministries are in attendance and prepared to enter into the solemnity of the liturgical celebration.

The MC should be male, fully initiated in the Catholic Church, and leading a sacramental life. Ideally such a person would have been familiar with altar serving and have a deep desire to serve at the Altar. He should be willing to become familiar with ceremonial rites of both the ordinary (English) and extraordinary (Latin) forms of the liturgy in the Latin rites. The understanding of both forms of the Latin rite will enrich his understanding of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

For more information, please contact Jacob Heflin at 816-273-4792.

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Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.)

R.C.I.A. is the process by which adults inquire about the Catholic Church. Weekly meetings consist of activities designed to introduce people to St. Anthony parish; classes about basic Catholic beliefs; and opportunities to grow closer to God through liturgy, community and prayer.

Although R.C.I.A. is intended for people who wish to become Catholic, anyone interested in learning more about the Church is welcome, and there is no obligation for any participant to join the Church.

St. Anthony regular R.C.I.A. begins in the fall, with candidates joining the Church at Easter.

For more information, please contact the business office at 244-4709.

Liturgy Committee

The main goal of the Liturgy Committee is to assist in providing a more meaningful worship environment. The committee is responsible for aiding in all liturgical areas – planning the seasonal liturgies and ceremonies of the Church year; working with Church decorations and music; and training of lectors, Eucharistic ministers and servers.

The committee meets periodically and welcomes new members wishing to contribute their talents to our liturgies and learning more about the role of worship in our lives.

For more information, please contact the business office at 244-4709.

Pastoral Care

St. Anthony attempts to reach out to meet the needs of the sick, elderly and handicapped of our community. We have a network for visitation of shut-ins as well as the sick in hospitals and nursing homes. Anyone unable to leave their homes for even brief periods can contact the Parish and we will visit and bring the Eucharist to them.

Parishioners returning from the hospital who need special spiritual attention will receive it.

We ask and encourage our parishioners to share in this ministry by volunteering in any area in which assistance is needed.

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Religious Education

St. Anthony has a long standing tradition of quality Catholic education both at St. Anthony's School, and in the parish Religious Education program. This tradition continues, with the use of diocesan approved, current catechetical materials including textbooks, workbooks and online resources. Our catechists have answered the call of service and provide our children with the best instruction through the lens of Christ's light and love. We believe in the magisterium of the Catholic Church and are steadfast in our fidelity to her teachings. Although we always bring our very best to each session, we are convinced that the true catechist is the Holy Spirit.

Please call or come visit us during one of our sessions. We would love to have you! We are open to all who seek to know and love our Lord. Above all, we want the children in our program to believe and begin to understand God's love for them.

For more information, please call or email me. Thank you so much for the opportunity to serve the children of St. Anthony's Parish. Chris Corrice, 515-778-1705.

Respect Life Ministry

The mission of the Respect Life ministry is to nourish a respect for life in our parish by proclaiming that every human life is uniquely created in the image and likeness of God and that each person who receives God's gift of life deserves respect from the time life begins at fertilization through the point of natural death. During this life we have responsibilities toward God, self and others, and that as part of our greater community we must protect and nurture human life at every stage of its existence.

For information contact Judy Liston at 246-8150.

Altar and Rosary Society

Our objectives are: 1) to cultivate and promote greater devotion to Our Blessed Lord through the Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, 2) to furnish the adornment of the Altar & Sanctuary and 3) to promote activities in the parish.

Mass is offered for all living and deceased members of the Altar & Rosary Society on the first Sunday of each month at the 8:30 Mass. Meetings and recitation of the rosary are on the first Thursday of the month with the exception of January, June, July and August. Upon the death of a member, the Rosary is recited for the deceased at the funeral home attended by all available membership.

For more information, please contact Michelle Fournier at 515-943-7087.

St. Anthony School

St. Anthony School provides a quality education for children in grades from Pre-K through eighth. The school meets or exceeds all state standards and employs only fully accredited teachers. The academic curriculum is infused with religion daily. Students plan and attend Mass on a weekly basis with many other opportunities for spiritual growth and family values. Students have the opportunity to participate in sports programs, local and city academic contests, and service projects.

Our staff includes full-time classroom teachers, a guidance counselor, school nurse, and school social worker. The school also offers the leadership of a full-time principal and guidance of the Pastor.

For more information, please contact the school at 243-1874.

Board of Education

Appointed parishioners, along with the Pastor, form our parish Board of Education. The Board is advisory to the Pastor and supervises the ministry of the Principal of the school and the Director of Faith Formation. The Board develops policies that govern our school and religious education.

The Board of Education meets on the third Tuesday of each month (except in July) at 6:30 p.m. in the school library. All are invited to attend meetings. Please enter at the west library entrance on the west side of the kindergarten addition.

For more information please contact boardofeducation@stanthonydsm.org.

Home & School

Home and School sponsors and coordinates activities for our families and school staff. We serve as a bridge of communication between parents and faculty.

For more information please contact the school office at 243-1874.