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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE
 St. Anthony-NT Saturday 7:30 PM
 St. Anthony-M Sunday 8:30AM
 St. Anthony-NT Sunday 11:00AM
 Confession 15 minutes before Mass
 Pastor Fr. Roger A. Synek

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 24, 2017

MASS TIME

Weekend Schedule (See Header)

WEEKDAY SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 25 -29

St. Anthony	NT	Tues	6:00PM
St. Anthony	NT	Wed	7:00AM
St. Anthony	NT	Thu	9:00AM
St. Anthony	NT	Fri	9:00AM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. Anthony	NT	Tues	5:00PM
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WEEK FOUR OF ADVENT

December 24th conclude this beautiful season by attending Mass with your family. Like the shepherds of Bethlehem, may we too, with eyes full of amazement and wonder, gaze upon the Child Jesus, the Son of God. Pope Francis

FORMED: Our parish has joined a Catholic website called FORMED.. This website is loaded with articles, videos, eBooks, and much more—all of which are thoroughly Catholic. You simply go to this website: <https://formed.org> (This is a secure site, which is why there is an “s” in the address). Once there, there will be a spot to enter our parish access code, which is **TC8VX2**. We have unlimited access to everything on the site. I hope that you take advantage of this site, and pray that it will be beneficial to you. Fr. Roger.

CCD CLASS-ST.ANTHONY NEW TOWN

Our next schedule class is January 10, 2018
 Work on learning your prayers; “Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, Angel of God.”

2017 CONTRIBUTION

As we approach the end of 2016 we ask that any contributions you'd like to count for 2017 be dated in 2017 and delivered to the parish by midnight December 31. For 2017 the Diocese will send out contribution documents for all its collections; separate from the report St. Anthony's will provide in January 2018 for use in preparing your taxes. Thanks you again for your financial support.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord

Sunday, December 24th

4:30PM	Saint Anthony	New Town	Christmas Eve
8:30PM	St. Anthony	Mandaree	Hymns & Songs
9:00PM	Saint Anthony	Mandaree	Christmas Eve

The Nativity of the Lord

Monday, Dec. 25th

11:30PM	St. Anthony	New Town	Hymns & Songs
12:00AM	Midnight Mass	St. Anthony	New Town

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD - JANUARY 1

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. On this day, we are reminded of the role that the Blessed Virgin played in the plan of our salvation. Christ's Birth at Christmas, celebrated just a week before, was made possible by Mary's *fiat*: "Be it done unto me according to Thy word."

THE CODE OF CANON LAW STATES:

On Sundays and other holy day of obligation the faithful are bound to participate in the Mass; they are also to abstain from those labors, business, and leisure concerns which impede the worship to be rendered to God, the joy which is proper to the Lord's Day, or the proper relaxation of mind and body. (Canon 1247)

SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD

MASS SCHEDULE - JANUARY 1, 2018

5:00 PM	Saint Anthony	New Town	December 31
8:30AM	St. Anthony	Mandaree	January 1
11:00AM	St. Anthony	New Town	January 1

DYNAMIC CATHOLIC REFLECTION: Surrender to God & Merry Christmas Ecce ancilla Domini. Fiat mihi secundum verbum tuum. “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word” (Luke 1:38). This is one of the most beautiful lines in Scripture. It conveys to us the total surrender and power of obedience to God's will in our lives. Because of Mary's fiat, the Savior entered the world to save us from our sins and to bring us back to God. As we celebrate Christmas tonight and tomorrow, let us do so in the spirit of joy, welcoming the humble Christ-child into our hearts once more and asking Him to conform our hearts to His most sacred heart. In this joyful time, let us show love, kindness, and mercy to our loved ones who have fallen away and never lose hope in their return home. The angel Gabriel tells us, “For nothing will be impossible for God” (Luke 1:37). May God bless you and your family this Christmas. Venite adoremus Dominum!
www.archstl.org/dynamic

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON STARTS ON CHRISTMAS DAY: Judging by the number of Christmas trees that are put out to the curb on December 26, many people believe that Christmas Day ends the Christmas season. They couldn't be more wrong: Christmas Day is the *first* day of Christmas. The period of feasting continues until Epiphany, the 12th day after Christmas, and the Christmas season traditionally continued until the feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)—February 2—a full 40 days after Christmas Day! (Since the revision of the liturgical calendar in 1969, however, the liturgical season of Christmas ends with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord; the liturgical season known as Ordinary Time begins the next day.)

WELCOME TO ON LINE GIVING: Our parishes online giving system lets you make your one-time, weekly, or monthly donation using your debit card, credit card or bank account. It's easy to allocate different amounts for different collections, and view complete and accurate financial records anytime. If you would like to use On Line Giving to donate to the church please go to our website. www.saintanthonypadua.com

WE WILL PRAY FOR YOU: The Carmelite Sisters of Hague, ND will pray for your intentions. Mail requests to: The Carmelite Monastery, 2051 91st. SE, Hague, ND, 58542; or go on line to www.carmeloftheholysface.com or leave a message on the prayer line, 701-336-7907.

HOSPITAL VISITATIONS FROM PASTORS: Due to state regulations concerned with a person's privacy, the burden is now placed on each individual person admitted into the hospital. When admitted into the hospital, please be sure you have indicated that you are a Catholic and that you are from a specific parish. The hospital allows the pastor to only see names from a particular parish. If no parish is indicated, pastors will be unaware that you are in the hospital. Visiting the sick is one of the corporal works of mercy, a command by Jesus. By informing others of your hospitalization, you allow others to follow Christ. Take time for others and visit family and friends this season that are shut in.

SAVE THE DATE: St. Anthony of Mandaree will be hosting Catholic Congress this summer, June 2 & 3.

A WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND: A private weekend away from the distractions of daily life for couples in good marriages. Give your marriage this gift. The next available weekend is Jan. 5-7 in Mandan and Feb. 2-4 in Hermantown, Minn. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information, visit ndwwme.org or contact Rob and Angie at 701-347-1998

WHAT WILL YOU SAY YES TO IN JANUARY?

Leaving your comfort zone to change
Three Random Acts of Kindness
Praying with family once a week
Listening more and speaking less
Praying with Scripture
Moving or exercising a little more
Seeking out spiritual opportunities
Offering compliments to people you meet each day
Spending less and giving more

WE WAIT: Sometimes, as children, we think that a special day, such as Christmas or a birthday, will never arrive, but it always does, eventually. The people of the Old Testament were waiting for centuries for the coming of the Messiah to free them. Jesus did come, but it took a long time before he was accepted.

VOCATION VIEWS: Mary was called to be open to the extraordinary. What do you need to say "let it be" in response to God's call to you? Trust that the Lord is with you and will guide you always. (Luke 1:26-38)

MARRIAGE WORKSHOPS IN DICKINSON AND BISMARCK: The Diocese of Bismarck will host a marriage enrichment series entitled REFOCCUS in two locations, Bismarck and Dickinson. This series is for anyone who wants to learn more about the strength areas, as well as growth areas of their marriage. The Bismarck series will be held at Diocese's Pastoral Center beginning Monday, Jan. 8 at 7 p.m. In Dickinson, the sessions will be held at Queen of Peace Church beginning Monday, Jan. 15 at 7 p.m. The cost for the series is \$15/couple to go towards the scoring of your inventory. For more information, contact Tara Brooke at 204-7209. Register for the event at bismarckdiocese.com/refocuss

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2019: The 34th World Youth Day (WYD) will take place in Panama City, Panama, Jan. 22-27, 2019. The event will be hosted during the winter to avoid the country's rainy season, which occurs in July and August—the traditional dates for WYD. The diocese's Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries will be coordinating a trip. Due to the timing of WYD 2019, the trip will only be offered to those who are 18 or older, so as not to compete with school-sponsored March for Life events, and other activities happening during this same time. The registration deadline is March 30, 2018. For more information go to www.bismarckdiocese.com/wyd

SEARCH: Search for Christian Maturity is a weekend retreat experience sponsored by the Catholic Diocese of Bismarck. The weekends are for anyone of high school or college age (at least 15 years old). Search weekends are held at the Badlands Ministries Camp just south of Medora. Upcoming weekends for 2018 are: Jan. 19-21; March 2-4; and April 20-22. More information can be found at www.bismarckdiocese.com/search1

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY: In the first reading, God promises King David that his house and his kingdom will endure forever. It is through Mary's "Yes" – "I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say." – that the promise finds fulfillment.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT: God will never be outdone in generosity. No one is ever poorer for giving to our God who is so rich in love, mercy and goodness. ☐ You need not redo your entire Will to make a provision for a charitable bequest to St. Anthony.. Simply prepare a Codicil (a written change or addition), have it witnessed and attached to your Will. Add a gift to your parish in your Will.

PRO-LIFE CORNER: Humanae Vitae (July 25, 1968) Union and Procreation 12. This particular doctrine, often expounded by the magisterium of the Church, is based on the inseparable connection, established by God, which man on his own initiative may not break, between the unitive significance and the procreative significance which are both inherent to the marriage act. The reason is that the fundamental nature of the marriage act, while uniting husband and wife in the closest intimacy, also renders them capable of generating new life—and this as a result of laws written into the actual nature of man and of woman. And if each of these essential qualities, the unitive and the procreative, is preserved, the use of marriage fully retains its sense of true mutual love and its ordination to the supreme responsibility of parenthood to which man is called. We believe that our contemporaries are particularly capable of seeing that this teaching is in harmony with human reason.

RECEIVE THE SACRAMENTS

Anointing of the Sick: is a healing sacrament for young and old, when seriously, chronically, or terminally ill and prior to surgery. Please call the parish office, 701-627 4423.

Matrimony: Please contact one of the parish priests nine-months ahead of the proposed date.

Penance: 15 minutes before Mass, after Mass on the First Saturday of Month and by appointment.

Holy Orders: If you're discerning a call to the priesthood or the diaconate, please call **Fr. Joshua Waltz**;

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