

ST. ANTHONY CHURCH

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 7, 2018

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Mass Schedule

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. Mass † **Tuesday:** 7:00 p.m. Mass † **Thursday:** 9:00 a.m. Communion Service

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Vespers will be held on the first Tuesday of every month following Mass.

Confession follows Tuesday evening Mass (any changes to the schedule are listed inside).

Office Hours

Monday: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. † **Wednesday:** 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. †

Closed Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

SACRED SCRIPTURE, MASS Intentions & MINISTERS**for the week of January 7, 2018****Jan. 7 Sunday: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

8:30 am: LeeAnn Bowen † by Bowen Family

Is 60:1-6 Eph 3:2-3a,5-6 Mt 2:1-12

Jan 8, Monday: The BAPTISM of the LORD

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Is 55:1-11 or 1 Jn 5:1-9 Mk 1:7-11

Jan. 9 Tuesday: Weekday (First week in Ordinary Time)

1 Sm 1:9-20 Mk 1:21-28

7:00 p.m.: Nancy Schielke † by Barb Eden & Cathy Emelander fam.

Sacristan: Susann Young *Lector:* Martha Brown*Servers:* Mike Lamphere, Gregg Hotchkiss**Jan. 10 Wed.: Weekday**

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20 Mk 1:29-39

Jan. 11 Thursday: Weekday

1 Sm 4:1-11 Mk 1:40-45

9:00am Communion Service and Rosary

Jan. 12 Friday: Weekday

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a Mk 2:1-12

Jan. 13 Saturday: Weekday

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1 Mk 2:13-17

Jan. 14 Sunday: The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am: Mary Schneider † by Simpson Family

1 Sm 3:3b-10,19 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20 Jn 1:35-42

Sacristan: Tondra Morris*Lectors:* Ralph Westbrook, Nick Price*Eucharistic Ministers:* Tondra Morris, Rosemary Reams,

Mike Lamphere, Melinda Theisen, Ed Zigmont

Servers: Ethan Kelley, Gabrielle & Joseph Lauer*Ushers:* Andrew Shipp, Eric Jorgensen, Matt & Drew Young*Gift Bearers:* The Simpson Family*Counting Team:* Anita Talcott, Rosemary Reams*Jan. Cleaning Team:* VOLUNTEERS PLEASE*January Hospitality:* Simpson, Hayden, Brown and Albert

*Please continue to pray for our homebound and
all parishioners and parish friends:*

Clara Smith, Bill Overbeck Sr., Rick Borup, Julia Wheelock

Art Nash, Bob Wolbers, Barb Hotchkiss, Ron Hartford,

Bill Brabant, Linda Griffin, Amy Williams, Grace Starr,

Carla Skytta, Jane Emelander, Rhonda Wolbers,

Simon Kelley, Joshua Hammons, Terry Lamphere



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IN SERVICE TO OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS

www.kofcsaranacmi.org

Grand Knight Gregg Hotchkiss

Raffle Winner for December 22: Rob Simpson

KOC Council meets the 1st Thursday of the month at 7PM

From the hand of Fr. Ferris

How are your New Year's Resolutions going?

There are always elements of our lives that need to be changed. It might be more tangible elements, like losing weight, or less tangible, like growing in patience. Whatever it is, there are always things about our lives that need to be changed. We are fallen, imperfect humans. We are beset by any number of weaknesses and foibles. Some are more serious than others, faults that affect our physical health and moral character, while others are less serious, minor bad habits that we would like to get rid of (like chewing on your hair).

When there is a change we want to make, it is useful to examine our reasonings and motivations. Let's take weight loss because that is one of the most common ones this time of year. What is your reason (purpose, goal) in losing weight? There might be many reasons of varying importance. Is it so you will be ready for the beach in summer (vanity)? Is it for your health (fear of illness/death)? Is it because you don't want to keep buying new clothes (greed)? Is it so you can enjoy more of life without being out of breath and tired (pleasure)? Is it so that you can be a better husband, mother, grandparent, etc. (charity)?

Asking these sorts of questions, which can be done for any kind of change, are about helping us to see what we are really trying to achieve. The real goal isn't losing weight. That is just a proximate goal for what we really want. Of course, if what we really want isn't all that valuable to us, then the proximate goal, losing weight, will not be that valuable, and we won't pursue it for very long.

The same goes for the spiritual changes we want to make. Let's say you want to change the habit of gossip. Why? Is it so you don't suffer the consequences of being a gossip (fear)? Is it so people will think well of you (vanity)? Is it so that you won't be disgusted with yourself (pride)? Is it so that you can be a more loving person towards others (charity)?

Again, the question of our motivations are important, because if the motivation holds little value in our lives, we won't make the change. Of course, what gets us started might be rather small goals that are important to us, but they can blossom into greater reasons to keep going. At the end of the day, though, it is important that we take stock of why we want to do what we say we want to do. When we can keep those reasons before our minds, it helps us to endure when the going gets tough, and whenever we are trying to make a change there will be tough times.

--Fr. Ferris

***Please sign up for 2018 monthly church cleaning
and Hospitality Sunday in the vestibule!***

Help us keep the Lord's House clean!

***Bring the congregation together not only at the Table; during
Mass, but also after Mass the last Sunday of the month.***

PLEASE Sign up today!

PICK UP YOUR 2018 CALENDARS IN VESTIBULE !!

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS TO
THE ANGEL TREE THIS YEAR!**

The collections were forwarded to a number of needy in our area: 3 families, the Saranac Schools offices, & our local Saranac Community Pantry.

Thank you Aubrie for coordinating!

ATTENTION ALL HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH!!



St. Mary's High School Youth have invited our High School Youth to join their youth group.

They will 1st meet next Sunday, January 14, 6-8pm.

Meetings will be twice a month; next one on Jan. 28th.

Contact DRE Jennie Forney, stmarylowelldre@att.net.

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A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar

The Magi in today's gospel were led to Jesus by a star. Who are the stars your children follow? Don't let it be the tabloid stars. Resolve in this New Year to be the guiding star in the life of your children.

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Thanks Cheryl and Melinda for altar decor!

Take a plant home today in memory/honor of your loved ones.

Franciscan Life Process Center

11650 Downes St. NE Lowell, MI 49331

www.lifeprocesscenter.org

www.facebook.com/FranciscanCenter

Once a Month Kitchen at Franciscan Life Process Center
11650 Downes St. NE, Lowell 616-897-7842

Grandma's Homemade Spaghetti Sauce: Wednesday, January 17 6:30 - 8:30 pm. Sister Damien Marie Savino, FSE, will share her family recipe and provides an experience of making sauce from scratch using home grown tomatoes, garlic, basil, and local beef. Participants will enjoy sipping Italian wine while we work and will go home with their own jar of sauce. Class size is limited. Register today! All classes are held at the Lowell Campus. Cost is \$25 per class. Please go to our website, www.lifeprocesscenter.org to register.



February 3, 2018 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Touched by Mercy, a Day of Reflection for those Affected by Suicide

With Sister Colleen Ann Nagle, FSE, MA and Fr. Ron Hutchinson, MA

Join us for a special day of reflecting, sharing, and prayer for those who have been affected by the suicide of a loved one. The day includes lunch and Mass. Cost: \$55. Register at

<http://lifeprocesscenter.org>



STEWARDSHIP for week ending January 3, 2018

PARISH INCOME:

Adult envelopes	\$ 1,940.00
Loose	120.00
Candles	4.00
Christmas & Solemnity	60.00
General Receipts	2,124.00

Other Receipts

Building Fund	10.00
Heifer International	200.00
Total Receipts	\$ 2,334.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

Payroll	
Worship	
Operating	342.35
Insurance	691.87
Buildings/Grounds	
Rel Ed/FF	
Parish Life	89.64
Utilities	1,332.51
Actual Expenses	\$ 2,456.37
Total Expenses	\$ 2,456.37

HEIFER INTERNATIONAL = \$3,117.00 Arks are \$5,000.00

LOCAL AREA MASS SCHEDULE

SS. Peter & Paul, Ionia: Sat 4:00 p.m.;
Sunday 8:00a.m. ; 11:45 a.m.; Spanish Mass at 1:00 p.m.
St. Edward, Lake Odessa: Sat. 6:00 p.m.; Sunday 9:45a.m.
St. Mary, Lowell: Mon-Fri (no Tuesday Mass) 7:45a.m.
Saturday: Confession: 3-4:30 pm.; Mass at 8:30 am., 5:00pm
Sunday 10:30 a.m.



Pastoral Council: Sherry Free, Michele Westbrook,
Monty Simpson, Ron Mutschler, Bronson Zigmont

Finance Council: Anita Talcott, Ralph Westbrook,
Gregg Hotchkiss, Dan Brown, Eric Jorgensen

Faith Formation: Classes held immediately after Mass on
Sundays, September-April. **Florence Price** (616-642-0052)

Prayer Chain Pat Coulson 616-216-1870 or office 616-642-6119

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Please pray for our 2018 Confirmandi
as they prepare for Mar. 6, 2018,
the Sacrament of Confirmation.

**Vanessa Contreras, Ian Jorgensen,
Elliott Kelley, Sophia Wolbers**



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1140 AM - GRAND RAPIDS | 91.5 FM - KALAMAZOO



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Gregg Hotchkiss, Grand Knight

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Ionia Area Right to Life

Meeting 7 p.m. 2nd Monday
of the month
Temple Baptist Church
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Saranac / Clarksville Food Pantry

at Saranac Community Church
Open Thursdays, 2 - 4 p.m.
NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY

Please bring identification showing proof of residency.
To volunteers to help at the Pantry,
contact Margaret at 616-642-6322.



**Please pay patronage to our local
businesses. Thank you!**

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St. Anthony's Mission Statement

Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church strives to be
"A Parish with a Heart" ♡

Using our time, talents and treasure, our parish family is dedicated to the faith formation
of our youth and living the gospel in our Community.