

ST. ANTHONY CHURCH

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 28, 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 28, 2018

Jan. 28 Sunday: The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am: Al Zigmont † by John and Sherry Free
 Dt 18:15-20 1 Cor 7:32-35 Mk 1:21-28

Jan 29, Monday: Weekday

2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13 Mk 5:1-20

Jan. 30 Tuesday: Weekday

2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3 Mk 5:21-43

7:00 p.m.: Women's Guild of St. Anthony's of Saranac

Sacristan: Gregg Hothkiss *Lector:* Barb Hotchkiss

Servers: Dan Brown, Greg Price

Jan. 31 Wed.: St. John Bosco, Priest

2 Sm 24:2, 9-17 Mk 6:1-6

Feb. 1 Thursday: Weekday

1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12 Mk 6:7-13

9:00am Communion Service and Rosary

Feb. 2 Friday: The Presentation of the Lord

Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Feb. 3 Saturday: Weekday

1 Kgs 3:4-13 Mk 6:30-34

Feb 4 Sunday: The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am: LeeAnn Bowen † by Bowen Family

Jb 7:1-4,6-7 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23 Mk 1:29-39

Sacristan: Mary Frederiksen

Lectors: Kaitlyn Theisen, Ralph Westbrook

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Frederiksen, Maureen Jorgensen

Michele Westbrook, Shari Bassett, Ed Zigmont

Servers: Ethan, Elliott and Emmett Kelley

Ushers: Doug Thelen, Andrew Shipp, Eric Jorgensen, John Free

Gift Bearers: Bowen Family

Counting Team: Tondra Morris, Mike Lamphere

Jan. Cleaning Team: Knights of Columbus

January Hospitality: Simpson, Hayden, Brown and Albert

Please remember to sign up to clean the Lord's House!



Please continue to pray for our homebound and ill 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,

Ralph Westbrook, Simon Kelley, Joshua Hammons

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

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!

From the hand of Fr. Ferris

Last week we reflected on Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist. He comes to us in this intimate fashion first as food for our souls. He comes under the appearances of bread and wine so that, by our consumption of the Eucharist, Christ can quite literally dwell at the heart of our being.

In addition to that, Christ comes to us in the Eucharist so that He might remain with us. At the end of Mass the consecrated hosts not consumed during the Mass are placed in the tabernacle. There they (Christ!) remain for a couple reasons. First, the Eucharist remains so that in case of need Jesus can be taken to the sick and the dying. Second, Jesus remains with us in the Eucharist so that we can come into His Real Presence in prayer, praise, worship, and adoration.

The first and greatest commandment is to love God with all that we are before everything else. We do this, in part, by the praise, worship, and adoration that we give to God. There is no better way to be in the presence of God and to worship and adore Him than to come before Christ in the Eucharist. This is why churches down through the ages tended to be open during the day, so that the faithful could come into the presence of God in prayer and worship.

In many instances this has changed because of changes in society and in people's practices, but it remains a vital part of the Christian life. I am very grateful to Msgr. Hankiewicz for the renovations he did at St. Mary and making room for the 24-hour chapel. It is a wonderful opportunity to put one's self in the presence of God.

How different this is from our ancestors in faith, the ancient Israelites. God dwelt in their midst, first in the Tabernacle and then in the Temple in Jerusalem. Scripture contains dramatic scenes of God's presence entering the Tabernacle and the Temple. However, not everyone could enter into the presence of God. In fact, only the high priest could come before God in the Holy of Holies, and then only once a year, carrying the blood of sacrificed animals for the forgiveness of sins.

For everyone else, they remained outside. The priest's and Levites could only enter the Holy Place, the sort of antechamber to the God's dwelling place. It was there that many sacrifices were offered. The regular people remained outside even then. If you were a Gentile, you had a whole separate place even farther from God. God was hidden away at a distance.

Not now. Now God is near to us. Now He is so near that we could almost reach out and touch Him. Yes, we keep the Eucharist under lock and key; we care deeply for God's presence and we do not want His Presence to suffer sacrilege. Even so, He is close to us, and we can come into His Presence to worship Him and to be enfolded by His love and mercy.

--Fr. Ferris

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www.kofcsaranacmi.org

Grand Knight Gregg Hotchkiss

Family of the Month: Dan and Linda Catalano

Knight of the Month: Dick Knoop

Raffle Winner for January 19: Shawn Westbrook

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

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar

Today's gospel reminds us "unclean spirits" still haunt our families. These "spirits" thrive inside our grudges, punishing silence, impatience and abruptness. Today Jesus offers you the "authority" to cast out these spirits from your life and your family.



Red Cross Blood Drive is tomorrow, 1/29 at Saranac Community Church! Don't forget to give and save a life!

Visit AQ – Aquinas College - Celebrates Catholic Schools Week

In honor of Catholic Schools Week, Aquinas College invites all high school juniors and seniors to come explore Catholic higher education by visiting campus this week (Jan 29-Feb 3). As part of this invitation, all students who visit this week will receive an exclusive AQ Swag Bag!

Aquinas College

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Aquinas is excited to share their commitment to the Dominican tradition of the Catholic faith and hopes to see many new faces on campus as part of this special week. Please visit aquinas.edu/personal for more details.

Ladies, you are invited to a **Baby Shower** in honor of Stephanie Kunst this **Saturday at 1pm.**

February 3, 2018 10:00 am - 3:00 pm; Cost: \$55.
<http://lifeprocesscenter.org> **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. Includes lunch and Mass.

STEWARDSHIP for week ending January 21, 2018

PARISH INCOME:

Adult envelopes	\$ 1,447.00
Loose	31.00
Candles	24.00
General Receipts	1,502.00

Other Receipts

Building Fund	
Heifer International	
SCRIP IN	4,225.00
Total Receipts	\$ 5,727.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

Payroll	1,168.19
Worship	
Operating	
Insurance	
Buildings/Grounds	784.00
Rel. Ed/FF	
Parish Life	
Utilities	48.43

Actual Expenses	\$ 1,952.19
SCRIP OUT	4,066.38
Total Expenses	\$ 6,018.57

HEIFER INTERNATIONAL = \$3,217.00 Arks are \$5,000.00

What do you think about what St. Anthony's needs?

Please complete the SURVEY enclosed in today's bulletin within 2 weeks. Simply drop into the collection basket. Thank You! Anita will help answer questions after Mass today at Hospitality Sunday.

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

St. Anthony's Youth group meet with St. Mary's!
 They meet **TODAY**, January 28, 6-8pm.
 Contact DRE Jennie Forney, stmarylowelldre@att.net

St. Anthony Catholic Church 2018 Building Project Survey

Which of the following items from the 2004 Needs Assessment will you support spiritually and financially as part of the next building project?

_____ Vestibule expansion

_____ Covered drop-off

_____ Unisex bathroom upstairs

_____ Cry room

_____ Additional parking

_____ Other (please describe) _____

Optional
Contact name and number _____

St. Anthony - Saranac

Statement of Financial Position
December 2017

	<u>Year to Date Balance</u>
Assets	
Cash and Savings Totals:	290,755.44
Property and Equipment Totals:	679,767.43
Total Assets:	<u>970,522.87</u>
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable & Accrued Expenses Totals:	5,569.64
Notes Payable and Other Liabilities Totals:	2,575.00
Total Liabilities:	<u>8,144.64</u>
Net Assets	
Net Assets Totals:	950,514.43
Current Period Changes to Net Assets	11,863.80
Total Net Assets:	<u>962,378.23</u>
Total Liabilities & Net Assets:	970,522.87

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Statement of Activities
December 2017

	<u>YTD Actual</u>
Income	
Administration Totals:	62,729.50
Worship Totals:	937.00
Youth Ministry (9-12) Totals:	320.14
Ladies Guild Totals:	1,090.00
Other Affiliate 1 Totals:	6,686.89
Income Totals:	<u>71,763.53</u>
Expense	
Administration Totals:	37,202.90
Parish Life Totals:	868.33
Christian Service Totals:	1,125.00
Worship Totals:	4,438.63
Religious Education (K-8) Totals:	939.48
Plant operations and maintenance Totals:	15,325.39
Expense Totals:	<u>59,899.73</u>
Income - Expense:	<u>11,863.80</u>

Note: 'Other Affiliate 1' is our Building Fund.



DIOCESE OF GRAND RAPIDS

Office of the Bishop

January 2018

My dear friends in Christ,

Enrollment in our Catholic schools continues to grow, and a new Catholic school is opening this fall! This is good news as we celebrate national Catholic Schools Week, Jan. 28-Feb. 3, 2018. Catholic schools in the diocese now serve more than 6,600 students, a number that has increased for three straight years.

I wish to thank the parents who send their children to Catholic schools. To those of you who work or volunteer in our schools, thank you for sharing your talents and Catholic faith with our students; without you the ministry of our Catholic schools would not be possible. I believe Catholic schools, like no other ministry of the Church, offer young people a daily encounter with Jesus Christ accomplished within the context of the highest-quality education.

For that reason, I invite every Catholic in the diocese to support our Catholic schools. If your family is considering Catholic school education, the Welcome Scholarship is being offered again for the 2018-2019 school year. This scholarship is available to all families with children in preschool through 11th grade who were not enrolled in our schools during the 2017-18 school year. Each new student who meets the scholarship criteria is eligible for these awards (\$250 for preschool, \$750 for K-8, and \$1,000 for 9-11). I invite you to prayerfully consider our Catholic schools and find one near you by visiting our schools' website, CatholicSchools4U.org, or by calling our Office of Catholic Schools at (616) 246-0590.

We are committed to offering an excellent education to even more students through our "Catholic Schools: Bridging Faith and Future" strategic plan. Developed over the course of two years and finalized last summer, this plan enhances Catholic culture and mission, programmatic excellence, affordability and accessibility, and stewardship and sustainability among our schools. Already it is bearing fruit in the decision to open the new independent St. Robert Catholic School in Ada this fall.

I am grateful to you for your support of our Catholic school ministry and your continued prayers for the young people of our diocese.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak
Bishop of Grand Rapids



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Gregg Hotchkiss, Grand Knight

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

MONDAY, 1/29

Saranac Community Church



Ionia Area Right to Life

Meeting 7 p.m.
2nd Monday of the month
Temple Baptist Church
1979 S. State Road
Ionia • 989-855-3633

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.