

ST. ANTHONY CHURCH

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 4, 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

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.

SACRED SCRIPTURE, MASS Intentions & MINISTERS
for the week of February 4, 2018

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

Feb 5, Monday: St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13 Mk 6:53-56

Feb. 6, Tuesday: St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30 Mk 7:1-13

7:00 p.m.: Parish Family of St. Anthony's of Saranac

Sacristan: Gregg Hotchkiss *Lector:* Martha Brown

Servers: Dan Brown, Mike Lamphere

Feb. 7, Wed.: Weekday

1 Kgs 10:1-10 Mk 7:14-23

Feb. 8 Thursday: Weekday

1 Kgs 11:4-13 Mk 7:24-30

9:00am Communion Service and Rosary

Feb. 9 Friday: Weekday

1 Kgs 11: 29-32, 12:19 Mk 7:31-37

Feb. 10 Saturday: St. Scholastica, Virgin

1 Kgs 12:26-32, 13:33-34 Mk 8:1-10

Feb 11 Sunday: The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am: Ken Hubbard † by John & Sherry Free

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46 1 Cor 10:31-11:1 Mk 1:40-45

Sacristan: Tondra Morris

Lectors: Nick Price, Blake Zigmont

Eucharistic Ministers: Tondra Morris, Rosemary Reams,

Mike Lamphere, Maegan Shipp, Doug Thelen

Servers: Derek and Ian Jorgensen, Chloe Simpson

Ushers: Steve Yaw, Joe Hayden, Dave Hill, Dan Brown

Gift Bearers: Peg Hubbard, John & Sherry Free

Counting Team: Rosemary Reams, Pam Grieves

Feb. Cleaning Team: Dan and Martha Brown

February Hospitality: Knights of Columbus



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

2019 Mass Scheduling permits only 1 or 2 Masses per person. Because there are only 52 Sundays in a year and 7 of those Masses are reserved for Parish intentions, we have to limit Mass intentions. We have 100 families, so even this may be difficult to accomplish. We will be notifying those where we need to double up intentions.

Please pray for the Soul of Alan Trierweiler who passed away 1/17/2018 in Lake Odessa.

From the hand of Fr. Ferris

Last week we reflected on Jesus remaining near to us in the Eucharist reserved in the tabernacle. We can, and should, come into the presence of the Lord to spend time with Him, talk with Him, and receive from Him the graces that flow from devotion to His Real Presence.

So that we might engage with the Lord more directly, the Eucharist is often exposed for Adoration. At St. Mary we do this most Wednesdays from the end of Mass until 7 pm. At St. Anthony we have a time for adoration after the Tuesday evening Mass on the first Tuesday of the month. The Trinitarians of Mary have Jesus exposed for Adoration every day, though their chapel is only open to the public during the day. Some churches have the ability to expose Jesus for Perpetual Adoration (24/7 Adoration).

The Eucharist is put into a monstrance and set up so that Jesus is visible throughout the church (chapel, etc.) For the time of Adoration people are scheduled to be with Jesus so that He is never left alone, but anyone can come and spend time with Jesus. When you come, you get to literally look at Jesus right there in front of you. The same Jesus born in Bethlehem, who walked along the shores of the Sea of Galilee, who cured the sick and raised the dead, who died Himself and rose again, He is right there in front of you.

Yes, what you see is a piece of unleavened bread, but Jesus' own words confirm for us that the Eucharist really and truly is Him. It is a profound act of faith to spend time with Jesus in Adoration. Though our physical senses do not tell us much, the eyes of faith see the reality. The more we do this, the more we engage this faith, the more we can see and know our Lord present in our midst.

In the Gospels, Jesus calls the disciples to follow Him. He also takes them off apart from the crowds so that they can be alone with Jesus. They have meals together; they spend nights on the Sea of Galilee together; they walk down the dusty roads from one village to the next together. We get to do much the same during adoration. We put ourselves in the presence of Jesus, and we remain with Him.

I know of little better for a life of faith and the development of a spiritual life than to put Jesus in the Eucharist at the center of our lives. After our participation at Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is one of the most valuable spiritual practices we can have. Jesus is there waiting for us. What better place could we be than in His presence looking upon Him with faith and love?

--Fr. Ferris

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!

Thanks go to those who have stepped up to the plate to help !



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Grand Knight Gregg Hotchkiss

Family of the Month: Knight of the Month:

Raffle Winner for January 26: Margaret Coble

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

ATTN: Men: Mark your calendars and register NOW for the 13th Annual Building a Legacy Catholic Men's conference. It's a day of dynamic speakers, powerful faith development and reinvigorating fellowship. **BEHOLD THE MAN** is designed to give men an opportunity to encounter the One Man - Jesus Christ. March 10 at West Catholic High School, GR.

Bishop Walkowiak will celebrate Mass. To register: buildingalegacy.org Questions: call Deacon Jim 616-292-0422.

Ladies, you are invited to a Baby Shower in honor of Angela Wojcik Browne this Sunday at 12.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar

In today's gospel Jesus went to the "house of Andrew and Simon" to relax but discovered that Simon's mother-in-law was very ill. Like Jesus, we come home to relax but are confronted with problems. Take a tip from Andrew and Simon who "told Jesus about it at once."

Lent is almost here! See the bulletin board for upcoming events held at Catholic Information Center, Franciscan Center or the Cathedral.

CONFIRMATION CLASS MEETS TODAY!

Other classes have today off!

ALL CLASSES will meet next Sunday.

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

It's time for "SOUPER BOWL" SUNDAY!!

Our youth participate with other youth across the United States in collecting for the poor and will be collecting after Mass today. They are hoping to beat last year's collection of \$535.00. 100% goes to the Saranac Community Food Pantry. If you are not prepared today, you are welcome to donate next Sunday. Please make Payable to: St. Anthony and mark your donation "Souper Bowl:". **Thank You for your generosity!**

STEWARDSHIP for week ending January 28, 2018

PARISH INCOME:

Adult envelopes	\$ 1,666.00
Loose	264.00
Candles	4.00
Mass Intentions	30.00
General Receipts	1,964.00
Other Receipts	
Building Fund- CSA Payback	1,089.50
Heifer International	
SCRIP IN	
Total Receipts	\$ 3,053.50



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

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

Please complete your SURVEY within 2 weeks.

Simply drop into the collection basket. Thank You!

March 12, 2018 Catholic Estate Planning Seminar Luncheon Cathedral Square Center

You are invited to a free Catholic Estate Planning Seminar Luncheon Monday, March 12, 2018 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Cathedral Square Center, 360 Division Avenue South in downtown GR. Enjoy a complimentary lunch with your fellow parishioners at this event sponsored by The Catholic Foundation of West Michigan.

Thomas Flickinger, Rhoades McKee Estate Planning Attorney will present "Estate Planning Essentials" and provide expert advice on end of life planning issues from a Catholic point of view, including: legal documents to have in place; how to avoid probate estate, if a trust is necessary for you, and how to prepare and protect the next generation. RSVP by Thursday, March 8, 2018 to save your place at this free educational seminar luncheon; call (616) 459-4508, email events@catholicfoundationwm.org, or visit the Diocese of Grand Rapids website events calendar. There's no better time than now to get started on your estate planning!

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)

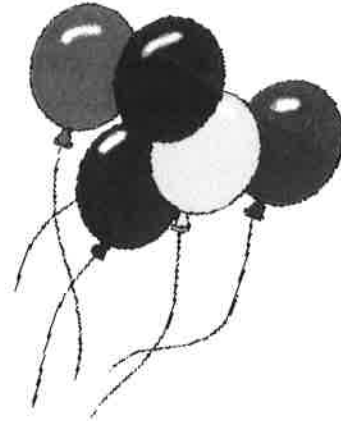
Prayer Chain: Pat Coulson 616-216-1870 or office 616-642-6119

St. Anthony's Youth group meet with St. Mary's!
 They meet next Sunday, **February 11**, 6-8pm.
 Contact DRE Jennie Forney, stmarylowelldre@att.net

Celebrating a Special Day

February Birthdays

2/3	Becky Frankowski
2/7	Trevor Overbeck
2/8	Rosanne Kerkstra
2/9	Michael Droste
2/10	John Brown
2/15	Nicholas Price
2/16	Art Nash, Elaine Williams
2/18	Harrison King, Sara Serne
2/20	Charles Prins
2/22	Donna Smit, Tom Hagen
2/26	Susan Lauer



Celebrating an Anniversary

2/18	Blake & Sarah Zigmont
2/28	Michael & Judy Brunette



God's Valentine Gift

*Was not a bunch of flowers;
It wasn't candy, or a
book to while away the hours.
His gift was to become a man,
so He could freely give His sacrificial
love for us, so you and I could live.
He gave us sweet salvation,
and instruction, good and true,
To love our friends and enemies
and love our Savior, too.
So as we give our Valentines,
let's thank our Lord and King;
The reason we have love to give
is that HE gave everything.*