

# ST. ANTHONY CHURCH

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 18, 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

**"The Church, our Mother and Teacher,  
along with the often bitter medicine of the truth,  
offers us in the Lenten season the soothing  
remedy of prayer, almsgiving and fasting."**

**- Pope Francis, Lent 2018**

**SACRED SCRIPTURE, MASS Intentions & MINISTERS****for the week of February 18, 2018****Feb 18 Sunday: The First Sunday of Lent**

8:30 am: Harold &amp; Margaret Simpson † by Simpsons

Gn 9:8-15 1 Pt 3:18-22 Mk 1:12-15,

**Feb 19, Monday:** Lenten Weekday

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 Mt 25:31-46

**Feb. 20, Tuesday:** Lenten Weekday, Is 55:10-11, Mt 6:7-15

7:00 p.m.: KOC #11113

**Sacristan:** Gregg Hotchkiss **Lector:** Barb Hotchkiss**Servers:** Mike Lamphere, Greg Price**Feb. 21, Wednesday,** Lenten Weekday

Jon 3:1-10 Lk 11:29-32

**Feb. 22 Thursday,** The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

1 Pt 5:1-4 Mt 16:13-19

9:00am Communion Service and Rosary

**Feb. 23 Friday,** Lenten Weekday, Ez 18:21-28 Mt 5:20-26**Feb. 24 Saturday,** Lenten Weekday, Dt 26:16-19 Mt 5:43-48**Feb. 25 Sunday: The Second Sunday of Lent**

8:30 am: Doris Dausman † by Parish Family

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Rom 8:31b-34 Mk 9:2-10

**Sacristan:** Susann Young**Lectors:** Sherry Free, Kaitlyn Theisen**Eucharistic Ministers:** Susann Young, Maureen Jorgensen

Tondra Morris, Mike Lamphere, Michele Westbrook,

**Servers:** Gabrielle & Joseph Lauer**Ushers:** John Free, Joe Hayden, Steve Yaw, Andrew Shipp**Gift Bearers:** Volunteers**Counting Team:** Tondra Morris, Dan Brown**Feb. Cleaning Team:** Dan and Martha Brown**February Hospitality:** Knights of Columbus

We are still in need of cleaning crews and Hospitality Sunday organizers. See the sign up sheet in the vestibule and THANKS go to all those who have helped.



***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,  
Ralph Westbrook, Mary Frederiksen, Jane Emelander  
Carla Skytta, Simon Kelley, Joshua Hammons Rhonda Wolbers

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE** by Bud Ozar

Jesus went into the desert to put his life in perspective.

**This Lent, take a fresh look at a difficult relationship in your life. Concentrate on the positive things that person does, not just the negatives. Try to understand why their behaviors "bug" you. Can you honestly share your feelings with them with-out attacking them?**

**Make Lent a time to MEND + FORGIVE!*****From the hand of Fr. Ferris ....***

Now that Lent has begun, it is useful to remember why we engage in this season of prayer and penance. There is no real "first" reason because all the reasons work together, but if I were to make a first reason, I would begin with the Lent being the time when catechumens, those preparing for Baptism and the Sacraments at Easter, are making their final preparations.

In the first few centuries of the Church, the catechumenate, the time of preparation, could last for years. It lasted for years because the catechumen had to not only grow in knowledge about the faith, but they had to already be turning away from sin and growing in holiness. We don't always remember it these days, but back then the world was largely pagan. In some areas of the world a man might have multiple wives. It would take time to resolve that problem. The whole system of the world, say public baths and prostitution, were common. In fact, the whole civic life was ordered around pagan worship and practices. It took time for a person to extricate himself from all of this.

This is often not the case in the Western world today. Even though secular society might not be Christian anymore, it is still founded on Christian values. Polygamy isn't a problem. There is no political religion that would cause entanglements. There are elements of our society that are antithetical to our Christian lives, but they are not the very fabric of our society. Therefore, to leave behind those practices is much easier in many ways.

When the catechumens were ready to be received into the Church, Lent stood as the final stage of preparation. They would be examined by the Church (the Scrutinies), and the sponsors would give witness to growth and development of the individual. Lent, then, was the final period of purification and preparation for the individual who wanted to commit his life to Christ.

It is good to remember this because we are preparing to welcome new brothers and sisters into the Church. Some have already been baptized, some need to be baptized; all, though, need to continue to prepare to take on the life of a Christian in the Church. Remembering this, we need to step up our prayers for them so that this season will be a special time for them. We definitely want Easter to be a day of great joy for them and for us as we grow together as God's family.

***--Fr. Ferris*****Confession Schedule**

**St. Anthony's:** Fr Ferris will hear confessions on Tuesdays after Mass as well as Thursday, March 15 from 5:00 - 8:00pm. "The Light is ON for YOU".

**St. Mary's:** Fr. Ferris will hear confessions on Wednesdays 5-6pm except March 14 when he will have a Penance Service at 6:30pm.



www.kofcsaranacmi.org  
Grand Knight Gregg Hotchkiss

Family of the Month: Talcott Family  
Knight of the Month: Nick Price  
Raffle Winner for February 9: John Stewart

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

**LENTEN FISH DINNERS**

**began Friday! Come one! Come all!**

**KOC Pie Sale!** Turn in your pie order by 3/10.  
**Pie making is 3/17; delivery Sunday, 3/18.**

ATTN: Men: Mark your calendars and register NOW for the 13th Annual Building a Legacy Catholic Men's conference. BEHOLD THE MAN is designed to give men an opportunity to encounter the One Man - Jesus Christ. March 10 at West Catholic High School, Bishop Walkowiak will celebrate Mass. Register: buildingalegacy.org ??: Deacon Jim 616-292-0422.

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*See the bulletin board for upcoming events held at Catholic Information Ctr, Franciscan Ctr or Cathedral.*  
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**You may bring your dried palms and place them into the palm branch receptacle in the vestibule.**

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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† Stations of the Cross begin today after Mass. †  
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**2018 Lenten 5th and 6th grade Service Project!!**



These Students are at it again!  
They are collecting new or used:



School supplies, Children's books, coloring books, crafts & craft supplies, prayer booklets and rosaries.

The class is donating the articles to the Glenmary Home Missioners, a group of priests, brothers, sisters and professional lay co-workers who bring the Catholic Church to the most neglected people in our nation, ministering in areas of the South and Appalachia. They have provided a 'drop site' in the vestibule for your convenience.

Thank you, Allysa, Elijah, Tori, Harrison, and Emmett.

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Are you ready for Spring.... and Spring Cleaning?  
**Rummage and Bake Sale is scheduled for April 6-7th.**  
Please feel free to bring in your gently used items anytime. There is room to store downstairs as well as the garage for larger items. We appreciate your help!

**STEWARDSHIP for week ending February 11, 2018**

**PARISH INCOME:**

Adult envelopes	\$ 3,045.00
Loose	116.00
Candles	2.00
Mass Intentions	70.00
Easter Flowers	30.00
<b>General Receipts</b>	<b>3,263.00</b>

**Other Receipts**

Building Fund-	
Heifer International	50.00
SOUPER BOWL Pantry	210.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 3,523.00</b>

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

Payroll	
Worship	252.24
57.25	
Operating	57.25
Insurance	
Buildings/Grounds	40.98
Rel. Ed/FF	
Parish Life	107.00
Utilities	174.84
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 632.31</b>

**HEIFER INTERNATIONAL = \$3,367.00 Arks are \$5,000.00**

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

**Please complete your SURVEY!**

**Simply drop into the collection basket. Thank You!**

**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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**Parish Festival is right around the corner (August). We are in need of Festival Chairs and Co-Chairs. Please see Mary. Thx.**

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Catholic Charities West Michigan have a number of position openings throughout the Diocese of Grand Rapids. All position openings can be found on our website at <https://www.cwestmi.org/who-we-are/careers/>



1140 AM - GRAND RAPIDS | 97.5 FM - KALAMAZOO



Catholic Services Appeal 2018



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

In Service to One,  
in Service to All  
Council # 11113

*Gregg Hotchkiss, Grand Knight*



Please prayerfully consider a generous pledge to this year's Catholic Services Appeal (CSA)

### 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!**

### Lake Funeral Homes

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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.