

ST. ANTHONY CHURCH

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 25, 2018

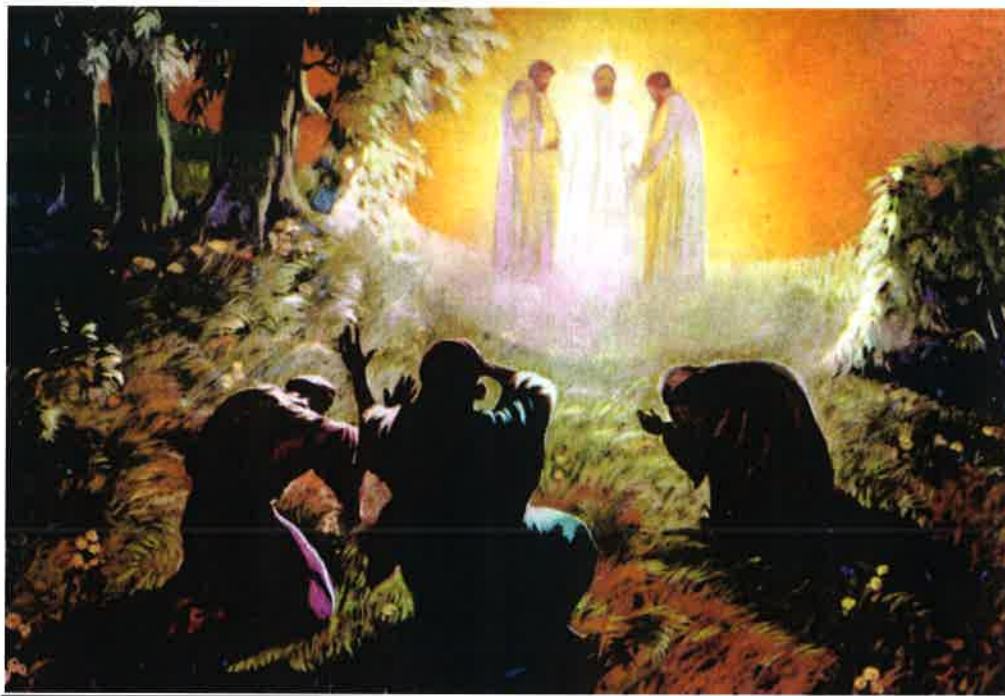
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Mass Schedule

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 25, 2018

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

Feb 26, Monday: Lenten Weekday

Dn 9:4b-10 Lk 6:36-38

Feb. 27, Tuesday: Lenten Weekday, Is 1:10, 16-20 Mt 23: 1-12

7:00 p.m.: Nancy Schielke by Dan & Martha Brown

Sacristan: Gregg Hotchkiss *Lector:* Mary Lamphere

Servers: Dan Brown, Gregg Hotchkiss

Feb. 28, Wednesday, Lenten Weekday

Jer 18:18-20 Mt 20:17-28

March 1, Thursday, Lenten Weekday

Jer 17:5-10 Lk 16:19-31

9:00am Communion Service and Rosary

March 2, First Friday, Lenten Weekday

Gn 37:3-4,12-13a, 17b-28a Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

March 3, First Saturday, Lenten Weekday

Mt 7:14-15, 18-20 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

March 4 Sunday: The Third Sunday of Lent

8:30 am: Leon Lauer † by Ralph & Michele Westbrook,
 Randy & Mary Frederiksen

Ex 20:1-14 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17 1Cor 1:22-25 Jn 2:13-25

Sacristan: Monty Simpson

Lectors: Blake Zigmont, Martha Brown

Eucharistic Ministers: Monty Simpson, Shari Bassett,
 Maegan Shipp, Ed Zigmont, Sherry Free

Servers: Derek Jorgensen, Hudson King

Ushers: Dan Brown, Rick Perry, Eric Jorgensen, Doug Thelen

Gift Bearers: Lauer Family,

Counting Team: Anita Talcott, Mike Lamphere

Feb. Cleaning Team: Dan & Martha Brown, *Feb. Hosp.:* KOC



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

Please pray for the family of Michael Smith, father of Rhonda (Jerry) Wolbers, who passed away last week. Funeral Mass was Tuesday, 2/20 in Portland.



A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar

The apostles thought they knew Jesus, but when he changed in front of them at the Transfiguration, they were "afraid". In families, we cannot freeze relationships because change and growth are inevitable. Children grow up, parents grow old and spouses change. Transfigurations are all around us and within us. Relationships can only grow when we embrace the new and let go of the old.

From the hand of Fr. Ferris

We began our reflection on the Season of Lent by looking back to the season of final preparation for catechumens coming into the Church. Fairly early on, this was expanded to incorporate all Christians as they prepared to celebrate the Easter mysteries. It makes sense, especially as we remember that Christians still lived in a culture that was largely opposed, even hostile, to Christians.

Our culture is still largely Christian, but it is becoming less so by the day. Because we spend so much time interacting with it, it is easy to get sucked in by the many ways the world warps its Christian foundations to lead us astray. For example, Jesus commands us to love our neighbors. This is most definitely a good thing. However, the world twists this into strange notions of "marriage equality" and how people should be free to "love" whomever they want.

The Season of Lent provides us with an opportunity, even though we are already in the Church, to be like the catechumens and to continue to turn our lives away from the world and back to Christ. This is part of the value of fasting and other disciplines of Lent. They are part of the call to turn away from the things of this world, even the good things of this world, so that we are no longer ensnared by them, so that we can think clearly with the mind of Christ and His Church and we can live the truth of Christ more fully.

It is easy in life to simply move from one thing to the next and to not even pay that much attention to where it is leading. If we are not paying attention, then we can find ourselves agreeing with and even engaging in things that are actually doing us more harm than good. I will even use myself as an example. Years ago I decided that I would not have cable or satellite in my rectories. I found that I had a tendency to simply sit down and waste several hours flipping channels and watching four uninteresting shows at once. I would get sucked in, and my life was worse for it. I had to cut it off at the knees, and my life is better for it.

Jesus, in the closing prayer of the Last Supper, prays that, as He sends the disciples out into the world, they won't belong to the world (John 17). We have all heard some version of the saying about "being in the world but not of the world". Lent is set aside for us, from early on in the Church, so that we can extricate ourselves from the traps of this world to be more faithful disciples, to be in the world, because we have to be in the world, without letting the world define our lives.

--Fr. Ferris



Confession Schedule



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



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Grand Knight Gregg Hotchkiss

Family of the Month: Talcott Family,

Knight of the Month: Nick Price

Raffle Winner for February 16: Phil Hughes

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

LENTEN FISH DINNERS

There are also fish dinners at SS Peter & Paul, Ionia.



KOC Pie Sale! Turn in your pie order by 3/10. Pie 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.

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



† Stations of the Cross: Today after Mass. †

2018 Lenten 5th and 6th grade Service Project!!

These great 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.

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 18, 2018

PARISH INCOME:

Adult envelopes	\$ 2,255.00
Loose	149.00
Candles	10.00
Mass Intentions	
Easter Flowers	20.00
General Receipts	2,434.00

Other Receipts

Building Fund-SCRIP IN	600.00
Total Receipts	\$ 3,034.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

Payroll	1,369.17
Worship	
Operating	63.62
Insurance	
Buildings/Grounds	
Rel. Ed/FF	
Parish Life	89.64
Utilities	
Total Actual Expenses	\$ 1,522.43
SCRIP OUT	589.88
Total Expenses	\$ 2,112.31

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

Parish Festival is right around the corner (August). We are in need of **Festival Chairs and Co-Chairs**. Need to order raffle tickets so respond as soon as possible. Please see Mary. Thx.

If you haven't dropped off your survey, please do so. Extra forms are available in the vestibule under mailboxes.

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 (except Tuesday) 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, **February 25**, 6-8pm.

Contact DRE Jennie Forney, stmarylowelldre@att.net

Lenten Breakfast at St. John Lutheran, Mar.21. See flyer.



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To volunteers to help at the Pantry,
contact Margaret at 616-642-6322.

**Please pay patronage to our local
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Gen 22:13



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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.