

ST. ANTHONY CHURCH

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 11, 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 March 11, 2018****March 11 Sunday: The Fourth Sunday of Lent**8:30 am: Walter Schneider † by Simpson Family
1Sm 16:1b,6-7,10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/ Jn 9:1-41**March 12, Monday:** Lenten Weekday, Is 65:17-21 Jn 4:43-54**March 13, Tuesday:** Lenten Weekday, Ez 47:1-9,12 Jn 5:1-16
7:00 p.m.: Alan Trierweiler † by Parish Family**March 14, Wed.:** Lenten Weekday, Is 49:8-15 Jn 5:17-30**March 15, Thurs.,** Lenten Weekday, Ex 32:7-14 Jn 5:31-47
9:00am Communion Service and Rosary**March 16, Friday,** Lenten Weekday

Wis 2:1a, 12-22 Jn 7:1-2,10,25-30

March 17, Saturday, Lenten Weekday, Jer 11:18-20 Jn 7:40-53**March 18 Sunday: The Fifth Sunday of Lent**8:30 am: Tom Pick † by John and Frances Brown
Ez 37:12-14 Rom 8:8-11 Jn 11:1-45*Sacristan:* Gregg Hotchkiss*Lectors:* Sherry Free, Kara Kelley*Eucharistic Ministers:* Gregg Hotchkiss, Michele Westbrook
Doug Thelen, Monty Simpson, Shari Bassett*Servers:* Ethan & emmett Kelley*Ushers:* Matt & Drew Young, Lucas Simpson, Dave Hill*Gift Bearers:* Pick and Brown Families*Counting Team:* Pam Grieves, Rosemary Reams*March Cleaning Team:* Bob & Carol Wolbers*March.Hositalti:* Today in Honor of Canfirmandi!

We are still in need of cleaning crews. See Signup sheet in the vestibule.***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

SO FAITH MAY FLOURISH 2018

Our Catholic faith is a gift that unites our parish family with Catholics throughout the Dioceses of Grand Rapids and in the universal Church. We all are pilgrims on a journey of faith, striving daily to become disciples of Christ through our stewardship of time, talent and treasure. When we give to CSA, we are supporting individuals and families in our parishes, in our communities and beyond.

**St. Anthony's:** Fr Ferris will hear confessions on Tuesdays after Mass and this Thursday, March 15: 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.***From the hand of Fr. Ferris***

This is Laetare (Rejoice) Sunday, and we are called to rejoice that Lent is a little more than half-way over. The season of fasting is quickly passing, and this special celebration is an invitation for us to reflect on how our Lent has gone.

In these bulletin articles we have been reflecting on Lent in Church history and in our spiritual lives. The more we embrace the reality of Lent and what it should be for us, the more it can shape our lives in preparation for the mysteries of our salvation. At this sort-of half-way point we have an opportunity to pause and evaluate how we have engaged the discipline of Lent.

How well have we maintained our fasts and disciplines? How well have we lived out the resolutions we made? These are simple questions, and we should be able to answer them fairly easily.

If we have fallen short in our disciplines and in our resolutions, then we have the opportunity to redouble our efforts. Lent isn't over. We can see what hasn't worked and make changes so that we can be faithful to our commitment to grow in holiness. If our disciplines and resolutions have been met with little effort, then we have the opportunity to take the next step, to challenge ourselves anew in our commitment to growing in holiness. We can keep pushing ourselves to be even more ready for Easter.

Either (or both) of these responses is also an act of rejoicing. (It is Laetare Sunday.) We can rejoice in the mercy of God, that, even though we fall short, He continues to call us to higher things. He never abandons us. We can also rejoice that the grace of God has had some effect in our lives. The disciplines and resolutions that were hard before are easier now. God's grace has been working a transformation in us, and that is definitely something to rejoice in.

In all cases, we can rejoice that Easter is fast approaching. The promise of new life and resurrection is coming to fulfillment. The celebration of Christ's victory over sin and death is nigh when we can rejoice that the evil that besets us will not enslave us forever.

--Fr. Ferris

Confession Schedule

While there are many opportunities to receive the sacrament of penance throughout the year, a special opportunity will be made available this Lent through "The Light is ON for You: An Evening of Penance." During this event on **Thursday, March 15**, almost every church in our diocese will be open for the sacrament of reconciliation from **5 - 8:00 p.m.** including St. Anthony's. Go to dioceseofgrandrapids.org for locations and details.





www.kofcsaranacmi.org
Grand Knight Gregg Hotchkiss

Family of the Month: Dan & Martha Brown
Knight of the Month: Al Schielke
Raffle Winner for March 2: Craig Rolfe

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

LENTE FISH DINNERS: 5-7pm

Just 2 more Fridays!



You may bring your dried palms and place them into the palm branch receptacle in the vestibule.

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! See Barb Eden if you have any questions or can help!!

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† Stations of the Cross: Today after Mass. †

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

These great students, Allysa, Elijah, Tori, Harrison, & Emmett are at it again! Collecting new or used:

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



There is a 'drop site' in the vestibule for your convenience. The class is donating the articles to the Glenmary Home Missioners who bring the Catholic Church to the most neglected people in our nation, ministering in areas of the South and Appalachia. MISSIONER, RACHEL THOME, did a little presentation to the class this past Sunday and gave them a handmade wall rosary made in Appalachia as well as some maps. Thank You Rachel for your time and kindness!! Stop in and see the beautiful wall rosary!!

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LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS presented by students of Portland St. Patrick School. this Friday, 3/16 at 6pm. Meatless soup supper to follow

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

STEWARDSHIP for week ending February 25, 2018

PARISH INCOME:

Adult envelopes	\$ 2,300.00
Loose	70.00
KOC Donation	250.00
Christian Service	300.00
Easter Flowers	135.00
General Receipts	3,055.00

Other Receipts

Building Fund-	10.00
Heifer International	100.00
CSA 2018	4,605.00
Total Receipts	\$ 7,770.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

Payroll	1,380.38
Worship	
Operating	
Insurance	196.37
Buildings/Grounds	187.11
Rel. Ed/FF	
Parish Life	
Utilities	
Total Actual Expenses	\$ 1,763.86
CSA 2018	4,605.00
Total Expenses	\$ 6,368.86

HEIFER INTERNATIONAL = \$3,467.00 Arks are \$5,000.00

Parish Festival is right around the corner (August). Time to order raffle ticket license and tickets! We are in need of **Festival Chairs and Co-Chairs**. Please call or see Mary. Thx.

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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

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**Most Reverend Bishop Walkowiak and Fr. Ferris have blessed us with new Catholics through the Sacrament of Initiation**  
**We welcome Ron Kietzman and Sarah Zigmont!!**



1140 AM - GRAND RAPIDS | 91.5 FM - KALAMAZOO

**Monday Blood Drive  
March 26 at Saranac  
Community Church**



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*Grega 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.*