

ST. ANTHONY CHURCH

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 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 March 18, 2018

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

March 19, Monday:

ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
 2 Sm 7:4-5a,12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

March 20, Tuesday: Lenten Weekday, Nm 21:4-9 Jn 8:21-30

7:00 p.m.: Nancy Schielke † by Wanda Lehman

March 21, Wednesday: Lenten Weekday

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92,95 Jn 8:31-42

March 22, Thurs., Lenten Weekday, Gn 17:3-9 Jn 8:51-59

9:00am Communion Service and Rosary

March 23, Friday, Lenten Weekday, Jer 20:10-13 Jn 10:31-42

March 24, Saturday, Lenten Weekday, Ez 37:21-28 Jn 11:45-56

March 25, PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD

8:30 am: Ken Hubbard † by Peg Hubbard

Mk 11:1-10, Is 50: 4-7, Phil 2:6-11, Mk 14:1-15:47

Sacristan: Susann Young

Lectors: Blake Zigmont, Kaitlyn Theisen, Martha Brown

Eucharistic Ministers: Susann Young, Tondra Morris,

Ed Zigmont, Maegan Shipp, Sherry Free

Servers: Elliott Kelley, Chloe Simpson

Ushers: Dan Brown, Rick Perry, Joe Hayden, Eric Jorgensen

Gift Bearers: Hubbard family

Counting Team: Mary Frederiksen & Dan Brown

March Cleaning Team: Bob & Carol Wolbers

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

Thank you for your gifts to CSA 2018. Your generous support will fund essential diocesan ministries that support our seminarians, provide training for teachers and faith formation staff, as well as assist our brothers and sisters in need. Please continue to pray for the success of this important effort.

*Congratulations to the Zigmont family,
 Ed, Aubrie, and Catherine on the
 blessed arrival of Baby Abigail!*

From the hand of Fr. Ferris

This Sunday begins Passiontide. Though we have been engaging with Jesus in His suffering throughout Lent, we now turn our attention more directly to the approaching events of Holy Week. We do this in imitation of and union with Jesus.

Remember a couple weeks ago I wrote about how the Church year has this elastic sense of time. Some seasons of our calendar encompass vast swaths of time (Advent covers everything from creation to the coming of Christ) while others have us diligently walk step by step through the events as they happened (Holy Week). Passiontide begins to focus our attention so we can walk more deliberately in the footsteps of Jesus.

The Gospel of Luke tells us that Jesus Himself turned his focus to what was to come: "When the days for his being taken up were fulfilled, he resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem." (Luke 9:51) Another translation of this would be to say that Jesus set his face to Jerusalem. It evokes this image of Jesus turning, looking, seeing His goal, and purposefully pursuing it.

This ought to lend a different tenor to the approach of Holy Week. It didn't just happen to Jesus; He knew what was coming and He turned into it. He sought it out. As we walk with Jesus, we are invited to do the same thing, to turn our faces to what is coming, and to walk purposefully into it.

The approach of Holy Week ought to capture our imagination. Jesus walked with intensity and dedication to Jerusalem. Do we approach Holy Week with the same intensity or dedication? Though he encountered many people along the way, nothing changed His course. Our days are filled with many things (work, school, family, etc.); are we making sure that nothing is getting in the way of our focus on what is to come? Are we turning our face in order to resolutely journey to Jerusalem with Jesus?

--Fr. Ferris



Confessions



St. Anthony's: Fr Ferris will hear confessions on Tuesdays after Mass.

St. Mary's: Fr. Ferris will hear confessions on Wednesdays 5-6pm.



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: Drew Young

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

LENTEN FISH DINNERS: 5-7pm

1 more Friday to enjoy the dinners!!

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. Stop in and see the beautiful wall rosary from Missioner, Rachel Thome.

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Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s): Looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Then register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt, MI (10 miles north of Lansing), on April 6-8, 2018. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Cost is \$175 for meals and a single room. Call (586) 770-1772, e-mail reflect.michigan@gmail.com, or visit www.ReflectRetreat.com for details.

Women, are you looking for a way to increase your faith and make new friends? The Grand Rapids Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will be hosting their fourth annual pilgrimage to St. Louis, Missouri and you are invited. Join us for a trip to Our Lady of the Snows and the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis from May 10th through 12th, spouses welcome. Cost is \$250.00 per person. For questions you may Email grdccw@dioceseofgrandrapids.org or pick up the form at your parish office, or call Mary Ellen at 616-452-3054.

STEWARDSHIP for week ending March 11, 2018

PARISH INCOME:

Adult envelopes	\$ 1,835.00
Loose	167.55
Mass Intentions	10.00
Candles	16.00
General Receipts	2,028.55
Other Receipts	
Building Fund-K. Greiner Memm.	100.00
Heifer International	130.00
CSA 2018	4,000.00
CRS	590.00
Total Receipts	\$ 6,848.55

DISBURSEMENTS:

Payroll	
Worship	312.05
Operating	68.87
Insurance	496.39
Buildings/Grounds	196.50
Rel. Ed/FF	23.26
Parish Life	100.08
Utilities	1,590.92
Total Actual Expenses	\$ 2,788.07
CSA 2018	4,000.00
Total Expenses	\$ 6,788.07

HEIFER INTERNATIONAL = \$3,597.00 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.

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

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

Please remember to pick up your

K of C pies today after Mass!

Thanks to all who graciously helped!



1140 AM - GRAND RAPIDS | 91.5 FM - KALAMAZOO

**Next Monday
Red Cross
Blood Drive
March 26 at Saranac
Community Church**



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

Gregg 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.

LAST KOC Fish Dinner THIS Friday !!



**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.**