

ST. ANTHONY CHURCH

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 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

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

March 4 Sunday: The Third Sunday of Lent

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

Ex 17:3-7 Rom 5:1-2,5-8 Jn 4:5-42

March 5, Monday: Lenten Weekday, 2Kgs 5:1-15b, Lk 4:24-30

March 6, Tuesday: Lenten Weekday, Dn3:25, 34-43 Mt 18:21-35

7:00 p.m.: no Mass today. Pray for Confirmandi

March 7, Wed.: Lenten Weekday, Dt 4:1, 5-9 Mt 5:17-19

March 8, Thurs., Lenten Weekday, Jer 7:23-28 Lk 11:14-23

9:00am Communion Service and Rosary

March 9, Friday, Lenten Weekday, Hos 14:2-10 Mt 12:28-34

March 10, Saturday, Lenten Weekday, Hos 6:1-6 Lk 18:9-14

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

Sacristan: Tondra Morris

Lectors: Ralph Westbrook, Nick Price

Eucharistic Ministers: Tondra Morris, Rosemary Reams,
Melinda Theisen, Mike Lamphere, Maureen Jorgensen

Servers: Gabrielle & Elijah Lauer

Ushers: John Free, Joe Hayden, Steve Yaw, Andrew Shipp

Gift Bearers: Simpson Family

Counting Team: Tondra Morris, Martha Brown

March Cleaning Team: Bob & Carol Wolbers

March.Hospitaliy will be on 11th 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

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Please pray for the soul of Kathleen Greiner, who passed away last week and laid to rest on Saturday. May she rest in peace.

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SO FAITH MAY FLOURISH 2018 - You have been asked to turn in your CSA pledge card today. If you have already done so, thank you! Our participation in CSA as individuals and as a parish enables us to unite with all Catholics in the Diocese of Grand Rapids. Our collective blessings fund important work that benefits our parish and diocesan programs and individuals, families and communities throughout 11 counties.

From the hand of Fr. Ferris

This season of Lent, that started for the catechumens, was expanded to include all Christians preparing for Easter, eventually became codified in the yearly cycle of the Church's calendar. This took a while to develop, and it experienced changes over the years. Many questions had to be answered, and different places had different answers. When was Easter? How long should Lent last? The answers to these questions would change over time as other things changed.

In the western world, we switched from the Julian Calendar (instituted by Julius Caesar in 46 B.C.) to the Gregorian Calendar. Many Eastern Christians still maintain the Julian Calendar, which means there are significant differences in the celebration of certain feasts. Prior to the Second Vatican Council, Lent was forty days long, but there were about three weeks prior to Ash Wednesday that were also considered part of the penitential season. Those of you of a certain age might remember Septuagesima, Sexagesima, a Quinquagesima Sundays.

Amid all these changes, the Season of Lent has also taken on new meaning. Yes, Lent is first about our preparation for celebrating the mysteries of Holy Week and Easter, the mysteries of our salvation. However, as the Church Year settled out, Lent also became a time for us to walk slowly with Jesus through His preparation for Holy Week.

The whole Church year is, more or less, a yearly walk through the whole scope of salvation history. Advent is our time to walk from Creation, through the Patriarchs, to the Birth of Jesus. The Christmas Season slows down a bit to focus our attention on the first weeks, months, and years of Jesus' life. The weeks between the Christmas Season and Lent are a brief time for us to engage the three years of Jesus' ministry. During Lent we spend time with Jesus who resolutely walked to Jerusalem to engage in the contest for our salvation. During Holy Week and Easter we slow down even more, going day by day through the Passion, Death, Resurrection, and subsequent days of Christ's life on earth. After Pentecost, we are in the time of the Church, that will continue on through history until Christ comes again in glory (the closing feast of the year being Christ the King).

The Season of Lent, then, becomes part of our participation in the life of Christ, both as He lived it on earth Himself and as He lives it through the Church. It is a time for individual growth in holiness as well as an opportunity to corporately grow together as the Body of Christ. All of history is under God's care, from the grandest, cosmic scale events (Creation) to the more mundane aspects of life (Jesus' circumcision). All of them find their meaning in Christ, just as our lives find their meaning in union with Christ.

--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".



www.kofesaranacmi.org

Grand Knight Gregg Hotchkiss

Family of the Month: Knight of the Month:

Raffle Winner for February 23: Greg Price

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

LENTEN FISH DINNERS

Every Friday through 3/23!

KOC Pie Sale! Order this week!

Pies: \$9 or 3/\$25 Pie delivery Sunday, 3/18.



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

Please pray for our Confirmandi ! Tuesday, March 6.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Vanessa

Ian

Elliott

Sophia



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† Stations of the Cross: Today after Mass. †

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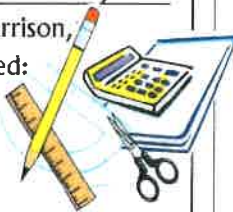
2018 Lenten 5th and 6th grade Service Project!!

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, 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.

TODAY, this class WELCOMES, MISSIONER, RACHEL THOME, to their class room after being contacted by Class Helper, Ethan Kelley. Thank you Rachel!

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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!

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

"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

STEWARDSHIP for week ending February 25, 2018

PARISH INCOME:

Adult envelopes	\$ 1,655.00
Loose	335.00
Candles	14.00
Mass Intentions	20.00
Easter Flowers	265.00
Funeral Dinner	300.00
General Receipts	2,589.00

Other Receipts

Building Fund-Memorial for Kathy Greiner	145.00
Women's Guild - cookbook	10.00
Total Receipts	\$ 2,744.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

Payroll	
Worship	325.80
Operating	342.35
Insurance	
Buildings/Grounds	196.00
Rel. Ed/FF	
Parish Life	
Utilities	
Total Actual Expenses	\$ 864.15
SOUPer Bowl to Saranac Pantry	434.00
Total Expenses	\$ 1,298.15

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

Daylight Savings Time is this coming !

Don't forget to 'spring forward' your clocks Saturday before you go to bed! (Just in case you don't use your cell for everything!)





DIOCESE OF GRAND RAPIDS

Office of the Bishop

March 2018

My dear friends in Christ,

This year, we celebrate the good work of Catholic Relief Services (CRS) in locations around the world for 75 years. The organization was founded in 1943 to help war-torn Europe and its refugees recover. Today, CRS continues to live out its mission by serving Jesus in the least of our brothers and sisters. Christ can be seen in the faces of our neighbors who are migrants and refugees, in communities ravaged by natural disaster, and in the faces of peacemakers and those who thirst for hunger and justice throughout the world.

Join me in supporting the life-changing work of CRS during the annual Catholic Relief Services Collection. It will take place in parishes across our diocese and around the country on the weekend of **March 10-11, 2018**.

Proceeds from this collection support six Catholic organizations that aid thousands of individuals in more than 100 countries. Together we can make a difference for our brothers and sisters in need!

Your contribution and prayerful support of the annual CRS Collection will help continue the important work of life-saving organizations. For additional information on the Catholic Relief Services Collection and those whom it benefits, visit usccb.org/catholic-relief

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ David J. Walkowiak

Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak
Bishop of Grand Rapids

**Position Opening
Diocese of Grand Rapids**

Catholic Services Appeal Office Clerk

The Diocese of Grand Rapids is seeking a part-time (19 hours per week) Catholic Services Appeal Office Clerk to provide continuing support for the Catholic Services Appeal (CSA).

The CSA Office Clerk provides clerical assistance to support the CSA Administrator. Duties include administrative and related office services for the Catholic Services Appeal including maintain databases, process event registrations, process pledges, and assist with mailings.

Qualified candidates will possess the following:

- High school diploma required. Some college helpful.
- At least one year of experience in office/clerical work, preferably accounting or finance, or advanced record keeping
- Excellent computer skills (Excel, Word, Outlook, etc.). Experience with Raiser's Edge fundraising software is a plus.
- Ability to process and maintain confidential information with discretion.
- Excellent communication, interpersonal and collaborative abilities
- Good clerical, time management, and organizational skills.
- Knowledge of office equipment (i.e., telephone system, fax machine, copier, postage meter, computer, etc.)
- Ability to multitask, prioritize daily tasks and meet deadlines
- Must be able to work independently as well as on a team.
- Knowledge and understanding of the Catholic Church and its mission are beneficial.

Interested applicants should send a cover letter, resume and salary requirements to:

clerkhr@DioceseOfGrandRapids.org

**Position Opening
Diocese of Grand Rapids**

**Administrative Assistant
Office of Continuing Education of Priests, and Office of
Diaconate Formation**

The Diocese of Grand Rapids is seeking a part-time Administrative Assistant to provide a variety of specialized administrative support services to the Office of Priestly Vocations, Office of Continuing Education of Priests, and the Office of Diaconate Formation. The successful candidate will provide administrative and clerical support, event coordination, database and website management while creating a welcoming environment for visitors and callers.

Qualified candidates will possess the following:

- Fluency in English in both spoken and written word is necessary, while fluency in Spanish would be desirable.
- Three to five years of experience in an office setting, ministry experience and a degree in a related field is preferred.
- Excellent secretarial, clerical, computer, event planning and organizational skills with high competency in MS Office Suite, Sharepoint, and internet navigation
- Ability to relate to a wide range of diverse cultures and to work independently
- Excellent communication, interpersonal, customer service, detail and collaborative abilities
- Detail oriented with ability to schedule and prioritize projects among multiple supervisors
- Must be able to process and maintain confidential information with discretion.
- Knowledge of office equipment (i.e., telephone system, fax machine, copier, postage meter, video/data projector, LCD, projector, computer, etc.)
- Practicing Roman Catholic with broad knowledge of Catholic teaching. A familiarity with the parishes of the diocese is desirable.
- Strong commitment to ongoing spiritual, personal and professional development
- Must have a flexibility to accommodate the scheduling needs of the office.

Interested applicants should send a cover letter, resume and salary requirements to:

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Join Catholics around the world in celebrating '24 Hours for the Lord' again this year.

As we journey through this Lenten season,

Pope Francis is inviting Catholics to celebrate '24 Hours for the Lord.'

Eucharistic Adoration from 3 p.m. Friday, March 9 to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 10.

at the following locations in the diocese:

- St. Simon, Ludington; St. Patrick-St. Anthony, Grand Haven;
- St. Isidore, Grand Rapids; Our Lady of Consolation, Rockford

Confession will be available during the parishes' normally scheduled Saturday evening times. Details at dioceseofgrandrapids.org



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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.