

ST. ANTHONY CHURCH

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 7, 2018

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*If people spent an hour a week
in Eucharistic adoration,
abortion would be ended.*

Blessed Mother Teresa

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 October 7, 2018

October 7, Sunday:

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8:30 am: Ron Beyer † by Beyer Family

Gn 2:18-24 Heb 2:9-11 Mk 10:2-16

October 8, Monday: Weekday

Gal 1:6-12 Lk 10:25-37

October 9, Tuesday: Weekday

Saint Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; Saint John Leonardi, Priest

7:00 pm: Bob Brietmeyer by Friend

Sacristan: Monty Simpson *Lector:* Mary Lamphere

Servers: Mike Lamphere, Gregg Hotchkiss

Gal 1:13-24 Lk 10:38-42

October 10, Wednesday: Weekday

Gal 2:1-2, 7-14 Lk 11:1-4

October 11, Thursday: Weekday, Saint John XXIII, Pope

9:00 am Communion Service

Gal 3:1-5 Lk 11:5-13

October 12, Friday: Weekday

Gal 3:7-14 Lk 11:15-26

October 13, Saturday: Weekday, BVM

Gal 3:22-29 Lk 11:27-28

October 14, Sunday:

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 am: Helen Buttermore † by Ken & Cheryl Greiner

Wis 7:7-11 Heb 4:12-13 Mk 10:17-30

Sacristan: Tondra Morris

Lectors: Kara Kelley, Martha Brown

Eucharistic Ministers: Tondra Morris, Rosemary Reams,
Mike Lamphere, Shari Bassett, Maegan Shipp

Servers: Emmett & Elliott Kelley

Ushers: John Hayden, John Free, Dan Brown, Steve Yaw

Gift Bearers: Ken & Cheryl Greiner

Counting Team: Rosemary Reams, Anita Talcott

October Cleaning Team: Jan Yaw

October Hospitality: Knights of Columbus



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,

Bill Brabant, Linda Griffin, Amy Williams, Grace Starr,
Jane Emelander, Ashley Cunningham, Chris Grieves

Carla Skytta, Joshua Hammons, Rhonda Wolbers, Tom Renucci

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Mary, Shrine of the Spirit, Awaken My Soul - Women's Retreat October 13, 2018 St. Patrick's Parnell. Join us to Experience a deeper love for Jesus through Mary our Mother. The Trinitarians of Mary will be the keynote speakers. The retreat will begin at 8:00 a.m. and conclude at 3:00 p.m. A suggested donation fee of \$25 will be collected the day of the retreat. Childcare provided. To register, contact Beth 616-874-7572 or Marie at womensretreatstpatarnell@gmail.com.

From the hand of Fr. Ferris

To start our discussion about our response to sin, it is helpful to know what sin is. The Catechism of the Catholic Church talks about sin in this way: "Sin is an offense against reason, truth, and right conscience; it is a failure in genuine love of God and neighbor caused by a perverse attachment to certain goods. It wounds the nature of man and injures human solidarity. It has been defined as 'an utterance, a deed, or a desire contrary to the eternal law.'" (CCC 1849)

There is so much packed in these sentences that we could spend months just opening up what these lines mean. For now we will just hit a few high points. First, we see that sin is an offense against the way things should be (law, reason, truth, right conscience). There is an order built into us that we are meant to follow. The rest of the universe follows laws (gravity, instinct, etc.) because they have no choice; we have laws that are particular to being human, but we can break those laws (truth) because we have free will. This puts us at odds with the rest of the universe.

These laws (the truth) are not arbitrary. Rather, there is a person, God, who stands behind them, and an offense against the law is an offense against Him who made us. We are breaking the relationship that has been written into our very nature. Offense against someone puts us in a position a debt to that person; we owe them something in satisfaction of our offense.

Not only is the offense against God, our sins are also an offense against other humans. We find ourselves in a network of relationships, and our sins, even our private sins, damage those relationships. Therefore, we find ourselves also in a position where others have a claim against us because we have broken the order in which we are all to live.

If all that were not enough, sin also wounds our human nature. We become less than we should be, could be. When we sin, it is easy to get stuck in a repeated habit of sin. Our ability to do otherwise, our freedom, is compromised. Not only that, our ability to even think clearly is compromised. We all know people who will twist a situation into a pretzel in order to justify bad behavior.

In a real way we who are higher than the animals become less than animals when we sin. Animals have no choice but to follow the law written into them. Animals act on instinct and they can't do otherwise; this is why it is possible to train many animals. We can manipulate their instincts into behavior that we want. We, though, when we sin, are not even up to the same level as animals.

This is a truly serious situation, and one that we cannot get ourselves out of on our own. How do we pay an infinite and eternal God back for our offenses? How do we repay all of humanity for damage we have caused? How do we restore our lost dignity when our very ability to do so is compromised?

The answer of course is Jesus, but we will get into that next week.

--Fr. Ferris

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October 21, 2018 is World Mission Sunday.
Envelopes are in your contribution box or there will be some at the end of the pews.

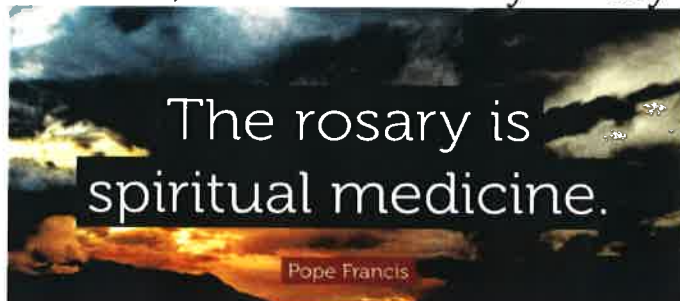


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Grand Knight Gregg Hotchkiss

Family of the Month: Tom & Cherie Hagen
Knight of the Month: Al Schielke

KOC Council meets the 1st Thursday of the month at 7PM
September 28, KOC Raffle Winner: Joe Hickey

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October, Month of the Holy Rosary



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Please join us for the Lowell Life Chain today, October 7th from 2-3:00 p.m. as we stand along Main Street and silently pray in support of life. In our current culture, it is imperative that we denounce the practice of abortion, euthanasia and all other practices that assault the sanctity of life. We stand and pray together in peaceful prayer for those who have no voice. St. Mary's will also be having a Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser prior to the Lowell Life Chain in our Parish life center from 11:30-2:00 p.m. to support the pro-life committee at St. Mary's Church. All are welcome.



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Ark #5 gifted 10/2018. Thank you for your support!



Crafters and Bakers we need you!

November 3 is the sale and we are asking for Thanksgiving/Christmas items and anything WARM! Crafts & canned goods can be dropped off to Mary Frederiksen or Melinda Theisen after Mass. Help is always welcome and proceeds benefit Ladies Guild. Thank you!

STEWARDSHIP for week ending September 30, 2018

PARISH INCOME:

Adult envelopes	\$ 1,685.00
Loose	100.25
Mass Intentions	
Candles	8.00
General Receipts	1,793.25

Other Receipts

Building Fund-Festival	
Total Receipts Retained	\$ 1,793.25
Hurricane Florence	634.00
Heifer International	
Festival Raff le	
SCRIP IN	
Total Receipts	\$ 2,427.25

DISBURSEMENTS:

Payroll and taxes	1,465.83
Insurance: Prop.,P/R,Etc	714.40
Operating	363.83
Worship	
Buildings/Grounds	408.00
Rel. Ed/FF	
Parish Life	87.15
Utilities	662.50
Christian Service-Heifer Ark	5,000.00
Total Actual Expenses	\$ 8,701.71
SCRIP OUT	

Total Expenses **\$ 8,701.71**
HEIFER INTERNATIONAL = \$ 422.00 Arks are \$5,000.00

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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.

Prayer Chain: Pat Coulson 616-216-1870 or office 616-642-6119

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Faith Formation will start today, October 7, at 9:45 and end at 11.



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Office of the Bishop

October 6/7, 2018

My dear friends in Christ,

This year's Respect Life Month theme, "Every Life: Cherished, Chosen, Sent," takes its inspiration from our Blessed Mother and her appearances as Our Lady of Guadalupe to Juan Diego in Mexico. During her appearance in 1531, the Virgin Mary asked Juan Diego to build a church where the people, whose culture was gripped by oppression and death, could encounter her Son and receive her care. Juan Diego accepted this mission that would lead to the conversion of millions of people. By embracing his mission, Juan Diego showed us what it means to be chosen and sent.

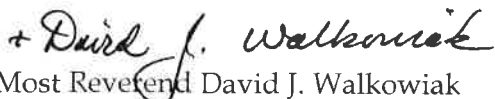
Today's world remains in the grip of oppression and death as shown in the many ways our culture diminishes the value of human life. How are we being called like Juan Diego to change our culture and place a priority on human life?

This year's theme emphasizes the immense value we place on human life and dignity as Catholics, from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death. Before we are formed in our mother's womb, we are created in the image and likeness of God. This means nothing can diminish our worth. We are created for an eternal union with Him and called into a deeper relationship with our Savior. We are chosen through baptism to receive the love freely given to us by the Father and spread it throughout the world. God calls us to love our brothers and sisters as people chosen and cherished by Him.

In our interactions, whether face-to-face or through social media, do we view each person as someone created in the image and likeness of our Savior? Or do we see them as a silhouette of a person whose dignity does not register with us? We are called to reflect on how we treat each other and respond by enabling those we encounter to be accorded their inherent dignity and worth.

I thank those parishes, schools, and institutions throughout our diocese who participate in the Respect Life program during this month and who make respect life efforts a priority throughout the year. Building a culture of life is an indispensable part of our calling as Christians.

Sincerely yours in Christ,


+ David J. Walkowiak

Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak
Bishop of Grand Rapids

Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship | excerpts from Forming

Consciences for Faithful Citizenship

How do I prepare myself to vote?

A decision about how to vote requires the exercise of a well-formed conscience. Catholics must begin their exercise of conscience with the outright opposition to laws that violate the dignity of every human life or weaken the protection of it. Those who knowingly, willingly, and directly support public policies or legislation that undermine fundamental moral principles cooperate with evil. (31. USCCB, Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, 2015)

In the Catholic Tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation. (13. USCCB, Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, 2015) Catholic voters should use the framework of Catholic social teaching to examine candidates' positions on issues affecting human life and dignity as well as issues of justice and peace, and they should consider candidates' integrity, philosophy, and performance. It is important for all citizens "to see beyond party politics, to analyze campaign rhetoric critically, and to choose their political leader according to principle, not party affiliation or mere self-interest" (Living the Gospel of Life, no.33). (41. USCCB, Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, 2015)

But, what if neither candidate is Catholic?

A Catholic cannot vote for a candidate who favors a policy promoting an intrinsically evil act, such as abortion, euthanasia, assisted suicide, deliberately subjecting workers or the poor to subhuman living conditions, redefining marriage in ways that violate its essential meaning, or racist behavior. (34. USCCB, Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, 2015)

In such cases, a Catholic would be guilty of formal cooperation in grave evil. At the same time, a voter should not use a candidate's opposition to an intrinsic evil to justify indifference or inattentiveness to other important moral issues involving human life and dignity. (34. USCCB, Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, 2015)

There may be times when a Catholic who rejects a candidate's unacceptable position even on policies promoting an intrinsically evil act may reasonably decide to vote for that candidate for other morally grave reasons. Voting in this way would be permissible only for truly grave moral reasons, not to advance narrow interests or partisan preferences or to ignore a fundamental moral evil. (35. USCCB, Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, 2015)

Should I vote based on a single issue?

As Catholics we are not single-issue voters. A candidate's position on a single issue is not sufficient to guarantee a voter's support. Yet if a candidate's position on a single issue promotes an intrinsically evil act, such as legal abortion, redefining marriage in a way that denies its essential meaning, or racist behavior, a voter may legitimately disqualify a candidate from receiving support. (42. USCCB, Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, 2015)



1140 AM - GRAND RAPIDS | 91.5 FM - KALAMAZOO



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

Gregg Hotchkiss, Grand Knight

Ionia Area Right Life

Meeting 7 p.m.
2nd Monday of the month
Temple Baptist Church
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SAVE THE DATE



Fall Pledge Drive 2018
October 17 - 19

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.