

# ST. ANTHONY CHURCH

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 2, 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 December 2, 2018**

December 2, Sunday: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:30 am: David, Roger, Gloria, Steve, Alan, & Mike Trierweiler † by Lamphere Family  
 Jer 33:14-16 1 Thes 3:12--4:2 Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

December 3, Monday: Saint Francis Xavier, Priest  
 Is 2:1-5 Mt 8:5-11

December 4, Tuesday: Advent Weekday,  
 Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church  
 7:00 pm: Parish Family  
*Sacristan:* Gregg Hotchkiss *Lector:* Mary Lamphere  
*Servers:* Dan Brown, Greg Price  
 Is 11:1-10 Lk 10:21-24

December 5, Wednesday: Advent Weekday  
 Is 25:6-10a Mt 15:29-37

December 6, Thursday: Advent Weekday, Saint Nicholas, Bishop  
 9:00 am: Communion Service  
 Is 26:1-6 Mt 7:21, 24-27

December 7, Friday:  
 Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
 7:00 pm: THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Vigil Mass  
*Sacristan:* Monty Simpson *Lectors:* Martha Brown, Sherry Free  
*Eucharistic Ministers:* Monty Simpson, Mike Lamphere, Maureen Jorgensen, Rosemary Reams *Servers:* Derek Jorgensen, Joe Lauer  
*Ushers:* John Free, Joe Hayden, Dan Brown, Eric Jorgensen  
 Is 29:17-24 Mt 9:27-31

December 8, Saturday: THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
 Gn 3:9-15, 20 Eph 1:3-6,11-12 Lk 1:26-38

December 9, Sunday: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:30 am: Lee Ann Bowen † by The Bowen Family  
 Bar 5:1-9 Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 Lk 3:1-6  
*Sacristan:* Tondra Morris  
*Lectors:* Kara Kelley, Blake Zigmont  
*Eucharistic Ministers:* Tondra Morris, Maegan Shipp, Shari Bassett, Doug Thelen, Rosemary Reams  
*Servers:* Hudson King, Ethan Kelley  
*Ushers:* Lucas Simpson, Andrew Shipp, Rick Perry, Steve Yaw  
*Gift Bearers:* The Bowen Family  
*Counting Team:* Dan Brown, Pam Grieves  
*December Cleaning Team:*  
*December Hospitality: Christmas Program 12/9*



*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, Pat Coulson,  
 Bill Brabant, Linda Griffin, Amy Williams, Grace Starr,  
 Jane Emelander, Ashley Cunningham, Chris Grieves, Dave Hill,  
 Carla Skytta, Joshua Hammons, Rhonda Wolbers

***From the hand of Fr. Ferris ....***

Happy New Year!

With this First Sunday of Advent we begin a new year of walking through the mysteries of our salvation. As with every New Year, we are stepping into territory that is both familiar and new. On a mundane level it is familiar because there is still work, kids, school, chores around the house, and bills to pay. It is also new because you are a year older (and hopefully a year wiser), the kids are a year older, the paycheck is (hopefully) better to pay the bills, and so on. Familiar and new.

In our life of faith, this New Year should also be both familiar and new. It should be familiar because at Mass we will be encountering Gospel readings mostly from the Gospel of Luke, something we do every three years. The same feasts will roll around for us to celebrate, just like birthdays and anniversaries. It will also be new because we are different people from a year ago. Also, this new year will present us with new opportunities to encounter God and to serve Him and one another.

Because we are going into somewhat familiar territory, we can make a plan for the coming year. Having reflected on how the previous year went, we in some measure know who we are and where we stand. How do we want to use this new year to grow in our relationship with Christ and His Church? How do we want to be different (better, more virtuous, holier, etc.) by the end of the year?

There is a saying: No plan survives contact with the enemy. Because we will be going into new territory, we can never plan for every contingency. That being said, there is another saying: Prior planning prevents poor performance. Just because we can't plan for everything doesn't mean we don't make a plan. Without a plan we would be blown every which way by the winds of life. We need some idea of where we want to end up and how to get there.

It is a New Year, a new adventure of transforming the familiar and the ordinary into the amazing and the extraordinary by the grace of God. What might it look like for you?

*--Fr. Ferris*

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**Wednesday, December 5, 7-8 pm Communal Penance  
 at St. Patrick's of Parnell**

**THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF  
 THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

**Friday, December 7, 7PM Vigil Mass at St. Anthony's**  
**Saturday, December 8, 8:30am & 12:10pm at St. Mary's**  
**Friday, December 7, 5:30pm @ SSPP & 7pm @ St. Ed's**  
**Saturday, December 8, 8am @ SSPP & 10am @ St. Ed's**



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Grand Knight Gregg Hotchkiss

Family of the Month: Ed & Aubrie Zigmont

Knight of the Month: Tyler Frederiksen

**KOC Council meets the 1st Thursday of the month at 7PM**  
**November 23, KOC Raffle Winner: Anne Simpson**



Michele Westbrook along with Ian & Derek Jorgensen and Ethan Kelley made Thanksgiving meals for two families in need in our community! The KOC, Michele's special helpers, and our Parish family all donated for this great cause. Thank you to all who helped and provided for this Christian Service!



Thank you to all who donated to our local food pantry.

*We are truly a parish with a ♥*

There is a book and religious article sale in the church hall after mass today. Choose from the many Advent items, crosses, statues, bibles, religious books, children's books and gifts and more. Items are from Michigan Church Supply. Cash, credit cards and checks are accepted for payment. Special orders can be placed to if you are interested in a specific item that is not in the sale.



The Faith Formation Christmas Program will be December 9th, immediately following Mass. The Parish family is invited to attend and refreshments will be served.

Please be sure to select a tag off our Angel Tree in the back of Church. Bring the unwrapped gif back to church by 12/16 and place in the bin next to the tree. Thank you for your generosity! We have helped many families & individuals over the years.

**Advent Art & Prayer: Guided Meditation on Sacred Art & Scripture Tuesdays, December 4 & 11, 1-2pm with John Graveline and Rilma Fix.** We are so busy with Christmas celebration planning, that often spiritual preparation can fall to the bottom of our lists. To help prepare a receptive heart for Christmas, take an hour for guided, peaceful contemplation of art, scripture and the wisdom of spiritual masters to find your balance during this harried season. CFD: Spirituality (\$10 donation per session requested.) **Please register by calling 616-459-7267 or at catholicinformationcenter.org/bible**

**STEWARDSHIP for week ending November 25, 2018**

**PARISH INCOME:**

Adult envelopes	\$ 1,480.00
Loose	88.01
Mass Intentions	
Candles	4.00
Bulletin Advertising	
<b>General Receipts</b>	<b>1,572.01</b>

**Other Receipts**

Building Fund-CSA Payback	1,582.00
Building Fund	
<b>Total Receipts Retained</b>	<b>\$ 3,154.01</b>
<b>Campaign for Human Development</b>	<b>5.00</b>
Heifer International	100.00
SCRIP IN	
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 3,259.01</b>

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

Payroll and taxes	1,583.09
Insurance: Prop.,P/R,Etc	
Operating	
Worship	98.00
Buildings/Grounds	
Rel. Ed/FF	205.87
Parish Life	
Utilities	
Christian Service-Heifer Ark	
<b>Total Actual Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 1,886.96</b>
SCRIP OUT	

**Total Expenses** **\$ 1,886.96**

**HEIFER INTERNATIONAL = \$ 692.00 Arks are \$5,000.00**

**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

**Scrip orders will be taken next week. Gift cards make great gifts and they will be here in time for Christmas!**



# DIOCESE OF GRAND RAPIDS

*Office of the Bishop*

November 2018

Dear Friends in Christ,

Soon our parishes will be conducting the Retirement Fund for Religious collection. This annual appeal benefits 31,000 elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests—women and men who have consecrated their lives to serving God and the Church.

During the 2018 World Day for Consecrated Life, Pope Francis remarked, “There is no growth without roots and no flowering without new buds.” This analogy has certainly born out within the life of the Church in the United States. Senior religious were the roots that established Catholic schools, hospitals, and social service agencies—allowing generations of Catholics to flourish. Today, the example of older religious inspires younger members to persevere in mission and ministry.

Yet many religious communities struggle to provide for aging members. Most elder religious served for small stipends, leaving a large gap in retirement savings. Rising health-care costs and decreased income compound the struggle to provide adequate care. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious provides vital funding for medications, nursing care, and more. It also helps religious congregations implement long-range retirement strategies, even as they continue to serve the People of God.

I recognize this is but one of numerous worthy causes in need of assistance; I ask simply that you give what you can. In thanksgiving for their faithful service, please join me in supporting the Retirement Fund for Religious and in praying for God’s blessing on our nation’s elderly religious.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*David J. Walkowiak*

Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak  
Bishop of Grand Rapids



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*Office of the Bishop*

November 21, 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Last week I attended the fall General Assembly of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) in Baltimore. I want to begin by thanking you for the prayers and sacrifices you offered for me and the bishops who participated in this meeting. I felt strengthened by their effect and believe my brother bishops felt the same way.

We bishops were prepared to discuss and vote upon several measures that would begin to address the crisis in the Church regarding clergy sexual abuse and the cover-up of this abuse by bishops.

On Monday, before the meeting was called to order, there was a special announcement from USCCB President Cardinal Daniel DiNardo. He announced that Cardinal Marc Ouellet, prefect of the congregation of bishops, had sent him a letter instructing the bishops to delay voting on any matters related to the abuse crisis until after the February meeting of the presidents of all the episcopal conferences around the world had taken place. Pope Francis called for this meeting to assess the abuse problem from a global perspective and issue helpful conclusions.

I was stunned at this announcement. I, like all the other bishops, hadn't seen it coming, especially as it did just hours before the meeting was to begin. I turned to the bishop next to me and said, "What are we supposed to do for the next three days?" Providentially, the opening day of the meeting had been set aside for a day of prayer. Bishops, as a body, spent time before the Blessed Sacrament and celebrated the sacrament of penance. We also heard from two survivors of clergy sexual abuse who gave moving testimony and witnessed to the power of God's healing grace in their own lives. The day of prayer ended with Mass with Archbishop Bernard Hebda of the Saint Paul and Minneapolis Archdiocese giving an insightful and challenging homily.

For myself, this day of prayer was a great gift and blessing. It prepared me to participate in the next few days with a renewed sense of hope that our time together would ultimately contribute to the unfolding of God's purposes for our Church here and even throughout the world.

Here are three matters that the bishops discussed but did not vote upon:

1. The establishment of a special commission for review of complaints against bishops for violations of the standards of accountability for bishops. Such standards would include the sexual abuse of a minor, sexual harassment of or misconduct with an adult, and mishandling reports of the above actions. This commission, composed primarily of laypersons, would begin a preliminary investigation of allegations received by a third-



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party reporting system. The special commission would send its report to the apostolic nuncio, who would forward it to the appropriate congregation in the Vatican. It belongs to the pope alone to handle penal cases involving bishops.

2. The establishment of standards of accountability for bishops, as mentioned above.
3. The establishment of a third-party reporting mechanism for violations of the standards of accountability for bishops, as mentioned above. The system would include a toll-free phone number as well as a link for online reporting, both of which could be posted on any diocesan website.

What emerged from the discussion of these proposals was that the bishops are committed to making easier the reporting of abuse or misconduct by bishops. They are also committed to find a way of holding bishops accountable for personal misconduct as well as abuse of their office.

This way of accountability would involve laypersons significantly. Very importantly, the bishops continue to call for a full investigation of the career of Archbishop Theodore McCarrick, and how he was promoted repeatedly in the face of the allegations that have now come to light. The Holy See announced in early October that it was beginning an investigation of Archbishop McCarrick and a report would be released in due time. We look forward to receiving the results of this investigation and ensuring that justice is served in this deeply troubling matter.

While the measures outlined above will help in making our Church safer and our bishops rightly accountable for their leadership, we must never lose sight of those who have experienced the trauma of clergy sexual abuse. Even though the perpetrators of this abuse may have died, their survivors remain in our midst. I apologize to all who have suffered from these evil crimes; I promise my prayers, support, and a willingness to listen to you.

It now appears to me that little will be implemented in the American Church until the bishops' next general assembly in June. The Holy See has determined that the solution to the sexual abuse problem must arise from a process that engages the worldwide Church. Let us pray for our Holy Father, Pope Francis, that through our prayers and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, he may lead us down the road to holiness which results in new and lasting reform in the Church we love.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*+ David J. Walkowiak*  
Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak  
Bishop of Grand Rapids



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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.

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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.