

ST. ANTHONY CHURCH

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 9, 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 9, 2018

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

December 10, Monday: Advent Weekday

Is 35:1-10 Lk 5:17-26

December 11, Tuesday: Advent Weekday, Saint Damasus I, Pope

7:00 pm: Myrtle & LaVern Coble & Lottie Routsaw † by Coble Family

Sacristan: Mary Frederiksen *Lector:* Martha Brown

Servers: Gregg Hotchkiss, Mike Lamphere

Is 40:1-11 Mt 18:12-14

December 12, Wednesday: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zec 2:14-17 Lk 1:26-38

December 13, Thursday: Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

9:00 am: Communion Service

Is 41:13-20 Mt 11:11-15

December 14, Friday:

Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Is 48:17-19 Mt 11:16-19

December 15, Saturday: Advent Weekday

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Mt 17:9a, 10-13

December 16, Sunday: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:30 am: Ferd & Anna Knoop † by Dick & Cindy Knoop

Zep 3:14-18a Phil 4:4-7 Lk 3:10-18

Sacristan: Monty Simpson

Lectors: Sherry Free, Ralph Westbrook

Eucharistic Ministers: Monty Simpson, Melinda Theisen,

Michele Westbrook, Maureen Jorgensen, Mike Lamphere

Servers: Elijah Lauer, Derek Jorgensen

Ushers: Doug Thelen, Eric Jorgensen, Joe Hayden, John Free

Gift Bearers: Dick & Cindy Knoop

Counting Team: Anita Talcott, Rosemary Reams

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

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THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

December 24, Christmas Eve, 5pm & 12 Midnight @ St. Mary's

December 25, Christmas Day, 8:30am @ St. Anthony's

10:30am @ St. Mary's

*Did you know....There are 24 chapters in the Gospel of Luke. If you
were to read a chapter a day from December 1-24, you would know a
little more about the life of Jesus....It's never too late to start!*

From the hand of Fr. Ferris

With the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception falling on Saturday, there was a question that came up several times. It is a common enough question, so we will tackle it now so everyone has a chance to read the answer. The question regards whether or not you can receive Communion more than once a day.

The answer begins with the Code of Canon Law, Canon 917: "A person who has already received the Most Holy Eucharist can receive it a second time on the same day only within the eucharistic celebration in which the person participates..." Translating this canon into a short answer to the question would go something like this: "yes, as long as the second reception of the Eucharist happens at Mass." Now, let's unpack all this.

The law recognizes the great importance of the Eucharist to our lives. We need Jesus who comes to us in the Eucharist. Not only do we need Him, we should want Him. The encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist is a profoundly intimate encounter with our God. Our whole lives should center around the Lord in the Eucharist.

As with all good things, though, this could be abused. The whole of our Christian lives is not to be spent in a church or at Mass. Even cloistered religious leave their chapel to attend to the practical needs of life and building community. The Church sets a limit on the number of Communion in one day say that we do not spend our day rushing from one Mass to another in order to "get more Jesus." We need to be out sharing Jesus with others.

At the same time, the Church recognizes that we might be in a position to receive more than once a day, which is a good, noble, and holy thing. Maybe we have been in the hospital in the morning and received Communion before we were discharged. Then, on the way home, we stopped at a noon Mass to give thanks to God. This would be a good thing, and a good time to receive the Eucharist again. There could be any number of situations where something similar could arise.

With this, the Church also recognizes the importance of Mass. Receiving the Eucharist is meant to be part of the larger celebration and sacrifice of the Mass. That is the proper context. While there are worthy reasons to receive outside Mass, the Church specifies that to receive Communion a second time it must be at a Mass at which we participate so that we are actively engaged in the larger work of offering sacrifice and worshipping God. It isn't just what we get out of it; it is for the praise and glory of God.

From all this the simple take away is: you can receive Communion twice in one day as long as the second one is at a Mass at which you participate.

--Fr. Ferris

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Grand Knight Gregg Hotchkiss

Family of the Month: Darold & Anne Simpson
Knight of the Month: Dan Brown

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

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As we prepare for the coming of our Lord, so too are our Faith Formation students. Please join them for the Christmas Program immediately following Mass. Refreshments will be served.

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Please be sure to select a tag off our Angel Tree in the back of Church. Bring the unwrapped gifts 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 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**

Sharing Faith Lessons with Children's Books Thursday, December 13, 10-11:30am Cost: \$15.00 (lunch included following the program)with Glenys Nellist

Children's author, Glenys Nellist, discusses how storytelling and picture books can make faith come alive for the children in our lives. She will give examples of reading techniques and offer book suggestions that encourage conversations about God and faith, so children can apply what they learn to their own lives.

Please register by calling 616-459-7267 or email register@catholicinformationcenter.org

STEWARDSHIP for week ending December 2, 2018

PARISH INCOME:

Adult envelopes	\$ 2,102.00
Loose	207.00
Mass Intentions	10.00
Candles	4.00
Holy Day	35.00
Christmas Flowers	455.00
General Receipts	2,813.00

Other Receipts

Building Fund-CSA Payback	
Building Fund	5.00
Total Receipts Retained	\$ 2,818.00
Campaign for Human Development	30.00
Retirement Religious	120.00
Christian Service	100.00
Heifer International	
SCRIP IN	
Total Receipts	\$ 3,068.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

Payroll and taxes	
Insurance: Prop.,P/R,Etc	720.56
Operating	421.08
Worship	
Buildings/Grounds	137.00
Rel. Ed/FF	
Parish Life	176.72
Utilities	1,327.83
Christian Service-Heifer Ark	
Diocese-Campaign for Human Dev.	415.00
Christian Service	100.00
Total Actual Expenses	\$ 3,298.19
SCRIP OUT	
Total Expenses	\$ 3,298.19

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

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Scrip orders will be taken today after Mass and they will be here in time for Christmas!



1140 AM - GRAND RAPIDS | 91.5 FM - KALAMAZOO



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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
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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.