

# ST. ANTHONY CHURCH

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 16, 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 16, 2018**

**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

**December 17, Monday: Late Advent Weekday**  
Gn 49:2, 8-10 Mt 1:1-17

**December 18, Tuesday: Late Advent Weekday**  
7:00 pm: World Peace

*Sacristan:* Susann Young *Lector:* Mary Lamphere  
*Servers:* Gregg Hotchkiss, Greg Price  
Jer 23:5-8 Mt 1:18-25

**December 19, Wednesday: Late Advent Weekday**  
Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a Lk 1:5-25

**December 20, Thursday: Late Advent Weekday**  
9:00 am: Communion Service  
Is 7:10-14 Lk 1:26-38

**December 21, Friday: Late Advent Weekday**  
Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church  
Sg 2:8-14 Lk 1:39-45

**December 22, Saturday: Late Advent Weekday**  
1 Sm 1:24-28 Lk 1:46-56

**December 23, Sunday: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

8:30 am: Steven Simpson † by Simpson Family  
Mi 5:1-4a Heb 10:5-10 kmlaLK 1:39-45

*Sacristan:* Gregg Hotchkiss  
*Lectors:* Blake Zigmont, Ralph Westbrook  
*Eucharistic Ministers:* Gregg Hotchkiss, Ed Zigmont,  
Janis Diaz, Sherry Free, Maegan Shipp

*Servers:* Emmett & Elliott Kelley  
*Ushers:* Simon Kelley, Andrew Shipp, Matt & Drew Young  
*Gift Bearers:* Simpson Family  
*Counting Team:* Mike Lamphere, Tondra Morris  
*December Cleaning Team:*  
*December Hospitality:*



*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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*Do you have an hour or 2 to spare for the Lord's house?  
The 2019 signup sheets for Church cleaning and Hospitality  
Sunday are in the vestibule. Thank you to all who give so  
generously of your time and talents!*

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

We ended last week's discussion on reception of the Eucharist by talking about participating at Mass. A question that follows on this is: how much of Mass do I have to be at for it to count (to fulfill my Sunday obligation)? The more colloquial version is: how late can I be to Mass for it to count? A related question would be: when is it too late to receive the Eucharist?

These are important questions because there are realities that disrupt our lives. A flat tire makes you late for Mass. A baby blows out his diaper right when you are walking out the door. There are any number of realities that impede our life. We must be very careful, though, that the above questions arise because of these sorts of things and not from a desire to justify chronic tardiness.

There is no official ruling by the Church, but the standard theological approach is that (1) if you miss the Gospel you should not receive the Eucharist and (2) if you miss the Offertory you do not fulfill the obligation for participating at Mass.

There is a deep connection between the two parts of Mass, the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. In both parts we encounter Jesus, and, in fact, Jesus prepares us through the Liturgy of the Word to receive Him in the Eucharist. The Second Vatican Council talks about one table of the Word and of the Body. There is one Person behind both actions, both liturgical movements, and encountering Him in one prepares us to receive Him intimately in the next. If you arrive too late to encounter Him in the Word, then you are not prepared to approach Him in the more intimate encounter of the Eucharist.

It is also good to remember that you do not have to receive Communion to fulfill your Sunday obligation. The Church only obliges you to receive Communion once a year during the Easter Season (Easter to Pentecost). The Church says this in part because Mass isn't just about us getting something. We gather to offer sacrifice to the Lord, to offer up anew the one sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross.

This brings us to the second point: if you miss the Offertory you do not fulfill your Sunday obligation. The central action of the Mass is the sacrifice of Christ made present on the altar and re-offered to God each day. This action is broken down into the Offertory (gathering and preparation of the gifts), the Consecration (Eucharist Prayer), and Communion (primarily the priest's reception of Communion). To miss the Offertory means that you have missed your participation in offering up your life in union with the gifts of bread and wine. It means you have no participation in the sacrifice being offered.

The Offertory ends with the prayer after the priest washes his hands. The priest invites the people to pray "that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Almighty Father." If you haven't participated in that, you have missed an essential element of the sacrifice quite explicitly. Missing the sacrifice also means you have failed to fulfill your Sunday obligation (and Holy Day Obligation).

Again, the Church has not officially spoken on these issues, but these have been the general standards proposed, and with good reason. They are worth our consideration, even if they underlying issues are not relevant to us. They can help keep our attention focused on what truly matters.

***--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: Phil Hughes**



*Thank you to everyone who attended the Christmas Program! A special thank you to all the teachers, students, and family members who so graciously give their time to make our Religious Education thrive. May you all have a very Blessed Christmas!*



*If you did not bring back your Angel Tree gift today, let Michele Westbrook know after mass to make arrangements for your gift to be picked up. We hope to deliver the Angel Tree gifts to our two families by Wednesday 12/19. Thanks, everyone, for the generous donations thus far -- we are truly a parish with a heart!*



**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**  
**December 24, 4pm & 9pm @ Saints Peter & Paul**  
**& 6pm @ St. Edward's**  
**December 25, 9am @ both SSPP & St. Edwards**



COME & ADORE the Blessed Sacrament Wednesdays at St. Mary's after the 7:45am Mass until 6:45pm followed by Vespers and Benediction. There will also be Adoration here at St. Anthony's on Tuesday, December 18, before Mass from 5:45-6:45pm. Spend just one hour a week with Jesus and prepare your heart this Advent season with hope, love, joy, & peace.

*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!*

**STEWARDSHIP for week ending December 9, 2018**

**PARISH INCOME:**

Adult envelopes	\$ 1,380.00
Loose	98.00
Mass Intentions	.00
Candles	5.25
Holy Day	265.25
Christmas Flowers	70.00
<b>General Receipts</b>	<b>1,818.50</b>

**Other Receipts**

Building Fund-CSA Payback	
Building Fund	
<b>Total Receipts Retained</b>	<b>\$ 1,818.50</b>
Retirement Religious	728.00
Christian Service	50.00
Heifer International	
SCRIP IN	
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 2,596.50</b>

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

Payroll and taxes	1,552.52
Insurance: Prop.,P/R,Etc	
Operating	275.35
Worship	225.48
Buildings/Grounds	198.44
Rel. Ed/FF	
Parish Life	
Utilities	194.29
Christian Service-Heifer Ark	
Christian Service	
<b>Total Actual Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 2,446.08</b>
SCRIP OUT	
Diocese-Religious Retired	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 2,446.08</b>

**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

**\*Reminder\***

We have the Hearing Loop for all those who may need it!





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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  
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.