

# ST. ANTHONY CHURCH

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 23, 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 23, 2018**

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

December 24, Monday: Late Advent Weekday

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Lk 1:67-79

December 25, Tuesday: THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

8:30 am: Parish Family

*Sacristan:* Tondra Morris *Lectors:* Nick Price, Sherry Free

*Eucharistic Ministers:* Tondra Morris, Rosemary Reams,

Mike Lamphere, Shari Bassett, Michele Westbrook

*Ushers:* Joe Hayden, John Free, Rick Perry, Steve Yaw

Is 52:7-10 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18

December 26, Wednesday: Saint Stephen, The First Martyr

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 Mt 10:17-22

December 27, Thursday: Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

9:00 am: Communion Service

1 Jn 1:1-4 Jn 20:1a, 2-8

December 28, Friday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

1 Jn 1:5--2:2 Mt 2:13-18

December 29, Saturday:

Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord,

Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

1 Jn 2:3-11 Lk 2:22-35

December 30, Sunday:

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

8:30 am: Fr. Ferris

1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24 Lk 2:41-52

*Sacristan:* Mary Frederiksen

*Lectors:* Kara Kelley, Nick Price

*Eucharistic Ministers:* Mary Frederiksen, Melinda Theisen,

Monty Simpson, Sherry Free, Susann Young

*Servers:* Ian Jorgensen, Chloe Simpson

*Ushers:* Lucas Simpson, Doug Thelen, Eric Jorgensen, Joe Hayden

*Gift Bearers:* Volunteers

*Counting Team:* Pam Grieves, Anita Talcott

*January Cleaning Team: Volunteers Needed*

*January Hospitality: Volunteers Needed*



*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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**Fourth Sunday of Advent: A Family Perspective**

Mary was excited about her first pregnancy and rushed to tell her cousin. Sadly children are often seen as a liability, "another mouth to feed" or an "obstacle to my career." It is said "Christmas is for children." It is more accurate to say "Christmas is for adults to

appreciate the gift of children!" **by Bud Ozar**

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

Merry Christmas!

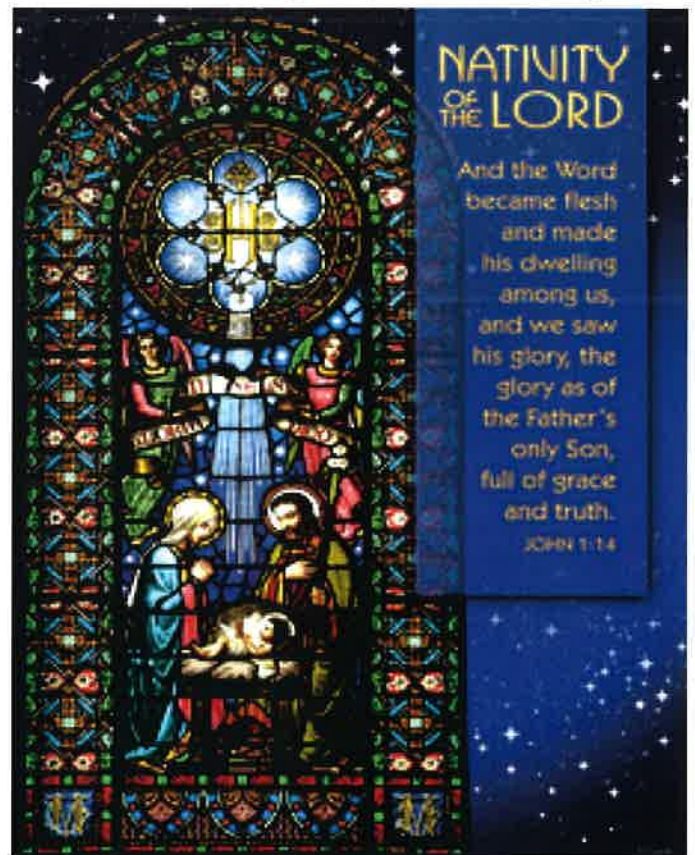
I know, I know: it isn't Christmas yet, but I think it is close enough.

I pray that you and all your loved ones have a blessed and merry Christmas. If you are traveling, may you arrive at your destinations safe and return home filled with the peace and joy of the Infant of Bethlehem. If you are staying home, may you find your home a fit dwelling for God who has made His home in our midst.

*--Fr. Ferris*

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*Christmas Blessings*



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**Jesus, the Light of the World**

Jesus, the Light of the World, as we celebrate your birth may we begin to see the world in the light of the understanding you give us. As you chose the lowly, the outcasts, and the poor to receive the greatest news the world had ever known, so may we worship you in meekness of heart. May we also remember our brothers and sisters less fortunate than ourselves in this season of giving. Amen.



www.kofcsaranacmi.org  
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: Greg Price**

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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

December 24, 4pm & 9pm @ Saints Peter & Paul

& 6pm @ St. Edward's

December 25, 9am @ both SSPP & St. Edwards

*Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God*

Tuesday, January 1, 7pm @ St. Anthony's

7:45am & 12:10pm @ St. Mary's

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Holy Brew for Adults in their 20s and 30s: What's Brewing in Your Life? Discussion Topic: The Holy Spirit

Thursday, January 10, 6:30-8pm with Fr. René Constanza, CSP,

Sr. Maria Serra Garcia, FSE & Fr. Michael Hennessy, CSP

\*Meeting at 7 Monks Taproom (740 Michigan Street NE, Grand

Rapids)Registration Required: Call 616-459-7267 or email

register@catholicinformationcenter.org

"I Believe in the Holy Spirit." They are words we say together in the Creed every Sunday. We say it when we make the sign of the cross: "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit". Yet, how much do we really know about the Holy Spirit, the third person of the trinity? Actually,

here's a better question: how much can we know about the Holy Spirit? Together we'll look at and discuss what scripture says about these questions.

We'll reflect on ways that we can pray to and with the Holy Spirit. CFD:

Evangelization

Catholic Information Center / 360 Division Ave. S, Suite 2A, Grand Rapids MI 49503 / 616-459-7267 /register@catholicinformationcenter.org

*Do you have an hour or 2 to spare for the Lord's house?*

*Church cleaning is needed! Even a week or 2 would be GREAT!*

*2019 signup sheets are in the vestibule. Please consider giving some time to the Lord this January, currently the month is still open.*

*Thank you to all who have volunteered!*

**Christmas: A Family Perspective**

Today's gospel reminds us God chose to enter human history in a family. By Divine design the salvation of the world began in a family. Family was the best God the Creator could do for his Beloved Son. Jesus was our first Christmas gift. **by Bud Ozar**

**STEWARDSHIP for week ending December 16, 2018**

**PARISH INCOME:**

Adult envelopes	\$ 1,549.00
Loose	101.00
Mass Intentions	20.00
Candles	2.00
Bequest	2,500.00
Christmas Flowers	

**General Receipts 4,172.00**

**Other Receipts**

Building Fund-CSA Payback	742.00
Building Fund	

**Total Receipts Retained \$ 4,914.00**

Retirement Religious 105.00

Christian Service

Heifer International 100.00

SCRIP IN 2,415.00

**Total Receipts \$ 7,534.00**

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

Payroll and taxes	
Insurance: Prop.,P/R,Etc	

Operating

Worship

Buildings/Grounds

Rel. Ed/FF

Parish Life

Utilities

Diocese-Hurricane Relief 634.00

Christian Service 50.00

**Total Actual Expenses \$ 684.00**

SCRIP OUT 2,309.92

**Total Expenses \$ 2,993.92**

**HEIFER INTERNATIONAL = \$ 792.00 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!

# Christmas Altar Flowers 2018



## **In Memory of :**

*Vern Coble by Coble Family  
Elizabeth Fayer by Raymond Fayer  
Al Zigmont by Ed & Aubrie Zigmont  
Sara B. Opsenica by Angelina Hintzen  
Bill Hecht Sr. by Gregg & Barb Hotchkiss  
Stanley & Lucille Szczerbinski by Barb Eden  
Fr. Donald Farrell by Bill & Lillian Overbeck  
Leo & Helen Huver by John & Frances Brown  
Willis & Deveroux Families by Wanda Lehman  
LeeAnn Bowen by Mutschler & Bowen Families  
Bev & Francis Wolbers by Bob & Carol Wolbers  
Deceased family and friends by Mary Frederiksen  
Martin Thelen and William Talcott by Anita Talcott  
Barcelow & Dingman families by Mike & Nancy Barcelow  
Maia, Pennock, and Emelander Families by Cathy Emelander  
Our Family Members who have gone before us by Shari Bassett  
Bill Goss, John & Nina Fortuna, and John Fortuna II by Joan Goss  
Denise Selewski, Kathleen Walton, and Richard Wojcik by Michael Wojcik  
Ilene Roth and Members of the Robinson & Grieves families by Pam Grieves  
Grandparents of the Simpson & Jorgensen Families by Eric & Maureen Jorgensen & Family  
Mr. & Mrs. Albert Zigmont Sr. and Mr. Albert Zigmont by Mr. & Mrs. Simon Kelley & Family  
Mike Coulson, George & Lottie Routsaw, George & Ruth Routsaw, & Bernie Clay by Pat Coulson  
Rose Armbrust, John B. Sr., John B. Jr. & Valerie Novisky, Judy & Barb Kietzman by Ron & Vee Kietzman*

## **In Honor of:**

*Jorgensen and Simpson Grandparents  
Pat Coulson & Margaret Coble  
Our Families by Shari Bassett  
Jeff Goss*

## **Additional Flower Offering from:**

*Sarah Rossell  
Bill & Deb Overbeck  
Dan & Martha Brown  
Serne Family  
Al Schielke*



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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.