

ST. ANTHONY CHURCH

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 13, 2019

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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 January 13, 2018

January 13, Sunday: THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

8:30 am: Mary Schneider † by The Simpson Family
 Is 40:1-5, 9-11 Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7 Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

January 14, Monday: Weekday, First Week in Ordinary Time
 Heb 1:1-6 Mk 1:14-20

January 15, Tuesday: Weekday

7:00 am: St. Anthony's Volunteers
Sacristan: Mary Frederiksen *Lector:* Sherry Free
Servers: Mike Lamphere
 Heb 2:5-12 Mk 1:21-28

January 16, Wednesday: Weekday

Heb 2:14-18 Mk 1:29-39

January 17, Thursday: St. Anthony, Abbot

9:00 am: Communion Service
 Heb 3:7-14 Mk 1:40-45

January 18, Friday: Weekday

Heb 4:1-5, 11 Mk 2:1-12

January 19, Saturday: Weekday, BVM

Heb 4:12-16 Mk 2:13-17

January 20, Sunday:

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 am: Knights of Columbus
 Is 62:1-5 1 Cor 12:4-11 Jn 2:1-11

Sacristan: Susann Young
Lectors: Kara Kelley, Sherry Free
Eucharistic Ministers: Susann Young, Melinda Theisen,
 Monty Simpson, Rosemary Reams, Maureen Jorgensen
Servers: Hudson King, Ian Jorgensen
Ushers: Joe Hayden, Eric Jorgensen, Doug Thelen, Andrew Shipp
Gift Bearers: Volunteer Knights
Counting Team: Tondra Morris, Mike Lamphere
January Cleaning Team: Mary Frederiksen
January Hospitality: Prins Family



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

Nine Days for Life Novena

Monday, January 14

Nine days of prayer, penance and pilgrimage Jan. 14-22.
 Your prayers matter; Since the Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade decision 46 years ago, 60 million children's lives have been lost to abortion. Go to the event website for details and to sign up to receive the daily novena by email, text message, or through the app.

<http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities>

From the hand of Fr. Ferris

I love Baptism. People often ask me what my favorite part of being a priest is. It is a hard question because I am not sure there is one answer, but one part that I do love is Baptism. I love baptizing people, especially infants. It is so wonderful to take part in the incredible work of God's salvation. A tiny little human is taken from the jaws of sin and death and made an heir to the Kingdom of Heaven. It is awesome.

It also helps that after the Baptism I get to hold the baby for pictures, and I am a total sucker for holding a baby.

One of my pet peeves surrounding Baptism, though, is when parents delay getting their child baptized. There is no reason for this. Once you know a baby is on the way, you know when, more or less, the baby will arrive. Every expectant mother I have ever talked to knows when her due date is, even if she just met with the doctor, which leads me to believe the due date is given on the first appointment. I may be mistaken, but it seems that most babies come within a couple weeks before or after the due date.

This means you have something like eight months to meet with your pastor and set up a time for the Baptism. It also means you have eight months for the family to plan to be there. I totally understand procrastination, but I think even this may be stretching it. Often people say they are so busy, especially if it is the first child. I get it, there is so much you have to get ready. However, there is nothing more important than the baby's eternal salvation.

A baptized baby goes straight to heaven if, God forbid, tragedy strikes. God has not told us how He handles the deaths of the unbaptized babies. We know that He is a loving Father and that He does not abandon His children, but we do not have the certainty that we have with Baptism. This means it is incumbent on parents to ensure that their children are baptized as soon as possible, for their children's sake.

There is no hard and fast rule about when should happen. A general rule of thumb, though, is that when you start talking about your baby's age in months instead of weeks, you have waited too long. Again, there is an easy solution. Plan ahead. Plan months ahead. As soon as you have a due date, sit down with your pastor and set a date a couple weeks after the due date. Then you and your whole family can celebrate together, and Father can be excited about an upcoming Baptism.

--Fr. Ferris

***A Family Perspective: Baptism of our Lord
 1st Sunday of Ordinary Time***

In today's gospel Jesus was publicly AFFIRMED by his Father: "You are my beloved son, with you I am very pleased." As parents we can become so focused on misbehaviors we overlook the good behaviors. Jesus needed AFFIRMATION and so do our children. by Bud Ozar

Scam Alert: Scammers are impersonating priests in the Diocese of Grand Rapids, asking parishioners to respond to an urgent request via email or to buy iTunes gift cards for cancer patients. Please do not respond to these requests.



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Grand Knight Gregg Hotchkiss

Family of the Month: Greg & Florence Price Family
Knight of the Month: Dan Lauer

KOC Council meets the 1st Thursday of the month at 7PM
January 4, KOC Raffle Winner: Olivia Grieves

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Freedom to Love: A Gospel Guide to Moral Decision-Making
Tuesdays, January 15 & 22, 7-8:30pm with John Graveline
Every day we are given opportunities to choose love. However, moral deliberation is not always clear and simple. Sometimes, it's not clear what the right thing to do is in a particular situation, or we leave the good undone and add to the woundedness of our world, despite our intentions. Where do we look for guidance to recognize the good and the courage to live compassionately? These sessions will seek a Gospel approach through prayer, reflection, and dialogue to place the gift of freedom at the service of love. CFD: Spirituality (\$10 donation per session requested)
Catholic Information Center / 360 Division Ave. S, Suite 2A, Grand Rapids MI 49503 / 616-459-7267
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Aquinas College Catholic Speaker Series presents -
St. Catherine of Siena: Becoming Fully Human
Wege Ballroom on the campus of Aquinas College, 1700 Fulton St. E, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 Thursday, January 24 - 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM Cost: Free and open to the public
Catholic Studies Speaker Series presents:

"St. Catherine of Siena: Becoming Fully Human"
Fr. Thomas McDermott, OP Fr.
Thomas McDermott is a Dominican friar and author of several books on St. Catherine of Siena.

<https://www.aquinas.edu/catholic-studies/catholic-studies-lecture-series>

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Family Connection: Every family has a unique identity that is defined by the behaviors, attitudes, and expectations that govern a family's daily life. This identity is influenced by the family history of the parents, but each family's expression of this history is unique. In today's Gospel, we learn that Jesus' behavior, attitudes, and expectations were governed by his identity as God's beloved Son. In our Baptism, we were made children of this same heavenly Father. This identity as members of the family of God, and as brothers and sisters of Jesus, also shapes our family's daily life. As you gather as a family, identify some of the expectations and behaviors that govern your family life by answering the question, "What are some of the things that make our family life unique?" Celebrate these things about your family life. **Read today's Gospel, Luke 3:15-16,21-22.** Observe that Jesus' identity as the Beloved Son of the Father governed his behaviors, attitudes, and expectations. Recall that at our Baptism we were made children of this same heavenly Father. How does this identity as a member of the family of God govern and shape our family life? Conclude in prayer together that we will remain faithful to our baptismal identity as children of God and as brothers or sisters of Jesus. Conclude by praying together the Lord's Prayer.

STEWARDSHIP for week ending January 6, 2018

PARISH INCOME:

Adult envelopes	\$ 1,900.00
Loose	208.00
Mass Intentions	
Candles	4.00
Holy Day	100.00
General Receipts	2,212.00

Other Receipts

Building Fund-CSA Payback	
Building Fund	
Total Receipts Retained	\$ 2,212.00

Scholarship	25.00
Christian Service	
Heifer International	
SCRIP IN	
Total Receipts	\$ 2,237.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

Payroll and taxes	298.90
Insurance: Prop.,P/R,Etc	207.48
Operating	
Worship	
Buildings/Grounds	367.44
Rel. Ed/FF	
Parish Life	37.06
Utilities	1,377.79
Diocese-Retired Religious	
Christian Service	
Total Actual Expenses	\$ 2,288.67
SCRIP OUT	

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HEIFER INTERNATIONAL = \$1,742.00 **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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Please keep Parishioner, Sue Kuhtz and her family in your thoughts and prayers. Sue's brother passed away this past week.



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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.