

# ST. ANTHONY CHURCH

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 3, 2019

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**Collection will be today immediately following Mass.  
All proceeds benefit our local food pantry. Thank you!**

## 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 February 3, 2019**

February 3, Sunday:

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8:30 am: Ken Hubbard † by Peg Hubbard & Family  
Jer 1:4-5, 17-19 1 Cor 12:31-13:13 Lk 4:21-30

February 4, Monday: Weekday

Heb 11:32-40 Mk 5:1-20

February 5, Tuesday: Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

7:00 pm: Parish Family

*Sacristan:* Monty Simpson *Lector:* Mary Lamphere

*Servers:* Greg Price

Heb 12:1-4 Mk 5:21-43

February 6, Wednesday:

Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

Heb 12:4-7, 11-15 Mk 6:1-6

February 7, Thursday: Weekday

9:00 am: Communion Service

Heb 12:18-19, 21-24 Mk 6:7-13

February 8, Friday: Weekday,

Saint Jerome Emiliani; Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

Heb 13:1-8 Mk 6:14-29

February 9, Saturday: Weekday, BVM

Heb 13:15-17, 20-21 Mk 6:30-34

February 10, Sunday:

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8:30 am: Harold & Margaret Simpson † by The Simpson Family  
Is 6:1-2a, 3-8 1 Cor 15:1-11 Lk 5:1-11

*Sacristan:* Mary Frederiksen

*Lectors:* Elissa Mutschler, Blake Zigmont

*Eucharistic Ministers:* Mary Frederiksen, Melinda Theisen,  
Sherry Free, Ed Zigmont, Shari Bassett

*Servers:* Chloe Simpson, Ethan Kelley

*Ushers:* Andrew Shipp, Simon Kelley, John Free, Joe Hayden

*Gift Bearers:* The Simpson Family

*Counting Team:* Tondra Morris, Mike Lamphere

*February Cleaning Team: Volunteers Needed*

*February Hospitality: The Young 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

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***A Family Perspective: Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time***

Mary and Joseph must have been proud when their village "all spoke well of Jesus and were amazed at his words." But they probably felt shame when the same people drove him out of town. Like Mary and Joseph, the highs and lows of parenting are our path to being a Holy Family. *by Bud Ozar*

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

Last Summer I gave a homily on the priest abuse scandal. At the end of the homily I invited anyone who wanted to talk with me about it to let me know. This is a serious issue and I wanted to make sure that any concerns could be put on the table. I only had two people reach out to me, and I think those conversations went well. With only two, though, I found myself in an unsettling situation. Were people not reaching out because they are handling the scandal well, or were they not reaching out because they didn't trust me, or was there something else? I left it alone for the time being because I took the approach of "no news is good news" and "don't poke the bear."

That being said, I am bringing it up again because soon, probably sometime in February, Channel 8 News will be releasing an "investigative report" on the priests of the Grand Rapids Diocese who have been accused of abuse. I do not know how they will approach the issue or what will be the focus, but I think it is time to talk about this again. I am putting this in the bulletin because I know that this is a sensitive issue and it is difficult to discuss when children are present. This avenue gives me more freedom while also giving parents greater control over what their children hear.

There is no easy way to talk about this issue. Many people have been hurt. First there are those who have been directly hurt by the actions of priests and bishops. Then there are the families and friends who have been with them over the years. Many also have found out that the priest who baptized them or their children, or who came over for dinner, or who married them and gave their children their First Communion, that he is a pedophile. Then there are all the people who have had their faith in Christ and His Church undermined. Then there is everyone who has endured the comments about their faith and their good priests. Countless people have been hurt by the sins of my brother priests and bishops.

As I write about this over the coming weeks, I also extend the same invitation that I gave last summer. If anyone wants to talk about this issue, please let me know. I want to talk with you about this. If anyone has a concern about what is being done, please let me know. I want to help you know what has been happening. If anyone has something that they have never told anyone because of fear, shame, and confusion, I want to help you find the best way to handle what you are experiencing, including the proper authorities.

***-Fr. Ferris***

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**Scrip orders will be taken next week.**

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



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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 25, KOC Raffle Winner: Shawn Westbrook**

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**Heaven and the AfterLife**

**Wednesday, February 6, 10am-11:30pm  
with Sr. Mary Kay Oosdyke, OP**

This program will be live-streamed. \$10 Offering Suggested  
Christians maintain a faith and a hope that there is something "more" beyond life on earth. That faith/hope is well grounded in Jesus Christ, the Risen One. But our condolences of, "He/She is in a better place," or "He/She is in heaven," at wakes and funerals leaves even us wondering about the meaning of what we have just said.

Without meaning, can words be comforting? This program will look at some possibilities we can imagine of what might happen after death and then go back and look deeply at what our faith teaches us. Bring your thoughts and questions to enrich our understanding of this life-shaping mystery. CFD: Spirituality register@catholicinformationcenter.org

Freezin' For A Reason



St. Anthony's Parishioners, Dan & Gabrielle Lauer will be participating in the 2019 Polar Plunge at Turk Lake.

They would love for you to come out and support them on February 9 @ 3pm. If anyone would like to donate to this great cause please see Dan Lauer.

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Winter Euchre Card Party & Soup Dinner – You're invited! Come join your fellow parishioners in the church hall on Saturday 2/16/19 @ 6:00pm.

Bring a crockpot of soup or dish to pass. Soft drinks & coffee provided. There is a signup sheet in the back of church. Come just for dinner if you don't play cards. Questions, call Michele Westbrook @ 616-902-1866.

**STEWARDSHIP for week ending January 27, 2019**

**PARISH INCOME:**

Adult envelopes	\$ 1,475.00
Loose	81.00
Mass Intentions	10.00
Candles	4.00
<b>General Receipts</b>	<b>1,570.00</b>

**Other Receipts**

Building Fund-CSA Payback	
Building Fund	
<b>Total Receipts Retained</b>	<b>\$ 1,570.00</b>
Heifer International	
Christian Service-Souper Bowl	200.00
SCRIP IN	
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 1,770.00</b>

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

Payroll and taxes	
Insurance: Prop.,P/R,Etc	
Operating	
Worship	
Buildings/Grounds	
Rel. Ed/FF	
Parish Life	
Utilities	
Diocese-Retired Religious	
<b>Total Actual Expenses</b>	<b>\$</b>
SCRIP OUT	
Diocese	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>HEIFER INTERNATIONAL = \$1,742.00 Arks are \$5,000.00</b>	

**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



*Pray the Rosary to end abortion*





# DIOCESE OF GRAND RAPIDS

*Office of the Bishop*

January 2019

Dear Friends in Christ,

Since 1973, over 60 million children have been killed as a result of the Supreme Court's *Roe v. Wade* decision, legalizing abortion nationwide.

Some state legislatures have pushed back against this inhuman and immoral situation with varying degrees of legislative success. Distressingly, federal courts have also upheld the legality of an especially monstrous way of ending a baby's life—partial birth abortion. And now New York Governor Andrew Cuomo has signed into law the “Reproductive Health Act.” This law is the most extensive abortion law in the United States.

The law will add the right to abortion to the New York constitution. It allows nonphysicians to perform abortions. It allows abortion through the third trimester—up to the due date—if the woman's health is endangered (no definition of “endangered” is given). It repeals protections for babies who survive abortion.

New York was the first state to legalize abortion in 1970—three years before *Roe v. Wade*. It currently has the highest abortion rate in the country. This state is remarkably singular in its disregard for the life of the unborn. Ironically, New York has outlawed the death penalty on the basis that it constitutes cruel and unusual punishment.

Governor Cuomo's enthusiastic embrace of the ideology of the culture of death, as well as other Catholic lawmakers who voted for this legislation, is diametrically opposed to the teachings of the Catholic Church. Valid canonical remedies to address the scandal and harm done seem, however, to be elusive and few in number.

I pray that God's compassionate mercy and healing may touch the hearts of those who worked so determinedly to bring about the passage of this law. May they be converted from the evil they have done. Indeed, all of us should pray, in charity, for this outcome.

For those of us in Michigan who value life, the way forward is clear. We must let our elected representatives know our opinions on this matter and do all that we can to explain to them why the Church teaches about the sanctity of life as she does.

Some people think abortion now is a fact of life. It is, rather, a fact of death. Let us never back down from our vigorous defense of human life at all stages of its existence.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak  
Bishop of Grand Rapids

### *Prayer to End Abortion*

Lord God, I thank you today for the gift of my life,  
And for the lives of all my brothers and sisters.  
I know there is nothing that destroys more life than abortion,  
Yet I rejoice that you have conquered death  
by the Resurrection of Your Son.  
I am ready to do my part in ending abortion.  
Today I commit myself  
Never to be silent,  
Never to be passive,  
Never to be forgetful of the unborn.  
I commit myself to be active in the pro-life movement,  
And never to stop defending life  
Until all my brothers and sisters are protected,  
And our nation once again becomes  
A nation with liberty and justice  
Not just for some, but for all.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen!

### *Redeemer in the Womb*

Lord Jesus Christ, You took our human nature upon Yourself. You shared our life and death, our childhood and adulthood.

You also shared our time in the womb. While still God, while worshipped and adored by the angels, while Almighty and filling every part of the universe, You dwelt for nine months in the womb of Mary. You were our Redeemer in the womb, our God who has a preborn child.

Lord Jesus, we ask You to bless and protect the children who today are in their mothers' womb. Save them from the danger of abortion. Give their mothers the grace to sacrifice themselves, in body and soul, for their children. Help all people to recognize in the preborn child a brother, a sister, saved by You, our Redeemer in the womb.



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  
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.