

ST. ANTHONY CHURCH

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 24, 2019

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Your gifts are not about
Leadership is not about
Your purpose is not about

YOU

Living by Faith and Love,
Guided by God's Spirit, Following Jesus is about

SERVING

those who need your gifts, your
leadership, your purpose.

God Gave us His Gifts to Serve Him and His Purposes for our Lives, IJN, Amen!

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 24, 2019

February 24, Sunday:

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 am: Lawrence Kuhtz † by Thursday Morning Prayer Group
1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 1 Cor 15:45-49 Lk 6:27-38

February 25, Monday: Weekday

Sir 1:1-10 Mk 9:14-29

February 26, Tuesday: Weekday

7:00 pm: Gino Lombardo & Family † By The Lombardo Family

Sacristan: Monty Simpson *Lector:* Sherry Free

Servers: Greg Price

Sir 2:1-11 Mk 9:30-37

February 27, Wednesday: Weekday

Sir 4:11-19 Mk 9:38-40

February 28, Thursday: Weekday

Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

9:00 am: Communion Service

Sir 5:1-8 Mk 9:41-50

March 1, Friday: Weekday

Sir 6:5-17 Mk 10:1-12

March 2, Saturday: Weekday, BVM

Sir 17: 1-15 Mk 10:13-16

March 3, Sunday:

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 am: Pat Coulson & Lottie Routsaw † By The Coble Family

Sir 27:4-7 1 Cor 15:54-58 Lk 6:39-45

Sacristan: Mary Frederiksen

Lectors: Martha Brown, Elissa Mutschler

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Frederiksen, Michele Westbrook,
Sherry Free, Ed Zigmont, Shari Bassett

Servers: Emmett & Elliott Kelley

Ushers: Dan Brown, Andrew Shipp, Simon Kelley, Lucas Simpson

Gift Bearers: The Coble Family

Counting Team: Anita Talcott, Rosemary Reams

March Cleaning Team: Monty, Chloe, Logan, & Brinn Simpson

March 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, Bill Brabant,

Amy Williams, Grace Starr, Jane Emelander,

Ashley Cunningham, Chris Grieves, Dave Hill, Martha Thelen

Carla Skytta, Joshua Hammons, Rhonda Wolbers

A Family Perspective: Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

In studying the effects of religion upon family relationships, researchers inform us hostility and prayer can't coexist. You cannot be hostile toward someone for whom you are praying. Today's gospel encourages us: "Bless those who curse you.

Pray for those who treat you badly." ***By Bud Ozar***

From the hand of Fr. Ferris

This note will bring to an end our current discussion regarding the abuse of children by priests. I am sure we will be talking about this again. Later this year the Attorney General's office will be releasing reports on each diocese in the state, and that will likely warrant talking about this situation again.

For now, I want to end with those who were abused by priests. They have undoubtedly suffered the most in all of this, and our hearts should go out to them. Children are not at fault in these situations, and for someone in a position of authority and trust to abuse a child is a horrible crime. It can leave lasting emotional scars. There can be a whole range of experiences, including shame, guilt, fear, self-hatred, and any number of other feelings and responses. Some are able to work their way through it better than others, but that doesn't mean there wasn't serious harm done.

One problem that is often raised is in regard to what the Church is doing for those who have been hurt by priests and bishops. As with so much, I don't have a lot of answers. It would be easy to say that the Church should pay for counseling for those who have been hurt in this way, but how long should that counseling go for: a year, five years, a decade, the rest of their lives?

Lawsuits often award damages. Even if someone does not file a lawsuit, should a diocese be on the hook for making other monetary compensations? There have been a few dioceses around the nation that have filed bankruptcy because of lawsuits. In some places they closed parishes and sold property in order to pay for damages. These are not easy answers.

Of course, money doesn't change what happened, nor can it ever make up for the harm caused. It might be part of the solution, but it isn't the whole answer. An important part of the answer comes through the healing power of Jesus. He is the one who cured the sick, cast out demons, and raised the dead. The Church might need to make good some material restitution, but Jesus is the only One who can truly heal those who have been hurt.

For me, this is one of the areas that has been seriously neglected by many. There is a long tradition of healing in the Church going all the way back to Jesus. We often focus on physical healings (those are generally the most obvious), but Jesus is no less powerful in healing the spiritual, mental, and emotional damage that we suffer through life. In fact, Jesus can use the harm that has been done to us to make us stronger, holier, better people. This is not to excuse the wrong done, but it does tell us of the gracious mercy of God.

If nothing else, we, bishops, priests, and all the people alike, need to be dedicated to this because this is something we can do without question. We can continue to pray and offer sacrifices for those who have been hurt. If we know people who have been abused, we can be good brothers and sisters in Christ to them and strive to help them find the healing they need. There are a lot of answers that we don't have in these complex situations, but we can always be committed to the healing and salvation of our brothers and sisters who have been seriously hurt.

--Fr. Ferris



www.kofcsaranacmi.org
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
February 15, KOC Raffle Winner: Ralph Westbrook

Important Dates on the Lenten Calendar

March 6, Ash Wednesday

7pm at St. Anthony's

7:45am & 12:10pm at St. Mary's (No Adoration)

March 13, Penance Service

6:30pm at St. Mary's (Adoration all day)

March 27, "The Light is on for You"

Confessions at St. Anthony's, 5-8pm

(Adoration will end at 4pm at St. Mary's)



Franciscan Life Process Center Lowell Campus
11650 Downes St. NE Lowell MI 49331

Paczki Making with Sister Colleen Ann Nagle, FSE,
Sister Anna Rose Kalinowski, FSE and some of their
Polish friends

Tuesday, February 26 1:15 - 3:00 OR 6:15 - 8:30 pm

Since the Middle Ages, Polish people have been known for their paczki, a rich, deep-fried doughnut filled with stewed prunes. Learn how to make this delicious traditional Polish treat!

Cost:\$25 Register at www.lifeprocesscenter.org



Winter Card Party & Soup Dinner – You're invited!
Come join your fellow parishioners in the church hall on
Saturday 3/2/19 @ 6:00pm.

Bring a crockpot of soup or dish to pass. Soft drinks, coffee, & table service provided. There is a signup sheet in the back of church. If you don't play cards, come for dinner!

Questions, call Michele Westbrook @ 616-902-1866.

Write Your Heart Out: Anxiety

Saturday, March 2, 9:00 am - Noon Cost: \$35

Join us for a transformational writing experience that focuses on anxiety. As you put pen to paper, observe the emotions that pour from you, discover the truth of your feelings, and allow your heart's energy to create both art and change.

Read blog post: Writing Through Anger ~ A Transformational Writing Experience

<https://dominicancenter.com/writing-through-anger/>

STEWARDSHIP for week ending February 17, 2019

PARISH INCOME:

Adult envelopes	\$ 1,630.00
Loose	113.00
Mass Intentions	50.00
Candles	22.00
General Receipts	1,815.00

Other Receipts

Building Fund-CSA Payback	1,082.00
Building Fund	
Donation	
Total Receipts Retained	\$ 2,897.00

Heifer International

Christian Service-Souper Bowl

SCRIP IN

Total Receipts \$ 2,897.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

Payroll and taxes 1,657.63

Insurance: Prop.,P/R,Etc

Operating

Worship

Buildings/Grounds

Rel. Ed/FF

Parish Life 58.74

Utilities 61.20

Total Actual Expenses \$ 1,777.57

SCRIP OUT

Diocese

Total Expenses \$ 1,777.57

HEIFER INTERNATIONAL = \$1,842.00 Arks are \$5,000.00

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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: call office 616-642-6119

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A very special lady just celebrated her Birthday!

Happy 90th Birthday Donna Smit!

We love you!



DIOCESE OF GRAND RAPIDS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

February 16, 2019

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The Diocese of Grand Rapids' Office of Communications has issued the following statement from Bishop David J. Walkowiak in response to the Holy See's announcement that former Archbishop McCarrick has been dismissed from the clerical state.

I stand in solidarity with our Holy Father in his decision to dismiss former Archbishop Theodore McCarrick from the clerical state based on the former Archbishop's actions.

Cardinals and bishops, like priests and deacons, must be held accountable for any actions that cause harm to the most vulnerable in our communities. I encourage all individuals to report such instances to both the Church and civil authorities so that the appropriate steps toward justice and healing may be taken.

The Church must continue to seek forgiveness for its previous actions and I pray that this decision will provide a source of healing to the former Archbishop's victim-survivors. I, along with the Catholic faithful, will continue to pray for all survivors of sexual abuse and provide assistance to promote healing.

As the presidents of the world's episcopal conferences meet in Rome this week, I pray that the meeting will bear fruit to help cleanse the Catholic Church and restore the trust of the faithful.

The Diocese of Grand Rapids serves more than 191,000 Catholics, 80 parishes and 31 schools in an 11-county area of West Michigan. For additional information visit our website grdiocese.org. Connect with the diocese on [Facebook](#) (Diocese of Grand Rapids), [Twitter](#) (@GRDiocese), and Instagram ([@GRDiocese](#)).

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If God had a calendar, your birthday would be circled!

Celebrating a Special Day

3/1	<i>Gregg Hotchkiss</i>
3/2	<i>Greg Miller</i>
3/3	<i>Alyssa Albert</i>
3/5	<i>Ruth Lombardo</i>
3/6	<i>William Patton, Charlotte Prins</i>
3/7	<i>Anna Audia</i>
3/9	<i>Susann Young, Emily Mutschler</i>
3/10	<i>Abigail Zigmont</i>
3/12	<i>James McDonald</i>
3/18	<i>Matthew Serne</i>
3/21	<i>Michael Serne</i>
3/25	<i>Patricia Patton</i>
3/28	<i>Darold Simpson</i>
3/30	<i>Sarah Kennedy</i>



Happy Anniversary

Celebrating an Anniversary:

Gary & Cathy Emelander on 3/3

Gary & Diana Bergeron on 3/21

Jim & Judy Stark on 3/26



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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.