

ST. ANTHONY CHURCH

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 24, 2019

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And he said to the vinedresser,
'Lo, these three years I have come seeking fruit
on this fig tree and I find none.
Cut it down, why should it use up the ground?'

Luke 13:7



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***Unfortunately, each of us strongly resembles
the tree that, over many years,
has repeatedly shown that it's infertile.
But, fortunately for us, Jesus is like a farmer who,
with limitless patience, still obtains a concession
for the fruitless vine. "Let it alone this year"
the invincible patience of Jesus!***

***...It's never too late to convert, never.
God's patience awaits us until the last moment."***

Pope Francis

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 March 24, 2019

March 24, Sunday: THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

8:30 am: LaVern Coble † By The Coble Family
Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12 Lk 13:1-9

March 25, Monday: The Annunciation of the Lord
Is 7:10-14, 8:10 Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38

March 26, Tuesday: Lenten Weekday
7:00 pm: Pat Coulson † By Barb Eden

Sacristan: Monty Simpson *Lector:* Mary Lamphere
Servers: Gregg Hotchkiss, Mike Lamphere
Dn 3:25, 34-43 Mt 18:21-25

March 27, Wednesday: Lenten Weekday
"The Light is on for You",

Confessions at St. Anthony's from 5-8pm
Dt 4:1, 5-9 Mt 5:17-19

March 28, Thursday: Lenten Weekday
9:00 am: Communion Service

Jer 7:23-28 Lk 11:14-23

March 29, Friday: Lenten Weekday
Hos 14:2-10 Mk 12:28-34

March 30, Saturday: Lenten Weekday
Hos 6:1-6 Lk 18:9-14

March 31, Sunday: FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

8:30 am: Nancy Schielke † By Lois Ary
Jos 5:9a, 10-12 2 Cor 5:17-21 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sacristan: Gregg Hotchkiss
Lectors: Blake Zigmont, Elissa Mutschler
Eucharistic Ministers: Gregg Hotchkiss, Maureen Jorgensen,
Shari Bassett, Monty Simpson, Mike Lamphere
Servers: Emmett & Elliott Kelley
Ushers: Andrew Shipp, Eric Jorgensen, Steve Yaw, Rick Perry
Gift Bearers: Al Schielke
Counting Team: Tondra Morris, Martha Brown
March Cleaning Team: Monty, Chloe, Logan, & Brinn Simpson
March Hospitality: The Knop Family



Please continue to pray for our homebound and ill parishioners and parish friends:

Clara Smith, Bill Overbeck Sr., Rick Borup, Helen Lamphere,
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

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A Family Perspective: Third Sunday of Lent

Jesus invited the disciples to "Come and have breakfast." At this beach breakfast and the Last Supper Jesus teaches us meals should be more than eating. Family meals are opportunities to share prayer, listen to each other's stories, understand and support one another. ***By Bud Ozar***

From the hand of Fr. Ferris

The diocesan Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) is underway. I hope everyone at least knows where their pledge form is, even if it isn't filled out yet. I wrote about this a couple weeks ago, but this is an important part that we play in the Church across West Michigan. Therefore, it is worth talking about again.

A common concern that I have heard over the years is that people don't see the fruit of their donations. The money just seems to disappear, making no discernable difference, while next year they will be asked to give more.

It is easy to understand this because much of what the diocese does is not readily apparent. A couple weeks ago I mentioned several things that the diocese does that many (or even most) people do not have much experience of. Most people do not interact with the Tribunal or the administrative services provided by the diocese. These certainly are not glamorous areas, but they are vital to the parishes and even to your lives. The Tribunal handles marriage and annulment cases to help people get back on their feet. The administrative services provided by the diocese helps us priests, most of whom have no business background, figure out how to do our job in a semi-competent fashion.

The concern about where the money is going is reasonable: money is hard-earned, and we want to make sure it is being used well. That is a reasonable concern. At the same time, though, we need to be on the look out for a false reason. Concern about the good use of money can easily turn into "What am I getting out of it?" Not an unreasonable question, but it doesn't really coincide with the purpose.

As we go through this annual appeal process, please keep before your mind all that the diocese does do, even if those things are not readily apparent or directly beneficial to our lives. We are part of something larger, the Diocese of Grand Rapids, and something even larger than that, the whole Catholic Church throughout the world. We may only have a small part in that much larger whole, but we have an important part to play on behalf of all our brothers and sisters.

--Fr. Ferris

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The Light is ON for You



An Evening of Penance - Wednesday, March 27 in almost every parish of the diocese. Visit GRdiocese.org/penance

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

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



www.kofcsaranacmi.org
Grand Knight Gregg Hotchkiss

Family of the Month: Ed & Aubrie Zigmont Family
Knight of the Month: Jacob Lauer

KOC Council meets the 1st Thursday of the month at 7PM
March 15, KOC Raffle Winner: Melanie D'Anna

You have been asked to turn in your CSA pledge card this weekend. If you have already done so, thank you! Our participation in CSA as individuals and as a parish enables us to unite with all Catholics in the Diocese of Grand Rapids. Our collective blessings fund important work that benefits our parish and diocesan programs and individuals, families, and communities throughout our 11 counties. Every gift, regardless of amount, is important to funding essential ministries and programs.

Our CSA effort is not complete until we have a pledge card from every household. If you did not bring your pledge card this week, please complete and return it next week. Your timely response will help us avoid unnecessary mailing costs and hours of volunteer time. If you cannot participate financially, offer a prayer for the success of CSA and complete and return your card.



Red Cross Blood Drive
Saranac Community Church
Monday, March 25, 12:30-6:15

Franciscan Lenten Lunch

Join us for our Franciscan Lenten Lunch Prayer held from 12pm-1pm. Wednesdays through April 10th at our Lowell campus.

Featuring

Soups donated by area restaurants
Bread prepared by our volunteers
Fresh applesauce made from apples from the farm
At 12:45 there will be a brief prayer experience for those wishing to participate
No reservations are required. Doors will open at 12.
Donations are appreciated



St. Anthony's Knights of Columbus
Lenten Fish Dinner

Fridays 5-7pm: March 29, April 5, 12
Adults: \$8.00 Seniors: \$7.00 Children: \$5.00

STEWARDSHIP for week ending March 17, 2019

PARISH INCOME:

Adult envelopes	\$ 1,117.00
Loose	94.00
Mass Intentions	30.00
Candles	4.00
Easter Flowers	40.00
General Receipts	1,285.00

Other Receipts

Building Fund-CSA Payback	
Building Fund	
Donation	
Total Receipts Retained	\$ 1,285.00

Heifer International	
Christian Service	
SCRIP IN	
Total Receipts	\$ 1,285.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

Payroll and taxes	1,604.57
Insurance: Prop.,P/R,Etc	
Operating	1,115.97
Worship	334.48
Buildings/Grounds	
Rel. Ed/FF	
Parish Life	
Utilities	61.20
Christian Service	
Total Actual Expenses	\$ 3,116.22

SCRIP OUT	
Diocese	
Total Expenses	\$ 3,116.22

HEIFER INTERNATIONAL = \$2,092.00 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: call office 616-642-6119



Stations of the Cross
Immediately following Mass



DIOCESE OF GRAND RAPIDS

Office of the Bishop

March 23/24, 2019

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Collection will be taken up in the parishes of our diocese next weekend, **March 30/31**. This collection benefits six organizations whose mission is to promote the sacredness of human life and dignity by serving people most in need around the world.

The money raised through this collection helps the Catholic Church respond to emergencies by supplying immediate shelter, food, and other necessities; by providing educational opportunities and legal services to our brothers and sisters who have fled their home countries seeking safety in other lands; and by promoting justice and peace-building efforts in countries around the world.

One region, in particular, that is being aided by monies raised during previous CRS collections is Latin and South America. The social, economic and political crisis in Venezuela continues to escalate, leaving citizens without basic necessities such as food, water and health care. A staggering 87 percent of people in the country now live below the poverty line. As of January 2019, 3.6 million people have fled to other countries including Colombia, Brazil, Peru, Ecuador, and Trinidad and Tobago, and experts are predicting that number will double in the coming year. In these places, Catholic Relief Services is partnering with local agencies to provide emergency relief and basic supplies. This emergency support would not be possible without your generosity.

Please consider a contribution to the CRS Collection. There are few collections more critical than this one. Your prayers and financial support allow these organizations to bring immediate assistance and the love of Christ to people in need across the globe. For more information on the organizations whose work benefits from your generosity, please visit usccb.org.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak
Bishop of Grand Rapids



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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.