

ST. ANTHONY CHURCH

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 31, 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 March 31, 2019

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

April 1, Monday: Lenten Weekday

Is 65:17-21 Jn 4:43-54

April 2, Tuesday: Lenten Weekday, Saint Francis of Paola, Hermit

7:00 pm: Parish Family
Sacristan: Mary Frederiksen *Lector:* Martha Brown
Servers: Dan Brown
 Ez 47:1-9, 12 Jn 5:1-16

April 3, Wednesday: Lenten Weekday

Is 49:8-15 Jn 5:17-30

April 4, Thursday: Lenten Weekday

St. Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
 9:00 am: Communion Service
 Ex 32:7-14 Jn 5:31-47

April 5, Friday: Lenten Weekday, Saint Vincent Ferrer, Priest

Wis 2:1a, 12-22 Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

April 6, Saturday: Lenten Weekday

Jer 11:18-20 Jn 7:40-53

April 7, Sunday: **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

8:30 am: Wayne & Beatrice Willis † By Wanda Lehman
 Is 43:16-21 Phil 3:8-14 Jn 8:1-11

Sacristan: Susann Young
Lectors: Nick Price, Ralph Westbrook
Eucharistic Ministers: Susann Young, Janis Diaz,
 Melinda Theisen, Doug Thelen, Michele Westbrook
Servers: Chloe Simpson, Derek Jorgensen
Ushers: Lucas Simpson, Steve Yaw, John Free, Joe Hayden
Gift Bearers: Wanda Lehman
Counting Team: Pam Grieves, Dan Brown
April Cleaning Team: C. E. & B. E.
April Hospitality: The Simpson 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: Fourth Sunday of Lent

We may feel like the Prodigal Son but the gospel wants us to focus on the father who was forgiving and understanding. We all make mistakes and need forgiveness. Who in your family needs your forgiveness and acceptance this Lent?

By Bud Ozar

From the hand of Fr. Ferris

Recently I had a cancellation of an evening appointment. I do a fair number of things in the evening because of people's work schedules, which means my work schedule is generally different from most people's. This is not a complaint, it is just one of the different characteristics of my life.

Because of the cancellation, I was able to go to bed early and catch up on some sleep. It felt so great! There is nothing too surprising about this; there are a number of studies point to sleep deprivation as a common problem in America. Those of you with children waking up a couple times a night know what this is like.

Beyond sleep, there are often other parts of our lives that are out of order: prayer, exercise, chores around the house. Like sleep, we might be getting it done, but it isn't quite right. We are only half-doing what we should be doing.

There might be good reasons for this: young children can put a damper on many of the things you want/need to do. For the past month or so there seems to be a lot of people getting the flu, colds, and other viruses. There are seasons when work picks up and demands more time and energy. There might be good reasons why our life gets out of order.

In the short term this is simply one of the trials of life. It is hard; you buckle down and get through it. However, if the long-term pattern of our lives is one of disorder, then we need to stop and consider what needs to change. What priorities need to change?

This is one of the things that the Season of Lent is good for. We take on various disciplines, both in our fasting and added devotions, as a way to reorder our lives. There are often patterns in our lives that are not helpful (destructive?), even if they are only small patterns. It might be something as simple as staying up too late to watch your favorite show, which makes the next day terrible for you and those around you. Does such relaxing with your show actually help you?

We fast from things in order to make room for better things. As we continue our Lenten journey, it is worth considering what else might need to be reordered. The spiritual life, our relationship with God, includes even the very practical things like taking care of the body He gave us and attending to the relationships that He has put into our lives.

--Fr. Ferris

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St. Anthony's Knights of Columbus

Lenten Fish Dinner

Fridays 5-7pm: April 5, 12

Adults: \$8.00 Seniors: \$7.00 Children: \$5.00



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 22, KOC Raffle Winner: Gregg Hotchkiss

Our Catholic faith is a gift that unites our parish family with Catholics throughout the Diocese of Grand Rapids and in the universal Church. We all are pilgrims on a journey of faith, striving daily to become disciples of Christ through our stewardship of time, talent, and treasure. When we give to CSA, we are supporting individuals and families in our parishes, in our communities, and beyond.

With your generous response to date, 15 of households have responded. Thank you for your stewardship! Our goal is 100% participation which means a completed pledge card from every household. If you have not responded, please do so as soon as possible.

Rest in Hope: A Retreat for Those in Service to Others

Friday // April 5, 2019 // 11:00 am - 4:00 pm // \$35

Rest in Hope is an afternoon retreat of peace and reflection. Responding to the sacred call to care for loved ones, neighbors, and community often pulls us away from our own self-care. This retreat is specifically designed for those in service of others who are yearning to renew mind, body, and spirit. Come and rest in a place of hope and rejuvenation so that you can be hope to those you serve.

Aquinas College Visit Day – Friday, April 12

Aquinas College is hosting an AQDay for all high school juniors and seniors interested in visiting their beautiful 117-acre campus. The Admissions Office invites you to come and discover what life at AQ is really all about.

Get the inside scoop on academics, athletics, scholarships, service learning, study abroad, and more.

Please visit aquinas.edu/aqday for more details or to register for the event on April 12.

STEWARDSHIP for week ending March 24, 2019

PARISH INCOME:

Adult envelopes	\$ 2,185.00
Loose	149.00
Mass Intentions	
Candles	6.00
Easter Flowers	
General Receipts	2,340.00

Other Receipts

Building Fund-CSA Payback	
Building Fund	
Donation	
Total Receipts Retained	\$ 2,340.00

Heifer International	
Christian Service	
SCRIP IN	
Total Receipts	\$ 2,340.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

Total Expenses	\$ 0
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

Lydia Hagen made her First Reconciliation this month and is preparing for her First Holy Communion. Please keep Lydia and her Family in your prayers as she receives these special Sacraments!

Longtime friend of St. Anthony's, Bob Hardy, has invited the Parish to his 90th Birthday celebration. His celebration will be at the Steel St. Hall (old KOC building), Ionia on April 7 from 2-5pm.



Stations of the Cross
Immediately following Mass

Celebrating a Special Day

April Birthdays

- 4/2 Mike Thompson
4/3 Emmett Kelley
4/4 Leo Bowen, Sue George, Al Lowetz,
4/5 Cathy Emelander
4/6 Julia Morris, Jill Perry
4/7 Nick Hagen
4/8 Kathy Hughes
4/9 Dan Catalano
4/10 Sarah Rossell
4/11 Ed Zigmont
4/12 Maegan Shipp
4/13 Tucker King
4/19 Raymond Fayer
4/20 Elise Jorgensen
4/24 Allyson Albert
4/27 John Hintzen, Vivienne Serne
4/29 Logan Simpson



Celebrating an Anniversary

- Dennis & Sharon Sullivan on 4/8
Dan & Martha Brown on 4/13
Bob & Anita Talcott on 4/16
Bill & Deb Overbeck on 4/19
Dan & Linda Catalano on 4/23
Ken & Cheryl Griener on 4/23
Tom & Judy Jorgensen on 4/25
Ted & Krista VanKuiken on 4/30



PROTECTING OUR *children and youth*

Safe environment policies and practices in the Diocese of Grand Rapids

- The Diocese of Grand Rapids encourages anyone who has been sexually abused as a minor by a priest, deacon or church employee, or who has knowledge of any such offense against a minor or vulnerable adult, to contact the Michigan Department of the Attorney General hotline at **844-324-3374**. There is no timeframe for bringing forth such a complaint.
 - The diocese immediately offers survivors who come forward the opportunity for counseling. We want to help.
 - After early 2002, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) created a document that would guide the efforts of the Church in the United States in creating safe environments. The *Charter for the Protection of Children & Young People* was promulgated in June 2002 and has since been revised three times.
 - Today, the Catholic Church in the United States has some of the strongest measures in the world in place for protecting children and young people, including safe environment training for children and adults, background checks and a zero-tolerance policy.
 - All members of our clergy, volunteers, staff members and teachers must complete the following requirements to be around children:
 - attend a certified safe environment training program
 - agree to compliance with the Standards for Ministerial Behavior
 - undergo criminal history background checks
 - certain staff members must also be fingerprinted
 - Every seminarian, prior to admission, undergoes an extensive psychological evaluation and background check. There is also ongoing evaluation while in formation.
- Since 2002, the Diocese of Grand Rapids has held VIRTUS® — Protecting God's Children training sessions in which more than 24,500 clergy, teachers, staff, volunteers and others have been trained to identify and report the abuse of minors. In this past fiscal year alone, 63 sessions were held.
 - The Diocese of Grand Rapids takes every allegation of clergy sexual abuse seriously. Every allegation — even those made against a deceased member of the clergy or reported long after the criminal statute of limitations has run out — is immediately turned over to the appropriate civil authorities.
 - Our diocesan review board is comprised of two clergy members and seven members of the laity, including a retired judge, a retired FBI agent, psychologists, a social worker and an educator.
 - The Diocese of Grand Rapids has participated in annual charter compliance audits since their inception and has passed every year.
 - The Diocese of Grand Rapids will temporarily remove from ministry any member of the clergy who is under investigation for a credible allegation of sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult. The name of any man who is permanently removed from ministry is publicly released.
 - Money given to our parishes or the Catholic Services Appeal does not fund settlements with survivors of clergy abuse. Money for our legal defense and counseling for survivors is paid through our insurance policy with the Michigan Catholic Conference.





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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
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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.**