

ST. ANTHONY CHURCH

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 28, 2019

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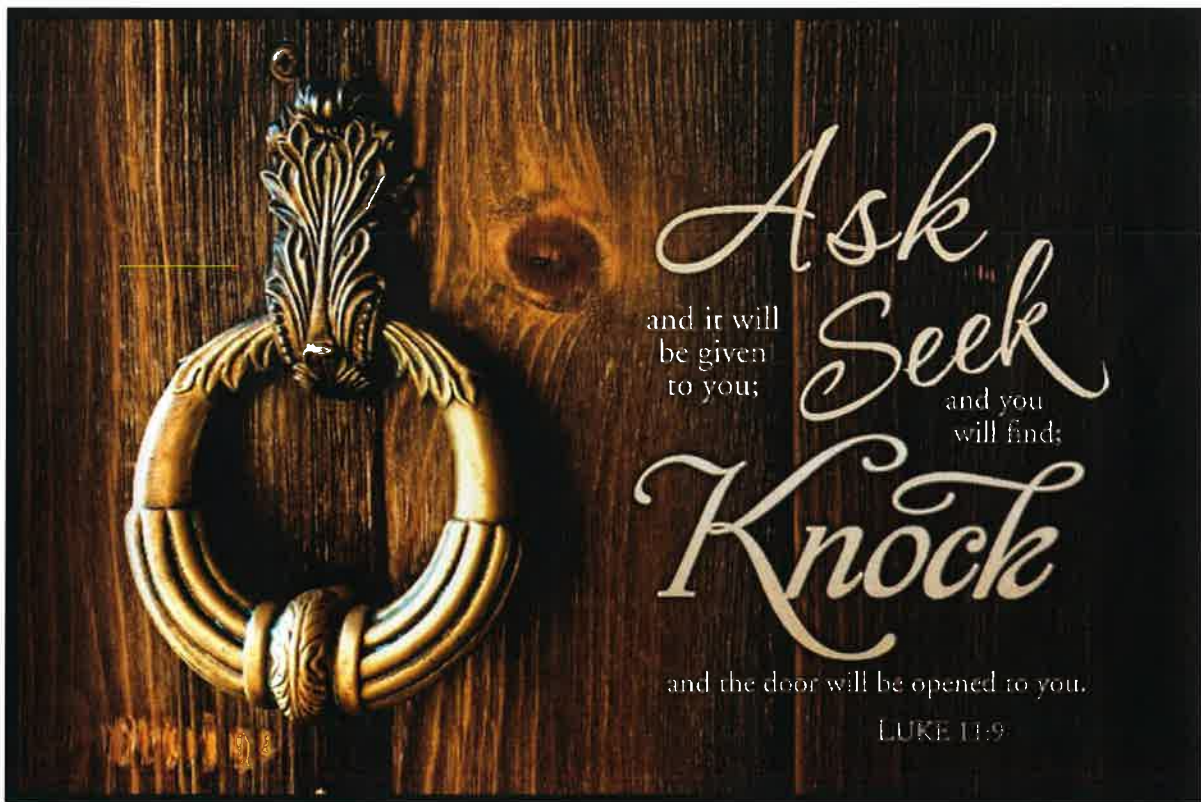
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Mass Schedule

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 July 21, 2019

July 28, Sunday:

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8:30 am: Agnes Janicki † by The Parish Family

Gn 18:20-32 Col 2:12-14 Lk 11:1-13

July 29, Monday: Saint Martha

Ex 32:15-24, 30-34 Jn 11:19-27

July 30, Tuesday: Weekday,

Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:00 pm: Agnes Janicki † by Emelander & Pennock Families

Sacristan: Mary Frederiksen *Lector:* Martha Brown

Servers: Mike Lamphere

Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28 Mt 13:36-43

July 31, Wednesday: Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Ex 34:29-35 Mt 13:44-46

August 1, Thursday:

Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

9:00 am: Communion Service

Ex 40:16-21, 34-38 Mt 13:47-53

August 2, Friday: Weekday,

Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; Saint Peter Julian Eymard, Priest

Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37 Mt 13:54-58

August 3, Saturday: Weekday, BVM

Lv 25:1, 8-17 Mt 14:1-12

August 4, Sunday:

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 am: Kathy Wiles † by Elaine Williams

Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23 Col 3:1-5, 9-11 Lk 12:13-21

Sacristan: Monty Simpson

Lectors: Elissa Mutschler, Sherry Free

Eucharistic Ministers: Monty Simpson, Melinda Theisen,

Doug Thelen, Ed Zigmont, Rosemary Reams

Servers: Emmett & Ethan Kelley

Ushers: Dan Brown, Steve Yaw, Rick Perry, Simon Kelley

Gift Bearers: Elaine Williams

Counting Team: Pam Grieves, Dan Brown

August Cleaning Team: Maureen Jorgensen & Monty Simpson

August Hospitality: No Hospitality, Parish Festival



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

Clara Smith, Bill Overbeck Sr., Rick Borup,

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

"The right to life is the first among human rights. To abort a child is to kill someone who cannot defend himself." ~Pope Francis

From the hand of Fr. Ferris

We have been looking at some of the signs and symbols that accompany weddings because of the old adage "actions speak louder than words." Weddings are important moments in our lives because weddings form new relationships that change the structure of our families and communities. Christ has made weddings even more important by raising them up to be sacraments, living and effective signs of His love and salvation.

When we put all of this together, it makes good sense why the actions, the signs and symbols, we take at a wedding are so important. This is true for more than just weddings. We do many things both in our lives in general and in our lives of faith, and our actions have meaning. It is worth considering what our actions say.

Take, for example, genuflecting when entering and leaving church. We know that, assuming our knees and such are in good working order, our right knee is supposed to hit the ground. We genuflect because Jesus, our Lord and Savior, the Incarnate Word of God, is really and truly present in the Eucharist. However, what is it we actually do? Do we really genuflect? What is our action and what does it say?

There is much in our lives that we should take the time to pause and consider what it is we actually do and what it means. We looked at weddings a little more in depth because this is the wedding season. In all of our lives, though, our actions have profound meaning. It is worth thinking about what we do, or don't do, and how we go about it, to see if it really reflects what we believe.

--Fr. Ferris

A Family Perspective: Sixteenth Sunday

Today's gospel guarantees if we "ask" we will "receive," perhaps not what we wanted but what our Heavenly Father knows is best for us, His children. All the love we have for our children, God has for us and more. As our children trust us, we must trust "Our Father." ***By Bud Ozar***

Reminder

We have the Hearing Loop for all those who may need it!



www.kofcsaranacmi.org
Grand Knight Greg Price

Family of the Month: Mike & Mary Lamphere
Knight of the Month: Al Schielke

KOC Council meets the 1st Thursday of the month at 7PM



If you would like to help with this year's festival please see Ron and Vee Kietzman. **They are still in need of co-chairs and someone to run the country store.** There is a meeting **today** immediately following hospitality. Will you please stay and see where your talents could be of help?



Thank you for all your cards, thoughts, and prayers after the loss of our Mother/Grandmother. We appreciate your kindness. Sincerely, The Young Family

Creative Transformation: Quieting the Voices in Your Head

Tuesday, July 30, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Cost: \$35
Dominican Center at Marywood, 2025 Fulton Street East
In Creative Transformation: Quieting the Voices in Your Head, acknowledge the ways you may be hard on yourself, making it difficult to listen to anything but the negative chatter in your mind. In this session, challenge your inner critic with an art and writing process that focuses on self-love and empowerment. Creative Transformation: Quieting the Voices in Your Head will remind us that we are all children of God, which supports us in befriending and quieting our disempowering thoughts, and helps us move toward living a more spiritually-fulfilled life.

Do you have an hour to spare for the Lord's House?

STEWARDSHIP for week ending July 21, 2019

PARISH INCOME:

Adult envelopes	\$ 1,290.00
Loose	140.00
Mass Intentions	
Candles	2.00
Donation	300.00
General Receipts	1,732.00
Total Receipts Retained	\$ 1,732.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

Payroll and taxes	1,338.93
Parish Life	62.20
Total Actual Expenses	\$ 1,401.13

HEIFER INTERNATIONAL = \$2,852.00 Arks are \$5,000.00

LOCAL AREA MASS SCHEDULE

SS. Peter & Paul, Ionia: Sat 4:00 p.m.;
Sunday 8:00a.m. ; 11:30 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



Red Cross Blood Drive
52 pints collected
3 Double Reds
5 Deferred

Thank you to all those who gave or tried to!
A BIG Thank You to Cheryl, Barbie, & Crew
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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.
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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.

Celebrating a Special Day

8/1	Michael Wojcik
8/3	Richard Albert
8/5	Andrew Shipp, Eva King
8/6	Ralph Westbrook
8/9	John Free
8/12	Angel McCann, Sawyer VanKuiken, Theo VanKuiken
8/13	Gary Emelander
8/19	Doug Thelen
8/21	Bill Overbeck Sr.
8/23	Tom George, Simon Kelley, Brinn Simpson
8/24	Cheryl Greiner
8/28	Rosemary Reams
8/29	Greg Price
8/30	Ethan Kelley
8/31	Kennadi Knoop



Celebrating an Anniversary

Happy
Anniversaries

Andrew & Maegan Shipp on 8/15

Rich & Kara Albert on 8/29

Darwin & Shari Bassett on 8/30

GOD HEARS OUR CALL

Genesis 18:20-32

Colossians 2:12-14

Luke 11:1-13

My husband and I have spent the summer house hunting. The exciting part is that we will be closing on our first home soon. The less than exciting part is that we have spent our fair share of time going through contracts, papers, inspections, and more. For all the fun, dreaming, and anticipation that goes into buying a home, it still remains a lengthy road when it comes to the legal side of things.

The legality of human matters is a point of justice. We can see on paper in black and white writing what is owed to us, and what we owe if we break our promise. In one sense, it is a necessary part of living. With our home, it ensured both parties were protected as we went through the long process of buying.

However, these earthly limitations can only take us so far in our spiritual lives. When we take our legal mindset into our relationship with God, we often miss the greatest love story being unfolded before us. The love of God goes beyond legality. This is the divine attribute that Abraham experiences in This Sunday's Gospel. How can it be that even though justice would demand reparation for the sins of Sodom and Gomorrah, God would spare them all for just a few among them who are innocent? He stands in wonder that God's love would extend beyond the sins that filled Sodom and Gomorrah.

In many ways, we are living a present-day example of this. Immorality, human prestige, money, and power have all become idols. We are truly a nation filled with sins that cry to heaven. And yet God still extends His love and mercy to us every single day. At every Mass, every confession, we come face to face with a God who sent His only Son to be that innocent one among a people of sin in order to save us all.

This truth goes deeper as we hear the words of Jesus in the Gospel as he teaches us to pray. God is not just a far-off divine being that we seek legal justice with but *Father*. And what's more, we can call on Him in our need to give us our daily fill.

What I find most beautiful is that this is followed by the story of the persistent friend and good father. We learn that God is more merciful and loving than we could even imagine and that He hears us when we call on Him. Good parents see beyond the black and white. If my child is hurting, I don't reprimand him for crying. I see his need beyond the tears, and do what I can to help him. We hear in the Gospel that this is just a fraction of how infinitely tender God's love is for humanity. When we seek Him, He will be found. When we call on Him, He is always there.

We are deeply loved, and in turn, we are called to follow His commandments and extend that love to all the world. But we need to be aware of the orientation of our hearts. Do we live as people stuck in the legality of what we think should be going on around us? Are we perpetually focused on other people's sins? Or do we live as people fully alive in Christ and his promise of forgiveness and providential care if we turn away from sin and follow him? In essence, are we living as people worthy of the call of the Gospel? Are we living as true sons and daughters of a Divine King?

Let us take to heart the words of the second reading, trusting that God has "obliterated" the bond against us, with its legal claims ... nailing it to the cross." We aren't a people simply in contract with God to buy property in His dwelling if we do everything right. We are children of God, called to divine sonship, redeemed in the Blood of the cross, and called to live as a witness to that truth.

Angie Windnagle

PRAYER

