

ST. ANTHONY CHURCH

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

February 2, 2020

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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. - 4 p.m.
Closed Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

SACRED SCRIPTURE, MASS Intentions & MINISTERS
for the week of February 2, 2020

February 2, Sunday: THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

8:30 am: LeAnn Bowen† By the Mutschler & Bowen Family
Mal 3:1-4 Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40

February 3, Monday: Weekday,

Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr: Saint Ansgar, Bishop
2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13 Mk 5:1-20

February 4, Tuesday: Weekday

7:00 pm: Gino Lombardo † By Mary Lombardo
Sacristan: Mary Frederiksen *Lector:* Sherry Free
Servers: Dan Brown, Mike Lamphere

2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3 Mk 5:21-43

February 5, Wednesday: Saint Agatha Virgin and Martyr

2 Sm 24:2, 9-17 Mk 6:1-6

February 6, Thursday: Saint Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs

9:00 am: Communion Service

1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12 Mk 6:7-13

February 7, Friday: Weekday

Sir 47:2-11 Mk 6:14-29

February 8, Saturday: Weekday,

Saint Jerome Emiliani; Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin; BVM
1 Kgs 3:4-13 Mk 6:30-34

February 9, Sunday: FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 am: Harold & Margaret Simpson † By Simpson Family
Is 58:7-10 1 Cor 2:1-5 Mt 5:13-16

Sacristan: Tondra Morris

Lectors: Nick Price, Elissa Mutschler

Eucharistic Ministers: Tondra Morris, Rosemary Reams,
Maureen Jorgensen, Maegan Shipp, Shari Bassett

Servers: Emmett & Elliott Kelley

Ushers: Dan Brown, Rick Perry, Joe Hayden, Simon Kelley

Gift Bearers: Simpson Family

Counting Team: Pam Grieves, Dan Brown

February Cleaning Team: Mary Frederiksen

February Hospitality: Matt & Susann Young



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

Clara Smith, Bob Wolbers, Bob & Karen Coulson,

Barb Hotchkiss, Bill Brabant, Michael Johnson, John Stehlik,

Amy Williams, Grace Starr, Jane Emelander, Joshua Hammons,

Charlie Fischer, Rhonda Wolbers, Alyssa Czinder, Ed Helms,

Cindy Knoop, Ava Thompson, Chuck & Doris Droste,

Ashley Cunningham, Dave Hill, Steve Shade

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A Family Perspective: The Presentation of the Lord

It is in our family where we learn to be merciful and comforting to others. The Beatitudes of the Kingdom of God begin at home and depend on you.

Parents lead the way. ***By Bud Ozar***

Scrip orders will be taken next week.

From the hand of Fr. Ferris

At the end of the month (the 26th to be specific) is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. It is probably time to begin thinking about what you will be doing during Lent. As with so many things in life, Lent will come faster than we think.

During the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus lays out three things that are important for our spiritual development: prayer, fasting, and charity (almsgiving). It is always worth reading the Sermon on the Mount, but it would be good to read Matthew 6 to reconnect with these three practices. They have been from the beginning the three daily avenues for spiritual growth.

Prayer is our personal interaction with God. This is true even when we use formal, "canned" prayers and devotions. Devotions help to give voice to our thoughts and feelings. As with reading Scripture, such devotions also train us to be attentive to God and to hear Him.

Fasting and other penitential devotions have many effects, but one thing they do is they help clear out the chatter of our minds and bodies so that we can be more attentive to the Lord. When we regularly give our appetites control, they become more demanding of our attention and our imaginations. An obvious example of this is the use of various media: the more time you spend with it the more it consumes you.

Charity often includes monetary generosity, but it is more than that. Charity is the way we put into action our relationship with the Lord that comes from prayer. The freedom and self-control that comes from fasting is made manifest in the way we give ourselves more fully for the glory of God and the good of our neighbors. In so doing, we become more of what we were made to be.

Hopefully these quick thoughts get you started on your preparations for Lent.

--Fr. Ferris

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Touched by Mercy, a Day for those Affected by Suicide

will be held at the Franciscan Life Process Center, Lowell, Feb. 8, 10:00am-3:00pm. Join Sister Colleen Ann Nagle, FSE, MA and Father Ron Hutchinson, MA for a special day of reflection, sharing and prayer for those who have been affected by the suicide of a loved one. Go to touchedbymercy2020.eventbrite.com to register.

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Fund Raiser for Enrich

Lamplight Grill

314 W. Main Street in Ionia

February 4th from 4-9

You can have a great meal and help Enrich! We will be collecting cans and bottles for our roof project. Any questions contact Martha Johnson @ 616-522-1126



www.kofcsaranacmi.org
Grand Knight Greg Price

Family of the Month: Tom & Cheri Hagen
Knight of the Month: Dan Brown

KOC Council meets the 1st Thursday of the month at 7PM
January 24, KOC Raffle Winner: Curtis Westbrook

Winterlude Concert

February 6 @ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Featuring Liz Owen

Held in the Catholic Information Center Café

Please pre-register, space limited. Call 616-459-7267

or email: register@catholicinformationcenter.org

Join us for a fun evening of live music featuring local singer-songwriter, Liz Owen. Liz's original music is inspired by scripture, Catholic reflection, and stories, themes to keep you warm on a frosty winter evening! A hot chocolate bar and other refreshments will be served. (\$10 donation requested)

Liz Owen is a local, Catholic singer-songwriter who writes and reflects from faith and life experiences. Inspired by her parish ministry, family life, and personal reflection, she writes lyrical interpretations of scripture and reflections of life as faith directs us. She is a wife, mother of two, and Director of Music at St. Sebastian Church in Byron Center. Her most recent recording displays a light, joyful sound on her recent album, *The Lilies Know*.

Holy Brew

Peppino's Sports Grille, 130 Ionia Ave SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Thursday, February 13 - 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

With Fr. Michael Hennessy, CSP

Being a young adult today—20s and 30s, single or married—comes with many important (if not challenging) questions...

How do I make the important decisions in a world of so many choices?

How do I navigate the complicated world of social media and technology?

What is the difference between being alone and being lonely?

The good news is that we don't have to come up with these answers on our own!

At Holy Brew, we come together one Thursday a month over a meal and a pint to talk through these topics. As Catholics, we believe our church's tradition and teaching can guide us through this formative time of our life. When we share our own experiences and listen to the journeys of other young adults, we trust that the Holy Spirit speaks to our hearts and gives us the strength to live authentic Christian lives. Bring a friend or come on your own.

STEWARDSHIP for week ending January 26, 2020

PARISH INCOME:

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| Adult envelopes | \$ 1,377.00 |
| Loose | 86.00 |
| Candles | 38.00 |
| Mass Int. | 40.00 |
| General Receipts | 1,541.00 |

DISBURSEMENTS:

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| Total Expenses | \$.00 |
| HEIFER INTERNATIONAL = \$ 362.00 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.; 11:30 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 the office at 616-642-6119

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National Marriage Week

Friday, February 7 to Friday, February 14

The annual World Marriage Day will be observed on February 9 this year during National Marriage Week USA, February 7-14. This is an annual opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family.

World Marriage Day is sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter. In 1993, Pope Saint John Paul II imparted his apostolic blessing on World Marriage Day. For more resources including sample prayer intentions, a Holy Hour prayer service, renewal of vows ceremony and printable prayer cards, visit: wmd.wwme.org.

National Marriage Week USA, launched in 2010, is part of an international event seeking to mobilize individuals, organizations, and businesses in a common purpose to strengthen marriage in communities and influence the culture. It promotes marriage as a social and cultural benefit leading to greater wealth, health, longevity and happiness. For information and resources, visit: nationalmarriageweekusa.org.

Other helpful resources can also be found at <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/national-marriage-week.cfm>, www.foryourmarriage.org and www.portumatrimonio.org

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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.