

ST. ANTHONY CHURCH

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 15, 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 March 15, 2020

March 15, Sunday: THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

8:30 am: John & William Lehman † By Wanda Lehman & Family
Ex 17:3-7 Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 Jn 4:5-42

March 16, Monday: Lenten Weekday

2 Kgs 5:1-15b Lk 4:24-30

March 17, Tuesday: Lenten Weekday, Saint Patrick, Bishop

7:00 pm: Sandra Hayden & Piggott Family † By Hayden Family

Sacristan: Monty Simpson *Lector:* Mary Lamphere

Servers: Greg Price, Dan Brown

Dn 3:25, 34-43 Mt 18:21-35

March 18, Wednesday: Lenten Weekday,

Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Dt 4:1, 5-9 Mt 5:17-19

March 19, Thursday:

SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

9:00 am: Communion Service

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

March 20, Friday: Lenten Weekday, Abstain

Hos 14:2-10 Mk 12:28-34

March 21, Saturday: Lenten Weekday

Hos 6:1-6 Lk 18:9-14

March 22, Sunday: FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

8:30 am: William Overbeck Sr. † By Friends and Family

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a Eph 5:8-14 Jn 9:1-41

Sacristan: Gregg Hotchkiss

Lectors: Martha Brown, Blake Zigmont

Eucharistic Ministers: Gregg Hotchkiss, Sherry Free

Servers: Chloe Simpson, Ian Jorgensen

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

Gift Bearers: Lillian Overbeck Family

Counting Team: Tondra Morris, Martha Brown

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

March Hospitality: The Simpson Family



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: Third Sunday of Lent

Our children are like the Samaritan woman in today's gospel. They need more than material things. They need the 'living water' only the adults can give. It will teach them how to make decisions, take responsibility, respect themselves and others and live their commitments. With this "living water" they will "never thirst." ***By Bud Ozar***

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Do you have some time for the Lord?

The Lord's house needs cleaners for the month of April!

From the hand of Fr. Ferris

As we continue to consider our etiquette and discipline regarding the church building, some of our sensibilities are grounded in the expectations of Church law. Right now, the Church lays down the requirement of a fast from food and drink for one hour before receiving the Eucharist. This is an incredibly easy law considering that in the past the fast varied from dinner the night before to midnight to four hours before receiving the Eucharist. One hour is nothing.

Following from this requirement to fast, and building on the reality of the church as a sacred place, food and drink have no place in the church. One might make exceptions for such things as a choir member to have water in order to sing well, but these exceptions are truly the exception. Food and drink have no place in the church.

We come to church to receive the Lord in the Eucharist. There is no food on earth that can compare with the Bread of Life. We do need our regular food to stay alive, but our earthly, physical life is not the most important life. The most important life is the life that we receive from the Lord in the Eucharist. No food on earth can compare with this.

Following on last week, it is good to remember that how we act shapes our sensibilities. If we treat the church like any other place, we begin to lose our sense of the importance of what happens in the church. It is very common to carry a water bottle just about everywhere. It is common to be chewing gum or munching on a snack just about everywhere. The church, though, is not like everywhere else. It is God's house, the doorstep of heaven. The most amazing things happen in the church.

As with all forms of etiquette, it is also about the people around us. Our actions help to create an environment for our brothers and sisters. We need to ask ourselves: what sort of environment are we setting up for those we are supposed to care about? Are we making it easier or harder for them to enter into the profound reality of the Mass? Are we helping to make the space sacred so that they can enter more fully into the incredible wonder of Christ's sacrifice?

--Fr. Ferris

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Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Tuesday evenings after 7pm Mass

The Light is On For You!

Thu., March 26th, St. Anthony 5-8pm

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Stations of the Cross immediately following Mass



www.kofcsaranacmi.org
Grand Knight Greg Price

Family of the Month: Mary Frederiksen Family
Knight of the Month: Tyler Frederiksen

KOC Council meets the 1st Thursday of the month at 7PM
March 6, KOC Raffle Winner: John Free

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Many events throughout the diocese have been cancelled or will reschedule according to the latest recommendations from the Diocese. Please refer to a specific event website for information regarding cancellations or date changes.

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St. Anthony's Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry is unfortunately cancelled for the rest of the Lenten season. Thank you to everyone for your understanding in this unforeseen circumstance.

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**TODAY IS THE LAST DAY**

to get your delicious Knights of Columbus pie  
Blueberry, Apple, Cherry  
\$9 each or 3 for \$25

See a Knights member to order yours today  
**Pie making will be March 21<sup>st</sup> and box assembly the 20<sup>th</sup> at Pewamo's elementary school any and all help would be greatly appreciated!**

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THE 6 CHARACTERISTICS FOR LENT: MINDFUL

What is it that tempts you the most? Is it an action, a person, or a place? It is something that seems innocent enough, like a food, a drink, or an event? When you really start reflecting, you find that there are many temptations all around. Even if you are strong and never succumb to a certain temptation, it is still there waiting for a weak moment in your life.

One difficulty in the life of a disciple trying to live a stewardship way of life lies in the temptations we never actually see. We are too busy thinking about past failures or successes, or we are fixated on what possibilities the future holds that we miss the important things going on in the present. Jesus could be standing directly in front of us, but we miss him because we are looking everywhere except straight ahead.

Being mindful means that we are looking out for how and when God will call us this very day. Our decisions this day will have a huge impact on the future. If we only look to the future, we will miss those important calls to action. We may even find ourselves in a desert of sorts, looking for any way out we can find. However, God may need us to give of ourselves for a reason we cannot yet discern while in that desert. We need to stay awake, be aware, and look for His hand in all things. If we don't, we may even miss the pathway out of that desert when it presents itself. -Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

STEWARDSHIP for week ending March 8, 2020

PARISH INCOME:

Adult envelopes	\$ 1,227.00
Loose	112.00
Candles	30.00
Flowers	25.00
Total Receipts Retained	\$ 1,394.00
Heifer	50.00
TOTAL Receipts	\$ 1,444.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

Operating	307.00
Worship	33.00
Buildings/Grounds	236.30
Rel. Ed/FF	42.65
Utilities	140.79
Total Expenses	\$ 759.74

HEIFER INTERNATIONAL = \$ 712.00 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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It would be greatly appreciated if you could turn in your CSA pledge card this weekend. If you have already done so, thank you! Through the blessings we've received, together we are able to fund important work that benefits our parish and diocesan programs that supports individuals, families, and communities throughout our 11 counties. Every gift, regardless of the amount, is important in this effort. 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 in the collection basket. If you cannot participate financially, please offer a prayer for the success of CSA and complete and return your card indicating your intention.



DIOCESE OF GRAND RAPIDS

Office of the Bishop

March 14/15, 2020

Dear Friends in Christ,

More than 2,900 people have been killed because of their Christian faith. Over 260 million Christians live in communities where they experience a high level of persecution just because of their religious beliefs. These astonishing statistics regarding Christian persecution come from Open Doors USA's 2020 World Watch List reporting period (Oct. 31, 2018 – Nov. 1, 2019). We may not be able to see their faces. When we look, however, through the eyes of Jesus, we sense the suffering of our persecuted brothers and sisters around the world. This is your opportunity to help!

Next weekend, March 21-22, the parishes of our diocese will take up the Catholic Relief Services (CRS) collection. Your support for this collection not only brings aid to victims of persecution and natural disasters, it provides legal services to poor immigrants, and advocates for those with little or no power. Through your generosity, the six Catholic agencies supported through this collection help our neighbors, near and far.

Your gift provides more than physical nourishment. It brings hope. Through housing and educational projects funded through the CRS collection, you can help people around the world to be cared for and offer them a new start.

Please contribute to this year's 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 www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak
Bishop of Grand Rapids

THE 6 CHARACTERISTICS FOR LENT: PRAYERFUL

When my children were younger, they could make me laugh and sometimes cry. I would have conversations about animals, nature, outer space, and so many amazing things in life. I would play with them one day and then work to bandage a boo-boo the next. There were so many dynamics to our relationship. However, one aspect was my favorite. It was when one of them would snuggle up next to me on the couch silently, often leading to sleep. There was no better feeling, and I didn't want to move for anything. It is crazy to think of all the things we would do together, and my favorite was when we essentially were doing nothing.

Do you think God desires a portion of you? Without a doubt, He wants all of you: the good, the bad, and the ugly. Walking with Him daily is so important, and we can never become the disciples and stewards we need to be without a deepening relationship. Yet, prayer is not just talking and listening. It is also being. We sometimes seek to communicate so much and do so many things that we forget the value of stewardship of presence. The giving of ourselves completely to another often requires us to simply be with that person. We feel their presence. We rest in their being. No words are needed because words would destroy the moment. This is what we are called to in a relationship with God. This is good stewardship because it is about giving of our very presence to God and receiving strength from that resting in Him. Sometimes, all we need is to snuggle up to our God on the couch. —*Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*

THE 6 CHARACTERISTICS FOR LENT: GRATEFUL

Happy Birthday! It may or may not be your birthday now, but I know it will be coming up at some point. I hope you receive many cool presents and get to spend quality time with friends and family. On special days like birthdays, Christmas, and anniversaries, it is good to celebrate. After all, we need some fun and celebration in our lives.

But what about the day after? Presents remain, but the presence of others may be over, and it is back to the daily grind. Yesterday, you were filled with gratitude. You hold the memory of yesterday still close so that fuels you for the day. However, how about 2, 3, or 4 days from then? The truth is that many joys in this life cannot stay with us forever. They belong to a certain place in time. We will have our memories, yet those thoughts will never be a suitable substitute for the real thing.

There is one joy that remains throughout all our days: the joy we find in Jesus. What he gives us does not fade. The amazing thing about what he offers us is that it also provides a lens through which we see all things. Now we can see the smallest reasons to be grateful. We no longer have a life where we go from one celebration to another with the ordinary in between. All life and time are extraordinary! All gifts, great and small, are precious. This offering seems too good to be true, so what's the catch? Like all gifts given to us, for the gift to have meaning, we must be willing to receive it. The choice is yours. You can live in the ordinary, or you can revel in the extraordinary, now and forever. —*Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*

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Open Thursdays, 2 - 4 p.m.

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY

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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.