

ST. ANTHONY CHURCH

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 22, 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 22, 2020

March 22, Sunday: FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

8:30 am: No Mass but Father will be here and the Church will be open for you to pray.

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

March 23, Monday: Lenten Weekday,

Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

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

March 24, Tuesday: Lenten Weekday,

Saint Oscar Romero, Bishop and Martyr

7:00 pm: No Mass but Father will be here and the Church will be open for you to pray.

Ez 47:1-9, 12 Jn 5:1-16

March 25, Wednesday:

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

Is 7:10-14; 8:10 Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38

March 26, Thursday: Lenten Weekday

9:00 am: No Communion Service

Ex 32:7-14 Jn 5:31-47

March 27, Friday: Lenten Weekday, **Abstain**

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

March 28, Saturday: Lenten Weekday

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

March 29, Sunday: FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

8:30 am: No Mass but Father will be here and the Church will be open for you to pray.

Ez 37:12-14 Rom 8:8-11 Jn 11:1-45



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,
- Bunny Harrington, Elodia Jones

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A Family Perspective: Third Sunday of Lent

Failure to forgive blinds us to another's goodness. Lent provides an opportunity to wash away our blind spots in the pool of forgiveness. Listen to Jesus in today's gospel: "Go wash and see." ***By Bud Ozar***

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Please keep the Zukowski family in your thoughts and prayers. Paula Zukowski and her family were former members of St. Anthony. Paula's parents, Ralph & LaDee Zukowski passed away in February.

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Knights of Columbus Pie making and distributing has been postponed until further notice.

From the hand of Fr. Ferris

In our Lenten considerations of discipline and etiquette for Mass, one of the major points has been our consideration of others. This makes sense in light of the second of the Two Great Commandments: love your neighbor. Our chief concern after God should be others.

With this in mind, it is an offense against God and neighbor to be habitually late for Mass. Certainly things happen: the arthritis is acting up and it just took you longer to get ready; the tire is flat; the baby blows out a diaper; a tree is across the road and you have to take the long way around. Things happen to make us late, and, on the odd occasion that we are late for Mass for reasons outside our control, we should not be ashamed that we were late for Mass. We were truly doing our best.

Habitual tardiness, though, is another issue. Habitual tardiness is clearly an offense against our brothers and sisters who are trying to prepare to worship God and to receive Christ. Something in our lives is disordered; we are putting ourselves before our brothers and sisters. Habitual tardiness is also clearly an offense against God; it is regularly, habitually, putting something else before God.

--Fr. Ferris

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STILL ON AS SCHEDULED

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

The Light is On For You!

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

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From the Most Reverend Bishop Walkowiak:

Let us turn to the calm and reassuring presence of our Blessed Mother during this time of uncertainty:

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas. We fly to you today as your beloved children. We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana. Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world, and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of your holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness. For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust. In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind. Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts. We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother, health of the sick and cause of our joy. Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus.

Amen.

Prayer of Archbishop Jose Gomez of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, and president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).



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Grand Knight Greg Price

Family of the Month: Parish Family who helped with Fish Fry
Knight of the Month: Tyler Frederiksen
KOC Council meets the 1st Thursday of the month at 7PM
March 13, KOC Raffle Winner: Tami Hardy

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All Masses have been cancelled through April 5, Palm Sunday. See Grand Rapids Diocese website for more information.

Many events throughout the diocese have been cancelled. 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 dinners are unfortunately cancelled for the rest of the Lenten season.

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**American Red Cross Blood Drive
Saranac Community Church
Monday, March 23 12:30-6:15**

The Blood drive is still on as scheduled! Blood is needed desperately in times of crisis, please donate!

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REMEMBERING TRUE WEALTH

Art Buchwald, the longtime humorist for the Washington Post who died in 2007, is credited with saying, "The best things in life aren't things." As Christians, we know this statement to be true. Certainly, the best things in our lives are not those items that money can buy or things we can create in the material world. Faith, hope, and love are more precious than anything we can see with our eyes. Yet, as humans we often find ourselves longing for the very things that we claim are not nearly as valuable. We lose sight of what is real and true. Paul wrote in the 4th chapter of his letter to the Philippians that he has experienced both living with abundance and then with very little. Regardless of what we have in terms of worldly goods, Paul reminds us that God provides for all our needs. God may not provide for our wants, but He does give us what we need. The flesh seeks what it wants, but the spirit seeks what it needs. In a stewardship way of life, we must always remind ourselves that true wealth never comes from material possessions and money. True wealth comes from the love we share, the faith we develop, and the hope we bring to others. The best things in life aren't free though. They require work, commitment, and fortitude. We need to cultivate these things daily. If we are serious about living life in this way, we will find that when our days on this earth are through, we really had it all. —Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

STEWARDSHIP for week ending March 15, 2020

PARISH INCOME:

Adult envelopes	\$ 887.00
Loose	25.00
Candles	4.00
Total Receipts Retained	\$ 916.00
Scrip In	525.00
Heifer	100.00
TOTAL Receipts	\$ 1,541.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

Payroll and Taxes	1,575.03
Worship	243.97
Parish Life	62.92
Buildings/Grounds	641.27
Utilities	71.59
Total Actual Expenses	\$ 2,594.78
Scrip Out	517.82
Total Expenses	\$ 3,112.60

HEIFER INTERNATIONAL = \$ 812.00 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 the office at 616-642-6119



Many of you just received your CSA cards in the mail this week. We apologize for the delay. Please prayerfully discern this essential fund raiser and return your card to your parish office or send it into the Diocese. Please pray for our Catholic Services Appeal, so faith may flourish. God Bless!

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Please pray for our Faith Formation teachers, children and families during these times of uncertainty.

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If there is anyone in need during these times please call the parish office at 616-642-6119. We are here to help!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

May the peace of God dwell in your hearts and minds!

With all that is going on in the world, our communities, and maybe even our families, now is a time to return to the essentials. Many of the material comforts of life are being taken away from us as many businesses are being forced to shut down for a while. As the world hunkers down, we find ourselves in the great Season of Lent, a time when we are called back to the essentials, to build up and renew our spiritual life.

The first essential element of Lent is prayer. There is certainly much to be praying about and many people to be praying for. For many of you, you are finding that you have more time on your hands because your children are not at school or it is not wise for you to leave your homes at this time. Prayer is certainly the first thing we should be doing with this extra time.

The second essential element of Lent is penance. Much of this might be enforced right now because many of the creature comforts of our society are closed. Embrace the opportunity to offer up these sufferings for those who are sick and vulnerable. You might also find that the food on hand for a while leaves something to be desired. Again, it is an opportunity to fast in union with Christ who suffered for our sakes.

The third essential element of Lent is charity. There are many people right now with real needs. Maybe they need a babysitter so they can go to work. Maybe they need someone to pick up food for them because they should be staying home for a while. Maybe they just need a phone call to break up the loneliness of the day. This is an incredible time to be looking out for each other.

Returning to these essentials helps us to fight against one of the chief tools of our enemy: fear. The evil one likes to use fear to confuse us, to keep us chasing after our tails, to distract us from what is truly important and have us running away from our shadows. Case in point: the Great Toilet Paper Famine of 2020.

Fear is not only useless, it is counterproductive. We have before us an opportunity to turn away from the things of this world and to turn back to what truly matters: the love of God and the love of our neighbor. Let us seize this opportunity to become more the saints that God made us to be.

To help inspire you, I would encourage you to read up on St. Aloysius Gonzaga and St. Damien De Veuster (St. Damien of Molokai). These are two great saints who responded with courage to the illnesses of their day and are honored forever for their love of neighbor. Let's be inspired, not fearful.

I remember all of you in my prayers. I continue to celebrate Mass every day, and you remain at the forefront of my intentions. May the Lord bless you and bring you His peace!

--Fr. Ferris

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Thank You



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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.