

ST. ANTHONY CHURCH

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 29, 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 29, 2020

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

March 30, Monday: Lenten Weekday

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 Jn 8:1-11

March 31, Tuesday: Lenten Weekday

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

Nm 21:4-9 Jn 8:21-30

April 1, Wednesday: Lenten Weekday

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 Jn 8:31-42

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

9:00 am: No Communion Service

Gn 17:3-9 Jn 8:51-59

April 3, Friday: Lenten Weekday, Abstain

Jer 20:10-13 Jn 10:31-42

April 4, Saturday: Lenten Weekday,

Saint Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Ez 37:21-28 Jn 11:45-56

April 5, Sunday:

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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

Mt 21:1-11 Is 50:4-7 Phil 2:6-11 Mt 26:14—27:66



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, Denise Watson Dopps

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A Family Perspective: Fifth Sunday of Lent

Our families can become wrapped up chasing things we perceive will make us happy. Jesus' words to Lazarus, He says to us: "Come out" from what entombs you. In this fifth week of Lent "untie" yourself and be free from unnecessary possessions.

By Bud Ozar

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DIocese OF GRAND RAPIDS

Spiritual Resources during Covid-19

The Dioceses website has many resources available for you during this time of uncertainty.

JOIN US FOR: Sunday 10 a.m. Mass online

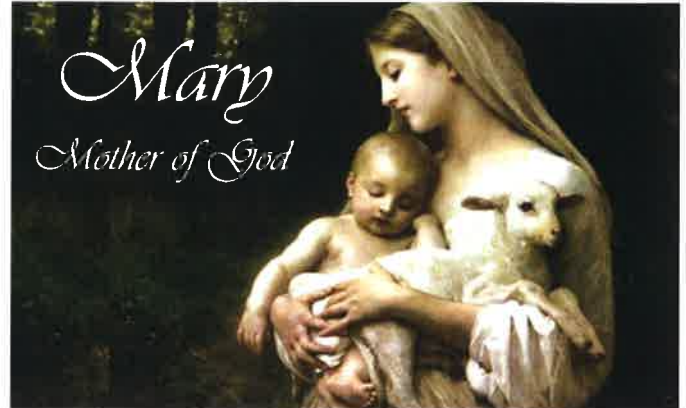
(Web | Facebook) and on TV on WXMI Fox 17, live from the Cathedral of Saint Andrew, Grand Rapids.

From the hand of Fr. Ferris

SEE ATTACHED LETTER

--Fr. Ferris

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WORLD PRAYER FOR HEALING

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen. We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas—we who are put to the test—and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

Pope Francis, March 11, 2020

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PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH

God of healing and peace, you desire the love and protection of all your children, especially the most vulnerable. Comfort those who have suffered at the hands of those to whom they were entrusted. Provide solace in their hearts and healing in their bodies and minds. God of refuge and mercy, you know the distress in our hearts. Grant us the compassion to recognize and accompany those who have been victimized. Give us the courage to denounce injustice, rebuking those who perpetrate it. Help us to remain with you in faith, despite our anger and lament, confusion and disappointment. God of reconciliation and renewal, you are the source of all that is good. Send your Spirit to invigorate the Church. Bestow on us the wisdom to journey forward with humility and a firm resolve to do that which is good. Grant us the grace to recall that, in the darkest hour, our hope lies in you. Holy Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.



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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 20, KOC Raffle Winner: John Wing

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All Masses have been cancelled through April 13, Easter Monday. See Grand Rapids Diocese website for more information.

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St. Anthony's Church will be open for you to pray during our new temporary office hours. Monday and Wednesday from 8:30am to 12:30pm. The Church can also be opened for you at another requested time by calling the office at 616-642-6119.

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THE 6 CHARACTERISTICS FOR LENT – GRACIOUS
 Vacations can be great times for refueling the body and renewing bonds within a family and between friends. No matter how good the vacation was, it is almost always good to get home when it is over. Sleeping in our own bed, taking a shower in our own bathroom, and resting on our own couch are some of the aspects of home we can miss while on the road. That's why encountering truly gracious and hospitable people while we are away is so important. These people are not family, but they sure can provide for us a glimpse of home. They can be waiters at a restaurant, desk hosts at a hotel, or even Uber drivers. They enrich our lives if for only a moment, yet that moment can make all the difference. When disciples of Jesus Christ act in a gracious manner to all those they meet, they provide a glimpse of home. This home is not in a house in a particular location, but it is a home prepared for all of us for eternity. No matter how comfortable we may be in our earthly homes, it truly pales in comparison to eternity with God. In that heavenly home, there is no darkness, only light. There are no tears, only joy. There is no hate, only love. We are ambassadors for heaven by how we offer ourselves to others. Our stewardship of hospitality allows others to see a glimpse of what God promises to us. Unless we truly step up and act in a gracious manner, will those we encounter ever know the Truth? I hate it when I am on the road and fail to meet people full of joy and welcome. At least I can look forward to coming home. What do those along the way look forward to in the next life that you can't show them a glimpse of in this one?

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

STEWARDSHIP for week ending March 22, 2020

PARISH INCOME:

Adult envelopes	\$ 415.00
Loose	28.00
Candles	6.00
General Receipts	449.00

Other Receipts

Building Fund-CSA Payback	215.50
Total Receipts Retained	\$ 664.50
Heifer	100.00
Total Receipts	\$ 764.50

DISBURSEMENTS:

Worship	152.90
Buildings/Grounds	51.12
Total Expenses	\$ 204.02

HEIFER INTERNATIONAL = \$ 912.00 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



Thank you for your gifts to CSA 2020!

Your generous support funds essential diocesan ministries that support our seminarians, provide training for teachers and faith formation staff, and brings assistance to our brothers and sisters in need. Please continue to pray for the success of this important effort.

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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!

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

March 24, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

May the peace of God beyond all understanding be with you!

I had this letter written and polished, but then things changed again. I am sure by this point you have heard of the governors "Stay Home, Stay Safe" executive order. While this did not explicitly include churches, Bishop Walkowiak is following the lead of the governor to help slow the spread of the virus. The bishop has canceled all public liturgies, devotions, and gatherings through Monday, April 13th. What does this mean?

-The public celebrations of Holy Week and Easter have been suspended. We are still figuring out what we will be doing.

-Individual confessions will continue to be heard at the regularly scheduled times.

-The churches will be open for prayer, and we will be deciding those schedules soon. As always, the adoration chapel at St. Mary is open 24/7.

-Office hours will be changing to reflect our ongoing need to conserve resources.

My mind and heart are torn in many ways with all of this. On the one hand we need to protect those who are vulnerable. There are many in our midst with health complications that make them very susceptible to infection, which can be quite serious. We need to care for them. That being said, we also need the Lord. I am distressed that when we need Jesus in the Eucharist the most He is being hid away. It has been spiritually and emotionally challenging to say the least.

There are many things that I am grateful for. I am very grateful for all those who have been checking on their neighbors. I have been hearing many stories of this. Thank you for your generous hearts.

I am incredibly grateful for the staff at St. Mary and St. Anthony. They have been rolling with the punches like champs, and their willingness to step up in this time of trial is greatly appreciated.

I am also very grateful for those who have continued their weekly tithes and who have begun sending in their CSA pledges. This is not a knock on those who have not been able to do so. This is a very trying time financially for many, and the first thing you need to ensure is that you keep the roof over your head and food in your bellies. Thank you to all those who are able to continue giving. Your generous spirit helps us help everyone.

This situation keeps changing. We will return to normal, or at least a new version of normal, at some point. When that will be is anyone's guess. In the meantime, we will continue to keep you updated as best we can. I will be following this letter up with additional resources to help you make the best of this challenging time.

As always, you remain in my prayers. On the day of my ordination I made a promise to pray on behalf of my people. Officially I do this when I pray the Liturgy of the Hours throughout the day. Personally, though, you are continually included in all my prayers and devotions.

While I do ask for your prayers, I also ask you to pray for all the priests and bishops. This is a very strange time to be a priest. Our lives are about our people, but when we can't engage our people it challenges us to grow in new ways as priests. Pray that we faithfully step up to the challenge.

May the Lord bless you and keep you; may His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; may He look upon you with kindness and give you His peace!

--Fr. Ferris

Celebrating a Special Day

April Birthdays

- 4/2 *MikeThompson*
4/3 *Emmett Kelley*
4/4 *Leo Bowen, Sue George, Al Lowetz*
4/5 *Cathy Emelander*
4/6 *Jill Perry*
4/7 *Nick Hagen*
4/8 *Kathy Hughes*
4/9 *Dan Catalano*
4/11 *Ed Zigmont*
4/12 *Maegan Shipp*
4/19 *Raymond Fayer*
4/24 *Allyson Albert*
4/27 *John Hintzen, Vivienne Serne*
4/29 *Logan Simpson*



*Happy
Anniversary*

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 & Lida Catalano on 4/23
Ken & Cheryl Griener on 4/23
Tom & Judy Jorgensen on 4/25
Ted & Krista VanKuiken on 4/30

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Please contact them and ask!

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.