

ST. ANTHONY CHURCH

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 9, 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 August 9, 2020

August 9, Sunday:

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8:30 am: Leo & Helen Huver † by John & Francis Brown

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a Rom 9:1-5 Mt 14:22-33

August 10, Monday: Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

2 Cor 9:6-10 Jn 12:24-26

August 11, Tuesday: Saint Clare, Virgin

7:00 pm: Gary Seigel † by Bob Miller Family

Ez 2:8—3:4 Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

August 12, Wednesday: Weekday,

Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22 Mt 18:15-20

August 13, Thursday: Weekday,

Saints Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs

9:00 am: No Communion Service

Ez 12:1-12 Mt 18:21—19:1

August 14, Friday: Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 Mt 19:3-12

August 15, Saturday:

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab 1 Cor 15:20-27 Lk 1:39-56

August 16, Sunday:

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 am: Harold & Margaret Simpson † by The Simpson Family

Is 56:1, 6-7 Rom 11:13-15, 29-32 Mt 15:21-28



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

Amy Williams, Bob Wolbers

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Bishop Walkowiak announces the extension of the dispensation for all Catholics within the territory of the Diocese of Grand Rapids from their obligation of attending Sunday Mass through September 7. The dispensation is granted broadly to ensure that anyone who needs to stay home to protect the common good can do so confidently, in good conscience. But those who are truly able to attend Mass should remember that we are transformed by being joined to Christ in the Eucharist. Only a weighty reason should keep us from being sanctified through participation in and our reception of Christ's body and blood. ***The dispensation however, does not release Catholics from honoring the Lord's Day on Sunday. Catholics are encouraged to make a spiritual Communion, pray the rosary, or meditate on Sacred Scripture, to keep holy the Lord's Day.***

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When you can't receive the Eucharist

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

From the hand of Fr. Ferris

I have been thinking long and hard about where to turn with these bulletin articles. On the one hand there are many obvious things to write about in the world right now. However, after a while I become very weary of writing about all of it at every turn. I need to be interested in my writing or I will never make it interesting to you. At the same time, as the world keeps trying to go sideways, we need to return to the basics, the realities that provide a sure foundation for our lives.

Therefore, I am going to write an extended catechesis on the Mass. The Mass is the foundation of our lives. As the Second Vatican Council put it, the Mass is the source and summit of our lives. At the Mass we participate again and again in the great mysteries of salvation; we are fed with the Eucharist and sent out with the life of Christ into the world. Then, having lived that life, we return to Mass with the prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of our lives so that we might be drawn up into the mystery of God and our lives transformed.

If there is one thing that will see us through this time, and indeed through our whole lives, it is the Mass. Therefore, it is good to be renewed in our understanding and appreciation of this basic part of our Christian lives. This will also give us the means to branch out into other areas of our Christian living because who we are and what we do as Christians is intimately tied to the Mass. Our life of prayer should flow from and return to the Mass; we are empowered in our works of charity by the Mass; the sufferings of our lives find meaning in the Mass.

Before we begin, though, it would probably be worthwhile to take stock of our understanding and appreciation of the Mass. All of us have had different experiences, been taught different things. Chances are, as with many things in life, there has been a mixture of good and bad, right and wrong, in our experiences and education. As we go through this catechesis on the Mass some of our understandings will be bolstered; other understandings might need to change. Regardless, it is good to know where we are starting.

This self-understanding begins with seemingly simple questions like: why do I go to Mass? It is certainly a good habit to be in, but do I really know why I am doing it? If I am not always regular about my Mass attendance, why am I missing? The first answers to these questions might seem simple or obvious, but it is good to sit with them, to dig a little deeper. The simple answer might be all there is, but often we are more complex than that. Knowing where we begin helps us to find where we want to go.

--Fr. Ferris

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A Family Perspective: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The demands of family can be so overwhelming we feel walking on water would be easier. When Jesus was pressured, He dismissed everyone, so he could be "by himself and pray."

When overwhelmed and stressed, go to a quiet place and surrender your pressured feelings to the Lord using Peter's prayer in today's gospel: "Lord, save me." ***By Bud Ozar***

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We become what we love and who we love shapes what we become. ~St. Clare



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Grand Knight Tony Baumgartner

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

July 31, KOC Raffle Winner: Kevin Theisen



Come pray the Rosary with fellow parishioners here at St. Anthony. Saturday mornings at 10am, outside by Mary to follow the social distancing rules.

“Prayer is powerful beyond limits when we turn to the Immaculata who is queen even of God’s heart.”

~St. Maximilian Kolbe

The **Franciscan Rhythms Trail Run & Walk** is back! Join us Saturday, October 3rd, 2020 for a 5K run or walk and kid's fun run on the beautiful 230-acre property of the **Franciscan Life Process Center**, 11650 Downes St NE Lowell. Our fundraising target for this year is \$30,000. These proceeds will ensure that we can provide Music Therapy services for all those needing scholarship in this coming year. Registration is \$15 for the kid's run, \$30 for the 5K run and walk. Virtual Race option available.

RETRACTION:

OH MY...I'm so sorry I forgot to tell you who this thank you was from!



To all my family and friends at St. Anthony, I would like to thank you for all the beautiful & funny birthday cards I received. I am humbled by your thoughtfulness. St. Anthony's is the BEST!

Love, Anne Simpson

The Ionia County Health Department will be conducting a drive thru Covid testing site here at St. Anthony on August 12 from 9-5.

STEWARDSHIP for week ending August 2, 2020

PARISH INCOME:

Adult envelopes	\$ 1,185.00
Loose	27.00
Candles	2.00
General Fund Receipts	\$ 1,214.00

Other Receipts

Building Fund	200.00
Total Receipts Retained	\$ 1,414.00
Heifer	100.00
TOTAL Receipts	\$ 1,514.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

Payroll and taxes	1,087.72
Insurance: Prop.,P/R,Etc	716.71
Operating	475.14
Worship	75.00
Buildings/Grounds	754.00
Parish Life	80.51
Utilities	751.42
TOTAL Expenses	\$ 3,940.50

HEIFER INTERNATIONAL = \$ 1,967.00 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.; 12p.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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Thank you for your gifts to CSA 2020!
 St. Anthony's was assessed \$ 18,130 as to date we have received pledges totaling \$18,175. This is wonderful! We are blessed with the very best parishioners! Thank you all for your generous support! Please remember anything above our assessed amount comes back to St. Anthony. If you haven't turned yours in please consider doing so. If you are unable to give at this time please return your pledge card marked "with prayers".

Is your business or are your acquaintances interested in advertising in our bulletin?

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.