

ST. ANTHONY CHURCH

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

February 21, 2021

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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 21, 2021

February 21, Sunday: **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

8:30 am: Harold & Margaret Simpson † by Simpson Family
Gn 9:8-15 1 Pt 3:18-22 Mk 1:12-15

February 22, Monday: The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle
1 Pt 5:1-4 Mt 16:13-19

February 23, Tuesday: Lenten Weekday,
Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

7:00 pm: Family of Chris Updyke † by Cathy Pick
Is 55:10-11 Mt 6:7-15 *Lector:* Mary Lamphere

February 24, Wednesday: Lenten Weekday
Jon 3:1-10 Lk 11:29-32

February 25, Thursday: Lenten Weekday
Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25 Mt 7:7-12

February 26, Friday: Lenten Weekday
Ez 18:21-28 Mt 5:20-26

February 27, Saturday: Lenten Weekday
Dt 26:16-19 Mt 5:43-48

February 28, Sunday: **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**
8:30 am: Dee and Ray Cook † by Rosemary Reams Family
Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Rom 8:31b-34 Mk 9:2-10
Lector: Sherry Free

Eucharistic Minister: Mary Frederiksen

Counting Team: Pam Grieves, Anita Talcott

February Cleaning Team: Dan & Martha Brown



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

Amy Williams, Denise Watson Dopps, Suzane Sidock,

Gary Emelander, John Stehlik, Bob Wolbers, Bill Hecht Jr.

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UPDATE FOR FEB. 12, 2021

**BISHOP WALKOWIAK INVITES CATHOLICS
WHO ARE HEALTHY AND ABLE TO RETURN
TO MASS THIS LENT; EXTENDS
DISPENSATION UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
FOR THOSE WHO ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND
IN PERSON BECAUSE OF HEALTH REASONS
OR OTHER FACTORS.**

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Lenten Prayer

Almighty and Everlasting God,
You have given the human race
Jesus Christ our Savior as a model of humility.
He fulfilled Your Will by becoming Man
And giving His life on the Cross.
Help us to bear witness to You
By following His example of suffering
And make us worthy to share in His Resurrection.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son.
Amen.

From the hand of Fr. Ferris

When the priest turns to the altar to consume the Eucharist, he is acting in the sacrificial tradition that goes back thousands of years. One of the duties, and privileges, of the priesthood established by God through the line of Levi in the Old Testament was to eat of the sacrifices offered to God (Leviticus 6-7). First and foremost, the sacrifice was a holy thing and should not go to waste or be thrown out. Also, the Levite was the mediator between God and man; his eating of the sacrifice was a sign of the communion between God and man.

The priest, standing at the altar, also stands as the mediator between God and the people. Not everyone will approach to receive the Eucharist, to participate in the sacrifice of Christ. Some are not Catholic, and so should not come forward; others are in a state of sin that needs to be rectified by going to Confession first; others are not of an age where they can come forward and receive. The priest receives on their behalf as well, even though they cannot come forward to encounter the Lord in this intimate way.

When the faithful do come forward to receive the Eucharist, it is good to remember all the many realities that come together. The faithful come forward to participate in the true Passover Lamb (Exodus 12). The faithful come forward as the Israelites who gathered manna in the desert (Exodus 16). We remember the crowds that were fed by Jesus (John 6). We think of the daily bread that we pray for in the Our Father (Matthew 6). We remember the Apostles gathered around the table, who received from the Lord His very flesh and blood (Mark 14).

So many realities come together to help us turn our attention to Jesus who is coming as food for our souls. Not only is Jesus worthy of our fullest attention and reverence, but what better could we do than to give Jesus the fullness of ourselves as we come forward to receive Him. The dialogue, the intimate encounter, that we have been having with God throughout the Mass comes to its fullest expression in the Eucharist.

--Fr. Ferris

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**Stations of the Cross at St. Mary's Lowell
Fridays of Lent at 7:00pm**



www.kofcsaranacmi.org
Grand Knight Tony Baumgartner

Family of the Month: Mario & Janis Diaz
Knight of the Month: Jerry Lillie

KOC Council meets the 1st Thursday of the month at 7PM
KOC Raffle Winner: This next year's raffle has been postponed until a later date, yet to be determined.



Attention all Musicians

Are you musically inclined, do you play an instrument or do you like to sing? If you said yes to any of these then we have the perfect opportunity for you! Please see Tom and Cherie Hagen to join the choir. Many people make beautiful harmonies!

Quotes to Inspire Your Lent

"As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus' thirst... 'Repent and believe' Jesus tells us. What are we to repent? Our indifference, our hardness of heart. What are we to believe? Jesus thirsts even now, in your heart and in the poor – He knows your weakness. He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you." *St. Teresa of Calcutta*

St. Mary's Lenten Fish Fry



Lenten Fish Fry (Takeout only) on February 26th in the Parish Life Center. \$8 per meal or \$25 per family. Details and sign-up pre-order on St. Mary's website: stmarylowell.com

A Family Perspective: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus went into the desert to put his life in perspective. This lent, take a fresh look at a difficult relationship in your life. Concentrate on the positive things that person does, not just the negatives. Try to understand why their behaviors 'bug' you. Can you honestly share your feelings with them without attacking them? Make Lent a time to MEND and FORGIVE! *By Bud Ozar*

STEWARDSHIP for week ending February 14, 2021

PARISH INCOME:

Adult envelopes	\$ 2,137.00
Loose	26.00
Candles	8.00
Mass Intentions	20.00
General Fund Receipts	\$ 2,191.00

Other Receipts

Heifer	250.00
TOTAL Receipts	\$ 2,441.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

Payroll and taxes	1,188.03
Parish Life	81.34
Buildings/Grounds	28.15
Utilities and Phones	83.85
TOTAL Expenses	\$ 1,381.37

HEIFER INTERNATIONAL = \$ 3,939.82 Arks are \$5,000.00

LOCAL AREA MASS SCHEDULE

SS. Peter & Paul, Ionia (616-527-3610): Sat 4:00 p.m.; Sunday 8:00a.m.; 11:30 a.m.; Spanish Mass at 1:00 p.m.

St. Edward, Lake Odessa (616-374-7253): Sat. 6:00 p.m.; Sunday 9:45a.m.

St. Mary, Lowell (616-897-9820): Mon, Wed-Fri 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



Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Mark Your Calendars!

As we begin the season of Lent, the Diocese of Grand Rapids will once again offer a special opportunity to receive the sacrament of reconciliation.

"The Light is ON for You: An Evening of Penance"
Thursday, March 18

5 - 8 p.m. in almost every parish of the diocese
Visit GRdiocese.org/penance for details

"The Light in ON for You" will be at St. Anthony.

Don't forget to recycle at St. Anthony!



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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.