

ST. ANTHONY CHURCH

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 18, 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 April 18, 2021

April 18, Sunday: THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:30 am: John Stehlik † by Dan & Martha Brown
Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 1 Jn 2:1-5a Lk 24:35-48

April 19, Monday: Easter Weekday

Acts 6:8-15 Jn 6:22-29

April 20, Tuesday: Easter Weekday

7:00 pm: For all Volunteers by the Parish Family
Acts 7:51—8:1a Jn 6:30-35 Lector: Martha Brown

April 21, Wednesday: Easter Weekday,

Saint Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Acts 8:1b-8 Jn 6:35-40

April 22, Thursday: Easter Weekday

Acts 8:26-40 Jn 6:44-51

April 23, Friday: Easter Weekday,

Saint George, Martyr; Saint Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr
Acts 9:1-20 Jn 6:52-59

April 24, Saturday: Easter Weekday,

Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr
Acts 9:31-42 Jn 6:60-69

April 25, Sunday: FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:30 am: Fr. Ferris † by the Parish Family

Acts 4:8-12 1 Jn 3:1-2 Jn 10:1-18

Lector: Ralph Westbrook

Eucharistic Minister: Mary Frederiksen

Counting Team: Martha Brown, Pam Grieves

April Cleaning Team: **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**



Please continue to pray for our

homebound and ill parishioners and parish friends:

Amy Williams, Denise Watson Dopps, Suzane Sidock,

Bob Wolbers, Bill Hecht Jr., Ayden Vanderhulst,

Rick Perry, Al Schielke

UPDATE

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.

This summer, the **Franciscan Life Process Center** will offer Nature experiences for children ages 8 – 12 led by Sister Mary Paul Moller, FSE. Topics include **Nature Crafts for Kids**, June 7 – 9; **Earthmovers: Black Gold (Worms)**, June 10 -11; **Pioneer Days**, June 14 – 17; and **Bubbles and Water**, August 9 – 12. Please go to www.lifeprocesscenter.org and click on Hands on Learning for more information.

From the hand of Fr. Ferris

A year ago, we were in the middle of the lockdown. Regardless of where we stand on the questions of the lockdown, quarantines, masks, social distancing, and all the rest of it, I am sure everyone is antsy for life to “get back to normal.” As we look forward to “normal,” it is worth taking some time to be thoughtful about the return to “normal.”

I have put “normal” in the scare-quotes because the first thing we need to think about is what we actually mean by “normal.” If there is one thing that life does, it changes. Sometimes life changes quickly, sometimes slowly. Children get older; people move homes; relatives and friends die; jobs change. Life in general is a series of changes.

I know this isn’t what people mean when they talk about getting back to normal. Everyone is looking ahead the end to restrictions on dining, masks, and that sort of stuff: just being able to do things without all the hassles and hurdles. It still is important to think about just what we mean when we talk about getting back to normal. Chances are, we mean different things; and for some, what they mean by normal might be radically different from the person a couple pews away.

We are going to spend some time reflecting on this over the next few weeks. There are so many different ways one can take this question, but I think the first thing to think about is: what do I mean when I say I want things to get back to normal. Make it personal; make it concrete. This helps you clarify the issue for yourself; but it can also help you in your conversations with others. How many of the conflicts these days are about the clashes of hopes, dreams, and expectations?

That I am starting this conversation should not be taken as a sign that “normal” is right around the corner. I have no idea when normal will return, what it will look like, how we will get there, or any other relevant question. This is nothing more than Spring telling me it is time to start thinking about life and the future.

—Fr. Ferris

A Family Perspective: THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

The apostles were afraid of Jesus until He ate with them and they touched Him. In your family the ordinary acts of eating together, touching, embracing not only confirm our love for each other, but also celebrate God’s presence in your family. These ‘ordinary’ moments contain the ‘Extraordinary.’ *By Bud Ozar*



www.kofcsaranacmi.org

Grand Knight Tony Baumgartner

Family of the Month: Rick & Jill Perry

Knight of the Month: Al Schielke

KOC Council meets the 1st Thursday of the month at 7PM

KOC Raffle Winner:

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The Knights of Columbus are selling their annual raffle tickets for the weekly drawing. The first drawing will be May 7. See a Knights member to get yours or call the Parish office @ 642-6119.

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Mass for God's Creation

Celebrate the sixth anniversary of Pope Francis' landmark encyclical on care for creation, *Laudato Si*. Bishop Walkowiak invites the faithful to join him for Mass on May 24 at 7 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Andrew. The Mass will be livestreamed on the diocesan website and Facebook page for individuals who are unable to join. Prior to attending in-person, please review diocesan COVID-19 guidelines, which can be found at grdiocese.org.

We will have an opportunity to deepen our gratitude to God for the gift of the earth, our common home, and to strengthen us to care for all members of the human family.

For more information, please contact D.J. Florian 616-551-4748 or email: dflorian@grdiocese.org.

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Have you thought about separation or divorce? Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse? Are you constantly fighting? Or, do you simply shut down? Does talking only make it worse?

There are alternatives. Rediscover healing and love and find hope by attending Retrouvaille (pronounced re-tro-vi with a long i). The program offers tools needed to rediscover a loving marriage relationship.

The next Retrouvaille weekend is May 21-23, 2021. For more information, to register or to sponsor a couple, call [616.752.7004](tel:616.752.7004), email retrograndrapids@gmail.com or visit www.helpourmarriage.org.

STEWARDSHIP for week ending April 11, 2021

PARISH INCOME:

Adult envelopes	\$ 1,907.00
Loose	575.00
Candles	2.00
Mass Intentions	20.00
General Fund Receipts	\$ 2,504.00

Other Receipts

Building Fund	75.00
Total Receipts Retained	\$ 2,579.00

Rice Bowl	120.00
Heifer	100.00
TOTAL Receipts	\$ 2,799.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

Payroll and Taxes	1,032.84
Worship	273.31
Building/Grounds	151.00
Utilities and Phones	236.80
Total Actual Expenses	\$ 1,693.95

GR Diocese-Rice Bowl	93.75
Saranac Food Pantry-Rice Bowl	31.25
TOTAL Expenses	\$ 1,818.95

HEIFER INTERNATIONAL = \$ 4,189.82 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



Thank you for your gifts to CSA 2021!

Please return your pledge card marked "with prayers" if you are unable to give at this time and please continue to pray for a successful CSA!

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*Do you have some time for the Lord?
Cleaning volunteers are needed!*

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.