

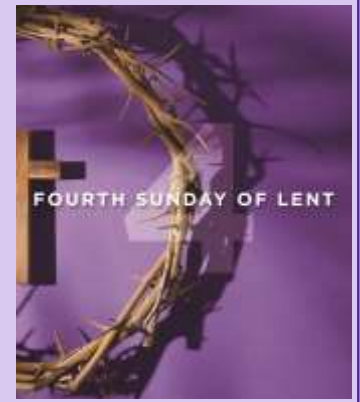


St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church Temperance, Michigan

5th Sunday of Lent (New, Trad.)

“The Antonian” April 6, 2025

*St. Anthony of Padua,
Our Patron and Intercessor, Pray for Us!*



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Weekend Mass Schedule - Lumen Christi Parishes:

Saturday (Sunday Vigil): 4:30pm: OL Mt. Carmel; 5:00pm St. Anthony-Eng.
Sunday: 7:30am St Joseph; 8:00am St. Anthony-Eng.; 10:00am OLMC;
10:30am St. Joseph; 12:00pm St. Anthony; 4:30pm St. Joseph

Weekday Mass Schedule - Lumen Christi Parishes:

Monday: 9:00am - OLMC;
Tuesday: 9:00am - St. Anthony-Eng.; 6:00pm - St. Joseph
Wednesday: No Mass
Thursday: 7:00pm - St. Anthony
Friday: 9:00am - St. Joseph
First Friday: 7:00pm - St. Anthony;
First Saturday: 9:00am - St. Anthony

Sacrament of Penance - Lumen Christi Parishes:

Tuesday: 5:00 - 6:00pm - St. Joseph
Thursday: 5:00 - 6:00pm - St. Anthony
Saturday: 10:30-11:30am - St. Joseph; 2:30-3:30pm - OLMC
First Friday: 10:00-11:00 am - St. Joseph

Prayer Blankets Sandy Maenle: 734-847-7813
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Lumen Christi Lenten Confessions (3 Priests Available each night)

St. Joseph - April 8: 5:00pm-8:00pm
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel - April 9:
6:00pm-7:45pm
St. Anthony - April 10: 5:00pm-8:00pm

On **Saturday, April 12** at 10:00am, the **Men's Group** will be assisting the **Parish with Spring cleaning** in the form of groundskeeping. If any men 18 and up would be able to assist with this, please contact the Parish Office.

Good Friday Schedule

St. Anthony Church - 12:00pm

Good Friday services will be held at St. Anthony Church, beginning with **Stations of the Cross at 12:00 Noon.** There will be 2 locations for praying the stations:

Stations will take place in the traditional form inside the Church and will last between 30-45 minutes. Mid-day prayer will follow the Stations held in the church.

****Stations will also take place in the wooded area behind the school.** These stations will follow the trail through the woods, and will include a blessing of the outdoor stations that were added to the trail in the fall of 2024. Because of the addition of a blessing for each station, these may last approximately 90 minutes. Please note: there are no seats along the wooded trail.

Everyone is welcome to participate at either location; both versions will be led by a member of the clergy, and will be accompanied by Altar Servers and sacred music.

Our schedule for the day will continue inside the Church with:

2:00pm - Scriptural Rosary
2:40pm - Divine Mercy Novena
3:00-4:30pm - Liturgy of the Lord's Passion with Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion.

There will be time for silent meditation between the above scheduled devotions.

† MASS SCHEDULE †

Monday, April 7, 2025

St. John Baptist de la Salle (1719), Pr., F. of Brothers of Christian schools (*New*)
St. Herman Joseph (1241), Pr., R. (*Hist.*)

Tuesday, April 8, 2025

9:00am *In Thanksgiving for the Successful Birth of Antonius Maximilian Pilrose
by Elba Pilrose

†**Charles Brancheau**

by Bill & Joan Wilkinson

†**Julia Wolfe**

by Holly Schenk

St. Julie Billiart (1816), V., F. (*Trad./some places*)

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

St. Gaucherius (1140), Ab. (*Hist.*)
St. Mary Cleophas (1st C.) (*Hist.*)

Thursday, April 10, 2025

7:00pm †Brian Jackson

by Monte & Norine Jackson

†**Jane Abel**

by Rick & Sid Henzler

†**Piero Cenni**

by Elisa Schnur

St. Fulbert (1029), B. (*Hist.*)

St. Ezechiel (6th C., B.C.), 1 of 4 major Old Testament Prophets (*Hist.*)

Friday, April 11, 2025

Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary (*Trad., Fri. in Passon Week*)

St. Stanislaus of Cracow (1079), B., M., Pt. of Poland (*New*)

St. Leo the Great (461), P., D. (*Trad.*)

St. Gemma Galgani (1903), V., stigmatist (*New*)

Saturday, April 12, 2025

5:00pm The Living & Deceased Members of the Woronec Family

by Jim Woronec

St. Julius (352), P. (*Hist.*)

St. Sabbas the Goth (372), Pr., M. (*Hist.*)

Sunday, April 13, 2024

Palm Sunday (New, Trad.)

8:00am †Hannah Ramsey

by Sylvia Sauser

12:00pm People of St. Anthony

St. Martin I (665), P., M. (*New*)

St. Hermenegild (585), M. (*Trad.*)

St. Joseph's Erie will be adding a 5:00pm Saturday evening Mass to their liturgical schedule starting on April 5th.



Stations of the Cross at St. Anthony Parish are every Friday at 7:00pm during Lent.

Readings for Today

Today, Sunday, April 6, 2025:

For English Mass:

Isaiah 43:16-21

Philippians 3:8-14

John 8:1-11

For Latin Mass:

Epistle: Hebrews 9: 11-15

Gospel: John 8: 46-59

The Offertory Story for March 30, 2025

# Env. assigned: 322;	# Env. used: 70
Envelope total	\$ 4,608.00
Loose:	\$ 368.00
On-line giving	\$ 450.00
Total	\$ 5,426.00
Weekly Budget amt.....	\$ 5,900.00
+Over/-Under Budget	\$ - 474.00
Year To Date +-	\$ - 7,572.01

Other:

Candles	111.00
Church in Eastern Europe	50.00
CSA	500.00
Easter Flowers	205.00
Masses	260.00
Memorial Donation	25.00

Total for Other: 1,151.00

PRAYER FOR THE RETURN OF NON-PRACTICING CATHOLICS

Good Shepherd, You never cease to seek out the lost, to call home the stray, to comfort the frightened, and to bind up the wounded.

I ask you to bring the people I hold in my heart back to the practice of the Faith, and to remove all obstacles that prevent them from receiving your abundant mercy, which flows sacramentally through the heart of Your holy Church.

Through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of God, their Guardian Angels, their Patron Saints, and the ever-prayerful St. Monica, may You pardon their sins and unshackle them from whatever hinders their freedom to come Home.

For You, O Good Shepherd, have loved us to the end and offered Yourself to the Father for the salvation of all. Amen.

This Week's Calendar

Monday, April 7, 2025

5:00-6:15pm - Religious Ed. - Sch.
6:30-8:30pm - OCIA - Sch.

Tuesday, April 8, 2025

9:00am - Holy Mass (*English*)

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

6:30-7:30pm - Perpetual Help - Ch.

Thursday, April 10, 2025

5:00-8:00pm - Lenten Confessions

9:00am-6:00pm - Rummage Sale

7:00pm - Holy Mass

Friday, April 11, 2025

7:00pm - Stations of the Cross

6:00pm-7:30pm - Our Lady's Honor

Guard, Little Flowers, Troops of St.

George - PH/Sch.

Saturday, April 12, 2025

5:00pm - Vigil Mass (*English*)

St. Joseph School Raffle after Mass

Sunday, April 6, 2025

8:00am - Holy Mass (*English*)

12:00pm - Holy Mass

St. Joseph School Raffle after both Masses

Members from St. Joseph School will be selling tickets for their upcoming raffle outside of church following all Masses next weekend (04/12 & 13). The grand prize is a custom golf cart. Tickets are \$20 each. Thank you for helping support Catholic education in Monroe County!

Please Note:

We would like to start updating the Prayer List in the Bulletin. Please call the parish office if there is a name you would either like to add or remove from the Prayer List.

We are looking to recruit new **Lectors and Ushers** to add to rotation for our 5:00pm and 8:00am Weekend Masses.

If you are interested in Ushering, or in training to Lector, please contact the parish office.



Notes of Moderation

It can be a temptation among the faithful to forget that our clergy, despite having been sacramentally configured to function as the “Alter Christus” in liturgies, nevertheless remain very human. We remain subject to weakness and vice just as any of the faithful. I will admit, with a modicum of shame, that clerics are often prone to fall into the vice of complaining and grumbling to one another. I have recently found myself reflecting upon a series of conversations I had in my early years of priesthood that fell into this realm of human fault.

I have a very good friend of mine that I met in seminary. He was a few years ahead of me in his formation and thus found himself called to Major Orders before I was. At some point during my first assignment, we found ourselves visiting and discussing some of the difficulties we were encountering in our ministries. Father had just been appointed to his first pastorate and was having some difficulties with an influential men’s group that was affiliated with his parish. The difficulty surrounded the group’s lack of support for the upcoming Eucharistic Processions that were scheduled for Corpus Christi. My friend was surprised at the group’s lack of enthusiasm and apparent resistance to participating. While the initial justification given was that Eucharistic Processions were not part of the parish’s tradition or practice in recent years, a few inquiries revealed that members of the group had openly expressed doubts and hesitation regarding our Lord’s “Real Presence” in the Eucharist. Obviously, if one is lacking in the Catholic belief regarding the Most Blessed Sacrament, marching in procession with the Eucharist seems to have little value.

This deviation in the faith among the members of this Catholic group was concerning. My friend had concluded that this deficiency was due to poor catechesis and sought to correct this error in formation. However, at this point Father was becoming discouraged. He told me that he had gone to the group meeting and presented the Biblical foundations for our belief. He had presented the texts from the early Fathers of the Church regarding Our Blessed Lord’s Real Presence in the Blessed Sacrament. He had presented the Church’s clear teaching from authoritative catechisms both from antiquity and from modern times. Nevertheless, the problem remained. Father had one faithful ally in the men’s group that described the situation: “They know that the teaching is Biblical. They know that it is the Church’s consistent doctrine. They just don’t believe that the host elevated by the priest at Mass is Jesus!” My friend was astounded!

I would be pleased if I could write in this article that the problem in my friend’s parish was an oddity. Unfortunately, I cannot. Polls conducted only a few years ago indicated that belief in the Sacramental Presence of Our Blessed Lord in the Eucharist was below 35% among Catholics that were still attending Sunday Mass with regularity. One shudders to imagine what the statistics would say about the legions of Catholics who have abandoned the practice of their faith. This sorry state of affairs is what led our bishops to launch the recent campaign to renew this teaching of our faith in the Church in the United States of America. Following a massive campaign of articles, talks, and workshops over the last two years, and a National Eucharistic Congress, the polls now indicate that we have seen an increase among the faithful from below 35% to up to 48% of practicing Catholics now professing the Apostolic Faith regarding the Eucharist. This percentage should be 100% among Catholics as a whole. Where are we failing?

Various explanations have been proposed to explain this breakdown in fidelity. Cultural shifts, secular education, the hedonism of modern times, insufficient catechesis in the formative years of youth, the breakdown of family stability, all these factors have been suggested. I would agree that all of these factors have contributed to the difficulty. However, I also know the struggles of history. The Church has endured the attacks of the ‘enlightenment era’, Darwinism, militant atheist regimes, the scourges of revolutions, and schisms. While faith has waned and waxed in response to such challenges, I am unaware of any period that has seen such a universal undoing of the Apostolic belief in so short a time. I do not claim to have an immediate solution to the challenge, but it is clear that the conventional wisdom and practice is failing to nourish the Catholic faith in the current generation and failing to pass the faith on to the next generation.

Across the lines of the parishes in the Lumen Christi family, admittedly to various degrees, we have struggled to adapt to some modifications in our customs. I have heard some of the inquiries as to why this has been the case. The answer largely lies in the fostering and persevering of the Catholic faith. If we believe what we profess about the Eucharist and Our Lord’s Real Presence, it would seem reasonable to seek opportunities to magnify our reverence and discipline in relation to the Blessed Sacrament. Such practices are intended to consistently serve as a reminder to those of us striving to nourish and maintain our faith in a culture that ranges from skeptical to hostile regarding our beliefs. None of these practices have been encouraged to force conformity or to strip anyone of their identity. Rather, it is my intention to foster every opportunity for the parishioners in our Family of Parishes to renew their faith in this fundamental teaching: **Christ is with us!** Without this firm conviction of the Catholic and Apostolic faith...we will only continue to spiral into spiritual decline, both in our parishes and in our own hearts.

God love you,
Fr. Slaton

Schedule of Services for Lent & Easter – 2025

St. Anthony Church † Lumen Christi

Stations of the Cross

Fridays of Lent

St. Anthony: April 11 7:00pm

Confessions

St. Anthony Confessions: Thursdays: 5:00 - 6:00pm

Lumen Christi Lenten Confessions:

(3 priests available each evening)

St. Joseph: April 8 5:00 – 8:00pm

OL Mt. Carmel: April 9 6:00 -7:45pm

St. Anthony: April 10 5:00 - 8:00pm



HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday, April 13

St. Anthony Masses:

Saturday: 5:00pm (*English*); Sunday: 8:00am(*English*); 12:00pm (*Latin*)

Holy Thursday, April 17
Mass of the Lord's Supper
7:00pm

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church

7:00pm *Following Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church until 10am on Friday.*

Good Friday, April 18

St. Anthony Church

12:00Noon: Stations of the Cross (*Options: In Church and Outdoors*)
Mid-day Prayer following Stations held in the Church

2:00pm: Scriptural Rosary **2:40pm: Divine Mercy Novena**

There will be time for silent meditation between scheduled devotions

3:00-4:30pm: Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

with veneration of the Cross & reception of Holy Communion

8:00pm - Tenebrae

Holy Saturday, April 19

9:00am: St. Anthony Church Decorating

12:00pm: St. Anthony Blessing of Food

Easter Vigil Mass
9:00pm

St. Joseph Church

9:00pm

Easter Sunday, April 20

St. Anthony Masses: **10:00am** (*English*); 12:00pm (*Latin*)

Divine Mercy Sunday
April 27

St. Anthony Mass & Confession Schedule:

Saturday (Sunday Vigil Mass) 5:00pm (*English*)

Sunday: 8:00am Mass (*English*), 12:00pm Mass (*Latin*)

Confessions: 2-3pm;

Sunday: 3:00pm Mass (*English*),

with Divine Mercy Chaplet & Litany



Thank you for your continued support. "Fill the Black Top Hat" fund raiser will be the weekend of April 5th and 6th 2025. You will see SVdP members holding top hats at the entrances of the church at the end of each Mass. For those who don't carry cash we have options:

checks payable to: OLMC-SVDP
text TOPHAT to 53-555 or

visit <https://givebutter.com/OLMCsvdp-TopHat> or
scan our QR code



Please help support the SVdP to fulfill our mission to serve those in need. Your monetary gift will show that you are a disciple of Jesus as it will bring your love to those who are in need.

See the face of Christ; Be the face of Christ to those we help in our community. Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul **734-847-2805, #20.** so that together we can help those who are hungry or in need.

New members are always welcome, speak to one of our St. Vincent de Paul members, to find out more about the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and how you may want to serve your Neighbors in Need. SVdP-OLMC conference next meeting is Thursday May 15th at 6:30pm in OLMC conference room.

Easter Food Baskets

St. Anthony will be accepting donations for Easter Food Baskets for the Veterans and the Less Fortunate this holiday season.

Items needs are:

Canned fruits & vegetables ~
Potatoes (Bag or instant) ~
Macaroni & cheese ~ Rolls ~
Eggs ~ Easter candy for the kids! ~ Regular size Hams and small Hams for the Single Veterans (Cash or gift cards to purchase them will also be accepted)

Any other items that will make a holiday meal.

There are containers in the Narthex for all donations. Any fresh items (potatoes, rolls, eggs, hams, etc.) should be brought no sooner than the weekend before Easter.

We will be accepting donations until Monday, April 14. We will be packing the baskets and handing them out on Tuesday, April 15. If you know a family who could use a basket, please call Linda Sloan 734-856-5991, or contact the Parish Office.



The next *Prayer blanket meetings* is



THIS TUESDAY, April 8, after the 9:00am Morning Mass. You don't need to be a seamstress to participate; a variety of skills are need for each blanket.

Over the years, we've distributed over 1,000 Prayer Blankets. What a beautiful way to share our faith!



Cemetery News

With Spring upon us, it's time to take a look at clean-up in the Cemetery.

We need your help. Please remove any winter decorations before Palm Sunday (next week). Items can be placed in the dumpster, or, if it's full, placed along the outside of it. Any items not removed by Palm Sunday will be disposed of at the discretion of the Parish.

Thank you for your cooperation. God Bless you!

Regarding Offertory Contributions:

If you are a registered parishioner at St. Anthony Parish and you submit your St. Anthony envelope at either of the parishes in our Lumen Christi Family of Parishes (St. Joseph in Erie or Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Temperance), **please know that your envelope contribution will still go to St. Anthony.**

St. Joseph Catholic Church 2025 Lenten Fish Frys

2238 Manhattan St., Erie, MI (734) 848-6125 • www.stjosepherie.com

Every Friday during Lent • March 7 - April 18 • 4:30 - 7:30 pm

Dine-In All You Can Eat

PRICES: Adults - \$19 • Seniors - \$17
Kids (12 + under) - \$10

- MENU -

All You Can Eat Perch and/or Tilapia
Cheesy Potatoes
French Fries
Popcorn Shrimp
Green Beans
Cole Slaw
Applesauce
Roll
Dessert & Beverage



Carryout Dinner

PRICES: Adults + Seniors - \$17
Kids (12 + under) - \$10

- MENU -

Perch and/or Tilapia
Adults - 6 pc fish - Kids - 3 pc fish
Cheesy Potatoes
French Fries
Popcorn Shrimp
Green Beans
Cole Slaw
Applesauce
Roll

CASH ONLY!

We offer meatless spaghetti for our friends who are not a fan of seafood

NO Spaghetti, Dessert, or Drink