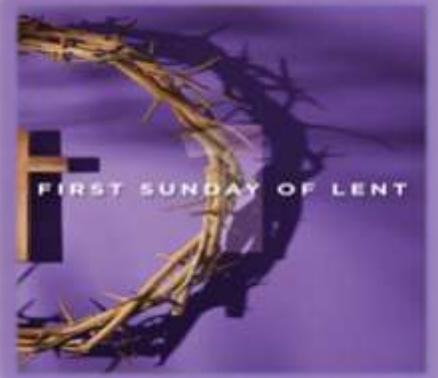




ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
CATHOLIC CHURCH
TEMPERANCE, MICHIGAN
First Sunday of Lent
"The Antonian" February 22, 2026
*St. Anthony of Padua,
Our Patron and Intercessor,
Pray for Us!*



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE): All Religious Ed. Classes for the Lumen Christi Family of Parishes will be held at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish

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Weekend Mass Schedule - Lumen Christi Parishes:

Saturday (Sunday Vigil): **4:00pm St. Anthony;** 4:00pm - St. Joseph; 5:30pm: OL Mt. Carmel
Sunday: 7:30am St. Joseph; **9:00am St. Anthony;** 9:00am OL Mt. Carmel;
10:30am St. Joseph; **11:00am St. Anthony;** 4:30pm St. Joseph; 7:00pm - OLMC

Weekday Mass Schedule - Lumen Christi Parishes:

Monday: 9:00am - OL Mt. Carmel
Tuesday: 9:00am - St. Anthony; 6:00pm - St. Joseph
Wednesday: 9:00am - OL Mt. Carmel
Thursday: 7:00pm - St. Anthony (NLM)
Friday: 9:00am - St. Joseph
First Friday: 7:00pm - St. Anthony (NLM);
First Saturday: 9:00am - St. Anthony (NLM)

Sacrament of Penance - Lumen Christi Parishes:

Tuesday: 5:00 - 6:00pm - St. Joseph
Wednesday: 10:00am - 11:00am - OLMC
Thursday: 5:00 - 6:00pm - St. Anthony
Saturday: 1:00-2:00pm - OLMC
First Friday: 10:00-11:00 am - St. Joseph; **First Saturday: 10:00 - 11:00am - St. Anthony**

Prayer Blankets Sandy Maenle: 734-847-7813
Prayer Chain Miriam Dressel: 734-888-1192
Seven Sisters Apostolate Cheryl Scott: 319-296-5864



✠ This Week's Schedule ✠
Stations of the Cross:
St. Anthony - Friday, 7:00pm
St. Joseph - Friday, 7:00pm
OL of Mt. Carmel - Friday, 6:00pm

Lenten Fish Frys
Our neighboring Parishes will be offering their dinners on the Fridays of Lent beginning Friday, February 20:
OL Mt. Carmel: Drive thru only 4:30 - 7:00pm
St. Joseph: Dine in or Carry out 4:30 - 7:30pm.



Parish Office Hours
Secretary's Office:
Monday-Thursday: 10:00am - 3:00pm
Friday: 10:00am - 1:00pm
Business Office:
Tuesday: 10:00am - 2:00pm



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February Month of The Holy Family

MONTH OF ST. JOSEPH
MARCH
*St. Joseph,
Pray for Us*



† MASS SCHEDULE †

Monday, February 23, 2026

St. Polycarp (166), B., M., invoked against earaches (New)
St. Peter Damian (1072), B., D., "Monitor of the Popes" (Trad.)

Tuesday, February 24, 2026

9:00am *Carol Shaw by Barb Korotko
†Gloria Knaggs by Ginny Knaggs
†Garry Raabe by Tom & Barbara Motsinger
St. Matthias (1st C.), Ap., M., replaced Judas (Trad.)

Wednesday, February 25, 2026

St. Tarasius (806), B., (Hist.)
St. Walburga (779), V., Ab., (Hist.)
St. Ethelbert (616), the first Christian English King (Hist.)
Ember Wednesday

Thursday, February 26, 2026

7:00pm *Holy Mother's Intentions (NLM) for Vincent Toma Family by Marta Toma
St. Porphyrius (420), B., (Hist.)
St. Alexander (326), B. (Hist.)

Friday, February 27, 2026

St. Gregory of Narek (1011), Ab., D. (New)
St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows (1862), R., cleric, Pr. Of clerics (Trad.)
St. Leander (600), B. (Hist.)
Ember Friday (Trad.)

Saturday, February 28, 2026

St. Hilary (468), P. (Hist.)
St. Romanus (460), Ab. (Hist.)
Ember Saturday (Trad.)

Sunday Vigil

4:00pm †Charles Brancheau by Helen Sehl (1st Anniversary of Death)

Sunday, March 1, 2026

Second Sunday of Lent (New, Trad.)
9:00am †Jack, Pat & Peter Carey by Dan Carey

11:00am *The People of St. Anthony (NLM)

St. David (601), B., Pt. Of Wales & Newborns (Hist.)
St. Albinus (549), B. (Hist.)

Offertory Contributions Reminder:

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. Thank you for your continued support!

Readings for Today

Sunday, February 22, 2026:

Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

Prayer Blankets will be in the Narthex



next weekend, February 28 & March 1. Please take a moment to tie a knot and say a prayer for whoever the blanket will be given to.

The prayer blanket meeting will be Tuesday, March 3, following the 9:00am Mass, in the Narthex.

Helping Hands Update:

Helping Hands is the Parish organization that provides luncheons after the funeral of a parish member. We are updating our contact list for those who would be willing to provide a dessert or side dish for a luncheon when the need arises, or are willing to be on the list of those who will help with a luncheon. Please fill out the information below and return to the Parish Office, or in the collection basket as soon as possible.

Name _____

Phone # _____

I am willing to provide a dessert or side for luncheons (please circle one or both)

I am willing to help with the luncheons.

I am willing to be a leader

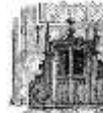
Questions? Please call the Parish Office

Just a reminder:

Please do not leave any items, religious or otherwise, in the Narthex without asking permission from the Parish Office first. Any items without specific permission, will be removed. Please call the Parish Office with any questions. Thank you for your cooperation.

Come to Confession!

Jesus is waiting for you. St. Anthony Parish offers the Sacrament of Reconciliation every Thursday 5:00pm-6:00pm, or by appointment.



This Week's Calendar

Monday, February 23, 2026

Tuesday, February 24, 2026

9:00am - Holy Mass

Wednesday, February 25, 2026

6:30-7:30pm - PH Devotions

Thursday, February 26, 2026

5:00-6:00pm - Confessions

7:00pm - Holy Mass (NLM)

Friday, February 27, 2026

†7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross

- Church

Saturday, February 28, 2026

4:00pm - Sunday Vigil Mass

6:00pm - Young Adult Gathering

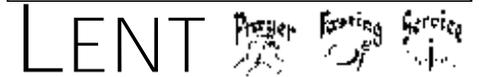
- Church

Sunday, March 1, 2026

9:00am - Holy Mass

11:00am - Holy Mass (NLM)

Prayer Blankets - in Narthex



Contribution Reports for 2025 for tax purposes are available from the Parish Office upon request.

Please contact the Parish Secretary's Office to request a statement.

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.

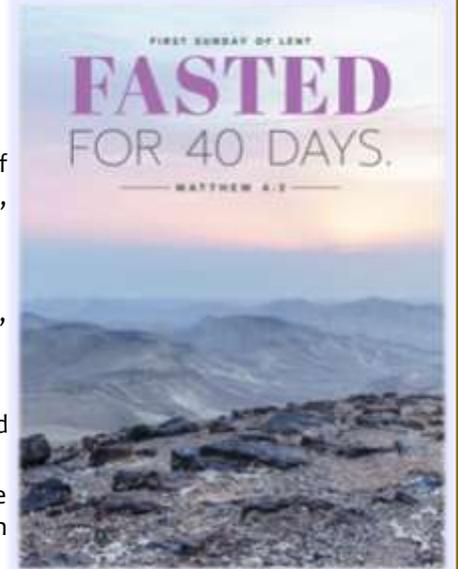
Through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of God, their Guardian Angels, their Patron Saints, and the ever-prayerful St. Monica, may You pardon their sins and unshackle them from whatever hinders their freedom to come Home.

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

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



Mini reflection: There are many reasons why the Word became flesh. But I think one of the most important reasons must have been that God wanted to show us that He knows, intimately, how easily the devil exploits our physical experience of this world.

Into the Desert

When we first got married, I wanted to know everything my husband was thinking, exactly when he was thinking it.

Thirteen years later, I still want to know it all. But I want to know it after he's had a snack.

I think he still wants to know what I'm thinking, too. But he wants to know it after I've had 10 minutes without hearing the word, "Mommy!"

Life has taught us, you see, that it's hard to be a good person, a nice person, a gentle person, when your body doesn't feel good or nice or gentle. When you're hungry. When you're exhausted. When you're anxious.

It's not impossible, of course. It's just ... *hard*.

We're entering a penitential season, a time in which we purposefully deprive ourselves in certain ways. During Lent, we intentionally enter into the desert of physical hunger and weakness. Why, in preparation for Easter and in an effort to spiritually purify ourselves, do we go to this place where it's so *hard to be good*? Why do we go to the desert?

Because Christ has shown us that the desert is where decisions are made.

There are many reasons why the Word became flesh to accomplish God's plan for our salvation. But I think one of the most important reasons must have been that God wanted to show us that He knows, intimately, how easily the devil exploits our physical experience of this world. We see it in today's Gospel: Jesus, hungry and weary. Jesus, taunted and tempted.

We see him. We recognize him. We are him.

And we hear his voice, even though it trembles with fatigue: "Get away, Satan!"

Today, we enter the desert. Because the desert is where decisions are made.

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A Net Thrown Into The Sea
The Parable of the Yeast
The Parable of the Mustard Seed

Reception &
refreshments to
follow!

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MONDAY

MARCH 9, 2026

5:30 PM CHURCH DOORS OPEN 5:00 PM

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL CHURCH
8330 LEWIS AVENUE
TEMPERANCE MI



RSVP to:
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olmc@box.net

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE MAGIC
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mctdramaministry.org/the-parable-project.html

O, come, let us Adore Him!

Looking for a way to increase your prayer during Lent?

St. Anthony Parish is blessed to be able to provide a 24/7 Adoration Chapel. Our Lord is always pleased to see you for however short or long you can keep Him company.

Please contact the parish office if you need the passcode.



Please feel free to help yourself to any poinsettia plants in the narthex.

