



ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA  
CATHOLIC CHURCH  
TEMPERANCE, MICHIGAN

## The Baptism of the Lord

"The Antonian" January 11, 2026

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



### ST. ANTHONY'S DIRECTORY

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**Office Hours:** Beginning Monday, November 10:

Monday - Thursday: 10:00am - 3:00pm; Friday: 10:00am - 1:00pm

#### OFFICE STAFF:

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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

For more information: 734-848-6125 ext. 6 faith.formation@stjosepherie.com

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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

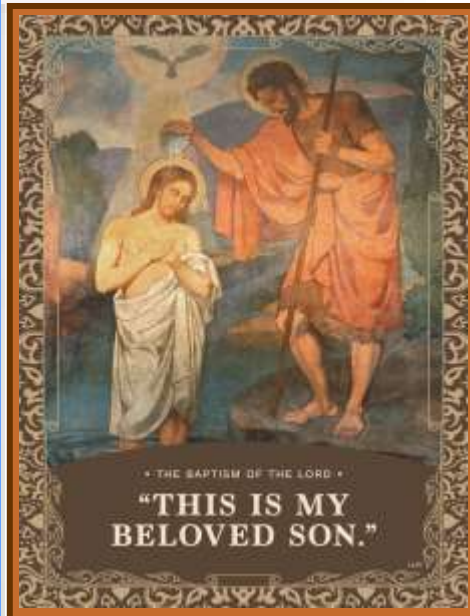
**Prayer Blankets**

**Prayer Chain**

**Seven Sisters Apostolate**

Sandy Maenle: 734-847-7813 Miriam Dressel: 734-888-1192

Cheryl Scott: 319-296-5864



St. Anthony K of C Council  
Presents Our world renown

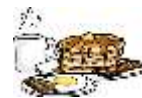
### All you Can Eat Breakfast Buffet

TODAY - Sunday, January 11

8:30 - 11:30am

In Kenna Hall

All are Welcome!



*Come Join Us!*

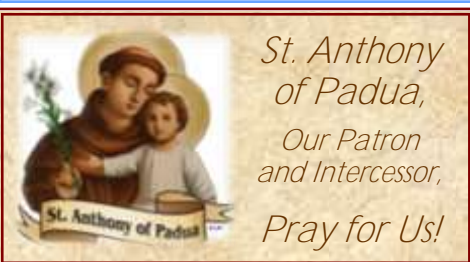
St. Joseph Catholic School  
**Open House**

Sunday, Jan. 25, 11:30am

**Kindergarten Leap Day:**

Wed., Jan. 28, 9-11:30am

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*Faith Knowledge Service*

### Please Note:

No Mass or Confessions  
on Thursday this week.

† **MASS SCHEDULE** †**Monday, January 12, 2026**

St. Marguerite Bourgeoys (1700), V., F. (*New/some places*)  
 St. Arcadius (304), M. (*Hist.*)  
 St. Benedict Biscop (690), Ab. (*Hist.*)

**Tuesday, January 13, 2026**9:00am †**C.J. Karpinski**

by Greg &amp; Karen Baer

†**Gloria Kanggs**

by The Rummage Sale Team

\***Fr. Richard Munkelt**

by Jonathan &amp; Elisa Schnur

St. Hilary of Poitiers (368), B., D. (*New*)  
 Commemoration of the Baptism of Our Lord (*Trad.*)  
 Bl. Veronica of Binasco (1497), V., R. (*Hist.*)

**Wednesday, January 14, 2026**

St. Hilary of Poitiers (368), B., D. (*Trad.*)  
 St. Felix of Nola (260), Pr., M. (*Trad.*)  
 St. Sava (1235), B., Pt. of the Serbian people (*Hist.*)

**Thursday, January 15, 2026**No Mass \***Jon Schnur**

by Jonathan &amp; Elisa Schnur

†**Rita Creque**

by Gary &amp; Sharon Tomkins

†**Garry Raabe**

by Tom &amp; Barb Metsinger

St. Paul the First Hermit (342) (*Trad.*)  
 St. Marurus (580), Ab., first disciple of St. Benedict (*Trad.*)  
 Our Lady of Prompt Succor (*Trad./some places*)  
 St. Ita (Ida) (570), V. (*Hist.*)

**Friday, January 16, 2026**

St. Marcellus (309), P., M. (*Trad.*)  
 Our Lady of Refuge (*Hist.*)

**Saturday, January 17, 2026**

St. Anthony the Abbot (356), F. of monasticism, Pt. of gravediggers (*New, Trad.*)

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**Sunday Vigil**4:00pm †**Clara Ledbetter** by Carol Fuelling**Sunday, January 18, 2026****The Baptism of the Lord** (*New*)9:00am †**Kathy Kapela**

by Ron &amp; Marcia Kurtas

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

St. Prisca (270), V., M. (*Trad.*)  
 St. Volusian (496), B. (*Hist.*)

**Mass Intentions...**

Please note that this week there is a usually scheduled Mass time that says, "No Mass" but with Mass Intention/s listed. Please be assured that the Intentions will still be remembered in Fr. Slaton's privately offered Masses. Please call the Parish Office with any questions.

**Readings for Today****Sunday, January 11, 2026:**

Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7  
 Acts 10:34-38  
 Matthew 3:13-17

**Contribution Reports** for 2025 for tax purposes will be available at the end of January upon request.

Please contact the Parish Secretary's office to make the request.

**The Offertory Story**  
for December 28, 2025

# Env. assigned: 322;	# Env. used: 59
Envelope total	\$ 4,815.00
Loose:	\$ 281.00
On-line giving	\$ --
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,046.00</b>
<b>Weekly Budget amt.....</b>	<b>\$ 5,900.00</b>
+Over/-Under Budget	\$ - 854.00
<b>Year To Date +-</b>	<b>\$ - 5,282.57</b>

**Other:**

Candles	232.56
Initial Offering	758.00
Masses	100.00
Oplatki	7.00

**Total for Other: 1,097.56****The Offertory Story**  
for Christmas 2025

# Env. assigned: 322;	# Env. used: 94
Envelope total	\$ 23,763.00
Loose:	\$ 1,004.00
On-line giving	\$ --
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 24,767.00</b>

**Other:**

Holy Day	65.00
Initial Offering	30.00

**Total for Other: 95.00****The Offertory Story**  
for January 4, 2026

# Env. assigned: 322;	# Env. used: 59
Envelope total	\$ 3,569.00
Loose:	\$ 1,033.00
On-line giving	\$ --
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,602.00</b>
<b>Weekly Budget amt.....</b>	<b>\$ 5,900.00</b>
+Over/-Under Budget	\$ - 1,298.00
<b>Year To Date +-</b>	<b>\$ - 6,580.57</b>

**Other:**

Holy Day	1,322.00
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**Total for Other: 1,322.00****This Week's Calendar**Monday, January 12, 2026Tuesday, January 13, 2026

9:00am - Holy Mass

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

6:30-7:30pm - PH Devotions

Thursday, January 15, 2026

No Mass; No Confessions

Friday, January 16, 2026Saturday, January 17, 2026

4:00pm - Sunday Vigil Mass

Sunday, January 18, 2026

9:00am - Holy Mass

11:00am - Holy Mass (NLM)

Top Hat Collection

**Epiphany Water**, as well as blessed chalk and instructions for a house blessing, are available in the Narthex.

You are welcome to take them home for your use.

Please note....the House Blessing that was included in last week's bulletin insert didn't have all the numbers updated. So, obviously, when you do the chalking of doorways, the correct markings should be 20+C+M+B+26

Many, many thanks to all who helped to make our celebration of Our Lord's birth so beautiful!

We are so blessed to have Fr. Slaton, who makes every Holy Mass a special event of worship and reverence, but especially in our Christmas celebrations.

Thank you to Eric Hite, under whose talent and leadership fills our little church with music and voices fit for a Cathedral.

Thank you to all who serve our liturgies: our Lectors, Altar Servers, and Ushers, who prayerfully and devoutly add to the beauty of our celebrations. Thank you to all who cleaned and decorated the church, inside and out, making our surroundings beautiful for our Celebrations.

May God bless all of you who contribute in any way your time, talent, and treasure to make our Parish a place of devotion, reverence, and Worship, all for the Glory and Honor of God!



Aaron Shreffler  
Patty Smith  
Cheryl Stanford  
Cherryll Stout  
Delores Thorn  
Jackie Tomaszewski  
Katie Tomaszewski  
Mark Tomaszewski  
Flossie Townsend  
Alicia Trejo  
Lily Tussey  
Murl Waidelich  
Christopher Warner  
Diane Webber  
Kristine Wells  
Mary Beth Wise  
Rick Wolneiwciz  
Jim Woronec  
Dawn Wyse  
Charlie Yacuone  
Amy Yates  
Rita Zeller

	<i><b>Priest</b></i>	<i><b>Lector</b></i>	<i><b>Altar Servers</b></i>	<i><b>Ushers</b></i>
<b><i>Saturday, January 17 4:00pm</i></b>	Fr. Slaton	K. Torio	P. Cousino; R. Cousino	J. Komorowski; D. Thoma; J. Thoma
<b><i>Sunday, January 18 9:00am</i></b>	Fr. Slaton	K. Shade	I. & M. Elmore	G. Ingersoll, B. Kapela L. Komorowski, M. Miller

# St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church



**(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – BENEATH THE SURFACE** By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

**Mini reflection:** When the voice of God declares, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,” he is referring, of course, to Jesus. But I think He would say the same of John the Baptist — and of all those who welcome Jesus into the waters, ready to do as he bids.

## **When Jesus Wades In**

Usually, when God comes to us, we aren’t ready.

We think we are. Like John the Baptist, we stand in our waters of baptism, certain of our mission. We know how it’s going to go. We know what’s going to be asked of us. We’re sure of it.

Christ wades into the waters. And he screws up all our plans.

To be clear, I don’t think John the Baptist lacks faith when he balks at the idea of baptizing Jesus. I think it is, in fact, a testament to his humility. But whatever motivated John’s actions, he is — if even for a brief moment — hesitating to do the will of God. Just a few chapters after this in the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus will acknowledge that John is the greatest person “born of women” — with the caveat that even he is not perfect enough for the Kingdom of Heaven.

Not yet.

Jesus didn’t give John an explanation as the two stood in the River Jordan. He merely said, “Allow it for now.” John could have resisted further, demanding to understand why. He could have grown suspicious at the simplicity of Jesus’ answer, at the strangeness of this request. He could have clung desperately to his version of How Things Are Supposed To Be, and in doing so, fostered doubt in his heart. He could have even stormed off, confused and angry.

He did none of these things, because John is, as Jesus says, the greatest born of women.

When the Holy Spirit descends and the voice of God declares, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,” he is referring, of course, to Jesus. But I think He would say the same of John the Baptist — and of all those who welcome Jesus into the waters, ready to do as he bids.

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**Thank you for your continued support.**

**“Fill the Black Top Hat”** fund raiser  
will be the weekend of January 17<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> 2026.



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.

New members are always welcome, please join us at our monthly meeting, at Our Lady of Mount Carmel on the third Thursday at 6:30pm in the conference room..

**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.

## ***O, come, let us Adore Him!***

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.*



**Pray without Ceasing**

**† Fr. Slaton blesses items †  
the 1st Thursday of each month.**

***Our next scheduled day will be  
Thursday, February 5, 2026***

*Please bring any items to be blessed  
before Thursday; be sure to include your  
name and number on the items.*



## Chalking the Door: An Epiphany House Blessing 2026

Here is one form that is used to mark the houses with blessed chalk. In doing a search, there were a number of different variations. This one is from the Order of Carmelites's website (<http://www.carmelites.net/news/chalking-door-epiphany-house-blessing-2015/>). The family gathers to ask God's blessing on their home and on those who live in or visit the home. It is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our home, our comings and goings, our conversations, our work and play, our joys and sorrows.

A traditional way of doing this is to use chalk to write above the home's entrance, 20 + C + M + B + 26. The letters "C, M, B" have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They also abbreviate the Latin words *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless the house." The "+" signs represent the cross and 2026 is the year.

### Blessing the Chalk

V. Our help is the name of the Lord:

R. The maker of heaven and earth.

V. The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in:

R. From this time forth for evermore.

### Let us pray.

Loving God, bless this chalk which you have created, that it may be helpful to your people; and grant that through the invocation of your most Holy Name that we who use it in faith to write upon the door of our home the names of your holy ones Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, may receive health of body and protection of soul for all who dwell in or visit our home; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Instructions for Blessing the Home

Using the blessed chalk mark the lintel of your front door (or front porch step) as follows:

20 + C + M + B + 26 while saying:

*The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of God's Son who became human two thousand and twenty-six years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen.*

Then offer the following prayer: *Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen*

"Chalking the door" is a way to celebrate and literally mark the occasion of the Epiphany and God's blessing of our lives and home. With time the chalk will fade. As it does we let the meaning of the symbols written sink into the depths of our heart and be manifest in our words and actions the Latin words, *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless the house."



ST. ANTHONY CATHOLIC CHURCH  
TEMPERANCE, MICHIGAN



# KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS

*Present their world famous  
All You Can Eat*

## Breakfast Buffet

**JANUARY 11**

**8:30AM - 11:30AM**

**(2ND SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH)**

ST. ANTHONY'S KENNA HALL

4635 ST. ANTHONY RD. ♦ TEMPERANCE, MICHIGAN 48182 ♦ 734-854-1143

### Menu

Eggs    Toast    Potatoes  
Bacon Sausage  
Pancakes    Biscuits & Gravy  
Orange Juice    Coffee

### Suggested Donation:

Adult	\$9.00
Senior Citizens	\$8.00
Children(12 & under)	\$6.00

All  
are Welcome!!



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# Catholic Services Appeal 2025

Dear Friends in Christ,

Each year, all parishes in the Archdiocese of Detroit embark upon the CSA (Catholic Services Appeal) Drive. The CSA is a required collection taken up for the general operational expenses of the Archdiocese of Detroit. It helps to subsidize Catholic institutions that may not necessarily be connected to or funded by a particular parish. Among these special services are maintaining Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Campus Ministry, Telecommunications, Hospital and Prison Chaplaincies, Central Service Offices, which provide direct assistance to individual parishes, the Marriage Tribunal, and the like. Since the CSA provides for 62% of the operating budget of the Archdiocese, we are assessed or taxed a specific amount we are asked to meet. Our assessment is based upon many factors, including parish registration, Sunday collections, and financial status of the area within our parish boundaries. The detail of how our assessment is calculated, as well as how the money is used may be found on the insert included with today's bulletin.

The amount assessed to St. Anthony Parish this year is **\$40,210**. In order to reach our goal, the recommended pledge amount will be **\$275.00** from each family.

For your convenience, pledge forms can be found at the bottom of this page. Please complete the form and designate the amount of your pledge and the payment plan you prefer and return to the Parish Office. Pledges may also be made by calling the Parish Office 734-854-1143; sending your pledge via email ([stanthony@bex.net](mailto:stanthony@bex.net)) or by stopping by the Parish Office during regular business hours.

Your pledge can be made in several ways: paid in full and returned with your pledge form; a down payment returned with your pledge form, with the balance divided into quarterly payments, or divided evenly among 9 monthly payments. Credit card and automatic withdrawal payments and electronic funds transfers (EFT) will also be accepted. If you wish to contribute this way, please go to: [give.aodcsa.org](http://give.aodcsa.org). Please select "St. Anthony, Temperance" on the online form where indicated. Donors may also call (888) 331-8695 to make an online or EFT request.

**Please note: If you sign up to make payments on your pledge, the payment schedule will not begin until July 2025.**

Please remember that we are required to make an accounting of all CSA cards for our Parish, so even if you are unable to pledge, we ask that you indicate that to the Parish Office as well.

I am grateful for your continued stewardship and prayers.

God Love you!

Father Robert J. Slaton  
St. Anthony Parish

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## CSA - 2025

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of total Pledge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Amount paid today \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Balance due \$ \_\_\_\_\_. Please bill me quarterly \_\_\_\_\_ or monthly (9 monthly payments) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I will pay by credit card (or) by automatic withdrawal payments per the information above.

**Please make checks Payable to: St. Anthony - CSA**