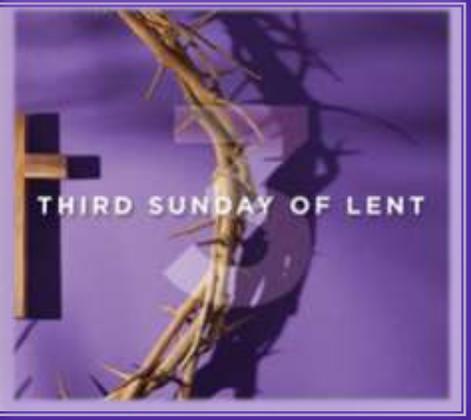




ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
CATHOLIC CHURCH
TEMPERANCE, MICHIGAN

Third Sunday of Lent
"The Antonian" March 8, 2026

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



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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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
Thursday - Confessions
St. Anthony
 11am-12:30pm; 5:00-7:00pm



Stations of the Cross:
St. Anthony - Friday, 7:00pm
(Marian Stations this week)
St. Joseph - Friday, 7:00pm
OL of Mt. Carmel - Friday, 6:00pm

Lenten Fish Frys
 Fridays of Lent:
OL Mt. Carmel:
 Drive thru only 4:30 - 7:00pm
St. Joseph:
 Dine in or Carry out; 4:30 - 7:30pm.



Tuesday, April 28, 2026
 Social Hour - 6:00pm; Dinner - 7:00pm
 San Marino Club, Troy Michigan
Keynote Speaker: Margo Damoose
 Please contact the Parish Office if you'd like to reserve a seat at our table.



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MONTH OF ST. JOSEPH

MARCH



*St. Joseph,
Pray for Us*

† **MASS SCHEDULE** †

Monday, March 9, 2026

St. Frances of Rome (1440), W., R., F., Pt. of motorists & widows (*New Trad.*)
 St. Dominic Savio (1857), Pt. of choirboys & the falsely accused (*Hist.*)

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

9:00am †Garry Raabe
 by Tom & Barbara Motsinger

†Gloria Knaggs
 by Howard & Bonnie Knaggs

†George Komorowski
 (5th Anniversary of Death)
 by Rose Marie Komorowski

Forty Holy Martyrs of Sebaste, Armenia (320) (*Trad.*)
 St. Macarius (334), B. (*Hist.*)

Wednesday, March 11, 2026

St. Eulogius (859), Pr., M. (*Hist.*)
 St. Sophronius (639) (*Hist.*)

Thursday, March 12, 2026

7:00pm *Fr. Slaton's Lenten Intentions
 (NLM) ***Holy Mother's Intention for**
Marta, Vincent, Lucas, &
Maxwell Toma
 by Marta Toma

†Richard & Dorothy Gorney
 by Kaye Sheperd

St. Gregory the Great (604), P., D., Pt. of Church music (*Trad.*)
 St. Theophanes the Chronicler (817) (*Hist.*)

Friday, March 13, 2026

St. Roderick (857), M. (*Hist.*)
 St. Euphrasia (410), V. (*Hist.*)

Saturday, March 14, 2026

St. Matilda (968), Queen, W., Pt. of parents of large families (*Hist.*)

Sunday Vigil

4:00pm *Luke & Michelle Trabbic
 by Elmore Family

Sunday, March 15, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Lent (New, Trad.)

9:00am †Simon Nathaniel Kuenzli
 by Sally Poore

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

St. Louise de Marillac (1660), W., R., Co-F. of Daughters of Charity (*Hist.*)
 St. Longinus (1st C.), Centurion who pierced the side of Our Lord (*Hist.*)



Readings for Today

Sunday, March 8, 2026:

Exodus 17:3-7
 Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
 John 4:5-42

Please continue to visit Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament
Prayer cards are available that can be used to offer an hour spent in Eucharistic Adoration in the church or the chapel for a special intention. Cards are printed on regular card stock and are suitable to send to those you choose.

The inside of the card reads, "A Gift of Prayer for You- A Holy Hour of Adoration has been made for your intentions". The cards are available on the table at bottom of the steps to the Chapel. What a beautiful gift for any occasion: an hour spent before our Eucharistic Lord.



Did you know:
there is a book under the sign-in sheet at the bottom of the Chapel step in the Narthex, that you are invited to write-in your prayer requests to be brought before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

LENT *Prayer* *Knitting* *Service*

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



This Week's Calendar

Monday, March 9, 2026

6:00pm - OCIA - School

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

9:00am - Holy Mass

Wednesday, March 11, 2026

6:30-7:30pm - PH Devotions

7:00-8:30pm - K of C - School

Thursday, March 12, 2026

†11:00am-12:30pm - Confessions

†5:00-7:00pm - Confessions

7:00pm - Holy Mass (NLM)

Friday, March 13, 2026

6:00-7:30pm - LF - Padua Hall

6:00-7:30pm - TSG - Kenna Hall

†7:00 pm - Marian Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 14, 2026

4:00pm - Sunday Vigil Mass

Sunday, March 15, 2026

9:00am - Holy Mass

11:00am - Holy Mass (NLM)

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.



The Offertory Story
 for March 1, 2026

# Env. assigned: 322;	# Env. used: 66
Envelope total	\$ 10,819.00
Loose:	\$ 531.00
On-line giving	\$ 145.00
Total	\$ 11,495.00
Weekly Budget amt.....	\$ 5,900.00
+Over/-Under Budget \$	5,595.00
Year To Date +-	\$ - 5,559.57

Other:

Candles	86.20
Church in Eastern Europe	45.00
Donation	200.00
Easter Flowers	170.00
Hall Insurance	150.00
Hall Rental	300.00
Kroger Reimbursement	98.33
Masses	120.00
Total for Other:	1,169.53

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini reflection: Before the Incarnation, God looked down from Heaven and said, “You are thirsty. Here is something to drink.” After the Incarnation, God sits down beside us and says, “I’m thirsty. Give me something to drink.”

When God asks for Water

One of my earliest memories is of my mother weeping.

The last few months of her pregnancy with my little brother were tremendously painful for her, and more than once the pain brought her to tears. I have a hazy image of her in my mind, belly swollen with a 12-pound baby lying transverse in the womb, sitting on the edge of her bed, dabbing at her face with toilet paper.

I had brought her the toilet paper. I would do that when I saw her crying, to wipe away her tears. I have a hazy memory of that, too — of the way my heart was wrenched by the sight of her suffering, of my desperation to do something to help, and of my immense satisfaction when she would take the toilet paper, smile and say, “Oh, thank you, sweetheart!” as if I had just airlifted her out of a war zone.

What a powerful gift to give to a child still learning the meaning of compassion and selflessness — the gift of being able to feel that she has, even in some small way, “rescued” a person she worships. Her smile of gratitude lives, immortal, in my mind, along with the swell of satisfaction it produced in the deepest corner of my heart. This was when I learned that it feels good to help people, and this memory is a perpetually replenished well of living water for me. I draw from it daily, three decades later.

This is a gift that Christ gives, over and over again, in the Gospels. He allows us to encounter him tired, afraid, sad and hungry. Omnipotent power subjected to the utter vulnerability of human form.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION: ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

March 8, 2026
3rd Sunday of Lent
John 4:5-42

Recently I received a note from a teenager I met years ago. He wrote, “Dear Father Muir, you probably do not remember me, but I wanted to thank you for your inspiring and humorous homilies at the parish. They helped me appreciate the beauty of Catholicism, which I have now embraced in a personal way.” That small note moved me more than he probably imagined. I had no idea my words had taken root in him. I was simply sowing seeds — week by week, Mass by Mass. Someone else — his parents, a youth minister, or God Himself — was doing the deeper work. Now this young man is joyfully reaping a harvest of faith.

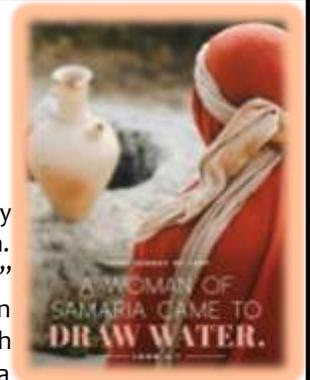
In today’s Gospel, Jesus offers living water to a Samaritan woman whose life had been full of searching and disappointment. By the end of their encounter, she becomes a bold and joyful evangelist. Then Jesus turns to his disciples and says something easily overlooked: “**One sows and another reaps**” (John 4:37). He is helping them — and us — understand how evangelization works. Often, the one who sows the seeds of faith is not the one who sees the fruit.

This Lent, ask yourself: Are you in a sowing phase or a reaping phase? If you are sowing — raising children, praying for someone, mentoring — be patient. Your work matters. If you are reaping — seeing someone come alive in faith — be grateful. You are standing on sacred ground, tilled and watered by others.

Lenten challenge: Thank someone who once sowed faith into your life. And keep sowing, even when the harvest is unseen.

— Father John Muir

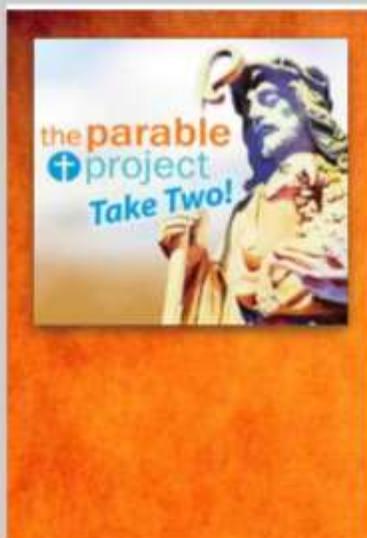
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The Lost Coin
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The Two Sons
The Wise Builder
The Friend At Midnight
The Merchant Searching
A Net Thrown Into The Sea
The Parable of the Yeast
The Parable of the Mustard Seed

Reception &
refreshments to
follow!

Donations
appreciated

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:

OLMC Parish Office
734.847.2805
olmc@bex.net

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE MAGIC
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Dear Staff and Volunteers of the Lumen Christi Family of Parishes:

It has been brought to my attention that there has been some tension and conflict regarding the safety requirements the Archdiocese has in place for volunteers. It is my hope to be able to navigate this issue in a fair manner and provide a path forward for our parishes and volunteers alike.

I would begin by acknowledging and thanking our volunteers. Your generosity is far more than a gesture to be appreciated. Our parishes have become reliant upon the efforts you provide in a substantial manner. We would be hard pressed to provide the ministerial and educational services across the Lumen Christi Family of Parishes without your generous support and assistance. May God reward you for your generosity of heart.

That being said, we all know the scandal and heartbreak caused by the child-abuse crisis. When we discovered that God's precious little ones were being abused and harmed by those we trusted and looked to for spiritual leadership (many of whom were priests) we felt betrayed and deceived. We demanded (and rightly so) accountability from our leadership. The question was asked (and fairly asked): "Why wasn't something done to stop this? What are we going to do to prevent these horrible situations in the future?" In response to this crisis, our bishops have established safety criteria for the protection of our children and our parishes.

I am aware that these requirements might seem invasive or even offensive. I will state that I do not believe that any of our volunteers are in any way a threat to the safety of our children. Nevertheless, I am mindful of the painful truth that child abuse remains a serious problem in our society and the majority of this harm is caused by perpetrators that were trusted and deemed safe by those with the responsibility to protect these innocent little ones.

Furthermore, with the additional focus and scrutiny that all the parishes and schools in the Archdiocese are undergoing in the "restructuring" process, a failure to follow such procedures could easily endanger our parishes, our school, our staff, and even our priests on a serious professional level.

Therefore, I am suggesting that we all work together to bring our volunteers and staff into compliance with the standards. We will be providing the means and avenues to assist all of you to make this happen in a manner that is respectful and causes the least inconvenience. Assistance will be offered through the parish offices for those of you who have difficulty registering for the Virtus training, and evenings will be provided for the viewing of the training sessions in St. Joseph school building. We will even provide refreshments. While more details will be forthcoming in the near future, I want to thank you all again for your generosity and for your willingness to work with us to protect our parishes and our children.

In Christ,

Fr. Slaton



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The Archdiocese of Detroit's Office of Safe Environments adheres to the USCCB – Dallas Charter and its requirements by providing programs to assist parents and children - and all those who work and volunteer in Archdiocesan parishes, schools, agencies, and Curia offices- with training and screening in preventing harm to young people and vulnerable adults.

These requirements apply to any volunteer at a parish or school-coordinated ministry or event, whether that happens on or off school property. Whether or not a volunteer or employee interacts directly with children or vulnerable adults, all volunteers play a role in ensuring the safety and well-being of our parish and school communities.

Please read the following information –

- NEW employees and volunteers are required to take a “live” PGC class and can register through [VIRTUS® Online](#).
 - There are in-person and Zoom options for the “live” class.
 - The training for new employees/volunteers takes around three hours.
- A Background Check is required every two years for our volunteers and every year for employees.
- Individuals who completed the *Protecting God's Children* training BEFORE (Today's Date) 2023 are required to take our recertification course.
 - The recertification class is self-paced. You can pause, save, and resume the class as needed, based on your schedule.
 - The recertification training should take approximately 30 minutes.
 - Recertification training will then be required every three years and is automatically assigned to your account 15 days prior to current training expiring.
- Once a Background Check has been processed, a Code of Conduct has been signed, and the *Protecting God's Children* training has been completed then you will be authorized to volunteer/be employed at your school or parish. Please note that all three of these components are required prior to employment or active volunteering status.

Not our compliance, but our calling.

Often when we hear about the efforts of the Church regarding sexual abuse, we hear about the importance of compliance with the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. From a faith environment perspective, the importance is not in our compliance, but in our calling. As Catholics, we are called to respect the life and dignity of every human person from conception to natural death. The Charter guides us in action to our calling. Our calling furthers the Gospel message of Christ. Thank you for your cooperation in protecting all of God's children.