



ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
CATHOLIC CHURCH
TEMPERANCE, MICHIGAN

Second Sunday of Advent

"The Antonian" December 7, 2025

*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

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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

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



We wait in Joyful Hope....

The Feast of the
Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Patronal Feast Day
of the United States of America



Monday, December 8, 2025
Holy Day of Obligation



Mass Times:

St. Anthony: 12:00(Noon) & 7:00pm(NLM)

OLMC: 9:00am & 6:00pm

St. Joseph: 9:00am & 7:00pm



*St. Anthony
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St. Anthony Knights of Columbus are again selling Religious-themed Christmas cards. They will be available **Next Sunday, December 14,** at the K of C Breakfast Buffet 8:30 - 11:30am in Kenna Hall

Saturdays & Sundays:

December 13 & 14 & December 20 & 21

after all Masses in the Narthex

Please show your support of their efforts.

Keep "Christ" in Christmas!

† **MASS SCHEDULE** †**Monday, December 8, 2025****Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Holy Day of Obligation****12:00pm *The People of St. Anthony**
(Noon)**7:00pm †Holy Souls**(NLM) by Jill Barnett-Hall,
on behalf of JoMarie DeGross**Tuesday, December 9, 2025****9:00am †Harold & Genevieve Gorney**
by Kay Shephard**†Rob Maenle**

by Mike & Lorraine Dressel

***Ron Dressel** by Jeanne Holup

St. Juan Diego (Cauauhtlatotzin) (1548), saw Our Lady of Guadalupe (New)

St. Leocadia (c.304), V., M., Pt. of Toledo, Spain (Hist.)

Wednesday, December 10, 2025

Our Lady of Loreto (New)

St. Melchisedech (314), P., M. (Trad.)

St. Romanus (653), Ab. (Hist.)

Thursday, December 11, 2025**7:00pm *Debbie & Chris Rahill**

by Barb Korotko

†Laura Simonis by Liz Strang***Mart Toma** by Marta Toma

St. Damasus I (384), P. (New, Trad.)

Our Lady, Queen of the Angels (1212), Paris (Hist.)

Friday, December 12, 2025

Our Lady of Guadalupe (1531), Empress of the Americas (New, Trad./some places)

Saturday, December 13, 2025

St. Lucy (304), V., M., Pt. of the blind, Italy, & Syracuse (New, Trad.)

St. Odilia (720), V., Pt. of Alsace, invoked against blindness (Hist.)

Sunday Vigil**4:00pm *Jeanne Holup** by Ron Dressel**Sunday, December 14, 2025****Third Sunday of Advent****9:00am †Kathy Kapela and****†Dianne Kapela**(10th Anniversary of Death)
by Bob Kapela**11:00am *The People of St. Anthony**

(NLM)

St. John of the Cross (1591), Pr., D. (New)

Sts. Nicasius, B., & Eutrope, his sister (5th C.) (Hist.)

St. Venantius Fortunatus (605), B. (Hist.)

Readings for Today**Sunday, December 7, 2025:**

Isaiah 11:1-10

Romans 15:4-9

Matthew 3:1-12

In the Narthex:

- Calendars for 2026... One per family, please, to make sure there's enough for everyone.
- Oplatki Christmas Breads
- Our Advent Giving Tree... Please take a tag to help the less fortunate.

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

Helping Hands is the Parish Ministry that provides funeral luncheons for the families following the funeral Mass of a Parish member.

Currently, Deb Augustyniak and Jolene Krohn are the two volunteers who coordinate/host the luncheons. We are looking for more people to consider hosting, volunteering to work, and willing to provide dishes. Please call the Parish Office if you are willing to help, or have any questions.

*Prepare the Way
of the Lord!*
**It's time for the Knights of Columbus
"Keep Christ in Christmas"
Poster Competition.**

It's open to all St. Anthony kids grades K-8. Posters will be judged by the K of C on artistic merit, slogan and overall impact. A prize will be awarded in each age group. **Entry forms and Posters (on 11x17 paper) should be turned in to the parish office by 3:00PM on 12/12/25.** Entry forms are located in the narthex and any questions can be directed to Tim Speer at

t.speer96@gmail.com.**This Week's Calendar****Monday, December 8, 2025**Immaculate Conception of Mary
- Holyday of Obligation

12:00pm - Holy Mass

7:00pm - Holy Mass (NLM)

6:00pm - OCIA - 8th Grade Classroom

Nativity Play Rehearsal - Kenna Hall

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

9:00am - Holy Mass

Wednesday, December 10, 2025

6:30-7:30pm - Perpetual Help - Church

Thursday, December 11, 2025

5-6pm - Confessions

7:00pm - Holy Mass (NLM)

Friday, December 12, 20256 - 7:30pm - Little Flowers, Troops of
St. George - Padua Hall; Kenna Hall**Saturday, December 13, 2025**

K of C Breakfast Set-up - Kenna Hall

4:00pm - Vigil Mass

Sunday, December 14, 2025

8:30 - 11:30am - K of C Breakfast

- Kenna Hall

9:00am - Holy Mass

11:00am - Holy Mass (NLM)

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.

Pray without Ceasing

Please keep in your prayers all our service and women, especially:

Wes Brown, Army Reserve

Kodie Burtscher, USAF

Jed Clark, USMC

SMSgt. Joseph Korotko, USAF

Kay Clark Thompson, USAF

Eric Hite, Jr. USAF

SSGT Alexa Long, USAF

A.J. Ondrus, USN

Alexander Strang USAF

Victoria Urben - USN

**SACRED HEART CHAPEL,
MONASTERY OF THE VISITATION**

1745 Parkside Blvd., Toledo Ohio

There will be a **HOLY HOUR**,
Sunday, December 7 at 4:00pm,
to give glory, love, and reparation to
the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

The Holy Hour includes Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Vespers, homily, the Rosary, Sacred Heart devotions, and Benediction.

† Our Sacramental Policy †

Six-month Parish registration and participation are required for Baptism, Confirmation and Marriage.

Baptisms: Arrangements must be made in advance and parents must attend a baptism class. The Church requires that at least one of the parents be a practicing Catholic, and the Godparents must be active, practicing, fully initiated Catholics at least 16 years of age. If two Godparents: must be 1 male & 1 female; if one Godparent: may be male or female.

Marriage: Arrangements must be made at least nine months in advance. Please call the Parish Office. Officiate at the ceremony must be St. Anthony Parish Pastor or a family member.

Funerals: Officiate must be St. Anthony Parish Pastor or a family member.

Please note: The services of the Parish Organist are used for all sacramental liturgies.

Norb Abel
Easton Aitson
Baby Girl
Paul Bazyldo
Gary Brink
Charley Bussey
Caleb
Bob Carey
Gerald Carto
Linda Chaney
Elizabeth Corey
Carl & Bonnie
Cornprobst
Lowell Cousino
Marcus Demores
Caleb Dershem
Ken & Miriam
Dressel
Elaine Esper
Joe Evener
Barbara Francis
Sheila Greisinger
Pete Grundy

Jeff Grycza
J. Hall
Gloria Hartman
Nicole Hartman
Diane Heidelberg
Phyllis Heyse
Sonya Hill
Gene & Phyllis Hinkelman
Fr. Jim Holup
John
M. Johnson
Devin Kacher
Bill Kniss
Joanne Kolinski
Jonah Kornberg
RoseMarie Komorowski
Earl Kramer
Mary Laroy
Patrick Lyndsay
Sandy Maenle
Peg Mallin

Bridget Marie
Gary Martin
Kevin Martin
Elizabeth McChesney
Jodi Miller
Ruth Miller
Bea Montri
Kelly Reese Morgan
Adelaide Munk
Steve Murzynski
C. Nikazy
Nusbaum Family
Ken Nusbaum
Fran O'Connor
Tyler Oehlers
Austin Oehlers
Armando Ortiz
Karen & Tom Penney
Dianne Petrilla
Veronica Rakebrand
Cliff Renn
Fr. Patrick Rohen

John & Marge Scott
Aaron Shreffler
Patty Smith
Cheryl Stanford
Cherryl 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

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

December 7, 2025 ♦ Second Sunday of Advent ♦ Matthew 3:1-12

This week we hear that John the Baptist is out in the wilderness eating **“locusts and wild honey” (Mark 1:6)**. It’s not just a strange historical detail. It’s a symbolic expression of a healthy spiritual diet. The path to Christ includes both the hard and the beautiful, the gritty and the sweet. We have to learn to gulp the locusts and savor the honey.

I remember working with a young couple preparing for marriage. They were sincere, but raw — barely beginning to discover faith. Part of me wanted to rush them ahead, to fill in all the gaps, to bombard them with scripture and church documents. I swallowed that instinct. It was like eating locusts.

But I also recall them light up as they spoke about each other, about their first child, then their second. And they wanted to be close to God. Something innocent and beautiful was unfolding. That was the honey. I knew God was asking me to savor it. This Advent, maybe we're each being invited to accept both locusts and honey. Maybe it's time to stop avoiding the difficult parts of faith — prayer that feels dry, the call to repentance, the patience with the troublesome. It's time to eat some locusts.

But we also need to notice the small gifts God gives us: a peaceful moment, a good conversation, the joy of serving someone else, new life, good intentions of our friends. That's the honey. Savor it!

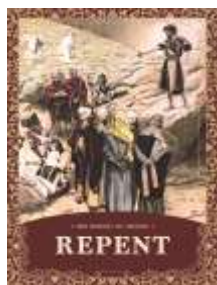
John didn't avoid either. He took it all in. And so can we. What are your locusts? Your honey? If we let God feed us with both, we'll be ready — really ready — for the coming of Christ.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

Liturgical Assignments for December 8; 13 & 14, 2025

	<i>Priest</i>	<i>Lector</i>	<i>Altar Servers</i>	<i>Ushers</i>
Monday, December 8 - Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary				
Monday, December 8 <i>12:00 Noon</i>	Fr. Slaton	M. Lindsey	J. Jemaa; R. Oehlers	**Ushers Needed
Saturday & Sunday, December 13 & 14				
Saturday, 4:00pm	Fr. Slaton	R. Dressel	P. Cousino	D. Thoma; J. Thoma J. Komorowski;
Sunday, 9:00am	Fr. Slaton	M. Lindsey	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: It is so, so beautiful to be culturally Catholic. But actions, rituals, traditions, sentiments, nostalgia — none of it matters unless it bears the fruit of a transformed heart.

Culturally Catholic

Catholic culture is so thick, you could spread it on a scone. Or a baguette. Or a slice of ciabatta bread. Or naan (Wait, do you put butter on naan? I would, because I'm Midwestern, but I sense that this is, perhaps, incorrect).

Okay, maybe my comparison is imperfect, but what I'm saying is this: Catholic culture is delicious, it's versatile, and it's nourishing. It's the same everywhere, even though it also looks and feels totally unique in every place. The Day of the Dead in Mexico, Simbang Gabi in the Philippines, St. Patrick's Day in Ireland, Meskel in Ethiopia, Semana Santa processions in Spain: these are all touchstones of Catholic culture.

It is so, so beautiful to be culturally Catholic. But today, when I hear John the Baptist's words to the Pharisees and the Sadducees, I am reminded that Catholicism is so much more than just cultural expression.

The Pharisees and Sadducees were loyal sons of Abraham and scrupulous observers of the law of Moses. Their culture, you could say, was strong. But John the Baptist is telling them — and he's telling us — that culture isn't enough.

Actions, rituals, traditions, sentiments, nostalgia — none of it matters unless it bears the fruit of a transformed heart.

It's something to remember especially as we approach Christmas, a time when culture and cultural rituals become so (beautifully) prominent. In the cultural practice of Christmas, we are like the Wise Men approaching the manger, bearing our gifts. But how terrible would it have been if the wise men had hurried away, their culture expressed, their ritual complete, and gone back to the world unchanged by the gaze of the Infant?

So be culturally Catholic. Bring these gifts to the Christ Child — but linger there. Reflect. And then when you return to the world, you will bring Catholic culture with you.

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**Come,
Lord, Jesus!**

*Our Lady of
Guadalupe*



Pray for Us!
Feast Day: December 12

Prayer Blanket Ministry

Prayer blankets will be in the Narthex this weekend, December 7.

Please take a moment to offer a prayer and tie a knot.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, December 9, following the 9:00am Mass.

Giving Tree

Our Advent Giving Tree is now in the Narthex. We are working with Veterans and their families, as well as a few local families that can use our help.

Advent candle ornaments on the tree indicate what kind of gift/card is being requested. The **Purple candles** are for the **Veteran families**; the **Pink candles** are for **Parish, local families**.

Please stop by the Narthex, take an ornament, and return any donations, **unwrapped and with the tag attached**, to the bin in the Narthex **by Tuesday, December 16**, in order to be sorted and distributed before Christmas.

Thank you!

The Offertory Story for November 30, 2025

# Env. assigned: 322;	# Env. used: 58
Envelope total	\$ 4,643.00
Loose:	\$ 335.00
On-line giving	\$ 50.00
Total	\$ 5,028.00
Weekly Budget amt.....	\$ 5,900.00
+Over/-Under Budget	\$ - 872.00
Year To Date +/-	\$ - 2,552.57

Other:

Candles	107.00
Catholic Charities	25.00
Christmas	100.00
Christmas Flowers	85.00
CSA	20,000.00
Funeral Donation	150.00
Holy Day	70.00
Kroger reimbursement	92.48
Masses	40.00
Rummage Sale	350.00

Total for Other: 21,019.48

AVAILABLE NOW!

PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES

The Support of Your Business is Greatly Appreciated

Sherri from LPI, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. It is the support of the business community that helps to make our church thrive. Please consider purchasing a print and/or digital ad as your participation makes our bulletin successful, and you attract customers!

Church bulletin advertising is a cost-effective way to advertise 52 times per year and show support for your local community; in turn, parishioners will support you!

Digital advertising allows your business to be front and center to anyone who visits a church profile page on ParishesOnline.com — that's approximately 500,000 page views per month!



Sherri Fischhaber
419-450-5475
sfischhaber@4lpi.com

Every Saturday at 9:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. a group meets in front of Northland Family Planning in Westland, MI to pray for an end to the killing of innocent babies. Because it is a long drive we are distributing the prayers they will be saying. We hope to get the word out so that more people are saying these prayers with them at the same time in support of closing this business. Whether it's in adoration or in your own home, please help us to put a stop to abortion. **Corrected** copies of the prayers are on the narthex table. Thank you and God bless!

Remember: If you need to make an appointment, set up a baptism, anointing request, etc., with Fr. Slaton, please contact the parish office and we will direct your call.

Please refrain from attempting to catch him in person to schedule with him, as well as approaching him in the sacristy either before or after Mass, as this makes it increasingly difficult for him to keep track of his calendar and commitments.

This is a simple way that we can all assist our pastor.

Online Giving

If you'd like to contribute on line, you can either scan the QR code ➔



or go to our website and click on the "DONATE" button in the lower left corner....then click on "Give Now".

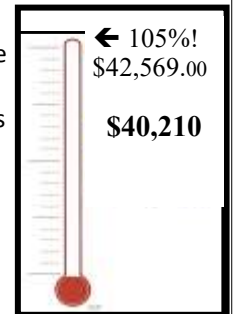


Our CSA goal for 2025
is \$40,210.00

As of Tuesday, December 2, we have received 73 pledges, including on-line gifts totaling \$42,569.00

Our goal has been reached, and then some!

We have \$2,359.00 in excess of our goal, which now comes back to the Parish for our use, as will any additional contributions to this year's CSA.



Check out Our Web site!
stanthonytemperance.org

There are many features to browse through, as well as links to the Archdiocese of Detroit and Monroe Vicariate websites and to our St. Anthony Facebook page.

Also included are weekly bulletins, monthly liturgical assignments, current events, and a **Latest News** feature that gives the most current information, including the current weekday Mass schedule.

Check it out!



Prayer Blankets

Prayer Blanket will be in the Narthex **this weekend, December 6 & 7.**

Please take a moment to tie a knot and say a prayer for whoever the blanket is given to. Thank you to Rachel Eagle for getting everything set up.

There will be a prayer blanket meeting on **Tuesday, December 9**, following the 9:00am Mass, in the Narthex. Mary Kolasinski will be hosting this month's meeting.



Immaculate Conception Mass Schedule

	<u>OLMC</u>	<u>St. Anthony</u>	<u>St. Joseph</u>
Monday	9:00am	12:00pm	9:00am
12/08/2025	6:00pm	7:00pm (NLM)	7:00pm

Advent Reconciliation Schedule

<u>St. Joseph</u>	<u>OLMC</u>	<u>St. Anthony</u>
12/16/2025	12/17/2025	12/18/2025
5pm-8pm	5pm-8pm	5pm-8pm

Christmas Mass Schedule

	<u>OLMC</u>	<u>St. Anthony</u>	<u>St. Joseph</u>
Christmas Eve	4:00pm	4:00pm	4:00pm
12/24/2025	6:00pm		(Children's Liturgy)
Christmas Day	10:00am	Midnight (NLM)	Midnight
12/25/2025		10:00am	9:00am





ST. ANTHONY CATHOLIC CHURCH
TEMPERANCE, MICHIGAN



KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS

*Present their world famous
All You Can Eat*

Breakfast Buffet

DECEMBER 14

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 Appel) 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) 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. 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

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