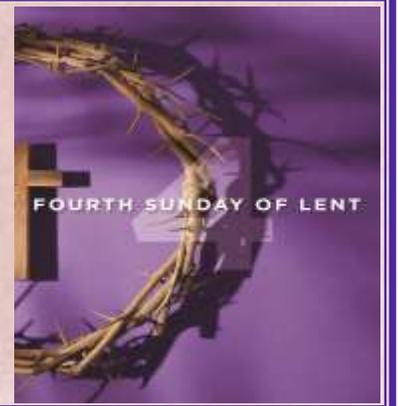




ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC CHURCH  
TEMPERANCE, MICHIGAN

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
*Laetare Sunday*  
“The Antonian” March 15, 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

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



**This Week's Schedule**  
**Lumen Christi Family**  
**Confessions**  
**Tuesday, March 17**  
**St. Joseph's**  
1:30-2:30pm; 5:00-7:00pm

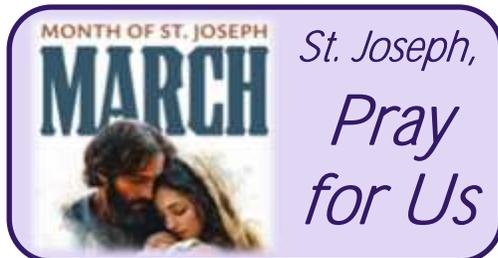


**Stations of the Cross:**  
**St. Anthony - Friday, 7:00pm**  
**St. Joseph - Friday, 7:00pm**  
**OL of Mt. Carmel - Friday, 6:00pm**



The word *Laetare* comes from the first words of the Entrance Antiphon: *Laetare, Jerusalem* (“Rejoice with Jerusalem,” Isaiah 66:10). This halfway point of Lent is indicated by rose color vestments instead of violet. Flowers are permitted on the altar as well. In addition, as part of the scrutinies, a copy of the Apostles’ Creed is given to our catechumens.

**Please note:**  
**There will be no Mass or Confessions at St. Anthony's on Thursday, March 19th.**  
**We apologize for any inconvenience.**



† **MASS SCHEDULE** †

**Monday, March 16, 2026**

St. Heribert (Herbert) (1021), B. (Hist.)  
St. Abraham (360), Hermit (Hist.)

**Tuesday, March 17, 2026**

9:00am †**Paul and Brandon Spillane**  
by Shaun Spillane  
\***Cheryl Stanford**  
by Greg & Karen Baer  
\***Holy Mother's Intentions for  
Marta, Vincent, Lucas &  
Maxwell Toma** by Marta Toma

St. Patrick (461), B., Pr. & Ap. Of Ireland (New, Trad.)  
St. Joseph of Arimathea (1st. C.), Pt. of funeral  
directors (Hist.)  
Bl. John Sarkander (1620), Pr., M. (Hist.)

**Wednesday, March 18, 2026**

St. Cyril of Jerusalem (386), B., D. (New, Trad.)  
Our Lady of Mercy (Hist.)

**Thursday, March 19, 2026**

No Mass \***Br. Mark Moran**  
& **Fr. Timothy Moran**  
by Colleen Clark  
†**Harold & Freda Montri**  
(in honor of Godparents)  
by G. Keane  
†**Gloria Knaggs**  
by Sharon Stevens

St. Joseph (1st C.), spouse of the Blessed Virgin  
Mary, foster father of Our Lord, Pt. of the Universal  
Church (New, Trad.)

✠ **Friday, March 20, 2026**

St. Wulfran (720), B. (Hist.)  
St. Photina (1st C.), Samaritan woman at the well  
(John 4:7) (Hist.)

**Saturday, March 21, 2026**

St. Benedict (543), "Father of Western Monasticism,"  
twin of St. Scholastica, R., F., Pt. against poison (Trad.)

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**Sunday Vigil**

4:00pm †**Rosemary Hill** by William Hill

**Sunday, March 22, 2026**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent** (New)

9:00am \***The People of St. Anthony**

11:00am \***Philip Schnur** by Elisa Schnur  
(NLM)

St. Isidore the Farmer (1130), Pt. of farmers (Trad./  
some places)

St. Nicholas of Flüe (1487), Hermit, Pt. of  
Switzerland & councilmen (Hist.)

**Mass Intentions**

Please note that when scheduled Mass  
times say, "No Mass" but Mass  
Intentions are listed, please be assured  
that the Intentions will still be  
remembered in Fr. Slaton's privately  
offered Masses.

**Readings for Today**

**Sunday, March 15, 2026:**

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a  
Ephesians 5:8-14  
John 9:1-41



**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.**

**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.



**Fundraiser for  
Sacred Heart Seminarians  
"Pilgrimage of the Saints"**

**Sponsored by**

**St. Anthony's Knights of Columbus**

**Saturday, March 28**

Kenna Hall (St. Anthony Gym)

- **5:30pm** - Doors open
- **6:00pm** - Buffet Dinner (Smoked  
Pork Loin and Chicken)
- **7:00pm** - 50/50 Raffle
- **7:05pm** - Seminarians will give  
presentation on the Pilgrimage
- **Cost:** \$20 per person
- **Open Bar:** Good Will Offering

Please contact the St. Anthony Office  
(734-854-1143) or

Michael Scott (734-274-3363)

to reserve a seat. No need to pay up  
front, we just need a headcount for  
preparing the food.

**This Week's Calendar**

Monday, March 16, 2026

6:00pm - OCIA - School

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

9:00am - Holy Mass  
St. Joseph Church - Confessions  
1:30-2:30pm and 5:00-7:00pm  
(Multiple priests)

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

6:30-7:30pm - PH Devotions

Thursday, March 19, 2026

No Mass or Confessions

Friday, March 20, 2026

9:00am-1:30pm - HFS - KH/SCH

†7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 21, 2026

4:00pm - Sunday Vigil Mass

Kenna Hall Rental

Sunday, March 22, 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 8, 2026

# Env. assigned: 322;	# Env. used: 67
Envelope total	\$ 8,146.00
Loose:	\$ 530.00
On-line giving	\$ .00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 8,676.00</b>
<b>Weekly Budget amt.....\$</b>	<b>5,900.00</b>
+Over/-Under Budget \$	2,776.00
<b>Year To Date +- \$ -</b>	<b>2,783.57</b>

**Other:**

Candles	152.66
Easter Flowers	998.00
First Offering	15.00
Hall Insurance	150.00
Hall Rental	50.00
Masses	310.00
Rummage Sale	2,312.00

**Total for Other: 3,987.66**



# St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

## GOSPEL MEDITATION:

### ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

March 15, 2026

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

John 9:1-41

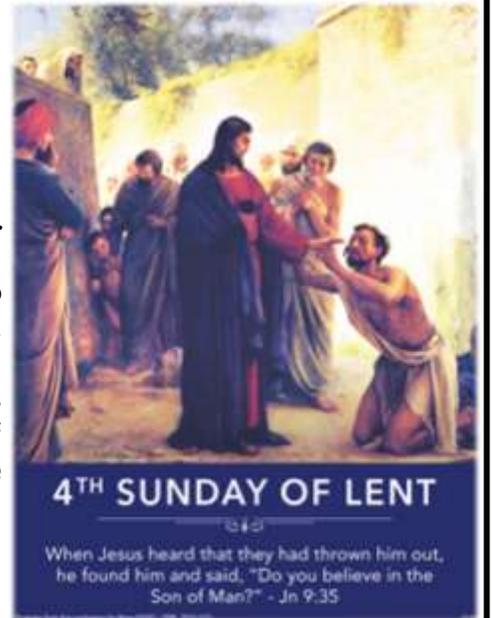
If you are like me, it's easy to fixate on our shadows: failures, guilt, shame. Especially when we suffer, it is easy to want to blame ourselves or others. In this week's Gospel, Jesus' disciples ask about the blind man, "**Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents?**" (John 9:2) They, like us, focus on blame. But Jesus sees the entire situation differently: "**Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him.**" He does not deny sin, but he sees deeper — through the light of mercy, not the lens of judgment. The scene hinges on Jesus' strange claim: "**I am the light of the world**" (John 9:5). He sees things differently than everyone. They see shadows and light. He is the light.

Thought experiment: imagine you are the sun looking at everything on the earth. What do you see? Everything. What do you not see? Shadows. Everything is illuminated. If you see it, it is illuminated. For the light, nothing is dark.

Because he is the light, Jesus sees us in the glow of his redemptive love. Even our sin becomes a place where his glory can shine. The man's healing is not just about sight — it is about seeing as Christ sees. Lent is not a season of staring into darkness. It is a time to step into the light — to let Christ's gaze reframe how we see ourselves and one another.

**Lenten challenge:** Spend 10 quiet minutes this week asking Jesus to show you how he sees you. Not through shame or fear, but through the light of his mercy.

— Father John Muir

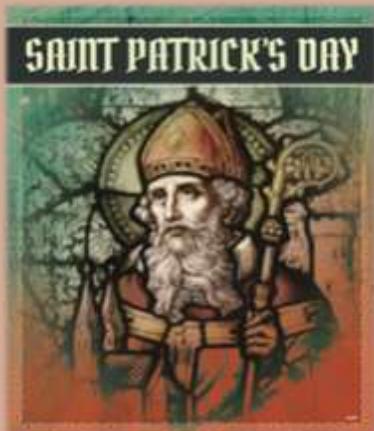


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## A REMINDER

### Outdoor Stations of the Cross

Just a quick reminder we do have outdoor Stations of the Cross on the nature trail in the woods behind the school.



**Tuesday, March 17**  
**St. Patrick pray for us!**

## Protecting God's Children

### In Person Workshop

Saturday, April 11, 2026

9:00am - 12:00pm

St. Joseph Parish - Erie, MI  
School Cafeteria

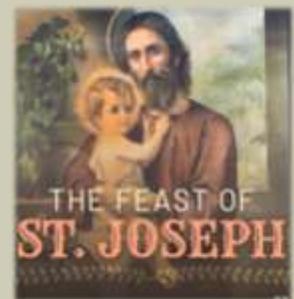
**New employees**  
and

**all volunteers**

**are required to take a "live" PGC class and can register via [virtus.org](http://virtus.org).**

More details can be found in the bulletin insert for **current employees** who may need to take a (self-paced) recertification training.

**Please take advantage of this training opportunity to gather with all the (new) employees and all volunteers of the Lumen Christi Family of Parishes.**



**Thursday, March 19**

**Memorare to St. Joseph**

*Remember, most pure spouse of Mary, ever Virgin, My loving protector, St. Joseph, that no one ever had recourse to your protection or asked for your aid without obtaining relief. Confiding, therefore, in your goodness, I come before you and humbly implore you.*

*Despise not my petitions Foster Father of the Redeemer, but graciously receive them.*

*Amen.*



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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of DETROIT

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.