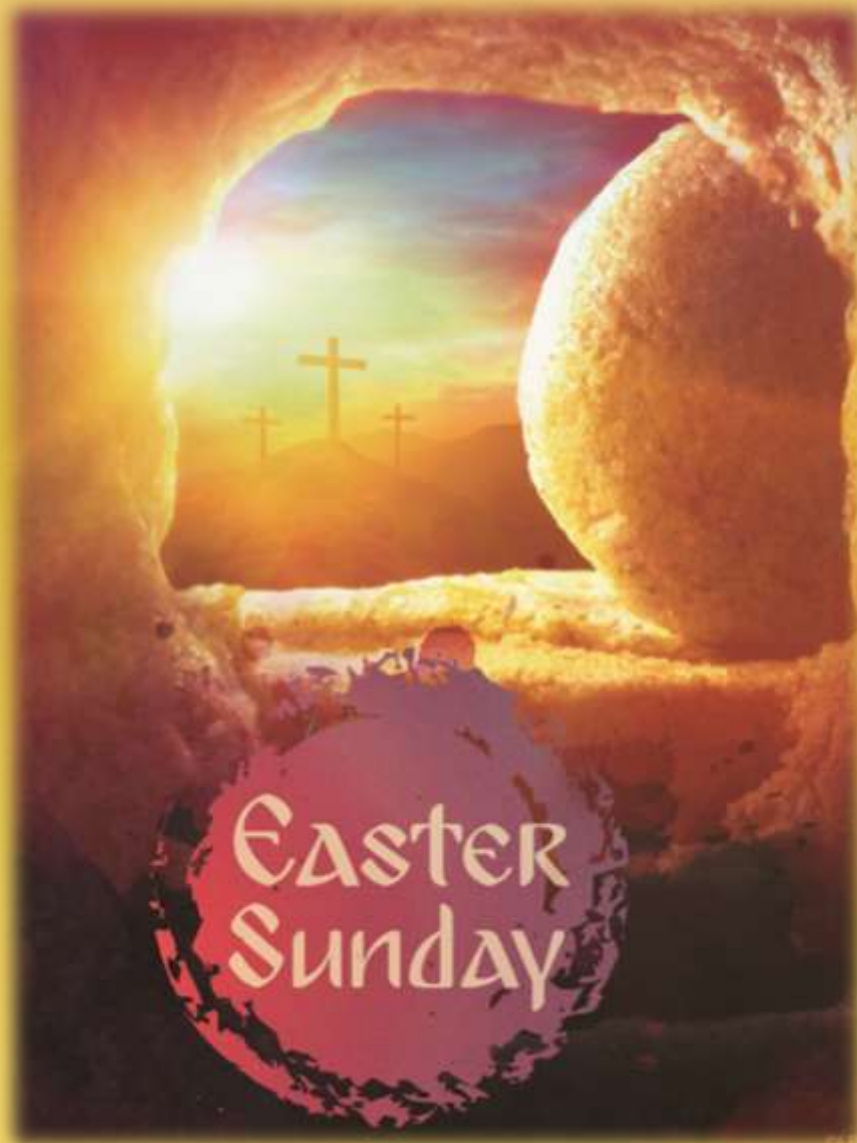


*St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church
Temperance, Michigan*

*Rejoice Heavenly Powers! Sing, Choirs of Angels!
Exult, All Creation around God's Throne!
Jesus Christ, Our King, is Risen!
Sound the Trumpet of Salvation!*



“The Antonian” April 5, 2026

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

† **MASS SCHEDULE** †

Easter Monday, April 6, 2026 (New, Trad.)
St. Marcellinus of Carthage (413), M. (Hist.)

Easter Tuesday, April 7, 2026 (New, Trad.)
No Mass †Rachel Renn

by Veronica & Russ Holmes
†**Clifford Renn**

by Ron & Joan Oehlers
†**Monte Jackson**

by Mark & Carolyn Templin

St. John Baptist de la Salle (1719), Pr., F. of
Brothers of Christian Schools (New)
St. Herman Joseph (1241), Pr., R. (Hist.)

Easter Wednesday, April 8, 2026
(New, Trad.)
St. Julie Billiart (1816), V., F. (Trad./some places)

Easter Thursday, April 9, 2026
(New, Trad.)
No Mass †Francisco (Paco) Javier Villaseñor

by Michael & Cheryl Scott
† **Richard & Dorothy Gorney**

by Kaye Shepherd
† **Gloria Knaggs**

by Sandy & Paul Lunn

St. Gaucherius (1140), Ab. (Hist.)
St. Mary of Cleophas (1st C.) (Hist.)

Easter Friday, April 10, 2026 (New, Trad.)
St. Fulbert (1029), B. (Hist.)
St. Ezechiel (6th C., B.C.), 1 of 4 major Old Testament Prophets (Hist.)

Easter Saturday, April 11, 2026
(New, Trad.)
St. Stanislaus of Cracow (1079), B., M., Pt. of Poland (New)
St. Leo the Great (461), P., D. (Trad.)
St. Gemma Galgani (1903), V., stigmatist (Hist.)

Sunday Vigil (New, Trad.)
4:00pm *Ron Dressel by Jeanne Holup

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12, 2026
(New)
2nd Sunday of Easter (New)
Low Sunday; Domenica in albis;
Quasimodo Sunday (Trad.)

9:00am The Living & Deceased
Members of the George & Carrie Komorowski Family
by Family Reunion

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

3:00pm †Bonnie Spillane
by Shaun Spillane

St. Julius (352), P. (Hist.)
St. Sabbas the Goth (372), Pr., M. (Hist.)



Readings for Today
Saturday, April 4, 2026
Easter Vigil

Genesis 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a
Genesis 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

Exodus 14:15-15.1
Isaiah 54:5-14
Isaiah 55:1-11
Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4
Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28
Romans 6:3-11
Matthew 28:1-10

Sunday, April 5, 2026:
Acts 10:34a, 37-43
Colossians 3:1-4 or
1 Corinthians 5:6b-8
John 20:1-9 or
Matthew 28:1-10

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.

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.

Please note:

All Parish Offices will be closed this week

Have a Blessed Easter!

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.

This Week's Calendar

Monday, April 6, 2026
All Parish Offices Closed This Week

Tuesday, April 7, 2026
No Mass
10:00am - Prayer Blankets

Wednesday, April 8, 2026
6:30-7:30pm - PH Devotions

Thursday, April 9, 2026
No Mass
No Confessions

Friday, April 10, 2026
9:00am-1:30pm - HFS - Padua Hall/School
10:00am - Set-up begins for Rummage Sale - Kenna Hall
6:00-7:30pm - Little Flowers; Troops of St. George - Padua Hall

Saturday, April 11, 2026
4:00pm - Sunday Vigil Mass
Top Hat Collection after mass

Divine Mercy Sunday,
April 12, 26

9:00am - Holy Mass
11:00am - Holy Mass (NLM)
Top Hat Collection after masses
2:00-3:00pm - Confessions
3:00pm - Holy Mass



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 22, 2026

# Env. assigned: 322;	# Env. used: 62
Envelope total	\$ 4,346.00
Loose:	\$ 754.00
On-line giving	\$.00
Total	\$ 5,100.00
Weekly Budget amt.	\$ 5,900.00
+Over/-Under Budget	\$ - 800.00
Year To Date +-	\$ - 4,300.09

Other:	
Candles	132.00
CD Rack	5.00
Easter Flowers	45.00
Masses	100.00
Total for Other:	282.00

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

What Would Mary Do?

This Easter morning, I am thinking of Mary Magdalene.

I want to know her state of mind as she approached the tomb in the darkness. Was she afraid? Was she thinking clearly? Was she tired? Had grief and trauma robbed her of her sleep the last two nights? What did she intend to do? Anoint Christ's body, yes — but what else? Kiss his hands, trace the markings where the lash had fallen upon his skin? Say goodbye? Weep? Despair?

What were the words she planned to whisper into the cold, empty darkness that morning, as she wept over God's body?

I don't know anything about her state of mind that Easter morning, except that I know she wanted to be with Christ. Perhaps that was all she knew, too. Perhaps she had no other thought, no other desire, than nearness to him. She didn't need to understand everything, and she didn't expect answers — she didn't dare hope for that.

But everything and everyone had fallen apart around her, and in Jesus' presence she knew her heart would be able to rest.

If you have ever been in the midst of a crisis in your life and found yourself pacing the floors of your house when no one else is awake, muttering the words to a prayer you know by heart, you know what Mary Magdalene felt. In those moments, we do not always feel God's presence. Sometimes, when we look for Him, we only see an empty tomb.

When these dark moments come, I pray you will remember the faithfulness of this great saint. Be like Mary Magdalene. Look for Jesus, always. You may not always find him, but he will always find you.

"She ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, 'They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him.'" — John 20:2

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Desert Meal...

What a wonderful evening in support of our seminarians. Approximately 30 people attended the Desert Meal on Saturday, March 28, hosted by our St. Anthony Knights of Columbus. The food was delicious, and the presentation by the seminarians was most interesting.

Their efforts resulted in \$1,625 being raised in support of the Seminarians' **"Pilgrimage of the Saints"** as they travel to various Holy Sites in Europe.

Many thanks to all who planned this event, all who participated, and all who donated. God Bless you all!

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.



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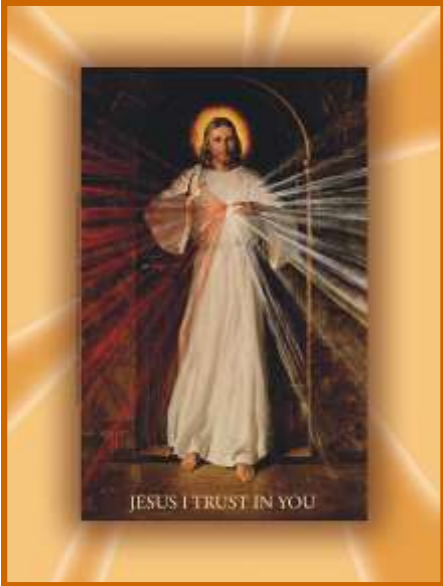
**The Retired Men's
Light Lunch
& Cards Day**

Wednesday, April 22

11:30am - 2:00pm

**Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church
Room 3**

RSVP by calling or texting
Dennis or Vicki Oberski
937-554-0525



“Come to My Mercy”

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 12, 2026 - The First Sunday after Easter

St. Anthony Catholic Church

Confessions 2:00 - 3:00pm

Holy Mass at 3:00pm; followed by:

- † Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- † Singing the Chaplet
- † The Litany of Divine Mercy

† *Benediction*

Jesus told St. Faustina that this Feast of Mercy would be a special day when “all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened.” He also said, “I desire the Feast of Mercy to be a refuge and shelter for all souls, especially poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open.”

Our dearly beloved Pope John Paul II wrote his last and final statement, from his deathbed, on Divine Mercy. In it, he expressed to the world the importance to understand and accept the urgent message of Our Lord’s Divine Mercy.

Our Lord said to St. Faustina:

“Encourage souls to say the Chaplet, which I have given you. Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the time of death....When they say this chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person, not as a just Judge but as the Merciful Savior. Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy. I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy....Through the Chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with My will.”

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy can be said any time, but Our Lord specifically asked that it be recited as a novena, especially on the nine days before the Feast of Mercy.

And he promised, “By this novena I will grant every possible grace to souls.”

St. Anthony Church began the Novena of Divine Mercy with the recitation of the “Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Novena” on Good Friday. The Chaplet and Novena prayers

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

1. Begin with the Sign of the Cross,
1 Our Father, 1 Hail Mary and The Apostles Creed.
2. Then on the Our Father Beads say the following:
Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.
3. On the 10 Hail Mary Beads say the following:
For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.
(Repeat step 2 and 3 for all five decades).
4. Conclude with *(three times)*:
Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.
Jesus, I Trust in You!

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.