



St. Anthony of Padua
Catholic Church
Temperance, Michigan
Palm Sunday (*New, Trad.*)

"THE ANTONIAN" † March 24, 2024
*St. Anthony of Padua, Our Patron and Intercessor,
Pray for Us!*



Tuesday, March 26 - Lenten Confessions with 2 priests available at St. Anthony
11:00am - 12:00pm; 7:00pm-8:00pm

Lumen Christi - Holy Week - Triduum with Bishop Monforton

Holy Thursday at St. Anthony - **7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration**
until 12pm on Friday (Please sign-up for Adoration time slots)

Good Friday at St. Joseph's in Erie — 1:00pm Rosary; 1:30pm Stations of the Cross; 2:30pm
Divine Mercy Novena; 3:00pm Litany of the Lord's Passion with veneration of the Cross and
Holy Communion; 8:00pm - Tenebrae

Holy Saturday at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel — 9:00pm Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday at St. Anthony 9:00am Mass (English); 12:00pm Mass (Latin)

All Offices closed the week after Easter from April 1-5.

Gospel: Mark 16:1-7

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

- ☆ Wes Brown, Army Reserve
- ☆ Kodie Burtcher, USAF
- ☆ Jed Clark, USMC
- ☆ Kay Clark Thompson, USAF
- ☆ AB Aaron Ford, USAF
- ☆ Eric Hite, Jr. USAF
- ☆ SSGT Alexa Long, USAF
- ☆ A.J. Ondrus, USN
- ☆ Alexander Strang USAF
- ☆ Victoria Urben - USN



Upcoming Events:

- Respect Life Dinner - April 9
- Desert Meal - April 13
(Fundraiser for Seminarians'
Pilgrimage; More details to follow)
- Little Flowers Bake Sale - May 19
- Rummage Sale - June 4 - 7

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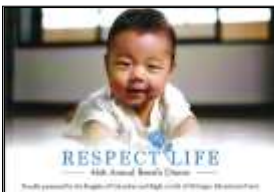
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Office Hours: Monday - 11:00am - 6:15pm

† Days for Blessing items may vary.

Please be sure to leave your **name and phone number** on the items; we will call you once the items are blessed.



**Tuesday,
April 9
Social Hour:
6:00pm
Dinner:
7:00pm**

San Marino Club, Troy, MI

Guest Speaker: Dan Compton

St. Anthony Parish and Knights of Columbus are sponsoring tables. Please call the Parish Office to reserve a seat at one of our tables.

Norb Abel
Easton Aitson
Baby George
Pete Grundy
Baby Girl
Paul Bazydlo
Mike Bunge
Charley Bussey
Caleb
Bob Carey
Gerald Carto
Lowell Cousino
Rosemary Cox
Marcus Demorest
Caleb Dershem
Elaine Esper
Joe Evener
Bruce Fondren
Geoff Fondren
Barbara Francis
Sheila Greisinger
Janet Harrell
Gloria Hartman

....Let us Pray for....

Nicole Hartman
Diane Heidelberg
Phyllis Heyse
Sonya Hill
Gene & Phyllis
Hinkelman
Fr. Jim Holup
Devin Kacher
Kathy Kapela
Jonah Kornberg
RoseMarie Komorowski
Bob Kuhlman
Bill Lane
Aggie Langscheid
Jacob Leary
Patrick Lyndsay
Sandy Maenle
Peg Mallin
Bridget Marie
Gary Martin

Elizabeth Mcchesney
Jodi Miller
Adelaide Munk
Steve Murzynski
Nusbaum Family
Ken Nusbaum
Ella Mae Nusbaum
Fran O'Connor
Tyler & Jen Oehlers
Austin Oehlers
Armando Ortiz
Homero Ortiz
Sister Mary Paulina
Karen & Tom Penney
Dianne Petrilla
Cliff Renn
Fr. Patrick Rohen
Midge Sherman
John & Marge Scott
Alexander, Andrew &

Tanner Skelton
Patty Smith
Cheryl Stanford
Sarah Strzelewicz
Cheryl Stout
Audrey Tavares
Delores Thorn
Katie Tomaszewski
Flossie Townsend
Alicia Trejo
Lily Tussey
Murl Waidelich
Christopher Warner
Kristine Wells
Mary Beth Wise
Rick Wolneiwicz
Jim Woronec
Dawn Wyse
Charlie Yacuone
Amy Yates
Rita Zeller

Easter Baskets



St. Anthony will be accepting donations for Easter Food Baskets for the less fortunate this holiday season. We will again be working with the Veteran's Center as well as other families who need our help this year.

Items needed are:

- * Canned fruits & vegetables
- * Bagged potatoes
- * Macaroni & Cheese
- * Hams (Cash or Gift Cards to purchase them will also be accepted.)
- * Rolls
- * Eggs
- * Easter candy, cookies, or desert fixin's
- * Any other items that will make a holiday meal

There will be containers in the Narthex for all donations.

We will be accepting donations for baskets until **TOMORROW**, Monday, March 25, especially ham & eggs, and distribution will be on Tuesday, March 26.

If you know a family who could use a basket, please call Linda Sloan

419-304-6196

Desert Meal - April 13 - Kenna Hall

Fundraiser for Seminarians

Doors Open 6:30pm, \$20 per Person

Chicken Dinner

(All food donated by K of C)

Dinner will be served at 7:00pm.

To reserve or prepurchase tickets please contact the office, or Michael Scott 734-274-3363

† 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 rectory 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.

Liturgical Assignments for March 31, 2024 ♦ Easter Sunday

	Priest	Lector	Altar Servers	Ushers
Sunday, 9:00am (English)	Fr. Slaton	P. Cousino	J. Ritenour; I. Elmore	(Rotating Schedule) R. Glinski; D. & J. Thoma G. Ingersoll B. Kapela
Sunday, 12:00pm	Fr. Slaton	--	MC: Gabriel Larnier	M. Peterson; M. Scott

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

It has been said that one witness is worth a dozen arguments. Following this principle, I was reflecting upon some of the more intriguing witness accounts that I have heard regarding the presence of our Blessed Lord in the most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist. One such witness account came from a soul that was not a Catholic. Although she has converted and came to the faith, at the time of her encounter she was a Muslim.

As the story was related to me, the young woman in question (we'll call her Isha) was raised in an immigrant household in the United States. Her family had immigrated from the Middle East when Isha was young and only her earliest memories contained images and recollections of the exotic land of her ancestors. Isha was among the youngest of her siblings and her father tended to be protective of her in general. Coming from a proud Muslim background, Isha was taught that Allah was completely sovereign and completely other. Allah the merciful and mighty was beyond our ability to understand and to question or critically examine the will of Allah was akin to blaspheme. Allah was a mystery! His will was unquestionable! Submission to this will was the path to paradise! Anything that brought such beliefs and practices into question must be viewed as suspicious and potentially dangerous. Jesus was held to be a prophet of Allah. A great man and a great teacher of the mysterious truths of Allah, but later generations had twisted His teachings to the point of concluding that Jesus was the very Son of Allah (impossible in Muslim theology)! The society that Isha grew up in was largely homogenous in this worldview, but she was aware that in the surrounding neighborhoods the followers of this 'Christianity' could be found. These poor souls that had been duped into believing that Allah could have a son or that the mystery of the divine could possibly be contained or revealed in the form of a man.

Isha remained steadfast in her Islamic faith until her college years (the dangers of higher education)! Although she commuted to her classes, she began to have conversations with her classmates and other students around the campus. It was during one of these conversations that she first heard the explanation of the Trinity from someone who was a believer in the Triune God. Rather than an attack or an attempted rebuttal, the young female collegiate simply explained her deeply cherished belief that this one God was mysteriously a community of three persons. Isha was comfortable with the concept of an incomprehensible mystery. After all, Allah was always presented as being beyond the ability of the human intellect to fathom. However, what struck her as profoundly difficult—even offensive, was the notion that the 2nd person of this 'divine Trinity' took on human flesh and was indeed the man Jesus of Nazareth. This teaching was unthinkable! Allah was not restricted to concepts like time and space! Allah was one and there was no other like him! How could any person, much less one as seemingly logical and intelligent as this young undergraduate, believe that the creator and sustainer of all creation would lower himself to become a human being! The very idea was nonsensical. It was also an idea that Isha found difficult to stop thinking about. In the weeks that followed, the incarnation—Jesus as a divine being, continued to work its way into her thoughts and imagination. So, she decided to eradicate the concept. Isha was intending to prove to herself that Jesus was not God.

So, Isha began her challenge. Armed with her Islamic belief, she set out to debunk the idea of a divine-human savior. She went off and found a Christian church. She exchanged some dialogue with the local Pastor of this protestant house of prayer and worship only to find herself at an impasse. The Pastor had told her that faith was a gift from God and that she would only obtain it through prayer. A bit of reflection upon this idea led Isha to wonder into the quiet of the protestant chapel to present her objections to God in the silence. Her hope was that Allah, and perhaps the prophet Jesus would confirm the purity of her faith and quiet the strange 'Christian' ideas that continued to disquiet her heart. Isha sat in the narthex of the church. It was while she was gazing at the altar when a conviction came to her mind. She relates that she could not have explained this conviction or even described how the conclusion came into her mind, nevertheless, the conviction was present and clear. "Jesus was not in this building"! Frustrated, Isha left the church and did a Google search for Christian churches in the area. Her second attempt at confronting her spiritual disquiet was just as unfruitful. "Jesus is not here"! Her 4th or 5th attempt found her wandering into a Catholic parish. Although she had no teaching or understanding of the distinctions of Christian denominations, Isha found herself sitting in a parish pew gazing at the decorative centerpiece behind the altar. It was there among the flickering light of the votive candles that Isha suddenly came to a strange conviction: "Jesus is here!" In that strange, yet oddly peaceful place, with no understanding of the Eucharist or the 'Real Presence' of Christ, Isha relates that she became convinced that she was sitting in the very presence of the prophet from Nazareth. So, she laid out her challenge. It may seem odd to our minds and hearts, but the course taken seemed to

make sense to this young Islamic woman seeking the truth. She was convinced that she was in the very presence of the great prophet and so she laid out her conviction. "You are not Allah! You cannot be Allah! Allah does not dwell in houses of stone and brick!" Her challenge was met with silence. After a time, she left the Catholic Parish with a sense of victory. But it was not long before a haunting thought entered into her mind. Why would the great prophet Jesus allow so many to be deceived? If Jesus was truly present in that Catholic building, why did He not take some action to correct the errors of these Christians who worshiped there?

A few days later, Isha returned to the parish and issued her challenge anew. "You are not Allah! Why do you allow this deceit?" She may not be permitted to question why Allah would permit some action, but surely she could question this prophet. Again, her challenge was met with silence. The question, however, continued to feel unresolved. Weekly visits to the Catholic parish became a practice for Isha for a few months. Until the day came when she entered into the quiet parish to issue her challenge. As she declared once again that Jesus could not be Allah, directing her attention and her challenge toward the tabernacle for reasons she didn't fully understand, her mind was suddenly filled with a clear and overwhelming response. **"And who are you to tell me who I AM?"** The response was not aggressive: frightening and unexpected, but not terrifying. It left Isha unsettled and began a journey of trying to understand.

It would be months before she sought the assistance of Catholic clergy. It would take study and reflection before she would begin to understand why she was drawn to the tabernacle and relevance of the phrase **"I Am"**. Deciding to enter into the Catholic Church was not an easy path and revealing this spiritual conversion to her family and friends was an intimidating concept. Nevertheless, within two years Isha was baptized. Drawn to seek the truth, she was surprised to find the path led her right in front of the tabernacle. Right to the place where she encountered Jesus. Not the prophet she learned about as a child. Rather, the incarnate Lord of all that drew her heart to Himself.

God love you,

Fr. Slaton

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

March 24, 2024 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

A few months before they married, my twenty-three-year-old sister and her fiancé planned a cross-country road trip to visit his family. My parents told them that they could only go if they slept in separate hotel rooms, offering to foot the bill. It might sound prudish, but my parents wanted the young couple to understand that their approaching unity was close, but not yet. Patience solidifies love.

What could this possibly have to do with Palm Sunday? It's usually overlooked, but the Gospels tell us that, after entering Jerusalem, Jesus "looked around ... and since it was late, went out to Bethany with the twelve" (Mk 11:11) for the night. Who cares? Why include this detail? Jews in those days believed that the new Davidic King would one day re-enter and "marry" the city. A new future marked by fidelity would begin for God's people. Israel's God would be in union with His people forever. Without over-sexualizing the metaphor, perhaps Jesus refused to sleep in Jerusalem to remind us of his marital purpose. He was entering Jerusalem as the bridegroom-king. It was almost time, but not yet. Soon he will sleep in Jerusalem in the tomb and then something new will begin: his one body, his Church.

Lenten challenge: This Holy Week, I challenge you to keep this image in your mind all the way until Easter Sunday: Jesus is the faithful bridegroom who patiently prepares his bride for their new life together. Go to the Good Friday liturgy and kiss the cross. When you do, let that gesture be the long-awaited "I do" to our faithful God, who always waits for us.

— Father John Muir

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Easter Egg Hunt at St. Joseph's in Erie

The Ladies Auxiliary will hold our Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Holy Saturday on our church grounds at 1pm.

Check-in near the Fatima shrine (between the church & school) at 12:30PM. Admission to the Easter Egg Hunt is \$1 per child, this includes a bag to collect the eggs and a raffle ticket.

Participants will have a chance to win a "prize egg" in each age group. Easter baskets will be raffled off. Hot dog and chips available for purchase after.

In the event of inclement weather, the Egg Hunt will be moved indoors.

Please invite your friends and family to this fun event!

Date correction from today's bulletin:

The Desert Meal Fundraiser for Seminarians hosted by the Knights of Columbus will be on April 13th, in Kenna Hall.

WEDDING BANNES

**Javier Slaughter
&
Meghan Glenn**

Last Fish Fry!

St. Joseph's Erie will be having their last all-you-can-eat fish fry on March 29, Good Friday.

4:30-7:30pm

Adults: \$18

Seniors: \$16

Kids (12+ under): \$12

Stations of the Cross for the Victims of Abortion

Good Friday, March 29
10:00am

Toledo Women's Center

1160 W. Sylvania Avenue
Toledo, OH. 43612

The Offertory Story

for March 17, 2024

# Env. assigned: 315;	# Env. used: 70
Envelope total	\$ 1,743.00
Loose:	\$ 543.00
On-line giving	\$ --
Total	\$ 6,218.00
Weekly Budget amt.....	\$ 5,300.00
+Over/-Under Budget	\$ + 1,078.00
Year To Date +/-	\$ + 999.23

Other:

Books/CD Rack	1.00
Candles	81.75
Church in Eastern Europe	25.00
Easter Flowers	185.00
First Offering	105.00
Holy Day	5.00
Masses	250.00
Rummage Sale	56.00
Salary Reimbursement	25,192.80
Word Among Us	20.00
Total for Other:	\$25,921.55



Liturgical Assignments for March 28, 2024 ♦ Holy Thursday

	Priest	Lector	Altar Servers	Ushers
Thursday, 7:00pm (English)	Bp. Monforton	K. Shade	C., J., M. Torio J. & T. Dollison	(Rotating Schedule) R. Glinski; D. & J. Thoma G. Ingersoll B. Kapela

Schedule of Services for Lent & Easter

Lumen Christi Family of Parishes -

St. Anthony, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, St. Joseph

In Addition to our regular Weekend & Weekday Schedule (*found on reverse*):

Stations of the Cross			
	St. Anthony	St. Joseph	OL Mt. Carmel
Thursdays	--	10:45am <i>Children's Stations</i>	--
Fridays	7:00pm; (<i>Marian Stations – March 8</i>)	7:00pm	6:00pm
Confessions			
Mon., March 25	--	--	6:30-9:00pm
Tues., March 26	11am – 12pm; 7-8pm	--	--
Wed., March 27	--	7:00pm	--
Holy Week – Triduum with Bishop Monforton			
Holy Thursday	7:00pm – Mass of the Lord's Supper; Followed by Adoration until 12pm on Friday	--	--
Good Friday	--	1:00pm – Rosary 1:30pm – Stations of the Cross 2:30pm – Divine Mercy Novena 3:00pm – Litany of the Lord's Passion with veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion 8:00pm - Tenebrae	--
Holy Saturday March 30	9:00am – Church decorating 12:00pm – Blessing of Food	9:00am–Church Decorating 12:00pm – Blessing of Food	12:00pm – Blessing of Food 9:00pm – Easter Vigil Mass
Easter Sunday March 31	9:00am Mass (<i>English</i>) 12:00pm Mass (<i>Latin</i>)	8:30am & 10:30am Masses	8:00am & 11:00am Masses
Divine Mercy Sunday – April 7	9:00am Mass (<i>English</i>) 12:00pm Mass (<i>Latin</i>) 3:00pm Mass (<i>English</i>) followed by Divine Mercy	7:30am & 10:30am Masses 3:00pm Mass	Saturday, 4:30pm Mass Sunday – 10:00am Mass

Lenten Regulations Fast & Abstinence

Abstinence from meat is observed on **Ash Wednesday**, **Good Friday**, and all the **Fridays of Lent** by all Catholics 14 years and older. Abstinence forbids the use of meat, but not of eggs, milk products, or condiments made of animal fat. Permissible are soups flavored with meat, meat gravy, and sauces.

Fasting is observed on **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday** by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those bound by this rule may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted as necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. Ordinary liquids only.



ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL



ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

Lumen Christi FAMILY OF PARISHES 
 REVEREND FATHER ROBERT SLATON, MODERATOR

Mass Times

Day	St. Anthony	St. Joseph	OLMC
Sunday	9:00am Mass (<i>English</i>); 12:00pm Mass	7:30am Mass 10:30am Mass	10:00am Mass
Monday	No Mass	--	9:00am Mass
Tuesday	9:00am Mass (<i>English</i>)	--	9:00am Mass
Wednesday	No Mass	9:00am Mass	--
Thursday	7:00pm Mass	--	--
Friday	No Mass	8:30am Mass	--
First Friday	7:00pm Mass	8:30am Mass	--
First Saturday	9:00am Mass	--	--
Saturday	No Sunday Vigil Mass	No Sunday Vigil Mass	4:30pm Sunday Vigil Mass

Confessions

Day/Time	St. Anthony	St. Joseph	OLMC
Thursday	5:30-6:30pm	--	--
Saturday	No Saturday Confessions	10:30 – 11:30am	2:30-3:30pm



SACRED HEART MAJOR SEMINARY



Desert Meal - Fundraiser for Seminarians at St. Anthony Parish

Every year Seminarians who completed their first year of Theology from Sacred Heart Major Seminary will take part in a one month long pilgrimage to the Holy Land. The objective of this Desert Formation Experience is to help the men to know Scripture by immersing themselves in it, thus becoming better preachers to the people once ordained. This critical piece in their spiritual development cost approximately \$10,000 per seminarian. To offset this cost, parishes throughout the diocese will host Desert Meals fundraisers. Several seminarians will attend the Desert Meal and provide an in depth presentation on the Desert Formation along with their own brief discernment experience. (Please Note: due to the conflict in the Holy Land, this year the seminarians will be traveling through Europe visiting various Holy sites and shrines.)

Please join us on Saturday, **April 13th at Kenna Hall** in supporting this noble endeavor. The Knights of Columbus will donate chicken dinner so all proceeds will go to supporting this year's Desert Formation experience. **Doors will open at 6:30 with dinner being served at 7 pm. Tickets are \$20 per person.** Members of the Knights of Columbus will be selling tickets after mass on the weekend of April 7th. You can also call and reserve a seat by calling Michael Scott (734-274-3363) and then pay at the door.

Please consider attending this important event. The money generated from this event will be greatly appreciated by the seminarians, but more importantly a **large turnout will also provide a statement that St Anthony parish supports these future priests.**

If you can not attend but want to financially support this enterprise, donations can be made at:
<https://www.shms.edu/desert-formation-experience>.

Catholic Services Appeal - 2023

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 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 **\$38,555**. In order to reach our goal, the recommended pledge amount will be **\$250** 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 2023.

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 - 2023

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