



ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
CATHOLIC CHURCH
TEMPERANCE, MICHIGAN

First Sunday of Advent

"The Antonian" November 30, 2025

*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

That mourns in lonely
exile here, Until the
Son of God appear.

We wait in Joyful Hope....

*O Come, O Come,
Emmanuel!*

Our Coat Drive will take place
through the end of November. Please
bring all items to the container in the
Narthex **by Monday, December 1st.**

St. Anthony Knights of Columbus
are again selling Religious-themed
Christmas cards. They will be
available:

Sunday, December 14

at the K of C Breakfast Buffet

8:30 - 11:30am in Kenna Hall

Saturdays & Sundays:

November 29 & 30;

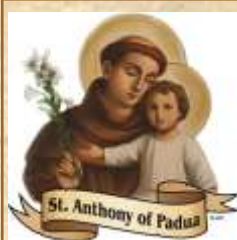
December 6 & 7;

December 20 & 21

after all Masses in the Narthex

Please show your support of their
efforts to

Keep "Christ" in Christmas!



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



A memorial Book has been placed at
the side entrance to the Church.
All are invited to write in the names of
your beloved deceased.
They will be remembered in all the
Masses offered during the month of
November.

† **MASS SCHEDULE** †**Monday, December 1, 2025**

St. Edmund Campion (1581), Pr., M., Pt. of the press (*Hist.*)

St. Eligius (660), B., Ap. Of Flanders, Pt. of metalworkers and jewelers (*Hist.*)

Tuesday, December 2, 2025

9:00am ***Geraldine Bonkoski**

by Barb Korotko

***Ron Dressel** by Jeanne Holup

***Leeann Hite** by Ron Oehlers

St. Bibiana (Viviana) (4th C.), V., M., Pt. of single women (*Trad.*)

Wednesday, December 3, 2025

St. Francis Xavier (1552), Pr., Pt. of foreign missions (*New, Trad.*)

Thursday, December 4, 2025

7:00pm ***Becky & George Pegouskie**

by Barb Korotko

***Jon Schnur** by Elisa Schnur

***Matthew Schnur** by Elisa Schnur

St. John Damascene (749), Pr., D. (*New*)

St. Peter Chrysologus (450), B., D. (*Trad.*)

St. Barbara (4th C.), V., M., invoked against lightning (*Trad.*)

First Friday, December 5, 2025

7:00pm †**Larry Slaton**

by Michael & Cheryl Scott

First Saturday, December 6, 2025

9:00am ***Fr. Slaton's Intentions**

St. Nicholas (350), B., Pt. of children, bakers, pawnbrokers, mariners, & Russia (*New, Trad.*)

Sunday Vigil

4:00pm †**Harriett Rochowiak**

by Ann Brewer

Sunday, December 7, 2025**Second Sunday of Advent**

9:00am ***Kelly Schmidt** by Ron Oehlers

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

St. Ambrose (397), B., D., Pt. of candlemakers (*New, Trad.*)

Vigil of the Immaculate Conception (*Hist.*)

Prayer Blanket Ministry

Prayer blankets will be in the Narthex next 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.

Readings for Today

Sunday, November 30, 2025:

Isaiah 2:1-5

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:37-44

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.

PLEASE NOTE...**New Parish Office Hours****Secretary's Office:**

Monday - Thursday: 10:00am - 3:00pm

Friday: 10:00am - 1:00pm

Business Office:

Tuesday: 10:00am - 2:00pm

Just a reminder:

Please do not leave any items, religious or otherwise, in the Narthex without asking permission from the Parish Office **first**. Any items without specific permission, will be removed. Please call the Parish Office with any questions. Thank you for your cooperation.


**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 1, 2025**

6:00pm - OCIA - 8th Grade Classroom
Nativity Play Rehearsal - Kenna Hall

Tuesday, December 2, 2025

9:00am - Holy Mass

Wednesday, December 3, 2025

6:30-7:30pm - Perpetual Help - Church
7:8:30pm - K of C - Classroom

Thursday, December 4, 2025

Blessing of Items

5-6pm - Confessions

7:00pm - Holy Mass (NLM)

First Friday, December 5, 2025

9am - 1:30pm - HFS - PH, KH, School

7:00pm - Holy Mass (NLM);

Exposition, Benediction

First Saturday, December 6, 2025

9:00am - Holy Mass (NLM)

Confessions after Mass until 11am

Kenna Hall Rental

4:00pm - Vigil Mass

Sunday, December 7, 2025

9:00am - Holy Mass

11:00am - Holy Mass (NLM)

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, November 18, we have received 72 pledges, including on-line gifts totaling \$22,569.00

We're more than halfway there!

We have \$17,341.00

to go.

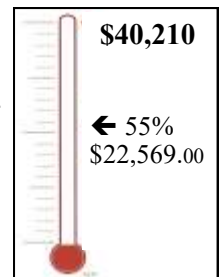
Thank you to all who have pledged...

we're getting closer to our goal!

Together, We can do it!

Please help us make our goal. Any amount that is paid in excess of our goal comes back to the Parish for our use.

God Bless you!



*Pray without
Ceasing!*

	<i>Priest</i>	<i>Lector</i>	<i>Altar Servers</i>	<i>Ushers</i>
Saturday, 4:00pm	Fr. Slaton	D. Strzelewicz	I. & M. Elmore	D. Thoma; J. Thoma J. Komorowski;
Sunday, 9:00am	Fr. Slaton	R. Oehlers	J.P. Bylicki; J. & J. Ritenour	G. Ingersoll, B. Kapela L. Komorowski, M. Miller
Sunday, 11:00am NLM	Fr. Slaton	—	--	K. Jorrey; J. Ondrus *Ushers Needed

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – BENEATH THE SURFACE

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini reflection: Of course the world is ending. It has been ending forever. And the Son of Man is coming — but don't forget, he was already here, too. And His Spirit, even now, is renewing the face of the earth. "But how?" we ask. "And when? And where?"

Watershed Moments: In every life there are watershed moments.

I think of our time on this earth as resembling, in the beginning, a fine, firm sheet of metal, suspended with perfect balance in time and space. If a drop of water falls upon the sheet, it remains precisely where it lands.

But life goes on. We see things, we feel things, and in the seeing and the feeling, the flat, smooth metal sheet is nicked. The impacts created by those experiences are like BB pellets riddling armor; before long, the surface is pockmarked. A falling drop of water will drain or pool either in one way or the other, its action determined by the closest indentation.

A watershed has been created, a summit or valley that disrupts the smooth flatness of life.

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks about the end of the world. I'm no Biblical scholar, but I suspect the topic at hand is the Apocalypse (capital A). The big one. The explosion that upends the sheet itself and sends every drop of water crashing down. But I think, in a smaller way, it's also about all the indentations on the plane: those little apocalypses (lowercase a), the things that felt like the end of the world (or the beginning of a new one).

The loss of a job. The breakup of a relationship. The suffering of a loved one.

Of course the world is ending. It has been ending forever. And the Son of Man is coming — but don't forget, he was already here, too. And his Spirit, even now, is renewing the face of the earth.

"But how?" we ask. "And when? And where?"

Without the chinks in the armor — without the watershed moments — there is tremendous smoothness, certainly. But there is also no movement.

So look to the watershed moments, these little (and big) apocalypses. In these moments that change us, for better or worse, God is there, working, waiting.

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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 king 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 sort and distributed before Christmas.

Thank you!

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. Copies of the prayers are in the bulletin and also on the narthex table. Thank you and God bless!

Feast Day: December 6



St. Nicholas
Pray for Us!

The Offertory Story for November 23, 2025

# Env. assigned: 322;	# Env. used: 57
Envelope total	\$ 3,605.00
Loose:	\$ 891.00
On-line giving	\$ 50.00
Total	\$ 4,546.00
Weekly Budget amt.....	\$ 5,900.00
+Over/-Under Budget	\$ - 1,354.00
Year To Date +-	\$ - 1,680.00

Other:

Candles	95.95
Catholic Charities	545.00
Christmas	20.00
Christmas Flowers	220.00
Holy Day	40.00
Masses	90.00
Rummage Sale	600.00
Word Among Us	2.00

Total for Other: 1,612.95



ARCHBISHOP OF DETROIT

November 15, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Since arriving in Detroit this past March, I have had the great joy of meeting many of you at parish celebrations, diocesan gatherings, Mass, and other liturgies. In every encounter, I have seen something truly beautiful. I have witnessed your deep love for Christ, your local parish, and our Archdiocese. I also have witnessed your intense desire to see the Church of Detroit flourish for generations to come.

Along with our many blessings, I have also heard the candid expression of your concerns and your understanding of the challenges we face now and into the future. Please know that I hear you and that I see these challenges, too. Many of our churches were built during a time of tremendous growth, when more than 1.5 million Catholics called this Archdiocese home. Today, our Catholic census is closer to 900,000, with a smaller number regularly attending Mass. We have been struggling to maintain buildings, ministries, and structures that were designed for a much larger Church. The situation that unfolded in the last 50 years has left us stretched—sometimes stretched too thinly to serve as well as we want. Moreover, as we struggle to care for buildings and parish structures where there are very few people, we are also seeking to ensure the presence of the Church as we follow the Catholic population in those areas where the Church is growing.

While I believe that our commitment to Christ and his Church means that we must face these challenges, I do not believe that this moment in time need be marked primarily by anxiety or despair. Rather, I believe the situation we are facing is one that holds real and blessed opportunities. I believe with all my heart that God is inviting us to reimagine parish life, priestly ministry, and our mission. I believe God is asking us to face our future with creativity and deeper faith and trust that if we ask Him, then He will show us the way toward building something vibrant, sustainable, and enduring into the future.

This is why I am inviting every Catholic in our Archdiocese to join me in a serious two-year process of Archdiocesan restructuring. It will be a journey of discernment that I believe we can accomplish only together—a time for us to chart the best path forward for each of our parish communities and regions. In such an endeavor, every voice matters, just as every prayer matters. The end result will affect each parish and community of our Archdiocese, so each of you has a part to play in shaping the future of our Church.

It is important to be honest about what this restructuring may bring. We know that we cannot maintain the same number of parish buildings that we have today. Some parish communities may see changes in how or where they gather, while others may be called to see church buildings closed—structures that have been dear to their hearts for generations. But just as there will be mourning over losses or changes in parish life, there likewise will be new blessings with enhanced locations, renewed communities, and the ability to redirect our efforts toward sharing the Gospel and making disciples. I believe that as we work to *right-size* the Archdiocese and reallocate our personnel and financial resources, the footprint of the Church's presence—her mission, her faith, and her people—will remain.

Our work will be guided primarily by three key pillars:

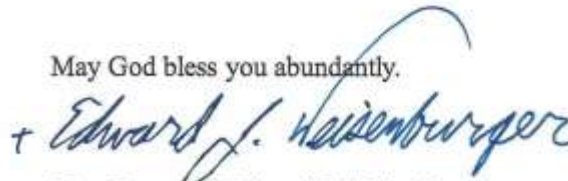
- **Vibrant parishes:** We want every parish to be a living heartbeat of faith, where people encounter Christ, grow in discipleship, and build real community.
- **Flourishing priests:** Our priests are at the heart of parish life. They must be supported and free to focus on what they do best: preaching the Gospel, celebrating the Sacraments, and caring for the faithful.
- **Mission ready:** By realigning our clergy and financial resources wisely, we will bring the joy of Christ to the next generation with energy and purpose. We will hand the next generation a Church that is vibrant, thriving, and alive in every way.

Next spring, each parish will host two listening sessions where you will have a chance to share your insights, hopes, and dreams for the future of your local parish and the Archdiocese. In the meantime, I ask for your prayers. Special prayer cards will be made available for this purpose at each parish. You can also access the prayer at restructuring.aod.org, along with other resources related to this effort.

Additionally, every step of the restructuring will be covered in *Detroit Catholic*, the Archdiocese's free online news source. The best way to be kept up to date with how our restructuring unfolds is to sign up to get *Detroit Catholic* delivered to your email inbox either daily or weekly at detroitcatholic.com/subscribe.

Brothers and sisters, thank you for your generosity of time, prayer, talent, and faith. Together, and with God's grace, we will fashion a Church in this Archdiocese that is vibrant, flourishing, and fully alive in the mission of the Gospel.

May God bless you abundantly.



Most Reverend Edward J. Weisenburger
Archbishop of Detroit



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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St. Anthony Reliquary

St. Anthony Parish is truly blessed to have in our reliquary 24 relics. We also have on our Altar a relic of the true cross, as well as of our Patron, St. Anthony of Padua.

Many of you have asked for a guide to our treasure....hopefully, this will increase your devotion to the holy men and women who intercede for us.



S. Crucis D.N. (*True Cross*)
(*Left Side of Altar*)



S. Antonii Patav
(Right Side of Altar)

1. S. Antonii, **CD** (*Confessor, Doctor*)
2. **Ex Oss**, S. Jo. Neuman (*Piece of bone*)
3. S. Francisci Xav. **C** (*Confessor*)
4. S. Augustini **ECD** (*Bishop, Confessor, Doctor*)
5. S. Teresiae a Jesu
6. S.M. Marg Alacoque
7. S. Lucia **V.M.** (*Virgin, Martyr*)
8. S. Patriti **E.C.** (*St. Patrick; Bishop, Confessor*)
9. Praesep. D.N.J. (*Crib of Our Lord, Jesus*)
10. **a: EX USS.** S. Elizabeth **b: Alphonsi NC Lig**
c: S. Stanislai Kostka **d: ExVes** s. Rosae Viterbo V.
(*Piece of clothing*)
11. St. Elenae, Imp. (*St. Helen, Empress*)
12. **ex oss.** St. Camilli (*Piece of bone*)
13. St. Martin De Porres
14. St. Michael the Archangel (*Stones*)
15. s. Basilii **E. D.** (*Bishop, Doctor*)
16. S. Teresae
17. S. Dominici **C.** (*Confessor*)
18. St. Elizabeth Seton
19. S. Pii Pp.X, **C** (*Pope St. Pius 10th*) (*Confessor*)
20. St. Maria Goretti
21. St. Joannis a. Cr. Doct. (*St. John of the Cross, Doctor*)



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