

and Intercessor,

Pray for Us!



St. Anthony Catholic Church, Temperance

† MASS SCHEDULE **†** Monday, February 26, 2024 No Mass St. Tarasius (806), B. (Hist.) St. Walburga (779), V., Ab. (Hist.) St. Ethelbert (616), the first Christian English King (Hist.) Tuesday, February 27, 2024 No Mass *†Tom Townsend* by Greg & Karen Baer +Julia Wolfe by Holly Schenk †Jane Abel

by Mary Christine Allen-Powers St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows (1862), R., cleric, Pt. of clerics (Trad.) St. Leander (600), B. (Hist.)

Wednesday, February 28, 2024 No Mass St. Hilary (468), P. (Hist.)

St. Romanus (460), Ab. (Hist.)

Thursday, February 29, 2024 7:00pm †Ed Dearnley

by Bill & Dawn Larsen †James Lemble by Stephen & Lisa Fischetti **†**Andrew Anderson by Nick & Erica Farley

St. Oswald (992), B. (Hist.)

First Friday, March 1, 2024 Mass Following 7:00pm Stations *Jon Schnur by Elisa Schnur

St. David (601), B., Pt. of Wales & newborns (Hist.) St. Albinus (549), B. (Hist.)

First Saturday, March 2, 2024 9:00am *Fr. Slaton's Intentions

Blessed Charles the Good (1124), M., Pt. of counts & crusaders (Hist.)

No Sunday Vigil Mass

Sunday, March 3, 2024 3rd Sunday of Lent (New, Trad.) 9:00am **†Harold Thoma** by Josh Thoma (English) **†**Tom Townsend

by Bob & Alica Imrick

12:00pm *People of St. Anthony

St. Katharine Drexel (1955), V., F. (New) St. Cunegunda (1033), Empress, wife of St. Henry II (Hist.)

Pray without Ceasing!

Traveling Vocation Chalice

February 25 March 3 March 10 March 17

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Readings for the Week Today, Sunday, February 25: For English Mass: Genesis 22:1-2, 9, 10-13, 15-18 Romans 8:31-34 Mark 9:2-10 For Latin Mass

Epistle: I Thessalonians 4:1-7 Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9 ~

Monday, February 26: Deuteronomy 9:4-10, Luke 6:36-38 **Tuesday, February 27:**

Isaiah 1:10, 16-20; Matthew 23:1-12

Wednesday, February 28: Jeremiah 18:18-20, Matthew 20:17-28

Thursday, February 29: Jeremiah 17:5-10, Luke 16:19-31 First Friday, March 1:

Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28; Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

First Saturday, March 2: Matthew 7:14-15, 18-20; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday, March 3: For English Mass: Exodus 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17 1 Corinthian 1:22-25 John 2:13-25

For Latin Mass Epistle: Ephesians 5:1-9 Gospel: Luke 11:14-28

Offertory Collections

Beginning with the first Sunday of Lent, our Ushers have once again begun taking up the collection at Offertory time. This has been suggested by many parishioners; thank you for your input.



Masses,

There will be no weekday Masses offered at St. Anthony these next 2 weeks, February 26 - March 8.

Rest assured all Mass requests scheduled through the Parish Office and listed in "Mass Schedule" column on page 2 of the bulletin are indeed offered.

"No" Mass, followed by an intention indicates that while Mass will not be offered at St. Anthony, Fr. Slaton is still offering Mass each day, using this list of our Mass requests for the intention.

This Week's Calendar

Monday, February 26, 2024 No Mass 5-6:15pm - Religious Ed - Sch.

Tuesday, February 27, 2024 No Mass

Wednesday, February 28, 2024 No Mass

Thursday, February 29, 2024 No Confessions or Mass

First Friday, March 2, 2024 +7:00pm - Stations of the Cross followed by Holy Mass First Saturday, March 3, 2024 9:00am - Holy Mass

10:00am - 12:00pm - Carmelites - PH

Sunday, March 4, 2024 9:00am - Holy Mass (English) 12:00pm - Holy Mass



Contribution Statements for 2023 for Tax purposes are now available in the Parish Office, upon request.

Please contact the Parish Office to request a statement.

The Offertory Story for February 18, 2024					
# Env. assigned: 315;		v. used: 57			
Envelope total	\$	4,703.00			
Loose:	\$	1,465.32			
On-line giving	\$				
Total	\$	7,057.00			
Weekly Budget amt	\$	5,300.00			
+Over/-Under Budget	\$+	868.00			
Year To Date +-	\$-	5,163.52			
Other:					
Candles		77.25			
Books/CD Rack		10.00			
CSA		400.00			
Hall Rental		50.00			
Masses		30.00			
Total for Other:		\$881.25			

St. Anthony Catholic Church, Temperance

2nd Sunday of Lent

Today we are following Jesus up on a high mountain with Peter, James, and Iohn. There thev see Iesus "transfigured," his face like the sun and his clothes as white as light. Jesus is there conversing with Moses and Elijah.

What are we to make of this image of Jesus, the earthly teacher of this small band of disciples? They were merely followers of a teacher, a rabbi. When they see this and hear a voice proclaiming, "This is my beloved Son..." they begin to realize this man is more than just a rabbi. However, Jesus tells them to keep this a secret until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.

Well, they have no idea what this means. Therefore, they continue to follow him as if he was just a human, a teacher. However, we live in the time after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead. Now it is we who must proclaim the good news of Jesus, the Son of God the Father.

Take this week and think about how, in your own way, can proclaim through your words and deeds the Jesus is your savior, vour teacher, and rabbi.

Everyday Stewardship

I have had the honor of coaching all three of my kids in soccer. When you are a coach of a team of little ones, along with the fundamentals of the game and good sportsmanship, you want to teach the value of teamwork. If they can learn about how a team functions and why working together matters, that lesson can benefit them for many years to come.

The Body of Christ is a type of team. We are all called upon to use our talents and gifts in such a way that they complement those of others. We are stronger and capable of so much more together than when we are apart.

Our stewardship isn't just about our personal call of God to cultivate our gifts and give them back with increase to Him. It is about how our stewardship way of life builds up the Body of Christ. The Body cannot function as God intended it to if parts of it are not fully giving of themselves. In community, we

Easton Aitson Baby George Pete Grundy 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** Julie Fuzinski Sheila Greisinger Janet Harrell

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Gloria Hartman 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 Learv Patrick Lyndsay Sandy Maenle Peg Mallin Bridget Marie

Gary Martin Lois 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 Cherryl 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

- $\bigstar \bigstar \bigstar \bigstar$ Please keep in your prayers all our service men and women, 🔆 especially: ☆☆☆☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ Wes Brown, Army Reserve ☆ \$ Kodie Burtscher, USAF ☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆
- ☆ ☆ 公 Jed Clark, USMC
- ☆☆ Kay Clark Thompson, USAF
 - AB Aaron Ford, USAF
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- ☆ ☆ SSGT Alexa Long, USAF
- ☆ ☆ A.J. Ondrus, USN
- ☆ ☆ ☆ Joseph Pilrose, USAF
- ☆ \mathbf{A} Alexander Strang USAF

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he our Annual Baby Shower for Heartbeat will continue <u>u</u> through the end of February. Please call for pick-up of any larger items.

have the power to change the world around us because we bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to those who need to hear it and witness it by our actions.

This Lent, consider how you fit into the Body of Christ. How can your gifts and talents make the Church stronger? You just might be the missing component of a team that really needs help to make the greatest impact for Jesus.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

+ **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.

Please note: Please do not leave any items for distribution on the tables 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.

Liturgical Assignments for March 3, 2024				
	Priest	Lector	Altar Servers	Ushers
Sunday, 9:00am (English)	Fr. Slaton	J. VanBrandt	J. Ritenour	(<i>Rotating Schedule</i>) R. Glinski; D. & J. Thoma G. Ingersoll B. Kapela
Sunday, 12:00pm	Fr. Slaton		MC: TBD	M. Peterson; M. Scott

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St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

Notes of Moderation – February 25, 2024

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lumen Christi Family:

Continuing our reflection upon reception of Holy Communion, we now turn our attention to the notion of "being properly disposed" to receive the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches: "To respond to this invitation we must prepare ourselves for so great and so holy a moment. St. Paul urges us to examine our conscience: 'Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will <u>be quilty of profaning the Body and Blood of the Lord</u>. Let a man examine himself, and so eat the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment upon himself (1 Cor. 11: 27-29)'.

This admonition, coming from no less an authority than St. Paul and the inspired word of Holy Writ, is <u>not</u> intended to fill us with fear. Such a fear was probably the foundation of the medieval hesitation in the heart of the faithful to approach the sacrament with any regularity. Nevertheless, we are called to reflect upon our own practice and upon our conscience. The consistent teaching of the Church holds that for a person to receive the Body and Blood of Christ in an improper state, knowing that they are not in a state of grace, constitutes an act of sacrilege. In short, if we know that we have no business approaching the sacrament and then proceed to receive the Eucharist anyway, that reception is a matter of serious sin in itself. Now, I am attempting to be clear in this matter, if our sins are venial then we should pray for forgiveness and then approach the sacrament with confidence in the Lord and His abundant mercy. However, if we are aware of some unconfessed mortal sin, we <u>must</u> bring that sin to the font of mercy (the confessional) prior to approaching the sacred flesh of our Lord and Savior. So, what are some common situations that people fall into in today's society that might need to be addressed before they could approach the Eucharist with an integrity of conscience?

There was a common practice in parishes across this country in past generations that I encountered a few months back. A woman of a certain age, who would have recalled some experience of parish life in the 1960's, approached me immediately after Mass and handed me a church bulletin. I was somewhat confused. The bulletin was from a parish well outside of our borders. She handed it to me saying: "Here you are Father. I was on a road trip with my grandson last weekend and this was the parish we stopped at for Mass last Sunday." I suddenly realized what she was intending. During her childhood, if a parish priest noticed that a member of the flock was missing from Sunday Mass, it was not unusual for the priest to insist that the person present some evidence that the Sunday obligation was fulfilled elsewhere. Otherwise, Holy Communion may have been denied until the person went to confession. I do realize that this practice may seem invasive in a contemporary setting, but it does demonstrate that the caretakers of souls took pains to ensure that our Lord's commandment to honor His day of the week was followed. If we have been unfaithful to our obligation to worship God by attending Holy Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of obligation, then we need to confess that failure before we approach Holy Communion. The obligation is not a matter of sin in cases of severe illness, genuine mistakes regarding Mass times, or if transportation is impossible.

Have I been faithful to my marriage and my spouse? One would think that this obligation would fall into the category of the obvious. However, the nuances often are missed. If we have broken our marriage vows through adultery then we must bring that sin to the confessional prior to receiving Holy Communion. But our obligations to God and to our spouse extend beyond the simplicity of the commandment. Our Lord taught us that fidelity of heart was required as well: *"You have heard it said, 'Thou shall not commit adultery.' But I say unto you that anyone who looks upon a woman with lust in his heart has already committed adultery"* (Mt. 5:27-28). Have we striven to reserve all of our affections for our spouse? Have we allowed ourselves to indulge in fantasies about other people? Have I given in to the lustful temptations and impurities of the internet? Have I placed our marriage relations under the law of God or have I pursued my own desires in the realms of impurity? Have I placed my fertility into God's hands or have I frustrated marital intimacies in order to avoid children? Is my

marriage in good standing with the Church? Was I married in the Church or did I deny the need to have such a blessing upon my marriage? All such situations must be brought to the confessional before approaching Holy Communion.

The Ten Commandments have instructed us not to kill. Under the new covenant of love, our Blessed Lord instructed us to internalize this commandment: *"You have heard it said, 'Thou shall not kill'. But I say to you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgement. Again, anyone who says to his brother 'Raca' will be liable to the judgement. And anyone who says 'you fool' will be liable to the fires of Gehenna"* (Mt. 5:22). Anger is the natural reaction of our emotions to a perceived injustice. Anger is a feeling and lacks any moral quality in itself. The moral character of anger is always given to it in our response to that feeling. While losing our patience is a common occurrence and typically a matter of venial sin, if we have spoken in a hateful manner to another or found ourself responding in a manner that was hurtful and disproportionate to the offense, we should probably check the parish bulletin for confession times. If we have caused injury or death to another intentionally (including cooperation in an abortion) or if we are harboring feelings of hatred or vengeance in our hearts, this does require repentance and confession before we may approach Holy Communion.

St. Paul speaks of the Corinthians' failure to "discern the Body of the Lord". Our faith is a requirement in order to receive Holy Communion. When we approach to receive Holy Communion, the minister lifts the sacred host and declares: "Corpus Christi—The Body of Christ!" The expected response is "Amen!" It would do us well to reflect upon the "Amen!" Amen, is a solemn affirmation. As we gaze upon the host and say "Amen" we are affirming our faith and fidelity to that reality. This does not mean that we never struggle. If the haunting thought that we are mistaken about the Lord's presence in the Eucharist causes us difficulty, then we should make an act of the will rejecting this thought followed by an act of faith in "Real Presence" of Christ in the Eucharist. Then we should receive Him with confidence. However, if we embrace this disbelief, we have rejected this teaching of Christ and His Church, and we have no business approaching the sacrament. To do so would be practicing precisely what St. Paul has condemned.

This list of reflections is not intended to be exhaustive. The Church's teaching in this matter is clear: "Anyone conscious of a grave sin must receive the sacrament of Reconciliation before coming to communion (C.C.C. 1385)."

"The Eucharist is not a reward for those who are perfect! It is a medicine for sinners!" This quote from Pope Francis attracted a lot of attention a few years ago. It is true that we are all sinners and that our worthy reception of Holy Communion does bring us healing and the forgiveness of the venial sins into which we fall. However, the consistent teaching of the Church has been, and remains, that the Sacrament of Holy Communion is a sacrament of the living. For those who have experienced the spiritual death of mortal sin to receive the Body and Blood of Christ would not simply be ineffective in transmitting grace, it would constitute a sacrilege! While the law of the Church only commands us to confess our sins once a year (the Easter duty), it has been suggested repeatedly by holier souls than mine that monthly confession is a most excellent practice to ensure that our souls are remaining in a "state of grace". So, let us not give into to fear or harden our hearts against the call to repentance. This is the season of conversion. Let us turn to our Lord's mercy in self-examination. Let us prepare ourselves to receive the Christ, both in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar and in His Resurrection in the season to come.

God love you,

Fr. Slaton

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

February 25, 2024 - Second Sunday In Lent

As a college student, my prized possession was an after-market car stereo. It was my pride and joy: glorious audio, eye-catching display screen, and multi-disc CD changer. It drained my hard -earned dollars, but it was totally worth it. It drenched me in music everywhere I drove. On Ash Wednesday of my senior year of college, Father Tom, the Jesuit priest at my university said, "Pray for God to tell you what he wants you to sacrifice for Lent." I did. In my heart, the answer came: "Give up listening to your car stereo for forty days." I winced. Not possible, I thought. Can't do it. I made other plans. The next morning, I was stunned to find that my car had been broken into, and my fancy stereo ripped out and stolen.

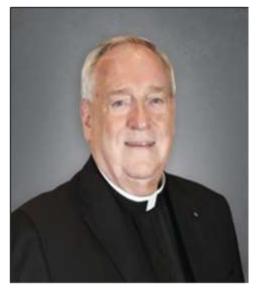


God's command to sacrifice what we love is no joke. This week in Genesis 22, God says: "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love — Isaac — and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you." Believe me, I know. We like to be in control. It chaffs us that God sets the terms of what we must sacrifice, and how. But this is no impersonal, tyrannical process. Remember that God uses their names, Abraham and Isaac. God knows each one of us and the precious gifts He commands us to offer. Finally, our sacrifices are for our own good. Do we trust this enough to do what Father Tom asked me to do?

Lenten challenge: This week, I dare you to ask God: "What do you want me to give up?" He may ask for that which you love most. It will be something precious to you: time, money, a relationship, a dream, an opportunity. What matters is we trust Him and act sacrificially in line with His command. Whatever we sacrifice will of course come back to us as surely as the Risen Jesus — but that doesn't make it easy. — Father John Muir ©LPi







OUTREACH PRIEST – Missionary of Mercy **Fr. John P. Fischer**

Fr. John P. Fischer ordained as a member of the Comboni Missionaries on July 17, 1976, has worked in Comboni and Diocesan Missions in Kenya East Africa. As a Priest of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, Fr. Fischer has served as Hospital Chaplain, Mission Director, Tribunal Judge and Pastor between 1989 and 2011. In a wider ministry he has served as president of the U.S. Catholic Mission Association and on the National and International Catholic Committee of Scouting. Inspired by St. Daniel Comboni, first Bishop of Central Africa whose

fundamental mission was to the poorest of the poor, we are honored to have Fr. Fischer as one of our Outreach Priests to bring his gifts and talents to serve the poorest of the poor.

Father Fischer will be offering the **9:00am Mass at St. Anthony next weekend, March 3** and will be speaking on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach which was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Arica, Asia, Central and South America.

Schedule of Services for Lent & Easter

Lumen Christi Family of Parishes -

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

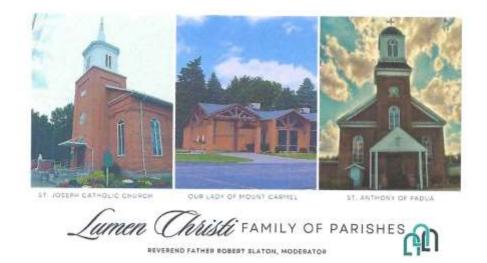
In Addition to our regular Weekend & Weekday Schedule (found on reverse):

Stations of the Cross					
	St. Anthony	St. Joseph	OL Mt. Carmel		
Thursdays		10:45am Children's Stations			
Fridays	7:00pm; (Marian Stations – March 8)	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 (English) 12:00pm Mass (Latin)	8:30am & 10:30am Masses	8:00am & 11:00am Masses		
Divine Mercy Sunday – April 7	9:00am Mass (English) 12:00pm Mass (Latin) 3:00pm Mass (English) followed by Divine Mercy	7:30am & 10:30am Masses	Saturday, 4:30pm Mass Sunday – 10:00am Mass		

Lenten Regulations Fast & Abstinence

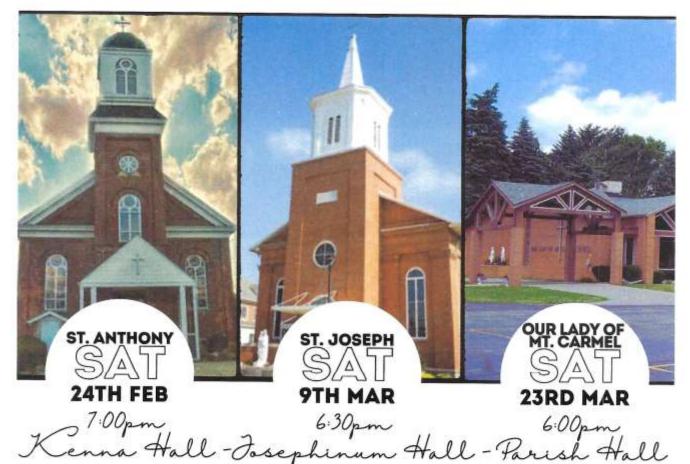
<u>Abstinence</u> from meat is observed on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent by all Catholics 14 years and older. Abstinence forbids the use of meat, but not of eggs, milk products, or condiments made of animal fat. Permissible are soups flavored with meat, meat gravy, and sauces.

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.



Mass Times			
Day	St. Anthony	St. Joseph	OLMC
Sunday	9:00am Mass (English); 12:00pm Mass	7:30am Mass 10:30am Mass	10:00am Mass
Monday	No Mass		9:00am Mass
Tuesday	9:00am Mass (English)		9:00am Mass
Wednesday	No Mass	9:00am Mass	
Thursday	7:00pmMass		
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
	Confess	ions	
Day/Time	St. Anthony	St. Joseph	OLMC
Thursday	5:30-6:30pm		
Saturday	No Saturday Confessions	10:30 – 11:30am	2:30-3:30pm





EACH EVENING WILL HAVE A RUN-TIME OF ABOUT AN HOUR AND A HALF; INCLUDE A SHORT VIDEO BY DR. BRANT PITRE TEACHING ON JESUS AND THE JEWISH ROOTS OF THE EUCHARIST; UTILIZE SMALL AND LARGE GROUP DISCUSSIONS TO ENCOURAGE INTERACTION, UNDERSTANDING, AND COMMUNITY; PROVIDE PARTICIPANTS THE OPPORTUNITY OF Q&A TIME ABOUT THE CONTENT, THE CATHOLIC FAITH, AND THE EUCHARIST WITH FATHER SLATON.

THERE IS NO COST TO ATTEND- SIMPLY BRING A HEART FULL OF LOVE FOR JESUS, SOME PAPER AND SOMETHING TO WRITE WITH. LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED. PLEASE DO RSVP TO THE PARISH OFFICE, SO WE HAVE PLENTY OF SNACKS AND SEATS MADE AVAILABLE FOR EVERYONE.

All who seek Jesus are welcome

Catholic Services Appeal - 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

Each year, all parishes in the Archdiocese of Detroit embark upon the CSA (\underline{C} atholic \underline{S} ervices \underline{A} ppeal) 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 (<u>stanthony@bex.net</u>) 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

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