

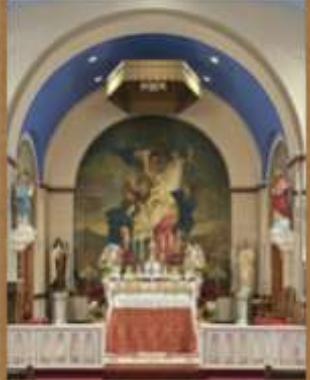


ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
CATHOLIC CHURCH
TEMPERANCE, MICHIGAN

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“The Antonian” February 15, 2026

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



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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:

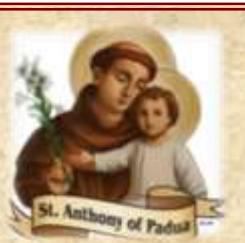
Tuesday: 5:00 - 6:00pm - St. Joseph
Wednesday: 10:00am - 11:00am - OLMC
Thursday: 5:00 - 6:00pm - St. Anthony
Saturday: 1:00-2:00pm - OLMC
First Friday: 10:00-11:00 am - St. Joseph; **First Saturday: 10:00 - 11:00am - St. Anthony**

Prayer Blankets

Prayer Chain

Seven Sisters Apostolate

Sandy Maenle: 734-847-7813 Miriam Dressel: 734-888-1192 Cheryl Scott: 319-296-5864



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Please note:
Parish offices will
be closed on
Monday, February
16th for the
national holiday.



	Ash Wednesday February 18, 2025 Fast and Abstinence	
Lumen Christi Schedule		
	St. Anthony 12:00pm Mass; 7:00pm Mass (NLM)	
	St. Joseph 9:00am Mass; 7:00pm Mass	
OL of Mt. Carmel 9:00am Mass 10-11:00am Confessions		
Ashes at all Masses		
Stations of the Cross: St. Anthony - Friday, 7:00pm St. Joseph - Friday, 7:00pm OL of Mt. Carmel - Friday, 6:00pm		

Looking Ahead.....

 **Ash Wednesday 2026** is this week February 18. Palms from last year's Palm Sunday are burned for this year's ashes.

Please bring any palms from home to the container in the Narthex by Sunday, February 15 so we can be ready for Ash Wednesday. Thank you.

 **We will be needing a Lector and 3 Altar Servers for the Ash Wednesday Noon Mass at St. Anthony. Please call the Parish Office if you are able to serve.**

† MASS SCHEDULE †

Monday, February 16, 2026

St. Onesimus (95), B.M. (*Hist.*)
St. Juliana (305), V., M. (*Hist.*)

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

9:00am **†Gloria Knaggs** by Dave & Debbie
†Rita Creque
by Gary & Sharon Tomkins
Seven Holy Founders of the Order of Servites
(1233), Rs., Fs. (*New*)
Holy Face of Jesus (Shrove Tuesday; *Hist.*)

Ash Wednesday, February 18

Day of Fast and Abstinence (*New, Trad.*)
12:00pm ***The People of St. Anthony**
7:00pm ***Evelyn Cenni** by Elisa Schnur
(*NLM*)
St. Simeon (107), B., M., Patriarch of Jerusalem, first
cousin of Jesus, crucified at age 120 (*Trad.*)
St. Bernadette Soubirous (1879), V., R., saint of
Lourdes (*New/some places; Trad./some places*)
St. Flavian (449), B., Patriarch, M. (*Hist.*)

Thursday, February 19, 2026

7:00pm **†Fr. Stephen Rooney**
(*NLM*) by Gail Keane

St. Conrad of Piacenza (1351), Hermit, invoked for
cure of hernias (*Hist.*)
St. Gabinus (296) Pr., M., brother of Pope St. Caius;
father of St. Susanna; ordained in old age (*Hist.*)

Friday, February 20, 2026

Sts. Francisco Marto (1919) & Jacinta Marto
(1920), seers of Fatima (*New/some places*)
St. Eucherius (743), B., (*Hist.*)
St. Amata (Amy) (1250), R., niece of St. Clare of
Assisi (*Hist.*)

Saturday, February 21, 2026

St. Peter Damian (1072), B., D. (*New*)

Sunday Vigil

4:00pm **†Keith Dressel** by Jolene Krohn

Sunday, February 22, 2026

First Sunday of Lent (*New, Trad.*)

9:00am **†Doug Scavio**
by Catholic War Vets Post 1958

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

Feast of the Chair of St. Peter (at Antioch) (*New, Trad.*)

Readings for Today

Sunday, February 15, 2026:

Sirach 15:15-20
1 Corinthians 2:6-10
Matthew 5:17-37

Lenten Fish Frys

will be here before

you know it!

Our neighboring
Parishes will be
offering their dinners
on the Fridays of Lent
beginning

Friday, February 20:



OL Mt. Carmel: Drive thru only

4:30 - 7:00pm

St. Joseph: Dine in or Carry out

4:30 - 7:30pm.

More details to come!

First Communion - Confirmation

2025/26

The dates for First Holy Communion for
the Lumen Christi Family of Parishes have
been set for 2026:

St. Anthony: April 19

OL Mt. Carmel: April 26

St. Joseph: May 3



**Any child receiving First
Communion must fill out a registration
form at the Parish Office ASAP**

The date for Confirmation has been set
for **April 29, 2026** at OL Mt. Carmel.

This Week's Calendar

Monday, February 16, 2026

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

9:00am - Holy Mass

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

†Ash Wednesday

12:00 pm - Holy Mass

7:00 pm - Holy Mass (*NLM*)

Ashes distributed at both Masses.

Thursday, February 19, 2026

5:00-6:00pm - Confessions

7:00pm - Holy Mass (*NLM*)

Friday, February 20, 2026

9:00 am - 1:30 pm - HFS - Kenna Hall;
School

†7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross
- Church

Saturday, February 21, 2026

11:00 am - Baptism

4:00pm - Sunday Vigil Mass

St. Joseph's selling tickets after Mass.

Sunday, February 22, 2026

9:00am - Holy Mass

11:00am - Holy Mass (*NLM*)

St. Joseph's selling tickets after 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 February 8, 2026

# Env. assigned: 322;	# Env. used: 70
Envelope total	\$ 4,900.00
Loose:	\$ 592.00
On-line giving	\$ 180.00
Total	\$ 5,672.00
Weekly Budget amt.....	\$ 5,900.00
+Over/-Under Budget	\$ - 228.00
Year To Date +	\$ - 10,515.57

Other:

Candles	185.35
Christmas	25.00
Donation	103.00
Holy Day	45.00
Initial Offering	45.00
Masses	190.00
Rummage Sale	122.50
Word Among Us	5.00
Total for Other:	720.85

For your Consideration:

Please **refrain from approaching Fr. Slaton in the Sacristy** either before or
after any Mass.

If there is something that needs to be brought to his attention, please call the
Parish Office during office hours and an appointment will be set up.

Thank you for understanding.

 Please keep in your
 prayers all our service
 men and women, especially:
 ★ Wes Brown, Army Reserve
 ★★ Kodie Burtscher, USAF
 ★★ Jed Clark, USMC
 ★★ SMSgt. Joseph Korotko, USAF
 ★★ Kay Clark Thompson, USAF
 ★★ Eric Hite, Jr. USAF
 ★★ SSGT Alexa Long, USAF
 ★★ A.J. Ondrus, USN
 ★★ Alexander Strang USAF
 ★★ Victoria Urben - USN



† Fr. Slaton blesses items †
 the 1st Thursday of each month.
 Our next scheduled day will be

Thursday, March 5, 2026

Please bring any items to be blessed
 before Thursday; be sure to include your
 name and number on the items.

† 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 Parish 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.

Norb Abel	Pete Grundy	Bridget Marie	Cheryl Stanford
Easton Aitson	Jeff Grycza	Gary Martin	Cherryl Stout
Baby Girl	Theresa Grycza	Kevin Martin	Delores Thorn
Paul Bazydlo	Gloria Hartman	Elizabeth McChesney	Jackie Tomaszewski
Jackie Biler	Nicole Hartman	Jodi Miller	Katie Tomaszewski
Gary Brink	Diane Heidelberg	Ruth Miller	Mark Tomaszewski
Charley Bussey	Phyllis Heyse	Kelly Reese Morgan	Flossie Townsend
Caleb	Sonya Hill	Adelaide Munk	Alicia Trejo
Gerald Carto	Phyllis Hinkelman	Steve Murzynski	Lily Tussey
Linda Chaney	John	Nusbaum Family	Conor Vermett
Elizabeth Corey	M. Johnson	Ken Nusbaum	Murl Waidelich
Carl Cornprobst	Devin Kacher	Fran O'Connor	Christopher Warner
Lowell Cousino	Bill Kniss	Tyler Oehlers	Diane Webber
Marcus Demorest	Joanne Kolinski	Austin Oehlers	Kristine Wells
Caleb Dershem	Jonah Kornberg	Armando Ortiz	John & Helen Williams
Ken & Miriam	RoseMarie Komorowski	Karen & Tom Penney	Mary Beth Wise
Dressel	Earl Kramer	Dianne Petrilla	Rick Wolneiwicz
Elaine Esper	David Larner	Veronica Rakebrand	Jim Woronec
Joe Everer	Mary Laroy	Fr. Patrick Rohen	Dawn Wyse
Barbara Francis	Patrick Lyndsay	John & Marge Scott	Charlie Yacuone
Sheila Greisinger	Sandy Maenle	Aaron Shreffler	Amy Yates
	Peg Mallin	Patty Smith	Rita Zeller

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

GOSPEL MEDITATION: ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

February 15, 2026
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 5:17-37

A few years into my priesthood, I hit a wall. I had taken on too many commitments: Masses, meetings, ministries, projects. I couldn't keep up. I was double-booking, forgetting things, running late, and letting people down. My boss at the time, a wise priest, and our shared secretary, noticed. For my birthday, the two gave me a stack of 100 flashcards, each with one word printed in a different language: "NO." It was funny, but also painfully true. If I couldn't say no, my yes was in danger.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus says, "Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.' Anything more is from the Evil One" (Matthew 5:37). He's not just giving advice about polite speech. He's showing us something about the freedom of Christian discipleship. The follower of Christ is called to speak clearly, simply, and honestly. There is joy in that kind of freedom.

The Church Fathers often linked this kind of straightforward truthfulness with spiritual maturity. The devil is the father of lies, but Jesus is the Word made flesh. When we hedge, flatter, exaggerate, or avoid, we open space for the shadows to creep in. That little stack of flashcards reminded me that God does not want us enslaved to the expectations of others or to the fear of disappointing them. He wants us to enjoy the peace of saying yes and meaning it, and saying no, and meaning it, too.

Lenten Challenge: Practice one moment of honest, peaceful speech this week. Maybe it's a sincere "yes" to something important, or a humble "no" to something you cannot do. Let it be a quiet step into the freedom Jesus offers.

— Father John Muir

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Liturgical Assignments for February 21 & 22, 2026

	Priest	Lector	Altar Servers	Ushers
Saturday, 4:00pm	Fr. Slaton	K. Torio	T. & W. Strang	J. Komorowski; D. Thoma; J. Thoma
Sunday, 9:00am	Fr. Slaton	K. Shade	P. Cousino; R. Cousino	G. Ingersoll, B. Kapela L. Komorowski, M. Miller

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

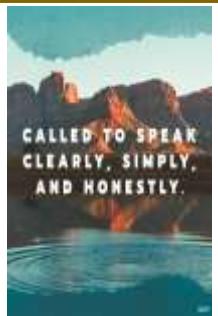
(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – BENEATH THE SURFACE

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini reflection: The law of Moses was like a good deck, admirably built. You could say “Raqa,” your heart filled with anger, and the law didn’t break. But that anger treads heavily. Over time, it becomes too much to bear. And that board — that law, that heart — it’ll break. Just you wait.

The Carpenter and the Law

My husband and I couldn’t believe our luck: our new house had a deck. It was more than a couple of broke millennials had ever dared to dream. Lounging in our patio furniture drinking coffee and watching the cars drive past, we felt like Kennedys at Hyannis Port. We had arrived.



Well, until it started falling apart.

To be fair, my husband knew this was going to happen all along, because he’s a person who uses words like “joist” and “weight-bearing” correctly. He took one look at the deck at the open house and knew it wasn’t up to code. “We’re going to have to reinforce this at some point,” he told me. “Whatever!” I replied, daydreaming about twinkle lights and porch parties.

Sure enough, our second summer in the house, he had to rip the rotting surface boards off. The biggest issue was that the joists were too far apart; when we stepped on the boards, they bowed and almost cracked, lacking adequate support beneath. But we weren’t going to redo the whole deck — we’re not *actually* Kennedys. We (okay, he) simply ripped the surface boards off, added the necessary joists, and replaced the decking with newer, better, stronger wood.

Simply put, my husband did not come to abolish the deck, but to fulfill it.

The law of Moses was like a good deck, admirably built. You could say “Raqa,” your heart filled with anger, and the law didn’t break. But that anger treads heavily on boards not adequately supported. Over time, the anger becomes too much to bear. And that board — that law, that heart — it’ll break. Just you wait.

And when it does, you’ll see why: there wasn’t anything beneath, holding it up.

So God sent a Carpenter to reinforce the law. The Carpenter crafted joists from prudence, fortitude, justice and temperance — strong virtues that can withstand a lifetime of battery, if properly maintained.

And the law still holds.

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Ash Wednesday Update (see additional OLMC times)

February 18, 2025

Fast and Abstinence



Lumen Christi Schedule

St. Anthony

12:00pm Mass; 7:00pm Mass (NLM)

St. Joseph

9:00am Mass; 7:00pm Mass

OL of Mt. Carmel

6:45 am Ash Service in church

9:00am Mass

10-11:00am Confessions

7:00pm Mass

Ashes at all Masses

Stations of the Cross:

St. Anthony - Friday, 7:00pm

St. Joseph - Friday, 7:00pm

OL of Mt. Carmel - Friday, 6:00pm

This addition to our Narthex was brought to us by Helen Sehl; The cross was crafted by Chuck Brancheau from a lightening rod that was removed from the church roof. Thank you, Helen and Chuck for sharing it with us.



Schedule of Services for Lent & Easter – 2026

St. Anthony Catholic Church

Ash Wednesday

February 18, 2026

Masses: 12:00pm Noon; 7:00pm (NLM)

(Ashes distributed after Homily at each Mass)

Stations of the Cross

Fridays of Lent @ 7:00pm

February 20, 27, March 6*, 13**, 20, 27

Additions & Exceptions:

March 6* (First Friday): The 7pm Stations will be followed by
Low Mass

March 13** 7pm Stations will be “*Mary’s Way of the Cross*”

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursdays: 5:00 – 6:00pm

First Saturday, March 7: Following 9:00am Mass

Thursday, March 12 11:00am -12:30pm (2 priests available)
5:00pm – 7:00pm (2 priests available)

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday, March 29

Masses: Saturday: 4pm; Sunday: 9:00am & 11:00am (NLM)

Procession with Palms before Mass, weather permitting

Holy Thursday, April 2

(No Confessions)

Mass of the Lord’s Supper (NLM)

Following Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church until Noon on Friday; sign-up sheets will be on the Chapel door.

Good Friday, April 3

12Noon - 3:00pm: *Stations of the Cross; Rosary; Divine Mercy Novena, Sacred Music, Mid-day Prayer*

3:00-4:30pm: *Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion with veneration of the cross & reception of Holy Communion*

8:00pm - Tenebrae

Holy Saturday, April 4

Church Decorating 9:00am

Blessing of Food 12:00pm

Easter Vigil Mass 9:00pm

Easter Sunday, April 5

Masses: 9:00am & 11:00am (NLM)

Lenten Regulations on 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 are allowed.

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