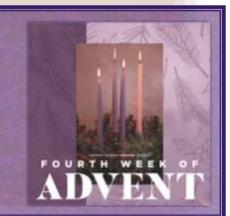


#### ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC CHURCH TEMPERANCE, MICHIGAN

### Fourth Sunday of Advent

"The Antonian" December 21, 2025

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



#### ST. ANTHONY'S DIRECTORY

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Office Hours: Beginning Monday, November 10:

Monday - Thursday: 10:00am - 3:00pm; Friday: 10:00am - 1:00pm

OFFICE STAFF:

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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: 31

Cheryl Scott: 319-296-5864

Shall come to thee,

O Israel.

We wait in Joyful Hope....

#### Lumen Christi Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve
Wednesday, December 24:
4:00pm:

St. Anthony, OL of Mt. Carmel, St. Joseph

> 6:00pm: OL of Mt. Carmel

Christmas Day
Thursday, December 25:
12:00am Midnight
St. Anthony; St. Joseph

9:00am:

St. Joseph

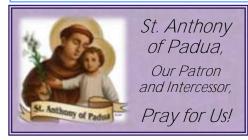
10:00am:

St. Anthony; OL Mt. Carmel

Please note:

Parish Offices will be closed Wednesday, December 24 until Monday, January 5

Have a Blessed Christmas!



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

Saturday & Sunday: December 20 & 21

after all Masses in the Narthex Please show your support of their efforts.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS!

Keep \*Christ in Christmas!

#### + MASS SCHEDULE +

#### Monday, December 22, 2025

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini (1917), V., R., F. of Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart, Pt. of immigrants (Trad./some places)

Sts. Chaeremon & Ischyrion (3rd C.), Ms. (Hist.)

#### Tuesday, December 23, 2025 9:00am † Jack, Pat, & Peter Carey

by Dan Carey

#### †Berniece Stykemain

by Roz Briskey

#### \*Jon & Heather Korotko

by Barb Korotko

St. John of Kanty (John Cantius) (1473), Pr., Pt. of Poland (New)

St. Yvo of Chartres (1115), B.(Hist.)

St. Servulus (590), beggar (Hist.)

#### Wednesday, December 24, 2025 Vigil of Christmas (Trad.)

#### 4:00pm †Richard Hiszak & †Craig Baer

by Greq & Karen Baer

Sts. Adam & Eve (First Age of the World) (Hist.)

#### Thursday, December 25, 2025 The Nativity of the Lord

Holy Day of Obligation

12:00am \*The People of St. Anthony (Midnight) - (NLM)

#### 10:00am †Clarence "Bud" Henry

by Marie-Lynne & Thomas Henry

St. Anastasia (304), M. (Trad.)

#### Friday, December 26, 2025

St. Stephen (35), the First Martyr, Pt. of stonemasons (New, Trad.)

#### Saturday, December 27, 2025

St. John (100), Ap., Evangelist, Pt. of theologians, editors, publishing, & Asia Minor (New, Trad.)

#### Sunday Vigil

4:00pm †Ray Shepard by Kay Shepard

#### Sunday, December 28, 2025 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, &

Joseph (New)

9:00am \*The People of St. Anthony

#### 11:00am †Clara Ledbetter

(NLM)

by Michelle Lindsey

The Holy Innocents (c. 1A.D.), Ms. (New, Trad.)

#### **Christmas Decorating**

Church decorating for Christmas will be Monday, December 22, beginning at 1pm.

Many hands make light work....come and help prepare our Church for the celebration of the Lord's Birth!

#### **Readings for Today**

#### Sunday, December 21, 2025:

Isaiah 7:10-14 Romans 1:1-7 Matthew 1:18-24

## Pray without Ceasing



Our CSA goal for 2025 is \$40,210.00

As of Tuesday,

December 2, we have received 73 pledges, including on-line gifts totaling \$42,569.00

Our goal has been reached, and then some!

**←** 105%! \$42,569.00 \$40,210

We have \$2,359.00 in

excess of our goal, which now comes back to the Parish for our use, as will any additional contributions to

this year's CSA. God Bless you all for our generosity!!

#### The "O" Antiphons

The O Antiphons are seven verses in the Liturgy of the Hours that contain powerful pleas for the coming of the Lord. Thy are chanted or recited during Vespers on the last seven days of Advent. They are:

> December 17: O Sapientia (O Wisdom)

December 18: O Adonai (O Sacred Lord)

December 19: O Radix Jesse (O Flower of Jesse's Stem)

December 20: O Clavis David (O Key of David)

December 21: O Oriens (O Radiant Dawn)

December 22: O Rex Gentium (O King of All the Nations)

December 23: O Emmanuel

(God with Us!)

Take the first letter of each Latin title starting backward at December 23, and you will form the Latin words, "Ero Cras" which means: "Tomorrow I will come."

#### This Week's Calendar



#### Monday, December 22, 2025

1:00pm - Church Decoration 6:00pm - OCIA - 8th Grade Classroom Nativity Play Rehearsal - Kenna Hall

Tuesday, December 23, 2025

9:00am - Holy Mass

Wednesday, December 24, 2025

Christmas Eve

4:00pm - Holy Mass

Thursday, December 25, 2025

Christmas Day

12:00am (Midnight) - Holy Mass (NLM) 10:00am - Holy Mass

No Evening Mass or Confessions

Friday, December 26, 2025

Saturday, December 27, 2025

4:00pm - Vigil Mass

Sunday, December 28, 2025

9:00am - Holy Mass

11:00am - Holy Mass (NLM)

Nativity Play Dress Rehearsal - K. Hall



#### Build your business and help us grow a vibrant faith community!

bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. As a valuable member of the business community, we invite you to expand your reach and grow your business with a print ad in our parish bulletin and/or a digital ad featured on

Sherri from LPi, our





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Paul Bazydlo

Jackie Biler

Gary Brink

Charley Bussey

Caleb

**Bob Carey** 

Gerald Carto

Linda Chanev

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

- Wes Brown, Army Reserve
- ☆ Kodie Burtscher, USAF
- ☆ SMSgt. Joseph Korotko, USAF
- ☆ Kay Clark Thompson, USAF
- ☆ Eric Hite, Jr. USAF
- ☆ SSGT Alexa Long, USAF
- ☆ A.J. Ondrus, USN
- 公 Alexander Strang USAF
- ☆ Victoria Urben - USN

#### † Fr. Slaton blesses items † the 1st Thursday of each month. Due to the New Year Holiday, our next scheduled day will be Thursday, January 8, 2026

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#### In the Narthex:

- Calanders for 2026... One per family, please, to make sure there's enough for everyone.
- Oplatki Christmas Breads

#### † 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.

#### ....Let us Prav for....

Pete Grundy Jeff Grycza Gloria Hartman Nicole Hartman Diane Heidelberg Phyllis Heyse Sonya Hill Phyllis Hinkelman Fr. Jim Holup John M. Johnson Devin Kacher Kerrv Bill Kniss Joanne Kolinski Jonah Kornberg RoseMarie Komorowski Earl Kramer Mary Laroy

Patrick Lyndsay

Sandy Maenle

Peg Mallin **Bridget Marie** Gary Martin Kevin Martin Elizabeth McChesney Jodi Miller Ruth Miller Kelly Reese Morgan Adelaide Munk Steve Murzynski **Nusbaum Family** Ken Nusbaum Fran O'Connor Tyler Oehlers **Austin Oehlers** Armando Ortiz Karen & Tom Penney Dianne Petrilla Veronica Rakebrand

Cliff Renn

John & Marge Scott

Aaron Shreffler Patty Smith Cheryl Stanford Cherryl Stout Delores Thorn Jackie Tomaszewski Katie Tomaszewski Mark Tomaszewski Flossie Townsend Alicia Trejo Lily Tussey Murl Waidelich Christopher Warner Diane Webber Kristine Wells Mary Beth Wise Rick Wolneiwicz Jim Woronec Dawn Wyse Charlie Yacuone Amy Yates Rita Zeller

#### **GOSPEL MEDITATION: ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE** December 21, 2025 ♦Fourth Sunday of Advent ♦ Matthew 1:18-24

A priest friend recently told me a remarkable story. One of his cousins reported having a vivid dream in which an angel told him the family needed to exhume their grandmother's body from a cemetery in New York and return it to her birthplace in Romania. She had been dead nearly 10 years. As you might expect, the family thought it was, well, crazy. But astonishingly they exhumed her body. It was incorrupt, showing no signs of decomposition. That experience sparked healing, faith, and reconciliation throughout the family.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Joseph also receives a dream. He's confused, afraid. But in the quiet of sleep, God speaks: "Do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home" (Matthew 1:20). When he wakes, Joseph acts. He doesn't overanalyze or dismiss the message. He trusts, and acts.

God still speaks — not necessarily through literal dreams but through those deeper intuitions of the heart. St. Ignatius of Loyola taught that God's voice draws us into peace, courage, and love. But we have to listen to it. Advent is a time for stillness. As we prepare for Christ's coming, we're invited to enter that quiet space where God's voice can be heard.

When and how do you become most receptive to God? Is it in silence? In prayer? In nature? At Mass? This week, go there. Be still. Listen. And like Joseph, have the courage to act on what God shows you.

— Father John Muir

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Lit	urgical ,	Assignr	ments foi	- Christmas and Dec	cember 27 & 28
		Priest	Lector	Altar Servers	Ushers
4:00pi	<b>Dec. 24</b> <b>m</b> mas Eve	Fr. Slaton	G. Ingersoll	R. Cousino; I.&M. Elmore; J. & J. Ritenour	**Ushers Needed
10:00a	a. <b>, Dec. 25</b> a <b>m</b> mas Day	Fr. Slaton	K. Shade	P. Cousino; J. & J. Jemaa	**Ushers Needed
Saturo 4:00pi	day, Dec. 27 m	Fr. Slaton	J. Holup	**Servers Needed	D. Thoma; J. Thoma J. Komorowski;
Sunda 9:00ai	ay, Dec. 28 m	Fr. Slaton	K. Shade	P. Cousino; J. & J. Jemaa	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:** Advent is drawing quickly to a close, and Christmas is coming soon. The change is upon us. Do we rise to accept it, or do we fall on our faces in fear?

#### The First Transfiguration

I imagine Joseph waking up the morning after the dream, blinking in the dim half-light of the dawn.

One day, decades from now, the baby his wife carries will stand on a mountaintop. His face will shine like the sun, and those who look upon him will fall down upon their own faces in fear.

We call this the transfiguration, and Joseph won't be there to see it. But that doesn't matter. What those men will learn on the mountaintop, Joseph already knows. He learned it last night.

Today, he shrugs off the remnants of slumber and stands up.

"Rise, and do not be afraid." This is what the baby — a baby no longer, but a man now, one in the last days of his life — will say to his companions on the mountain a few decades from now. They will look up to see him standing there the same as he always was, and they will realize that he did not change at all. They did.

"Do not be afraid." This is what the angel said last night as he revealed to Joseph the will of God: that Joseph take Mary and the Child as his own, despite having so many reasons not to do so. And today Joseph wakes up and the world is the same as it always was: Mary is pregnant, and the Child does not belong to him.

No, the world has not changed. Joseph has.

He rises, and goes to Mary.

Advent is drawing quickly to a close, and Christmas is coming soon. The change is upon us. Do we rise to accept it, or do we fall on our faces in fear?

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# Check out Our Web site! stanthonytemperance.org

There are many features to browse through, as well as links to the Archdiocese of Detroit and Monroe Vicariate websites and to our St. Anthony Facebook page.

Also included are weekly bulletins, monthly liturgical assignments, current events, and a Latest News feature that gives the most current information, including the current weekday Mass schedule.

Check it out!





#### Christmas Donations Reminder:

Any Christmas contributions made to St. Anthony Parish are not subject to the Archdiocesan assessment; in other words, the entire amount stays in the Parish funds. The contributions must be received in the Partish no earlier than 2 weeks prior, and no later than 2 weeks after Christmas, and specifically designated to be for "Christmas" to be eligible.

## The Offertory Story for December 14, 2025

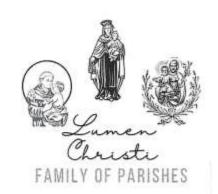
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\$ 4,487.00

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Envelope total

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# Immaculate Conception Mass Schedule

Monday 9:00am 12/08/2025 6:00pm

St. Anthony 12:00pm 7:00pm (NLM) St. Joseph 9:00am 7:00pm

# Advent Reconciliation Schedule

<u>St. Joseph</u> 12/16/2025 5pm-8pm <u>OLMC</u> 12/17/2025 5pm-8pm St. Anthony 12/18/2025 5pm-8pm

# Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve 12/24/2025 <u>OLMC</u> 4:00pm 6:00pm St. Anthony 4:00pm

<u>St. Joseph</u> 4:00pm (Children's Liturgy)

Christmas Day 10

OLMC St. Anthony
10:00am Midnight (NLM)
10:00am

St. Joseph Midnight 9:00am





St. Anthony Catholic Church Temperance, Michigan

# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



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# Breakfast Buffet

**JANUARY 11, 2026** 

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



# Catholic Services Appeal 2025

Dear Friends in Christ,

Each year, all parishes in the Archdiocese of Detroit embark upon the CSA (<u>C</u>atholic <u>S</u>ervices <u>A</u>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 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 (<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 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!

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	CSA - 2025
Name	
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Amount of total Pledge	\$ Amount paid today \$
Balance due \$	. Please bill me quarterly or monthly (9 monthly payments)

Please make checks Payable to: St. Anthony - CSA