



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!*



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

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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

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
of Padua,
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and Intercessor,
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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.
to

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 & Ischyron (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 Greg & 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

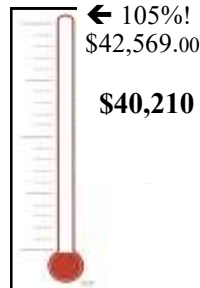
Our CSA goal for 2025
is \$40,210.00

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!**

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. They 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

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faith community!**

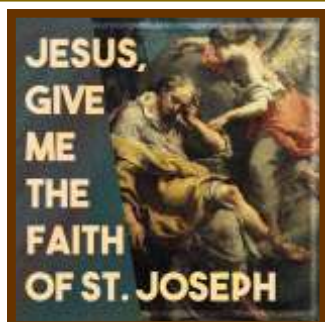
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Murl Waidelich
Christopher Warner
Diane Webber
Kristine Wells
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Dawn Wyse
Charlie Yacuone
Amy Yates
Rita Zeller

	<i>Priest</i>	<i>Lector</i>	<i>Altar Servers</i>	<i>Ushers</i>
Wed., Dec. 24 4:00pm <i>Christmas Eve</i>	Fr. Slaton	G. Ingersoll	R. Cousino; I.&M. Elmore; J. & J. Ritenour	**Ushers Needed
Thurs., Dec. 25 10:00am <i>Christmas Day</i>	Fr. Slaton	K. Shade	P. Cousino; J. & J. Jemaa	**Ushers Needed
Saturday, Dec. 27 4:00pm	Fr. Slaton	J. Holup	**Servers Needed	D. Thoma; J. Thoma J. Komorowski;
Sunday, Dec. 28 9:00am	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 Parish 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

# Env. assigned: 322;	# Env. used: 64
Envelope total	\$ 4,487.00
Loose:	\$ 1,152.00
On-line giving	\$ 100.00
Total	\$ 5,739.00
Weekly Budget amt.....	\$ 5,900.00
+Over/-Under Budget	\$ - 161.00
Year To Date +/-	\$ - 1,957.57

Other:

Candles	176.02
Catholic Charities	25.00
Christmas	2,265.22
Christmas Flowers	65.00
CSA	100.00
Holy Day	190.00
Masses	40.00
Oplatki	30.00
Religious Retirement	645.00
Rummage Sale	500.00
Total for Other:	4,036.24





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

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

All
are Welcome!!



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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