

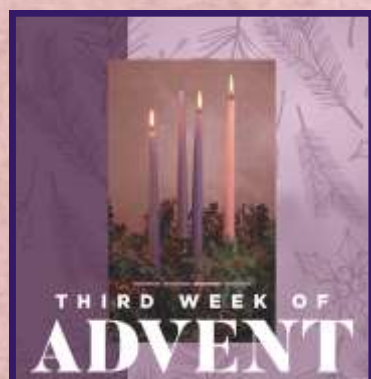


ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC CHURCH
TEMPERANCE, MICHIGAN

Third Sunday of Advent
Laetare Sunday

“The Antonian” December 14, 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

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel!



We wait in Joyful Hope....



St. Anthony K of C Council
Presents Our world renown

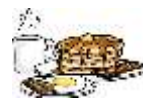
**All you Can Eat
Breakfast Buffet**

TODAY - Sunday, December 14

8:30 - 11:30am

In Kenna Hall

All are Welcome!



**Lumen Christi
Advent Reconciliation Schedule**

Tuesday, December 16

St. Joseph Church

5:00pm - 8:00pm



Wednesday, December 17

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church

5:00pm - 8:00pm



Thursday, December 18

St. Anthony Church

5:00pm - 8:00pm

Prepare Your Hearts
for the Coming of the Lord!



*St. Anthony
of Padua,*

*Our Patron
and Intercessor,*

Pray for Us!

St. Anthony Knights of Columbus are again selling Religious-themed Christmas cards. They will be available **Today, December 14,** at the K of C Breakfast Buffet 8:30 - 11:30am in Kenna Hall

Please show your support of their efforts.
to

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS!

Keep "Christ" in Christmas!

† **MASS SCHEDULE** †**Monday, December 15, 2025**

St. Christiana (Nino) (4th C.), V., Ap. of Georgia
(Asia) (Hist.)

Tuesday, December 16, 2025

9:00am †**Ralph (Buddy) Robarge**
by Kay Shephard

†**Gloria Knaggs**

by Jim† & Carol Fuelling

***Joe & Andrea Korotko**

by Barb Korotko

St. Eusebius of Vercelli (371), B., M., (Trad.)

St. Adelaide (999), Queen of Italy, Pt. of large families
(Hist.)

Sts. Ananias, Azarius, & Misael (7th C., B.C.),
Comps. Of Daniel (Hist.)

Wednesday, December 17, 2025

Ember Wednesday (Trad.)

St. Olympias (410), W. (Hist.)

St. Lazarus (1st C.), whom Our Lord raised from the
dead, brother of Sts. Martha & Mary Magdalen (Hist.)

Thursday, December 18, 2025

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

***Rae Lynn & Gerald Wonch**

by Barb Korotko

***Delmar & Lorine Yinger**

by Monte & Norine Jackson

St. Gatian (3rd C.), B. of Tours (Hist.)

Expectation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (c. 1BC)
(Hist.)

Friday, December 19, 2025

Ember Friday (Trad.)

Bl. Urban V (1370), P. (Hist.)

Saturday, December 20, 2025

Ember Saturday (Trad.)

St. Dominic of Silos (1073), Ab., Pt. of captives
(Hist.)

Sts. Abraham, Isaac, & Jacob, Old Testament
Patriarchs (Hist.)

Sunday Vigil

4:00pm ***Living and Deceased Members**
of the **George and Carrie**
Komorowski Family
by Family Reunion

Sunday, December 21, 2025**Third Sunday of Advent**

9:00am †**Annette Marie LaVoy**
by Greg & Karen Baer

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

St. Peter Canisius (1597), Pr., D. (New)

St. Thomas (1st C.), Ap., M., Ap. of India, baptized the
Magi (Trad.)

Readings for Today**Sunday, December 14, 2025:**

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

James 5:7-10

Matthew 11:2-11

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.

Helping Hands is the Parish Ministry that provides funeral luncheons for the families following the funeral Mass of a Parish member.

Currently, Deb Augustyniak and Jolene Krohn are the two volunteers who co-ordinate/host the luncheons. We are looking for more people to consider hosting, volunteering to work, and willing to provide dishes. Please call the Parish Office if you are willing to help, or have any questions.

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 15, 2025**

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

Tuesday, December 16, 2025

9:00am - Holy Mass

Wednesday, December 17, 2025

6:30-7:30pm - Perpetual Help - Church

Thursday, December 18, 2025

5-8pm - Confessions (Multiple priests)

7:00pm - Holy Mass (NLM)

Friday, December 19, 2025

6 - 7:30pm - Little Flowers, Troops of
St. George - Padua Hall; Kenna Hall

Saturday, December 20, 2025

11:00am - Baptism

4:00pm - Vigil Mass

Sunday, December 21, 2025

9:00am - Holy Mass

11:00am - Holy Mass (NLM)

Kenna Hall Rental

AVAILABLE NOW!
PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES

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

Sherri from LPi, our 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 ParishesOnline.com.



Pray without Ceasing

Christmas Decorating

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

† 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
Easton Aitson
Baby Girl
Paul Bazydlo
Gary Brink
Charley Bussey
Caleb
Bob Carey
Gerald Carto
Linda Chaney
Elizabeth Corey
Carl & Bonnie
Cornprobst
Lowell Cousino
Marcus Demorest
Caleb Dershem
Ken & Miriam
Dressel
Elaine Esper
Joe Evener
Barbara Francis
Sheila Greisinger
Pete Grundy

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

Jeff Grycza
J. Hall
Gloria Hartman
Nicole Hartman
Diane Heidelberg
Phyllis Heyse
Sonya Hill
Gene & Phyllis Hinkelman
Fr. Jim Holup
John
M. Johnson
Devin Kacher
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
Bea Montri
Kelly Reese Morgan
Adelaide Munk
Steve Murzynski
C. Nikazy
Nusbaum Family
Ken Nusbaum
Fran O'Connor
Tyler Oehlers
Austin Oehlers
Armando Ortiz
Karen & Tom Penney
Dianne Petrilla
Veronica Rakebrand
Cliff Renn
Fr. Patrick Rohen

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 Wolneiwciz
Jim Woronec
Dawn Wyse
Charlie Yacuone
Amy Yates
Rita Zeller

GOSPEL MEDITATION:

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

December 14, 2025 ♦ Third Sunday of Advent ♦ Matthew 11:2-11

When I was 11, I was riding my bike on a Friday night in Scottsdale, Arizona. I saw giant spotlights swirling in the sky. Something amazing had to be happening. I pedaled after them with excitement. Sweaty and tired, I arrived, only to find a used car lot. Bright lights, flapping banners, inflatable balloon men swaying wildly in the wind. I stood there, heart sinking. All that spectacle, and all my effort ... for this?

As life proceeds, we learn what it is like to pursue promising but fruitless searches. This week we hear Jesus ask the crowds regarding John the Baptist: **“What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind?” (Matthew 11:7).** He’s not just describing the crowd’s mis-aimed pursuit. He’s naming our tendency to chase after what’s flashy but flimsy.

What are our swaying reeds? For me, it is endless video reels on my phone, worldly pleasures, entertainment in sports, and the good opinion of others. Inflated distractions that bend whichever way the wind blows. But they can't satisfy my soul. What are your flimsy reeds?

John the Baptist wasn't a swaying reed. He was rooted, grounded, unafraid to speak the solid truth. The people went to see him because, deep down, they were starving for something real. This Advent, the Church asks us to reassess: What are we really looking for? Are we chasing the dazzling but hollow? Or are we seeking what is solid and lasting — that which points to Christ?

— Father John Muir

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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.

Liturgical Assignments for December 20 & 21, 2025

	<i>Priest</i>	<i>Lector</i>	<i>Altar Servers</i>	<i>Ushers</i>
<i>Saturday, 4:00pm</i>	Fr. Slaton	K. Torio	P. Cousino	D. Thoma; J. Thoma J. Komorowski;
<i>Sunday, 9:00am</i>	Fr. Slaton	K. Shade	J. & T. Dollison	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: We go to Mass. We go to Confession. We pray. We read Scripture. In doing all these things, again and again, we go out to the desert. Why? What are we expecting to see?

What We See in the Desert

I've always wanted to see a real desert.

I know all about frigid, snowy winters and warm, wet summers. I grew up on rich soil that yields lush vegetation and bountiful harvests. But I've never experienced a desert, not in my own country or abroad, and I'm curious.

I know there must be something magical about the desert for it to feature so heavily in Scripture, for it to provide a backdrop to so many crucial moments of salvation history. The Israelites following the cloud, the temptation of Christ, the voice crying out: "Prepare the way for the Lord."

Why do these moments have to happen in a desert? Why do they make so much less sense in a tropical rainforest or a verdant forest?

I think it's because the desert doesn't have anything to offer us, at first glance. No one longs for the physical sensation of a dry heat and a beating sun. But the vast emptiness and the almost mystical harshness — even if we don't desire and delight in it, this is a setting that we understand, somehow, intrinsically. We know it deep within our soul. God is there.

We go to Mass. We go to Confession. We pray. We read Scripture. In doing all these things, again and again, we go out to the desert.

Why? What are we expecting to see?

If we expect to be entertained, we will be disappointed. If we expect reassurance, we will be disappointed. If we expect to feel pleasant and safe and sheltered, we will be disappointed.

The desert is there to challenge us. The desert is there to show us who we are, and who we can be.

So go.

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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 kind 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 be sorted and distributed before Christmas.

Thank you!

Liturgical Assignments (*Lectors & Altar Servers*) for the 4:00pm & 9:00am weekend Masses, as well as the New Year Holyday Masses for **January** will be prepared this week. Please contact Michelle Lindsey with any special request or restrictions.

Please note...if there's ever a discrepancy between the monthly schedule and the schedule published in the bulletin, please defer to the main, monthly schedule.

St. Anthony Knights of Columbus'

Religious-themed Christmas cards will be available

Today, December 14,

at the K of C Breakfast Buffet
8:30 - 11:30am in Kenna Hall

They will NOT be available in the Narthex after Mass.

Keep "Christ" in Christmas!

**Come,
Lord, Jesus!**

The Offertory Story for December 7, 2025

# Env. assigned: 322;	# Env. used: 76
Envelope total	\$ 5,783.00
Loose:	\$ 748.00
On-line giving	\$ 125.00
Total	\$ 6,656.00
Weekly Budget amt.....	\$ 5,900.00
+Over/-Under Budget	\$ - 756.00
Year To Date +-	\$ - 1,796.57

Other:	
Candles	155.80
CD's, Books, etc.	12.25
Christmas	250.00
Christmas Flowers	20.00
Donation	400.00
Holy Day	792.00
Holy Father(Peter's Pence)	211.00
Kroger reimbursement	92.48
Masses	40.00
Religious Retirement	82.00
Rummage Sale	550.00
Total for Other:	2,713.05



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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Catholic Services Appeal 2025

Dear Friends in Christ,

Each year, all parishes in the Archdiocese of Detroit embark upon the CSA (Catholic Services Appeal) 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