



St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church Temperance, Michigan

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time *(New)*

3rd Sunday after Epiphany *(Trad.)*

"THE ANTONIAN" † January 21, 2024

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



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Weekend Mass Schedule - Lumen Christi Parishes

Saturday (Sunday Vigil): 4:30pm: OL Mt. Carmel

Sunday: 7:30am St Joseph; 9:00am St. Anthony-Eng.; 10:00am OLMC;
10:30am St. Joseph; 12:00pm St. Anthony

Weekday Mass Schedule:

Monday: 9:00am - OLMC
Tuesday: 9:00am - St. Anthony - Eng.
Wednesday 9:00am - St. Joseph
Thursday: 7:00pm - St. Anthony
Friday: 8:30am - St. Joseph (during school year)
First Friday: 7:00pm - St. Anthony; First Saturday: 9:00am - St. Anthony

Sacrament of Penance

Thursday: 5:30 - 6:30pm - St. Anthony

Saturday: No Confessions @ St. Anthony; 10:30-11:30am - St. Joseph; 2:30-3:30pm - OLMC



Prayer Blankets

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Seven Sisters Apostolate

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Please refer to page 3 for St. Anthony's Sacramental Policies and Procedures

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children



January 22

All Human beings, from their mother's womb, belong to God who searches them and knows them, Who forms them and knits them together with His own Hands, Who gazes on them when they are tiny, shapeless embryos and already sees in them the adults of tomorrow whose days are numbered and whose vocation is even now written in the "Book of Life."

St. John Paul II, Evangelium Vitae, 61



Sunday, January 22, marks the 51st Anniversary of Roe vs. Wade. Even though we rejoiced to see the overturning of this horrific law, we were saddened to see how quickly the forces of darkness were able to formulate and pass laws that continue to threaten the precious gift of life.

The battle is not over. Please take a few moments this weekend to offer up prayers or acts of penance in reparation for this travesty against life, and pray that very soon all laws that allow for the destruction of life will be overturned.

St. Anthony Catholic Church

extends Congratulations to

Fr. Mateusz Wegrzyn,

Who was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on January 6, 2024 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Memphis, Tennessee.

Fr. Mateusz will be offering the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass today, January 21 at 9:00am at St. Anthony.

**May God Bless you,
Fr. Mateusz!**



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**(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC -
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR
ORDINARY MOMENTS**

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

A Good Time for Fulfillment

There are some things that always come at the worst time. I've never gotten a telemarketing call and thought, "This is a really convenient moment for me to listen to a sales pitch." I've never seen the compulsory software update notice flash on my computer screen when I didn't have a deadline I was struggling to meet. My kids never come down with the flu unless it's the weekend and the line at Urgent Care is stretching out the door.

And I never, ever feel the calm, persistent shoulder-tap of the Holy Spirit without thinking, "Now? Now is not a good time. Can you try again when I'm..."

But then I stop and think: when I am what? When I am stronger? When I am happier? When I am smarter? When I am a different person?

When God calls us, He calls the person He sees in front of Him. "Come on," He says, and He doesn't mean "When you're finished" or "When it's convenient" or "Think about it." He means now. This moment.

This is what Paul is saying when he writes that "the world in its present form is passing away." He is saying that your plans mean nothing, the kingdom of God is at hand. Abandon your nets, let your catch escape into the sea. You're not who you thought you were, and you don't need what you thought you needed.

Your sins do not define you. Your fears are not fate. Your inclinations do not govern you. Your life can be changed. We live in the time of fulfillment, and fulfillment is coming for you — ready or not.

"Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: 'This is the time of fulfillment.'" — Mark 1:14

Norb Abel
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

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

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
Patrick Lyndsay
Heather Maenle
Sandy Maenle
Peg Mallin
Bridget Marie

Gary Martin
Lois Martin
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
Rita Zeller

The Mass with Jubilarians for 2024

will be Sunday, February 11
At the 9:00am Mass

Parishioners who will be celebrating a milestone anniversary (25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, +) in 2024, please contact the Parish Office with your information: names, # of years, & date of marriage, before Monday, February 5. All Couples will receive a certificate from the Parish.

Following the Mass will be a reception in the Narthex.

Traveling Vocation Chalice

January 21 Brown Family
January 28 *Host Family Needed
February 4 *Host Family Needed
February 11 Homero Ortiz



Copies of "The Word Among us" for Lent are available in the Narthex.

Donations are accepted; they may be dropped off at the Parish Office.

† 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.

St. Anthony Office Hours

Parish Office: Caeli McCutchen; Michelle Lindsey

Parish Business Office: Grace Ledbetter

Monday - Thursday: 9:00am - 4:30pm
Friday: 9:00am - 1:00pm

Lunch is taken between 12 & 1pm

Liturgical Assignments for January 28, 2024

	Priest	Lector	Altar Servers	Ushers
Sunday, 9:00am (English)	Fr. Slaton	K. Shade	P. Cousino; T. & W. Strang	R. Glinski; B. Kapela; G. Ingersoll
Sunday, 12:00pm	Fr. Slaton	--	MC: John Paul Scott	M. Peterson; M. Scott

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

Notes of Moderation...

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lumen Christi Family:

In my last article, we discussed the rationale for why reception of Holy Communion within the Catholic Church is restricted to members of the Catholic Church. The article concluded with a reflection upon St. Paul's admonition/warning to the church in Corinth. "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 be guilty of profaning the Body and Blood of the Lord. 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)'. St. Paul's warning to carefully discern oneself before approaching the Body and Blood of Christ was not written to those outside of the Church. It was written to baptized members of the faithful. So, practically speaking, what are we to make of this admonition?

I always appreciate liturgical events at which the church is filled with guests. Weddings and Funerals typically present pews filled with new faces. Extended family members and old friends appear within one of our churches perhaps for the first time. Many of these guests are not Catholic. Some are not Christians. Some have no religious affiliation at all. When the Mass comes to the Rite of Communion, I usually pause briefly and address the gathering: "In a few moments we will begin the ritual of Holy Communion. At that time, I would invite all those who are practicing Catholics who have prepared themselves spiritually to approach the Body and Blood of our Lord to approach in order to receive the sacrament. If, however, you are of another faith tradition or you do not feel that you are currently spiritually prepared to approach the Body and Blood of Christ; then we ask that you remain seated and unite yourselves with us in prayer." Typically, less than half the attendees will approach. I have received some negative feedback in the past for making such an announcement. Interestingly, it has always come from Catholics. I have never had a non-Catholic express anything but appreciation for the clarity. The line about "being spiritually prepared" often provokes curiosity. What does the Church actually say about being properly disposed for reception of Holy Communion?

To prepare for worthy reception of this sacrament, the faithful should observe the fast required in their Church. Bodily demeanor (gestures, clothing) ought to convey the respect, solemnity, and joy of this moment when Christ becomes our guest (C.C. 1387).

The Eucharistic fast required by the current code of Canon Law is a fast of one hour prior to receiving Holy Communion. Notice that this fast requires us to abstain from food and drink (water and medication permitted) for an hour prior to the reception of Communion, not an hour prior to the beginning of Mass. In past times, the fast was required from midnight until the reception of communion. The increasing number of evening Masses made this law more difficult. Fasting through the morning until the 9:00am Mass was one thing. Fasting until the 7:00pm Mass was another matter entirely. Pius XII mitigated the general fast to three hours prior to the reception of Holy Communion. While this fast is not binding, I do present it to the faithful as a pious practice that may still be used as a matter of spiritual preparation. We should also approach with respect in our dress. While there is some truth to the perspective that holds 'The Lord doesn't care what you wear! Come as you are!'; nevertheless, that motto is usually applicable to those who have recently come to explore the faith or those whose poverty or scheduling renders it impossible for them to make themselves presentable. The very term "our Sunday best" finds its origin in the practice of 'dressing up' for Mass. If we would consider it appropriate to don our good shirt and suit coat in order to attend a wedding or to meet a politician, why would we not do so to encounter the Lord of Creation? At the very least we should present ourselves modestly. We should not be an occasion of temptation to others at Mass! This is why many churches have signs informing people that shorts, tank tops, and short dresses are inappropriate. I usually suggest that dresses extend below the knee.

We approach in a prayerful spirit, having prepared ourselves by hearing the readings from the Holy Scriptures, pondering the message of the priest's homily, uniting our hearts and prayers with the offering of the Sacrifice of the Mass, and by reflecting on the reality of the Lord's Body and Blood which will become our spiritual nourishment. In a sense, our participation in the Mass itself could be seen as immediate preparation for the union with Christ that we share in our reception of Holy Communion. We approach in awe and in humility. We strive to recognize the grandeur of the

Fr. Slaton's Article, Continued...

sacrament and our own unworthiness to receive it. This is why just prior to our reception of Communion, the host is held up before the congregation for adoration and the priest declares the mystery before us: *"Behold the Lamb of God! Behold Him who takes away the sins of the world!"* We are invited to recognize the presence of the Lord before us. And our response recalls our unworthiness to approach the sacred mystery. *"Lord, I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof. But only say the word and my soul shall be healed."*

"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! We would be guilty of "profaning the Body and Blood of the Lord" to use St. Paul's expression. If our sins are many, we pray, offer our acts of contrition, and then approach the Body and Blood of Christ as we would approach the Healer from Galilee if we were lepers. We approach with sorrow for our offenses against God and with hope of obtaining His mercy and forgiveness. However, if we are aware of grave offense against God, this must be dealt with in the confessional prior to receiving Holy Communion.

My next article will elaborate on this distinction.

God love you,
Fr. Slaton

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

January 21, 2024 - Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

We start telling lies around the age of three, the experts tell us. It's understandable. Lying is a god-like power. Whatever I want, I need only say it, and the world rearranges itself accordingly. It's amazing at first. But soon reality snaps back and I'm faced with a dilemma. If I remain committed to my lie I start to fracture into pieces. My words and reality drift apart, and I find myself lost in a lonely world of further falsehoods and fear of being found out.

How marvelous, then, that Jesus begins his ministry by proclaiming: "Repent!" We tend to think it means "stop doing bad things" but it doesn't. It literally means "go beyond the mind you have." Think in a new way. It's painful to admit, but some portion of my mind is addicted to lie-telling, usually to protect my ego or make life easier. To repent means to admit this tendency, to say, "I'm done lying," and to move beyond my split mind into a complete commitment to the truth. Perhaps that's why at Mass we together proclaim, "I have sinned in my thoughts, and in my words..." Repentance and truth-telling work together.

Those who know the twelve-step process of addiction recovery know this process well. The fourth step requires radical truth-telling: listing our moral defects. This isn't being scrupulous. Rather it is freedom from falsehood, and entrance into the real world. This week, I invite you to join me in this practice. Get your phone or piece of paper. Answer the question: what are your true moral defects? Write them down. Remember, the Lord knows them already and loves you. We have a sacrament where this truth-telling is celebrated: Confession. Perhaps it is finally time to go beyond our childish lies.

— Father John Muir
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ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA



REVEREND FATHER ROBERT SLATON, MODERATOR

At this time, due to a shortage of priests, the *Lumen Christi Family of Parishes* (Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, St. Anthony, & St. Joseph) now has only one priest – Fr. Slaton. And so, under the direction of Bishop Battersby we are now limited to only six (6) weekend Masses between the three parishes. Together with the Lumen Christi staffs, Fr. Slaton has developed the following schedule for Mass and Confessions.

Please continue to keep Fr. Slaton in your prayers.

Mass Times

Day	St. Anthony	St. Joseph	OLMC
Sunday	9:00am Mass (<i>English</i>); 12:00pm Mass	7:30am Mass 10:30am Mass	10:00am Mass
Monday	No Mass	--	9:00am Mass
Tuesday	9:00am Mass (<i>English</i>)	--	--
Wednesday	No Mass	9:00am Mass	--
Thursday	7:00pm Mass	--	--
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

Confessions

Day/Time	St. Anthony	St. Joseph	OLMC
Thursday	5:30-6:30pm	--	--
Saturday	No Saturday Confessions	10:30 – 11:30am	2:30-3:30pm

Catholic Services Appeal - 2023

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 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 (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 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

CSA - 2023

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