



ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
CATHOLIC CHURCH
TEMPERANCE, MICHIGAN

The Epiphany of the Lord

"The Antonian" January 4, 2026

*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

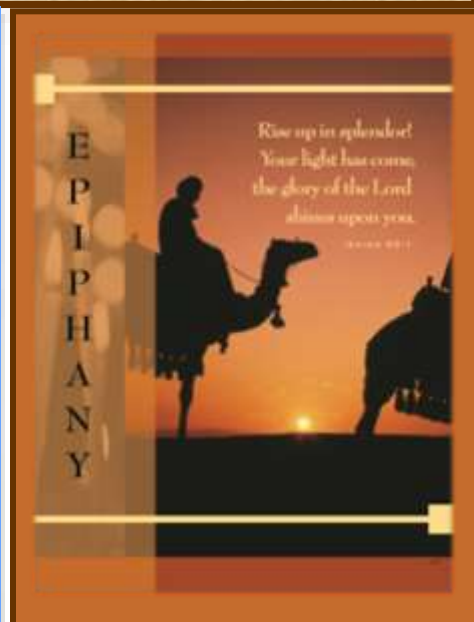
Prayer Chain

Seven Sisters Apostolate

Sandy Maenle: 734-847-7813

Miriam Dressel: 734-888-1192

Cheryl Scott: 319-296-5864



Baptism

St. Anthony Catholic Church
offers Congratulations to the newest
member of the Faith:

Michael John Hartman

Child of

Connor & Jazzmin (Burriss) Hartman

Baptized December 20, 2025

By Fr. Robert Slaton

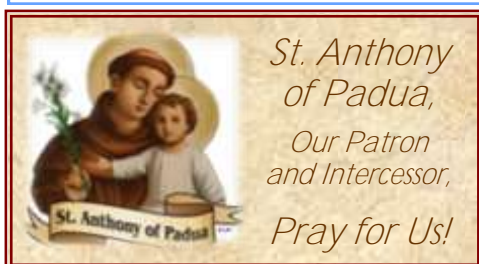
May God Bless You All!

† Fr. Slaton blesses items †
the 1st Thursday of each month.

Due to the holidays,

**Our next scheduled day will be
Thursday, January 8, 2026**

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



† **MASS SCHEDULE** †**Monday, January 5, 2026**

Most Holy Name of Jesus (*Trad.*)
 St. John N. Neuman (1860), B., began 40 hours
 Devotion in U.S. (*New*)
 St. Telephorus (136), P.M. (*Trad.*)

Tuesday, January 6, 2026

9:00am †**Gloria Knaggs**
 by The Rummage Sale Team
 †**Robert Schnipke**
 by Greg & Karen Baer
 ***Fr. Richard Munkelt**
 by Jonathan & Elisa Schnur

St. Andre' Bessette (1937), R. (*New*)
 Epiphany of the Lord (*Trad.*)
 Sts. Caspar, Balthasar, & Melchior (1st C.), the
 Three Wise Men (*Hist.*)
 St. Raphaela Mary (1925), V., R., F., (*Hist.*)

Wednesday, January 7, 2026

St. Raymond of Peñafort (Penyafort) (1275), Pr., R.,
 Pt. of canon lawyers (*New*)
 St. Lucian of Antioch (312), Pr., M. (*Hist.*)

Thursday, January 8, 2026

7:00pm ***Jeffrey & Martina Schuler**
 (NLM) by Jeffrey & Martina Schuler
 †**Rita Creque**
 by Gary & Sharon Tomkins
 †**Jan Brissette** by Linda Moeltner

St. Apollinaris the Apologist (175), B. (*Hist.*)
 St. Severin of Noricum, (480), Hermit, Ap. of Austria
 (*Hist.*)

Friday, January 9, 2026

St. Adrian of Canterbury (710), Ab. (*Hist.*)
 Sts. Julian & Basilissa (304), husband and wife, Ms.
 (*Hist.*)

Saturday, January 10, 2026

St. William of Bourges (1209), B. (*Hist.*)
 St. Nicanor (76), Dcn. (*Hist.*)
 St. John Camillus Bonus, "the Good" (660), B.
 (*Hist.*)

Sunday Vigil

4:00pm †**James Fuelling** by Mary LaRoy

Sunday, January 11, 2026

The Baptism of the Lord (*New*)

9:00am †**Harold & Geniva Gorney**
 by Kay Shepherd

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

St. Marguerite Bourgeoys (1700), V., F. (*New/some
 places*)
 St. Benedict Biscop (690), Ab. (*Hist.*)

Readings for Today**Sunday, January 4, 2026:**

Isaiah 60:1-6
 Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6
 Matthew 2:1-12



Thank you to all who supported our St. Anthony Knights of Columbus in their "Keep Christ in Christmas" campaign by selling religious-themed Christmas cards.

They in turn, used their profits to help fund billboards along the highway that echoed the same message.

Together, our efforts DO make a difference.

God Bless All of You!

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.

PRAYER FOR THE RETURN OF NON-PRACTICING CATHOLICS

Good Shepherd, You never cease to seek out the lost, to call home the stray, to comfort the frightened, and to bind up the wounded.

I ask you to bring the people I hold in my heart back to the practice of the Faith, and to remove all obstacles that prevent them from receiving your abundant mercy, which flows sacramentally through the heart of Your holy Church.

Through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of God, their Guardian Angels, their Patron Saints, and the ever-prayerful St. Monica, may You pardon their sins and unshackle them from whatever hinders their freedom to come Home.

For You, O Good Shepherd, have loved us to the end and offered Yourself to the Father for the salvation of all. Amen.

This Week's CalendarMonday, January 5, 2026

Offices Re-open

Tuesday, January 6, 2026

9:00am - Holy Mass

Wednesday, January 7, 2026

6:30-7:30pm - PH Devotions

7-8:30pm - K of C - School

Thursday, January 8, 2026

Blessing of Items

5-6pm - Confessions

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

Friday, January 9, 2026

9am - 1:30pm - HFS - KH, PH, School

Saturday, January 10, 2026

K of C Breakfast Set-up - Kenna Hall

4:00pm - Sunday Vigil Mass

Sunday, January 11, 2026

8:30am - 11:30am - K of C Breakfast

- Kenna Hall

9:00am - Holy Mass

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

Parish Office Hours**Secretary's Office:**

Monday - Thursday: 10:00am - 3:00pm

Friday: 10:00am - 1:00pm

Business Office:

Tuesday: 10:00am - 2:00pm

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.



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

Any donations may be dropped off at the Parish Office in an envelope marked **"The Word Among Us"**.



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

- Wes Brown, Army Reserve
Kodie Burtcher, 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

**SACRED HEART CHAPEL,
MONASTERY OF THE VISITATION**
1745 Parkside Blvd., Toledo Ohio
There will be a **HOLY HOUR**,
Sunday, January 4 at 4:00pm,
to give glory, love, and reparation to
the Sacred Heart of Jesus.



Six-month Parish registration and participation are required for Baptism, Confirmation and Marriage.

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.

Please note: The services of the Parish Organist are used for all sacramental liturgies.

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

Pete Grundy
Jeff Grycza
Gloria Hartman
Nicole Hartman
Diane Heidelberg
Phyllis Heyse
Sonya Hill
Phyllis Hinkelman
Fr. Jim Holup
John
M. Johnson
Devin Kacher
Bill Kniss
Joanne Kolinski
Jonah Kornberg
RoseMarie Komorow
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
Fr. Patrick Rohen
John & Marge Scott

Aaron Shreffler
Patty Smith
Cheryl Stanford
Cherryll 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

The Epiphany of the Lord

Matthew 2:1-12

When I was 22, I went on a pilgrimage to Rome for the Jubilee Year of 2000. I was traveling light with just a backpack, one blue shirt and black pants, little money, and no Italian. I had a few close friends and one goal: to reach the Eternal City. Despite the challenges and deprivations, I felt alive in a way I had never known before.



That's the image the Magi give us in today's Gospel. They set out from the East not with certainty, but with hope. They study the signs, discipline their attention, and journey together, offering the best they have when they find the newborn King.

The Church gives us their story at the start of the year to reawaken something in us. We are not meant to drift. We're meant to journey as pilgrims. The Jubilee Year of 2025 may have ended, but our pilgrimage has not. Like the magi, the closer we get to Christ, the more alive we become.

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	<i>Priest</i>	<i>Lector</i>	<i>Altar Servers</i>	<i>Ushers</i>
<i>Saturday, January 10 4:00pm</i>	Fr. Slaton	R. Dressel	T. & W. Strang	J. Komorowski; D. Thoma; J. Thoma
<i>Sunday, January 11 9:00am</i>	Fr. Slaton	M. Lindsey	J. & J. Ritenour	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: Of all the stars you could follow, which one does the voice — that one deep within you — tell you to chase? Point to it. And go forth.

The Stars We Follow

Everyone follows a star.

It is human nature to seek. If we are rich, we want to be richer. If we are smart, we want to be smarter. If we are powerful, we want to be more powerful.

We cannot stay in one place, so to speak — to say, “I am what I am, I have what I have, and it is enough.” Even the very act of maintaining a status quo, be it health or wealth or spiritual goodness, requires action. It requires effort. It requires movement. This is human nature. There is nothing wrong with it. When we stop seeking, we die.

But what are we looking for? Where are we going?

I often wonder if the Magi knew what they were seeking — really, truly knew. They were seeking “the newborn king of the Jews,” yes, but did they understand who he was? *What* he was? I don’t see how they could have. They were wise men, but they were not prophets. They simply knew this was an endeavor they had to undertake. They knew it in their souls.

There really is very little that we know for certain about the Magi. We don’t know how many of them there were. We don’t know their religion. We don’t know where they came from. All we know for certain is that they listened to a voice they heard deep within themselves. And, heeding that voice, they went forth.

And what did they find? They found what we all seek, even if, foolishly, we seek it in riches or power.

They found the face of the Child.

So tell me this. Of all the stars you could follow, which one does the voice — that one deep within you— tell you to chase?

Point to it. And go forth.

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

- RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The story of the Wise Men bringing gifts to Jesus, the newborn King, is a great one, isn’t it? They had a great big star in the sky to lead the way. I am no Boy Scout, so I am not sure how well I would do following a star like that. But the important point here is that God led them to the manger. The manger was a place that unless God specifically showed you this was where the Christ Child was born you wouldn’t have believed it. You would have passed on by.

In our lives, there are no big stars in the sky leading us where we need to go. It isn’t so easy sometimes discerning where God is leading us. We may seek to use our gifts wisely, but in what manner and to what end is not always clear.

This is where prayer can make a huge difference. If we seek to cultivate a prayer life where we are mindful of the presence of God throughout our day, then the call is easier to discern. We can help the process by intentionally offering to God in the morning the entirety of the day to come: all our actions, all our time, and all our decisions. In the evening, we can examine the past hours of the day and reflect on when we responded well to Christ’s call and when we fell short. Then we resolve to begin again tomorrow, inviting Christ to be with us every step of the way. God may not offer a star in the sky to lead us, but if we invite us on our journey each day, the path will be much clearer.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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*A copy of the
Epiphany house
Blessing can be found
on the reverse of this
page. Blessed chalk
is available in the
Narthex.*

The Offertory Story for December 21, 2025

# Env. assigned: 322;	# Env. used: 56
Envelope total	\$ 3,642.00
Loose:	\$ 382.00
On-line giving	\$ --
Total	\$ 4,024.00
Weekly Budget amt.....	\$ 5,900.00
+Over/-Under Budget	\$ - 1,876.00
Year To Date +-	\$ - 4,428.57
Other:	
Candles	131.00
Christmas	4,900.00
CSA	150.00
Donation	20.00
Holy Day	10.00
Oplatki	3.00
Religious Retirement	90.00
Rummage Sale	450.00
Total for Other:	6,754.00



Chalking the Door: An Epiphany House Blessing 2026

Here is one form that is used to mark the houses with blessed chalk. In doing a search, there were a number of different variations. This one is from the Order of Carmelites's website (<http://www.carmelites.net/news/chalking-door-epiphany-house-blessing-2015/>). The family gathers to ask God's blessing on their home and on those who live in or visit the home. It is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our home, our comings and goings, our conversations, our work and play, our joys and sorrows.

A traditional way of doing this is to use chalk to write above the home's entrance, 20 + C + M + B + 24. The letters "C, M, B" have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They also abbreviate the Latin words *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless the house." The "+" signs represent the cross and 2024 is the year.

Blessing the Chalk

V. Our help is the name of the Lord:

R. The maker of heaven and earth.

V. The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in:

R. From this time forth for evermore.

Let us pray.

Loving God, bless this chalk which you have created, that it may be helpful to your people; and grant that through the invocation of your most Holy Name that we who use it in faith to write upon the door of our home the names of your holy ones Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, may receive health of body and protection of soul for all who dwell in or visit our home; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Instructions for Blessing the Home

Using the blessed chalk mark the lintel of your front door (or front porch step) as follows:

20 + C + M + B + 24 while saying:

The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of God's Son who became human two thousand and fifteen years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen.

Then offer the following prayer: *Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen*

"Chalking the door" is a way to celebrate and literally mark the occasion of the Epiphany and God's blessing of our lives and home. With time the chalk will fade. As it does we let the meaning of the symbols written sink into the depths of our heart and be manifest in our words and actions the Latin words, *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless the house."



ST. ANTHONY CATHOLIC CHURCH
TEMPERANCE, MICHIGAN



KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS

*Present their world famous
All You Can Eat*

Breakfast Buffet

JANUARY 11

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