



# St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

Temperance, Michigan

## 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"The Antonian"*  
August 13, 2017

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**Weekend Mass Schedule**

**Saturday** (Sunday Vigil) (OF-MC): 5:00pm

**Sunday** (OF-MC): 9:00am & 11:00am

**Holy Days:** Check Bulletin & Website

**Sacrament of Penance**

**Saturday:** 3:30-4:30pm;

**First Wednesday:** 6:30-7:30pm (September - May)

**Second Tuesday:** 6:00-6:30pm (September - May)

**Devotions**

**First Friday:** 7:00pm Mass (OF-LM)

**First Saturday:** 9:00am Mass (EF-MC)

**O. L. of Perpetual Help & Prayer** - Wednesday @ 6:15pm

**Prayer Blankets**

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**Prayer Chain**

Miriam Dressel.....734-888-1192

**† 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.



*For more details regarding our Sacramental policies and procedures, please refer to the Sacrament link on our Parish web-site.*



**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Tuesday, August 15  
Holy Day of Obligation

St. Anthony  
Mass Times:  
8:30am (OF-MC)  
7:00pm (EF-MC)

Mass times at Our Neighboring Parishes:

**Our Lady of Mt. Carmel:**  
Monday, August 14 @ 6:30pm;  
Tuesday, August 15 @ 9:00am

**St. Joseph, Erie:**  
Tuesday, August 15: 8:00am & 7:00pm

Anyone interested in making the pilgrimage to Carey on Monday evening for the Feast of the Assumption Vigil Mass, please contact Fr. Brian.



**Religious Ed Registration 2017-18**

Register now for Religious Education classes for the 2017-18 school year, Grades 1-8. Registration forms may be found on the table in the Narthex, or on our website: stanthonytemperance.org. Forms may be returned to the Parish Office or via email.

**Please sign up as soon as possible so supplies and materials can be ordered in time for the first class.**

Any questions, please call Ginny Stout 734-854-1160 in the Religious Ed. Office.



*Traveling Vocation Chalice*

- August 13 Robert & Cindy Ramsey
- August 20 Mike Holup Family
- August 27 Kirk Shade
- September 3 \*Host Family Needed



**† MASS SCHEDULE †**

Key to Abbreviations:

EF - Extra-ordinary Form (Trad. Latin Mass)

OF - Ordinary Form (New Rite; Novus Ordo)

LM - Low Mass; MC - Missa Cantata (Sung)

**Monday, August 14, 2017**

**8:30am † Jack, Pat, & Peter Carey**

(OF-LM) by Dan Carey on Behalf of the Family

St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe (1941), Pr., F., M., Pt. of printers, publishers, drug addiction sufferers & political Prisoners (New)

**Vigil of the Assumption (Trad.)**

St. Eusebius (357), Pr., M. (Trad.)

**Tuesday, August 15, 2017**

**8:30am Senika Baer; and**

(OF-MC) † Craig Baer

by Greg & Karen Baer

**7:00pm The People of St. Anthony**

(EF-MC)

**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven (New, Trad.)**

Dormition of Our Lady (Eastern Rites)

St. Tarcisius (255), M. (Hist.)

**Wednesday, August 16, 2017**

**8:30am † Dolores Koch**

(OF-LM) by Cathy, Kevin & Chad Oswald

St. Stephen (1038), King of Hungary (New)

St. Joachim (1st C.), father of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Trad.)

St. Roch (1327), devotee of the Sign of the Cross (Hist.)

**Thursday, August 17, 2017**

**9:00am † Anna Sepesy** by Tim Sepesy

(OF-LM) on Behalf of the Family

St. Beatriz da Silva (1490), V., F. of Conceptionists (Trad./some places)

St. Hyacinth (1257), Pr., R., Ap. Of Poland, Pt. against drowning (Trad.)

**Friday, August 18, 2017**

**9:00am † Marie Allore**

(OF-LM) by Jim & Carole VanBrandt

St. Agapitus (3rd C.), 15-year-old M. (Trad.)

St. Helena (326), W., Empress, mother of Constantine, finder of the True Cross, Pt. of converts & difficult marriages (Trad./some places)

**Saturday, August 19, 2017**

St. John Eudes (1680), Pr., F. of Congregation of Jesus and Mary (New, Trad.)

St. Louis of Toulouse (1297), B. (Hist.)

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**Sunday Vigil**

**5:00pm The People of St. Anthony**

(OF-MC)

**Sunday, August 20, 2017**

**20th Sunday in Ordinary Time (New)**

11th Sunday after Pentecost (Trad.)

**9:00am Joe & Judy Oberski**

(OF-MC) by Phuong Doan

**11:00am † Ray Katafiasz**

(OF-MC) (7th Anniversary of Death) by Virginia Katafiasz

St. Bernard of Clairvaux (1153), Ab., D. (New, Trad.)

**Readings for the Week**

**Monday, August 14:**

Deuteronomy 10:12-22; Matthew 17:22-27

**Tuesday, August 15:**

**Vigil:** 1 Chronicles 15:3-4,15-16;16:1-2; 1Corinthians 15:15b-57; Luke 11:27-28

**Day:** Revelation 11:19a:12:1-6a,10ab; 1Corinthians 15:20-27; Luke 1:39-56

**Wednesday, August 16:**

Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Matthew 18:15-20

**Thursday, August 17:**

Joshua 3:7-10a,11,13-17; Matthew 18:21-19:1

**Friday, August 18:**

Joshua 24:1-13; Matthew 19:3-12

**Saturday, August 19:**

Joshua 24:14-29; Matthew 19:13-15

**Sunday, August 20:**

Isaiah 56:1,6-7

Romans 11:13-15,29-32

Matthew 15:21-28



Please keep in your prayers all our service men and women, especially those currently serving in Iraq or Afghanistan, especially  
★ Kenneth Lee Ziegler, Jr, Army



**CSA**

Our Goal for 2017 is **\$37,318**

So far, we have received **94 pledges** totaling **\$22,735** leaving us with \$14,583 to go.

**Together, we can reach our goal!**



Pledges may be made:

- through the Sunday collection,
- Via mail
- by stopping in, calling or emailing the Parish Office.
- Online with credit or debit; go to our website and click on the front page CSA slider

Even if you will not be making a pledge or donation, please let us know. We are required to make an accounting of all CSA cards.

Any questions, please contact Michelle in the Parish Office.

**This Week's Calendar**



Monday, August 14, 2017

8:30am - Mass

Tuesday, August 15, 2017

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Holy Day of Obligation

8:30am - Mass

7:00pm - Mass

Wednesday, August 16, 2017

8:30am - Mass

6:15-7pm- Perpet. Help & Prayers

Thursday, August 17, 2017

9:00am - Mass

Friday, August 18, 2017

9:00am - Mass

Saturday, August 19, 2017

3:30 - 4:30pm - Confessions

5:00pm - Mass

Mission Appeal

Sunday, August 20, 2017

9:00am & 11:00am - Mass

Mission Appeal



**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)**

Do you know someone who is curious about the Catholic Faith? St. Anthony Parish welcomes non-Catholics to a series of informal discussions beginning in September (Monday evenings). Over light refreshments, we will answer questions and share the Catholic Faith. Please call Ron Oehlers 419-377-8952 to register, or for more information.

**The Offertory Story**

**August 6, 2017**

# Env. assigned: 289; # Env. used: 117

Envelope total \$ 6,086.00

Loose: \$ 371.00

Children's Envelopes: \$ 8.36

**Total \$ 6,465.36**

**Weekly Budget amount..\$ 5,250.00**

+Over/-Under Budget \$ +1,215.36

**Year To Date +- \$ + 590.47**

**Other:**

Candles \$ 91.40

Check Correct. (Prev. Dep.) \$ 50.00

Helping Hands \$ 20.00

Holy Day \$ 5.00

Mass Intentions \$ 10.00

Prayer Blankets \$ 20.00

Religious Ed. \$ 150.00

Rosary Makers \$ 105.00

**Total for Other: \$ 477.40**



## Upcoming Events

- **Helping Hands Luncheon** - Aug. 22
- **Fall Rummage Sale** - Oct. 4 & 5
- **Life-line Health Screening** - Nov. 9
- **Blood Drive** - Nov. 16

**Helping Hands** is the Parish group that prepares and serves luncheons for the families following the funeral of a deceased Parish Member. A few weeks ago in Fr. Brian's article, it was stated that we may not be able to continue this valuable and much appreciated service if we are not able to recruit more volunteers.

There are several "levels" of volunteers for Helping Hands:

- 1. Group Leader** - in turn, takes charge of a luncheon, including gathering other volunteers to help with set-up, serving and clean-up and \*phone calls for desserts; preparing the various side dishes and beverages; ordering and picking up chicken from Kroger. We'd like to have 8-10 Group Leaders.
- 2. Volunteer for any Group** - will help any leader with the above as needed.
- 3. \*Make phone calls for desserts** - will help any leader as needed. We may make this a separate set of volunteers.
- 4. Will provide a dessert when called** (this basically includes everyone in the Parish Roster unless they have specifically requested to be removed.)

On **Tuesday, August 22, 2017 at 1:00pm** (please note the corrected time change!) we will be hosting our annual Helping Hands luncheon. This is a great opportunity to show our appreciation to those who volunteer for this ministry, as well as share ideas to make it even better. Anyone who is interested in being a part of the Helping Hands is welcome to come. Please call Michelle in the Parish Office by **Friday, August 18** to let us know you are coming. Even if you are not able to attend but would like to become involved, please let us know and we will get you all the information you need.

### ATTENTION:

#### Lectors & Altar Servers:

**Liturgical Assignments** for September will be prepared this week. Please contact the Parish Office with any schedule changes or preferences by **Wednesday, August 16.**

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

Clark Alcock  
Shelly Allred  
Helen Arends  
Maria Baer  
Jack Bobak  
Nancy Brancheau  
Tom Brannan  
Toni Breininger  
Jack Burns  
Don & Shirley Carter  
Katy Coburn  
Bonnie Cornprobst  
Elwood Cousino  
Lowell Cousino  
Prudy Cousino  
Amy Crumm  
Phillip Curtis  
Linda DeFalco  
Janie Delauter  
Larry Dusseau  
Cynthia Dvorsky  
Terry Dvorsky  
Albert Failer  
Scott Ferguson  
Ron Frier  
Jim Fuelling  
Shirley Gabor  
Marcia Gilson  
Margaret Gotha

Mary Graham  
Sheila Greisinger  
Debbie Grycza  
Justin Gyra  
Steve Haman  
Colson Hess  
Phyllis Hinkelman  
Michelle Hollinger  
Richard Holmes II  
Sharon Horkey  
Beth Huner  
JoAnn Huntwork  
Bill Hurley  
Rosemary Jacobs  
Judy Katafiasz  
Michael Katafiasz  
Hannah Kaufman  
Tom & Pauline Kreiger  
Jim Kulwicki  
Bud LaPlante  
Martin LaVoy  
Audrey Lawrence  
Jim Lemble  
Brenda & Ron Liwo  
Dick MacAdams  
Sandy Maenle  
Frank & Shelly Maisano  
Edward Malik  
Bea Montri

Rhonda Morton  
Steve Murzynski  
Patty Muskat  
Karl Nagley  
Nick Niemi  
Bonnie Nolan  
Nathan Nusbaum  
Frank Parker  
Andrew Phillips  
Rachel Renn  
Kaye Ritzenthaler  
Adrian Sandelin  
Don Simms  
Steve Smith  
Kimberly Spight  
Ann Sommers  
Mazie Sue Springer  
Vic Stevens  
Audrey Tavares  
Tom Townsend  
Carole VanBrandt  
Virginia VanKirk  
Aaron Vyse  
Pat Webber  
Judy Wertenberger  
Vicki White  
Mya Whitman  
Peter Williams  
Kathy Young

## Choir Notes

Have you ever considered joining the St. Anthony Choir? We're always happy to welcome new members; **practice times are Thursday evenings 7-9pm, beginning on September 7.** (Even if this doesn't work for you, please consider joining us on Sundays in the balcony.)

*Join us in praising God with our song.*

Questions? call Eric Hite 419-266-0571 or email @ ehite820@gmail.com



## Pray without ceasing

### Parish Summer Office Hours

(through September 5)

#### Parish Office:

Monday - Friday: 9am - 1pm

#### Parish Business Office

Monday & Tuesday  
9am - 3pm

#### Religious Ed Office

June & August  
Monday: 10am - 3pm

## Liturgical Assignments for Assumption of Mary - August 15, 2017



Mass	Priest	Lector	Altar Servers
Tuesday, 8:30am	Fr. Brian	M. Lindsey	R. Oehlers
Tuesday, 7:00pm (EF-MC)	Fr. Brian	--	J. Hajdu; R. Oehlers

## Liturgical Assignments for August 19 & 20, 2017



Mass	Priest	Lector	Altar Servers
Sunday Vigil Saturday, 5:00pm	Fr. Brian	J. Rawski	L. Rawski
Sunday, 9:00am Mass	Fr. Brian	R. Oehlers	C. Oswald; J. Sterns
Sunday, 11:00am Mass	Fr. Brian	D. Strzelewicz	S. Updike

## Fr. Brian's Blarney Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered on the Feast of the Assumption at 8:30am in the Ordinary Form (English) and at 7pm in the Extraordinary Form (Latin) at St. Anthony. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel is Offering a Vigil Mass on Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Ordinary Form (English) for those that cannot make the Mass on Tuesday.

## Pilgrimage to Carey, Ohio

A few of us will be making a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey, Ohio for the Vigil Mass. Before the Mass begins, there will be a Procession of the Statue of Our Lady of Consolation to the outdoor shrine altar that begins at 9pm. The people walk in procession praying the Rosary while following the statue that is transported on a stand mounted to a vehicle. Mass begins at 9:30pm.

Please let me know if you would like to go. There are a couple families interested, so we will need to know **by noon on Monday** to ensure we have enough room in our vehicles. We will have to leave about 6:30pm to have enough time to get situated. Depending on who goes, we may adjust the time if people want to arrive earlier.

### [Response: Pray for us]

*Fourteen Holy Helpers,  
Saint George, valiant Martyr of Christ,  
Saint Blase, zealous bishop and benefactor of the poor,  
Saint Erasmus, mighty protector of the oppressed,  
Saint Pantaleon, miraculous exemplar of charity,  
Saint Vitus, special protector of chastity,  
Saint Christophorus, mighty intercessor in dangers,  
Saint Dionysius, shining mirror of faith and confidence,  
Saint Cyriacus, terror of Hell,  
Saint Achatius, helpful advocate in death,  
Saint Eustachius, exemplar of patience in adversity,  
Saint Giles, despiser of the world,  
Saint Margaret, valiant champion of the Faith,  
Saint Catherine, victorious defender of the Faith and of purity,  
Saint Barbara, mighty patroness of the dying ...*

## The 14 Holy Helpers

We celebrated the Feast of St. Dominic on Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup> in the Modern Calendar, but in the pre-1962 (or historic Calendar), Mass was offered for the Feast of the 14 Holy Helpers. There was an article that was published by the website "aleteia.com" regarding the 14 Holy Helpers. Dcn. Trevor Fernandes had mentioned something to me about this a few years ago and I saw an old book while on a group tour of Barb Eckhardt's award winning house and gardens. She mentioned it was an heirloom handed on to her by her mother. It intrigued me that there was a wonderful old book that had devotions for each day of the year and a number of prayers in it to live a good Christian life. I am still puzzled why we got rid of the devotions and even more astounded when I see people trying to reinvent the wheel, when we already had plenty of great material to use that was lost or suppressed.

## Do you know who the Fourteen Holy Helpers are?

Philip Kosloski | Jul 27, 2017

<https://aleteia.org/2017/07/27/do-you-know-who-the-fourteen-holy-helpers-are/>

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*They were a type of spiritual "Avengers" or "Justice League" known for their miraculous intercession.*

In the midst of the 14th century the Black Plague ravaged the cities and countryside of Europe and Christians were constantly begging God to spare them from the deadly disease.

To help amplify their prayers Christians in Germany turned to a group of saints who were known for their miraculous intervention. They invoked these saints collectively as a group, which eventually became known as the Fourteen Holy Helpers.

Each of the Holy Helpers was chosen specifically for the patronage they had and were added to the list to create a type of "Avengers" or "Justice League" of spiritual power. The saints all have separate feast days, but in some local places the Fourteen Holy Helpers were celebrated on a single day, August 8.

A litany was later developed that assembles the Holy Helpers together, calling them forth to action. It also gives a brief summary of who each saint is and the spiritual benefit that is requested from them. Below are two selections from the litany that highlight these saints.

### [Response: We beseech Thee, hear us]

*That Thou come to our aid through the intercession of the Holy Helpers,  
That through the intercession of Saint George Thou preserve us in the Faith,  
That through the intercession of Saint Blase Thou confirm us in hope,  
That through the intercession of Saint Erasmus Thou enkindle in us Thy holy love,  
That through the intercession of Saint Pantaleon Thou give us charity for our neighbor,  
That through the intercession of Saint Vitus Thou teach us the value of our soul,  
That through the intercession of Saint Christophorus Thou preserve us from sin,  
That through the intercession of Saint Dionysius Thou give us tranquility of conscience,  
That through the intercession of Saint Cyriacus Thou grant us resignation to Thy holy will,  
That through the intercession of Saint Eustachius Thou give us patience in adversity,  
That through the intercession of Saint Achatius Thou grant us a happy death,  
That through the intercession of Saint Giles Thou grant us a merciful judgment,  
That through the intercession of Saint Margaret Thou preserve us from Hell,  
That through the intercession of Saint Catherine Thou shorten our Purgatory,  
That through the intercession of Saint Barbara Thou receive us in Heaven,  
That through the intercession of all the Holy Helpers Thou wilt grant our prayers ...*

Devotion to this particular group of saints spread rapidly throughout Europe and many shrines and churches were dedicated to their honor. To this day, the Fourteen Holy Helpers are still highly regarded for their intercession and seen as a powerful group to invoke in times of greatest need.



Summer Mission Appeal: Pallottine Missionary Congregation  
*Societas Apostolatus Catholici SAC (Society of the Catholic Apostolate)*

Next weekend, August 19 & 20, St. Anthony Parish welcomes Pallottine priest, *Rev. Fr. Kishore Battu, SAC*, who will be here to speak about the missionary work of the Pallottines in India. *Rev. Kishore Battu* has been working in our diocese for four years. He is a great Missionary, he worked in the Missions before he came to work in the Archdiocese of Detroit, and he has great knowledge to share with you. He will be sharing the Pallottines missionary work in India seeking our prayers and generosity.

*St. Vincent Pallotti was born in the year 1795 in Rome and founded the congregation in 1835. Ever since, it has spread throughout the world. The congregation of the Pallottine Fathers and Brothers is present in 50 countries all over the world. In India, the Pallottines have been involved in the work of evangelization for the last 65 years. Recently, they have taken up mission work in Taiwan, too. The Pallottines work in partnership with laity throughout the world furthering the church's mission to renew faith and rekindle love. The help and support of many generous people all over the world makes it possible to continue God's work. Your own efforts to support the Missions all over the world are greatly appreciated. Know that when you give to the Missions, you give to a good cause.* For more information on the Pallottines visit: [www.pallotines.org](http://www.pallotines.org)



**St. Joseph Church, Erie, Michigan  
 Craft and Vendor Show**

**Saturday, September 2, 2017 - 10:00am - 3:00pm**

*Enter to win free gift baskets*

If you are interested in being a crafter/vendor at our show, please email Mag Morrin at: [memorrin@hotmail.com](mailto:memorrin@hotmail.com)

**Vendor registration forms are also available in St. Anthony's Narthex**

Deadline for Vendor Application is August 20, 2017

St. Joseph Erie  
 Annual Labor Day Weekend Festival  
 2214 Manhattan St., Erie, MI.  
*Friday, September 1,*  
 5:30 pm to midnight;  
*Saturday, September 2,*  
 noon to midnight;  
*Sunday, September 3*  
 12:30 pm to midnight.

Free admission,  
 continuous live entertainment

*The festival offers bingo, kid's games, inflatables for the kids, a petting zoo, carriage rides and a gambling tent with Texas Hold' Em, Blackjack, and Big Six Wheel. There also will be the first annual car & bike show along with the first annual craft show on Saturday. Delicious perch basket on Friday, steak dinner on Saturday, and our famous chicken dinner on Sunday. Entertainment headliners are Rye Whiskey, Artic Clam and 56 Daze.*

*To participate in the car & bike show, craft show, corn hole, softball, or basketball tournaments call 734-848-6125.*

**Fill a Baby Bottle and Help Save a Life!**

St. Anthony Church is hosting a Baby Bottle Drive to benefit Heartbeat of Toledo. Participation is easy. Just pick up a baby bottle as you leave church during the weekend of **September 9 & 10**. Take it home, fill it with your spare change (cash and checks are also welcome!) and return it to the bin near the church entrance the weekend of **September 23 & 24**.

Your donation will help save hundreds of lives in the coming year. Heartbeat offers free pregnancy tests, ultrasounds and options counseling. Their goal is to turn a woman's fear about her unplanned pregnancy into confidence. Heartbeat also offers prenatal and parenting classes where new and expectant moms and dads can learn valuable parenting skills while earning much-needed baby items. Help with making an adoption plan is also available.

For more information on Heartbeat call 419-241-9131 or visit [www.heartbeatoftoledo.org](http://www.heartbeatoftoledo.org).



## **Snatched From the Brink** **by Joe Sixpack**

Fr. William Doyle (1873-1917), known best as Fr. Willie, is one of Catholic Ireland's most shining gems. This holy priest served as a military chaplain in World War I and was killed in action, but that isn't even the beginning of his claim to sacred fame. There are many stories told about this great priest from his short life, and this is one such anecdote.

One night during a mission, Fr. Doyle was returning to the rectory after confessions in the church when he happened to meet a very young woman in the street. He stopped her and asked, *"My child, aren't you out a wee bit late? Won't you go home?"* Then looking directly into her eyes he added very gently, *"Don't hurt Jesus; He loves you."* Then Father moved on and soon forgot the incident.

**Then two years later, Fr. Doyle received a telegram from his superior, telling him to go to Dublin. It read: "Please send Father Doyle to prison. Woman to be executed tomorrow. Asks to see him."**

Fr. Doyle caught a late boat that night and arrived at the prison at five the next morning. The warden told him about Fanny Cranbush, a girl of the poor and criminal class who had been convicted of murder for her part in poisoning someone. When she was brought to prison, she had asked for the priest who had given a mission in Yarmouth two years before, and it took them a while to figure out that priest was Fr. Doyle.

When Fr. Doyle entered the cell, he saw a girl, in her early twenties sitting with bowed head on the edge of her narrow bunk. She sprang to her feet and exclaimed, **"Oh Father, thank God you're here!"**

**"But I don't know you,"** said the priest.

**"Don't you remember, Father? Two years ago you stopped me in the street one night in Yarmouth. I was a bad girl and have been all my life. You said to me, 'My child, aren't you out a wee bit late? Won't you go home? Don't hurt Jesus; He loves you.' The look on your face and the words you said stunned me. Had I hurt Jesus? Did He love me? Who was He? I knew so little about Him. I'd never prayed...never even been baptized. For weeks I kept off the streets, but then hunger drove me out again. I sank lower and lower, until now I've come to this end and will be hanged today. I came here defiant and wanted nothing to do with any priest or minister. Then your words came back to me. Something seemed to snap inside me, and I broke down in tears. My hardness melted, and I felt this overwhelming desire to see you. Now that you've come, will you tell me more about Jesus?"**

**"Do you mean you wish to become a Catholic?"**

**"Yes, Father, that's what I want with all my heart. Please!"**

The essential articles of the faith were very quickly explained. Fanny was then baptized in her cell, and all her evil past was washed away. A tiny altar was erected in the cell, and Fanny heard

her first and last Mass, and received Jesus in Communion for her first and last time. She refused her last meal, saying, "I've just eaten the Bread of Life."

As Fanny walked to the scaffold with Fr. Doyle beside her, she whispered to him, "I'm so happy, Father. Jesus knows I'm sorry for having hurt Him, and I know that Jesus loves me." A moment later Fanny Cranbush, her newly baptized soul perfectly white and unspotted by sin, was in the arms of Jesus.

The lesson we can learn from this story comes from what transpired between Fr. Doyle and Fanny two years before her execution. All Catholics, by virtue of our Baptism and Confirmation, are required by God to share our holy and ancient faith with non-Catholics so they can also have the joy of knowing Jesus in the true faith He Himself established with the New Covenant. Fr. Doyle had only a brief encounter with Fanny on the street, probably lasting less than thirty seconds, but God used that encounter when it mattered most to the soul of Fanny Cranbush.

I've been a lay evangelist for thirty years. I've actively worked to convert souls to Catholicism, and have been blessed by the Holy Spirit with many converts. However, not everyone is called to do what I do, but we're all called to do whatever we can. Perhaps a half dozen times over the last three decades, I've dealt with certain people and tried to interest them in the faith, only to fail in reaching them...at least, I thought it was failure. In these specific cases, years later I've heard from these folks because they wanted to thank me for sharing with them, letting me know they were never able to shake my words and eventually became Catholic. Who knows how many others I've tried to reach experienced the same thing, because the Holy Spirit used the words He put into my mouth to gradually lead them home to Rome?

**The point is this: You don't have to be a lay evangelist. You don't even have to be able to teach the faith or be the saintly sort of person Fr. Doyle was in order to reach people. You just have to be a Catholic who knows the faith so you can live the faith, then show God you love Him by letting your faith be an example to others. When non-Catholics know you're a Catholic who lives the faith, God uses the little things we say and do to reach into their souls. It may not have an effect then, but years later, and without you ever knowing it in this life, the Holy Spirit will offer those people the graces of conversion...thanks to you living the faith as you ought.**

Have you ever looked at something that has been embroidered? If you look at the back side of an embroidery, the side not intended to be seen, it's ugly and confusing and looks like a real mess. But when you turn it over to the side that's intended to be seen, that's when you can see the beauty created by the designer and artist who made that embroidery.

Our lives are a divine embroidery. All throughout our lives, all we see is the chaos and disorder of the back side. It's not without beauty, because the thread used is colorful and pretty, but there is no order and the crossing of all the threads seem senseless and chaotic. And that's all God allows us to see in this life, because He expects us to live by faith and to be faithful to Him in that faith. It's only when we leave this life and enter the next, assuming we've been judged worthy by Him because we died free of mortal sin, that we get to turn over the embroidery that has been our life and see how all the beauty of God's masterful work came together for our own good and the good of others. In other words, that's when you get to see all the good you did and how it helped others...even when you didn't know it.

In the movie *It's a Wonderful Life*, George Bailey was given a tremendous opportunity to see what his world would have been like had he never been born. Without George, life in his town would have become ugly. It's amazing the influence one man can have on those around him. We can't have that opportunity, but you can be sure that, if you live your life the way all good Catholics should, God is using you to embroider a beautiful work of art on the face of mankind...even if it's only a small one. More often than not, the small embroideries are the best ones. That's What We Believe...Why We Believe It.

Got questions, and you no doubt do? Get your answers from [JoeSixpackAnswers.com](http://JoeSixpackAnswers.com).

# Catholic Services Appeal 2017

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 amount assessed to St. Anthony Parish this year is **\$37,318**. 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](mailto: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 will also be accepted. If you wish to contribute this way, please do so with the online option.

Go to: <http://statemp.aodcsa.org> and select "St. Anthony Temperance" from the list. You may also access the CSA donation page from our website. Either way, you do not have to set up an on-going account; simply choose the "Quick Give" option.

**Please note: If you sign up to make payments on your pledge, the payment schedule will not begin until July 2017.**

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.

May God Be Blessed!

Father Brian Hurley  
Pastor, St. Anthony Parish

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of total Pledge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Amount paid today \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Balance due \$ \_\_\_\_\_. Please bill me quarterly \_\_\_\_\_ or monthly (9 monthly payments) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I would like to pay by credit card (or) \_\_\_\_ I would like to pay by automatic withdrawal payments.

-- Please make checks payable to: **St. Anthony – CSA**