



# St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church Temperance, Michigan

## 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"The Antonian"*  
August 20, 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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### † 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.*



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

*Envelopes will be in the pews this weekend; the second collection next weekend will be for Fr. Battu's Mission Appeal.*

 **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 20	Mike Holup Family	
August 27	Kirk Shade	
Sept. 3	Patrick Cousino Family	
Sept. 10	Michael Okragleski Family	

† 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 21, 2017**

No Mass

- St. Pius X (1914), P. (New)
- St. Jane Frances de Chantal (1641), W., R., C-F. of Visitation Order (Trad.)
- Our Lady of Knock (1879) (Hist.)

**Tuesday, August 22, 2017**

**8:30am Lee & Elizabeth Harris**  
(OF-LM) by Tom & Danna Szuba

**11:00am Mass @ Aspen Grove**  
(OF-LM)

**The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
(New)

Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (Trad.)  
Sts. Timothy, Hippolytus & Symphorian (3rd C.), Ms. (Trad.)

**Wednesday, August 23, 2017**

**8:30am †Edward Louis Holup**  
(OF-LM) by Jeanne Holup  
on Behalf of Edward's Grandchildren

St. Rose of Lima (1617), V. first canonized Saint of the Americas, Pt. of South America & gardeners (Trad.)

St. Philip Benizi (1285), Pt. R. (Trad.)

**Thursday, August 24, 2017**

**9:00am †Anna Sepesy** by Tim Sepesy  
(OF-LM) on Behalf of the Family

St. Bartholomew (72), Ap., M., Pt. of plasterers (New, Trad.)

**Friday, August 25, 2017**  
No Mass

- St. Louis IX of France (1270), King, Pt. of France & tertiaries (New, Trad.)
- St. Joseph Calasanctius (Calasanz) (1648), Pt., F. of Piarists (New)
- St. Patricia (665), V., Pt. of Naples (Hist.)

**Saturday, August 26, 2017**

St. Zephyrinus (217), P., M. (Trad.)  
Our Lady of Czestochowa, Pt. of Poland (Hist.)  
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**Sunday Vigil**

**5:00pm †Chester & Sophie Olszewski**  
(OF-MC) by Kevin & Laura Joly

**Sunday, August 27, 2017**

**21st Sunday in Ordinary Time** (New)  
12th Sunday after Pentecost (Trad.)

**9:00am The People of St. Anthony**  
(OF-MC)

**11:00am †Asiel & Elizabeth LaRoy**  
(OF-MC) by Gus & Mary LaRoy

- St. Monica (387), mother of St. Augustine, Pt. of mothers (New)
- St. Joseph Calasanctius (Calasanz) (1648), Pr., F. of Piarists (Trad.)
- Seven Joys of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Hist.)
- St. Caesarius of Arles (543), B. (Hist.)



**Readings for the Week**

**Monday, August 21:**  
Judges 2:11-19; Matthew 19:16-22

**Tuesday, August 22:**  
Judges 6:11-24a; Matthew 19:23-30

**Wednesday, August 23:**  
Judges 9:6-15; Matthew 20:1-16

**Thursday, August 24:**  
Revelation 21:9b-14; John 1:45-51

**Friday, August 25:**  
Ruth 1:1,3-6,14b-16,22; Matthew 22:34-40

**Saturday, August 26:**  
Ruth 2:1-3,8-11;4:13-17; Matthew 23:1-12

**Sunday, August 27:**  
Isaiah 22:19-23  
Romans 11:33-36  
Matthew 16:13-20



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



**Fill a Baby Heartbeat**  
OF TOLEDO  
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.

**This Week's Calendar**



- Monday, August 21, 2017  
No Mass
- Tuesday, August 22, 2017  
8:30am - Mass  
1:00pm - Helping Hands Luncheon
- Wednesday, August 23, 2017  
8:30am - Mass  
6:15-7pm- Perpet. Help & Prayers
- Thursday, August 24, 2017  
9:00am - Mass
- Friday, August 25, 2017  
No Mass
- Saturday, August 26, 2017  
3:30 - 4:30pm - Confessions  
5:00pm - Mass  
2nd Collection - Mission Appeal
- Sunday, August 27, 2017  
9:00am & 11:00am - Mass  
2nd Collection - Mission Appeal  
12:15pm - 50/50 Drawing - Narthex

*Prayer cards are available in our Adoration Chapel that can be used to offer an hour spent in Eucharistic Adoration for a special intention.*

*Cards are printed on regular card stock and are suitable to send to those you choose. The inside of the card reads, "A Gift of Prayer for You...A Holy Hour of Adoration has been made for your intentions".*

*What a beautiful gift: an hour spent before our Eucharistic Lord.*

*Check out the front page "Eucharistic Adoration" slider on our Website.*

*Did you know..... there is a book under the sign-in sheet outside the Chapel door that you are invited to write-in your prayer requests to be brought before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.*

**The Offertory Story**  
**August 13, 2017**

# Env. assigned: 289;	# Env. used: 109
Envelope total	\$ 4,101.00
Loose:	\$ 241.00
Children's Envelopes:	\$ 8.01
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,350.01</b>
<b>Weekly Budget amount..</b>	<b>\$ 5,250.00</b>
+Over/-Under Budget	\$ - 899.99
<b>Year To Date +-</b>	<b>\$ - 309.52</b>
<b>Other:</b>	
Candles	\$ 83.73
Holy Day	\$ 38.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 20.00
Religious Ed.	75.00
Rosary Makers	125.00
<b>Total for Other:</b>	<b>341.73</b>

## 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 Luncheon

Tuesday, August 22  
1:00pm in Padua Hall

Please call Michelle in the Parish Office by **Monday, August 21** 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.

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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.)

## Pray without ceasing

Copies of *The Word Among Us* for September are available in the Narthex. Please feel free to take one; free-will donations may be made in an envelope in the Sunday collection marked, *"The Word Among Us"*.

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

Clark Alcock  
Shelly Allred  
Helen Arends  
Maria Baer  
Jack Bobak  
Nancy Brancheau  
Tom Brannan  
Toni Breinger  
Jack Burns  
Don & Shirley Carter  
Katy Coburn  
Bonnie Cornprobst  
Elwood Cousino  
Lowell 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  
Lisa Krall  
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

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

### 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.



**ATTENTION: Lectors & Altar Servers:**  
Liturgical Assignments for September are now available in the Narthex and on our Website.



### Liturgical Assignments for August 26 & 27, 2017

Mass	Priest	Lector	Altar Servers
<b>Sunday Vigil Saturday, 5:00pm</b>	Fr. Brian	D. Strzelewicz	M., P. & P. Dillon
<b>Sunday, 9:00am Mass</b>	Fr. Brian	J. Hajdu	A. Vaughn
<b>Sunday, 11:00am Mass</b>	Fr. Brian	M. Lindsey	J. & T. Dollison

## Fr. Brian's Blarney Annual Mission Appeal

We welcome Fr. Kishore Battu, SAC from the Pallotine Missionary Congregation. There are two Pallotine Missionary groups in the Archdiocese of Detroit. The Irish Pallotine's are doing parish work in Wyandotte and the Indian Pallotine's are covering parishes on the western suburbs of Detroit. I am grateful for their work here in the Archdiocese and throughout the world. May God continue to bless their Apostolate.

### Extraordinary Form of the Mass

There were about 70 in attendance for the EF Mass on the Feast of the Assumption. It was a great turn out with a lot of positive responses after Mass.

A parishioner about my age came up afterwards and said that he finally realized that he missed out on the Church's Teaching and Tradition, including the study of Latin. He seemed visibly upset, which is understandable. He was grateful to be able to have the Mass in Latin offered now. I tried to acknowledge his feeling and lighten it with humor, but I should have said "Better late, than never."

I did mention that when in the seminary when we did evangelization in Detroit one of the Black Catholic Ladies told me that when she was in grade school, she couldn't wait to reach 8<sup>th</sup> grade, so that she could learn the Latin. Then the changes came and it wasn't offered. She was pretty disappointed and upset that she lost out on that chance.

I went through the same feelings of feeling betrayed or robbed when I found out that they were experimenting with First Confessions after First Holy Communion. I find myself shaking my head when I encounter something that was changed that shouldn't have been or some other experiment that was done.

I have had the older generations of priests, religious sisters, and laity get angry with me, because I am "turning back the clock" or some other nonsensical phrase that they use. What they don't understand is that many of us feel robbed or betrayed by their generation, because of the radical changes that were done under the guise of Ecumenism or modernism.

I am grateful to Deacon Trevor Fernandes for teaching me to offer the Extraordinary Form of the Mass. I am also grateful that Eric Hite is able to play the organ and sing the Latin for the Mass. It seems only to get better the more I offer it.

I am looking to begin training for boys and men to serve Holy Mass in September.

One of the newer men to the parish reminded me after the Feast that he would like to learn how to serve the Mass. He doesn't know Latin or how to serve it, but he is willing to learn. I will know more next week. It will be nice to have enough altar boys and men to serve the Mass in the Extraordinary Form on a regular basis, especially will incense, cross, and even an emcee.

### Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary

One of my classmates mentioned the daily recitation of the 3 Hail Mary's that he does. I had not heard about it before. Providentially, an article was written in honor of our Lady's Assumption. It is reprinted below.

### The beautiful devotion of the three Hail Mary's

<https://aleteia.org/2017/08/14/the-beautiful-devotion-of-the-three-hail-marys/>

Aleteia: August 14, 2017

Among the devotions to Our Lady, there is one that is very special: that of praying three Hail Mary's every day. But, where did this devotion come from?

Its origin dates back to the 13th century, and is connected to St. Mechtilde of Hackeborn, a German Benedictine nun, to whom Our Lady revealed a way of lifting up a prayer of thanksgiving to the Holy Trinity for the privileges granted to the Virgin Mary.

St. Mechtilde was born in 1241 into a noble family. One day, while thinking about her own death, she fervently begged the Mother of God to help her during the last moments of her life.

She heard Our Lady say to her:

*"Yes, I will; but I want you, on your part, to pray three Hail Marys to me each day. With the first, you will ask that, just as God the Father raised me up to a throne of glory without equal, making me the most powerful creature in heaven and on earth, so too I may assist you on earth to strengthen you and drive away from you every power of the enemy. With the second Hail Mary, you will ask that, just as the Son of God filled me with wisdom to such an extent that I have more knowledge of the Holy Trinity than all the Saints, so too may I help you during the last moments of your life, filling your soul with the light of faith and of true wisdom, so that the shadows of error and ignorance may not darken it. With the third, you will ask that, just as the Holy Spirit filled me with the*

*sweetness of His love, and has made me so loving that, after God, I am the sweetest and most merciful, so also may I help you at the hour of your death, filling your soul with such gentleness of divine love that all the sorrow and bitterness of your death may be changed for you into delight."*

This was not the only revelation to a saint regarding the devotion of the three Hail Marys.

Another religious, a contemporary of Mechtilde, St. Gertrude, known as "the Great," had a beautiful vision containing another revelation. This is how it happened: It was the vespers of the feast of the Annunciation, and when it was time to sing the Hail Mary, St. Gertrude suddenly saw something like three springs of water emerging from the Hearts of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, which then penetrated the Heart of the Blessed Virgin.

At that instant, she heard a voice which said, "After the Power of the Father, the Wisdom of the Son, and the Tender Mercy of the Holy Spirit, nothing compares to the Power, Wisdom, and Tender Mercy of Mary."

The Virgin Mary promised St. Mechtilde that whoever would pray three Hail Marys every day would receive her help during life and her special assistance at the moment of death; the Virgin Mary would appear to them with such brightness and beauty that the mere sight of her would bring consolation and the joys of heaven.

In addition to these two saints, other saints were special promoters of this devotion, such as St. Alphonsus Maria de' Liguori, who frequently recommended this beautiful practice; or St. John Bosco, who suggested it to young people. St. Pio of Pietrelcina also said that many would convert just by practicing this devotion.

How to pray the three Hail Mary's:

Mary, my Mother, free me from falling into mortal sin.

By the power granted you by the Eternal Father,

Hail Mary...

By the wisdom granted you by the Son,

Hail Mary...

By the love granted you by the Holy Spirit,

Hail Mary...

You conclude with a Glory be ... and the brief prayer,

*"Mary, by your Immaculate Conception, purify my body and sanctify my soul."*

(This prayer was granted an indulgence by Saint Pius X.)

**Beatification of Fr. Solanus Casey  
Saturday, November 18, 2017**

As stated in Fr. Brian's article a few weeks ago, St. Anthony Worship Commission is planning a pilgrimage to the Beatification ceremony. Right now, these are the details we have available:

- St. Anthony Church has ordered 75 tickets **for our parishioners** for the 4:00pm Beatification Mass that will be held at Ford Field in Detroit.
- We have chartered a bus; there will be 56 seats available on the bus. (St. Anthony Parishioners)
- While the tickets for the Mass are free, we will be charging \$20 per person to pay for the cost of the bus.
- The bus will be leaving St. Anthony at 1:30pm on Saturday, November 18. This will be an all day event. We plan to stop for dinner after the Mass. Depending on time at the restaurant, traffic, etc. we may not be arriving back until 11pm or even later.
- We also will have 19 additional tickets for those who choose to go on their own.
- There will be more details in bulletins to come, restaurant & menu, etc. but we wanted to let you know what the basic plans are.

***We will let you know when we begin to take names for the reservations as more details become available.***

O God of all the nations, the One God who is and was and always will be, in your providence you willed that your Church be united to the suffering of your Son.

Look with mercy on your servants who are persecuted for their faith in you.

Grant them perseverance and courage to be worthy imitators of Christ.

Bring your wisdom upon leaders of nations to work for peace among all peoples.

May your Spirit open conversion for those who contradict your will, that we may live in harmony.

Give us the grace to be united in truth and freedom, and to always seek your will in our lives.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us.*

*Prayer composed by  
Archbishop William E. Lori,  
Supreme Chaplain  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS*



A request has been made for prayers for one of the former teachers in our school, Sister Mary Paulina, SND. Sister Paulina has been through a very serious illness, and would greatly appreciate our prayers. If you would like to send cards to Sister Paulina, you may send them to this address:

Sister Mary Paulina Williams, SND  
412 Poplar St.  
Leipsic, OH 45856

**And just for fun, give this a try:**

*There are names of sixteen books of the Bible mentioned in the paragraph below. See how many you can find.*

I once made a remark about the hidden books of the Bible. It was a lulu: kept people looking so hard for facts...and for others it was a revelation. Some were in a jam, especially since the names of the books were not capitalized. But the truth finally struck home to numbers of our readers. To others it was a real job. We want it to be a most fascinating few moments for you. Yes, there will be some really easy ones to spot. Others may require judges to help them. I will quickly admit it usually takes a minister to find one of them, and there will be loud lamentations when it is found. A little lady says she brews a cup of tea so she can concentrate better. See how well you can compete. Rest assured, for there really are sixteen names of books of the Bible in this paragraph.

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*I'm curious to see how many attempt to find the 16 names. Feel free to contact me in the Parish Office with your results.*

- Michelle



**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

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.*

*Prayers for the return of a non-practicing Catholic also should be accompanied by sacrificial and private acts of fasting, and almsgiving in their name.*

**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.*



## **St. Joseph** **by Joe Sixpack**

The ninth article of the Creed states two things we believe in: first the Catholic Church and second the **communion of saints**. **It's sad to me that so many modern Catholics neglect the saints, who love us and want to help us.** The number of true stories showing the power of the intercession of the saints are innumerable, and **perhaps one of the most powerful saints is St. Joseph...the forgotten saint of the Gospels.** I'd like to tell you a couple of true stories about him.

A great musician of seventeenth century Austria was a man named Paul Merten. He and his teenage daughter, Josephine, suffered greatly because of a depression that was brought on by continued war with the Turks. Often the two would retire at night cold and hungry.

One day, feeling pity for her father's suffering, Josephine asked her the celebrated musician, "Father, will you let me go find work? Then I'll be able to help you. I'll ask my patron, St. Joseph, to help me find a job."

"Do you really believe the poor carpenter has such power in heaven as to get you a job in times as hard as these?"

With all the confidence in the world, Josephine replied, "I'll write him a letter, tie it to my dove's neck and let him deliver it to St. Joseph."

Amused by his daughter's confidence in St. Joseph, he watched as she sat at his desk and penned the letter. It read: "O dear St. Joseph, have pity on us in our great need. We have neither work nor anything to eat. Beg Jesus to help me find work, because my father is suffering from hunger. Your faithful child, Josephine Merten, daughter of the musician of Laimgrube."

Josephine folded the letter, tied it to the neck of her dove, then sent it on its way from the window.

The following day there was a knock at the door. The stranger there asked Paul Mertens if Josephine Mertens lived there. "Yes, sir, she does. I'm her father."

When the man was invited into the house, he explained his visit. "My name is Joseph Hirte. I'm a jeweler and live just a few blocks from here. I have a special devotion to St. Joseph, and this morning I received a message from him telling me to answer in his name the letter sent to him by your daughter. I'm inclined to believe that my patron, St. Joseph, would be pleased if I could be of some help, so I came to see you."

Surprised by this turn of events, Paul Merten explained the letter his daughter had written. He was even more surprised when Mr. Hirte offered Josephine a job in his store and Paul Merten to be his instructor in voice, since he sang in the cathedral choir. He even paid Paul in advance. Then Hirte explained how the dove had flown into his open window, where he took and read the letter. He was moved by Josephine's confidence in their mutual patron and decided to reward it at once. Some years later, Hirte took Josephine as his wife. In gratitude to her patron,

Josephine had a remarkably beautiful image of St. Joseph placed over the door of the house where she and her father had lived in poverty.

**This next story takes place in St. Louis, Missouri. During a bitter winter of the Great Depression in the '30s, a convent of nuns had run out of coal for their furnace. It was already below freezing outside, and the temperature threatened to plummet as a colder front moved in. They had no money for coal, and the coal man told Mother Superior he couldn't extend credit—that he'd extended more credit to people than he could really afford to do already.**

Mother Superior gathered the other Sisters and explained the situation. They together knelt before the statue of **St. Joseph and began praying. "Dear St. Joseph, we are without coal and heat, and it's getting colder by the minute. Some of our Sisters are already ill. We need your powerful help and intercession. You protected and provided for the Blessed Virgin Mary and Jesus without fail. We beg you now to provide for us."**

Within the hour there was a knock at the door. It was the coal man. He told Mother Superior a bearded stranger came to him and bought a truck load of coal, telling him to deliver it to the convent. While the coal man delivered the coal, Mother Superior and the Sisters returned to the statue of their great patron and joyfully offered prayers of thanksgiving.

So many are the documented miracles of St. Joseph that entire books have been written containing nothing but stories of his powerful intercession. Of course, countless miraculous events have occurred through the intercession of all the saints, and God continues to work miracles through their intercession today. Contrary to the cynical assertions of many Christians, this is still the age of miracles, no less today than ever, and the saints **are our most powerful allies when we need help. Even I have been the beneficiary of the saints' intercession a few times in my life, and you can experience their help too.**

Asking the saints for protection and help is really no different from asking a trusted friend or relative. The only difference between your friends or relatives and the saints is that the saints have been freed from their earthly **bodies and now live with God...and the saints have the added advantage of being perfected and praying their perfect prayers directly before the throne of the King of Heaven.**

My patrons and favorite saints are St. Lawrence, St. Bartholomew, St. John Bosco, St. Anthony, and a certain priest I knew who went to be with Jesus and Mary way back in 1992. I speak to them each and every day. When I **talk to them, it is one of the times when I don't use formulated prayers, but rather speak to them as if they are seated right next to me...which they are!**

The communion of saints also includes your guardian angel, whom I also converse with daily. Actually, I speak to my guardian angel frequently throughout the day. He never fails to help me when I need him. Indeed, none of the **saints fail me. They don't necessarily help me at the time when I think they should answer, but they always answer on time...in God's good timing.**

**When was the last time you spoke to your guardian angel or your patron or favorite saints? Don't ignore them.** They are as present to you as the person sitting next to you right now. They want nothing more than to be asked **for their help. Even when you don't need help solving a problem, you can still ask for their aid. Every day I ask my guardian angel to remind me of things I need to do in the overall plan God has for me each day. Being a typical ungrateful earth bound human, I often forget to thank God for some of the good things He does for me, so I've begun daily to ask my angel to remind me to thank Him. I also ask all my patron and favorite saints to help me with this work every day, and you can believe me when I tell you this work is much more than simply writing these articles for you. In fact, it's a full time job. So the intercession of the saints and my angel is absolutely necessary for Joe Sixpack to be there for you and your pastor who loves you so much that he has me writing these for you. That's What We Believe...Why We Believe It.**

Got questions? Go to [JoeSixpackAnswers.com](http://JoeSixpackAnswers.com) for answers.

# 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**