



St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church Temperance, Michigan

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The Antonian"

September 17, 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

Sandy Maenle.....734-847-7813

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.

Please Note - Schedule Change

Now in effect:

**FRIDAYS are
Fr. Brian's day off.**

- **Thursdays - 8:30am** Mass

- **Fridays - No Mass** (exception: 1st Fridays)

The Parish Office Hours will be
Monday - Thursday: 9am - 4:30pm;
Friday: 9am - 1pm



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

UPDATE

1:00pm - Bus Arrives at St. Anthony

1:30pm - Bus Leaves St. Anthony

4:00pm - Mass begins at Ford Field

\$20 for the bus

\$21 for the meal; (\$10 ages 5-12)

Cash or Checks accepted

Checks payable to:

St. Anthony Catholic Church

**Please call the Parish Office
for additional availability
of Bus/Dinner Reservations.**

- There will be no Confessions or Mass on Saturday, November 18 at St. Anthony
- There will be Mass at 5:30pm on Saturday, November 18 at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church.
- Attending the 4pm Beatification Mass fulfills the Sunday Obligation.
- There is a Plenary Indulgence for attending the Beatification Mass
- Anyone attending the Beatification Mass must have a ticket.

† 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, September 18, 2017

No Mass

St. Joseph of Cupertino (1663), Pr., R., Pt. of aviators & those who fly (Trad.)

Tuesday, September 19, 2017

8:30am Shirley Hiszak; and
(OF-LM) **† Roben Kraemer; and**
† Craig Baer

by Greg & Karen Baer

St. Januarius (Gennaro) (304), B., M., Pt. of Naples, & Comps. (New, Trad.)
Our Lady of La Salette (1846)

Wednesday, September 20, 2017

8:30am † Anna & Joseph Nyks
(OF-LM) by George & RoseMarie Komorowski

Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Pr., Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, Catechist, & Comps. (1839-1867), Korean Ms. (New)
St. Eustace & Comps. (118), Ms., St. Eustace Pt. against fire (temporal or eternal) & of those in difficult circumstances (Trad.)

Thursday, September 21, 2017

8:30am † Rose Long by JoAnn Long
(OF-LM)

St. Matthew (65), Ap., Evangelist, M., Pt. of bankers & accountants (New, Trad.)

Friday, September 22, 2017

No Mass

St. Thomas of Villanove (1555), B., R., Pt. of Valencia (Trad.)
St. Maurice & Companions (c. 285), Ms. (Trad.)

Saturday, September 23, 2017

St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) (1968), Pr., R., Stigmatist (New)
St. Linus (79), P., M. (Trad.)
St. Thecla (1st C.), V., M., invoked for the dying (Trad.)
St. Constantius the Sacristan (1st C.) (Hist.)

Sunday Vigil

5:00pm The People of St. Anthony
(OF-MC)

Sunday, September 24, 2017

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (New)
16th Sunday after Pentecost (Trad.)

9:00am † George & Carrie Komorowski
(OF-MC) by George & RoseMarie Komorowski

11:00am † Florence Kleindienst
(OF-MC) by Joe & Jamie Butz

Our Lady of Ransom (1218) (Trad.)
St. Pacific of San Severino (1707), Pr. (Hist.)

Traveling Vocation Chalice

- Sept. 17 Ron Oehlers
- Sept. 24 Oswald Family
- October 1 *Host Family Needed
- October 8 *Host Family Needed



Readings for the Week

Monday, September 18:

1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 7:1-10

Tuesday, September 19:

1 Timothy 3:1-13; Luke 7:11-17

Wednesday, September 20:

1 Timothy 3:14-16; Luke 7:31-35

Thursday, September 21:

Ephesians 4:1-7,11-13; Matthew 9:9-13

Friday, September 22:

1 Timothy 6:2c-12; Luke 8:1-3

Saturday, September 23:

1 Timothy 6:13-16; Luke 8:4-15

Sunday, September 24:

Isaiah 55:6-9
Philippians 1:20c-24,27a
Matthew 20:1-6a



St. Anthony Church will be hosting a **Blood Drive** on **Thursday, November 16, 12:30-6:30pm in Kenna Hall.**

We need volunteers to be the coordinators for the drive that day. Responsibilities include opening & closing Kenna Hall for the Red Cross before and at the end of the drive, and providing lunch for our volunteers. Other help is needed with unloading and loading the truck, helping with the cantina, and with donor check-in. Please call Michelle in the Parish Office if you are interested.



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 this weekend, **September 16 & 17.** 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 **NEXT** weekend, **September 23 & 24.**

For more information on Heartbeat call 419-241-9131 or visit www.heartbeatoftoledo.org.

This Week's Calendar



Monday, September 18, 2017

No Mass
9am - 3pm - St. Augustine HS Enrichment
5-6:15pm - RE Classes Grades 1-8

Tuesday, September 19, 2017

8:30am - Mass

Wednesday, September 20, 2017

8:30am - Mass

6:15-7pm - Perpetual Help & Prayers

Thursday, September 21, 2017

8:30am - Mass

9am - 3pm - St. Augustine HS Enrichment
7-9pm - Choir Practice

Friday, September 22, 2017

No Mass

Saturday, September 23, 2017

9:00am - Set-up for Rummage Sale
- Kenna Hall

3:30 - 4:30pm - Confessions

5:00pm - Mass

Baby-Bottle Drop Off - Narthex

Sunday, September 24, 2017

9:00am & 11:00am - Mass

12:15pm - 50/50 Raffle Drawing - Narthex
Baby-Bottle Drop Off - Narthex



Parish Office Hours

Parish Office:

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

Parish Business Office

Monday & Tuesday: 9am - 3pm

Religious Ed Office

Monday: 11:00am -5:00pm

The Offertory Story

September 10, 2017

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| # Env. assigned: 289; | # Env. used: 105 |
| Envelope total | \$ 4,803.01 |
| Loose: | \$ 212.50 |
| Children's Envelopes: | \$ 4.00 |
| Total | \$ 5,019.51 |
| Weekly Budget amount.. | \$ 5,250.00 |
| +Over/-Under Budget | \$ - 230.49 |
| Year To Date +- | \$ - 905.57 |

Other:

| | |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| Candles | \$ 87.25 |
| Church in Poland | \$ 195.00 |
| Kroger | \$ 302.60 |
| Mass Intentions | \$ 10.00 |
| Mission Appeal | \$ 60.00 |
| Religious Ed | \$ 205.00 |
| Total for Other: | \$ 859.85 |

Upcoming Events

- **Fall Rummage Sale** - Oct. 4 & 5
- **Bonfire/Pig Roast** - Oct. 21
- **Life-line Health Screening** - Nov. 9
- **Blood Drive** - Nov. 16

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



RUMMAGE

ST. ANTHONY KENNA HALL **SALE**

4635 ST. ANTHONY ROAD
TEMPERANCE, MI

WEDNESDAY, October 4 9am - 7pm
THURSDAY, October 5 9am - 6pm

Thursday is \$2.00 BAG DAY

We will begin set-up in Kenna Hall next Saturday, September 23 at 9:00am. We will need lots of help unloading the storage pods and setting up in order to be ready to take donations beginning Monday, September 25. This is currently our only FUND raiser for the Parish - it's a great opportunity to get involved and get to know fellow parishioners....and have a great time doing it! We work hard, but we have so much fun. All help is needed and greatly appreciated!!

-- Please note --

We've picked up a LOT during the summer from area estate sales.

We couldn't have done it without our great volunteers!

We have a **one more** pick-up scheduled for this week and they would really appreciate a couple **more** volunteers.

Please call Carol Fuelling 419-350-5900 ASAP if you are able to help.



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

Pray without ceasing

ATTENTION:

Lectors & Altar Servers:

Liturgical Assignments for October are now available in the Narthex and on our Website.

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

Clark Alcock
Shelly Allred
Helen Arends
Maria Baer
Sherry Bailey
Jack Bobak
John Bordine
Tom Brannan
Toni Breininger
Jack Burns
Bob Carey
Don & Shirley Carter
Katy Coburn
Bonnie Cornprobst
Elwood Cousino
Lowell Cousino
Amy Crumm
Phillip Curtis
Linda DeFalco
Denise Deitemeyer
Janie Delauter
Charlie Doyle
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
Carolyn Harper
Colson Hess
Phyllis Hinkelman
Michelle Hollinger
Richard Holmes II
Sharon Horkey
Beth Huner
JoAnn Huntwork
Bill Hurley
Rosemary Jacobs
Frances Jones
Marie Joseph
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
Pierce Morton
Rhonda Morton
Steve Murzynski
Patty Muskat
Karl Nagley
Nick Niemi
Bonnie Nolan
Nathan Nusbaum
Austin Oehlers
Frank Parker
Rachel Renn
Kaye Ritzenhaller
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
Debbie Wisniewski

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at **St. Anthony's Catholic Church Kenna Hall on November 9, 2017**. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete.

In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle or text the word circle to 797979

Liturgical Assignments for September 23 & 24, 2017



| Mass | Priest | Lector | Altar Servers |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|----------|---------------|
| Sunday Vigil Saturday, 5:00pm | Fr. Brian | J. Holup | J. & J. Jemaa |
| Sunday, 9:00am Mass | Fr. Brian | J. Hajdu | A. Vaughn |
| Sunday, 11:00am Mass | Fr. Brian | K. Shade | S. Updike |

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church Temperance, Michigan

Parish Census, Directory, Guide Book

Recently the Parish has switched to the Connect Now Database program at the request of the Archdiocese of Detroit. As a result we are asking all Parish members to fill out a new parish registry form to update/verify our records. A copy of the form is included in today's bulletin; please take the time to fill it out both front and back. When complete, please return the form to us as soon as possible, either to the Parish Office, in the Sunday Offertory, or through the mail. Completing this form in the next couple of weeks will help up to have the most accurate information for upcoming projects. These include:

Parish Census – Our last census was conducted in 2012. Every 5 years, we take count of our Parish families, update our records, and encourage all parishioners to use this opportunity to share their special talents for the good of everyone in our Parish. Maintaining reliable, accurate records is an essential part of knowing our parishioners and provides us with the information we need to develop and offer programs that meet your spiritual needs.

St. Anthony's 2017 Guide Book and Directory – Every parish household receives a copy of this annual handbook, which contains basic Parish information, including Parish contact information, Mass times, Guidelines for Sacraments, and brief descriptions of the many Parish events and programs available for involvement. We will need current information for our 2017/2018 edition in the next few weeks.

Parish Pictorial Directory – Every 5 years, our Parish has contracted to design and produce a Parish Pictorial Directory that gives all parishioners the opportunity for a free 8x10 color portrait of their family, as well as a bound book featuring the photos of their fellow parishioners and other areas of interest and information in the Parish. We hope to start the development process of this directory as well as forming a Directory Committee early in 2018.

Please call or email the Parish Office if you have any questions. Thank you for your help in updating our information.

CSA

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

As of September 6, we have received **98 pledges** totaling **\$23,455** leaving us with \$13,863 to go.



Letters are being mailed out to anyone who has not responded to the 2017 CSA Drive. Please prayerfully consider your level of participation, and **respond by Monday, September 25**, even if you will not be making a pledge or donation. We are required to make an accounting of all CSA cards.

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

Any questions, please contact Michelle in the Parish Office.



Help Needed - Playground Mulch

This week, we are expecting a load of mulch to be delivered for the playground behind the school. It's been a while since we've ordered new mulch and a new layer is necessary to maintain the safety of the children who use the playground during participation in the various Parish groups/functions. The mulch will be delivered, by semi load; we will need volunteers to spread it out. If you are willing to help with this, please call the Parish Office Monday, September 18. We won't know til the beginning of the week exactly what day to expect delivery. Please bring shovels and rakes; a couple of wheelbarrows will be helpful as well. Thank you!

Padre Pio Movie Day... The Padre Pio Prayer Group at Christ the King (4100 Harvest Lane, Toledo) invites you to a special presentation of *"Steps to Sainthood – Solanus Casey Guild"* on Tuesday, September 26, 2017, 1:00-3:00 and 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Parish Center Meeting Room. In addition to the DVD presentation, hear guest speaker Brother Richard Merling, O.F.M., Cap. speak on the *"Beatification of Fr. Solanus Casey, O.F.M., Cap."* Group leader Magdalena Skiles will speak on *"Sharing Memories and Photos of Fr. Solanus Casey, O.F.M., Conv.; Visit the Solanus Casey Center."* There is no charge, however a free-will offering will be accepted for the Home for the Relief of the Suffering, St. Padre Pio's favorite charity hospital.

For more information or to RSVP, call Magdalena Skiles at 419-356-4208 or e-mail her at magdalena@magdalenaskiles.com.

Second Collection for Disaster Relief

A series of violent late summer storms, hurricane-force winds, accompanied by tropical storm rains, flooding and surges, have wrought significant destruction and displacement on the Gulf Coast of Texas and Louisiana, in the Eastern Caribbean and Puerto Rico, and from Florida to the Carolinas.

At the request of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Archbishop Vigneron has asked the faithful of the Archdiocese of Detroit to give generously at a special collection at weekend Masses on **September 16 and 17** to support relief efforts. Funds given through this collection will support Catholic Charities USA as they reach out to provide humanitarian aid in the form of water, food, shelter, and medical care, as well as to their long-term efforts to restore communities after widespread destruction, and of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops for pastoral and reconstruction aid to the Church.

Donations can be made by cash or check. If contributing by check, please make your check payable to your parish, with "Hurricane Relief" noted in the memo line. Your donation will make a difference to those suffering in the aftermath of Harvey and Irma.

*God is our refuge and our strength, an ever-present help in distress.
Thus we do not fear, though earth be shaken
and mountains quake to the depths of the sea,
Though its waters rage and foam and mountains totter at its surging.*

Psalm 46:2-4

Our Lady of Mount Carmel - Fall Rummage Sale
OLMC Gymnasium Thursday & Friday, September 21 & 22
9 AM to 6 PM both days. Friday is Bag Day!



The Great Promise **by Joe Sixpack**

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque was born in 1647 in France. It is Margaret Mary who was responsible for spreading devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. From a very early age, Margaret Mary wanted nothing more than to give her life to the service of God, so she entered the convent of the Visitation Sisters. This is where her love for the Blessed Sacrament became so strong she could only tear herself away from the Divine Presence with the greatest difficulty. She used to tell Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament that she wanted to be consumed with love for Him the way a candle is consumed by fire.

Once while she was deep in prayer before the tabernacle, Our Lord appeared to Margaret Mary. He showed Himself to her in all His glory with His five wounds shining like five brilliant suns, and His Sacred Heart like a furnace of fire. He told her how much He loves all mankind and how He is hurt by the ingratitude they show Him by forgetting Him. Jesus appeared to Margaret Mary two more times in 1675. On the last occasion He said, *“Behold this heart that has loved men so much that It has spared nothing to testify to them Its love; and in return I receive from most of them only ingratitude by their irreverences and their sacrileges and by the coldness and contempt they have for Me in the Sacrament of Love.”*

One of the devotions Our Lord taught to St. Margaret Mary was the Holy Hour of Reparation. Jesus in His agony in the garden went over to His apostles, Peter, James and John, to seek a little consolation from them, but He **found them asleep. He said to them, “What? Could you not watch one hour with me? Watch and pray that you enter not into temptation.”** In memory of this, Jesus asked St. Margaret Mary to honor his most Sacred Heart by rising every Thursday night at eleven o’clock and prostrating herself for an hour before Him in the Blessed Sacrament. During that hour she was to beg God’s mercy for poor sinners and try to sweeten the bitter pain He felt when His apostles slept during His agony in the Garden of Olives.

Among the ten promises Our Lord made to St. Margaret Mary is one called the Great Promise: *“I promise you in the excessive mercy of My Heart that My all-powerful love will grant to all those who go to Holy Communion on the first Friday in nine consecutive months, the grace of final penitence: they shall not die in my disfavor nor without receiving their sacraments; My Divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment.”*

If we were to compare the seventeenth century to today, I seriously doubt anyone would attempt to make an argument that we are more devout in the practice of our faith today than Catholics were then. The world has intentionally walked into an abyss of moral muck and slime, especially over the last seventy years, that will lead far more of us into the eternal pains of hell than into heaven to be with Jesus. Yet notice what Jesus said about **the people of Margaret Mary’s time. He said He receives “from most of them only ingratitude by their irreverences and their sacrileges and by the coldness and contempt they have for Me in the Sacrament of Love.”** I recall the thought I gave to these words the first time I read them. I actually had a shiver down my spine and a queasiness in the pit of my stomach.

Back in St. Margaret Mary's day, confession lines were long every week, because unlike twenty-first century people they had a sense of sin. If the people of Margaret Mary's day were more fervent and devout than we are today, and Jesus complained of all the ingratitude, irreverences, sacrileges and contempt for Him in the Eucharist, then how we must disgust Him today!

Pope Pius XII told us that modern people have lost their sense of sin, something he saw behind the evils of the Second World War, and things have only grown worse since then. Pius XII was absolutely right about our loss of a sense of sin. We no longer live in the United States of America, but rather the United States of the Offended, and we no longer preach from the books of the Bible, but rather from the Book of Political Correctness.

If Jesus was offended 400 years ago by ingratitude, how does He view us today? He complained of the irreverences and sacrileges and coldness and contempt we have for Him in the Most Holy Eucharist. Friends, any honest person who knows and understands that Jesus is really and truly present in the Eucharist must acknowledge that we are the most ungrateful, irreverent, sacrilegious and contemptuous generation of Catholics in the history of the Church.

We make excuses and justifications for our sins, then go to Communion anyway. While at church we talk to one another before Mass, distracting the few others who are trying to prepare worthily for Mass, showing our irreverence for Him. We show Him our irreverence and ingratitude by attending Mass dressed with an immodesty that gravely violates the Sixth Commandment. We show Him our contempt and commit sacrileges by receiving Him in Communion while steeped in mortal sin. Many people show their ingratitude, irreverence, coldness, and contempt for Jesus by receiving Communion then immediately walking out of Mass to go home. Friends, if that applies to you, when you leave Sunday or the Vigil Mass after Communion, you not only fail to meet your Sunday Mass obligation (which is a mortal sin), but you commit the additional mortal sin of sacrilege! Mass is not over until the final blessing.

Wake up, friends! Jesus warned us to pay attention to the times and events around us while He was still on earth. Look around you. Anyone who denies the existence of a growing persecution against Christians in the world—even here in America—is living with his head in the sand. In less developed nations of the world, they have been killing us—more Catholics than anyone—for several decades. About the time our enemies began making martyrs of us in other countries is when the persecution of Christians began in our own. **Do you really think the time won't come when they begin killing us here? If you believe it won't come to martyrdom for us here, I pity you in your blindness.**

Through St. Margaret Mary, Jesus gave us a dire warning, but He also gave us a remedy to what is coming. However, in order to take advantage of the remedy He has given, there are certain things we must do first. **We must commit ourselves to learning, understanding and living our Catholic faith. Don't tell me you know the faith** because you went to Catholic school or have been a Catholic all your life. **If those were valid arguments you couldn't have gotten this far in these articles without realizing you have been ignorant of the faith all your life. I know from the things I hear and the response I get on JoeSixpackAnswers.com that you have been learning things you never previously knew...and all I've written about thus far is only the most basic tenets of the faith—**things Catholic fourth graders learned sixty years ago.

We also need to re-examine the way we live, form a right conscience, have recourse to frequent confession, and commit ourselves to devout prayer and living life for Jesus Christ rather than the distractions offered by the world, the flesh and the devil. The only way we can survive what is coming is to get serious about our holy and **ancient faith. And if I'm wrong about the persecution growing worse and worse, the very least you will have done by taking this advice is assure yourself a heavenly reward and become much happier in this life. That's What We Believe...Why We Believe It.**

Got questions? Go to 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) 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

CSA - 2017

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**