Rejoice Heavenly Powers! Sing, Choirs of Angels!
Exult, all creation around God’s throne!
Jesus Christ our King is Risen!
Sound the Trumpet of Salvation!

St. Anthony Catholic Church
Temperance, Michigan
Easter Sunday, April 5, 2015
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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday……………………....5:00pm
Sunday………………………….9:00am & 11:00am
Holy Days Check bulletin & Website

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday…………………………..3:30-4:30pm
First Wednesday…………………6:30-7:30pm
Second Thursday……………….6:00-6:30pm

Devotions

First Friday………………………7:00pm Mass
First Saturday (Latin Rite)…….8:00am Mass
O. L. of Perpetual Help - Wednesday …6:15pm

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Sandy Maenle………………….734-847-7813

Prayer Chain

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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.

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**Easter Blessings to All!**

Many people come to St. Anthony Catholic Church to worship during the Easter Season.

We are blessed to celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord with the familiar faces of those who join us throughout the year:

**We thank you for your generous donations!**

Maybe you're a first-timer visiting the St. Anthony Church:

“Hello and Welcome”.

We hope you come again to join in our worship and if you're interested in joining our Parish community, we'd be happy to make you part of our family.

Maybe you've been away for a while and have chosen this time to return to our midst - To you we offer a sincere, “Welcome Home!”

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**Right to Life of Michigan 37th Annual Fundraising Dinner**

**Thursday, April 16, 2015; 6pm Social Hour; 7pm Dinner served**

Laurel Manor, Banquet & Conference Center, Livonia, MI

Guest Speaker: Pam Stenzel

St. Anthony Parish and St. Anthony Knights of Columbus are each sponsoring a table; please call the Parish Office if you'd like a seat reserved.

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**Our monthly Food Collection**

is the second Sunday of each month. Please bring non-perishable food or personal care items next weekend for the less fortunate.

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**Traveling Vocation Chalice**

April 5 The Tester Family
April 12 Paul Bazydlo
April 19 **Host Family Needed**
April 26 **Host Family Needed**

Please note….. All Parish Offices will be closed for Easter until Friday, April 10.

*Have a Blessed Easter!!*

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**This Week’s Calendar**

**Monday, April 6, 2015**

No Mass
No Religious Ed; No RCIA
Offices Closed

**Tuesday, April 7, 2015**

No Mass
Offices Closed

**Wednesday, April 8, 2015**

No Mass
Offices Closed

6:15-7pm - Perpetual Help Prayer Team
7pm - Helping Hands Dinner & Business Meeting - Padua Hall

**Thursday, April 9, 2015**

No Mass
7-9pm - Choir Practice

**Friday, April 10, 2015**

No Mass
Offices re-open

**Saturday, April 11, 2015**

9am - 12pm - Breakfast set-up - Kenna Hall
11am - 12pm - Youth Choir Practice
3:30-4:30pm - Confessions
5:00pm - Mass
Prayer Blankets - Narthex
7pm - Card Night - Padua Hall

**Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12, 2015**

9am & 11am - Mass
Prayer Blankets - Narthex
Food Collection
8:30-11:30am - K of C Breakfast Buffet - Kenna Hall
1-3pm - Prayer Ministry Team - Church
1:24pm - Confessions
3:00pm - Mass; Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Litany, Benediction
8:30-11pm - Adult Open Gym - Kenna Hall

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**Mark Your Calendars……..**

- Card Night - April 11
- K of C Breakfast - April 12
- Blood Drive - April 18
- Spring Rummage Sale - April 29 & 30

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**This Week’s Mass Schedule**

April 6 - 10, 2015

Please note: There will be no weekday morning Masses offered at St. Anthony this week. You are invited to attend Mass at one of our neighboring Parishes:

- **Our Lady of Mt. Carmel**
  - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday: 9:00am
  - St. Joseph, Erie
  - Tuesday: 6:00pm

- **St. Joseph, Erie**
  - Tuesday: 6:00pm
  - Wednesday & Thursday: 8:00am
  - Friday: 8:30am
† MASS SCHEDULE †
Monday within the Octave of Easter,
April 6, 2015
No Mass
Acts 2:14, 22-23
Matthew 28:15
Tuesday within the Octave of Easter,
April 7, 2015
No Mass
Acts 2:36-41
John 20:11-18
Wednesday within the Octave of Easter,
April 8, 2015
No Mass
Acts 3:1-10
Thursday within the Octave of Easter,
April 9, 2015
No Mass
Acts 3:11-26
Luke 24:35-48
Friday in the Octave of Easter,
April 10, 2015
No Mass
Acts 4:1-12
John 21:1-14
Saturday in the Octave of Easter,
April 11, 2015
Acts 4:13-21
Mark 16:9-15

Sunday Vigil
5:00pm † Nancy Strzelewicz
(5th Anniversary of Death)
by Uncle Ed Malik

Divine Mercy Sunday,
April 12, 2015
9:00am † Jerry Long by Earl & Janice Iott
11:00am Leo Adoline and
† Eileen Adoline
(70th Wedding Anniversary)
by Melanie MacAdams & Dick MacAdams
3:00pm The People of St. Anthony
Acts 4:32-35
1 John 5:1-6
John 20:19-31

St. Anthony Catholic Church, Temperance

The Novena of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy began on Good Friday. Please feel free to come to the Chapel each day this week at 3pm if you would like to continue the Novena there. The Novena concludes on Saturday, April 11.

Next week, April 12 is Divine Mercy Sunday. St. Anthony Prayer Ministers will be available in the church from 1-3pm to pray over anyone who would like to be prayed over. Fr. Brian will be available for confessions during that time as well.

At 3:00pm will be the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, singing of the Chaplet, Litany of Divine Mercy and Benediction. All are invited to attend.

Jesus, I Trust in You!

Mass with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and
Prayer for April
will be Tuesday, April 14 @ 7:00pm.
Please call the Parish Office 854-1143 to register to be anointed.
All are welcome to attend the Mass.
The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered before Mass, 6-6:50pm.

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

Liturgical Assignments for Divine Mercy - April 11 & 12, 2015

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* C. Oswald
K. Shade

Let us Pray for:

Maxine Adams
Dr. Norman Arends
Helen Arends
Maria Baer
Adriana Balford
Mary Ann Bailey
Amber (Piggin) Beham
Patricia Bennice
Janet Braden
Lynette Braden
Rose Braden & Family
Toni Breininger
Margaret Brent
James Brown
Theresa Buckholtz
John Daniel Bundy
Sara Bupp
Georgette Burkey
Stephanie Callahan
Fred Cassidy
George Chapman
Todd Clancy
Jim Cobak
John Connolly
Caleb Comprobst
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Jerry Driscoll
Rose Dunlap
Jeff Dusseau
John Facklemann
Albert Failer
Jackie Failer
Whitney Fields
Donald Porter
James Fuellings
Paul Gabor
Shirley Gabor
Ginger Gibbons
Jennifer Gibson
Phil Gil
Phyllis Głowacki
Sheila Greisinger
Raymond Groesbeck
Steve Haman
Gerald Hansen
Paul Herman
David Hess
Andrea Hill
Dave Hill
Daniel Holup
JoAnn Huntwork
JoAnn Hupter
Bernice Iott
Bryan Jones
Marie Joseph
Dianne Kepela
Michael Katalasiew
Charlotte Kehoe
Ginger Kosmider
Michael Kosmider, Sr.
Lisa Kral
Chase Kukiela
Kenneth Krohn
Marilyn Laboe
Wayne Langscheid
Al LaRee
Tom Learned
Anthony Lehman
Robert Lehman
Frank Lewandowski
Gary Lowen
Sandy Maenle
Evelyn Maisen
Rachel Maisto
Laurie Malociszewski
Debbie Marietta
Jack Marietta
Shawn Michael
Kathy & Mark
Shirley Martin
Tricia Leigh McDonald
Lisa Miller
Richard Moran
Lucille Moran
Mother Cecilia
Steve Murzynski
Martha Ockels
Frank Parker
Cindy Perich
Bernard Perry
June Peters
Tammy Piotrowski
Veronica Rakebrand
Richard Rising
Kay Ritzenthaler
Julia Roberts
Mitch Schorka
Carl Schover
Jean Schroeder
Connor Schulte
Julie Scout
Karen Seguin
Dennis Selengowski
Wanda Selengowski
Anna Sepesy
Linda Simpson
Eugene Smith
MaryLou Stevens
Leonard Stovell
Ken Tibai
Jackie Tomaszewski
Javan Ulmer
Charlie Vergel
Dorothy Walker
Brandie Weber
Johnna Westrick
Vicki White
Lois Whittaker
Gloria Wilkins
Richard Wiseman
Mark Wisniewski
Norbert Wnukowski
Alvina Wohlgamuth
Bill Wright
David Yunker
Linda Zielger
Card Night
Saturday, April 11, 2015
7:00pm in Padua Hall
(Doors open at 6:30; games begin at 7pm)
Come to enjoy the evening with games of Euchre, refreshments, and most important, fellowship. Bring your own beverages and a snack to pass.

Symbolon - Part 2
Living the Faith
The second half of the Symbolon Series will begin on April 15 from 7:30-9:00pm in the Magdalene House. If you have any questions, please call Tom Szuba or the Parish Office.

Prayers
† Our Bulletin Prayer List is a beautiful way to include our loved ones in the prayers offered by St. Anthony Parishioners. To have a name included, please contact the Parish Office by phone: 734-854-1143; or by email: st anthony@bex.net. To keep our list current, please let us know when a name can be removed as well.
We will be updating our list in the next few weeks. Please call the Parish Office 734-854-1143 if there is a name you would like to remain on the list.

Life in the Spirit
Thursday, April 9, 2015
7:00pm
St. Joseph Church, Erie
All are encouraged to attend a special Life in the Spirit event this Thursday, April 9th at 7:00 p.m. in St. Joseph Parish dining hall. Father David Cybulski will be sharing his personal testimony, and describing how we are all being called to have a deeper relationship with God through the workings of the Holy Spirit. You won’t want to miss this inspirational event!

Diaper Drive
St. Anthony Religious Ed Classes Grades 7 & 8 would like to invite all parishioners to participate in a “Diaper Drive” to benefit Heartbeat of Monroe. The 2 classes will be field-tripping to Heartbeat of Monroe on Tuesday, April 14 and hope to take with them a great supply of diapers, (ALWAYS in great demand at Heartbeat!).
The students will be exercising the cardinal virtue of Charity/Love with this effort, and at the same time, honor the dignity of human life, especially the most vulnerable.
Please bring any donations of diapers (all sizes are needed) to the Narthex by the end of the day April 12.

ST. CATHERINE of Siena:
A Saint, a Mystic, and a Doctor of the Church
“Oh, eternal God, receive the sacrifice of my life in this mystical Body of the holy Church.
I have nothing to give but what You gave me. Pluck out my heart, therefore, and press it to the face of this Spouse..."

St. Catherine sure seems to have been a special person, but who was she, and just what made her so special that the Church not only canonized her but also made her a Doctor of the Church? We will be offering a very interesting study on St. Catherine of Siena. We don’t want you to miss out on this opportunity and would like to schedule this study so that as many people as possible are able to attend. Please call the office at 734-854-1143 and let us know your date and time preferences.

Support Annunciation Radio!
Listen to 89.7 FM on Tuesday, April 21 at 5:00 pm when Father Brian Hurley will be on the air during the Spring Sharathon.
You are encouraged to call the station at 1-877-275-8098 with your pledge.
Annunciation Radio is entirely listener-supported, and relies on your generosity to stay on the air.

Our Rummage Sale
will be held
Wednesday, April 29 & Thursday, April 30
in Kenna Hall. We will begin to accept donations on Monday, April 20. With the weather warming up, now’s a great time for spring cleaning. Bring us what you no longer need (clean, gently used items, of course) and support our sale. More details to come.

Monastery of the Visitation
(1745 Parkside Blvd. Toledo)
Holy Hour
The Holy Hour for April (Easter Sunday) will be cancelled.
The next Holy Hour will be May 3rd. Evening Prayer (Vespers), The Rosary, Homily and Benediction.

The Offertory Story
March 29, 2015
# Envelopes assigned: 321
# Envelopes used: 140
Envelope total: $ 5,860.50
Loose: $ 313.90
Children’s Envelopes: $ 24.25
Total $ 6,198.66
Weekly Budget amount: $ 5,000.00
+Over/-Under Budget $ 1,198.66
Year To Date +/- $ 5,530.97
Other:
Candles $ 94.98
CD Rack $ 48.00
Christian Mothers $ 3.00
Donations (In Memory of) $ 200.00
Easter Flowers $ 26.00
Easter Food $ 90.00
Initial Offering $ 5.00
Lamb Dinner $ 25.00
Masses $ 40.00
Total for Other: $ 611.92

The date for our Spring Blood Drive has been set for Saturday, April 18, 2015 from 10am until 3pm.
Chairpersons: Karen & Greg Baer
Please call the Parish Office if you are willing to help load or unload the Red Cross equipment that day, or if you would like more information.
To schedule an appointment, please call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: STANTHONY.
Happy Easter!

Blessing to you and your families and friends this Easter. May the Joy of the Risen Christ always be with you and may the knowledge of His resurrection give you great hope to live your vocations fruitfully.

Anniversaries

I cannot believe that it is the 10th anniversary of the passing of St. John Paul the Great. I remember it being the eve of Divine Mercy Sunday. Msgr. Kucyk had the bells of the parish church rung to announce the death of our great pope. It was a sad day to see the pope die, but in some ways it was a relief after all of the suffering he endured at the end of his days.

We were all wondering since it was the First Saturday of April, would John Paul pass this day or would it be another day. I had commented on the timing of his passing saying something to the effect that “it was also a great joy to know that he got a “3-for” or a “spiritual hat-trick” on his dying.” Whoever heard me say that was puzzled. I explained that I was amazed at the timing, for He died within the Octave of Easter, on the First Saturday, and the vigil of Divine Mercy Sunday. The first is obvious – John Paul II died within the Octave of Easter and the beauty of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus tied directly to the longing for the Resurrection of JPII.

The second was that he passed on the Vigil of Divine Mercy Sunday. Since John Paul II was considered the Pope of Divine Mercy promoting the devotion to the Divine Mercy and rescuing St. Faustina and promulgating her diary, it was only fitting that JPII pass on Divine Mercy Sunday. The irony of the timing of his death is that he changed the Liturgical Calendar and made each Mass of the Sunday of the Octave of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday, so since it was after the Vigil Mass, it was technically Divine Mercy Sunday.

The third was that he passed on a First Saturday. Even though we celebrated the Vigil Mass for Divine Mercy Sunday, it was still Saturday evening. Liturgically, it was Sunday. Canonically, it was still Saturday, so he was still afforded the promises of the First Saturday Devotions. Legend had it that Blessed Mother would take you straight to heaven on the closest First Saturday to your death. That is not quite true, but she promised her protection. I list below the history, expectations and promises for the Five First Saturdays to clarify what the devotion is, so that it dispels some of the legends surrounding our Catholic Devotions. The information found below about the First Saturdays is from the book The Whole Truth about Fatima by Frere Michel de la Sainte Trinite Vol. 11, pp. 245 - 277.

History and Background

On December 10, 1925, the Most Holy Virgin appeared to Sister Lucia Santos (then a postulant of the Institute of the Dorothean Sisters at Pontevedra, Spain) and by Her side, elevated on a luminous cloud, was the Child Jesus. The Most Holy Virgin rested Her hand on her shoulder and as She did so, She showed Her Heart encircled by thorns, which She was holding in her other hand.

At the same time, the Child said: Have compassion on the Heart of your Most Holy Mother, covered with thorns, with which ungrateful men pierce it at every moment and there is none to make an act of reparation to remove them. Then the Most Holy Virgin said: Look, my daughter, at My Heart, surrounded with thorns with which ungrateful men pierce Me at every moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. You at least try to console Me and announce in My name that I promise to assist, at the moment of death, with all the graces necessary for salvation, all those who:

(1) on the first Saturday of five consecutive months,
(2) shall confess,
(3) receive Holy Communion,
(4) recite five decades of the Rosary and
(5) keep Me company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary,
(6) with the intention of making reparation to Me.

Expectations and Requirements

1. Why Five First Saturdays

Our Lord Himself gave the answer to Sister Lucy: “My daughter, the reason is simple. There are five types of offenses and blasphemies committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary:

1. Blasphemies against the Immaculate Conception;
2. Blasphemies against Her Virginity;
3. Blasphemies against Her Divine Maternity, in refusing at the same time to recognize Her as the Mother of men;
4. The blasphemies of those who publicly seek to sow in the hearts of children, indifference or scorn or even hatred of this Immaculate Mother;
5. The offenses of those who outrage Her directly in Her holy images. Here, my daughter, is the reason why the Immaculate Heart of Mary inspired Me to ask for this little act of reparation . . .” (May 29, 1930)
2. Confession
Sister Lucy asked Our Blessed Lord: My Jesus! Many souls find it difficult to confess on Saturday. Will Thou allow a confession within eight days to be valid? He replied:

Yes. It can even be made later on, provided that the souls are in the state of grace when they receive Me on the First Saturday and that they had the intention of making reparation to the Sacred Heart of Mary. - My Jesus!
And those who forget to form this intention?
They can form it at the next confession, taking advantage of their first opportunity to go to confession. (February 15, 1927)

In brief, therefore (a) the confession should be made as close as possible to the First Saturday; (b) we must be sorry for our sins, not only because we have offended God but also with the intention of making reparation to the Sacred Heart of Mary.

3. Holy Communion
Father Goncalves, Lucy's confessor, asked her in a letter of May 29, 1930 if one cannot fulfill all the conditions on a Saturday, can it be done on Sunday? People in the country, for example, will not be able very often because they live quite far away. Our Lord gave the answer to Sister Lucy during the night of May 29 - 30:
The practice of this devotion will be equally acceptable on the Sunday following the First Saturday when My Priests, for a just cause, allow it to souls.

Let us note that it is to His Priests and not to the individual conscience, that Jesus gives the responsibility of granting this additional concession.

4. The Holy Rosary
Since it is a question of repairing for offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary, what other vocal prayer could be more pleasing to Her than that which She requested the people to recite every day? See Holy Rosary.

5. 15 Minutes of Meditation
This is in addition to the recitation of the Rosary. It requires, in Lucy's own words, to keep Our Lady company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary. It is not required to meditate on all fifteen mysteries. To meditate on one or two is sufficient.

6. The Intention of Making Reparation
You, at least, try to console Me. Without this general intention, without this will of love which desires to make reparation to Our Lady, to console Her, all these external practices are worth nothing for the Promise. This is clear.

Promises
1. Salvation of our own soul
To all those who, on the First Saturday of five consecutive months ... fulfill all the conditions requested, I promise to assist them at the hour of death with all the graces necessary for the salvation of their soul. This little devotion practiced with a good heart, is then enough to procure infallibly for us - ex opere operato so to speak - as with the sacraments - the grace of final perseverance, of eternal salvation! And this promise is without any exclusion, limitation, restriction. To all who ..... I promise. Heaven for eternity for five Holy Communions!

2. Salvation of sinners
So numerous are the souls which the justice of God condemns for sins committed against Me that I come to ask for reparation. Sacrifice yourself for this intention and pray. (Our Lady to Sister Lucy at Tuy, June 13, 1929.) In consideration of this little devotion, They (Jesus and Mary) wish to give the grace of pardon to souls who have had the misfortune of offending the Immaculate Heart of Mary, wrote Sister Lucy in a letter of May, 1930.

3. Peace in the world
Whether the world has war or peace depends on the practice of this devotion, along with the consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This is why I desire its propagation so ardently, especially because this is also the will of our dear Mother in Heaven. Sister Lucy, March 19, 1939.

Anniversary of the Crucifixion of Our Lord Jesus Christ
“APRIL 3, AD 33: WHY WE BELIEVE WE CAN KNOW THE EXACT DATE JESUS DIED”
by Andreas J. Köstenberger and Justin Taylor
http://www.firstthings.com/web-exclusives/2014/04/april-3-ad-33

In our new book, The Final Days of Jesus: The Most Important Week of the Most Important Person Who Ever Lived, we assume but do not argue for a precise date of Jesus’s crucifixion. Virtually all scholars believe, for various reasons, that Jesus was crucified in the spring of either a.d. 30 or a.d. 33, with the majority opting for the former. (The evidence from
astronomy narrows the possibilities to a.d. 27, 30, 33, or 34). However, we want to set forth our case for the date of Friday, April 3, a.d. 33 as the exact day that Christ died for our sins.

To be clear, the Bible does not explicitly specify the precise date of Jesus’s crucifixion and it is not an essential salvation truth. But that does not make it unknowable or unimportant. Because Christianity is a historical religion and the events of Christ’s life did take place in human history alongside other known events, it is helpful to locate Jesus’s death—as precisely as the available evidence allows—within the larger context of human history.

Among the Gospel writers, no one makes this point more strongly than Luke, the Gentile physician turned historian and inspired chronicler of early Christianity.

The Year John the Baptist’s Ministry Began

Luke implies that John the Baptist began his public ministry shortly before Jesus did, and he gives us a historical reference point for when the Baptist’s ministry began: “In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar . . .” (Luke 3:1).

We know from Roman historians that Tiberius succeeded Augustus as emperor and was confirmed by the Roman Senate on August 19, a.d. 14. He ruled until a.d. 37. “The fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar” sounds like a straightforward date, but there are some ambiguities, beginning with when one starts the calculation. Most likely, Tiberius’s reign was counted either from the day he took office in a.d. 14 or from January 1 of the following year, a.d. 15. The earliest possible date at which Tiberius’s “fifteenth year” began is August 19, a.d. 28, and the latest possible date at which his “fifteenth year” ended is December 31, a.d. 29. So John the Baptist’s ministry began anywhere from mid-a.d. 28 until sometime in a.d. 29.

The Year Jesus’s Ministry Began

If Jesus, as the Gospels seem to indicate, began his ministry not long after John, then based on the calculations above, the earliest date for Jesus’s baptism would be in late a.d. 28 at the very earliest. However, it is more probable to place it sometime in the first half of the year a.d. 29, because a few months probably elapsed between the beginning of John’s ministry and that of Jesus (and the year a.d. 30 is the latest possible date). So Jesus’s ministry must have begun between the end of a.d. 28 at the earliest and a.d. 30 at the latest.

This coheres with Luke’s mention that “Jesus, when he began his ministry, was about thirty years of age” (Luke 3:23). If he was born in 6 or 5 b.c., as is most likely, Jesus would have been approximately thirty-two to thirty-four years old in late a.d. 28 until a.d. 30, which falls well within the range of him being “about thirty years of age.”

The Length of Jesus’s Ministry

Now we need to know how long Jesus’s public ministry lasted, because if it went on for two or more years, this would seem to rule out spring of a.d. 30 as a possible date for the crucifixion.

John’s Gospel mentions that Jesus attended at least three Passovers (possibly four), which took place once a year in the spring:

- There was a Passover in Jerusalem at the start of his public ministry (John 2:13, 23).
- There was a Passover in Galilee midway through his public ministry (John 6:4).
- There was a final Passover in Jerusalem at the end of his public ministry, that is, the time of his crucifixion (John 11:55; 12:1).

And Jesus may have attended one more Passover not recorded in John but perhaps in one or several of the Synoptic Gospels (i.e., Matthew, Mark, and Luke).

Even if there were only three Passovers, this would still make a date of a.d. 30 all but impossible for the date of the crucifixion. As noted above, the earliest likely date for the beginning of Jesus’s ministry from Luke 3:1 is late a.d. 28. So the first of these Passovers (at the beginning of Jesus’ ministry; John 2:13) would fall on Nisan 15 in a.d. 29 (because Nisan is in March/April, near the beginning of a year). The second would fall in a.d. 30 at the earliest, and the third would fall in 31 at the earliest. This means that if Jesus’s ministry coincided with at least three Passovers, and if the first Passover was in a.d. 29, he could not have been crucified in a.d. 30.

But if John the Baptist began his ministry in a.d. 29, then Jesus probably began his ministry in late a.d. 29 or early a.d. 30. Then the Passovers in John would occur on the following dates:

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<td>either the unnamed feast in John 5:1 or else a Passover that John does not mention (but that may be implied in the Synoptics)</td>
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<td>John 11:55, the Passover at which Jesus was crucified.</td>
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Jesus Was Crucified on the Day of Preparation for the Passover

John also mentions that Jesus was crucified on “the day of Preparation” (John 19:31), that is, the Friday before the Sabbath of Passover week (Mark 15:42). The night before, on Thursday evening, Jesus ate a Passover meal with the Twelve (Mark 14:12), his “Last Supper.”

In the Pharisaic-rabbinic calendar commonly used in Jesus’s day, Passover always falls on the fifteenth day of Nisan (Exodus 12:6), which begins Thursday after sundown and ends Friday at sundown. In the year a.d. 33, the most likely year of Jesus’s crucifixion, Nisan 15 fell on April 3, yielding April 3, a.d. 33, as the most likely date for the crucifixion. In The Final Days of Jesus, we therefore constructed the following chart to show the dates for Jesus’s final week in a.d. 33:

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<th>April 2 Nisan 14</th>
<th>Thursday (Wednesday nightfall to Thursday nightfall)</th>
<th>Day of Passover Preparation</th>
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<td>April 3 Nisan 15</td>
<td>Friday (Thursday nightfall to Friday nightfall)</td>
<td>Passover; Feast of Unleavened Bread begins</td>
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<td>April 4 Nisan 16</td>
<td>Saturday (Friday nightfall to Saturday nightfall)</td>
<td>Sabbath</td>
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<td>April 5 Nisan 17</td>
<td>Sunday (Saturday nightfall to Sunday nightfall)</td>
<td>First day of the week</td>
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Conclusion
The above calculations may appear complicated, but in a nutshell the argument runs like this:

**HISTORICAL INFORMATION**

Beginning of Tiberius’s reign

_Fifteenth year of Tiberius’s reign:_ Beginning of John the Baptist’s ministry

_A few months later:_ Beginning of Jesus’s ministry

_Minimum three-year duration of Jesus’ ministry:_ Most likely date of Jesus’s crucifixion

While this is in our judgment the most likely scenario, it should be acknowledged that many believe Jesus was crucified in the year a.d. 30, not 33. However, if the beginning of Tiberius’s reign is placed in the year a.d. 14, it is virtually impossible to accommodate fifteen years of Tiberius’s reign and three years of Jesus’ ministry between a.d. 14 and 30. For this reason, some have postulated a co-regency (joint rule) of Tiberius and Augustus during the last few years of Augustus’s reign. However, there is no reliable ancient historical evidence for such co-regency.

We conclude that Jesus was most likely crucified on April 3, a.d. 33. While other dates are possible, believers can take great assurance from the fact that the most important historical events in Jesus’s life, such as the crucifixion, are firmly anchored in human history. As we celebrate Easter, and as we walk with Jesus every day of the year, we can therefore be confident that our faith is based not only on subjective personal assurance but on reliable historical data, which makes ours an eminently reasonable faith.

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After World War II, Austria was divided between four countries: America, France, the United Kingdom, and Russia. At the time, Russia was still communist. The section of Austria controlled by the communists was the richest, and included the city of Vienna. The Viennese were subject to all the atrocities and tyrannies of communism. However, in 1946, Fr. Petrus Pavlicek, after making a pilgrimage to Mariazell, the principle Marian shrine in Austria, was told by an interior voice: “Do as I say and there will be peace.”

To obey this inspiration of Our Lady, Father Pavlicek founded the Holy Rosary Crusade of Reparation in 1947. This Crusade consisted of the Viennese faithful coming out of their homes in order to participate in a public Rosary procession in the streets of the city. The intentions of the Rosary were for the end of communism in their country and in the world. At first, the processions were minuscule, but in time they grew to staggering proportions. In 1955, after eight years spreading the word about the Crusade throughout Austria, the Rosary processions would reach sizes of half a million people, about 1/10 of the Austrian population. Finally, through the help of Our Lady, the Soviet forces pulled out of Austria in October of 1955, leaving the country for good.

Even to this day military strategists and historians are baffled. Why did the Communists pull out? Austria is a strategically located country, a door to the West, rich in mineral deposits and oil reserves? In other words, Our Lady’s Rosary did what the Hungarian Freedom Fighters could not do.

A writer and diplomat of the 19th century, named John Cortes wrote: “Those who pray do more for the world than those who fight. If the world is going from bad to worse, it is because there are more battles than prayers!” One more witness to the power of the Rosary for an entire nation is that of Brazil. The stage was all set in 1961 to take over Brazil just like Cuba. A woman named Dona Amelia Bastos heard of the threat of Communism for their country and decided that the women of the country will pray the rosary while the men “try to figure out politically” what to do to keep Brazil from falling into the hands of Communism. She formed CAMDE (Campaign of Women for Democracy). In Belo Horizonte, 20,000 women reciting the rosary aloud broke up the leftist meeting there. In Sao Paulo, 600,000 women praying the rosary in one of the most moving demonstrations in Brazilian history, sounded the death knell of the Communist revolution. Brazil was then kept from Communism at that time.

These women with rosaries in their hands or around their necks, issued a 1300 word proclamation: *This nation which God has given us, immense and marvelous as it is, is in extreme danger. We have allowed men of limitless ambition, without Christian faith or scruples, to bring our people misery, destroying our economy, disturbing our social peace, to create hate and despair. They have infiltrated our nation, our government, our armed forces and even our churches... Mother of God preserve us from the fate and suffering of the martyred women of Cuba, Poland, Hungary and other enslaved nations!*

May we in America wake up and find time to pray our rosaries in private, in the family, at Holy Hours, and in processions. Our Lady of Fatima did not say that the US would not see the errors of Russia – we are seeing them now! It is not too late – may we pray the above prayer as well as the Rosary for peace!

Our Lady of the Rosary pray for us!
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 Campus Ministry, Telecommunications, Hospital and Prison Chaplaincies, Central Service Offices, which provide direct assistance to individual parishes, and the Marriage Tribunal. Since the CSA provides for 62% of the operating budget of the Archdiocese, each parish is assessed or taxed a specific amount we are asked to meet. Our assessment is based upon many factors, including parish registration, Sunday collections, and the financial status of the area within our parish boundaries. Our Goal/Assessment for this year has been set for $39,349.00

Normally the CSA begins after Easter, but a number of pastors at our consultative meeting with the Archdiocese of Detroit brought up the desire to begin the appeal earlier. The Finance Council thought moving up the appeal to Lent was a good idea, so we would like to begin our collection for 2015 in Lent. Please consider making your pledge and/or contribution to CSA for 2015 part of your Lenten observance for sacrifice.

For your convenience, the pledge form is attached to 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 (st anthony@bex.net) or by stopping by the Parish Office during regular business hours.

The pledge may be made in several ways: paid in full with the returned pledge form; a down payment with the returned 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. For credit card and automatic withdrawal, please indicate on the proper line below, so that a form may be sent to your house.

Please note: If you sign up to make payments on your pledge, the payment schedule will not begin until July 2015.

If you are unable to make a pledge this year, please return the form indicating an amount of Zero, so that we may report this information to the Archdiocese of Detroit. We are required to make an accounting of all CSA cards for our Parish, which is then submitted to the CSA Office.

I am grateful for your continued stewardship and prayers.

May God Be Blessed!

Father Brian Hurley
Pastor, St. Anthony Parish

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