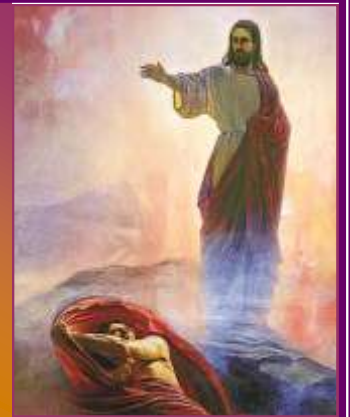


St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church Temperance, Michigan

1st Sunday of Lent

"The Antonian"

February 18, 2018



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Saturday (Sunday Vigil): 5:00pm (OF-MC)
Sunday: 9:00am & 11:00am (OF-MC); 12:30pm (EF-LM)
Holy Days: Check Bulletin & Website

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday: 3:30-4:30pm;
Thursday: 6:00 - 6:30pm

Devotions

First Friday: 9:00am & 7:00pm Mass (OF-LM)
First Saturday: 9:00am Mass (EF-MC)
O. L. of Perpetual Help & Prayer - Wednesday @ 6:15pm

Prayer Blankets

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Prayer Chain

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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.

Lenten Schedule for the Week



Stations of the Cross
Friday, February 23
7:00pm

With Exposition and Benediction



LITTLE SISTERS of the POOR

Next weekend, St. Anthony Church welcomes the Little Sisters of the Poor for their annual appeal.

The mission of the Little Sisters of the Poor is... "To share their lives with the needy elderly, offering them a home where they may find rest and refreshment as they journey towards eternal life in the Father's house."

Please be generous to the Little Sisters of the Poor next weekend. The cost for caring for the Elderly in a manner respectful of their dignity far exceeds the income received from the Residents; pensions, Social Security, Medicaid and other government funding. To cover the constant deficit, they rely on your generosity.

If you miss the collection, you may mail your donation directly to:

The Little Sisters of the Poor,
Sacred Heart Home,
930 S. Wynn Rd.,
Oregon, OH 43616-3599

**Parish Offices will be closed
Monday, February 19
for the National Holiday.**

Traveling Vocation Chalice

February 18 Homero Ortiz
February 25 Hajdu Family
March 4 **Host Family Needed
March 11 **Host Family Needed



† MASS SCHEDULE †

Key to Abbreviations:

- EF - Extra-ordinary Form (Trad. Latin Mass)
- OF - Ordinary Form (New Rite; Novus Ordo)
- LM - Low Mass; MC - Missa Cantata (Sung)

Monday, February 19, 2018

No Mass

St. Conrad of Piacenza (1351), Hermit, invoked for cure of hernias (*Hist.*)
 St. Gabinus (296), Pr., M., brother of Pope St. Caius, father of St. Susanna; ordained in old age (*Hist.*)

Tuesday, February 20, 2018

No Mass

St. Francisco Marto (1919) & Jacinta Marto (1920), seers of Fatima (*New/some places*)
 St. Eucherius (743), B. (*Hist.*)
 St. Amata (Amy) (1250), R., niece of St. Clare of Assisi (*Hist.*)

Wednesday, February 21, 2018

No Mass

St. Peter Damian (1072), B., D. (*New*)

Thursday, February 22, 2018

No Masses

Feast of the Chair of St. Peter at Antioch (*New, Trad.*)

Friday, February 23, 2018

No Mass

St. Polycarp (166), B., M., invoked against earaches (*New*)
 St. Peter Damian (1072), B., D. (*Trad.*)

Saturday, February 24, 2018

St. Matthias (1st. C.), Ap., M., replaced Judas (*Trad.*)

Sunday Vigil

5:00pm Julia Ventura

(OF-MC) by Ed & Mary Peterson

Sunday, February 25, 2018

2nd Sunday of Lent (New; Trad.)

9:00am † Paul Koch

(OF-MC) by Cathy & Kevin Oswald

11:00am † Shirley Keller

(OF-MC) by Vic & Sharon Stevens

12:30pm The People of St. Anthony

(EF-LM)

St. Tarasius (806), B. (*Hist.*)

St. Walburga (779), Ab. (*Hist.*)

St. Ethelbert (616), the first Christian English King (*Hist.*)

Readings for the Week

Monday, February 19:

Leviticus 19:1-2,11-18; Matthew 25:31-46

Tuesday, February 20:

Isaiah 55:10-11; Matthew 6:7-15

Ash Wednesday, February 21:

Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 11:29-32

Thursday, February 22:

1 Peter 5:1-4; Matthew 16:13-19

Friday, February 23:

Ezekiel 18:21-28; Matthew 5:20-26

Saturday, February 24:

Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Matthew 5:43-48

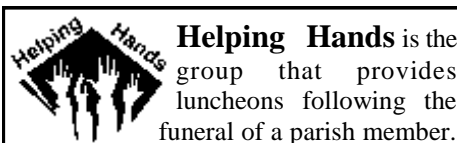
Sunday, February 25:

Genesis 22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18

Romans 8:31b-34

Mark 9:2-10

Pray without ceasing



Helping Hands is the group that provides luncheons following the funeral of a parish member.

The last few weeks have seen an unusual number of luncheons needed within several days. Thanks to the dedication, willingness and hard work of a couple of our Helping Hands leaders, and those who came to help them, all the luncheons were handled with grace and efficiency.

We have a great list of people willing to help out with the luncheons (*both men and women*); however, we are in need of a few more people willing to be in charge. Full directions are given to the leaders, including amounts, recipes, etc. for various sizes of luncheons.

Please consider volunteering for this very special ministry, especially as a leader. We welcome any calls or questions to the Parish Office if you need more information before you make a commitment.

*Think about it;
 pray about it;
 call us.*



This Week's Calendar

Monday, February 19, 2018

No Mass

Offices Closed; No Religious Ed.

9am - 3pm - St. Augustine Home School

Enrichment Program

Tuesday, February 20, 2018

No Mass

Wednesday, February 21, 2018

No Mass

3:30 - 7:30pm - St. Anthony Helping

with God Works @ OLMC

6:15 - 7pm- Perpetual Help & Prayers

Thursday, February 22, 2018

No Masses

9am - 3pm - St. Augustine Home School

Enrichment Program

No Confessions

7-9pm - Choir

Friday, February 23, 2018

No Mass

† 7:00pm - Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 24, 2018

3:30-4:30pm - Confessions

5:00pm - Mass

Little Sisters of the Poor

Sunday, February 25, 2018

9:00am & 11:00am - Mass

12:30pm - Mass

Little Sisters of the Poor

Coffee & Donuts - Narthex

1:30pm - 50/50 Drawing - Narthex



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

- ☆ AB Aaron Ford, USAF
- ☆ Kenneth Lee Ziegler, Jr., Army

Contribution Statements for 2017

will be sent upon request for tax purposes. Please contact Michelle in the Parish Office.

The Offertory Story

February 11, 2018

# Env. assigned: 289;	# Env. used: 94
Envelope total	\$ 3,956.25
Loose:	\$ 394.00
Children's Envelopes:	\$ 14.76
Total	\$ 4,365.01
Weekly Budget amount..	\$ 5,250.00
+Over/-Under Budget	\$ - 884.99
Year To Date +-	\$ +3,842.28

Other:

Candles	\$ 58.00
Church in Europe	\$ 70.00
Donation	\$ 100.00
Initial Offering	\$ 10.00
Masses	\$ 20.00
Total for Other:	\$ 258.00

Please note...

There will be **no** Masses offered at St. Anthony **Monday through Friday** this week. Our neighboring Parishes' schedules are:

- Our Lady of Mt. Carmel -
 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
 Friday & Saturday: **9:00am**

- St. Joseph Erie -
 Tuesday: **6:00pm;**
 Wednesday & Thursday: **8:00am;**
 Friday: **8:30am**

Upcoming Events

- **Prelude to St. Patrick's Day** - Feb. 17
- **Little Sisters of the Poor** - Feb. 24 & 25
- **Lamb Dinner** - March 10
- **Blood Drive** - March 24

5th Annual Lamb Dinner

Saturday, March 10, 2018

6:30pm in Padua Hall

We will be offering foods typical of a Passover meal, as well as other foods that would have been available and served at the time of Jesus. The menu will include Lentil Soup, assorted appetizer trays with olives, goat cheese, etc., tossed salad, roasted lamb, side dishes, breads, relishes and fruit.

If you have a favorite Lentil recipe that you would like to prepare and share, please let us know.

Wine will be offered, non-alcoholic beverages will be available as well.

There is no cost for the meal; Reservations are required; please call the Parish Office by Monday, March 5 to

**Saint Joseph Catholic Church
17th Annual Lenten Fish Fry**

4:30-7:30 p.m. every Friday
from February 16 through March 30.
2238 Manhattan Street,
Erie, Mi. 48133

All you can eat perch and tilapia, with popcorn shrimp, cheesy potatoes, French fries, green beans, coleslaw, applesauce, roll, dessert, and beverage. Meatless spaghetti is available. Dine in or carry out. New this year is a dedicated "Carry Out Line". Adults \$13, seniors \$11, kids 12 & under \$6.

For more info, call (734) 848-6125 or visit <http://www.stjosepherie.com/>

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



The Sacrament of the Anointing



of the **Sick** is offered Thursday evenings at 6:30pm. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to be anointed.

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

Shelly Allred
Maria Baer
Sherry Bailey
John Bordine
Fred Borowski
Tom Brannan
Toni Breininger
Jack Burns
Marie Burtscher
Brendan Campbell
Bob Carey
Cheryl
Bonnie Cornprobt
Elwood Cousino
Lowell Cousino
Amy Crumm
Phillip Curtis
Linda DeFalco
Janie Delauter
Frank Dobberstein
Larry Dusseau
Cynthia Dvorsky
Scott Ferguson
John Fowler
Ron Frier
Jim Fuelling
Marcia Gilson
Ben Gotha
Mary Graham
Sheila Greisinger
Dan Grycza
Debbie Grycza

Justin Gyra
Steve Haman
Carolyn Harper
Colson Hess
Barbara Hite
Michelle Hollinger
Richard Holmes II
Sharon Horkey
Beth Huner
JoAnn Huntwork
Bill Hurley
Mary Iott
Rosemary Jacobs
Frances Jones
Marie Joseph
Betsy Jurrus
Judy Katafiasz
Michael Katafiasz
Hannah Kaufman
Jim Kulwicki
Martin LaVoy
Audrey Lawrence
Jim Lemble
Brenda & Ron Liwo
Dick MacAdams
Bob McNear
Sandy Maenle
Edward Malik
Sandy Mitchell
Rhonda Morton
Steve Murzynski
Patty Muskat

Karl Nagley
Bonnie Nolan
Nathan Nusbaum
Tim O'Brien
Tyler & Jen Oehlers
Austin Oehlers
Frank Parker
Angelique Quiren
Veronica Rakebrand
Rachel Renn
Kaye Ritzenthaler
Carol Romero
Sam, Courtney & Ava
Adrian Sandelin
Steve Smith
Kimberly Spight
Ann Sommers
Mazie Sue Springer
Audrey Tavares
Tom Townsend
Carole VanBrandt
Virginia VanKirk
Aaron Vyse
Pat Webber
Judy Wertemberger
Richard Wheeler
Vicki White
Rebecca Williams
Debbie Wisniewski
Peter Williams
Kathy Young
Judy Zimmerman

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.

ATTENTION: Lectors & Altar Servers

Liturgical Assignments for March are now available in the Narthex and on our website.

Liturgical Assignments for February 24 & 25, 2018



Mass	Priest	Lector	Altar Servers
Saturday, 5:00pm Mass	Fr. Rohen	N. Holup	J. & J. Jemaa
Sunday, 9:00am Mass	Fr. Brian	J. Hajdu	A. Vaughn
Sunday, 11:00am Mass	Fr. Brian	M. Lindsey	J. Clark; S. Holup
Sunday, 12:30pm Mass (EF-LM)	Fr. Brian	--	J. Hajdu

**Fr. Brian's Blarney
Ash Wednesday**

Right before morning Mass, Sergeant Randy Sehl sent me a Facebook Message asking if he could receive ashes before going into work. After a few messages back and forth, he realized that I probably had morning Mass and asked when it started. I replied "in 30 seconds" and chuckled, because I was vesting and saying my vesting prayers as I was replying to him. He asked if he could be there in 15 minutes to get ashes. I thought 10+ minutes would be about the time of the Mass that I would be blessing the ashes.

I didn't see Sgt. Sehl before I began the blessing. At some point I heard the back door open and close (yes, I hear almost everything at Mass even though it may not appear that I do). Sure enough, as I looked up to begin the imposition of ashes, Randy was in the last pew fully uniformed kneeling down. Before I began to impose ashes on the congregation, I motioned him to the front, which I think caught him by surprise.

As this big hulking officer came up and knelt down before me to receive his ashes, a profound feeling came over me. After he thanked me, I let him know that we were praying for him. (I asked the congregation to pray for all of our Military, Law Enforcement, First Responders, Medical Professionals, and for those that work in nursing homes and hospice.) He appeared grateful for those prayers as he got up and snuck back out to head to work.

I couldn't help but feel a profound humility and gratitude for my vocation to be able to impose ashes and pray for those who

protect me/us, as well as, a profound sadness for all those we have lost while on duty, especially Detective Dressel on the eve of Ash Wednesday, 10 years ago, the Westerville Police Officers that were gunned down on Saturday, the Detroit Police Officer that was murdered a month ago, the three Detroit Police Officers injured earlier this week in a 14-hour standoff, and the loss of a Detroit Police Officer in a training exercise on Tuesday morning.

After wiping off the blessed ashes (to be burned later) in the sacristy, I briefly explained to the congregation what happened, because many looked surprised. I was overcome with emotion and was fighting back the tears as I thanked them for their prayers for Sgt. Sehl and for the rest I mentioned above. It is not often we get to see Law Enforcement in such a humble and moving way, so I wanted to point that out, as well.

Throughout the rest of Mass, I was left with that profound feeling. I recalled visiting my friend, Lt. Col. Mark Bennet, at Ft. Drum New York before he was to be sent to the Middle East somewhere a number of years ago while on vacation with some friends in Canada. As I said goodbye and blessed him, I had the worst feeling that this may be the last time I saw him (It wasn't Thanks be to God!). I drove off in silence and tears as we headed home to Michigan. Mark didn't think much of it, since it was his job and duty when we would talk later. But, I can only imagine the worry of his wife and the spouses and children of those who serve in the Military, Law Enforcement, and as First Responders.

I thought of our own who serve, retired Toledo Police Officer Joleen Krohn and Constable Dan Briskey and a few other parishioners that work for Homeland Security/Border Patrol. I thanked God for them and prayed for them as I continued on with Holy Mass. It was hard to get through the rest of Mass, but it was all the more profound. Please continue to entrust them to St. Michael the Archangel.

Little Sisters of the Poor

We will be hosting the Little Sisters of the Poor next weekend (February 17th & 18th). They will be making their annual appeal. It is a blessing to have them here in person to see a great witness of Religious Life and service to the elderly poor.

On their website they are looking for volunteers. This would be a great way to help the sisters and those they serve. From their website: "Volunteers help to provide our Residents with the extra attention that makes all the difference in their lives. They also provide invaluable support in many areas of our homes, both in direct contact with the elderly and through indirect services in various departments. Although they render much service, through their contact with the elderly volunteers receive much more than they give. If you would like to enrich your own life, and the lives of the needy elderly as a volunteer, contact the home nearest you. Individuals, families and groups are welcome."

Schedule of Services for Lent & Easter - 2018

Ash Wednesday

February 14, 2018

Masses 8:30am(OF-MC) & 7:00pm(OF-MC)
(Ashes distributed after Homily)
Soup Supper 5:00 - 6:00pm – Kenna Hall

Stations of the Cross

Fridays of Lent

February 16 3:30pm (Led by the Troops of St. George)
February 23 7:00pm (Followed by Exposition & Benediction)
March 2 7:00pm (Followed by Mass
with Exposition and Benediction)
March 9 7:00pm (Mary's Way of the Cross)
March 16 3:30pm (Led by the Troops of St. George)
March 23 7:00pm (Followed by Exposition & Benediction)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays: 3:30 – 4:30pm
Thursdays: 6:00 - 6:30pm (Feb. 15 & 22; March 1, 8, 22)
Tuesday, March 20
11:00am - 12:00pm (2 priests available)
7:00pm - 8:00pm (2 priests available)

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday, March 25

Masses: Saturday: 5:00pm (OF-MC) (Sunday Vigil)
Sunday: 9:00am (OF-MC) & 11:00am (OF-MC);
12:30pm (Extra-ordinary Form, Latin)

Holy Thursday, March 29

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:00pm (OF-MC)
Following Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church
until Noon on Friday; sign-up sheets will be on the Chapel door.

Good Friday, March 30

12Noon - 3:00pm: Stations of the Cross; Rosary; Divine Mercy Novena,
Sacred Music, Mid-day Prayer
3:00-4:30pm: Liturgy of the Lord's Passion with veneration of the cross
& reception of Holy Communion

Holy Saturday, March 31

(No Confessions Today)

Church Decorating 9:00am
Blessing of Food 12:00pm
Easter Vigil Mass 9:00pm (OF-MC)

Easter Sunday, April 1

Masses: 9:00am (OF-MC) & 11:00am(OF-MC);
12:30pm (Extra-Ordinary Form, Latin)

Lenten Regulations on Fast & Abstinence

Abstinence from meat is observed on **Ash Wednesday**, **Good Friday**, and all the **Fridays of Lent** by all Catholics 14 years and older. Abstinence forbids the use of meat, but not of eggs, milk products, or condiments made of animal fat. Permissible are soups flavored with meat, meat gravy, and sauces.

Fasting is observed on **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday** by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those bound by this rule may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted as necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. Ordinary liquids are allowed.



The Crash by Joe Sixpack

One day, about half a lifetime ago, my five year old son was “helping” me perform regular maintenance on the fishing boat motor in the garage. He was handing daddy tools and asking tons of questions, as five year old boys do. Preparing to put in new spark plugs, I took the old ones out of the motor and dropped them into a pan on the floor. He asked, “Daddy, what are those things?”

“They’re spark plugs.”

“What do they do?”

How on earth do you explain the workings of an internal combustion engine to a five year old? So for the sake of simplicity, I replied, **“They make the motor go.”** He picked up one of the old spark plugs and stood looking at it for a while, deep in thought. Then he suddenly said, **“Thanks, Dad. See you later!”** And off he went, anxious to embark on some new adventure with a used spark plug in his hand. I had no idea what he had in mind, but I was certain I’d find out soon enough.

Later, as I washed my hands at the kitchen sink, I looked out the window into the back yard to see a funny but potentially disastrous event unfolding. My son had taken a very large box out of the basement and managed to somehow put wings on its sides and a propeller on its front— **something I’d assumed was a labor that had taken him days to make. But now he had his “airplane” on top of the slide on the boys’ swing set. Using a contortionist’s agility, he somehow managed to get into the “airplane” and sit down. Then he took the spark plug and pushed it into a hole he’d made in the box. Finally, my son began to rock the box to make it go down the slide. But rather than go forward down the slide, the box tumbled over sideways—my son and his homemade airplane fell to the ground, ending the inaugural flight with a crash.**

I darted for the back door to get to my son as quickly as I could, fearful that he had badly hurt himself. By the time I got outside, my son was standing next to his crashed airplane and crying.

Recognizing he wasn’t hurt, I walked more slowly to check on him, because I could tell his tears were the kind shed from anger and frustration rather than pain. As I walked up behind him, my son kicked his homemade airplane. Coming up behind him without him realizing it, he was startled when I asked, “What’s the matter, Son?”

“I couldn’t get my airplane to fly!”

“Well, what made you think you could make it fly in the first place?”

Picking up the old spark plug, he said, **“You said this makes the boat go, so I thought it would make my airplane fly just a little bit.”**

Suppressing my laughter, I then tried to explain in the best five-year-old language I could muster just how the spark plug works and why it couldn’t make his plane fly. Then, with a look

of stubborn determination, he said, “I’m gonna make this plane fly, Dad. You just watch and see!”

I both admired and respected my son’s dogged determination and willingness to be undaunted by failure. All my sons’ lives have been marked by this sort of determination, learning from their failures rather than letting those failures immobilize them.

We all face failure in life, and some of us pick ourselves up and keep right on plugging ahead in an attempt to **achieve our goals. Unfortunately, most of us give up in the face of failure. We tell ourselves we’re not capable of** achieving that particular thing. When we give up, we not only sell ourselves short but we also sell God short.

An old maxim, one I adopted as a very young man, says: Whatever the mind of man can conceive and believe he can achieve. God gave you your mind, a mind capable of conceiving great things. If you believe you can do a **thing, then you can...with God’s help. To give up is to say to yourself that you are somehow inferior, as well as to tell God that He made you so. Therefore, it’s our responsibility to do whatever it takes to achieve what we believe.** In no place is this more true and important than our holy and ancient faith. Do we believe in God? Most certainly we do. If we believe in God, then we must also by extension believe in what He tells us to do and how to live.

When you bring a child into the world, you start that child off in life by teaching him the difference between right and wrong, and what to do to perform and live as you expect him to. He faces difficulties in learning these things, and you sometimes have to help him believe what you are teaching him with discipline and hard learned lessons. Then, as he grows into adolescence, on the precipice of adulthood, you help him to perfect his forming maturity so he can become the adult he should be.

God treats us the same way. After all, we are His children. He begins by telling us not to sin. Do we believe God when He tells us not to sin? Well, yes and no. We believe in the consequences He has laid out for us if we sin, but **we tend to think He’s expecting the impossible from us. But avoiding sin isn’t impossible. Indeed, it’s very possible!** We know this because He gives us a clear picture of how we are to become as we reach spiritual adolescence on the precipice of spiritual adulthood by telling us we *must* become saints (Matthew 5:48).

Just as your child can’t make it into a productive adulthood without your help, neither can you obey God in avoiding sin and becoming a saint without His help. He doesn’t set the bar too high —after all, He created us and knows *exactly* what we are capable of accomplishing. *We* set the bar too low. My son was determined to make his **airplane fly, and he proved it by risking injury to make it happen...then informed me with that same spirit of determination that he would indeed eventually fly that plane.**

Likewise, you must commit yourself to taking God at His word and believing you can avoid sin. It takes a lifetime to do this, because spiritual adulthood is only achieved at death. So commit yourself to avoiding sin, both mortal and venial. Learn to have a horror of sin, because failure means being forever doomed to remaining a spiritually **recalcitrant child. Work hard at becoming a saint, believing the bar God has set for you isn’t too high. When you fail, stand up and keep moving forward. Tell God you’re sorry for failure (especially in the confessional), then resolve to do better the next time. Remember that you can’t do this alone**—it requires help from Abba, which is to say Daddy. You *can* avoid sin. You *can* become a saint. We know this because God said so, and this is What We Believe...Why We Believe It.

Go to JoeSixpackAnswers.com to learn more.