

The Nativity of the Lord

“The Antonian” December 25, 2024



*For a CHILD IS BORN to us, and a son is given to us,
and the government is upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called,
Wonderful, Counsellor, God the Mighty, the Father of the world to come,
the Prince of Peace. - Isaiah 9:6*



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Saturday (Sunday Vigil): 4:30pm: OL Mt. Carmel; 6:00pm St. Anthony-Eng.

Sunday: 7:30am St Joseph; 9:00am St. Anthony-Eng.; 10:00am OLMC; 10:30am St. Joseph; 12:00pm St. Anthony; 4:30pm St. Joseph

Weekday Mass Schedule:

Monday: 9:00am - OLMC

Tuesday: 9:00am - St. Anthony - (Eng.); OL Mt. Carmel

Wednesday 9:00am - St. Joseph

Thursday: 7:00pm - St. Anthony

Friday: 9:00am - St. Joseph (during school year)

First Friday: 7:00pm - St. Anthony; First Saturday: 9:00am - St. Anthony

Sacrament of Penance

Thursday: 5:00 - 6:00pm - St. Anthony

Saturday: No Confessions @ St. Anthony; 10:30-11:30am - St. Joseph; 2:30-3:30pm - OLMC

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Christmas Blessings to All!



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

What a blessing to celebrate this holy day with the familiar faces of those who have joined us throughout the years and have enriched our lives through hospitality, Christian charity, and self-giving love.

We give thanks to God for you!

In the past year, we have been blessed with new acquaintances, whether joining us at Holy Mass, or registering to become members of our Family.

Or, maybe today is your first time at St. Anthony's. To all of you we offer a sincere "Hello and welcome."

Maybe you've been far away for a while and have chosen this time to re-connect: To you we offer a heartfelt "Welcome home!"

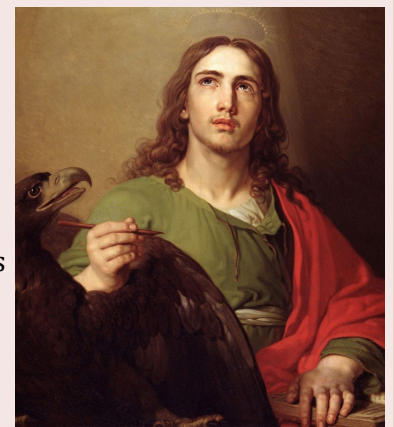


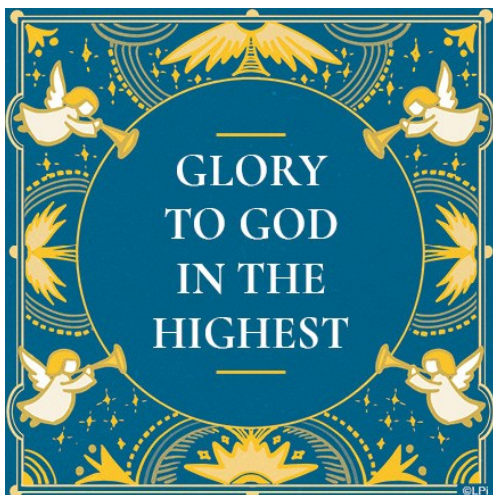
The Staff of St. Anthony Parish would like to wish you all a very blessed and Merry Christmas!



Fr. Slaton Eric Caeli
Ginny Grace Joe Paul

Please join us this Friday, December 27 on the feast of St. John the Evangelist for a Blessing of Wine at 6:00pm, followed by a reception of wine-tasting and appetizers in Padua Hall!





Norb Abel
Easton Aitson
Baby George
Pete Grundy
Baby Girl
Paul Bazydlo
Charles Brancheau
Charley Bussey
Caleb
Bob Carey
Gerald Carto
Linda Chaney
Elizabeth Corey
Lowell Cousino
Rosemary Cox
Marcus Demorest
Caleb Dershem
Miriam Dressel
Elaine Esper
Joe Evener
Barbara Francis
Sue Gilbert
Sheila Greisinger
Terry Hahn
Janet Harrell

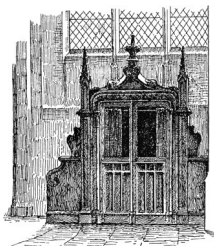
....Let us Pray for....

Gloria Hartman
Nicole Hartman
Diane Heidelberg
Phyllis Heyse
Sonya Hill
Gene & Phyllis Hinkelman
Fr. Jim Holup
Devin Kacher
Kathy Kapela
Charlotte Kehoe
Ed Kolasinski
Joanne Kolinski
Jonah Kornberg
RoseMarie Komorowski
Bob Kuhlman
Bill Lane
Aggie Langscheid
Mary Laroy
Jacob Leary
Patrick Lyndsay
Sandy Maenle
Peg Mallin
Bridget Marie

Gary Martin
Kevin Martin
Elizabeth Mcchesney
Jodi Miller
Ruth Miller
Kelly Reese Morgan
Adelaide Munk
Steve Murzynski
Nusbaum Family
Ken Nusbaum
Fran O'Connor
Tyler & Jen Oehlers
Austin Oehlers
Armando Ortiz
Homero Ortiz
Sister Mary Paulina
Karen & Tom Penney
Dianne Petrilla
Cliff Renn
Fr. Patrick Rohen
Midge Sherman
John & Marge Scott
Alexander, Andrew & Tanner Skelton

Patty Smith
Cheryl Stanford
Nancy Strouse
Sarah Strzelewicz
Cherryl Stout
Audrey Tavares
Delores Thorn
Katie Tomaszewski
Flossie Townsend
Alicia Trejo
Lily Tussey
Murl Waidelich
Christopher Warner
Diane Webber
Kristine Wells
Mary Beth Wise
Rick Wolniewicz
Jim Wornc
Dawn Wyse
Charlie Yacuone
Amy Yates
Rita Zeller

No matter where life has taken you up to now, or where it takes you in the future, always remember: *Our Blessed Lord is waiting for you in each confessional with His arms outstretched* whenever you are in need of healing and reconciliation.



Lumen Christi Family of Parishes Confession Times

St. Anthony - Thursdays 5:00-6:00pm
OL of Mt. Carmel - Saturdays 2:30-3:30pm
St. Joseph - Saturdays 10:30-11:30am and 1st Friday 10:00-11:00am
Or by appointment if you call any of the parish offices.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." - Matthew 11:28



Please Note!

The parish offices will be **closed** for the holiday from *December 24-January 1*. The offices will re-open on Thursday, January 2, at 9:00am.
See you next year!



Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Times at St. Anthony:

Tuesday, December 31, 2024

New Year's Eve:

4:00pm Vigil Mass (English)

Wednesday, January 1, 2025

New Year's Day:

10:00am Mass (Latin)

Please bear in mind that this feast is a holy of obligation. If you are unable to make St. Anthony's Mass Times, the schedule for the other two parishes in our Lumen Christi Family of Parishes are as follows:

Tuesday, December 31:

5:00pm Vigil Mass - Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

6:00pm Vigil Mass - St. Joseph's

Wednesday, January 1, 2025:

9:00am Mass - St. Joseph & Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

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 Parish 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.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Nativity of the Lord / December 25, 2024

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

December 25, 2024

The Nativity of the Lord

In one of my assignments as a priest I was asked to provide administrative oversight to a rather large Church operation with massive financial, legal, and personnel challenges. When I began, I felt overwhelmed and unqualified. Someone said to me, "You are totally unqualified for this work." The unfeeling truth of it stung. Reeling and upset, I reached out to my predecessor, who said, "Your job is to bring Jesus into every situation. Let everyone else be the experts in all the other stuff." It was so liberating. My lack of qualifications actually became an asset because it grounded me in the truth of Jesus alone and not in my own skill.

Do you ever feel unqualified to be a messenger of Jesus to the world? The shepherds in the Gospel account of Jesus' birth were part of a scorned and despised class in those days, not unlike prostitutes and tax collectors. They were not competent and respected citizens. And *they* are the ones who are approached by angels and invited to see Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. They ignore their lack of qualifications and announce what they've seen and heard about the newborn king.

So, it goes with us. When it comes to the things of God and angels, we are as incompetent and unlikely as shifty shepherds. Until, that is, we behold the glory of the newborn king, which we do in the Christmas liturgy. May the revelation to us of Christ's birth this Christmas overwhelm our insecurities and make the likes of us the most unlikely heralds of our king.

— *Father John Muir*

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Young Adult Groups of
St. Joseph (Toledo, OH) & St. Anthony (Temperance, MI)

Christmas PARTY

Jan | 4 | 2025

At 6:00 pm

The Keller Residence
5301 Waterville Monclova Rd.
Monclova Township, OH 43542

Please bring a side dish, dessert,
or snack to pass!

Notes of Moderation—December 25, 2025

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus,

As we approach the last days of this year of our Lord 2024, I have been reflecting on the blessing and challenges that the last 12 months have been. There can be no denying that the last year has been somewhat difficult for the Lumen Christi Family of Parishes. Financial struggles, administrative confusion, and even disagreements regarding pastoral decisions have all presented challenges on the ground level of each parish. I know that many of you have struggled to accept certain aspects of the current situation and I want to thank each of you for your continued loyalty to your parish, to our Catholic faith, and to Our Lord. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, St. Joseph, and St. Anthony have all been asked to undergo a certain re-envisioning. I know it has been difficult. However, I do anticipate that the new year holds the expectation of bringing forth the fruits of our labors and the consolations of our trials.

Christmas is the solemn celebration of the birth of our Blessed Lord. The entry of the Word of God into time and space itself. Although the event in history may have gone largely unnoticed by those Israelites living in Bethlehem 2000 years ago, the effects of this babe born in a stable would be “staggering” to world history. The event can even be spoken of as being “staggering” in its effects upon the entire Cosmos. Why would make such a claim? Because, hidden within the nativity, veiled behind the appearance of a carpenter and his young bride taking refuge in a stable, the rebirth of the world was beginning to take form. All of human history would be affected by this seemingly unimpressive event. The course of each human life would be forever altered by this mysterious gift of God that was wrapped in swaddling clothes and lay in a manger. The greatest of all gifts in the most common and unimpressive presentation. Moreover, the entire Cosmos can be spoken of as having undergone a radical change as well. For the very God who created all existence has taken our nature onto Himself. The Word of God has taken on a human nature, a human face, a human family, and they have named Him Jesus. Now even the angels in heaven look upon us with a different perspective. Everything has been changed! Yet we rejoice! For the Christ has come to us in this “rebirth” of all things.

In light of the hidden blessings that can come in God’s providence (blessings that may be completely unrecognized upon reception), I would ask for your patience and continued charity toward one another. Let us look for the opportunity to be kinder than we often are inclined to be toward our neighbor. Most you have already received the appeal letter for St. Joseph’s grade school. I would state that any support for this campaign would be the most appreciated Christmas gift that could be offered to Family of Parishes or to myself this holiday season. Nevertheless, I would urge us all to set our focus on the light and warmth that has come into this world. Let us strive to warm our hearts in the glow of His celestial light.

Merry Christmas to you all.

Fr. Slaton

All men are welcome to join the **Men’s Group** at St. Anthony in the school building on **Thursday, January 2, at 8:00pm** for a presentation on the Virtues by Dcn. Trevor Fernandes, preceded by 7:00pm Mass.



St. Anthony Parish Young Adult Group

The parish’s young adult group meets frequently throughout the year for Holy Mass, lighthearted recreation and fellowship, and for spiritually formative presentations from priests or religious or devout laymen.

If you or someone you know **between the ages of 18-33** is interested in making new friends, please contact the parish office for more information.

We would love to meet you!

O, come, let us Adore Him!

As many of you know, St. Anthony Parish is blessed enough to be able to provide a 24/7 Adoration Chapel. Our Lord is always pleased to see you for however short or long you can keep Him company.

Please contact the parish office if you need the passcode.



Christmas Flower Memorials - 2024

*Donations to St. Anthony's Christmas Flower Fund have been very generous.
The following names have specifically been requested
to be remembered with memorials to this fund.*

*Janet Grace Brissette
Earl Iott
Howard Iott
Joe Kashmer
Jane Kashmer
Katherin Iott
The Deceased of the Parish
Lester & Julia Bischoff
William, Joseph, & Lester Thorn
Dennis & Phillip Bischoff
Sally & Sue Bischoff
Richard & Ruth Rokicki & Family
Rosina Krohn & Family
Jim Jemaa
Lon Jemaa
Jamel Jemaa
Tony Romero
Lisa Romero
Frank Gotha
Jennifer Oehlers
Guy McNeely
Stanley Lisek
Anne Lisek
Jerry & Tom
Lyle & Joseanna
Rose & L.J.
Edwin & Helen Urbaniak
Wanda Urbaniak
Virg & Eleanor Miller
Ed & Marge Karczewski
Stan & Joan Valentine
W. Raymond Adkins
Beatrice Czenkusz
Elizabeth Masters
Michael Masters
Gene Gunterman
Mr. & Mrs. Glenn F. Ingersoll
Mr. & Mrs. John W. Fortuna
Robert & Leone Brown
Chris Brown
Jean Matuzak
Karen Seguin
Anthony & Florence Rozanski*

*Donald Sloan
Barbara Rozanski
Robert Tussing
Earl Nowak
Aruel & Lucille Ramsey
Dennis & Sherline Curry
George Komorowski
George & Carrie Komorowski
Joseph & Anne Nyks
Julia & Ed Rochowiak
Steve & Emily Komorowski
Edward & Stephen Holup
Letha Amelia Holup
Edward Louis Holup
Daniel James Holup
Craig R. Baer
Richard J. Hiszak
Lois & Larry Baer
The Wilkinson Family
The Jacobs Family
Mr. & Mrs. Delmar & Lorine Yinger
David & Irene Yinger
Richard Jackson
Vrete Jackson
Julie Jackson
Linda Luchansky
John & Anita Luchansky
Bonnie Kolinski
Mike Kolinski
Ann Rice
Harold, Martha, Ada, & Carl Thoma
Ed, Jean, & Kenneth Miller
Sandra Chamberlin/Katie & Ray
Chamberlin;
Laura & Charles Myland
Ed & Laura Szuba
John Greene
Lodell Richardson
Harold & Mae Uster;
Rudy, Molly, Helen, Joe, & Eldora
Burtscher;
George Komorowski
Julia & Edward Rochowiak*

*Evelyn & Stephen Komorowski
Fr. Louis A. Komorowski
Jerry & Marion Demkowski
Lyle & Evelyn Montri
Dave Demkowski
Sandra Taverna
Sandy Mitchell
Steve Mitchell
Dick Reust
Tom Reust
Ann Reust
Mike Chamers
Paul Herman
Preston & Mildred Cousino
Anthony & Susanna Reicha
Dorothy Reicha
Joel Cousino*

In Honor of:

The Middaugh Family

The People of St. Anthony Parish;

Fr. Slaton, Fr. Brian Hurley, Fr. Rohen, and Dcn.

Trevor Fernandes;

Seminarians at Sacred Heart Major Seminary

