



# St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church Temperance, Michigan

**15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (New)**  
**6th Sunday after Pentecost (Trad.)**

**“The Antonian” July 14, 2024**  
**St. Anthony of Padua,**  
**Our Patron and Intercessor,**  
**Pray for Us!**



## ST. ANTHONY’S DIRECTORY

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**Parish Summer Office Hours:** Monday - Friday: 9:00am - 1:00pm

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### Weekend Mass Schedule - Lumen Christi Parishes

**Saturday** (Sunday Vigil): 4:30pm: OL Mt. Carmel  
**Sunday:** 7:30am St Joseph; 9:00am St. Anthony-Eng.; 10:00am OLMC;  
10:30am St. Joseph; 12:00pm St. Anthony

### 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: 8:30am - St. Joseph (during school year)  
First Friday: 7:00pm - St. Anthony; First Saturday: 9:00am - St. Anthony

### Sacrament of Penance

**Thursday: 5:30 - 6:30pm - St. Anthony**  
**Saturday: No Confessions @ St. Anthony; 10:30-11:30am - St. Joseph; 2:30-3:30pm - OLMC**



**Prayer Blankets** Sandy Maenle: 734-847-7813  
**Prayer Chain** Miriam Dressel: 734-888-1192  
**Seven Sisters Apostolate** Cheryl Scott: 319-296-5864



July  
*Month of the Most Precious Blood*

*Precious Blood,  
ocean of divine mercy:  
Flow upon us!*

*Precious Blood,  
most pure offering:  
Procure us every grace!*

*Precious Blood,  
hope and refuge of sinners:  
Atone for us!*

*Precious Blood,  
delight of holy souls:  
Draw us! Amen.*

- St. Catherine of Siena



### St. Anthony Summer Office Hours

*Effective Memorial Day - Labor Day*

**Parish Office:** Caeli McCutchen  
**Monday-Friday:** 9:00am – 1:00pm

**Parish Business Office:**  
Grace Ledbetter

**Tuesday:** 9:00am - 1:00pm  
**Lunch is taken between 12 & 1pm**



**Parish Religious Ed. Office:**  
Ginny Stout

**Monday:** 11:00am - 6:30pm



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### Traveling Vocation Chalice

**July 14** \*Host family needed  
**July 23** Brown Family  
**July 30** Homero Ortiz  
**August 4** \*Host Family needed



† MASS SCHEDULE †
<p><b>Monday, July 15, 2024</b>  <b>No Mass</b>                      St. Bonaventure (1274), B., D.. (New)                      St. Henry II (1024), Emperor, husband of St. Cunegunda (Trad.)                      Bl. Simon of Lipnicza (1482), Pr., R. (Hist.)</p> <p><b>Tuesday, July 16, 2024</b>  <b>9:00am †George Komorowski</b>                      by M/M Richard Macaro  <b>†Julia Wolfe</b> by Holly Schenk  <b>†Jan Brissette</b> by Carol Fuelling                      Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (1251) (New, Trad.)</p> <p><b>Wednesday, July 17, 2024</b>  <b>No Mass</b>                      St. Alexis the Beggar (5th C.) (Trad.)                      The Blessed Martyrs of Compiègne (1794), Carmelite Nuns, Ms. (Hist.)</p> <p><b>Thursday, July 18, 2024</b>  <b>7:00pm †Joseph &amp; Mirelia Edwards</b>                      by Nya Edwards  <b>†Betty Bliss</b>                      by Nick &amp; Erica Farley  <b>*Those in Need of Spiritual Deliverance</b>                      St. Camillus de Lellis (1614), Pr., Pt, of the sick &amp; nurses (New, Trad.)                      St. Symphorosa &amp; her 7 Sons (120), Ms. (Trad.)                      St. Frederick (838), B., M. (Hist.)</p> <p><b>Friday, July 19, 2024</b>  <b>No Mass</b>                      St. Vincent DePaul (1660), Pr., F. of Vincentians, Pt. of all charitable societies (Trad.)                      St. Arsenius (449), Monk (Hist.)</p> <p><b>Saturday, July 20, 2024</b>                      St. Apollinaris of Ravenna (1st C.), B., M., disciple of St. Peter (New)                      St. Jerome Emiliani (1537), Pr., F., Pt. of orphans &amp; abandoned children (Trad.)                      St. Margaret of Antioch (304), V., M. (Trad.)                      *****</p> <p><b>Sunday, July 21, 2024</b>  <b>16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (New)</b>  <b>9th Sunday after Pentecost (Trad.)</b>  <b>9:00am *Living and Deceased</b>                      (English) <b>Members of the George and Carrie Komorowski Family</b>                      by Family Reunion  <b>12:00pm *The People of St. Anthony</b>                      St. Larence of Brindisi (1619), Pr., R., D. (New, Trad.)                      St. Praxedes (2nd C.), V., sister of St. Pudentiana (Trad.)</p>

Readings for the Week
<p><b>Sunday, July 14:</b>                      For English Mass:                      Amos 7:12-15                      Ephesians 1:3-14 or 1:3-10                      Mark 6:7-13                      For Latin Mass:  <b>Epistle:</b> Romans 8:12-17  <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 16:1-9</p> <p><b>Monday, July 15:</b>                      Isaiah 1:10-17; Matthew 10:34-11:1</p> <p><b>Tuesday, July 16:</b>                      Isaiah 7:1-9; Matthew 11:20-24</p> <p><b>Wednesday, July 17:</b>                      Isaiah 10:5-7,13b-16; Matthew 11:25-27</p> <p><b>Thursday, July 18:</b>                      Isaiah 26:7-9,12,16-19; Matthew 11:28-30</p> <p><b>Friday, July 19:</b>                      Isaiah 38:1-6,21-22,7-8; Matthew 12:1-8</p> <p><b>Saturday, July 20:</b>                      Micah 2:1-5; Matthew 12:14-21</p> <p><b>Sunday, July 21:</b>                      For English Mass:                      Jeremiah 23:1-6                      Ephesians 2:13-16                      Mark 6:30-34                      For Latin Mass:  <b>Epistle:</b> 1Corinthians 10:6-13  <b>Gospel:</b> 19:41-47</p>



The Offertory Story for July 7, 2024	
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<b>Weekly Budget amt.....\$</b>	<b>5,300.00</b>
+Over/-Under Budget	\$ + 347.25
<b>Year To Date +-</b>	<b>\$ + 347.25</b>
<b>Other:</b>	
Candles	101.51
CD	11.00
CSA	409.00
Hall Insurance	100.00
Hall Rental	300.00
Peter's Pence	20.00
<b>Total for Other:</b>	<b>941.51</b>

This Week's Calendar
<p><u>Monday, July 15, 2024</u>                      No Mass</p> <p><u>Tuesday, July 16, 2024</u>                      9:00am - Holy Mass</p> <p><u>Wednesday, July 17, 2024</u>                      No Mass                      6:30pm-7:30pm - PH. Devotions</p> <p><u>Thursday, July 18, 2024</u>                      4:30pm-5:30pm Confessions                      7:00pm - Holy Mass</p> <p><u>Friday, July 19, 2024</u>                      No Mass</p> <p><u>Saturday, July 20, 2024</u></p> <p><u>Sunday, July 21, 2024</u></p>

Copies of "The Word Among us" for July/ August are available in the Narthex. Donations are accepted; they may be dropped off at the Parish Office.

The Offertory Story for June 30, 2024	
# Env. assigned: 315;	# Env. used: 73
Envelope total	\$ 6,709.25
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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 7,414.25</b>
<b>Weekly Budget amt.....\$</b>	<b>5,300.00</b>
+Over/-Under Budget	\$ + 2114.25
<b>Year To Date +-</b>	<b>\$ + 14,489.00</b>
<b>Other:</b>	
AOD Donation	5220.95
Candles	65.52
CSA	880.00
CD Rack	2,955.00
Peter's Pence	230.00
Wedding	300.00
<b>Total for Other:</b>	<b>9,651.47</b>





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## Notes of Moderation – July 12, 2024

Recent events in Catholic news may have left some of us feeling confused and concerned. Reports of accusations of heresy and declarations of ‘excommunication’ have left many of us feeling that something is very wrong in the upper hierarchy of the Church and that sides must be taken. Rumors of ‘strong-arm’ tactics, threats and immorality circulate the internet along with calls for greater accountability and synodality. All these developments may be disheartening, yet, our history shows that such concerns are not novel. Around the year 390, a young monk and scholar named Pelagius found himself relocating to Rome. While Pelagius was in residence in the Holy See, this young monk who was well known as a man of prayer and penance, found himself scandalized. This bright and capable religious traveled to Rome for studies and was scandalized by the immorality that he witnessed there. Upon his return to Britannia, Pelagius began to reform his ideas about the faith in order to give a solution to the moral laxity that had so scared his faith. His motivation was admirable, although his conclusions were highly problematic.

History also provides us with a similar tale in 1510 when another young bright monk of the order of St. Augustine was sent to Rome that he might take part in a religious conference. Upon his arrival, Martin Luther was shocked at the immorality that he encountered among the Roman people. While the immodesty and indecency of the general populace living beneath the shadow of St. Peter’s Basilica was troubling, it was the scandal of witnessing the corruption of the local clergy that truly left Br. Martin so troubled. Thoughts must have haunted him: “How could this be allowed? How could such filth be so prevalent in the Sea of Holy Mother Church? If holiness is not found here, where could it be found?” So, in a very familiar fashion, this young religious thinker went forth to solve the great question of ‘what was wrong in the Church’. Such inquiry would lead Luther to a total reinterpretation of the faith in which holiness was actually impossible and therefore the pursuit of sanctity was a waste of time. Once again, an admirable motive followed by highly problematic conclusions.

These last few weeks have been difficult for the Church and in the new digital age, the conflicts of Rome now become instantly known throughout the world. Just as Pelagius and Luther both looked to the leaders of the Church and found this leadership to be disappointing, in a similar fashion we now find ourselves in the 21st century looking to our contemporary leaders and finding our own hearts to be scandalized by the immorality and corruption we find amongst some of them. We may feel hurt, betrayed, or even manipulated. Indeed, our hearts may cry out: “How could this happen? Where is the holiness of the Church? Where is the love of Christ? What is wrong in the Church?”

There seems to be a near universal agreement that the Church is suffering from some ailment at this time. In some sense, the Bride of Christ is suffering and something needs to be done to modify the situation. The difference of opinion (and the differences are broad) regards where the problem lies and what should be done to remedy this illness. Some would content that the moral teaching of the Church has always been an unrealistic ideal and must be modified to fit contemporary life. Others would contend that the moral teaching has been neglected and that the flock is suffering from malnutrition in catechesis. Some would argue that we have degraded our worship into a social affirmation event and that the essence of belief has been stripped from our prayer life. And so the cycle goes on.

I will not pretend to be able to give a simple formula for fixing all the issues in the Church. However, I can give you a simple and direct explanation for why such problems occur. The Church is full of sinners because the Church is full of people. This is really the problem in a nutshell. I use to make light of the situation with my foolproof plan to purify the morals and worship of the Church. I called it my “Excommunicate Everyone Plan”. Once the Church had been purified of all those sinful people, then it would be pure and without stain...of course the whole Church would consist of Our Blessed Lord and His Immaculate Mother but, hey it would be without sin and scandal.

Jesus knew that such problems would arise. He spoke of it often: “Things that cause sin will inevitably occur (scandals) but woe to the person through whom they occur. It would be better for him if a millstone were put around his neck and he be thrown into the sea...” (Lk. 17: 1-2). Our Blessed Lord did not make light of such

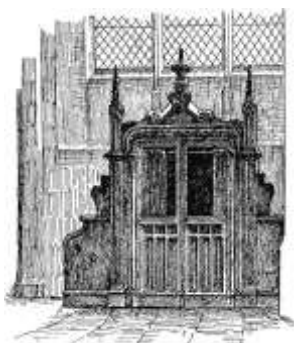
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scandals, especially among those chosen to be shepherds of His flock, neither should we. We expect our leaders to be our standard bearers in the struggle against the spirit of this Godless world, we hold them to a higher standard of morality, integrity and prayer...and we rightly should!!! We should be upset; we should insist that accountability and justice be rendered. However, we must be cautious lest we be led by the same spirit as Pelagius and Luther. Both of these men, as brilliant as they were, were scandalized to the point that their desire to attack the corruption within the Church became an attack against the Church herself. I call this the Judas effect. "How could one of the 12, one of the hand-selected of Christ do such a thing?" Such a response is understandable. But we must not be deceived into embracing a spirit of rebellion. Such an impulse carries the stench of the 1st rebellion in heaven. The Church is not holy because of her ministers. No priest, bishop, or even pope provides the holiness that radiates through the Bride of Christ. The Church is holy because Christ is her head. The Church is holy because the Holy Spirit is the soul of this mystical body and continues to operate through her. The Church is holy because her mission is holy. Such sanctity may be tarnished in public opinion by the failings of her shepherds, but it is never extinguished. "The gates of hell will not withstand her!" (c.f. Mt. 16:18).

Let us not lose heart. Let us be angry, yet without sin as Paul instructs (c.f. Ep. 4:26). The Church may very well stand in need of reform. But all true reform begins in prayer and penance. As a good friend of mine recently stated: "What we need is a return to fidelity, devotion to the Eucharist, to the Blessed Mother, to penance, prayer, and the sacraments. That is where the Church needs to go". I believe that he is right. We stand in need of purification, yet we must allow Our Lord to guide us in such things. Let it be His will, let it be His reform, let it be His Spirit that guides us, lest our scandal allow us to be drawn into a darker spirit of reaction and rebellion.

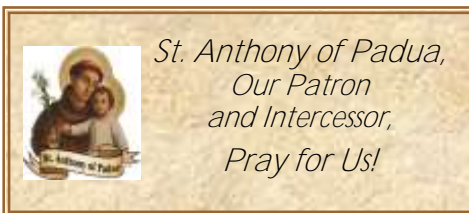
God love you,

Fr. Slaton




***Please Note:***

Due to a high volume of penitents,  
all future Thursday evening  
confession times will be moved to  
5:00pm-6:00pm  
to prevent Mass from starting late.



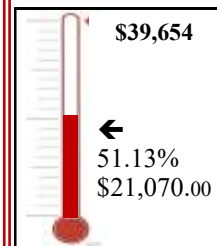
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***United in Christ***   
*St. Anthony Parish offers  
congratulations to  
Connor Hartman  
And Jazzline Burriss  
Who were united in  
the Holy Sacrament of Marriage  
Saturday, June 29, 2024,  
At St. Anthony Catholic Church  
by Fr. Robert Slaton.  
May God Bless you both!*



**Our goal for this year is \$39,654.00**

**As of Friday, July 12,  
we have received  
69 pledges,  
Including on-line gifts  
totaling \$21,070**



We still have  
\$18,584.00  
to go! We are  
inching our way  
closer to our  
goal...  
We can do it!  
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Please help us  
make our goal.

**Remember: Any amount that is  
paid in excess of our goal comes  
back to the Parish for our use.  
If we do not make our goal, the  
remaining amount will come out of  
our savings.**

**God Bless you!**