



# St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church Temperance, Michigan

## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### "THE ANTONIAN" † July 25, 2021

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



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#### Weekend Mass Schedule

**Saturday** (Sunday Vigil): 5:00pm (*English*)

**Sunday:** 8:00am & 10:00am (*English*); 12:00pm (*Latin*)

**Weekday Mass Schedule:** Monday: No Mass; Tuesday - Friday: 8:30am Mass (Wed. - Latin)

Thursday also 7:00pm (*Latin*); First Friday also 7:00pm (*Latin*); First Saturday also 9:00am (*Latin*)

#### Sacrament of Penance

**Saturday:** 3:30-4:30pm; **Thursday:** 5:30 - 6:30pm

#### Prayer Blankets

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

#### Prayer Chain

Miriam Dressel.....734-888-1192

### † Our Sacramental Policy †

Six-month Parish registration and participation are required for Baptism, Confirmation and Marriage.

**Baptisms:** Arrangements must be made in advance and parents must attend a baptism class. The Church requires that at least one of the parents be a practicing Catholic, and the Godparents must be active, practicing, fully initiated Catholics at least 16 years of age. If two Godparents: must be 1 male & 1 female; if one Godparent: may be male or female.

**Marriage:** Arrangements must be made at least nine months in advance. Please call the rectory office. Officiate at the ceremony must be St. Anthony Parish Pastor or a family member.

**Funerals:** Officiate must be St. Anthony Parish Pastor or a family member.

**Please note:** The services of the Parish Organist are used for all sacramental liturgies.



### Parish Religious Ed. Registration

for the 2021-22 school year  
for grades 1-8 is now underway  
Registration forms may be found in  
the Narthex.

The first day of school will be  
Monday, September 13;  
class times: 5-6:15pm

### Catholic Outreach

One part of our Parish's Catholic Outreach Program has been to send greeting cards for birthdays, Christmas, Valentine's day, St. Anthony Feast day, Sympathy cards, etc., to our homebound through the year. These efforts were so appreciated by all who received the cards.

Even if you've contacted the Parish Office to volunteer to help with this ministry, please call again so we can get started.

### St. Anthony Summer Office Hours

**Secretary:** Michelle Lindsey

**Office Assistant:** Caeli McCutchen

**Monday - Thursday:** 9:00am - 2:00pm

**Friday:** 9:00am - 1:00pm

**Parish Business Office:** Linda Moeltner

**Tuesday:** 9:00am - 4:30pm

**Parish Religious Ed.:** Ginny Stout

**Monday:** 10:30am - 5:00pm



**Please remember: Mondays are Fr. Slaton's Day Off**

Pray  
without Ceasing!

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- July 24 - Young Adult Swing Dance
- Sept. 16 - LifeLine Health Screening
- October 6 & 7 - *Rummage Sale*

**Gospel Meditation**

July 25, 2021 - 17th Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

St. Oscar Romero said, "We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is the beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest."

There was a group of ladies many years ago who made quilts. They were beautiful creations reflecting inspirational designs artfully composed from the simple scraps of fabric each woman would bring to their individual pieces. There was no plan for the finished project as each finished work became the combined creation of what each woman contributed. They abounded in vibrant colors and dazzled the beholder with intricate patterns and their myriad textures. They were so beautiful that they became coveted family treasures passed from generation to generation. Those women never realized the power of their work. Countless babies rested in the comfort of those quilts warmly nestled in the legacy of tradition they were fortunate to inherit. They adorned countless homes with their beauty and brought joy and solace to many faces.

We cannot do everything. We are not meant to. Our work in life is to contribute our individual piece, a piece that reflects the unique thumbprint I claim as my own. We only have to do small things well. Then, as St. Oscar Romero reminds us, the Lord's grace will enter and do the rest. We have to trust that this is true just as those women trusted in the eventual beauty of their final work.

Eucharistic blessings are blessings that start small and multiply. We all come to life with only a few loaves of bread and a few fish. Not any single one of us has all

*All those who are isolated from families and friends.*

- Connie Albricht
- Rudi Amer
- Sharon Bailey
- Paul Bazydlo
- Wayne Breininger
- Jan Brissette
- Bob Carey
- Carey
- John, Bev, & Ann
- Connolley
- Terri Corathers
- Liz Cousino
- Lowell Cousino
- Mandy Cousino
- Sue & David Dawn
- Veronica DeLeon
- Marcus Demorest
- Reagan Devlin
- Teresa Devlin
- Christopher Dixon
- Martha Eades
- Kristen Easton

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

- Emily
- Elaine Esper
- "Family"
- Scott Ferguson
- Jim Fuelling
- Jennifer Gibson
- Eric Gogel
- Mike Gogel
- Sheila Greisinger
- Janet Harrell
- Ann Hayden
- Gloria Hartman
- Stephen & Nicole
- Hartman
- Phylis Heyse
- Sonya Hill
- Robert Homan
- JoAnn Huntwork
- Immalynn
- Rosemary Jacobs
- Gloria Knaggs
- Jonah Kornberg
- Kathy Kapela

- Richard Kopas
- Wayne Langscheid
- Mary LaRoy
- Karen LaVoy
- Harry Linebaugh
- Joe Maenle
- John Maenle
- Sandy Maenle
- Steve Murzynski
- Casey Naperella
- Bernadine Nusbaum
- Tyler & Jen Oehlers
- Austin Oehlers
- Homero Ortiz
- Madeline Palmer
- Jenny Pam
- Jacob Parrish
- Jimmy Pilrose
- Judy Raabe
- Rakebrand Family
- Annie Rayburn
- Devon Rayburn
- Dustin Rayburn

- Jonathon Rayburn
- Fr. Patrick Rohen
- Joy Rokicki
- Jana Schenkel
- Rick Schneider
- Jean Schroeder
- Alexander, Andrew & Tanner Skelton
- Jim Sodd
- Donald Stoll
- Terry Stoll
- Jim Stout
- Richard Strouse
- Sister Serra
- Szalasiewicz, CSSF
- Tom Szuba
- Tom Townsend
- Alicia Trejo
- Alex Valdez
- Virginia VanKirk
- Christopher Warner
- Kristine Wells
- Judy Wertemberger

that it takes to transform our world. Who knows what God will do with the little we have and how many will benefit from our kindness, compassion, wisdom, courage, conviction, love, warmth, zeal, faith, and hope? That young lad never dreamed that his few leftovers would do all that they did. God shows up in unexpected ways! Where would life's adventure and fun be if it were any other way? Being able to be part of bringing God's creative, transforming, healing to the world opens us up to wonder, awe, and excitement! We can all bring our little piece to the bigger work of God that can result in being a coveted jewel passed generation to generation. This is good news indeed!

Bread and wine transform into Christ's Body and Blood and we become what we eat. Trust that.

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**Spiritual Communion:**

*My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, Come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there And unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*

**Helping Hands (Funeral Luncheons)**



We are pleased to announce we are once again offering Funeral Luncheons for family members for those parishioners buried from St. Anthony.

Please feel free to call Mary 734-279-5372 if you would like to be on the list of contacts to provide a dish, volunteer as a worker, etc., for when the need arises.

May God Bless you!

*Liturgical Assignments for July 31 & August 1, 2021*



Mass	Priest	Lector	Altar Servers	Ushers
<b>Saturday, 5:00pm Mass</b>	Fr. Slaton	D. Strzelewicz	L. Rawski	D. Thoma; D. Vandergriff
<b>Sunday, 8:00am Mass</b>	Fr. Slaton	K. Dressel	L. Cousino P. Cousino	R. Glinski; B. Kapela
<b>Sunday, 10:00am Mass</b>	Fr. Slaton	J. VanBrandt	C., J., & M. Torio	A. Hajdu; G. Ingersoll
<b>Sunday, 12:00pm (Latin)</b>	Fr. Slaton	--	MC: J. McCutchen	M. Peterson; M. Scott

# St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

My Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Anthony Parish,

If I were to make mention of the last Queen of France—Marie Antoinette, most people would immediately think of a decadent member of the French monarchy and her famous comment regarding the rioting peasants of her day: “Let them eat cake”. Although much could be said in criticism regarding the social conditions in 18<sup>th</sup> century France, I believe that the queen is unfairly demonized for this statement. Marie Antoinette lived in a bubble of aristocratic culture. From her perspective life was a series of court attendance, political engagements, and royal banquets. I’m sure that the queen was aware that the common folk were not as materially blessed as the royal family, but the presumption that life in France was generally the same for most people in accordance with their economic means, was not an irrational conclusion. Everyone that the queen knew was comfortable in the current system of life. All her acquaintances had easy access to food and clothing. When the queen was informed that there were riots and unrest in the streets, she asked why the people were unsettled. When the response was given that the peasants were rioting because they were hungry and had no bread, the queen responded with her immediate thought. What would she do herself if she were hungry and could find no bread in royal kitchen? I think the statement was more due to a lack of understanding than a lack of compassion. It was more clueless than heartless.

The last week has been deeply upsetting for millions of Catholics around the world. Yet, for the greater majority of Catholics it was just another week of summer. As the rain continued to fall on the 16<sup>th</sup> of July, many perceived the weather as the weeping of the saints in heaven. Most Catholics merely saw it as a rainy day. Regardless of where we may personally fall into this spectrum of opinion, I would plead for a spirit of charity to prevail. Pope Francis has revoked the general permission for priests to celebrate the Traditional Latin Mass. For those Catholics who have developed a spiritual devotion to this liturgical expression, this restriction has been a source of anger, sorrow, and heartbreak. The Mass that has touched many of them so deeply for its reverence, antiquity, beauty, and sublimity has now been chained by legislation. It is as if everything that they see that points to heavenly realities, holiness and virtue has now been forbidden by the authority that is suppose to safeguard our path to God. They feel hurt, betrayed, oppressed, and shocked! Not only by the decree of the Holy Father, but also by the fact that many of their Catholic friends and neighbors were not even aware that anything had taken place. They object that the splendor of tradition is being taken away from them and their friends suggest that they just offer the Mass in English. It is if they were being denied bread in food lines and as they object to the situation someone suggests that they simply eat cake.

I understand the frustration that many now feel. I also understand that most Catholics do not understand this hurt and frustration. As the justification for the papal restrictions was rooted in a concern that the Latin Mass promoted a spirit of division and lack of charity; I urge all of us to devote ourselves to treating one another with the affection of Christ. This is all the more urgent if our brother/sister does not understand our predicament. This lack of understanding does not make my brother an enemy and my frustration does not justify hostility. Conversely, if this whole matter confuses me and I do not understand why my neighbor is hurt and frustrated then a bit of empathy can go a long way. Now is the time to “*bear one another’s burdens...*” (Gal. 6:2) without disregarding their perspectives because they don’t match my own. Now is the time for charity to reign!

Now as I make this call for mutual kindness and compassion, I am not doing so from a position of surrender. The decision regarding the Traditional Latin Mass has been placed into the hands of our Archbishop and I am making my appeal. However, we must remember that as Catholics, as followers of Christ, as members of St. Anthony parish, first we must strive to promote peace and charity among the brethren. A good friend of mine once made a comment that struck me deeply. He was devoted to a particular expression of the Church’s liturgy and then was put into a position where it was rendered impossible for him to attend the expression in which he found inspiration and conversion of his own heart. He ended up taking refuge in another Catholic Rite (in full communion with Rome). When he was asked about the Traditional Latin Mass and its restriction, he responded that it saddened him deeply. He felt the entire Church was being threatened with a deprivation of its own spiritual riches. Then stated: “You can get to heaven without the Latin Mass. You can not get to heaven without the traditional Catholic Faith!” Indeed, without the foundations of charity and virtue we are lost regardless of the liturgy that we attend. So, let us not give up on our legitimate spiritual desires, but we can not forsake the essence of following Christ in reaction to our own pain or lack of understanding. The Lord is still the Sovern over all things. Let us keep our gaze focused on him until the shows us His mercy. (cf. Ps.123)

God Love you,

Fr. Slaton