

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH | FEBRUARY 8, 2026

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YOUR LIGHT MUST
SHINE.

— MATTHEW 5:16 —



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 10:00 am

WEEKDAYS

Monday & Tuesday:
8:30 am

HOLY DAY MASSES

Consult the bulletin

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MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

In the Readings for today, we are reminded of our need to be mindful of the health and welfare of those less fortunate than ourselves; and there are many, not only in far-off countries, but right here in our own area.

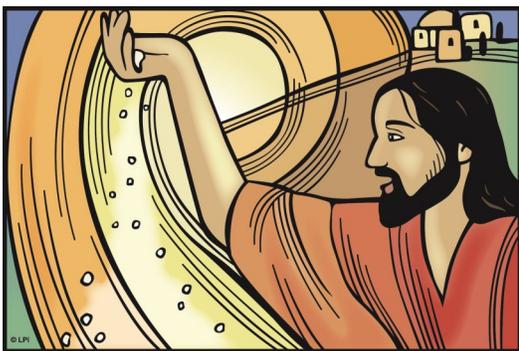
In the First Reading from the Prophet Isaiah (58:7-10), we hear the prophet chastising the rich and powerful people of the 5th century BC for not looking after the poor, the hungry, the oppressed and homeless. Selfishness and greed were some of the reasons for the fall of the Jewish monarchy, and now they (selfishness and greed) are rising again to be a major issue among the Jewish people. However, he concludes that charity toward those less fortunate can bring much spiritual freedom to the heart and mind.

The Responsorial Psalm, (112:4-9), is a prayer that continues the same thought pattern of the blessings that come to those who share their time, talent and treasures with those in need.

In the Second Reading, from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (2:1-5), Paul tells us something about himself. We know, from other writings, that Paul was well educated and probably well off financially. However, after his conversion, he gave up everything to preach the gospel. In doing so, he did not approach people as a person of power and means, but rather as a poor itinerant preacher. In this way the words of the Gospel, the "Spirit and Power" of God, would shine through and be more important than the one who delivered them.

The Gospel Reading is from the Gospel of Matthew (5:13-16). This short passage follows immediately after Jesus' pronouncement of the Beatitudes. The symbols of salt and light are used here to explain how service to others can lead both the giver and the receiver into a closer walk with Jesus Christ. "Salt" has many uses, but the one that we most often think about is as a food enhancer, to bring out the best in food. When we help to bring out the "best" in someone else, we help ourselves as well. When we help others to "see the light" through our example, we both gain insight into our role in God's Plan of Salvation.

As we approach the holy season of Lent, let us think seriously about doing something positive to help others less fortunate. Rather than "giving up" something like food or smoking or television, try to do something positive such as helping out at the Food Bank, or St. Vincent de Paul Center, or visiting and helping out one or more "shut ins" or just praying for those who can't do any of those acts of mercy. The Apostle James tells us in his Letter that "faith without good works is dead, no faith at all." (See James 2:26) So, during this Lent, let your faith shine through your good works.



Something to think about during your prayer time this week.

*Rev. Edward
J. Smith*

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FEBRUARY 8, 2026 | 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

CONFESSION

Saturday 3:00 pm or by appt.

BAPTISM

At least one parent must be a parishioner & actively attending Mass prior to calling.

Baptisms will be held on the 4th Sunday of the month.

MARRIAGE

At least one member of the couple must be a parishioner & actively attending Mass prior to calling. No date may be reserved until discussion with the pastor of the parish.

Couples need to make arrangements at least 6 months in advance

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SUNDAY READINGS

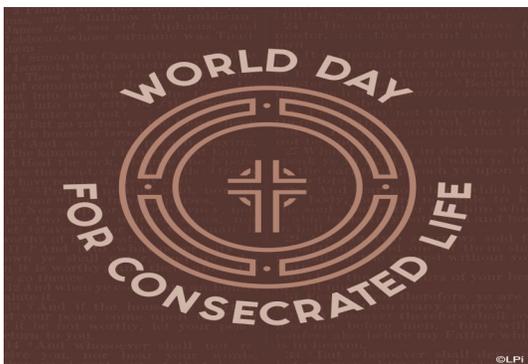
FIRST READING: Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your wound shall quickly be healed. (Is 58:8)

PSALM: The just man is a light in darkness to the upright. (Ps 112)

SECOND READING: When I came to you, brothers and sisters, proclaiming the mystery of God, I did not come with sublimity of words or of wisdom. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. (1 Cor 2:1-2)

GOSPEL: "You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket." (Mt 5:14-15)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK FEBRUARY 8, 2026

Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

February

Sunday - February 8th - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time;

World Marriage Day

10:00 am - †Marceline (Marcie) Downie
Requested by: Sue & Jim Jesko

Monday - February 9th - Weekday Mass

8:30 am - †Marilyn Butchko
Requested by: Family of Marilyn Murphey-Butchko

Tuesday - February 10th - St. Scholastica, Virgin

8:30 am - †John Kuzniar
Requested by: Carol Potter

Saturday - February 14th - Sts. Cyril, Monk, & Methodius, Bishop; Valentine's Day

4:00 pm - †Jeanine Schweinberg
Requested by: Dad & Marie

Sunday - February 15th - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am - †Jeannie Zernikow
Requested by: Loving Family

Calendar of **EVENTS**

February 7th & 8th - Weekend for World Day for Consecrated Life

Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, & be sure to thank them on their special day.

February 10th & 12th - Pierogi Production from 9am - 2 pm

February 14th - Reverse Raffle and Valentine Feast by Pogie

February 14th & 15th - 2026 Catholic Charities Appeal Weekend

The theme is "Yours are the hands with which He blesses all the world." Your generous support is appreciated. Watch for a mailing from Bishop Malesic or get an in-pew envelope this weekend.

Ash Wednesday, February 18th - Mass at 8:30 am & Services at Noon

February 20th - First Pierogi Sale from 3-7 pm in the Social Hall *Pierogi Sales will be every Friday during Lent*

February 20th - Free Soup Supper in Church Day Chapel at 6:15 pm followed by our **first Lenten Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm** *Stations of the Cross will be every Friday during Lent with Deacon Paul*

March 7th - 1st Saturday of the Month Dinners are Back! Dine-in or carry out **Spaghetti Dinner** in the Social Hall from 4:45-6:30 pm



Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, February 14th at 4:00 pm

Lectors: Laura V.
Eucharistic Ministers: Patty R., Jerry D., Pam W.

Sunday, February 15th at 10:00 am

Lectors: Steve B., Karen B.
Eucharistic Ministers: Lisa S., David L.

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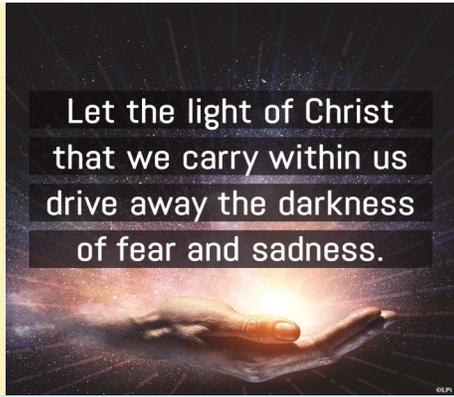
OFFERTORY REPORT

NEW FISCIAL YEAR & BUDGET (7/1/25-6/30/26)

AMOUNT BUDGETED WEEKLY..... \$ 6,347.00
 SUNDAY COLLECTION (1/18/2025) \$ 4,561.00
 7/1/2025 TO DATE +/- BUDGET..... - (\$31,663.92)

MY GIFT TO GOD REFLECTS HIS GENEROSITY TO ME

If you are unable to contribute, please submit your envelopes all the same as it is our most clear indication of active participation for Mass.



NEED A MASS INTENTION?

We are scheduling Masses until June 2026. Schedule by calling, 440-288-0106 ext. 221. Please leave a message with your name, date of intention wanted, name of intention & your phone number. We will call you back when scheduling is complete. *Requests will be honored in the order we receive them.*

We have one Mass to fill in March on Tuesday, March 24th - Could you help fill this intention?

IMPORTANT - CALL US THIS WEEK

In order to keep our bulletin prayer requests current, we will only be keeping people on the prayer list for 6 months at a time. **Beginning on February 9th we will begin this process. Next Week's bulletin will have most names deleted below.** If you have someone currently on the prayer list and you would like them to remain for the next 6 months, please call the office this week and let us know. Thank you for your prayers!



PRAYER REQUESTS

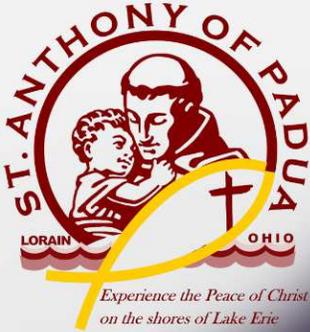
PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Gloria Badillo	Scott Barnes	Janet Baxter	Tim "Swampy" Burton	Pete Cetovich	Lynn Coscho
Ann DiFrancesco	Jerry Donovan	Dominic Doré	Denise Ellis	Diane Fate	Deacon Jose Flores
Norma Jean Flores	Scott Friges	Virginia Glass	Barbara Glick	Joe Gluvna	Brian Grace
Dan George	Renee Golowenski	Carol Gonzales	Jillian Gonzalez	Clara Hodorowski	Kevin Holley
Judy Hromada	Bob Humphrey	Jennifer Humphrey	Boston Lee Jackson	Iris Pearl Jackson	Al Jacobs
Sylvia Johnston	Johnna Kuhar	Tina Lascko	Amanda Jacobs-Leadbetter	Dean Martin III	Rita McConley
Sandra Merkly	Frank Murphy	Jim "Daddy-o" Naugle	Mary Nazario	Joan Paterniti	Raul, Maria & Leti Patino
Luci Payne	Elizabeth Raddell	Emily Raddell	Judy Smith	Mother & Dad Spanos	Emily Stefan
Jace Tokarczyk	Nevaeh Torres	Peter Uies	Stacie Velasquez	Nick Vivens	Linda Vrbancic
Sherri Wedgeworth	Paul Winkler	Doris Zgola-Whitka			

Call the Parish Office if you would like to add someone to this list. Please notify us when to remove the name.

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Call the "Prayer Line" for immediate prayer requests, **Linda: 440-667-9050 or Terri, 440-320-3272**



PIEROGI SALE

St. Anthony Famous Pierogi are Back!

FRIDAYS DURING LENT

3:00 PM - 7:00 PM



**Potato
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Sweet Kraut**
Cooked or Frozen

PRICES:

\$10/doz Frozen Pierogi
(uncooked)

\$12/doz Cooked Pierogi
with butter & onion

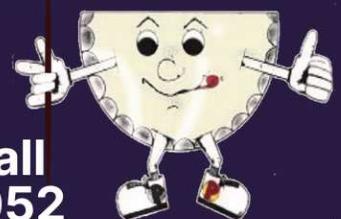
\$15/each Pierogi Dinner
(6 pierogi & 2 sides)

\$5/each A-La-Carte Sides:
Cabbage & Noodle
Macaroni & Cheese

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Walk with the Lord*

Feb. 20 2026

Free Soup Supper 6:15pm

Stations of the Cross 7:00pm

Join us for a warm evening of
fellowship & prayer starting in the
side day chapel/meeting room of
St. Anthony Church prior to
Stations with Deacon Paul



FIRST SATURDAY DINNERS ARE BACK AT ST. ANTHONY!

Spaghetti Dinner

MARCH 7, 2026

4:45 - 6:30PM

ST. ANTHONY SOCIAL HALL
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1305 E. ERIE AVE., LORAIN

Menu:

Adult - \$15
Spaghetti Dinner with 4 Meatballs
Garden Salad & Bread
Coffee: Regular & Decaf & Hot Tea
Dessert available

Children (under 10) - \$5
Spaghetti Dinner with 2 Meatballs
Milk

Dine in or Carry out!

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GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - 2/15

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Our next meeting is **Sunday, February 15th at 3 pm for our in-person or 5 pm via Zoom.**

For details, visit: <https://www.cleccem.org/Information/Bereavement.aspx>. You can view our local Grief Resources & our monthly Bereavement e-newsletter there as well. For more information or questions, call Renee at 216-930-4866.

2025 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS - BY REQUEST ONLY

Call the parish office, 440-288-0106 or email Margaret at jancsuram@stanthonylorain.com.

Please make sure we have your correct mailing address or email when requesting.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT REQUEST

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

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LENTEN Fish Fry

St. Teresa of Avila Parish
1878 Abbe Road
Sheffield Village, OH 44054

All Fridays of Lent
4:30-7:00pm

DINE IN & DRIVE THRU

DINNERS

All dinners include coleslaw, dessert, roll, and your choice of: fries, cabbage & noodles, mac & cheese, or pierogi.

Lake Perch 3 pieces of perch	\$20
Shrimp 10 pieces of shrimp	\$20
Combo 2pc perch & 6pc shrimp	\$20
Pierogi 6 pieces	\$12
Mac & Cheese	\$12

Dine in dinners receive your choice of: coffee, tea, lemonade, or iced tea

A-LA-CARTE

New England Clam Chowder	\$6
Pierogi: Potato & Cheese - 5pc	\$5
Mac & Cheese	\$5
Cabbage & Noodles	\$5
Fries	\$5

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Menu

Dinners:

Perch (2) and Shrimp (3) Combo Dinner	\$17.00
Perch Dinner (3)	\$17.00
Beer Battered Cod Dinner (2)	\$17.00
Shrimp Dinner (6)	\$17.00
Baked Walleye (1) Limited Orders	\$17.00
Senior Perch Dinner (2) or Cod Dinner (1)	\$15.00
Pierogi Dinner (6)	\$15.00

Dinners include: coleslaw, dessert and choice of 1: fresh cut fries, mac n cheese, pierogies or cabbage n noodles (Haluski).

Side Dishes:

Pierogies (4)	\$4.00
Mac n Cheese	\$4.00
Fresh Cut Fries	\$4.00
Cabbage and Noodles (Haluski)	\$4.00

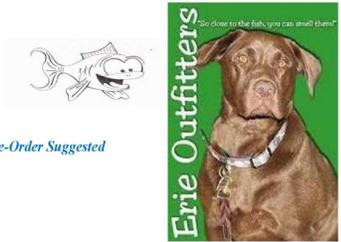
EXTRA

Piece Perch (1), Cod (1) or Shrimp (3)	\$5.00
Baked Walleye (1) Limited Orders	\$7.00
Coleslaw, Tartar Sauce or Cocktail Sauce	\$.50

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Dessert

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