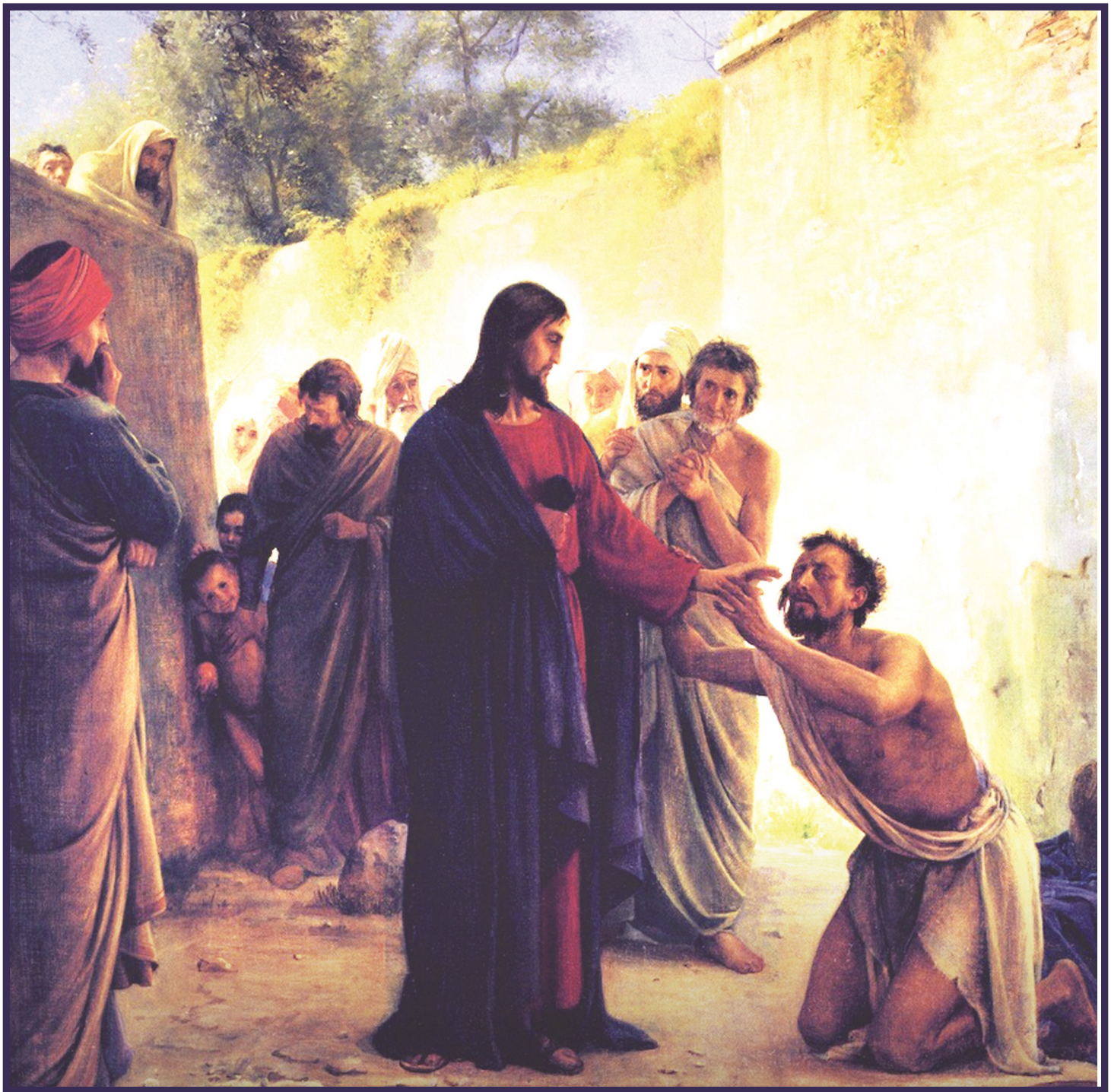

4th Sunday of Lent

St. Anthony

Belleville, MI
March 22, 2020

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Fr. K's Korner

SIGHT FOR THE SIGHTLESS

When Helen Keller was two years old a serious illness destroyed both her sight and her hearing. Imagine not being able to see or hear. When she was seven, a teacher named Anne Sullivan tackled the near-impossible task of communicating with Helen's mind through the sense of touch. Anne Sullivan worked out a sort of alphabet by which she spelled words on Helen's hand. Gradually the child was able to connect words with objects. Once started, Helen made rapid progress. Within three years she could read and write in Braille. At the age of ten, she determined to perfect her speech. At sixteen she entered Radcliffe College from which she graduated with honors in 1904. She became one of the most highly educated women of her time. Anne Sullivan was constantly at her side until the dedicated teacher passed away in 1936.

Today's Gospel tells us that Jesus cured a man of his blindness. Jesus did everything he could for that blind man. Since He was God, Christ gave him his sight. Anne Sullivan did everything she could for Helen Keller. She made it possible for the blind and deaf girl to get in touch with the world outside herself. In a sense, Anne worked a miracle, a miracle of love and concern. You and I can work the same kind of miracle by loving concern for all the handicapped, especially for the blind and near-blind. Any effort to help the sightless is pleasing to the Lord.

What can I do? The sightless appreciate very much having someone read to them – the newspaper, the Bible, articles and stories. What you read and how long you read will depend on time and circumstances. We can subscribe to papers and magazines with large print for those with limited vision. Audio-books and CDs are a blessing to the sightless. These are available, usually at no cost, from your public library. Blind people without transportation welcome a ride or a walk to the store, the doctor, the hair-dresser – no less, or to visit a friend. Many blind long to attend Mass or services in their church – remember, we must not limit our concern to Catholics. Why not take them with you? A simple walk, if only around the block, a phone call, a brief visit. What would that mean to you if you were blind? Some of the sightless like to work with their hands. Teach them a simple hobby.

If you were blind or otherwise handicapped, wouldn't you like to be invited out to lunch or dinner now and then? If at all possible, try to provide or find employment, however limited, for the sightless.

Every one of us can share material blessings with the individual blind and with groups working with and for the blind. Like Anne Sullivan, figure out some way to help.

Any sacrifice you make to help the blind can be offered to up to God in the Mass. That makes your act of kindness into a precious blessing … not only for the one you serve but for you!

God bless you.

Wednesday Lenten Prayer Service with Guest Speaker
7:00 pm

March 25th Dcn. Bob Gajda

April 1st Dcn. John Burke

Easter Flower Memorials Deadline

To be listed in the Easter Sunday bulletin, Easter Flower Memorials are due no later than ***March 26th***

	Readings	Mass Intentions	Parish Events
Saturday **March 21st**	**Hos** 6:1-6 **Ps** 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab **Lk** 18:9-14	**6:00 PM** Anne Rodnez † rb her daughters	**8:00 AM** Rosary **8:00 PM** AA
Sunday **March 22nd** 4th Sunday of Lent	**1 Sm** 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a **Ps** 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1] **Eph** 5:8-14 **Jn** 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38	**8:30 AM** Luca Tyranski ♥ rb Whittaker family **10:30 AM** John Landoski † rb Mike & Diane Chartier	**10:30 AM** RCIA **10:30 AM** ECP **11:00 AM** AA **7:00 PM** Life Teen
Monday **March 23rd** St. Turibius of Mogrovejo	**Is** 65:17-21 **Ps** 30:2 & 4, 5-6, 11-12a & 13b **Jn** 4:43-54	**8:00 AM** Wendell Lee † rb Joyce, Darlene & family	**6:30 PM** Boy Scouts
Tuesday **March 24th**	**Ez** 47:1-9, 12 **Ps** 46: 2-3, 5-6, 8-9 **Jn** 5:1-16	**8:00 AM** Orrin S. Beane Sr. † rb John & Cynthia Weipert	**10:00 AM** FISH **5:00 PM** CYO **6:00 PM** Rosary **7:30 PM** Praise Group
Wednesday **March 25th** The Annunciation of the Lord	**Is** 7:10-14; 8:10 **Ps** 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11 **Heb** 10:4-10 **Lk** 1:26-38	**8:00 AM** Mary Lou Kaczmarek † rb Robert & Marcia Warren	**5:30 PM** Cantor/Choir **5:45 PM** Cub Scouts **6:00 PM** AHG **7:00 PM** Lenten Prayer w/Dcn. John Burke **7:00 PM** AA
Thursday **March 26th**	**Ex** 32:7-14 **Ps** 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a] **Jn** 5:31-47	**8:00 AM** Louise Czajowski † rb Mary McLaughlin	**5:00 PM** CYO
Friday **March 27th**	**Wis** 2:1a, 12-22 **Ps** 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 **Jn** 7:1-2, 10, 25-30	**8:00 AM** the poor in spirit † rb the parish	**5:30 PM** Stations of the Cross followed by Lenten Meal **6:00 PM** Cub Scout PWD setup **7:00 PM** AHG Lock In **7:30 PM** AA
Saturday **March 28th**	**Jer** 11:18-20 **Ps** 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a] **Jn** 7:40-53	**6:00 PM** Alfonzo de la Cruz Ramieres † rb Yolanda Osseneimer	**AHG Lock in** **8:00 AM** Rosary **1:00 PM** Eucharist Workshop **8:00 PM** AA
Sunday **March 29th** 5th Sunday of Lent	**Ez** 37:12-14 **Ps** 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7] **Rom** 8:8-11 **Jn** 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45	**8:30 AM** Sgt John R Willis † rb Thomas Sienko **10:30 AM** Kurczewski family † rb Betty & Henry Kurczewski	**10:30 AM** ECP **10:30 AM** RCIA/Reflection **10:30 AM** Baptism **10:30 AM** ECP **11:00 AM** AA

March 28th & 29th Ministers of the Liturgy			
	6:00 PM	**8:30 AM**	**10:30 AM**
EMHC	Dena Whittaker Lynne Williams Enrica Hensley Alex Asuncion	David Todd Maria Todd Judy Cupp Art LaChapelle Mark Laginess Mary McLaughlin	Joe Flange Louis Kovach Tony Attard John Bleecker Mary Bleecker Ron Watson II
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Regular Office hours:
Monday - Thursday 9 am to 3 pm

Prayer Request

Our Friends, Family and Loved Ones . . .

Mary Talaga
Marti Brown
Betty Kurczewski
Joan Huziak
Jim Whittico
Carol Sobecki
Carol Luscomb
Emily Greca Henson
Gina Simpson
Jane Atchinson
Leona Harris
Theda Conroy

For Those who serve overseas . . .

Lieutenant Red Powell
Marine Corps Cody S. Pratt
Master Sgt, Daniel Babcock
PFC Michael C. Davis
PFC Zach Rhodes
SPC Lawrence J. Maples, Sr.
SPC Travis Weber
Staff Sergeant Alejandro Gonzalez
Staff Sergeant Theresa Gonzalez

The prayer list is updated monthly. To continue prayers or to add the names of your loved ones, please contact the parish office.

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Do you feel lost, alone or bored?
Fighting Constantly?
Considering separation or divorce?

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Prayer Community

Rosary
Tuesdays 6:00 PM
Wednesdays/Cedar Woods 10:30 AM
Weekdays after morning Mass
(when leaders are available)

Divine Mercy Chaplet
Weekdays before morning Mass

End Abortion
Saturdays 8:00 AM

Prayer Request Line
Call 697.7424 or 697.4064

Schedule of Masses

Saturday: 6:00 PM

Sunday: 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM

Daily: Monday - Friday 8:00 AM

Holy days: 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM

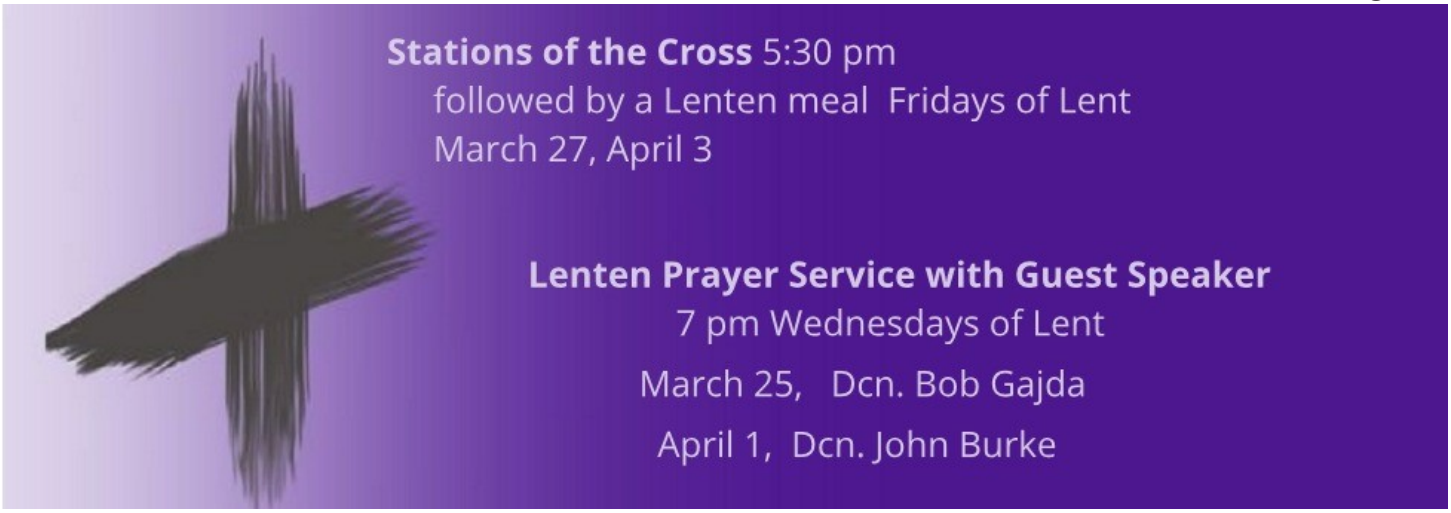
National Holidays: 9:00 AM

Reconciliation

(Confession)
Saturday 4:30-5:30 PM
and by private arrangement.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

The Faith Community of St. Anthony Parish, Belleville, open to the Spirit as disciples of Jesus Christ, envision our mission as Proclaiming, Witnessing and Celebrating the Kingdom of God among us through Service, Healing and Reconciling Love.



Dipping in the Well

At my grandson's Baptism, the priest put a bib on the baby. I do not remember seeing this before. Why is this done? Is it something new?

When an adult is baptized, there is a part in the ceremony when the newly baptized is vested in a white garment. It is symbolic of the changes that baptism brings in the life of the baptized as they are freed from the bonds of sin and brought into the saving grace of Christ. Realities that are so profound are symbolically presented so that we might better grasp and understand them.

Infants are often dressed in a baptismal dress, which is the baptismal garment. In some places, the bib is used as a kind of baptismal garment. At the place in the ceremony where the investiture takes place, the bib is used. Some are poncho-like and fit over the baby's head. Others are simply placed on the baby's chest. If the baby is dressed in a white garment, nothing else is needed. The prayer says it all: "See in your white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity ... bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven." In baptism, we are given our purpose and goal in life as believers and this is symbolized by the white garment.

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Everyone-Holy Week
Wednesday 7 pm Communal Penance
Holy Thursday: 7 pm Mass
Good Friday: 12 pm Stations; 1 pm Tre Ore; 3 pm Divine Mercy; 8 pm Tenebrae
Holy Saturday: 8 am Rosary; 2 pm Food Blessing; 3 pm Divine Mercy; 8 pm Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday: 8:30 am & 10:30 am Mass; 3 pm Divine Mercy

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Singles (mid-30s to 50s): Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the St. Francis Retreat Center, in DeWitt, MI (10 miles north of Lansing), on April 17-19, 2020. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Cost is $185 for meals and a single room. Visit www.ReflectRetreat.com, e-mail

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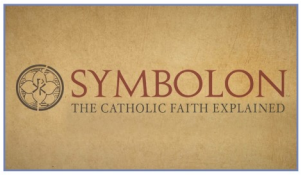

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No Christian Formation until April 19th/20th

As you have heard by now, many programs, sports, schools, etc. have closed or greatly reduced events to help stop the spread of the Coronaviris. To protect our youth and catechists we have also taken this step. Most schools are scheduled to return to class on April 5th/6th, as this and April 12/13th were already set as scheduled days off, our program will not resume until April 19th for Early Childhood Program and April 20th for Christian Formation. Parents and catechists should have received an email with more information. If you have not or if you have any questions, please contact the Christian Formation office (tdore@stanthonybelleville.com) and I will get back with you as soon as possible.

Our Christian Formation families were asked to donate household supplies for St. Vincent de Paul. And boy did they ever! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Our Christian Formation families are awesome!

52 Sundays:

Next Sunday, March 25, 2020 is the Fifth Sunday of Lent and the Gospel reading is John 11:1-45 the Raising of Lazarus.

TAKE TIME TO CHAT

† What would it have been like to witness Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead?
† Jesus was friends with Martha, Mary, and Lazarus. What do you think they talked about?
† Jesus loves you just as he loved Lazarus, and he wants to be your friend. Do you want to be friends with Jesus?

FAMILY PRAYER

Heavenly Father,
Spring is a time of change. Some changes we eagerly await and some we fear. Some changes we plan, and others arrive uninvited. To all these changes, we ask the gift of your Holy Spirit to help us meet these changes with expectation, hope, and rebirth. May the sunlight and the rain be reminders that you are at work renewing the earth. As a God of renewal, you are ever at work in our lives, too. Open our eyes to the needed changes in our lives this spring. For this we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Please remember to pray for our Catechumen and Candidates:

Jacob Kosikowski, Kess Emekpe Sr., Becky Okete, Kenya Wiedemann, Braeden Kosakowski, Ava Kosakowski, Addison Somerset, Mattison Somerset

Pax,
Teresa

Sharing the Gospel

When Jesus saw the blind man, he did not just walk by. Jesus stopped. He knew he could help the man, and honor God at the same time. Showing all of God's love and power, Jesus healed the blind man's eyes. For the first time in his life, the man could see Jesus and believe in him.

Prayer

Jesus, thank you for helping the blind man believe in you.

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St Anthony LIFE TEEN

Hope

At our last Life Teen meeting, we explored Hope through games (escape room anyone?), video, discussion and prayer. What is hope? Do we need hope? What does hope look like? Feel like? Our hope in Jesus and our hope in Heaven.

I "hope" to see you at our next meeting!

Who: High School youth
When: Sunday's 7 pm to 9 pm
Where: St. Anthony Youth Room
What: A place for high schoolers to grow in their faith through play and prayer with their peers.