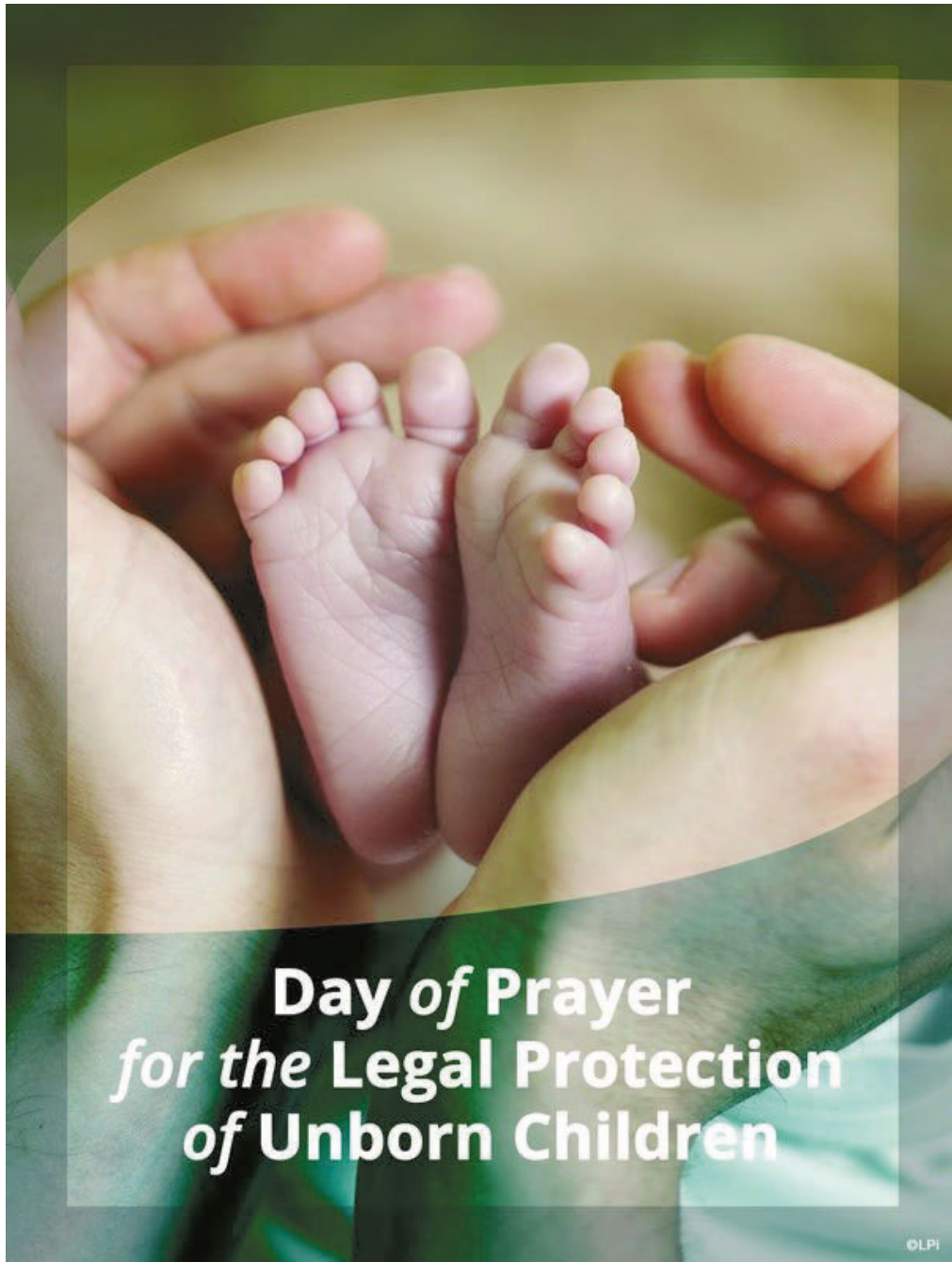


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THERE WILL BE 9:00 AM MASS ON THURSDAYS AT ST. PIUS (WEATHER PERMITTING) FOR THE MONTHS OF JANUARY AND FEBRUARY.

Fr. Tony will be away from the parish in January and February. If there is a pastoral emergency, please call Deacon Brent at 989-728-0055 or leave a message on the answering machine at 989-728-2278.

God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.

God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, "Listen to him." This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus.

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Having inherited his parent's sizable wealth, at age 20 after insuring his younger sister was taken care of, he took to heart Christ's admonition and sold all his remaining riches, gave all his wealth to the poor, and went in poverty into the desert to follow Christ, eventually living in solitude in a cave for many years. He is considered the Father of Christian monasticism, the first of the Desert Fathers of ancient Christianity. The asceticism (spiritual athleticism) St. Anthony taught to the other Desert Fathers is followed to this day at the same hermitage he founded some 1700 years ago located between the Nile and the Red Sea.

ST. PIUS MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

DAILY READINGS

Mon: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22
Tues: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28
Weds: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/
Mk 3:1-6
Thurs: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12
Fri: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 3:13-19

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20

9:00 am Mass Peter Ulrich Requested by Mary Bell

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22:

4:00 pm Mass St. Parish & Visitors
Lector: Pam

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23:

9:30 am Mass Marie Denstedt Requested by Lucille Brindley
Lector: Sheryl

AROUND ST. PIUS

A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer.

Pope Saint John Paul II
Evangelium Vitae

The over 60 million abortions since the 1973 decisions of *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* reflect with heartbreaking magnitude what Pope Francis means by a "throwaway culture." However, we have great trust in God's providence. We are reminded time and again in Scripture to seek the Lord's help, and as people of faith, we believe that our prayers are heard.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), no. 373, designates January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children": "In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion."

As individuals, we are called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting and/or giving alms. Another way to take part is through participating in special events to observe the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*.

Iosco County Right to Life is sponsoring a Walk for Life on Sunday, January 23 at 1:00 pm. Meet at the East Tawas Community Center and walk with the group to Rushman Hall (Knights of Columbus). There will be a brief prayer service at the Memorial to the unborn followed by refreshments and fellowship in the hall.

One of the best ways we can protect unborn lives is by bringing into the light the darkness of abortion and supporting local pregnancy help organizations who daily reach women and families with messages of hope and life. Harbor Lights Pregnancy and Information, 310 Newman Street, East Tawas, serves our community.

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The theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2022 was selected by the Middle East Council of Churches and originates from the churches in Lebanon. Present times in Lebanon are extremely difficult and economically disastrous. All this combined with the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic have made the situation quite stressful. The power of prayer in solidarity with those who suffer is a demonstration of Christian unity and a sign of communion.



The theme, taken from the second chapter of the Gospel according to Matthew, is the Epiphany. Each year in January, the Church recalls the visit of the Magi to Bethlehem, highlighting God's invitation to all of humanity to a new covenant in the Incarnation of Christ. In the Eastern Churches, Epiphany is joined to the mystery of the Baptism of Christ, a baptism all Christians hold in common as testimony to their faith in the Son of God.

(from the website of the [Graymoor Ecumenical and Interreligious Institute](#))



Knights of Columbus

The Knights meet the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm.

Council of Catholic Women

The CCW meets on the second Tuesday of each month at noon.



Ralph Dady, Dan Moeller, Rose Curtis, Joel Nadon, Fran Bostek, Neil Hamilton, Pat Querciagrossa, Louis Kendall, Greg & Madonna Gahl, Al Emery, Lucille Brindley, Evelyn McNicholl, Mar-ion Ratelle, Mary Cmach, Doris Dear, Andy Higgins, Stella Myers, Dolores Ruth, and Edna Schumacher.

Please call the parish office to add or delete names on the prayer list.

SPECIAL PERSONS

Fr. Tony Cureton
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Please send Fr. Tony a get well/cheerful card as he recovers from knee surgery. All cards will be forwarded to Texas.

Susan Bowns
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Food Pantry

Donor's Choice for the month of January. We served four families this week.. Thank you to our generous parishioners.



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January 9, 2022

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Stewardship by the Book

In today's second reading, St. Paul tells the Corinthians (and us) that all of our gifts are from God and that they are given, not for ourselves alone, but for the common good. But the generosity of God knows no limits—the miracle at Cana reminds us that whenever we faithfully do as God asks, He can change our gifts of water into wine!



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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

8:00 AM Karen Farley, Julie Bassi & Joe Smith Requested by Leona Morrison



Please pray for the sick and suffering members of our parish community and their families:

Frank West, Ron & Eric Dober, Leona Morrison, Stella Koehn, Lillian Smith, Mike Rouech, Dianne Walter, Alvera Hinkley, Mary Giori, Joan Jordan, Richard Densmore, Mary Lu Goodman, Nettie Sylvester, Dorothy Alejski, Lynn Daniels, Alyssa MacDonald and Fr. Tony

May they feel the healing touch of Jesus.

Pray for Priests Every Day

Rev. Greg McCallum, Rev. John McCracken, Rev. Bryan Medlin, Rev. Ruben Munoz, Rev. Joseph Muszkiewicz, All Deacons and Rev. Robert W. Nalley.

Family Perspective By Bud Ozar

At Cana we get a good insight into Mary's parenting style. She did not plead, argue, demand or manipulate. She merely pointed out the situation and trusted her son would make the best decision.

Contribution Statements for 2021 are available by contacting the office.

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Smile!

At the scale manufacturers' convention, people often wanted to weigh themselves on different scales to see if they agreed. However, some visitors abstained, not wishing to advertise their weight. A smooth-talking representative coaxed a woman onto his scale by promising her that he would not look and that she could even cover the digital display so only she could see her weight. She finally stood on the scale, whereupon a loud, mechanical voice from within the machine announced: "One hundred and sixty-three."





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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

THURSDAY, NO MASS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

10:15 am Rosary in the Church. Confessions 10-10:45 A.M. in the Chapel.
11:00 am

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16TH & JANUARY 23RD, 2022

10:30 am Rosary in the Chapel.
11:15 am Molly Rozycki by Schraffenbergers, Joy Hartman by CJ and family.



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Sick: Steve and Nancy Baranyai, Gail Stephenson, Tammy and Craig Buchoz, Barb Dolata, Gerri Turner, Darlene Cox and Barb Delorey and Barb Renaud.

Names will be dropped after 30 days unless terminally ill or a new request for illness or injury has been made.

Home Bound: Kate Stohon, Richard Preston and Elizabeth Harden.

St. Anthony of Padua is one of the Catholic Churches most popular saints. He is the patron saint of lost and stolen articles and was a powerful Franciscan preacher and teacher. Many people give alms to St. Anthony Bread in thanksgiving to God for blessings received through the prayers of him.

St Anthony of Padua's life is what every Christians life is meant to be; a steady courage to face the ups and downs of life, the call to love and forgive, to be concerned for the needs of others, to deal with crisis great and small, and to have our feet solidly on the ground of total trusting of the love and dependence on God.

St. Anthony is beloved throughout the world and is responsive to all people and all needs. His intercessory powers before our God are awesome. We should all strive to be more like St. Anthony who was loving, forgiving and concerned for the well being of others.

C.C.W. NEWS

Once again we are offering a \$250 scholarship to a deserving student. Applications are on the round table if you know of someone.

We plan on doing a Super Bowl "snack" sale Sunday Feb 13th. We're asking you to bring snacks/ appetizers to sell for the big game. Such as dips, snack trays, your favorite chicken wings, Chex mix etc. be creative!! You can also bring cookies, pies, cakes whatever you choose.

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