

## All Saints Church



## Holy Cross Church



## St. Anthony Church



# November 26, 2017

## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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### ***Sacramental Life***

#### **Baptism**

Baptismal preparation is offered and required for parents of children to be baptized in our churches. Please contact the parish office for an initial interview and baptismal preparation.

#### **Marriage**

Couples must contact the parish office at least six months prior to the celebration. Marriage preparation prerequisites must be fulfilled before the celebration of marriage.

#### **RCIA/RCIC**

Those interested in becoming Catholic or wishing to complete their Christian initiation through the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist are asked to call the parish office.

#### **Reconciliation (Confession)**

All are invited to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation or Confession. Thursday 3:00-4:00pm at All Saints; Saturday 2:45-3:45pm at St. Anthony; Tuesday 7:00-8:00pm at Holy Cross; or by appointment.

#### **Faith Formation & Youth Ministry**

Rel. Ed. for St. Anthony & Holy Cross takes place at Holy Cross Sundays 9:45am; Rel. Ed. at All Saints after Sunday Masses (11:30am). The All Saints Teen Group meets the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 7:00pm. The Holy Cross High School Youth Group meets at various times at Holy Cross.

### ***Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions***

#### **Saturday • November 25 (1 Mc 6:1-13 Lk 20:27-40)**

4:30 pm Mass at **St. Anthony** for Rev. Joseph McNamara (B-day Remembr.) by Nancy & Bob Chase

#### **Sunday • November 26 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King (Ez 34:11-12, 15-17 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28 Mt 25:31-46)**

8:30 am Mass at **Holy Cross** for Marie Callon by the Finney Family

10:30 am Mass at **All Saints** for Kevin Snyder by Kathleen, Kennedy & Farren Snyder

2:00 pm Mass at **St. Anthony** for Rev. Patrick W. Mundy by Margaret Erdle

#### **Monday • November 27 (Dn 1:1-6, 8-20 Lk 21:1-4)**

9:00 am Mass at **Holy Cross** for Rose Reister by Nan & Don Lisk

3:00 pm Mass at **All Saints** for Johnny Forrest by Michelle Simone

#### **Tuesday • November 28 (Dn 2:31-45 Lk 21:5-11)**

9:00 am Mass at **St. Anthony** for Adolph Steger by Bruce & Linda Langerlan

1:30 pm Mass at **Groton Nursing Home** for Bernadine & Hubert Sharpe

#### **Wednesday • November 29 (Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28 Lk 21:12-19)**

9:00 am Mass at **Holy Cross** for Hank Roberts by Nan & Don Lisk

#### **Thursday • November 30 St. Andrew, Apostle (Rom 10:9-18 Mt 4:18-22)**

9:30 am Mass at **All Saints** for Joseph and Josephine Lacko by the Tvaroha Family

#### **Friday, December 1 (Dn 7:2-14 Lk 21:29-33)**

11:00 am Mass at **St. Anthony** for Betty Doppel by Ginny Shafer

#### **Saturday • December 2 (Dn 7:15-27 Lk 21:34-36)**

4:30 pm Mass at **St. Anthony** for Wayne Gutchess by Roxann Buck and Joan Gibbons

#### **Sunday • December 3 First Sunday of Advent (Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7 1 Cor 1:3-9 Mk 13:33-37)**

8:30 am Mass at **Holy Cross** for Casey Carlson by Catherine Flanagan

10:30 am Mass at **All Saints** for Joanne Snyder by the Wheeler Family

2:00 pm Mass at **St. Anthony** for Therese Maher by John & Barb Walpole



## A NOTE FROM

FATHER DANIEL . .

## The Beauty and Wisdom of the Sacrament of Confession

If we look at the way Jesus spent his time in the Gospel, we will find that his time was spent mostly with five groups of people: 1) The public sinners, such as the prostitutes and the tax collectors, 2) Foreigners, who were also considered sinners because they did not follow the Law, 3) The Sick, who were also considered sinners because of the Jewish understanding of the relationship between sickness and sin, 4) Instructing his disciples, who by their own account were sinners and finally 5) arguing with the Pharisees and Sadducees, who as the Gospel shows again and again were the worst kind of sinners, the self-righteous, who sin against the Holy Spirit (sent for the forgiveness of sin, this is to heal us and complete in us the work of sanctification) by thinking they can save themselves. This shows us how committed God is to reconciling all to him, no matter what our sin of choice is. As we constantly hear in the liturgy: Jesus came to call sinners and to heal the contrite of heart.

The Mission of the Church is to continue the Mission of Christ, and since so much of Christ's time and mission was the forgiveness of sins, we continue this ministry most especially through the Sacrament of Confession, and by the power given by Christ himself to the Apostles to forgive sins, we continue to fulfill his Will every time we welcome sinners back, rejoice with them and grant them absolution through this most beautiful sacrament.

The Sacrament of Confession then is in no way the church's "criminal system" and it certainly does not come from the scarcity of understanding God, as the great accountant who is keeping track of every sin, but from the abundance of understanding that God's mercy is extended to all, always, again and again and again, that as Pope Francis said: "God never gets tired of forgiving us, all we have to do is ask." The wisdom of the Sacrament developed through the centuries under the guidance of the Holy Spirit to have the components that it has today. These components are: 1) The warm welcome of the Priest and the recalling of God's work of Mercy in the Scriptures—this resembles the way the father welcomed back the Prodigal Son; 2) The confession of sins—this step has a profound healing power. It forces us to examine our lives and become aware of the ways in which the Evil One works in us, in this way giving us tools to resist temptations in the future. It allows us to become aware of the ugliness of our sins and to feel true sorrow and the desire to change. It helps us to humble ourselves by having to confess to a priest. It reminds us that our sin is not simply a personal matter but that every moral action has consequences on those around us and on the whole community of the Church. It allows us the opportunity to bear our whole beings in honesty before the saving love of Christ, in whose person the Priest is present at the Sacrament. Psychology has become aware of the healing power of self-disclosure, how much is there to be said of the healing power of honest confession before the Priest in whom I receive the embrace, understanding, care and forgiveness of the whole community and of Christ who loves me and died for me. 3) Penance—Conversion is a journey in which in our freedom we cooperate with the Holy Spirit within us that is working to create us into the likeness of Christ, by opposing and defeating the Evil One that moves us to selfishness and pride. The Sacrament of Confession honors these two realities: 1) that conversion is a process and, 2) that it happens in a cooperation between God's grace and human nature by giving us penance. The penance will usually be some prayers or actions we can perform that will help us be open to the work of the Spirit and overturn the work of sin in our lives, so we can become more like Christ. Finally, 4) Absolution—Through the absolution we are granted once again the grace to live according to our Baptism, offered the unconditional love of God and called to truly accept that forgiveness that restores us to our dignity of children of God, and frees God's creative power within us to make us new in Christ.

There are many opportunities for confession: every Saturday from 2:45 to 3:45 pm at Saint Anthony, every Tuesday from 7 to 8 pm at Holy Cross, and every Thursday from 3 to 4 pm at All Saints — or any time and location by appointment. We will also have three Regional Penance Services this Advent:

December 2 at 10:30 a.m.: Immaculate Conception

December 6 at 6 p.m.: St. Anthony's

December 16 at 10:30 a.m.: St. Catherine's

Come and experience the joy of God's forgiveness!

A fellow forgiven sinner, A.M.D.G.,

**Father Daniel**



# CALENDAR

## THIS WEEK IN OUR FAITH COMMUNITIES

**Sun., Nov. 26** No Religious Ed. — Thanksgiving Break  
Coffee Hour after 2pm Mass @ **St.A.**

**Mon., Nov. 27** Mass 9:00am @ **H.C.**  
Mass 3:00pm @ **A.S.**  
N.E.T. Catholic Liturgy Comm. Mtg. 6-7:30pm @ **A.S.**

**Tues., Nov. 28** Mass 9:00am @ **St.A.**  
Mass 1:30pm @ **Groton Nursing Home**  
Confessions 7:00-8:00pm @ **H.C.**  
Adoration 7:00pm @ **H.C.**

**Wed., Nov. 29** Mass 9:00am **H.C.**  
Bible Study 10:00am @ **H.C.**  
Pre-Advent Series 7:00pm @ **St.A.**

**Thurs., Nov. 30** Mass 9:30am @ **A.S.**  
Pastoral Leadership Mtg. 11:30am-1:00pm @ **A.S.**  
Confessions 3:00-4:00pm @ **A.S.**  
RCIA Mtg. 7:00pm @ **H.C.**

**Fri., Dec. 1** Mass 11:00am @ **St.A.**

**Sat., Dec. 2** Rosary 10:00am @ **H.C.**  
Regional Penance Service 10:30am @ **Immac. Conception**  
Confessions 2:45-3:45pm @ **St.A.**  
Rosary 5:30pm @ **St.A.**

**Sun., Dec. 3** First Sunday of Advent  
Rel. Ed. **St.A./H.C.** 9:45am **A.S.** 11:30 am  
Donut Day 9:30am @ **H.C.**  
“Catholicism” DVD Series 10:30am @ **H.C.**  
**St.A.** Youth Group Mtg. 3:00pm @ **St.A.**

### A LOOK AHEAD:

**Dec. 6** Regional Penance Service 6:00pm @ **St.A.**

**Dec. 7** Vigil Mass (for Holy Day) 6:00pm @ **H.C.**

**Dec. 8** Immaculate Conception of Mary — Holy Day of Obligation  
11:00am Mass @ **St.A.** 6:00pm Mass @ **A.S.**

**Dec. 9** Advent Series 11:00am @ **H.C.**

**Dec. 13** Advent Series 7:00pm @ **A.S.**

**Dec. 16** Advent Open House 3:00-5:00pm @ **H.C.**

**Dec. 20** Advent Series 7:00pm @ **H.C.**

### FR. DANIEL'S OFFICE HOURS

Mondays at Holy Cross 8:00am—12:00pm  
Mondays at All Saints 1:00pm—5:00pm  
Tuesdays at St. Anthony 10:00am—5:00pm  
Wednesdays at Holy Cross 10:30am—5:00pm  
Thursdays at All Saints 10:30am—5:00pm  
Fridays at St. Anthony 8:00am—11:30am  
**E-mail:** Fr.Daniel.Ruiz@dor.org

### ALL SAINTS PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon. 1:00-4:00pm Tues./Thurs. 9:00am-1:00pm

### HOLY CROSS PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon./Wed. 8:00am-12noon Fri. 1:00-5:00pm

### ST. ANTHONY PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon.—Thurs. 8:00am—2:00pm

### ST.A./H.C. PASTORAL ASSOC./FAITH FORM. HRS.

Mon. & Wed. at Holy Cross 9:30am-3:00pm

Tues. & Thurs. at St. Anthony 9:30am-2:30pm

**E-mail:** Mary.Ann.Kozak@dor.org

### DEACON OFFICE HOURS

by appointment

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### PASTORAL CARE PHONE NUMBER

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### PASTORAL COUNCIL E-MAIL

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### REMEMBER THE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

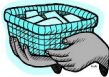
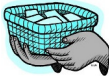
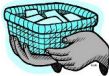
**Bequests to our church become a  
final testimony to our families  
and friends of how much the Lord meant  
to us throughout life.  
What is your testimony?**

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR: December 2 & 3, 2017

Mass Time	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Altar Servers	Greeters / Ushers	Gift Bearers	Sacristans
<b>4:30 pm Saturday ST. ANTHONY</b>	Cathy Bishop Bill Rohde	Cathy Bishop Irene Gutches <b>Nursing Home</b> Cathy Bishop	Wyatt Miller Alexa Miller	Howard Bonavia Linda Bonavia	Perkins Family	Deacon George
<b>8:30 am Sunday HOLY CROSS</b>	Mike Iannello Cas Flanagan	(C) Carroll MacDowell (C) Kathy Muller (H) Michael Albern	Sophie Lynch Carlea Davis	George Muller Dennis Lynch		<b>Oak Hill</b> Muller MacNeil
<b>10:30 am Sunday ALL SAINTS</b>	John Callister Gerry McDonough	(C) Anne Miller (C) Pat Miller (C) Ed Pasto (C) <i>Choir:</i> Deacon George	(Cross) A. Benson (Altar) Z. Benson	Matt Montague Morgan Boerman Jacob Ouellette Parker Ouellette	<b>Nursery</b> Dan Brown Emily Phillips	Matt Connolly

# STEWARDSHIP

# PRAYERS & DEVOTIONS

November 19, 2017 (Week 21)		
<b>All Saints Church</b> Attendance (Adults): 137 (Children): 77	\$ 2,539.31	
<b>Holy Cross Church</b> Attendance (Adults): 130 (Children): 23	\$ 1,611.94	
<b>St. Anthony Church</b> Sat. Attendance (Adults): 76 (Children): 5 Sun. Attendance (Adults): 46 (Children): 7	\$ 1,204.50 Util/Ins: \$ 382.50	

## PRAYER REQUESTS FOR OUR SICK & SHUT-INS



Angelo Alaimo, Elaine Apgar, Jane Baldwin, Pamela Barnes, Ginny Bradshaw, Ron Bradshaw, Chrissy Bravo-Cullen, Karen Brown, Phyllis Campbell, Ian Charles, Donna Cocca, Richard Compton, Paul Conklin, Robert Deely, Jerica Duso, Lois Fahey, Pat Fairbank, Mary Falise, Gordon Gladden, Amy Grosser, Charlene Haskell, Kirsten Hess, Nimr Ibrahim, Autum Kenyon, T.J. Keegan, Diane Kimmich, Steve Kletjian, Dorothy Kubinski, Tudy Leitch, Tate MacDowell, Marcus Martinez, Leah Mayor, Emma Mazingo, Joe McCarey, Betty McCarey, Chris Montreuil, Sara Morse, Barb O'Sullivan, Jim Oswald, Don Palmer, Karen Randolph, Geraldine Rankin, Nancy Rotunda, Beth Schwab, Emilie Searle, Diane Senecal-Shields, Eleanor Sorbello, Lucy Steger, Robert Stewart, Ethel Thomas, Melanie Toolan, Vicky Toro, Maria Unterreiner, Ellen VanSlyke Batzer, Sharon Vincent, Gary Vrabel, Richard Weiss, Jocelyn Woods, and several Special Intentions.

*Please keep our area servicemen and women in your prayers.*

## ALL SAINTS BOOK OF INTENTIONS



Our prayers from our Book of Intentions during the Mass on **November 19** were: For a special intention / For my parents / For my special friend / For healing for Linda and Bette / For my daughters to keep them safe / For the safety of travelers / For my family and friends / For Chuck Benson's healing / For Carl Nedrow and family.

## SUPPORTING OTHERS IN THEIR RIGHT TO WORSHIP

The Catholic Parishes in Tompkins County have agreed to host a dinner at St. Catherine's that will support the Muslim community's efforts to build a Mosque in Ithaca. There will be an initial planning meeting with representatives from our communities in December followed by 4-5 planning meetings over the next five months; and the dinner will be in the Easter Season, sometime in April or early May. If you are open to helping our Muslim brothers and sisters and have a desire to work collaboratively with others from our area and would like to be part of this group, please contact Fr. Daniel by November 30.

## STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS



We celebrate today what is popularly and traditionally called the Feast of Christ the King. This is also the beginning of the last week of our Catholic Liturgical Year, as the New Year begins with Advent next Sunday.

We often mention that time is a gift to us; this idea of measuring Church time is also a gift, but do we truly appreciate it? People tend to say "I go to church." In reality, Christ does not call us to "go" to church; He calls us to be Church. We should live our lives in such a way that it is clear we are Catholic and Christian and part of Christ's Kingdom, for He is our King. Were you aware that the name "Christ" is a royal title in itself? In Greek it means "the anointed king." St. Paul referred to the Lord as "king of kings and lord of lords," a phrase with which we are familiar. If we accept Christ as our King, and if we live our lives as His disciples and followers we are certainly part of His Kingdom. Pope Pius XI instituted today's solemnity in 1925 at a time when many countries were struggling with total loyalty to secular royalty. Pius XI wanted Catholics to recognize that their loyalty was to a higher power, their spiritual king in heaven. Pius XI wrote at that time, "For Jesus Christ reigns over the minds of individuals by His teachings, in their hearts by His love, in each one's life by the living according to His law and the imitating of His example."

## 2017-18 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

We thank those who have given generously to the CMA and ask all who have not yet given to prayerfully consider doing so. The Appeal helps our Church and our parishes in so many ways. Please consider all the ways that God has blessed you and yours, and then think how the Church has brought goodness into your lives. Join our appeal and give back what you can so that we can remain strong and able to do God's great work! Extra CMA envelopes can be found in the back of church.

<i>Glorifying the Lord by Our Lives</i>		
St. Anthony Goal:	\$ 9,723	Pledged: \$ 4,702 (48.36%)
Holy Cross Goal:	\$ 19,146	Pledged: \$ 7,335 (38.31%)
All Saints Goal:	\$ 13,800	Pledged: \$ 5,125 (37.14%)

Busy life? Sunday morning  
sport practices and other  
activities? Difficult to get to  
Mass on Sunday? No worries . . .

**Join us for  
Sunday 2pm Mass  
at Saint Anthony in Groton.**

All are welcome !



# RCIA

## INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

The next RCIA meeting will be on Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at Holy Cross.

## PRE-ADVENT / ADVENT

### THE THREE COMINGS OF CHRIST

- with Fr. Daniel

⇒ 15-minute talk and 25-minute guided prayer exercise

#### Wednesdays at 7 pm

- ◆ **Nov. 29** Saint Anthony "That God may be all in all"  
I Cor 15:28
- ◆ **Dec. 13** All Saints "In this way, incarnate anew"  
Spiritual Exercises #109
- ◆ **Dec. 20** Holy Cross "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us" John 1:14

#### Saturdays at 11 am

- ◆ **Dec. 9** Holy Cross "In this way, incarnate anew"  
Spiritual Exercises #109

## CATHOLICISM DVD AT HOLY CROSS

⇒ Bishop Barron's Catholicism DVD continues for Advent at Holy Cross

During Advent, the celebrated Bishop Barron's "Catholicism" DVD will be shown after the 8:30am Mass at Holy Cross. It continues on Sunday, Dec. 3 with Episode 7: "**Word Made Flesh, True Bread of Heaven: The Mystery of the Liturgy and the Eucharist.**" Stay and watch for a perfect way to begin your Advent during this Year of the Eucharist.

## REGIONAL PENANCE SERVICE AT SAINT ANTHONY'S

There will be a Regional Penance Service at St. Anthony's Church on Wed. Dec. 6, at 6:00pm. Several priests will be available for confessions.



## HOLY CROSS ADVENT COFFEE HOUR & OPEN HOUSE

Holy Cross parish warmly invites everyone to an Advent Coffee Hour and Open House in Cleary Hall on Saturday, December 16, 3:00 - 5:00 pm. In addition to good coffee, hot cocoa and homemade holiday treats, the occasion will feature live piano, gingerbread tree ornament decorating, and the chance to enjoy together some of the joyful spirit of anticipation that comes with the Advent season. Please save the date on your calendars and feel free to help spread the word. (For those who may need a ride to the event, please call 607-592-6830.) All are welcome!

## YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST



Every Catholic church in the world has a sanctuary candle that burns 24/7 before the tabernacle where the Blessed Sacrament is reserved, to indicate and honor the presence of Christ. This is one of the most comforting symbols in Catholicism, a sign that

Christ is truly Emmanuel, "God among us." We know that no matter where we are, we can enter a Catholic Church and we will find the sanctuary candle that reminds us that the heart of Christ is always burning with love for us. We can always come and be with Him who is truly present in the Most Holy Eucharist reserved in the Tabernacle. We are never alone! This candle also represents our unceasing prayers offered before our beloved Lord. As we begin the New Liturgical Year on December 3<sup>rd</sup> and as we continue to celebrate the Year of the Eucharist, I want to offer all in our parishes the opportunity to honor Jesus in the Eucharist and to offer their prayers and petitions unceasingly before the tabernacle by offering a one-week sanctuary candle for their intentions. If you would like to have the sanctuary candle in any of our churches or chapels burn for a week for your intentions, or for a deceased or living relative, please contact our office to have your intentions scheduled. The intentions for the different Sanctuary Lamps will be listed each week in the bulletin. A donation of \$12 dollars (the cost of the candle) will be requested for each intention. Intentions will be accepted for the sanctuary candles in All Saints Church, Holy Cross Church, Saint Anthony Church, and the Egan Chapel at Saint Anthony. May we all take this opportunity to honor the Most Blessed Sacrament!

Fr. Daniel

## CHURCH BULLETIN

### ADVERTISEMENT NEEDED FOR *NEW AND ENHANCED* BULLETIN . . . AND GREAT SAVINGS!

Beginning on December 31, 2017, our bulletins will be printed by LPI. This is a national service that prints high quality, full color church bulletins at no cost for the parishes. Our content will continue to be produced by us, but they will do the printing. LPI is able to do this at no cost for us because they send sales people to secure advertisement for our bulletin. We need to secure at least 30 advertisers in order to be able to make this transition. Having LPI print our bulletin will save each of our parishes approximately \$2500 a year.

If you own a business and would like to advertise in our bulletin (500 copies distributed in Groton, Lansing and Dryden/Freeville reaching as far as Cortland, Ithaca and Moravia) or know of someone who might be interested, please contact your parish office or Greg Sheldon directly at 585-315-8307 or Steve Malaria at 585-506-2093 (salesmen from LPI). They will be visiting our parishes from November 27 to November 30, 2017, to service our new Parish Bulletin. For those interested in placing a new ad, this is your opportunity!

# SOCIAL JUSTICE & MINISTRY

## (WEB) Weekend Backpack Program

Holy Cross Church will be collecting **Peanut Butter** for the month of December. Look for a collection basket at the back of the church.

## SHARE THE WARMTH COATS, THERMALS, BOOTS AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Help keep folks warm this winter! Please consider donating new or gently used coats, snow pants, thermal underwear, boots, hats, gloves, scarves and blankets to the annual Share the Warmth collection drive. From now until December 12, the “red box” bins will be found at many locations around Tompkins County, including: Dryden Rite Aid, Island Health & Fitness, Ithaca College Campus Center, Wegmans, and locations around the Cornell campus. Collection baskets are also available in our NET parishes . . . Please look for them in the back of your church / vestibule / narthex. Larger-sized clothing (2X and up) and large-sized boots (13 and up) are especially needed. Items collected will be distributed free of charge at Catholic Charities in Ithaca, Monday through Friday during the weeks of December 4-15 from 9:00am-4:00pm To volunteer with this effort, please contact Michaela at 607-272-5062 ext. 17 or [Michaela.Cortright@dor.org](mailto:Michaela.Cortright@dor.org).

## ARTISAN FAIR TRADE GIFTS SALE AT ALL SAINTS

On December 3, 10 & 17 after Sunday Mass, there will be an Artisan Gifts Sale at All Saints during coffee hour. All items are Fair Trade crafts from Serrv, a division of Catholic Relief Services. Sales benefit the artisans and their communities around the world, CRS, and of course All Saints! Remember your checkbooks or cash—items are limited this year and will go quickly! And yes, there will be chocolate from Divine Chocolate!

# REGIONAL NEWS

## LANSING COMMUNITY DINNER

The Interfaith Community, Lansing residents and the Lansing United Methodist Church invite you to a Community Dish-To Pass on Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, from 6pm-8pm, at the Lansing United Methodist Church, 32 Brickyard Rd., Lansing. Everyone is welcome! Dinner is FREE and open to all. Please bring a labeled dish-to-pass and an open heart to meet new friends

**SENIOR CITIZENS!** Unless a new president, vice president, secretary and treasurer can be found, The Lansing Seniors will disband January 1<sup>st</sup> according to Sue Ford, president of the organization. The last meeting and luncheon will be the holiday party on Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>. The group meets once a month at the All Saints Center. The Lansing Seniors have been active in the community for many years providing monthly gatherings for senior citizens, featuring entertainment and informative talks. The group also provides a scholarship fund for graduating high school seniors, holds white elephant sales for Hospice and organizes drives for the food pantry. Interested persons can contact Sue at (607)657-8285.

# CHRISTMAS

## HOLY CROSS CHRISTMAS GIFT BASKETS

This year at Holy Cross, Ann Marie Streeter and Lisa Schug will be organizing the gift baskets for the needy families of our community.

1. Each tag will list one item only. Please help yourself to as many tags as you would like.
2. Gifts may be brought to church at any time. Please return the gifts to church by Sunday, 12/10.
3. Tags need to be attached securely to the **unwrapped** items.
4. Items should be placed in the boxes near the entrance of the church.
5. If you are interested in helping with delivery, that will happen after 10 am on Sunday, 12/17. Please contact Ann Marie Streeter (844-3525) or Lisa Schug (345-2688 or [lisa.schug1222@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.schug1222@gmail.com)) if you are able to help.

Thank you for making the Christmas holiday special for the less fortunate of our community!

## SAINT ANTHONY'S GIVING TREE

Tags are available on the Giving Tree in the vestibule, representing children from Groton Elementary School, as well as our Catholic residents at the Groton Nursing Home. Please wrap your gift and securely attach the tag to the outside of the package—and return gifts to the church by December 10.

# DIOCESAN NEWS

## COLORING CONTEST / PHOTO CONTEST

Calling all kids and teens!

The *Catholic Courier* is holding a:

- ◆ **Coloring contest** (for children ages 3-6). Download and print the picture on our website: [www.catholiccourier.com](http://www.catholiccourier.com). **Deadline for submissions is Nov. 30.**
- ◆ **Photo contest** (for children ages 7-12 and teenagers ages 13-18). Take an Advent- or Christmas-related photo. **Deadline for submissions is Dec. 15.**
- ◆ All entries for both contests must be emailed as a photo attachment to [newsroom@catholiccourier.com](mailto:newsroom@catholiccourier.com).
- ◆ Further details for each contest can be found at: <http://www.catholiccourier.com/articles/the-2017-catholic-courier-coloring-and-photo-contest>



## Catholic Courier 2017 Advent Calendar

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