

“Make
straight the
way of the
Lord”
- John 1:23



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MASS SCHEDULE . . .

CELEBRATING OUR FAITH THIS WEEK

Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 13

4:00 pm @ SA + Kenny Joe Sturtewagen by Gary, Sandy, Aaron, Krista, Jared Sturtewagen

Sunday, December 14

8:00 am @ SH + Grove Killelea by his Wife

9:30 am @ SA - For the Parishioners by Father Engelbrecht

Monday, December 15

No Mass

Tuesday, December 16

5:30 pm @ SA + Mabel Buysse by Don & Corrine Buysse

Wednesday, December 17

7:30 am @ SH + Ron Foes by Doris Brieser

Thursday, December 18

8:00 am @ SA + Alice Conner by Terry & Patti Sears

Friday, December 19

8:00 am @ SA + Arden & Norberta Hoogerwerf by Bobby & Ardith

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 20

4:00 pm @ SA + Elsie Stiner by Ron & Bonnie Obrecht

Sunday, December 21

8:00 am @ SH + Lawrence & Lorraine DeSplinter by the Family

9:30 am @ SA - For the Parishioners by Father Engelbrecht

Sharing in the Work of Christ *through sacrificial giving*

St. Anthony Parish Support

Sunday Collection	Weekly	Year to Date (23 weeks)
Amount Needed:	\$2,553.85	\$58,738.55
Income :	\$3,427.00	\$57,506.74
Difference (+ or-):	\$873.15	-\$1,231.81

Sacred Heart Parish Support

December 6: \$1,841.00

Uganda Mission Update

As of 12/9

St. Anthony
\$866.00

Sacred Heart
\$253.00

We are still collecting for the mission. If you'd still like to make a donation, please place it in the collection basket.

Serving at Our Lord's Altar

(A new Lector/EMHC list for *December-March* is on the bulletin board at SH for Sacred Heart Servers)

Please arrive at least 15 minutes prior to mass.

Thank you.

4:00 pm @ St. Anthony - Saturday, December 20

Lector: Robin VanMeenen

EMHC: Loren Jackson, Richard Martens,

David Van De Velde

Altar Servers: Rebecca Clementz, Nicole Haverback

Ushers: Ted Carton, Bump DeDecker, Blake

Haverback, Terence Patton

8:00 am @ Sacred Heart - Sunday, December 21

Lector: Joan Eilers

EMHC: Gene VandeVoorde

Ushers for month of December: Dean Minnaert and

Audie Sturtewagen

Altar Servers: **Need Two Volunteers**

Collection Counters for December: Carolyn Sleaford

and Bill & Barb DeRew

9:30 am @ St. Anthony - Sunday, December 21

Lector: Marshall Plumley

EMHC: Valerie Plumley, Terry Sears, Patti Sears

Altar Servers: Lauren Plumley and William Plumley

Ushers: Keith Carton, Brett Hultman, Mark Murphy,

Ken Taber

4:00 pm @ Sacred Heart - Wed., December 24

Lector: Roger Davis

EMHC: Sue Ann Wells

Altar Servers: Need Two Volunteers

Ushers for the month of December: Dean Minnaert &

Audie Sturtewagen

6:00 pm @ St. Anthony - Wed., December 24

Lector: Terence Patton

EMHC: Marshall Plumley, David Van De Velde, Mary Kay Franks, Bonnie Obrecht

Altar Servers: Lauren Plumley and William Plumley

Ushers: Mark Boelens, Bobby Burton, Stephen Mapes,

Shane Sturtewagen

9:30 am @ St. Anthony - Thursday, December 25

Lector: Lin VanOpdorp

EMHC: Mary Lou Goebert, Richard Martens, Toot

Causemaker, Jean Causemaker

Altar Servers: Need Two Volunteers

Ushers: Keith Causemaker, Ed Coble, Daniel De Smith,

Terry Sears



St. Anthony Music Ministry Schedule

Saturday, Dec 20 - Choir sings at 4:00 pm

Wed., Dec 24th - Choir sings at 6:00 pm

Thur., Dec 25th - Choir sings at 9:30 am

Sunday, Dec 28th - Choir sings at 9:30 am

Please remember these members of our community who are *sometimes* unable to attend Mass with us on Sunday and those in nursing homes:

Chuck Claeys, Mary Lou DeCausemaker, Ann DeCrane, Katelyn DeRycke, Mary Dobbels, Beatrice DeGeeter, Joe DeGeeter, Mary Frank, Mary Ellen Hoogerwerf, Ruth Lauwagie, Dean Lewis, Jack Marchand, Barry Miller, Vera Minnaert, Cindy Nanninga, Sue Saigh, Gia Samuels, Alice Van Kerrebroeck, Rosella Vandersnick, Joann Vandemore, Rosalin Vandersnick, Joann Verstraete, Betty Zapisek.

Sunday Memo FROM OUR PASTOR

As God has blessed your family during 2014 and the year-end approaches, you might consider making a contribution to our parish or to the ADA. Those age 70 1/2 may also want to have part of their Required Minimum Distribution directed to our parish as well.

St. Anthony's: \$26,182.00, 82% of our goal, leaving us with \$5,437.00

Sacred Heart: \$ 13,660, 90% of our goal, leaving us with \$1,525.00

Thank you to all of you who purchased wreaths for the Circle One Wreath Sale this year. Also, thank you to the Circle One members who sold wreaths as well. Together we had a successful sale.
- Circle One Co-Chairs

St. Anthony's CCD students will be caroling (weather permitted) on the evening of Wednesday, December 17th. If you or someone you know would like a small group of students to come and carol at your home, please contact the parish office at 936-7900. We would love to come and bring a little Christmas cheer to your doorstep!

Come help decorate the Church for Christmas!

We will decorate St. Anthony's on Sunday, December 14th after Mass.

And we will decorate Sacred Heart on Saturday, December 20th at 8:30 AM

Both men and women are needed to help. Please join us!

REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD...

Certain watchwords are associated with each season of the church year, almost becoming a motto. Advent's is "Wake up." It then leads to other works like "Watch," "Wait," and "Witness." But every Third Sunday of Advent, we anticipate the coming Christmas season, whose key word is "Rejoice." This Sunday was traditionally called Gaudete ("Rejoice") Sunday. Priests continue to wear rose-colored vestments today, signaling joy.

Joy is not only for Christmastime and the occasional Sunday. I remember as an altar boy, before Vatican II, Mass began with the "prayers at the foot of the altar." The priest would begin: "I will go up to the altar of God." The server responded: "To God who gives joy to my youth, "or as some translations had it, "To God, my exceeding joy."

It was a reminder that God is the source of all joy and that joy is one of the great gifts of God, one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit. St. Paul reminds us that "the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control" (Galatians 5:22-23). Now there is a good list of Christmas giving. Tell you loved ones your Christmas gift this year will be to pray thought the coming year that the Spirit will bring them one of these gifts.

John's gift to the people who came out into the wilderness was to call them to prepare for the Lord, to give them a sense of heightened anticipation that the One coming to them would fill them with joy.

-James A Wallace, C. Ss. R.

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St. Anthony's Circle One will be cleaning the Church on Saturday, December 20th at 9:00 AM. Everyone is welcome to help us clean for Christmas.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR PARISH MEETINGS & EVENTS +

December 17, 6:00 PM: SA CCD Caroling and Christmas Party

Reminder there will be no CCD for SH until January

Reminder there will be no Strategic Planning Meetings for December



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

4:00PM: Sacred Heart

6:00PM: St. Anthony

Midnight Mass: St. Mary of the Fields

Christmas Day

9:30 AM: St. Anthony

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Weekly Liturgy Schedule

Lord's Day Masses @ St. Anthony's
4:00 pm Saturday and 9:30 am Sunday
Lord's Day Masses @ Sacred Heart
8:00 am Sunday

Daily Mass Schedule @ St. Anthony's
5:30 pm Tuesday and 8:00 am Thursday
and Friday

Daily Mass Schedule @ Sacred Heart
7:30 a.m. Wednesday

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00 to 3:30 pm at St. Anthony
Sunday: 7:30 a.m. to 7:50 a.m. at Sacred
Heart or by appointment with
priest.

Parishes In Our Cluster

St. Malachy (Geneseo)
Saturday 5pm, Sunday 8:15 and 10:30 am

Baptism for Infants

Please call for an appointment to schedule
Baptism preparation for your family.

Holy Matrimony

Please arrange an appointment with a
priest at least eight months before the
proposed wedding date to allow time for
all necessary marriage preparation.

Anointing of the Sick

Call the church anytime someone is dying.
If you are unable to attend Mass
(hospitalized or at home) please call so
Holy Communion and pastoral care can
be administered.

New Parishioners

Welcome to St. Anthony Parish! Please call
the church office to register or if you have
questions about our community.

Stewardship Parish

Everyone is expected to share their talents
and treasure for the work of building
God's kingdom. Please ask how you can
volunteer.

Parish Cemetery

Located 1 mile south of Interstate 80 on
County Highway 5. Contact Bill
Carmichael, Jr., for information
(309) 936-7651.

Parish Center Rentals

St. Anthony Hall and Parish Center is
available for receptions and other
gatherings. Please contact the office for
further details.

Bulletin Deadline

Copy must be submitted by Monday to:
bulletin@stanthonyatkinson.org or
mailing to P. O. Box 210, Atkinson, IL
61235.