



The shepherds went in haste, and found
Mary and Joseph and the
Infant lying in a manger.
Luke 2:16

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MASS SCHEDULE . . .

CELEBRATING OUR FAITH THIS WEEK

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Saturday, December 27

4:00 pm @ SA - For the Parishioners by Father Engelbrecht

Sunday, December 28

8:00 am @ SH + Jim Van Hyfte by Pat VanHyfte

9:30 am @ SA + Kenny Joe Sturtewagen by Annabelle & Family

Monday, December 29

No Mass

Tuesday, December 30

5:30 pm @ SA + Vernon Minnaert by Ralph & Mary Lou Moens

Wednesday, December 31 - Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God

No AM Mass

5:30 pm @ SH + Alice Haverback by William & Mary Hynd

Thursday, January 1 - Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God

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

Friday, January 2 - Saints Basil the Great and Gregory, Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

8:00 am @ SA + Ron Weidner by Dennis and Maree Marchand

The Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 3

4:00 pm @ SA + Jim Park by the Family

Sunday, January 4

8:00 am @ SH - For the Parishioners by Father Engelbrecht

9:30 am @ SA + Babe Vandersnick & Regina Vandersnick DeJaeger
by Herb & Maribeth

Sharing in the Work of Christ *through sacrificial giving*

St. Anthony Parish Support

Sunday Collection	Weekly	Year to Date
12/14/2014		(24 weeks)
Amount Needed:	\$2,553.85	\$61,292.40
Income :	\$2,686.00	\$60,192.74
Difference (+ or-):	\$132.15	-\$1,099.66

Sacred Heart Parish Support

December 14: \$1,192.00

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

PARISH MEETINGS & EVENTS +

January 4th, 9:00 AM: SH CCD

January 6th, 6:00 PM: SA CCD

January 8th, 6:30 PM: SA Parish Council Meeting

January 15th, 6:30 PM: SA Strategic Planning Meeting

January 22nd, 7:00 PM: SH Strategic Planning Meeting

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.

5:30 pm @ Sacred Heart - Wednesday, December 31 Solemnity of Mary Vigil

Lector: Joan Eilers

EMHC: Eunice Rambo

9:30 am @ St. Anthony - Saturday, January 1 Solemnity of Mary

Lector: Terry Sears

EMHC: Marshall Plumley, Valerie Plumley, Patti Sears

Ushers: Keith Carton, Brett Hultman

Altar Servers: Lauren Plumley and William Plumley

4:00 pm @ St. Anthony - Saturday, January 3

Lector: Dustin Specht

EMHC: Toot Causemaker, Jean Causemaker, David Van De Velde

Altar Servers: Rebecca Clementz, Nicole Haverback

Ushers: Bobby Burton, Ted Carton, Bump De Decker,

Terence Patton

8:00 am @ Sacred Heart - Sunday, January 4

Lector: Roger Davis

EMHC: Eunice Rambo

Ushers for month of January: Vern Bollengier, Rod Jackson, Jerry De Smith

Altar Servers: **Need Two Volunteers**

Collection Counters for January: Marilyn Verdick and Sue Ann Wells

9:30 am @ St. Anthony - Sunday, January 4

Lector: Theresa Peterson

EMHC: Loren Jackson, Richard Martens, Norma Simon

Altar Servers: Need Two Volunteers

Ushers: Keith Causemaker, Stephen Mapes, Gary

Olson, Shane Sturtewagen



St. Anthony Music Ministry Schedule

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

Sunday, Jan 4th - Choir sings at 9:30 am

Saturday, Jan 11th - Choir sings at 4:00 pm

Sunday, Jan 24th—Choir sings at 9:30 am

Dear Parishioners,

I trust all of you had a very Blessed Christmas. Don't forget we celebrate Christmas Day for eight days ('til New Years Day), then comes Epiphany. So there is plenty of Christmas cheer to expand these days. This is because the Church realizes that when celebrating a mystery such as the Incarnation we need to take time to "soak in" its meaning.

Part of Incarnation is that God became part of a family—the Holy Family which we celebrate this Sunday. So I extend to all of our families wishes for God's blessings for this upcoming year.

I am so thankful to those who have sent me Christmas cards and gifts, as we remember the greatest gift ever received— Christ the Lord. All God's blessings to you and yours in this New Year!

- Father Engelbrecht

January 1, the **Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God** is a holy day of obligation. Masses are December 31st at 5:30 PM at Sacred Heart and January 1st at 9:30 AM at St. Anthony. On this octave (8th) day of Christmas, we celebrate the Virgin Mary for her important role in Salvation in bringing for the Saviour.

A very appreciative **Thank You** to those who cleaned the church and decorated for Christmas. Both churches are beautiful and it set the mood for a lovely celebration of our Lords Nativity and the Christmas Season.

Thank you to the musicians— On behalf of the parishioners a big word of thanks for those who lent their voices and who played their instruments so beautifully for Christmas. All your efforts at the service of the Sacred Liturgy is a wonderful testimony. St. Augustine says "He who sings prays

twice," so you must be "prayed up," "Rejoice and be glad your reward will be in heaven." Many thanks!

- Father Engelbrecht

The **church office will be closed** on Thursday January 1.

Please note that **incense** will be used on Sundays during the Christmas Season. Incense was used in the worship of God 2,000 years ago and is employed in the Church's Sacred Liturgy today. The sweet smelling incense rising up to heaven reminds us of our prayers rising up to God. At Christmas we celebrate our God who so loved us that he sent his only Son down to us. This perfectly represents what happens at Mass—God comes to us and we are taken up to God. There might be some that would prefer to avoid Masses with incense, so I inform you presently.

REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD...

On Christmas we celebrate God becoming human, when the face of creation was changed. We ponder that great mystery of the Incarnation: Jesus is true God and truly human in the body and soul of Jesus of Nazareth.

Christmas is not a single day, however, but an entire season. Today, the Sunday after Christmas, we ponder the Holy Family. What difference does this mystery of the incarnation make for families? Jesus came to bring together the children of Israel into a new family, a family united not by blood but by faith in him. So in today's Gospel we see some of the first members of that family.

Luke's Gospel has been called the Gospel of Jesus as the compassion of God, the Gospel of prayer, the Gospel of the Holy Spirit; we can also think of it as the Gospel of family. He first introduces us to Mary's cousin, Elizabeth, and Elizabeth's husband, Zechariah, He first introduces us to Mary's cousin, Elizabeth, and Elizabeth's husband, Zechariah, parents of John the Baptist. Then we meet Mary and Joseph.

Today we meet two other family members, Simeon and Anna, not related by blood, but only by faith in the promises of the God of Israel. Each sees in the child Jesus the glory of Israel and the light of the Gentiles.

Christmas reminds us that by baptism into Christ we are now part of God's family. As God's family, "God's chosen ones," as Paul reminded the Colossians 93:62), we are to put on heartfelt compassion, kindness, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another.

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2015 Circle List

The St. Anthony Circle Committee has completed the 2015 Circle List. Every family is a member of a Circle. The Parish is organized into four Circles and each Circle serves for a consecutive three-month period. Christian service of the Circle includes cleaning of the Sacred Spaces used for worship, service to the grieving at funeral luncheons and contributions to the work of building God's kingdom through fundraising successes. The Circle chairmen are picked by the committee. 2015 Chairmen are:

Circle One: Blake & Denise Haverback, Mat & Katie Orwig, David & Bonnie Van De Velde, Ron & Carolyn VanOpdorp

Circle Two: Brian Carmichael, Keith & Lynette Causemaker, Jim & Carol Croegaert, Lana Davis

Circle Three: Doug & Juliette Carter, Bump and Hank DeDecker, Carol Noard, Bridget Real, Jeff & Jean Roman

Circle Four: Eugene and Marie Decker, Sue Floming-Deskin, Marie Hoffman, Lorrie, Jurgensen, Mitch & Maribeth McNeil, Anita Park, Rory & Cathy VanOpdorp

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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@stanthonysatkinson.org or
mailing to P. O. Box 210, Atkinson, IL
61235.