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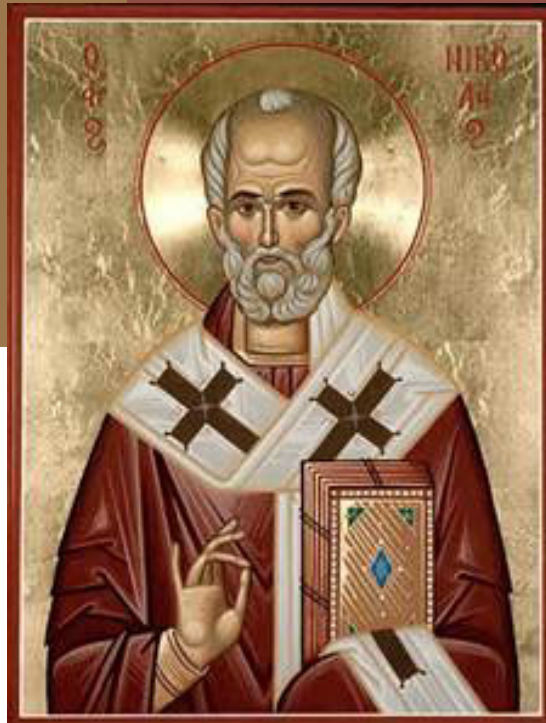
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## MASS SCHEDULE . . .

CELEBRATING OUR FAITH THIS WEEK

### Second Sunday of Advent

#### Saturday, December 5

4:00 pm @ SA + Royce VanVooren by Bonnie & Ron Obrecht

#### Sunday, December 6

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

9:30 am @ SA + Elmer & Rita Mapes by the Family

#### Monday, December 7

No Mass

#### Tuesday, December 8

7:30 am @ SH + For the Parishioners by Father Engelbrecht

6:00 pm @ SA + Barney Van De Rostyne by His Family

#### Wednesday, December 9

7:30 am @ SH + Grove Killelea by Sue Killelea

#### Thursday, December 10

8:00 am @ SA + Betty Zapisek by Dave & Chris Zapisek

#### Friday, December 11

8:00 am @ SA + Carol Longeville by Lynn & Pam Cathelyn

### Third Sunday of Advent

#### Saturday, December 12

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

#### Sunday, December 13

8:00 am @ SH + Howard VandeVoorde by Roberta VandeVoorde & Children

9:30 am @ SA + Vince & Ann DeCrane

### 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.

#### Immaculate Conception

##### 7:30 am @ Sacred Heart - December 8

Lector: Joan Eilers

EMHC: Mary Jagers

##### 6:00 pm @ St. Anthony - December 8

Lector: Robin VanMeenen

EMHC: David Van De Velde

Ushers: John Cauwels and Stephen Mapes

##### 4:00pm @ St. Anthony - December 12

Lector: Bonnie Obrecht

EMHC: Toot Causemaker, Jean Causemaker, Richard Martens, Mary Kay Franks

Altar Servers: Rebecca Clementz, **Need One Volunteer**

Ushers: Lynn Cathelyn, Bump De Decker, Richard Smith, Ken De Smith

##### 8:00 am @ Sacred Heart - December 13

Lector: Marv VanKeulen

EMHC: Wayne Brau

Altar Servers: **Need Two Volunteers**

Ushers for the Month of December: Chuck DeMay and Kenny Sierens

Collection Counters for the Month of December: Carolyn Sleaford and Sue Ann Wells

##### 9:30 am @ St. Anthony - December 13

Lector: Marshall Plumley

EMHC: Loren Jackson, Valerie Plumley, Terry Sears and Patti Sears

Altar Servers: Lauren Plumley and William Plumley

Ushers: Gerald Buysse, Daniel De Smith, Mark Murphy, Ken Taber

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

+ PARISH MEETINGS & EVENTS +

December 9th, 6:00 pm: SA CCD

December 13th, 9:00 am: SH CCD

December 16th, 6:00 pm: SA CCD Caroling at Good Samaritan

December 17th, 6:00 pm: SH CCD Christmas Play

### St. Anthony Music

#### Ministry Schedule

Tuesday, December 8th - Choir sings at 5:30 pm  
Sunday, December 13th - Choir sings at 9:30 am  
Saturday, December 19th - Choir sings at 4:00 pm  
Thursday, December 24th - Choir sings at 4:00 pm  
Friday, December 25th - Choir sings at 9:30 am  
Sunday, December 27th - Choirs sings at 9:30 am

### Sharing in the Work of Christ *through sacrificial giving*

#### St. Anthony Parish Support

| Sunday Collection   | Weekly           | Year to Date<br>(22 weeks) |
|---------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| Amount Needed:      | \$2,553.85       | \$56,184.70                |
| Income:             | \$ 2,361.98      | \$51,956.83                |
| Difference (+ or-): | <b>-\$191.87</b> | <b>-\$4,227.87</b>         |

#### Sacred Heart Parish Support

| Sunday Collection   | Weekly           | Year to Date<br>(22 weeks) |
|---------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| Amount Needed:      | \$1,307.00       | \$28,754.00                |
| Income:             | \$759.00         | \$26,022.73                |
| Difference (+ or-): | <b>-\$548.00</b> | <b>-\$2,731.27</b>         |

Special Collections from Both Parishes  
Campaign for Human Development: \$305.00  
Seminarian Endowment Fund: \$50.00



## Who is St. Nicholas?

The true story of Santa Claus begins with Nicholas, who was born during the third century in the village of Patara.

At the time the area was Greek and is now on the southern coast of Turkey. His wealthy parents, who raised him to be a devout Christian, died in an epidemic while Nicholas was still young. Obeying Jesus' words to "sell what you own and give the money to the poor," Nicholas used his whole inheritance to assist the needy, the sick, and the suffering. He dedicated his life to serving God and was made Bishop of Myra while still a young man. Bishop Nicholas became known throughout the land for his generosity to those in need, his love for children, and his concern for sailors and ships.

Under the Roman Emperor Diocletian, who ruthlessly persecuted Christians, Bishop Nicholas suffered for his faith, was exiled and imprisoned. The prisons were so full of bishops, priests, and deacons, there was no room for the real criminals-murderers, thieves and robbers. After his release, Nicholas attended the Council of Nicaea in AD 325. He died December 6, 343 in Myra and was buried in his cathedral church, where a unique relic, called manna, formed in his grave. This liquid substance, said to have healing powers, fostered the growth of devotion to Nicholas. The anniversary of his death became a day of celebration, St. Nicholas Day, December 6th

Through the centuries many stories and legends have been told of St. Nicholas' life and deeds. These accounts help us understand his extraordinary character and why he is so beloved and revered as protector and helper of those in need.

One story tells of a poor man with three daughters. In those days a young woman's father had to offer prospective husbands something of value-a dowry. The larger the dowry, the better the chance that a young woman would find a good husband. Without a dowry, a woman was unlikely to marry. This poor man's daughters, without dowries, were therefore destined to be sold into slavery. Mysteriously, on three different occasions, a bag of gold appeared in their home-providing the needed dowries. The bags of gold, tossed through an open window, are said to have landed in stockings or shoes left before the fire to dry. This led to the custom of children hanging stockings or putting out shoes, eagerly awaiting gifts from Saint Nicholas. Sometimes the story is told with gold balls instead of bags of gold. That is why three gold balls, sometimes represented as oranges, are one of the symbols for St. Nicholas. And so St. Nicholas is a gift-giver.



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### Sacred Heart CCD December Offering

Members of our parish may not have the means to provide toys to their loved ones. Please help us support our Sacred Heart Parish by contributing a new, unwrapped

toy or game for a child 14 years of age or younger. Collection will end on Sunday, December 20th in order to allow time for distribution. Wrapping paper supplies welcomed.

Thank you to all of those who donated money or purchased or sold Christmas wreaths for St. Anthony's Circle Two Fundraiser. With your support we raised \$1,291.50.



### Christmas Mass Schedule

St. Anthony - Christmas Eve Mass 4:00 pm

Sacred Heart - Christmas Eve Mass 6:00 pm

St. Mary of the Fields - Midnight Mass

St. Anthony - Christmas Day Mass 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:

Connie Altman, Lucille Buysee, Dave Colgan, Aaron Crosby, Mary Lou DeCausemaker, Dick DeDecker, Joe DeGeeter, Katelyn DeRycke, Evelyn DeSplinter, Reuben DeSmith, Mary Dobbels, Annie Eastman, Mary Frank, Mary Ellen Hoogerwerf, Kris Kirkhove, Dean Lewis, Jack Marchand, Barry Miller, Vera Minnaert, Sue Saigh, Gia Samuels, Susan Stontz, Alice Van Kerrebroeck, Joann Vandemore, Joann Verstraete

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### 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.

### Area Parishes

**St. Malachy (Geneseo)**

Saturday 5pm, Sunday 8:15 and 10:30 am

**St. John Paul II (Kewanee)**

Saturday 4:30pm, Sunday: 7:30, 9:30 am;  
1pm Spanish

### 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 our parishes! Please call the church office to register or if you have questions about our community.

### Parish Cemeteries

St. Anthony Cemetery: Contact Bill Carmichael, Jr., (309)936-7651. Sacred Heart Cemetery: Contact Ardy Clementz at (309) 935-6704

### Parish Halls Rental

The halls of both parishes are available for receptions and other gatherings. Please contact the office for further details.

### Bulletin Deadline

Copy must be submitted by Thursday at 9:00am to: office@stanthonysatkinson.org or mailing to PO Box 210, Atkinson, IL 61235