

ST. ANTHONY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, Atkinson

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### MASS SCHEDULE . . .

CELEBRATING OUR FAITH THIS WEEK

### The Epiphany of Our Lord

#### Saturday, January 2

4:00 pm @ SA - Vera Minnaert 100th Birthday by the Family

#### Sunday, January 3

8:00 am @ SH + Simon Vandersnick & John Walgrave  
by Sharon Sturtewagen & Family

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

#### Monday, January 4

No Mass

#### Tuesday, January 5 - St. John Neumann, Bishop

5:30 pm @ SA + Rosalind VanDerSnick by Julie Atwell

#### Wednesday, January 6

7:30 am @ SH + Hubert VandeVoorde  
by his Brothers & Sisters (Ralph, Gene, Roberta, Sister Diane & Yvonne)

#### Thursday, January 7

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

#### Friday, January 8

8:00 am @ SA + Joann VerStraete by St. Anthony Altar & Rosary

### Baptism of the Lord

#### Saturday, January 9

4:00 pm @ SA + Betty Zapisek by Joe & Norma Gilbraith

#### Sunday, January 10

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

9:30 am @ SA + Mickey Van De Rostyne by her Family



### St. Anthony Music Ministry Schedule

Sunday, January 3rd - Choir sings at 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday, January 10th - Choir sings at 9:30 a.m.  
Saturday, January 16th - Choir sings at 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday, January 24th - Choir sings at 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday, January 31st - Choir sings at 9:30 a.m.

**Serving at Our Lord's Altar**  
(A new Lector/EMHC list for Dec- Mar is on the bulletin board at SH for Sacred Heart Servers)  
Please arrive at least 15 minutes prior to mass. Thank you.

#### 4:00pm @ St. Anthony - January 9

Lector: Janice Wyffels  
EMHC: Jeanne Carton, Toot Causemaker, Jean Causemaker  
Altar Servers: Rebecca Clementz, Nicole Haverback  
Ushers: Mark Boelens, Bobby Burton, Lynn Cathelyn, Ken De Smith

#### 8:00 am @ Sacred Heart - January 10

Lector: Eric Ufheil  
EMHC: Kathy Foes  
Altar Servers: **Need Two Volunteers**  
Ushers for the Month of January: Vern Bollengier, Rod Jackson, Jerry DeSmith  
Collection Counters for the Month of January: Marilyn Verdick and Sue Ann Wells

#### 9:30 am @ St. Anthony - January 10

Lector: Marshall Plumley  
EMHC: Loren Jackson, Terry Sears, Patti Sears  
Altar Servers: Lauren Plumley and Marshall Plumley  
Ushers: Ed Coble, Jon Hamer, Terence Patton, Herb Vandersnick

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

#### St. Anthony Parish Support

Sunday Collection	Weekly	Year to Date (26 weeks)
Amount Needed:	\$2,553.85	\$66,400.10
Income:	\$ 1,922.00	\$61,474.83
Difference (+ or-):	<b>-\$631.85</b>	<b>-\$4,925.27</b>

Christmas Collection: \$3,342.50

#### Sacred Heart Parish Support

Sunday Collection	Weekly	Year to Date (26 weeks)
Amount Needed:	\$1,307.00	\$33,982.00
Income:	\$850.00	\$31,429.73
Difference (+ or-):	<b>-\$457.00</b>	<b>-\$2,552.27</b>

Christmas Collection: \$609.00

Improvement Fund: \$70.00

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

## The Three Kings - Sts. Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar

Today we celebrate the feast of these three Magi, who brought Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. The Magi brought Jesus gold to show that He was a king; frankincense to honour Him as God; and myrrh to greet Him as man. These Magi first saw the star which led them to Bethlehem on the preceding March 25, the day, and at the moment, that Jesus was conceived in Mary's womb. It took the Magi nine months and twelve days to reach Bethlehem, guided by the star. The star left them when they were in Jerusalem. But it shone again after the Magi left Jerusalem, and led them to the cave

of Bethlehem. Our Lady let each of the Magi hold Jesus in his arms. The Magi returned to the East, to Persia and later were baptized there by Saint Thomas the Apostle, in the year 40. All three of the Magi were martyred for the Catholic Faith. Their names are Saint Caspar, Saint Melchior and Saint Balthasar. The bodies of the Magi were first brought to Constantinople, and then to Milan, and in the twelfth century they were placed in the Cathedral of Cologne, in Germany, where they are venerated with much love. Let this feast remind us that "Wise men still seek Him."

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 begotten 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.

### Atkinson Legion Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, January 10th  
Serving 8:00- Noon  
Adults: \$6.00  
Children 6-12: \$3.00  
Children under age 6: FREE

### Annual Diocesan Appeal

St. Anthony	Sacred Heart
Total Pledged: \$30,313.40	Total Pledged: \$12,420.00
Balance: \$4,861.60	Balance: \$2,734.00
Percentage: 86%	Percentage: 81%
Families: 118	Families: 71

### Attention Sacred Heart Money Counters:

There will be a meeting on Thursday, January 14th at 6:30 pm in the Sacred Heart Sacristy.



### An Epiphany Blessing

It is customary, for the faithful to ask God's blessings on their homes at the Solemnity of Epiphany with blessed chalk. They write over their front door:

20 +C+M+B+16

Obviously, the numbers that appear at the beginning and end of the line designate the new year. 'CMB' stands for the traditional names of the Magi (Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar) and also signifies the Latin Prayer *Christus Mansionem Benedicat* or "May Christ bless this dwelling." As we remember the wise men seeking out the newborn King, we on this feast, ask Christ to visit us with his blessing. The inscription is made above the front door, so that all who enter and depart the home may enjoy God's blessing. So if you would like to receive a bit of blessed chalk, for this purpose, see Father after Mass on January 2nd and 3rd. Now remember it is blessed so don't chuck it into your garbage. The following is the accompanying prayer with the writing in chalk:

### Let us pray:

Hear us, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Eternal God, and send your Holy Angel from Heaven to watch over, cherish, protect, be with, and defend all who live in my house. I call upon your Saints, Casper, Melchior, and Balthasar, to protect my family and my home from every harm and danger, and I place the marks of their holy names over the doors of my home to remain there as a constant reminder to us and to all who enter here that my house is truly a house of the Lord.

O God, make the door of my house wide enough to receive all who need human love and companionship, narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride, and strife. Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling block to children, nor to straying feet, but rugged and strong enough to turn back the tempter's power.

O God, make the door of my house the gateway to your eternal Kingdom. I ask these things in the Name of Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

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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