

ST. ANTHONY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, Atkinson  
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SHRINE OF ST. MARY, Hooppole  
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MASS SCHEDULE . . .  
CELEBRATING OUR FAITH THIS WEEK

Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 10  
4:00 pm @ SA + Fr. Verhoye by Gerald & Mary Kay Franks  
Sunday, December 11  
8:00 am @ SH + Grove Killelea by Sue and Family  
9:30 am @ SA - For the Parishioners by Father Engelbrecht

Monday, December 12  
No Mass  
Tuesday, December 13 Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr  
5:30 pm @ SA + Alvin VanMeenan by Carol VanMeenan  
Wednesday, December 14 Saint John of the Cross  
7:30 am @ SH - Margaret Coppejans & Family by the Family  
Thursday, December 15  
8:00 am @ SA + Chuck Claeys by Dick Martens  
Friday, December 16  
8:00 am @ SA + Babe Vandersnick & Regina Vandersnick DeJaeger by  
Herb & Maribeth Vandersnick

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 17  
4:00 pm @ SA - For the Parishioners by Father Engelbrecht  
Sunday, December 18  
8:00 am @ SH + Howard VanDeVoorde by Roberta VanDeVoorde  
9:30 am @ SA + Royce VanVooren by the Family

Serving at Our Lord’s Altar

4:00 pm @ St. Anthony - December 17  
Lector: Norma Simon  
EMHC: Jean Causemaker, Toot Causemaker, David Vandevelde  
Altar Servers: 2 Volunteers needed  
Ushers: Mark Boelens, Bobby Burton, Ken DeSmith,  
Richard DeSmith  
8:00 am @ Sacred Heart - December 18  
Lector: Eric Ufheil  
EMHC: Gene Vandevoorde  
Ushers for December: Chuck DeMay, Kenny Sierens  
Collection Counters for December Marlene Minnaert,Sue Ann Wells  
9:30 am @ St. Anthony - December 18  
Lector: Lin Van Opdorp  
EMHC: Jeanne Carton, Loren Jackson, Valerie Plumley  
Altar Servers: Lauren Plumley and William Plumley  
Ushers: Gerald Buysse, Keith Carton, Keith Causemaker,  
Marshall Plumley

Please remember these parishioners who ask for your prayers.

Connie Altman, Lucille Buysee, Dave Colgan, Mary Lou DeCausemaker,  
Joe DeGeeter, Katelyn DeRycke, Evelyn DeSplinter, Mary Dobbels,  
Annie Eastman, Mary Frank, Mary Ellen Hoogerwerf, Dan Longeville,  
Dean Lewis, Jack Marchand, Barry Miller, Loretta Minnaert, Vera Minnaert,  
Gia Samuels, Susan Stontz,Alice Van Kerrebroeck, Joann Vandemore,  
Bernadine Betcher

Christmas Mass Schedule:

Christmas Eve:  
4:00 pm: St. Anthony’s  
(celebrated by Father D. Jack)  
4:00 pm: Sacred Heart  
11:00 pm: St. Mary’s Hooppole

Christmas Day  
8:00 am: Sacred Heart  
9:30 am: St. Anthony’s

MARK YOUR CALENDAR  
PARISH UPDATES

December 11, 9:00 am: SH CCD  
December 13, 7:30 pm: SH Youth Ministry  
December 14, 6:00 pm: SA CCD (Mass)

St. Anthony’s Music Ministry

Sunday, December 11 - Choir sings at 9:30 am  
Saturday, December 17 - Choir sings at 4:00 pm  
Saturday, December 24 - Choir sings at 4:00 pm  
Sunday, December 25 - Choir sings at 9:30 am

Time to Decorate!

Both Sacred Heart & St. Anthony Churches will be decorated for Christmas after each respective Mass on Sunday December 18th. If you can spare some time, your help would be appreciated! Our churches look so lovely each year, but it takes a lot of work. Please consider helping.



Sharing in the Work of Christ  
through sacrificial giving

St. Anthony Parish Support

Sunday Collection	Weekly	Year to Date (23 weeks)
Amount Needed:	\$2,327.70	\$53,537.10
Income:	\$2,477.00	\$58,156.17
Difference (+ or-):	\$149.30	\$4,619.07

Christmas Flowers: \$410

Sacred Heart Parish Support

Sunday Collection	Weekly	Year to Date (23 weeks)
Amount Needed:	\$1,211.54	\$27,865.42
Income:	\$1,240.00	\$20,856.75
Difference (+ or-):	\$28.46	- \$7,008.67

Improvement Fund: \$155  
Christmas Flowers: \$160  
Immaculate Conception: \$20

St. Anthony and Sacred Heart Catholic Churches + Sunday, December 11, 2016

*Sunday Memo* FROM OUR PASTOR

Thank you to Vandemore Funeral Home for providing the beautiful **Catholic Calendars for 2017**. The calendars can be picked up at the doors of both churches.

Thank you to the St. Anthony's Altar and Rosary Society for purchasing three **baby changing stations** that have been installed in the men's and women's restrooms in the parish hall and the restroom in the church. Thank you to Gerry Franks and Dave VanDeVelde for installing the stations.

**All Hands On Deck! Those who are not helping decorate St. Anthony's church, are asked to help with the general cleaning to be held on**

**Sunday, December 18th at 1 pm. The more hands the lighter work!**

The jewels of St. Anthony's Centennial **Ornaments/Keepsakes** and Trivets can be purchased for Christmas gifts in November and December. The ornaments are \$10 each or \$8 a piece if you order 5 or more. Trivets are \$16 each. Order by calling Sue Floreani 309-936-7333, Bonnie Obrecht 309-936-7968 or Mary Lou Goebert 309-936-7564.

**Annual Diocesan Appeal Information: St. Anthony Update:**

We have pledges of \$27,305.75 toward our goal of \$35,136.00 leaving a balance of \$7,830.24. We have received pledge cards from 119 families (77%).

**St. Anthony's Over The Top Drive!! Once again, in order to reach our ADA goal, we have a board in the back of the church**

that has monopoly money. For those who have not yet donated, or for those who would like to help a little more, please **pick up a denomination that signifies the amount you can assist with. Once all the bills are off we reached our goal. Thank you for your generosity.**

**Sacred Heart Update:**

We have pledges of \$10,810, toward our goal of \$15,921 leaving a balance of \$5,111. We have received pledge cards from 69 families (67%).

My Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

In his Prayer for Generosity, St. Ignatius of Loyola asks for guidance in living selflessly. "Teach me to serve you as you deserve; to give and not to count the cost .... To labor and not to ask for reward, save that of knowing that I do your will."

This prayer comes to mind as I reflect on the faithful service of our nation's elder religious. These women and men ---Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests -- never stopped to count the cost as they educated the young, cared for the sick, and sought justice for the oppressed. In so doing, they made an inestimable contribution to the Church in the United States, establishing Catholic schools, hospitals, and social-service agencies.

Today, many senior religious continue to manifest God's love and generosity by serving in a wide range of volunteer activities. Others, though sometimes frail and infirm, Remain dedicated to a ministry of prayer. Nearly all are challenged by the rising cost of care. Most elder religious worked for years for small stipends, leaving a substantial gap in retirement savings. A majority of religious communities now struggle to provide necessary medications, nursing care, and basic services for their older members.

Soon our parishes will be conducting the annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious, an opportunity for each of us to emulate the generosity exemplified by our senior religious. I understand many of you have financial difficulties of your own; I ask simply that you give what you can. Please join me in supporting the Retirement Fund for Religious and in praying for God's continued blessing on our nation's elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

Most Reverend Daniel R. Jenky, CSC  
Bishop Of Peoria

A collection will be taken at Mass this weekend for the Religious Retirement Fund. Envelopes are in your collection envelope packet. Thank you for your generosity.



**LIGHT HOUSE  
CATHOLIC  
MEDIA**

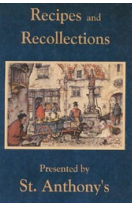
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at the back of the  
church!*

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is a 444 page cookbook  
with nearly 1000 r  
ecipes! It is a perfect  
gift for weddings,  
birthdays or the  
holidays!

For more information  
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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 Wednesday at  
4:00 pm to: office@stanthonysatkinson.org or  
mailing to PO Box 210, Atkinson, IL 61235