

ST. ANTHONY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, Atkinson
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MASS SCHEDULE . . .
Celebrating Our Faith This Week

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Saturday, December 28
 4:00 pm @ SA + Glenn DeSmith by Blake & Denise Haverback
Sunday, December 29
 8:00 am @ SH + Merrill Taber by Sharon Sturtewagen
 9:30 am @ SA – For the Parishioners by Fr. Engelbrecht

Monday, December 30
 No Mass

The Solemnity Of Mary, Mother Of God

Tuesday, December 31
 4:00 pm @ SA+ Rueben DeSmith by The Family
Wednesday, January 1
 9:00 am @ SH + Glen DeSmith by Carol & Denny Diericx

Thursday, January 2 *Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bps. & Drs.*
 8:00 am @ SA + Bernard Klauer by Carol Klauer
Friday, January 3
 8:00 am @ SA - For the Parishioners by Fr. Engelbrecht

Epiphany Of The Lord

Saturday, January 4
 4:00 pm @ SA + Shirley Park by Bruce & Rose Verkruyse
Sunday, January 5
 8:00 am @ SH – For the Parishioners by Fr. Engelbrecht
 9:30 am @ SA + Barb Haverback by Blake & Denise Haverback

Serving at Our Lord's Altar

4:00 pm @ St. Anthony - January 4
 Lector: Dustin Specht
 EMHC: Toot & Jean Causemaker, Cindy Raschke
 Ushers: Gerald Buysse, Richard DeSmith, Ken DeSmith, Vince Schopp
8:00 am @ Sacred Heart- January 5
 Lector: Rod Jackson
 EMHC: Renee Jackson
 Ushers: Rod Jackson, Tony VanOpdorp, **Two Volunteer Needed**
 Collection Counters: Sue Ann Wells, Marilyn Verdick
9:30 am @ St. Anthony- January 5
 Lector: Lin VanOpdorp
 EMHC: Mark Kay Franks, Patricia DeReu, Valerie Plumley
 Ushers: Keith Causemaker, Terence Patton, Shane Sturtewagen, Ken Taber

Please remember these parishioners who ask for your prayers.

Connie Altman, Mary Frank, Dean Lewis, Katelyn DeRycke, Evelyn DeSplinter, Mary Ellen Hoogerwerf, Dan Longeville, Barry Miller, Vera Minnaert, Loretta Minnaert, Gia Samuels, Nick Schebler, Alice Van Kerrebroeck, Mary Lou Moens, Dick Martens, Barb DeRew, Millie Loncka, Carol Taets Bogner, Berniece Cathelyn, Mary Ann Reiling, Elsie Van Vooren,

St. Anthony's Music Ministry

Sunday, December 29: Choir sings at 9:30 a.m. Mass
 Tuesday, December 31: Choir sings at 4:00 pm Mass
 Sunday, January 4: Choir sings at 9:30 am Mass

Prayer to Blessed Virgin Mary

God our Father, may we always profit by the prayers of the Virgin Mother Mary, for you bring us life and salvation through Jesus Christ her Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

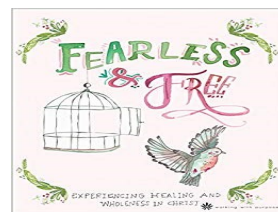
MARK YOUR CALENDAR
Parish Updates

December 29: SH No CCD
January 1: SA No CCD

Holiday Office Hours

Please note that the parish office will be closed on Thursday, January 2nd. The office will be open on Tuesday, December 31st from 9 am until Noon. The Bulletin deadline is Dec. 31st by 11 am.

BIBLE STUDY FOR WOMEN



A Woman's Bible Study is beginning on Tuesday Jan. 7 at 6:30 pm at St. Anthony's Hall. We will be studying Fearless & Free by Lisa Brenninkmeyer. It is an 11 lesson study based on the book of Ephesians. This study provides a firm foundation to stand on no matter what life throws our way, with an emphasis on healing & wholeness. Cost is \$15. Bring your friends & family. Come join us! Please contact Sue Floreani 309-936-7333, Mary Kay Franks 309-945-8499 or Jean Causemaker 309-781-0248.

Please Note! 2019 Financial Contributions deadline is Sunday, January 5th. Any contributions, received after this date, will be marked for the 2020 fiscal year. Thank you!

Annual Diocesan Appeal

LET'S GET OVER THE TOP!! In order to reach our ADA goals, we have placed monopoly money, signifying the remaining balance of each parish's goal, in the back of each perspective church. 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 the boards are cleared of the monopoly money our goals will be met. Envelopes are provided, near the boards for your use. These may be returned in the collection basket. Thank you for your generosity.

<u>St. Anthony</u>	<u>Sacred Heart</u>
Total Goal: \$36,641	Total Goal: \$16,163
Total Pledged: \$28,699	Total Pledged: \$11,555
Balance: \$7,942	Balance: \$4,608
Families: 97	Families: 56

Sharing in the Work of Christ
through sacrificial giving

St. Anthony Parish Weekly Financial Support

Sunday Actual: \$2,190.00
Sunday Needed: \$2,307.70
Christmas Flowers: \$20.00
Christmas Offering: \$60.00

Sacred Heart Parish Weekly Financial Support

Sunday Actual: \$699.00
Sunday Needed: \$962.00
Christmas Flowers: \$25
Christmas Offering: \$55
Improvement: \$115.00

Dear Parishioners,
I trust all of you had a very Blessed Christmas. Don't forget we celebrate Christmas Day for an Octave of eight Days ('til New Years Day), then comes Epiphany. So there is plenty of Christmas cheer to be had 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 next 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

Please note that incense will be used on Sundays at 9:30 am Mass 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 God. At Christmas we celebrate our God who so loves 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 Mass with incense, so I inform you presently.

A sincere thank you to those who cleaned the church and decorated for Christmas. Both Churches are beautiful and help set the mood for the lovely celebration of our Lord's 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

Wednesday, January 1st is the Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord; **Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God** is a Holy Day of Obligation. Please note the Mass schedule:

Monday, December 31: 4:00 pm at St. Anthony's

Tuesday, January 1: 9:00 am at Sacred Heart.

St. Anthony's 2020 Circle List is now available at the doors of the parish. Circle chairman should have received a packet in the mail. All parishioners are listed on a circle list for office and ministry needs and are asked to participate.

A new Group - **A Prayer Shawl Ministry** is being formed at St. Anthony's in Atkinson. We are looking for Crocheters or Knitters to help make shawls for those in dire need for the comfort of prayers or support during a traumatic time in their lives. One does not have to be catholic to join us. For more information please contact Verna May at 309-269-3772.

Marriage Mass & Date Night. The Most. Rev. Daniel R. Jenky, CSC cordially invites you to join him at a Mass celebrating the gift of Christian Marriage. Saturday, February 15, 2020 at 4 pm. At the Cathedral of St. Mary, Peoria. Following Mass there will be a candlelight dinner celebration at 5:30 pm with entertainment provided by Eric Genuis starting at 6:30. \$80 a couple. Space is limited and on a first come/first serve basis. Please register online at cdop.org/datenight or mail to: CDOP Evangelization: 419 NE Madison Ave. Peoria IL 61603 Make checks payable to Catholic Diocese of Peoria.

Chicago March for Life is on Saturday, January

11, 2020. The Catholic Diocese of Peoria, through the office of Evangelization & Formation, is sponsoring a bus pilgrimage to attend the march. For more information contact: Evangelization@cdop.org or 309-671-1550.

The Diocese of Peoria Respect Life Ministry & Office of Catholic Schools is sponsoring a **Mass for the Unborn** at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception on Friday, January 24, 2020 at 10:30 am. Most Reverend Bishop Daniel R. Jenky, C.S.C. will be the celebrant.

9 Days for Life is a novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Please see the link below to help in promoting the 9 days for Life.

<https://www.respectlife.org/9-days-for-life>

Get daily pro-life prayers in your inbox or on your phone January 21-29, 2020 by using the link below.

<https://www.respectlife.org/0-days-for-life-2020/>

Do you want to start the new year off with getting control of your finances? Mark & Amy Roberts will be hosting a **Financial Peace University** (FPU) course at St. Malachy, Geneseo beginning on Sunday, Jan. 12th at 5 pm. FPU provides biblical principles and tools to manage your finances. The course runs 9 weeks with each session lasting 90 minutes. The course costs \$100+ per person/ family for the instruction materials. Some scholarship funds are available. Please contact Mark & Amy at 309-203- 9372 for more information or to register. Babysitting services will be provided. Please sign up by Dec. 31st. Doug & Nitzy Bull will also be hosting FPU classes starting on Jan. 21st at Geneseo Middle School. Classes will start at 6:00 pm —8:00 pm. Sign up at fpu.com/1103633 or contact them directly at 309-269-5818 or dbull622@gmail.com.

Reflections on the New Year

"The beginning of a new year is an opportunity for improvement. It makes little difference what the past has been, for we are not to look back to see if the furrow be crooked. What matters most is the sanctification of the now moment. Time is so precious that God does it out second by second. If life in the past has been evil, the new year is an opportunity for penance. In such a way is time redeemed. If life, however, has been virtuous, the new year is an opportunity for greater self-perfection."

— Archbishop Fulton Sheen (On Being Human)

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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 5:00pm, Sunday: 7:00, 9:00 am;
11:30pm Spanish

St. John Vianney (Cambridge)
Sunday at 8:00 am and 4:00 pm

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.

BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

What can you do in the fight for life? It doesn't take much to make a big difference! Money raised through Baby Bottles will support the life-changing work of meeting the physical and spiritual needs of men and women who find themselves in an unplanned pregnancy. Pregnancy Resources provide pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, maternity and baby supplies plus parenting classes. You are reaching thousands of students through our No Regrets school program, and helping those touched by abortion to find healing. With your help, we show them that their baby's life is worth defending. When you choose to defend life, the possibilities are endless! Starting January 4, for the whole month of January, St. Anthony's and Sacred Heart will have baby bottles for parishioners who would like to help the Quad City Pregnancy Resource Center. Bottles will be at main doors of both churches. For more information or questions, please contact Valerie Plumley at 309-944-2219.

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 Adam DeRycke at (309) 935-6080

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