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ST. ANTHONY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, Atkinson
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MASS SCHEDULE . . .

CELEBRATING OUR FAITH THIS WEEK

First Sunday of Advent

Saturday, November 29

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

Sunday, November 30

8:00 am @ SH + Bev (Norway) Heitzler by James Norway & Ann Witt

9:30 am @ SA + Rich Vyneman by the Family

Monday, December 1

No Mass

Tuesday, December 2

5:30 pm @ SA + Cody Brill by Terry & Patti Sears

Wednesday, December 3 - St. Francis Xavier, Priest

7:30 am @ SH + Joseph Van Damme by Joan Phelps

Thursday, December 4

8:00 am @ SA + Arden Hoogerwerf by Terry & Patti Sears

Friday, December 5

8:00 am @ SA + Gordon Taber by Steve & Dawn Schisler

Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 6 - St. Nicholas, Bishop

4:00 pm @ SA + Earl DeFauw by Janice and Family

Sunday, December 7

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

9:30 am @ SA + Barney VandeRostyne by his Family

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.

4:00 pm @ St. Anthony - Saturday, December 6

Lector: Janice Wyffels

EMHC: Mary Kay Franks, Bonnie Obrecht, Norma Simon

Altar Servers: Rebecca Clementz

Ushers: Ted Carton, Lynn Cathelyn, Bump De Decker, Richard Martens

8:00 am @ Sacred Heart - Sunday, December 7

Lector: Roger Davis

EMHC: Mary Jagers

Ushers for month of December: Dean Minnaert and Audie Sturtewagen

Altar Servers: **Need Two Volunteers**

Collection Counters for December: Carolyn Sleford and Bill & Barb DeRew

9:30 am @ St. Anthony Sunday, December 7

Lector: Terry Sears

EMHC: Mary Lou Goebert, Loren Jackson, Patti Sears

Altar Servers: **Need Two Volunteers**

Ushers: Keith Causemaker, Stephen Mapes, Gary Olson, Shane Sturtewagen

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

5:30 pm @ Sacred Heart, Monday, December 8

Lector: Joan Eilers

EMHC: Eunice Rambo

7:00 pm @ St. Anthony, Monday, December 8

Lector: Theresa Peterson

EMHC: Marshall Plumley, Valerie Plumley, Dave Van De Velde

Altar Servers: Lauren Plumley and William Plumley

Ushers: Donald Buysse Gerald Buysse, John Cauwels, Herb Vandersnick

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

PARISH MEETINGS & EVENTS +

December 2, 6:30 PM: SA Parish Council

December 3, 6:00 PM: SA CCD

December 4, 6:00 PM: SH CCD Christmas Program

December 4, 6:30 PM: SA Finance Council

December 5, 6:30 PM: SA Community Christmas Carols

December 7, 9:00 AM: SH CCD



St. Anthony Music Ministry Schedule

Sunday, Nov 30 - Choir sings at 9:30am
Sunday, Dec 7 - Choir sings at 9:30 am
Sunday, Dec 14 - Choir sings at 9:30 am
Saturday, Dec 20 - Choir sings at 4:00 pm
Wed., Dec 24th - Choir sings at 6:00 pm
Thur., Dec 25th - Choir sings at 9:30 am
Sunday, Dec 28th - Choir sings at 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:

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, Bill VanHyfte, Joann Verstraete, Betty Zapisek.



Christmas Prayer

Beginning on St. Andrew the Apostle's feast day, November 30, the following beautiful prayer is traditionally recited fifteen times a day until Christmas. This special prayer is powerful to obtain favors if one's requests are in accordance with God's will. It is believed that whoever recites the following prayer with a pious heart the traditional 15 times a day from November 30 to December 25, will obtain whatever is asked. This Christmas prayer carries an *Imprimatur* from Archbishop Michael Augustine of New York on 6 February 1897. This is a very meditative prayer that helps us increase our awareness of the real focus of Christmas and helps us prepare ourselves spiritually for His coming.

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires, through the merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen.

Due to an early deadline, we are unable to provide financial information this week.

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.

Visitation Catholic School in Kewanee will be having **BINGO** on Wednesday, December 3rd. Doors open at 4:30 and dinner will be available.

Abilities Plus Holiday Open House will be held on Sunday, December 7 from 1-3 pm at their facility at 1100 N. East Street in Kewanee.

On December 5th at 6:30, there will be caroling in the green space to west of the post office in conjunction with the Christmas Giveaway in Atkinson. Anyone and everyone is welcome to join us!

Starting on December 3rd, the Wednesday morning Mass at Sacred Heart will be at 7:30 am.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

4:00PM: Sacred Heart

6:00PM: St. Anthony

Midnight Mass: St. Mary of the Fields

Christmas Day

9:30 AM: St. Anthony

CCD Holiday Schedule

St. Anthony's

There **will** be CCD on December 3rd, 10th, and 17th. Class will resume on Jan 7th

On the 17th we will be caroling. If you or someone you know lives in Atkinson and would like to welcome a small group of CCD students in for few songs, please contact the parish office.

Sacred Heart

Our last CCD class in December will be on Sunday, December 14th.

There will not be CCD on December 21st or 28th.

CCD will resume on Sunday, January 4th.



Circle One Christmas Wreath Sale

Circle One Christmas Wreaths will be available to pick-up on Saturday December 6th a half hour before mass and after mass and on Sunday Dec 7th a half hour before and after mass. Thank you for your support.



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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
8:00 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.