



*We saw his star at its rising and have
come to do him homage.*

- Matthew 2:2

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

CELEBRATING OUR FAITH THIS WEEK

The Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 3

4:00 pm @ SA + Jim Park by the Family

Sunday, January 4

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

9:30 am @ SA + Babe Vandersnick & Regina Vandersnick DeJaeger
by Herb & Maribeth

Monday, January 5

No Mass

Tuesday, January 6

5:30 pm @ SA + Brother André by Anonymous

Wednesday, January 7

7:30 am @ SH + Mary Johnson by Ron

Thursday, January 8

8:00 am @ SA + Ron Foes by Rod & Penny Frank

Friday, January 9

8:00 am @ SA + Junior Burgess by Ione & Family

The Baptism of the Lord

Saturday, January 10

4:00 pm @ SA + Kenny Joe Sturtewagen by Mary, Jay & Susie Saylor

Sunday, January 11

8:00 am @ SH + Dorathea Dennhardt & Christine Dennhardt-Horne by the Family

9:30 am @ SA + Mickey VanDeRostyne by her Family

Sharing in the Work of Christ *through sacrificial giving*

St. Anthony Parish Support

Sunday Collection	Weekly	Year to Date
12/21/2014		(25 weeks)
Amount Needed:	\$2,553.85	\$63,846.25
Income:	\$2,236.25	\$62,428.99
Difference (+ or-):	-\$317.60	-\$1,417.26

Sacred Heart Parish Support

December 21: \$958.00

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, Annie Eastman 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, Joann Verstraete, Betty Zapisek.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

PARISH MEETINGS & EVENTS +

January 6th, 6:00 PM: SA CCD

January 8th, 6:30 PM: SA Parish Council Meeting

January 11th, 9:00 AM: SH CCD

January 15th, 6:30 PM: SA Strategic Planning Meeting

January 22nd, 7:00 PM: SH Strategic Planning Meeting

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, January 10

Lector: Marshall Plumely

EMHC: Toot Causemaker, Jean Causemaker, Richard Martens

Altar Servers: Rebecca Clementz, Nicole Haverback

Ushers: Mark Boelens, Lynn Cathelyn, Richard De Smith, Ken De Smith

8:00 am @ Sacred Heart - Sunday, January 11

Lector: Roger Davis

EMHC: Eunice Rambo

Ushers for month of January: Vern Bollengier, Rod Jackson, Jerry De Smith

Altar Servers: **Need Two Volunteers**

Collection Counters for January: Marilyn Verdick and Sue Ann Wells

9:30 am @ St. Anthony - Sunday, January 11

Lector: Lin VanOpdorp

EMHC: Mary Kay Franks, Loren Jackson, Patti Sears

Altar Servers: Need Two Volunteers

Ushers: Ed Coble, Daniel De Smith, Chad Hultman, Herb Vandersnick

The Atkinson American Legion will hold a

Pancake Breakfast on

Sunday, January 11th, 2015

from 8:00 am until 12:00 pm

at the Legion Hall in Atkinson.

Adults = \$6.00 Children (6-12) = \$3.00

Children under age 6 = Free



St. Anthony Music Ministry Schedule

Sunday, Jan 4th - Choir sings at 9:30 am

Sunday, Jan 11th - Choir sings at 9:30 am

Saturday, Jan 18th - Choir sings at 4:00 pm

Sunday, Jan 24th—Choir sings at 9:30 am

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 honor Him as God; and myrrh to greet Him as man. These Magi first saw the star which led them to Bethlehem on the previous 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 Saint Gaspar, Saint Melchior and Saint Balthasar 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 by the Christians who worship there. 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 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.

REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD...

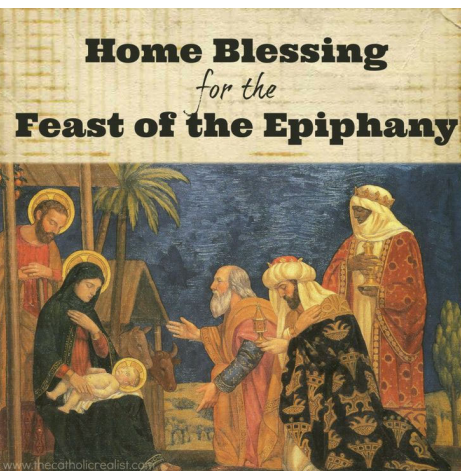
What are the major attractions in your area? Are they natural wonders, spectacular buildings, engaging activities, powerful people, works of art? We expect people to stream to see rock stars and queens, the Eiffel Tower and the Grand Canyon. In today's scriptures, however, we see "tourists" attracted to two very lowly and humble "sights."

Jerusalem was a sorry sight when the scripture from Isaiah was written. The prophet's vision must have seemed impossible to those who heard this message. And yet, today Jerusalem is a major tourist attraction. We also know that through the Jews many other people—Christians and Muslims—have been attracted to the one Lord.

Jesus himself must have seemed very weak and insignificant in comparison to the rich and powerful King Herod, and later on compared to the priests and Pharisees. Yet, even from his birth, people streamed to him. Like the "tourists" in today's Gospel, people saw something in him that led them to worship and serve the Lord. And through him they came to understand what God intended for their life journeys.

-Virginia Stillwell

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An Epiphany Blessing

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

20 +C+M+B+15

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 3rd and 4th. 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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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
7:30 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@stanthonyatkinson.org or
mailing to P. O. Box 210, Atkinson, IL
61235.