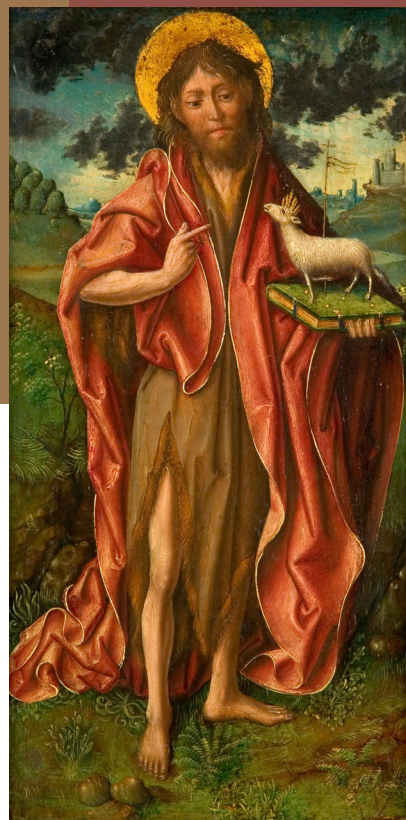


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MASS SCHEDULE . . .

CELEBRATING OUR FAITH THIS WEEK

Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 12

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

Sunday, December 13

8:00 am @ SH + Howard VandeVoorde by Roberta VandeVoorde & Children

9:30 am @ SA + Vince & Ann DeCrane by their Children

Monday, December 14

No Mass

Tuesday, December 15

5:30 pm @ SA + Luella Stawhacker by Barry & Marilyn McVietty

Wednesday, December 16

7:30 am @ SH + Donald Bradley by Adam & Hope DeRycke

Thursday, December 17

8:00 am @ SA + Berdie Dean by Ted & Heidi Hamer

Friday, December 18

8:00 am @ SA + Alice Conner by Terry & Patti Sears

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 19

4:00 pm @ SA + Alvin Van Meenen by the Family

Sunday, December 20

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

9:30 am @ SA + John Cessna Sr. & John Cessna Jr. by the Family

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

+ PARISH MEETINGS & EVENTS +

December 16th, 6:00 pm: SA CCD Caroling at Good Samaritan

December 17th, 6:00 pm: SH CCD Christmas Play

December 20th, 9:00 am: SH CCD

St. Anthony Music Ministry Schedule

Sunday, December 13th - Choir sings at 9:30 am
 Saturday, December 19th - Choir sings at 4:00 pm
 Thursday, December 24th - Choir sings at 4:00 pm
 Friday, December 25th - Choir sings at 9:30 am
 Sunday, December 27th - Choirs sings at 9:30 am

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.

4:00pm @ St. Anthony - December 19

Lector: Dustin Specht

EMHC: Jeanne Carton, Richard Martens, **Need One Volunteer**

Altar Servers: Rebecca Clementz, Nicole Haverback

Ushers: Mark Boelens, Bobby Burton, Lynn Cathelyn, Richard De Smith

8:00 am @ Sacred Heart - December 20

Lector: Roger Davis

EMHC: Gene VandeVoorde

Altar Servers: **Need Two Volunteers**

Ushers for the Month of December: Chuck DeMay and Kenny Sierens

Collection Counters for the Month of December: Carolyn Sleaford and

Sue Ann Wells

9:30 am @ St. Anthony - December 20

Lector: Jon Hamer

EMHC: Marshall Plumley, Valerie Plumley, Patti Sears

Altar Servers: Lauren Plumley and William Plumley

Ushers: Keith Carton, Keith Causemaker, Ed Coble, Brett Hultman

Sharing in the Work of Christ *through sacrificial giving*

St. Anthony Parish Support

Sunday Collection	Weekly	Year to Date (23 weeks)
Amount Needed:	\$2,553.85	\$58,738.55
Income:	\$ 3,118.00	\$55,074.83
Difference (+ or-):	\$564.15	-\$3,663.72

Sacred Heart Parish Support

Sunday Collection	Weekly	Year to Date (23 weeks)
Amount Needed:	\$1,307.00	\$30,061.00
Income:	\$1,593.00	\$27,615.73
Difference (+ or-):	\$286.00	-\$2,445.27

Improvement Fund: \$1,158.00

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

Sunday Memo FROM OUR PASTOR



St. Lucy (feast day December 13th) was born in Syracuse, Sicily during the reign of Diocletian. She distributed her wealth to the poor, and made a vow of virginity. Since she refused to marry him, a rejected suitor denounced her to the prefect Paschasius as a Christian, and she was arrested. She was sentenced to be defiled

in a brothel. She became physically immovable, even by a team of oxen. With God's help she preserved her purity.

Then the pagans tore out her eyes and attempted to burn her alive, but she was not harmed by the fire. Finally, she was killed by a sword thrust to the throat.

The name Lucy (Lucia) is derived from the Latin word for light (lux), and so she is often

invoked for afflictions of the eyes.

Prayer in Honor of St. Lucy

O merciful God that did donate the light of Faith upon St. Lucy deign to listen to our prayers that You would bestow that same light in our souls, that we may be able to avoid evil. Relying on Your goodness, o God, we humbly ask You, by the intercession of St. Lucy, that You would give perfect vision to our eyes, that they may serve for Your greater honor and glory and for the salvation of our souls in the world. Amen.



As the Christmas season approaches, you may wish to remember a loved one that has past away with Christmas flowers. Envelopes for this purpose can be found with your regular contribution envelopes. In order for your loved ones name to appear on the memorial list, the envelopes need to be turned in by Sunday, December 20th.

Thanks to your generosity and fund raising efforts, the work on the outside of St. Anthony's Church building has been substantially completed in anticipation of the centennial celebration in 2017. In addition to the tuck-pointing, we installed a new entrance and sidewalk on the east side of the church and new steps at the main entrance. All that remains to be done outside is some landscaping work.

Thank you, for all the work you did on the last two projects for St. Anthony's ADA which raised \$3,500 toward our goal. All funds that exceed our ADA goal will be returned by the Diocese and will be used for our church repair project, and any shortage in the ADA drive will have to come from our reserve funds that are intended for the church repair project. We will focus on work inside the church in the coming year.

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Sacred Heart CCD December Offering

Members of our parish may not have the means to provide toys to their loved ones. Please help us support our Sacred Heart Parish by contributing a new, unwrapped toy or game for a child 14 years of age or younger. Collection will end on Sunday, December 20th in order to allow time for distribution.



Wrapping paper supplies welcomed.

Thank you to all of those who participated and enjoyed the St. Anthony Prelude to Christmas Tour of Homes. The event wouldn't have been a success without those who worked on the committee, those who baked cookies for the bake sale, those who worked and especially those who opened their doors to us (Ed & Bonnie Coble, Larry & Sue Floreani, Brenda Lotridge, Charlie Lotridge and Old Mill Gardens). Once we have the finances totaled we will inform you of the total money raised.



THANK YOU

Time to Decorate!

Both Sacred Heart & St. Anthony Churches will be decorated for Christmas after each respective Mass on Sunday December 20th. 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.



Christmas Mass Schedule

St. Anthony - Christmas Eve Mass 4:00 pm

Sacred Heart - Christmas Eve Mass 6:00 pm

St. Mary of the Fields - Midnight Mass

St. Anthony - Christmas Day Mass 9:30 am



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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