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MASS SCHEDULE . . .
CELEBRATING OUR FAITH THIS WEEK

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

Monday, December 19
No Mass

Tuesday, December 20
 5:30 pm @ SA + Raymond & Margaret VanOpDorp by Joe & Norma Gilbraith

Wednesday, December 21
 7:30 am @ SH + Donovan Kleckner by Adrianna

Thursday, December 22
 8:00 am @ SA + Dale VanVooren by Bonnie

Friday, December 23
 8:00 am @ SA + Joseph Buysse by the Family

Nativity of the Lord

Saturday, December 24 Christmas Eve
 4:00 pm @ SH + Richard Vyneman by the Family
 4:00 pm @ SA + Mary Martens by Dick and Family
 11:00 pm @ SM - Special Intention Fr. Engelbrecht

Sunday, December 25 Christmas Day
 8:00 am @ SH + Deceased Members of Herbert Vandersnick Family
 By the Family
 9:30 am @ SA -For the Parishioners

Serving at Our Lord's Altar

4:00 pm @ St. Anthony - December 24
 Lector: Terry Patton, Marshall Plumley
 EMHC: Jeanne Carton, Mary Kay Franks, Valerie Plumley
 Altar Servers: Lauren Plumley, William Plumley
 Ushers: Gerald Buysse, Keith Carton, Daniel DeSmith, Mark Murphy

4:00pm @ Sacred Heart - December 24
 Lector: Roger Davis
 EMHC: Sue Ann Wells
 Ushers for December: Chuck DeMay, Kenny Sierens

8:00am @ Sacred Heart-December 25
 Lector: Tara Gripp
 EMHC: Renee Jackson
 Ushers: **Two Volunteers Needed**
 Collection Counters: Marlene Minnaert,

9:30 am @ St. Anthony - December 25
 Lector: Dustin Specht
 EMHC: Jean Causemaker, Toot Causemaker, David VanDeVelde
 Altar Servers: **Two Volunteers Needed**
 Ushers: Ed Coble, Jon Hamer, Brett Hultman, Steve Mapes

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
PARISH UPDATES

December 18, 9:00 am: SH CCD
 December 20, 7:30 pm: SH Youth Ministry
 December 21, 6:00 pm: SA CCD (Mass)

St. Anthony's Music Ministry

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 (24 weeks)
Amount Needed:	\$2,327.70	\$55,864.80
Income:	\$2,242.00	\$60,398.17
Difference (+ or-):	-\$85.70	\$4,533.37

Retirement Fund: \$376.00

Sacred Heart Parish Support

Sunday Collection	Weekly	Year to Date (24 weeks)
Amount Needed:	\$1,211.54	\$29,076.96
Income:	\$1,144.64	\$22,001.39
Difference (+ or-):	-\$66.90	-\$7,075.57

Improvement Fund: \$110
 Christmas Flowers: \$160
 Immaculate Conception: \$61.71
 Retirement Fund: \$20

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

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.

There is good news if you have reached age 70 1/2 and you would like to help your parish. If you have an IRA, the government requires you to take out a certain minimum amount each year and be subject to federal tax. However, the law allows you to donate this amount directly to Sacred Heart or St. Anthony during 2015 and have it distributed to help your parish. Please call your tax consultant or call Bill Engelbrecht at the Diocesan Office of Development at 309-671-1550 ext 7093.

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%).

Christmas, 2016

"Glory to God in the highest and PEACE to His people on earth!"

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

On every great feast day and on almost every Sunday of the year, the song of the Christmas angels' echoes down the ages in the Church's sacred liturgy. As we celebrate the almost incomprehensible mystery of the Incarnation of God, this greeting takes on special meaning.

"Peace" is the message of Jesus Christ – from his Birth to His Resurrection. Yet, we know that the peace of Christ is not "given as the world gives peace." First and foremost, the Peace of Christmas is a peace that comes from reconciliation. Today, the lost are invited home. The alienated are welcomed. And sinners are offered the grace of communion with the God who loves them beyond all telling. This same grace that restores the longed-for union of God and mankind, also empowers each of us to live in harmony with our brothers and sisters. The Christ Child comes with peace for the whole world. While we know that war, violence and hatred are all too common in our world, our communities and even our families, Christmas peace is still possible – one heart at a time. As we celebrate this holy season, I pray that each of us may enjoy the warm community of family and friends – glorifying God for the gift of His Son, the Prince of Peace.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

-Most Reverend Daniel R. Jenky, CSC
BISHOP OF PEORIA

The Church Office will be closed the week of December 26th. The office will be open on Tuesday, January 3rd. Father Engelbrecht will be out of town Monday, December 26th through Thursday, December 29th. There will NOT be Mass on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday that week. There will be Mass on Friday, December 30th at 8 am

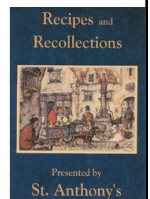
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*Check out our CD's
display
at the back of the
church!*

NEED A GREAT GIFT IDEA? Purchase a St. Anthony's Cookbook!

Recipes and Recollections is a 444 page cookbook with nearly 1000 recipes! It is a perfect gift for weddings, birthdays or the holidays!



For more information contact Ardiith Burton at 936-7975 or Joann Vandemore at 936-7669

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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