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MASS SCHEDULE . . .
CELEBRATING OUR FAITH THIS WEEK

Solemnity Of Mary, Mother of God

Saturday, December 31
 4:00 pm @ SA + Alvin VanMeenan by the Family

Sunday, January 1
 8:00 am @ SH -For the Parishioners by Father Engelbrecht
 9:30 am @ SA+Justin Nelson by the Plumley Family

Monday, January 2
 No Mass

Tuesday, January 3
 5:30pm @ SA+ Ralph & Alice DeRoo by Lorraine Jurgensen

Wednesday, January 4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
 7:30am @ SH+ Dorothy Wolf by John & Carla Specht

Thursday, January 5 St. John Neumann, Bishop
 8:00am @ SA +Darrel DeDecker by the Family

Friday, January 6 Saint André Bessette, Religious
 8:00am @ SA + Ray & Margaret Hecks by the Family

Epiphany Of The Lord

Saturday, January 7
 4:00pm @ SA + Jim Park by Bonnie & Family

Sunday, January 8
 8:00am @ SH - For the Parishioners by Father Engelbrecht
 9:30am @ SA - Joie Verstraete by Lynn & Pam Cathelyn

Serving at Our Lord's Altar

4:00 pm @ St. Anthony - January 7
 Lector: Janice Wyffels
 EMHC: Jeanne Carton, Mary Kay Franks, Loren Jackson
 Altar Servers: **Two Volunteers Needed**
 Ushers: Bobby Burton, Richard DeSmith, Ken DeSmith
 Mark Boelens

8:00am @ Sacred Heart - January 8
 Lector: Roger Davis
 EMHC: Eunice Rambo
 Ushers: Rod Jackson, Jerry DeSmith
 Collection Counters: Marilyn Verdick & Sue Ann Wells

9:30 am @ St. Anthony - January 8
 Lector: Theresa Peterson
 EMHC: Bonnie Obrecht, Marshall Plumley, Valerie Plumley
 Altar Servers: Lauren Plumley, William Plumley
 Ushers: Gerald Buysse, Keith Carton, Chad Hultman,
 Mark Murphy

Please remember these parishioners who ask for your prayers.

Connie Altman, Lucille Buysee, Dave Colgan, Mary Lou DeCausemaker,
 Joe DeGeeter, Katelyn DeRycke, Evelyn DeSplinter,
 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

Prayer to Blessed Virgin Mary

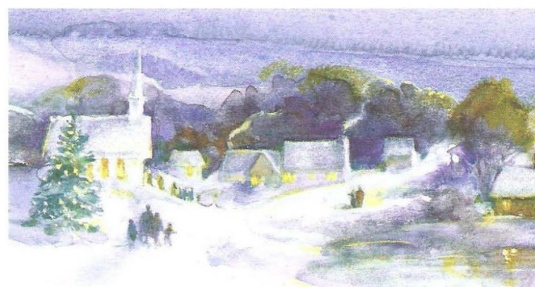
God our Father, may we always profit by the prayers of the Virgin Mother Mary, for you bring us life and salvation through Jesus Christ her Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
PARISH UPDATES

January 1, SH NO CCD Classes
 January 3, 6:30 pm: SA Parish Council Meeting
 January 3, 7:30 pm: SA Finance Council Meeting
 January 4, NO SA CCD
 January 8, 9:00am: SH CCD

St. Anthony's Music Ministry

Sunday January 8 - Choir sings at 9:30am
 Sunday January 15- Choir sings at 9:30am
 Saturday January 21 - Choir sings at 4:00pm
 Sunday January 29-Choir sings at 9:30am



Prayer for the New Year

Give us the kindness to hear with compassion,
 to offer support,
 loving comfort, and care.
 Give us the courage to do what is needed,
 the wisdom to choose
 what is right and most fair.
 Give us the vision to see what is possible.
 Give us the faith
 that will help pave the way
 for a present that's hopeful,
 a future that's peaceful--
 give us the heart to bring joy to each day.

Wishing everyone a blessed New Year!

Daniel R. Jenky C.S.C.

Most Reverend Daniel R. Jenky, C.S.C.
 BISHOP OF PEORIA

Sharing in the Work of Christ
through sacrificial giving

Due to early publication of the bulletin, collection totals will be included in next weeks bulletin.

Sunday Memo FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

I trust all of you had a very Blessed Christmas. Don't forget we celebrate Christmas Day for eight days ('til New Years Day), then comes Epiphany. So there is plenty of Christmas cheer to expand 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 this 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

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

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 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.

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.

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.

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.

Annual Diocesan Appeal Information: St. Anthony Update:

We have pledges of \$29,175.99 toward our goal of \$35,136.00 leaving a balance of \$5,960.01. We have received pledge cards from 121 families (83%).

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 \$10,860, toward our goal of \$15,921 leaving a balance of \$5,061. We have received pledge cards from 70 families (68%).

2017 Circle List

The St. Anthony Circle Committee has completed the 2017 Circle List. Every family is a member of a Circle. The Parish is organized into four Circles and each Circle serves for a consecutive three-month period. Christian service of the Circle includes cleaning of the Sacred Spaces used for worship, service to the grieving at funeral luncheons and contributions to the work of building God's kingdom through fundraising successes. The Circle chairmen are picked by the committee. 2017 Chairmen are:

- Circle One:** Bobby & Ardith Burton, Lynn & Pam Cathelyn, Leland & Frances Ledford, Ken & Cheri Schloemer; John & Lois Wheeler
- Circle Two:** Kenny & Luanne Coppejans, Tammy McVetty, Jay & Julie Minnaert, Terry & Patti Sears
- Circle Three:** Jim & Linda Carton; Ted & Cheryl Carton; Terence & Kelli Patton, Herb & Maribeth Vandersnick
- Circle Four:** Chad & Laura Hultman; Frank & Sherri Mapes; Marty & Lin VanOpdorp; Duain & Janice Wyffels

Atkinson Legion Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, January 8, 2017
8:00 am -Noon.

Adults: \$6.00,
Children 6-12: \$3.00
Children under age 6:
FREE

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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