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MASS SCHEDULE . . .
CELEBRATING OUR FAITH THIS WEEK

Nativity of the Lord

Saturday, December 24

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

8:00 am @ SH + Deceased Members of Herbert Vandersnick Family
 By the Family
 9:30 am @ SA - For the Parishioners by Father Engelbrecht

Monday, December 26

No Mass

Tuesday, December 27

No Mass

Wednesday, December 28

No Mass

Thursday, December 29

No Mass

Friday, December 30, Feast of the Holy Family

8:00 am @ SA + Reuben DeSmith by Friends of the Family

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
 9:30 am @ SA + Justin Nelson by the Plumley Family

Serving at Our Lord's Altar

4:00 pm @ St. Anthony - December 31

Lector: Robin VanMeenan
 EMHC: Jean Causemaker, Toot Causemaker, David VanDeVelde
 Altar Servers: **Two Volunteers Needed**
 Ushers: Bobby Burton, Donald Buysse, Lynn Cathelyn,
 Ken DeSmith

8:00am @ Sacred Heart-January 1

Lector: Eric Ufheil
 EMHC: Mary Jagers
 Ushers: Rod Jackson, Jerry DeSmith
 Collection Counters: Marilyn Verdick, Sue Ann Wells

9:30 am @ St. Anthony - January 1

Lector: Terence Patton
 EMHC: Jeanne Carton, Mary Kay Franks, Marshall Plumley,
 Valerie Plumley
 Altar Servers: Lauren Plumley, William Plumley
 Ushers: Jon Hamer, Shane Sturtewagen, Ken Taber,
 Herb Vandersnick

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
PARISH UPDATES

December 25: No SH CCD
 December 27: No SH Youth Ministry
 December 28: No SA CCD

St. Anthony's Music Ministry

Saturday, December 24 - Choir sings at 4:00 pm
 Sunday, December 25 - Choir sings at 9:30 am
 Sunday, January 1-Choir Sings at 9:30am
 Sunday, January 8-Choir sings at 9:30am

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.

Sharing in the Work of Christ

St. Anthony Parish Support

Sunday Collection	Weekly	Year to Date (25 weeks)
Amount Needed:	\$2,327.70	\$58,192.50
Income:	\$2,427.00	\$62,825.17
Difference (+ or-):	\$99.30	\$4,632.67

Christmas Flowers: \$45 Human Development: \$20
 Retirement Fund: \$20 Immaculate Conception: \$5
 World Mission Sunday: \$20

Sacred Heart Parish Support

Sunday Collection	Weekly	Year to Date (25 weeks)
Amount Needed:	\$1,211.54	\$30,288.50
Income:	\$858.00	\$22,859.39
Difference (+ or-):	-\$353.54	-\$7,429.11

Improvement Fund: \$155
 Christmas Flowers: \$160
 Immaculate Conception: \$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.

A very appreciative **Thank You** to those who cleaned the church and decorated for Christmas. Both churches are beautiful and it sets the mood for a lovely celebration of our Lord's Nativity and the Christmas Season.

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 \$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%).



A Christmas Prayer
Oh, God, our loving Father, help us rightly to remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the wise men. May the Christmas morning make us happy to be your children and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forging and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen

**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

**LIGHT HOUSE
CATHOLIC
MEDIA**

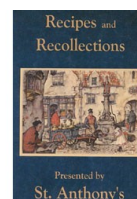


*Check out our CD's
display
at the back of the church!*

**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 Ardith Burton at 936-7975 or Joann Vandemore at 936-7669

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

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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