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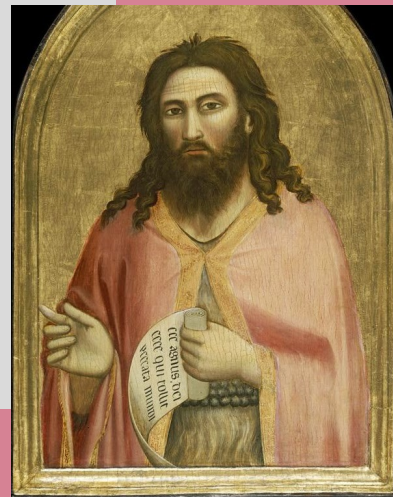
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MASS SCHEDULE . . . Celebrating Our Faith This Week

The Third Sunday of Advent

- Saturday, December 16: 4:00 pm @ SA + Richard Vyneman by Janet & Family
Sunday, December 17: 8:00 am @ SH + Howard A. VanDeVoorde by Roberta VanDeVoorde & Family
9:30 am @ SA - For the Parishioners by Fr. Engelbrecht
Monday, December 18: No Mass
Tuesday, December 19: 5:30pm @ SA + Vickie Lawrence by Toot & Jean Causemaker
Wednesday, December 20: 8:00 am @ SH + Maralyn Guthrie by SH Altar & Rosary
Thursday, December 21: St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Dr. of the Church
8:00 am @ SA + Lucille Buysse by Morrey & Julie Atwell
Friday, December 22: 8:00 am @ SA + Wilbur Egert by Craig & Pam Johnson

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

- Saturday, December 23: 4:00 pm @ SA + Joe Buysse by Rich & Pat Gentry
6:00 pm @ SH + Patti Kastor by Marshall & Valerie Plumley
Sunday, December 24: No a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart
9:30 am @ SA - For the Parishioners by Fr. Engelbrecht

The Nativity of the Lord

- Sunday, December 24: 4:00 pm @ SA + Mary Martens by Dick Martens
6:00 pm @ SH + Dorothy Cessna by SH Altar & Rosary
11:00 pm @ SM - For the Parishioners by Fr. Engelbrecht
Monday, December 25: 9:30 am @ SA + Luella Strawhacker by the Family

Serving at Our Lord's Altar

- 4:00 pm @ St. Anthony - December 23: Lector: Janice Wyffels, EMHC: Toot Causemaker, Jean Causemaker, Jeanne Carton, Altar Servers: Two Volunteers Needed, Ushers: Bobby Burton, Lynn Cathelyn, Richard DeSmith, Ken DeSmith
6:00 pm @ Sacred Heart - December 23: Lector: Rod Jackson, EMHC: Deacon Marshall Plumley, Ushers: Kenny Sierens & Chuck DeMay, Collection Counters: Bill & Sue Diericx & Audie Sturtewagen
9:30 am @ St. Anthony - December 24: Lector: Volunteer Needed, EMHC: Mary Kay Franks, Loren Jackson, Volunteer Needed, Altar Servers: Two Volunteers Needed, Ushers: Ed Coble, Shane Sturtewagen, Ken Taber, Herb Vandernick
4:00 pm @ Saint Anthony- December 24: Lector: Terence Patton, EMHC: Jeanne Carton, Valerie Plumley, David VanDeVelle, Altar Servers: Lauren Plumley, William Plumley, Ushers: Keith Carton, Keith Causemaker, John Cauwels, Stephen Mapes
6:00 pm @ Sacred Heart - December 24: Lector: Tara Gripp, EMHC: Eugene VanDeVoorde, Ushers: Kenny Sierens & Chuck DeMay, Collection Counters: Bill & Sue Diericx & Audie Sturtewagen
9:30 am @ St. Anthony - December 25: Lector: Gary Olson, EMHC: Jeanne Carton, Mary Kay Franks, David VanDeVelle, Altar Servers: Two Volunteers Needed, Ushers: Gerald Buysse, Jon Hamer, Brett Hultman, Mark Murphy

MARK YOUR CALENDAR Parish Updates

- Sunday December 17: SH CCD 9-10 am
Monday December 18: Choir Practice 6:00pm
Wednesday December 20: SA CCD 6-7 pm (Good Samaritan)

St. Anthony's Music Ministry

- December 16: Choir sings at 4 pm
Monday December 18: Choir Practice 6 pm
Sunday December 24: Choir sings at 4 pm
Monday 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 17th. 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.



Please remember these parishioners who ask for your prayers.

- Connie Altman, Dave Colgan, Mary Frank, Dean Lewis, Mary Lou DeCausemaker, Katelyn DeRycke, Evelyn DeSplinter, Annie Eastman, Mary Ellen Hoogerwerf, Dan Longeville, Barry Miller, Vera Minnaert, Loretta Minnaert, Dave Nanninga, Gia Samuels, Susan Stontz, Alice Van Kerrebroeck, Bernadine Betcher, Judy Thome, Benjamin Rosenberg, Albert Boelens,

Sharing in the Work of Christ through sacrificial giving

St. Anthony Parish Support

Table with 3 columns: Category, Weekly, Year to Date (24 weeks). Rows include Sunday Collection, Amount Needed, Income, and Difference (+ or-).

Retirement Fund: \$1,312 Immaculate Conception: \$245 Christmas Flowers: \$80

Sacred Heart Parish Support

Table with 3 columns: Category, Weekly, Year to Date (24 weeks). Rows include Sunday Collection, Amount Needed, Income, and Difference (+ or-).

Christmas Flowers: \$170 Improvement Fund: \$165 Immaculate Conception: \$171 Retirement Fund: \$90 Christmas Offering: \$40

**Thank you** to Vandemore Funeral Home for providing the beautiful **Calendars for 2018**. The calendars may be picked up at the doors of both churches.

**Christmas Flower lists** will be printed on Tuesday, December 26th. Donations after this date are greatly appreciated but will not be able to be included on the list.

**2017 annual contribution** letters will be mailed out to Sacred Heart and St. Anthony parishioners at the end of January. Due to printing deadlines, any financial contribution received, at the office, after January 6th will be marked as a 2018 contribution.

**Sacred Heart Circle 4** would like to thank everyone who helped make our Spaghetti Dinner a huge success. We were able to raise \$2,415. Raffle winners were:  
 Katelyn DeRycke: Money Tree  
 Bob DeSchepper: Meat Certificate  
 Julie DeSplinter: Mimi's Treasure  
 Ella Anderson: Wine/Goodies  
 Robin Fairbanks: Lottery Wreath

Members of **St. Anthony Circle 4** would like to thank everyone who

bought, sold or donated to the Bread Braid Fund Raiser. We were able to raise \$1400 after expenses. Thank you!

**2017 Annual Diocesan Appeal**

Thank you to all who have made a pledge to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. No gift is too small, and our parish is trying to reach 100% participation. If you have not yet made a gift to the ADA, we invite you to do so today. There are pledge cards in the vestibule. Every dollar raised to make our goals supports important diocesan services and every dollar raised over our goals will be kept in the parishes for improvements.

**St. Anthony Update:**

We have pledges of \$24,485 toward our goal of \$34,445. Leaving a balance of \$9,960. We have received pledge cards from 96 families for 71% of our goal.

**Sacred Heart Update:**

We have pledges of \$10,318 toward our goal of \$15,348. Leaving a balance of \$5,030. We have received pledge cards from 69 families for 67% of our goal.

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 • **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 amount each year and be subject to federal tax. However, the law allows you to donate this amount directly to your parish during 2017 and have it distributed free of federal income tax! What a wonderful opportunity to help their parish. Please call your tax advisor or call Bill Engelbrecht at the Diocesan Office of Development at (309) 671-1550 ext.  
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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  
 -Robert Louis Stevenson

*Did you know?  
 The Twelve days of Christmas*

Aside from the fact that Epiphany—which comes twelve days after Christmas—used to mark the end of the Christmas Season, the song “Twelve Days of Christmas” is not really any part of Catholic liturgy.

The song of that name actually derives from a time in England from 1558 to 1829 when it was illegal to be a Catholic, and so the song contains a hidden catechism of Catholic theology.

- A Partridge in a Pear Tree: Jesus Christ
- Two Turtle Doves: The Old and New Testaments
- Three French Hens: The Theological Virtues (Faith, Hope, and Charity)
- Four Calling birds: The Four Gospels/The Four Evangelists
- Five Golden Rings: The first Five Books of the Old Testament, the “Pentateuch”
- Six Geese a-Laying: The Six Days of Creation
- Seven Swans a-Swimming: The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit/The Seven Sacraments
- Eight Maids a-Milking: The Eight Beatitudes
- Nine Ladies Dancing: The Nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit
- Ten Lords a-Leaping: The Ten Commandments
- Eleven Pipers Piping: The Eleven Faithful Apostles
- Twelve Drummers Drumming: The Twelve Points of Doctrine in the Apostles’ Creed



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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 Adam DeRycke at (309) 935-6080

**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