ST. ANTHONY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, Atkinson SACRED HEART ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, Annawan SHRINE OF ST. MARY, Hooppole **Rev. S. Stephen Engelbrecht, Pastor** 204 W Main Street Post Office Box 210 Atkinson, IL 61235 Phone 309.936.7900 Fax 309.936.4035 www.theheartandthelily.org http://stmaryofthefieldsshrine.weebly.com

MASS SCHEDULE . . . **CELEBRATING OUR FAITH THIS WEEK**

The First Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 2

4:00 pm @ SA + Joie Verstraete by the Family Sunday, December 3

8:00 am @ SH + Mary Louise Johnson by Ron Johnson

9:30 am @ SA + Helen Claeys by SA Altar & Rosary

Monday, December 4

8:00 am @ SA - Centennial of Dedication of SA for Living & Deceased Members

Tuesday, December 5

5:30pm @ SA + Darrel DeDecker by the Family Wednesday, December 6 St. Nicholas, Bp. 8:00 am @ SH + Bill DeRew by Lanny & Veronica Minnaert **Thursday, December 7** *St. Ambrose, Bishop & Dr. of the Church* 8:00 am @ SA + Barney VanDeRostyne by the Family

Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)

Thursday, December 7 Vigil Mass of the Immaculate Conception 6:00pm @ SA - For the Parishioners by Fr. Engelbrecht Friday, December 8 The Immaculate Conception 6:00pm @ SH + Deceased Members of the Bill Haverback Family

by Marvin & Barbara Haverback **Second Sunday of Advent**

Saturday, December 9

4:00 pm @ SA + Ron Manthe by his Children Sunday, December 10

8:00 am @ SH + Grove Killelea (10th Ann.) by Sue & Family 9:30 am @ SA - For the Parishioners by Fr. Engelbrecht

Serving at Our Lord's Altar

4:00 pm @ St. Anthony - December 9

Lector: Janice Wyffels EMHC: Jeanne Carton, Mary Kay Franks, Volunteer Needed Altar Servers: Two Volunteers Needed Ushers: Bobby Burton, Gerald Buysse, Lynn Cathelyn **Richard DeSmith**

8:00am @ Sacred Heart - December 10

Lector: Tara Gripp EMHC: Mary Jagers Ushers: Kenny Sierens & Chuck DeMay Collection Counters: Bill & Sue Diericx & Audie Sturtewagen

9:30 am @ St. Anthony - December 10

Lector: Jon Hamer EMHC: Toot Causemaker, Jean Causemaker, Loren Jackson Altar Servers: Lauren Plumley, William Plumley Ushers: Keith Causemaker, John Cauwels, Stephen Mapes, Ken Taber

Sunday December 3, Choir sings at 9:30 am December 10, Choir sings at 9:30 am Practice EVERY Monday in December at 6 pm

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,



MARK YOUR CALENDAR PARISH UPDATES

Sunday December 3, SH CCD 9-10 am Monday December 4, Choir Practice 6 pm Wednesday December 6, SA CCD 6-7 pm

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St. Anthony Circle 4 will be cleaning the church on Tuesday Dec. 12th at 6 pm. All circle 4 members are asked to help. Thank you!

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.

Abilities Plus will be holding their annual Holiday Open House Sunday. December 3, 2017, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at their facility at 1100 N. East St., Kewanee, Illinois. There are fliers posted on the bulletin board in the church along with order sheets for the purchase of 24 inch Christmas wreaths for

Sharing in the Work of Christ through sacríficíal giving

St. Anthony Parish Support

Sunday Collection	Weekly	Year to Date (22 weeks)
Amount Needed:	\$2,361.54	\$51,953.88
Income:	\$2,778.00	\$56,491.10
Difference (+ or-):	\$416.46	\$4,537.22

Sacred Heart Parish Support

Sunday Collection	Weekly	Year to Date (22 weeks)
Amount Needed:	\$1,211.54	\$26,653.88
Income:	\$607.00	\$19,885.00
Difference (+ or-):	- \$604.54	- \$6,768.88

Christmas Flowers: \$20

St. Anthony and Sacred Heart Catholic Churches + Sunday, December 3, 2017

Who is St. Nicholas?

The true story of Santa Claus begins with Nicholas, who was born during the third century in the village of Patara. At the time the area was Greek and is now on the southern coast of Turkey. His wealthy parents, who raised him to be a devout Christian, died in an epidemic while Nicholas was still young. Obeying Jesus' words to "sell what you own and give the money to the poor," Nicholas used his whole inheritance to assist the needy, the sick, and the suffering. He dedicated his life to serving God and was made Bishop of Myra while still a young man. Bishop Nicholas became known throughout the land for his generosity to those in need. his love for children, and his concern for sailors and ships. Under the Roman Emperor Diocletian, who ruthlessly persecuted Christians, Bishop Nicholas suffered for his faith, was exiled and imprisoned. The prisons were so full of bishops, priests, and deacons, there was no room for the real criminals-murderers, thieves and robbers. After his release. Nicholas attended the Council of Nicaea in AD 325. He died December 6, 343 in Myra and was buried in his cathedral church, where a unique relic, called manna, formed in his grave. This liquid substance, said to have healing powers, fostered the growth of devotion to Nicholas. The anniversary of his death became a day of celebration, St. Nicholas Day, December 6th. Through the centuries many stories and legends have been told of St. Nicholas' life and deeds. These accounts help us understand his extraordinary character and why he is so beloved and revered as protector and helper of those in need.

One story tells of a poor man with three daughters. In those days a young woman's

father had to offer prospective husbands something of value-a dowry. The larger the dowry, the better the chance that a young woman would find a good husband. Without a dowry, a woman was unlikely to marry. This poor man's daughters, without dowries, were therefore destined to be sold into slavery. Mysteriously, on three different occasions, a bag of gold appeared in their home-providing the needed dowries. The bags of gold, tossed through an open window, are said to have landed in stockings or shoes left before the fire to dry. This led to the custom of children hanging stockings or putting out shoes, eagerly awaiting gifts from Saint Nicholas. Sometimes the story is told with gold balls instead of bags of gold. That is why three gold balls, sometimes represented as oranges, are one of the symbols for St. Nicholas. And so St. Nicholas is a giftgiver.

2017 lists for Sacred Heart lectors, Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, ushers and Collection counters are posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

Since Christmas falls on a Sunday, changes have been made to the regular weekend Mass schedule. The following is a list of regular weekend Masses as well as the Christmas Mass schedule.

Sunday Mass Schedule:

Sat., December 23: 4:00 pm @ SA 6:00 pm @ SH Sun., December 24: NO am Mass @ SH 9:30 am @ SA Christmas Eve schedule: Sunday, December 24: 4:00 pm @ SA 6:00 pm @ SH 11:00 pm @ St. Mary's

Sunday Memo FROM OUR PASTOR

Christmas Day Schedule:

Monday, December 25: 9:30 am @ SA

Sacred Heart Circle 4 will be hosting a

Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, December 10 from 11-1 pm at the parish hall. Tickets, for raffle items, will be available to purchase. Circle 4 members will be in the back of the church selling tickets, for the dinner, before Mass starting the weekend of November 18-19. The dinner will be held after the Sacred Heart CCD program which will be held at 10:30 am. Come join us!

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 \$23,385 toward our goal of \$34,445. Leaving a balance of \$11,060. We have received pledge cards from 96 families for 68% of our goal.

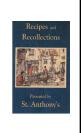
Sacred Heart Update:

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.

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 Norma Gilbraith at 936-7583



St. Anthony's Centennial aprons, hats, t-shirts and sweatshirts on sale! Orders should be texted to Kim Roman at 815-535-1758 (text only please).



The Jewels of St. Anthony's Centennial Ornaments and Trivets are available by order through out this 2017 Centennial year. The ornaments are \$10 each or \$8 a piece if 5 or more are ordered. The Trivets are \$16 each. Call Sue Floriani

Centennial Year Books are available at

309-936-7333 or Bonnie Obrecht at 309-936-7968.

the Parish Office. Books are \$5

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 DeRvcke 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

Parish Staff

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Bonnie VandeVelde, Parish Secretary Valerie Plumley, Finance Bookkeeper office@stanthonysatkinson.org (309) 936-7900 Office Hours: Tue & Thur 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

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 and pastoral care can be administered. 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