

ST. ANTHONY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, Atkinson

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MASS SCHEDULE . . .

Celebrating Our Faith This Week

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

Tuesday, December 26

No Mass

Wednesday, December 27

No Mass

Thursday, December 28

No Mass

Friday, December 29

No Mass

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Saturday, December 30

4:00 pm @ SA + Fr. Verhoye by Bobby & Ardith Burton

Sunday, December 31

8:00 am @ SH - For the Parishioners by Fr. Engelbrecht

9:30 am @ SA + Reuben DeSmith by Friends of the Family

Serving at Our Lord’s Altar

4:00 pm @ St. Anthony - December 30

Lector: Robin VanMeenan

EMHC: Toot Causemaker, Jean Causemaker, David VanDeVelde

Altar Servers: **Two Volunteers Needed**

Ushers: Bobby Burton, Donald Buysse, Gerald Buysse

Ken DeSmith

8:00 am @ Sacred Heart - December 31

Lector: Eric Ufheil

EMHC: Wayne Brau

Ushers: Kenny Sierens & Chuck DeMay

Collection Counters: Bill & Sue Diericx & Audie Sturtewagen

9:30 am @ St. Anthony - December 31

Lector: Theresa Peterson

EMHC: Mary Kay Franks, Loren Jackson, Valerie Plumley

Altar Servers: Lauren Plumley, William Plumley

Ushers: Keith Carton, Keith Causemaker, John Cauwels,

Stephen Mapes

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,

St. Anthony’s Music Ministry

Sunday December 24: Choir sings at 4 pm

Monday December 25: Choir sings at 9:30 am

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Parish Updates

Sunday December 24: SH No CCD

Wednesday December 27: SA No CCD

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



The Church Office will be closed the
week of December 25th. The office will
be open on Tuesday, January 2nd.
Father Engelbrecht will be out of town
Tuesday, December 26th through
Friday, December 29th. There will
NOT be weekday Mass that week.

Sharing in the Work of Christ

through sacrificial giving

St. Anthony Parish Support

Sunday Collection	Weekly	Year to Date (25 weeks)
Amount Needed:	\$2,361.54	\$59,038.50
Income:	\$2,588.00	\$63,713.29
Difference (+ or-):	\$226.46	\$4,674.79

Retirement Fund: \$20 Christmas Flowers: \$25

Sacred Heart Parish Support

Sunday Collection	Weekly	Year to Date (25 weeks)
Amount Needed:	\$1,211.54	\$30,288.50
Income:	\$639.00	\$23,077.00
Difference (+ or-):	-\$572.54	-\$7,211.50

Christmas Flowers: \$10 Utility: \$30

Christmas Offering: \$45

Dear Parishioners,

I hope all of you have 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 be had 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 next 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

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 **Calendars for 2018**. The calendars may be picked up at the doors of both churches.

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.

A sincere thank you to those who cleaned the church and decorated for Christmas. Both Churches are beautiful and help set the mood for the lovely celebration of our Lord's Nativity and the Christmas Season.

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 way to help their parish. Please call your tax advisor.

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.

*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