

ST. ANTHONY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, Atkinson

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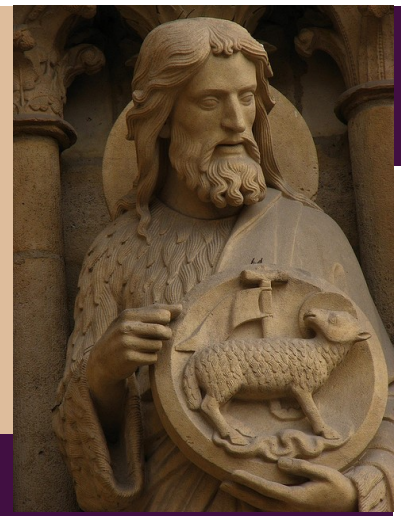
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MASS SCHEDULE . . .

CELEBRATING OUR FAITH THIS WEEK

The 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

Monday, December 11

No Mass

Tuesday, December 12 *Our Lady of Guadalupe*

5:30pm @ SA + Patricia Willem by Joyce Minnaert

Wednesday, December 13 *St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr*

8:00 am @ SH + Donovan Kleckner by Adrianna

Thursday, December 14 *St. John of the Cross, Priest & Dr. of the Church*

8:00 am @ SA + Joann Vandemore by Friends of Recipes & Recollection

Friday, December 15

8:00 am @ SA + Father Verhoye

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

Serving at Our Lord's Altar

4:00 pm @ St. Anthony - December 16

Lector: Dustin Specht

EMHC: Toot Causemaker, Jean Causemaker, David VanDeVelde

Altar Servers: **Two Volunteers Needed**

Ushers: Bobby Burton, Gerald Buysse, Mark Boelens, Ken DeSmith

8:00am @ Sacred Heart - December 17

Lector: Eric Ufheil

EMHC: Eunice Rambo

Ushers: Kenny Sierens & Chuck DeMay

Collection Counters: Bill & Sue Diericx & Audie Sturtewagen

9:30 am @ St. Anthony - December 17

Lector: Terence Patton

EMHC: Valerie Plumley, Terry Sears, Patti Sears

Altar Servers: Lauren Plumley, William Plumley

Ushers: Keith Carton, Daniel DeSmith, Brett Hultman, Mark Murphy

St. Anthony's Music Ministry

Sunday December 10, Choir sings at 9:30 am

Sunday December 10, Choir Practice after 9:30 am Mass

December 17, Choir sings at 4:00 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 10, SH CCD 9-10 am

Monday December 10, Choir Practice 10:30 am

Wednesday December 13 SA CCD 6-7 pm

Bread Braids

If you ordered Bread Braids from St. Anthony's Circle 4. Please pick up your order after Mass on Saturday December 9th or Sunday December 10th.

Sacred Heart Circle 4 Spaghetti Dinner

Sunday, December 10
11-1 pm at the parish hall

Tickets, for raffle items will be available to purchase. The dinner will be held after the Sacred Heart CCD program which will be held at 10:30 am. Come join us!

LIGHT HOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA

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



Sharing in the Work of Christ

St. Anthony Parish Support

Sunday Collection	Weekly	Year to Date (23 weeks)
Amount Needed:	\$2,361.54	\$54,315.42
Income:	\$2,709.19	\$59,200.29
Difference (+ or-):	\$347.65	\$4,884.87

Christmas Flowers: \$507

Sacred Heart Parish Support

Sunday Collection	Weekly	Year to Date (23 weeks)
Amount Needed:	\$1,211.54	\$27,865.42
Income:	\$1,752.00	\$21,637.00
Difference (+ or-):	\$540.46	- \$6,228.42

Christmas Flowers: \$150 Improvement Fund: \$22

In his homily on the World Day of Consecrated Life, Pope Francis remarked, "Putting Jesus in the midst of his people means taking up and carrying the crosses of our brothers and sisters" Through prayer and ministry, our senior religious did just this. As they cared for the sick, aided the needy, and educated countless children, they sought to shoulder the crosses of those they served—making tangible the love of Jesus. Today, we see the legacy of these selfless women and men carried forth in the ongoing ministries of their religious communities. Yet many communities struggle with insufficient retirement savings. Rising health care costs and decreased income compound the challenge to furnish adequate eldercare. In 1988, the U.S. bishops initiated the annual appeal to help address the deficit in retirement funding. Proceeds offer financial assistance and services that help congregations care for aging members while continuing to focus on mission and ministry. So, I invite your generous response to the Retirement Fund for Religious collection this weekend. May we all unite in love and thanksgiving for the elderly religious who "put Jesus in our midst."

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Daniel R. Jenky, CSC
Bishop of Peoria

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
Christmas Day Schedule:
Monday, December 25: 9:30 am @ SA

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 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.

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.

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!

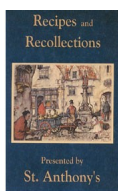
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• **There is good news if you have**
• **reached age 70 1/2** and you would like
• to help your parish. If you have an IRA,
• the government requires you to take out
• a certain amount each year and be sub-
• ject to federal tax. However, the law al-
• lows 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
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Are you in need of a special Christmas Gift?
We have religious articles available in our cabinet in the St Anthony's church hall lobby. Please stop in during office hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 9-1 to do your

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!

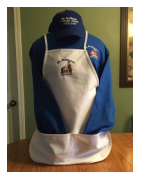
For more information contact Ardith Burton at 936-7975 or Norma Gilbraith at 936-7583



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



Centennial Year Books are available at the Parish Office. Books are \$5

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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