

ST. ANTHONY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, Atkinson
SACRED HEART ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, Annawan
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MASS SCHEDULE . . .
Celebrating Our Faith This Week

The First Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 1

4:00 pm @ SA +Albert Boelens by the Family

Sunday, December 2

8:00 am @ SH + Howard VanDeVoorde by Roberta & Family

9:30 am @ SA -For the Parishioners by Fr. Engelbrecht

Monday, December 3

No Mass

Tuesday, December 4 101 Ann. Of Dedication Of St. Anthony's Church

5:30 pm @ SA + Joanne Vandemore by Terry & Jill Vandemore

Wednesday, December 5

8:00 am @ SH + Virgil & Mary DeMink by Marilyn & Elaine

Thursday, December 6 St. Nicholas, Bishop

8:00 am @ SA + Barbara Haverback by Lee & Ruth DeDecker

Friday, December 7 St. Ambrose, Bishop & Dr. of the Church

8:00 am @ SA + Barney VandeRostyne by his Family

Immaculate Conception (Holy Day Of Obligation)

Friday, December 7

6:00 pm @ SA +Anne Carlson by Deacon Marshall & Valerie Plumley

Saturday, December 8

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

Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 8,

4:00 pm @SA Joie Verstraete by the Family

Sunday, December 9

8:00 am @ SH + Donovan Kleckner by Adrianna

9:30 am @ SA-For the Parishioners by Fr. Engelbrecht

Serving at Our Lord's Altar

6:00 pm @ SA - December 7

Lector: Gary Olson

EMHC: Mary Kay Franks, Loren Jackson, Valerie Plumley

Altar Servers: Lauren Plumley & William Plumley

Ushers: Keith Carton, Daniel DeSmith, Stephen Mapes, Mark Murphy

4:00 pm @ SA -December 8

Lector: Norma Simon

EMHC: Jeanne Carton, Bonnie Obrecht, David VanDeVelde

Altar: **Two Volunteers Needed**

Ushers: Bobby Burton, Lynn Cathelyn, Richard DeSmith, Vince Schopp

8:00 am @ Sacred Heart - December 9

Lector: Eric Ufheil

EMHC: Eunice Rambo

Ushers: Kenny Sierens, Chuck DeMay

Two Volunteers Needed

Collection Counters: Brenda Smith, Linda Rosebeck

9:30 am @ St. Anthony - December 9

Lector: Patricia DeReu

EMHC: Jean Causemaker, Toot Causemaker, Loren Jackson

Altar Servers: Lauren Plumley & William Plumley

Ushers: John Cauwels, Jon Hamer, Terence Patton, Herb Vandersnick

Please remember these parishioners who ask for your prayers.

Connie Altman, Mary Frank, Dean Lewis, Katelyn DeRycke, Evelyn DeSplinter, Mary Ellen Hoogerwerf, Dan Longeville, Barry Miller, Vera Minnaert, Loretta Minnaert, Gia Samuels, Susan Stontz, Alice Van Kerrebroeck, Mary Lou Moens, Dick Martens, Barb DeRew, Millie Loncka, Carol Taets Bogner, David Moon, Berniece Cathelyn, Mary Ann Reiling, Elsie Van Vooren, Dave Nanninga

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
Parish Updates

Sunday December 2: SH CCD

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Luncheon 11 am - 1:00 pm

Tuesday December 4, SA Parish Council

6:30 pm, Finance Council 7:15 pm

Wednesday December 5, 6:00pm SA CCD

Sacred Heart Circle 4 will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday December 9 in the Parish Hall, following the CCD Christmas program. Items for raffle will also be available. Circle 4 members will be selling tickets for the dinner before and after Mass, beginning the week of November 18th. Please come join us!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Time to Decorate!

Both Sacred Heart & St. Anthony Churches will be decorated for Christmas after each respective Mass on Sunday December 16th. 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.

2019 CALENDARS

Thank you to Vandemore Funeral Home for providing the beautiful Calendars for 2019. The calendars may be picked up at the doors of both churches.

St. Anthony's Music Ministry

Sunday December 2, Choir sings at 9:30 am Mass
 Saturday December 8, Choir sings at 4:00 pm Mass
 Sunday December 16, Choir sings at 9:30 am Mass

Sharing in the Work of Christ
through sacrificial giving

St. Anthony Parish Support

Sunday Collection	Weekly	Year to Date (21 weeks)
Amount Needed:	\$2,442.31	\$51,288.51
Income:	\$1,466.10	\$47,379.60
Difference (+ or-):	-\$976.21	-\$3,908.91

Human Development: \$7

Sacred Heart Parish Support

Sunday Collection	Weekly	Year to Date (21 weeks)
Amount Needed:	\$1,173.10	\$24,635.10
Income:	\$524.00	\$17,224.60
Difference (+ or-):	-\$649.10	-\$7,410.50

Flowers: \$90 Candles: \$66

Looking Ahead:

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is on Saturday, December 8th. The Mass schedule for the Holy Day of Obligation is as follows:

- Friday, December 7th Vigil Mass will be 6 pm at St. Anthony's.
- Saturday, December 8th Mass will be at 8 am at Sacred Heart.

(Please note that the regularly scheduled 4 pm Mass at SA is for the Second Sunday of Advent and does not satisfy the obligation for the Holy Day)

Christmas Mass Schedule

Please note that both St. Anthony's and Sacred Heart will be having Mass at 4 pm for Christmas Eve because a visiting priest will be offering one of the Masses. The Christmas Mass Schedule is as follows:

Christmas Eve:
4:00 pm Sacred Heart
4:00 pm St. Anthony's
11:00 pm St. Mary's

Christmas Day:
9:30 am St. Anthony's

2018 Annual Diocesan Appeal (ADA) To date St. Anthony's has received 102 pledges totaling \$30,338 towards our goal of \$35,144. To date Sacred Heart has received 63 pledges totaling \$10,260 towards our goal of \$17,244.

Let's Get Over The Top!! In order to reach

our ADA goals, we have placed monopoly money, signifying the remaining balance of each parish's ADA goal, in the back of each perspective church. 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 the boards are cleared of the monopoly money our goals will be met. Envelopes are provided, near the boards for your use. These may be returned in the collection basket. Thank you for your generosity.

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, 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 gift-giver.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Retired religious need your support. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious next Sunday helps ensure that elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests receive the care they so richly deserve, now and in the future. Envelopes are in the envelope packet or at the doors of the church.

JP II Experience for Teens

All teens in 8th through 10th grade are invited to grow closer to their faith by learning more about Pope John Paul II. Teens will join us at the Believer's Together Center in Moline the weekend of January 12th from Saturday morning until Sunday afternoon for a co-ed retreat. Experience for yourself the fun, faith, food and fellowship! The cost is only \$30 for this amazing weekend experience.

Since our parishes have deep Flemish and Dutch roots, I offer the following. Maybe one of you will recognize it.
- Father Engelbrecht

Sinterklaasje, kom maar binnen met je knecht
St. Nicholas Day Song (Flemish)

Sinterklaasje, kom maar binnen met je knecht,
Want we zitten allemaal even recht.
Misschien heeft u wel even tijd,
Voordat u weer naar Spanje rijdt.

Sinterklaasje, klop maar even bij ons aan,
En laat uw paardje maar buiten staan.
En we zingen en we springen en we zijn zo blij,
Want er zijn geen stoute kinderen bij.
En we zingen en we springen en we zijn zo blij,
Want er zijn geen stoute kind'ren bij!

Saint-Nicolas, Come in with Your Servant
St. Nicholas Day Song (English)

Saint-Nicolas, come in with your servant
Because we are all sitting up straight
Maybe you have a little time to spare
Before you go back to Spain.

Saint-Nicolas, do knock on our door
And leave your horse outside
And we sing and we jump and we are so happy
Because there are no naughty children here
And we sing and we jump and we are so happy
Because there are no naughty children here!

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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