

ST. ANTHONY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, Atkinson
SACRED HEART ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, Annawan
SHRINE OF ST. MARY, Hooppole

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MASS SCHEDULE . . .
Celebrating Our Faith This Week

The First Sunday of Advent

Saturday, November 30

4:00 pm @ SA + Joie Verstaete by The Family

Sunday, December 1

8:00 am @ SH + Grove Killelea by Sue Killelea

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

Monday, December 2

No Mass

Tuesday, December 3 *St. Francis Xavier, Priest*

5:30pm @ SA + Glenn DeSmith by Greg Kipp

Wednesday, December 4 *St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church*

8:00 am @ SH + John Van Hyfte by Bill & Eunice Rambo

Thursday, December 5

8:00 am @ SA + Elsie Simon by Deacon Nick & Norma Simon

Friday, December 6 *Saint Nicholas, Bishop*

8:00 am @ SA + Leona Sissul by Ana Neptune

The Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 7

4:00 pm @ SA+ Barney VanDeRostyne by The Family

Sunday, December 8

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

9:30 am @ SA + Anne Carlson by Deacon Marshall & Valerie Plumley

Serving at Our Lord's Altar

4:00 pm @ Saint Anthony- December 7

Lector: Janice Wyffels

EMHC: Jeanne Carton, Patricia DeReu, David VanDeVelde

Altar Servers: **Two Volunteers Needed**

Ushers: Gerald Buysse, Ken DeSmith, Richard DeSmith, Vince Schopp

8:00 am @ Sacred Heart - December 8

Lector: Eric Ufheil

EMHC: Renee Jackson

Ushers: Chuck DeMay, Kenny Sierens, **Two Volunteers Needed**

Collection Counters: Audie Sturtewagen, Bill & Sue Dierick

9:30 am @ Saint Anthony - December 8

Lector: Lin VanOpdorp

EMHC: Mary Kay Franks, Loren Jackson, Ben Raschke

Altar Servers: William Plumley

Ushers: Ed Coble, Stephen Mapes, Gary Olson, Terence Patton

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, Nick Schebler, Alice Van Kerrebroeck, Mary Lou Moens, Dick Martens, Barb DeRew, Millie Loncka, Carol Taets Bogner, Berniece Cathelyn, Mary Ann Reiling, Elsie Van Vooren, Ashley Egan, Bill Rambo, Phyllis DeMay, Denise Haverback, Rosella Vandersnick.

2020 Calendars

Thank you to Vandemore Funeral Home for providing the beautiful Calendars for 2020. The Calendars may be picked up at the doors of both churches.

Sacred Heart Church
Cleaning will be on
Thursday December 5th
from 3-5 pm. Please
come help!



St. Anthony's Church
Cleaning will be on
Monday December 16th
at 9 am. Please come
help!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
Parish Updates

Nov. 30: SA Thankful Supper 4 - 7 pm

December 1: SH No CCD

December 4: SA CCD 6 pm

St. Anthony's Music Ministry

Sunday December 1: Choir sings at 9:30 a.m. Mass

Sunday, December 8: Choir sings at 9:30 a.m. Mass

Annual Diocesan Appeal

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.

St. Anthony

Total Goal: \$36,641

Total Pledged: \$26,694

Balance: \$10,047

Families: 96

Sacred Heart

Total Goal: \$16,163

Total Pledged: \$10,755

Balance: \$5,408

Families: 56

SACRED HEART CCD CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY
DECEMBER 15 AFTER 8 AM
MASS
PLEASE COME JOIN US!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR
Time to Decorate!

Sacred Heart will be decorated for Christmas on December 14th at 9 am. St. Anthony Church will be decorated for Christmas after Mass on Sunday December 15th. 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.

Snow Removal

St. Anthony's is now accepting bids for snow removal for the 2019-2020 winter season. If interested please contact Nick Simon at 309-945-2436.

Sharing in the Work of Christ
through sacrificial giving

St. Anthony Parish Weekly Financial Support

Sunday Actual:	\$2,804.00
Sunday Needed:	\$2,307.70
Human Development:	\$60.00
Christmas Flowers:	\$65.00

Sacred Heart Parish Weekly Financial Support

Sunday Actual:	\$834.00
Sunday Needed:	\$962.00
Fuel:	\$50
Human Development:	\$30

Sunday Memo FROM OUR PASTOR

<p>Christmas Mass Schedule Please note that both St. Anthony’s and Sacred Heart will be having Mass at 4 pm on Christmas Eve. A visiting priest will be offering one of the Masses.</p> <p>Christmas Eve: 4:00 pm Sacred Heart 4:00 pm St. Anthony’s 11:00 pm St. Mary’s</p> <p>Christmas Day 9:30 am St. Anthony’s</p> <p>A new Group - A Prayer Shawl Ministry is being formed at St. Anthony’s in Atkinson. We are looking for Crocheters or Knitters to help make shawls for those in dire need for the comfort of prayers or support during a traumatic time in their lives. One does not have to be catholic to join us. For more information please contact Verna May at 309-269-3772.</p> <p>Geneseo-Atkinson Food Pantry : The holidays are a time to give thanks for our many blessings and share God’s love with those less fortunate. During this time of year our clients</p>	<p>have the opportunity to see God’s love at work through the many donations of time, clothing, toys and food to the Food Pantry that help them have a brighter Holiday season. Now that the weather is cold, warmer clothing like coats, hats, mittens and snow pant in kids’ through adult sizes are needed. Food needs for December are flour, sugar, canned chicken breast, mayonnaise and oatmeal. Non food items include Kleenex, paper towels, toilet cleaner, laundry soap and freezer bags. Thank you for your support throughout the year.</p> <p>The Henry County Senior Citizen Center is offering home delivered meals in Atkinson, Monday thru Friday. Suggested donation is \$3.00 a meal for those 60 or older or disabled. Please contact the Henry County Senior Center at 309-853-8831.</p> <p>Women at the Well. Ladies, please join us at St. Patrick’s Church, Colona IL on Wed, December 11th. Our presenter, Shelly Saucedo, will speak on the topic, “Peace on Earth, Good Will to Women.” Doors open at 6 pm and meal served at 6:30 pm. Reservations must be made</p>	<p>by December 8th. Call Daphne Angelo at 309-949-2698.</p> <p>The Annawan-Alba Women’s Club is hosting a Holiday Bake Sale on December 7 at 9 am. The bake sale will be held at Grain’D (formerly Maimi’s Flower Shop). Please stop in to purchase some holiday treats!</p> <p>Backpack Blessings The Geneseo Backpack Blessings program is a local mission in the Geneseo School District to address the needs of children living in extreme poverty. It is 100% coordinated and supported by volunteers of all faiths and caring members of our community. Every week the program provides nutritious kid friendly food to children to get them through the weekend when school breakfast and lunch are not available. There are approximately 100 children involved in the program this year. Volunteers are needed twice a month to pack and deliver food bags and financial gifts are also welcome. Donations can be made to Geneseo Backpack Blessings, c/o First United Methodist Church, 302 N. State St., Geneseo, Illinois 61254.</p>
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My Dear Friends,

Soon, our parishes will be conducting the appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious, an annual collection that benefits some 34,000 senior sisters, brother and religious order priests. As I reflect on the service of our women and men religious, I recall the words of Jesus in John’s Gospel: “Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be” (Jn 12:26). Through their prayer and ministries, religious can be found wherever Jesus is found—not just in Catholic parishes, schools, and hospitals, but also in service to the poor, the lonely, and the oppressed.

In a profound way, we also find Jesus in the ongoing witness of our elder religious. While many continue in active and volunteer ministry, others are frail and need assistance. Yet they remain wholly committed to their vocations, accepting the limitations of aging and embracing the opportunity to focus more fully on praying for our Church and world.

Most elder religious worked for years for small stipends, leaving a substantial gap in retirement savings. With the ever-rising cost of health care and the increase in the number of those needing care, many religious communities now struggle to provide for their senior members. The Retirement Fund for Religious offers vital financial assistance to help meet day-to-day needs for prescription medications, nursing care and more.

The annual collection is an opportunity for each of us to be the presence of Jesus to our senior religious. I ask simply that you give what you can. Please join me in supporting the Retirement Fund for Religious and in praying for God’s continued blessing on our nation’s elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
+ Most Reverend Daniel R. Jenky, C.S.C.
Bishop of Peoria

The Retirement Fund For Religious collection will be the weekend of December 7-8, 2019.

Abilities Plus will be holding their annual **Holiday Open House** Sunday. December 8th, 2019, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at their facility at 1100 N. East St., Kewanee, Illinois (please use south entrance). There will be raffle items as well as baked goods, collectibles, holiday décor and unique gifts available for purchase. Complimentary refreshments and tours will be available. All are welcome to attend! Hope to see you there!

“Virtuously Preparing for Christmas”
(A series of talks on How to Live Our Faith, Hope and Charity, Just like the Saints Did)

Fr. Peter Zorjan will present a series of talks at St. Patrick’s Church, Colona four Mondays before Christmas (no lecture on Dec. 23)
Schedule Each Night:
6:30-7pm Talk by Fr. Peter
7-8pm Holy Hour led by Dcn. Aaron Hoste or Dcn. Angelo. Rosary will be prayed during the Holy Hour each night.
7pm Holy Reconciliation offered in the Confessional (Fr. Peter will stay as long as it takes for all Confessions to be heard each Monday night.)
Topics for Each Night:
Monday Night, Dec. 2, 2019: The Virtue of Faith
Monday Night, Dec. 9, 2019: The Virtue of Hope
Monday Night, Dec. 16, 2019: The Virtue of Charity
This is a great opportunity to spend quiet time with Jesus before Christmas! All Are Invited!

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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 2018 and have it :
: distributed free of federal income tax.! What a won- :
: derful 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. 7093. :
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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 5:00pm, Sunday: 7:00, 9:00 am;
11:30pm Spanish
St. John Vianney (Cambridge)
Sunday at 8:00 am and 4:00 pm

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