

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

The Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 14
 4:00 pm @ SA + Janice DeFauw by Greg Kipp
Sunday, December 15
 8:00 am @ SH + Donovan Kleckner by Adrianna
 9:30 am @ SA + John Sr., Dorothy, John Jr. & Mike Cessna by the Family
Monday, December 16
 No Mass
Tuesday, December 17
 5:30pm @ SA + Ilse Boehle by David & Bonnie VanDeVelde
Wednesday, December 18
 8:00 am @ SH + Barb Haverback by Ken & Lynette DeSmith
Thursday, December 19
 8:00 am @ SA + Bev Freddy by her Family
Friday, December 20
 8:00 am @ SA + Fr. James E. King by Ana Neptune

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 21
 4:00 pm @ SA+ Deceased members of Buysse Family by Buysse Reunion
Sunday, December 22
 8:00 am @ SH + Dorothy Wolf by Eileen Howard
 9:30 am @ SA – For the Parishioners by Fr. Engelbrecht

Serving at Our Lord's Altar

4:00 pm @ Saint Anthony- December 21
 Lector: Dustin Specht
 EMHC: Jeanne Carton, Jean & Toot Causemaker
 Ushers: Lynn Cathelyn, Don Buysse, Richard DeSmith, Gerald Buysse
8:00 am @ Sacred Heart - December 22
 Lector: Tara Gripp
 EMHC: Wayne Brau
 Ushers: Chuck DeMay, Kenny Sierens, **Two Volunteers Needed**
 Collection Counters: Audie Sturtewagen, Bill & Sue Diericx
9:30 am @ Saint Anthony - December 22
 Lector: Lin VanOpdorp
 EMHC: Loren Jackson, Patricia DeReu, Terence Patton
 Altar Servers: William Plumley
 Ushers: John Cauwels, Ed Coble, Stephen Mapes, Ken Taber

St. Anthony's Music Ministry

Saturday, December 14: Choir sings at 4:00 p.m. Mass
 Sunday, December 22: Choir sings at 9:30 a.m. Mass

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.



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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
Parish Updates

December 15: SH Program & CCD at 9 am
Dec. 18: SA CCD 6 pm (Carols -Place TBD)

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.

<u>St. Anthony</u>	<u>Sacred Heart</u>
Total Goal: \$36,641	Total Goal: \$16,163
Total Pledged: \$28,099	Total Pledged: \$10,755
Balance: \$8,542	Balance: \$5,408
Families: 96	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!

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.

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.

Sharing in the Work of Christ
through sacrificial giving

St. Anthony Parish Weekly Financial Support

Sunday Actual:	\$2,044
Sunday Needed:	\$2,307.70
Christmas Flowers:	\$175.00
Religious Retirement:	\$102.00
Solemnity of Mary:	\$21.00

Sacred Heart Parish Weekly Financial Support

Sunday Actual:	\$553.00
Sunday Needed:	\$962.00
Flowers:	\$255
Christmas:	\$45
Utility:	\$70
Immaculate Conception	\$125

Christmas Flower lists will be printed on Thursday, December 19th. Donations after this date are greatly appreciated but will not be able to be included on the list.

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.

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

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.

Marriage Mass & Date Night. The Most. Rev. Daniel R. Jenky, CSC cordially invites you to join him at a Mass celebrating the gift of Christian Marriage. Saturday, February 15, 2020 at 4 pm. At the Cathedral of St. Mary, Peoria. Following Mass there will be a candlelight dinner celebration at 5:30 pm with entertainment provided by Eric Genuis starting at 6:30. \$80 a couple. Space is limited and on a first come/first serve basis. Please register online at cdop.org/datenight or mail to: CDOP Evangelization: 419 NE Madison Ave. Peoria IL

61603 Make checks payable to Catholic Diocese of Peoria.

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 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.

Young Adult MI Retreat. Dec. 27-30. "AIM Higher! Put Out Into The Deep" Walking with and standing on the shoulders of our heroes; Maximilian Kolbe, Satoko Kitahara and John Paul II. Ages 18 +, Men & Women, Cost \$235. Marytown Retreat Center, Libertyville, IL. Please contact the St. Anthony's/Sacred Heart parish office for a registration form.

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.

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.

2020 is right around the corner! Do you want to start the new year of with getting control of your finances? Mark & Amy Roberts will be hosting a **Financial Peace University** (FPU) course at St. Malachy, Geneseo beginning on Sunday, January 12th at 5 pm. FPU provides biblical principles and practical tools to manage your personal finances. The course runs 9 weeks with each session lasting 90 minutes. The course historically costs \$100+ per person/ family for the instruction materials. Some scholarship funds are available. Please contact Mark & Amy Roberts at 309-203- 9372 for more information or to register. Babysitting services will be provided. Please sign up by December 31st. Doug & Nitzy Bull will also be hosting FPU classes starting on January 21st at Geneseo Middle School. Classes will start at 6:00 pm and go until about 8:00 pm. You can sign up at fpu.com/1103633 or contact them directly at 309-269-5818 or dbull622@gmail.com.

"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

Schedule Each Night:

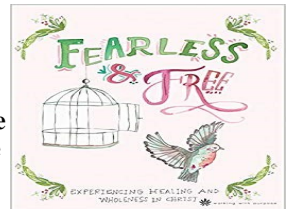
6:30-7pm Talk by Fr. Peter
7-8pm Holy Hour led by Dcn. Aaron Hoste or Dcn. Angelo. Rosary will be prayed during the Holy Hour each night.
7pm Holy Reconciliation offered in the Confessional (Fr. Peter will stay as long as it takes for all Confessions to be heard each Monday night.)

Topics for Each Night:

Monday Night, Dec. 16, 2019: The Virtue of Charity
This is a great opportunity to spend quiet time with Jesus before Christmas! All Are Invited!

BIBLE STUDY FOR WOMEN

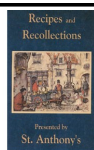
We are excited to begin the New Year with a Bible Study for Women. All are welcome! Bring your friends, family, daughters and sisters! Cost is \$15. More details in next week's bulletin....



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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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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. Cookbooks are also available at the Church office during regular office hours.

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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