

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

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

Monday, December 23

No Mass

The Nativity of the Lord

Tuesday, December 24

4:00 pm @ SA+ Mary Martens by Dick Martens

4:00 pm @ SH + Ardie Clementz by Nancy, Trina and Troy Clementz

11:00 pm @ SM + Patti Bolda Kastor by Deacon Marshall & Valerie Plumley

Wednesday, December 25

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

Thursday, December 26

No Mass

Friday, December 27

No Mass

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Saturday, December 28

4:00 pm @ SA + Glenn DeSmith by Blake & Denise Haverback

Sunday, December 29

8:00 am @ SH + Merrill Taber by Sharon Sturtewagen

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

Serving at Our Lord's Altar

4:00 pm @ Saint Anthony- December 24

Lector: Gary Olson

EMHC: Ben Raschke, Jean & Toot Causemaker

Altar Server: William Plumley

Ushers: Keith Carton, Brett Hultman, Mark Murphy, Herb Vandersnick

4:00 pm @ Sacred Heart – December 24

Lector: Rod Jackson

EMHC: Sue Ann Wells

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

9:30 am @ Saint Anthony - December 25

Lector: Terence Patton

EMHC: Mary Kay, David VanDeVelde, Bonnie Obrecht

Ushers: John Cauwels, Ed Coble, Steve Mapes, Ken Taber

4:00 pm @ St. Anthony - December 28

Lector: Patricia DeReu

EMHC: Toot & Jean Causemaker, Bonnie Obrecht, David VanDeVelde

Ushers: Gerald Buysse, Lynn Cathelyn, Richard DeSmith, Ken DeSmith

8:00 am @ Sacred Heart-December 29

Lector: Eric Ufheil

EMHC: Gene VanDeVoorde

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

Collection Counters: Audie Sturtewagen, Bill & Sue Dierix

9:30 am @ St. Anthony-December 29

Lector: John Hamer

EMHC: Mark Kay Franks, Terence Patton, Ben Raschke

Ushers: Keith Carton, Brett Hultman, Mark Murphy, Herb Vandersnick

St. Anthony's Music Ministry

Tuesday, December 24: Choir sings at 4:00 p.m. Mass
 Wednesday, December 25: Choir sings at 9:30 a.m. Mass
 Sunday, December 29: Choir sings at 9:30 a.m. Mass

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
Parish Updates

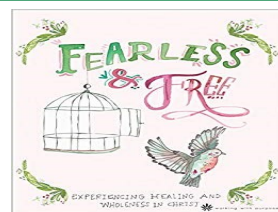
December 22: SH No CCD
Dec. 25: SA No CCD

Holiday Office Hours

Please note that the parish office will be closed on Thursday, December 26th & Thursday, January 2nd. The office will be open on Tuesday, December 24th & Tuesday, December 31st from 9 am until Noon. The Bulletin deadline is on Dec. 24th & Dec. 31st by 11 am.

BIBLE STUDY FOR WOMEN

A Woman's Bible Study is beginning on Tuesday Jan. 7 at 6:30 pm at St. Anthony's Hall. We will be studying **Fearless & Free** by Lisa Brenninkmeyer. It is an 11 lesson study based on the book of Ephesians. This study provides a firm foundation to stand on no matter what life throws our way, with an emphasis on healing & wholeness. Cost is \$15. Bring your friends & family. Come join us! Please contact Sue Floreani 309-936-7333, Mary Kay Franks 309-945-8499 or Jean Causemaker 309-781-0248.



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,

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 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: \$28,199	Total Pledged: \$11,055
Balance: \$8,442	Balance: \$5,108
Families: 96	Families: 56

Sharing in the Work of Christ

St. Anthony Parish Weekly Financial Support

Sunday Actual:	\$1,379.00
Sunday Needed:	\$2,307.70
Christmas Flowers:	\$20.00
Religious Retirement:	\$25.00

Sacred Heart Parish Weekly Financial Support

Sunday Actual:	\$634.00
Sunday Needed:	\$962.00
Flowers:	\$105.00
Christmas:	\$23.00
Retirement:	\$3.00
Improvement:	\$115.00

Please Note! 2019 Financial Contributions deadline is Sunday, January 5th. Any contributions, received after this date, will be marked for the 2020 fiscal year. Thank you!

Dear Parishioners,
I hope all of you have a very Blessed Christmas. Don't forget we celebrate Christmas Day for an Octave of 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 God. At Christmas we celebrate our God who so loves 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 Mass with incense, so I inform you presently.

We **welcome Father Jack** who will be the celebrant for Christmas Eve Mass at St. Anthony's at 4 pm.

The **Christmas Flower Memorial** List is available at the front doors of both parishes. Thank you for making the sanctuary beautiful

as well as remembering your departed loved ones this time of year.

St. Anthony's 2020 Circle List is now available at the doors of the parish. Circle chairman should have received a packet in the mail. All parishioners are listed on a circle list for office and ministry needs and are asked to participate.

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.

Chicago March for Life is on Saturday, January 11, 2020. The Catholic Diocese of Peoria, through the office of Evangelization & Formation, is sponsoring a bus pilgrimage to attend the march. For more information contact: Evangelization@cdop.org or 309-671-1550.

The Diocese of Peoria Respect Life Ministry & Office of Catholic Schools is sponsoring a **Mass for the Unborn** at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception on Friday, January 24, 2020 at 10:30 am. Most Reverend Bishop Daniel R. Jenky, C.S.C. will be the celebrant.

9 Days for Life is a novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Please see the link below to help in promoting the 9 days for Life.

<https://www.respectlife.org/9-days-for-life>

Get daily pro-life prayers in your inbox or on your phone January 21-29, 2020 by using the link below.

<https://www.restpectlife.org/0-days-for-life-2020/>

Do you want to start the new year off 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, Jan. 12th at 5 pm. FPU provides biblical principles and tools to manage your finances. The course runs 9 weeks with each session lasting 90 minutes. The course costs \$100+ per person/ family for the instruction materials. Some scholarship funds are available. Please contact Mark & Amy at 309-203- 9372 for more information or to register. Babysitting services will be provided. Please sign up by Dec. 31st. Doug & Nitzzy Bull will also be hosting FPU classes starting on Jan. 21st at Geneseo Middle School. Classes will start at 6:00 pm —8:00 pm. Sign up at fpu.com/1103633 or contact them directly at 309-269-5818 or dbull622@gmail.com.

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 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