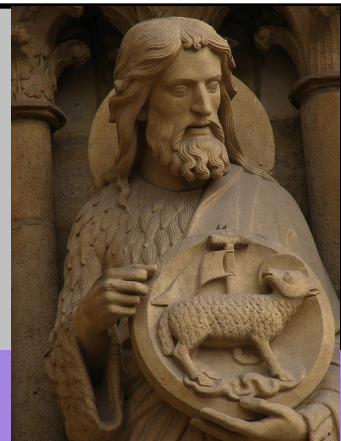


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MASS SCHEDULE . . .
Celebrating Our Faith This Week

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
Monday, December 9 Immaculate Conception of BVM (not obligatory)
 8:00 am @ SH + Bernard Klauer by Carol Klauer
Tuesday, December 10
 5:30pm @ SA + Marilyn Logan by Ana Neptune
Wednesday, December 11
 8:00 am @ SH + Ardie Clementz by Kathy Foes Butcher & Family
Thursday, December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe
 8:00 am @ SA + Shirley Park by Toot & Jean
Friday, December 13 St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
 8:00 am @ SA – For the Parishioners by Fr. Engelbrecht

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

Serving at Our Lord's Altar

4:00 pm @ Saint Anthony- December 14
 Lector: Robin VanMeenan
 EMHC: **One Volunteer Needed**, Patricia DeReu, David VanDeVeld
 Altar Servers: **Two Volunteers Needed**
 Ushers: Lynn Cathelyn, Ken DeSmith, Richard DeSmith, Vince Schopp
8:00 am @ Sacred Heart - December 15
 Lector: Rod Jackson
 EMHC: Sue Ann Wells
 Ushers: Chuck DeMay, Kenny Sierens, **Two Volunteers Needed**
 Collection Counters: Audie Sturtewagen, Bill & Sue Diericx
9:30 am @ Saint Anthony - December 15
 Lector: Janice Wyffels
 EMHC: Mary Kay Franks, Cindy Raschke, Valerie Plumley
 Altar Servers: William Plumley
 Ushers: Keith Causemaker, Daniel DeSmith, Jon Hamer, Shane Sturtewagen

St. Anthony's Music Ministry

Sunday December 8: Choir sings at 9:30 a.m. Mass
 Saturday, December 15 Choir sings at 4:00 p.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 8: SH CCD at 9 am
Dec. 10: SA Parish & Finance Council 6:30 pm
December 11: SA CCD 6 pm

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: \$27,999	Total Pledged: \$10,755
Balance: \$8,642	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!

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.

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.

Annual Financial Reports for both parishes and the Diocese are available at the main doors of both churches.

Sharing in the Work of Christ
through sacrificial giving

St. Anthony Parish Weekly Financial Support

Sunday Actual: \$3,476.02.00
Sunday Needed: \$2,307.70
Christmas Flowers: \$455.00

Sacred Heart Parish Weekly Financial Support

Sunday Actual: \$975.00
Sunday Needed: \$962.00
Flowers: \$255

This year, December 8th falls on a Sunday of Advent. Therefore the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception** is transferred to Monday the 9th. In this instance it is the only time that the Immaculate Conception is NOT a Holy Day of obligation. Even when Dec. 8th falls on a Saturday or Monday it is obligatory. **The short hand version is: you do not have to go to Mass for the Immaculate Conception this year.** However, for those that choose to attend Mass for the Immaculate Conception, there will be a Mass at 8 a.m. at Sacred Heart on Monday.

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.

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.

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.

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 by December 8th. Call Daphne Angelo at 309-949-2698.

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. 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!

Celebration of the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Saturday, December 14, 2019

Rosary: 4:00 pm

Mass: 4:30pm including reenactment of the apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Procession to Hall: 5:30 pm

Dinner in Parish Hall: 6pm

Everyone from all parishes are welcome to attend & celebrate this special feast day! Our Lady of Guadalupe Church 800-17th St., Silvis, IL

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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. •

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!

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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