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MASS SCHEDULE . . .
Celebrating Our Faith This Week



Update: March 21, 2020
Parishioners of St. Anthony & Sacred Heart:

I have received another directive from the Vicar General of the Diocese of Peoria that I want to share with you. With the Shelter-in-Place Order for the State of Illinois, beginning at 5 pm on Saturday, March 21st and continuing through April 7th, we have been instructed to close and lock our churches. I say that with a heavy heart knowing that it saddens me and our Bishop as well. He does this hoping to stem the tide of the virus, especially for the most vulnerable, and I pray it does. We are also instructed to close our parish office for the duration of this time and postpone baptisms. Bonnie & Valerie, our parish secretary and bookkeeper, will be checking email and will help from home. I will still be available for those who need immediate attention and those who are near death.

In addition to the directives passed on to us from the State of Illinois through the Vicar General, the Vicar General informs us that, “As we look toward the near future, we are announcing that the suspension of public worship will definitely remain in place through Easter Sunday.” (Please read a letter from Most Reverend Daniel R. Jenky, C.S.C. on page 3).

I invite all parishioners to join in prayer with the Mass, which will continue to be offered privately. This is the most important event in our parishes and the world each and every day—Jesus’ eternal prayer to the Father is an outpouring of God’s grace, mercy, and healing power. It is the source of life and strength for each of us as Christians, and although one may not be able to be present at Mass and/or receive Holy Communion, a person can unite himself to Jesus and the Mass and offer a Spiritual Communion.

I urge all parishioners to keep Lord’s Day holy with prayer, especially with the readings for the Mass of the day (see <http://usccb.org/bible/index.cfm>) and the rosary. Watching televised Masses is also possible for some (e.g. EWTN—Eternal Word Television Network).

Please know you are remembered in my daily prayers and private Masses.

Father Engelbrecht

Here are some prayers for Spiritual Communion:

Prayers of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.—St. Alphonsus Ligouri.

At Your feet, O my Jesus, I prostrate myself and I offer You repentance of my contrite heart, which is humbled in its nothingness and in Your holy presence. I adore You in the Sacrament of Your love, the ineffable Eucharist. I desire to receive You into the poor dwelling that my heart offers You. While waiting for the happiness of sacramental communion, I wish to possess You in spirit. Come to me, O my Jesus, since I, for my part, am coming to You! May Your love embrace my whole being in life and in death. I believe in You, I hope in You, I love You. Amen.—Raphael Cardinal Merry del Val

May Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament be praised, adored, and loved at every moment in all the Tabernacles of the world even to the end of time. Amen—Anonymous.

Eternal Father, I offer You the most precious blood of thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, for those in my own home, and those in my own family. Amen.—St. Gertrude the Great.

As you can appreciate, in this time we continue to receive bills that have to be paid, in spite of having no Sunday collections. So, in your charity it would greatly be appreciated if you would send in contributions in the mail. Each parish can send their Sunday contribution to: PO Box 210, Atkinson IL 61235.

Thank you for your generosity.

Please remember these parishioners who ask for your prayers.

Connie Altman, Mary Frank, Dean Lewis, Katelyn DeRycke, Evelyn DeSplinter, Christine Sand Dunahee, 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, Elsie Van Vooren, Ashley Egan, Bill Rambo, Phyllis DeMay, Denise Haverback, Rosella Vandersnick.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
Parish Updates
All CCD, Altar and Rosary Society Meetings and Parish Council and Finance Meetings have been cancelled until further notice. Students and members will be contacted with updated information in the future. Thank you for your understanding.

A big thank you to all those who helped clean and sanitize both Sacred Heart and St. Anthony’s in the past couple of weeks. Your time and generosity is greatly appreciated.

St. Anthony’s Music Ministry
Practice has been postponed. We will notify you when Mass and practice will resume.

St. Anthony’s Annual Spring Raffle 2020
Only 500 Tickets Will Be Sold The odds of winning are an incredible 1 in 39
Main Event Drawing - Sunday, May 3rd, 12:30 p.m.
Grand Prize \$10,000
Seller of Grand Prize Ticket Wins \$1,000
2nd Prize \$2,000
3rd – 5th Prizes \$1,000 Each
6th – 8th Prizes \$500 Each
9th – 13th Prizes \$250
Ticket Price \$100.00
Two brunch tickets are included. Brunch will be served Sunday, May 3rd from 9:30 am until Noon. Additional brunch tickets are available for \$20.00 each. For More Information please see the flyer on the bulletin board or visit our website.

Sunday Memo FROM OUR PASTOR

St. Anthony's Prayer Shawl Ministry is accepting requests for those suffering critical or serious health issues. Need not be a member of our parish, but one suffering and needing our prayers for comfort. We now have several completed and available. Please contact Verna May at 309-269-3772.

After **nearly 50 years of teaching CCD at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Mary Saylor is retiring.** If you have taught with Mary, were a student of hers, or just want to congratulate her, we invite you to Mass on Sunday April 26th at 9:30 am with a light breakfast to follow afterward 10:30 - 12:30. Please share this with anyone you think would like to join us. If you would like to send a card please put your card in the collection basket or mail them to the parish office. For more information contact Katie Orwig, CCD Coordinator.

Did you know the **Geneseo-Atkinson Food Pantry** provides emergency rent assistance? If you are interested in helping someone pay rent, please write, "For rent assistance" in memo of your check if you wish to assist. With Spring, around the corner, we will be accepting donations of lighter coats and jackets. We are especially in need of men's clothing. "Scouting For Food" will take place Sat. April 4. Scouts will

distribute flyers. Food needs are Syrup, mayonnaise, flour, sugar and salsa. Non-food items are laundry soap, bleach, mouthwash, garbage bags and feminine hygiene. Thank you for your generosity.

Mark your calendar for the Diocese of Peoria **Men's March Rally** - Peoria River Front at 8:30 am and the Diocesan Men's March Mass at 10:30 am at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Peoria. The Rally, March and Mass will be on Saturday April 25, 2020. More information will be provided in the future.

Henry County Right to Life is announcing its 2020 scholarship contest for area high school and college students. Applications are now available. The essay theme is -How would you respond to a friend who says "My Body, My Choice"? Students may print a copy of the application and complete rules by going to the Henry County Right to Life's website at <http://henrycountyr2l.wixsite.com/life>. Scholarship applications must be received or postmarked no later than March 31, 2020. For further information, contact Peggy Emmert, at 309-231-2657.

Special Persons Encounter Christ (SPEC) of Christ the King Church, Moline, IL is in need of a candidate who can fill the position of either **liturgy coordinator or music coordinator**, depending on applicant interests and qualifications. SPEC is a Rock Island Vicariate religious education program for persons with intellectual disabilities. The person in this position is responsible for collaborating with the other coordinator as well as the SPEC lead coordinator in planning and implementing the liturgies and religious themed programs for each Wednesday evening SPEC is in session. A more detailed job description of both positions is available upon request. A criminal background check, fingerprinting, and safety training will be required of potential applicants (All costs are reimbursed by SPEC). Interested persons should be comfortable and willing to work with a variety of persons with special needs, as well as teen and adult volunteers. There are stipends paid with either position. For more information, please contact: Linda Matheis 309 235 4614

Rice Bowls are available at all the entrances of the church. Please consider taking one and adding it to your Lenten season. All donations go towards helping Catholic Relief Services to continue to provide life-saving assistance in nearly 100 countries. CRS works on our behalf to care for the poorest in our world and to end global poverty.



Sacred Heart Cemetery Clean-Up.

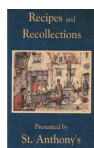
Please remove items from Sacred Heart Cemetery by the April 1st Cleanup. Thank you!

FATIMA—LOURDES TRIP

You are invited to join Msgr. Paul Showalter, Vicar General Emeritus on a pilgrimage to Spain, featuring Fatima, Lourdes and Barcelona October 13-23, 2020. October is the month of Mary, Our Lady of the Rosary and we will be visiting some of the most sacred shrines and places of prayer and devotion in Europe. There will be daily Mass as well as time to relax and enjoy the true experience of Portugal, France and Spain. I look forward to sharing the experience with you. For a brochure, or more information, contact Karen Small at (309) 677-7001 or by email at ksmall@cdop.

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.

Upcoming Cursillo Weekends

Mens: Oct 22 –25, 2020
Women's : Nov. 22-25, 2020

Visit <https://nwcursillo.com> To register or for more information.

Upcoming TEC Weekends

April 18-20, 2020 (Boys)
June 27-29, 2020 (Girls)
Aug 8-10, 2020 (Boys)
Oct 10-12, 2020 (Girls)

Visit www.northwest-tec.com To register or for more information

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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

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March 23, 2020

My dear friends in Christ,

Holy Week and Easter rank as the most important moments we celebrate as believers of Jesus Christ. As important as these great celebrations are for the proclaiming and strengthening of our faith, it is with great sadness that I must announce that the suspension of public worship will continue through Easter Sunday.

The first words of the Risen Christ to his disciples were, "Peace be with you!" During this difficult and painful moment, we pray for the peace that only God can give. It is the peace that comes from having our sins forgiven and being united with God.

Beginning with Palm Sunday and continuing through Easter Sunday, these events will be streamed live through the diocesan website: www.cdop.org. A specific schedule will be announced in the days ahead. If your own parish will not be broadcasting these Masses, I invite you to join in the ones we will be making available through the Internet. It won't be the same as being together, in person; but it enables us to be united in ways that the current times make possible.

In these difficult times when we each have to carry our own personal crosses, we do so in the hope of Easter glory. I ask your prayers for me and for your priests. Please know that I am holding you close to my heart and I am praying for you daily.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

✠ Most Reverend Daniel R. Jenky, C.S.C.
Bishop of Peoria