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MASS SCHEDULE . . .
Celebrating Our Faith This Week

Building His House: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Fifth Sunday of Easter

Readings:

- [Acts 6:1-7](#)
- [Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19](#)
- [1 Peter 2:4-9](#)
- [John 14:1-12](#)

By His death, Resurrection and Ascension, Jesus has gone ahead to prepare a place for us in His Father's house. His Father's house is no longer a temple made by human hands. It is the spiritual house of the Church, built on the living stone of Christ's body.

As Peter interprets the Scriptures in today's Epistle, Jesus is the "stone" destined to be rejected by men but made the precious cornerstone of God's dwelling on earth (see [Psalm 118:22](#); [Isaiah 8:14](#); [28:16](#)).

Each of us is called to be a living stone in God's building (see [1 Corinthians 3:9, 16](#)). In this edifice of the Spirit, we are to be "holy priests" offering up "spiritual sacrifices"—all our prayer, work, and intentions—to God.

This is our lofty calling as Christians. This is why Christ led us out of the darkness of sin and death as Moses led the Israelites from bondage in Egypt.

God's covenant with Israel made them a royal and priestly people who were to announce His praises (see [Exodus 19:6](#)). By our faith in Christ's new covenant, we have been made heirs of this chosen race, called to glorify the Father in the temple of our bodies (see [1 Corinthians 6:19-20](#); [Romans 12:1](#)).

In today's First Reading, we see the spiritual house of the Church being built up, as the Apostles consecrate seven deacons so they can devote themselves more fully to the "ministry of the Word."

The Lord's Word is upright and all His works trustworthy, we sing in today's Psalm. So we can trust Jesus when He tells us never to be troubled, but to believe that His Word and works come from the Father.

His Word continues its work in the world through the Church. We see its beginnings today in Jerusalem. It is destined to spread with influence and power (see [Acts 19:20](#)), and to become the imperishable seed by which every heart is born anew (see [1 Peter 1:23](#)).

During the shelter in place order, bulletins are on our website www.theheartandthelily.org - they are updated weekly. Please check them out!

With the Shelter-in-Place Order for the State of Illinois we have been instructed to close and lock our churches **through Sunday, May 31st**. This is subject to change. 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.

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 and the rosary. Watching televised Masses is also possible. Please know you are remembered in my

We would like to thank our Parishioners who have sent in contributions to St. Anthony's, Sacred Heart, and St. Mary's. This is helping us in this time when there are no regular Sunday collections. Each parish can send their Sunday contribution to: PO Box 210, Atkinson IL 61235.

Thank you for your generosity.

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 - Rescheduled to June 7, 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. Additional brunch tickets are available for \$20.00 each. Brunch will be scheduled at a later time.

Online Resources Available

Area Churches Streaming: St. Pius X Parish (Rock Island)
 Christ The King Parish (Moline)
 Sacred Heart (Rock Island)
 St. Mary's (Spanish Mass), Moline

Facebook live: Peter Zorjan
 (Father Peter from St. Patricks, Colona)

T.V.: EWTN
 Radio: Relevant Radio (KTJT 95.3)

"The Word Among Us" Since many of us will not be able to attend Mass, "The Word Among Us" has decided to unlock all the material on their magazine's website, including our daily meditations. We hope that many of you will take advantage of this opportunity to join the worldwide Church in prayer. Use the following to access their website: <https://wau.org/coronavirus/> and click on Daily Mass Readings

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 Vandernick.

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.

ST. ANTHONY'S SPRING RAFFLE UPDATE

The Spring Raffle Drawing has been moved to June 7th due to present health safety conditions. The drawing will be held at 12:30 P.M. and will be streamed live on Facebook as you do not have to be present to win. It seems unlikely that under current safe space guidelines we will be able to have the Spring Raffle Brunch at the same time. We plan to have the Brunch at a later time when restrictions allow. To date we have sold 375 tickets which leaves 125 left to sell. This is about the same as we were last year at this time. Please call the parish office at 309-936-7900 if you need more tickets to sell. If you have tickets to turn in please mail them to the parish office at: St. Anthony's Church: P.O. Box 210 Atkinson, IL 61235 or call the parish office at 309-936-7900 and someone will get back to you on how to drop off your ticket. The proceeds from this year's Raffle will be used to make the final payment on the Stained-Glass Window Restoration and Protection project at Church.

The Resurrection Window has been restored and reinstalled through the generosity of St. Anthony's Altar and Rosary Society. The remaining 9 windows are currently being restored by the Glass Heritage Co. of Davenport and will be reinstalled this Summer.

Please visit cdop.org/coronavirus/ for online resources, Mass online, Our Sunday Visitor, Magnificat links and all Diocesan Communications.

CHAIR LIFT TO THE CHOIR LOFT: To meet the needs of some of the St. Anthony's Choir members we have embarked on a chair lift project. The chair lift to the choir loft has been installed in the stairway near the bathroom in the vestibule of the Church. Special thanks to those who helped prepare the stairway for the installation: Gary Olson, Ben Raschke, Brian Carmichael, Tony Bros, Gerry Franks and Mary Kay Franks. In addition to looking forward to getting back to Mass, won't it be nice to hear St. Anthony's Choir singing again?

Father Engelbrecht

Prayer to send your Guardian Angel to Mass Go, my Angel Guardian dear, To church for me, the Mass to hear. Go, kneel devoutly at my place and treasure for me every grace. At the offertory time please offer me to God Divine. All I have and all I am, present it with the Precious Lamb. Adore for me the great Oblation. Pray for all I hold most dear be they far or be they near. Remember too, my own dear dead for whom Christ's Precious Blood was shed. And at communion bring to me Christ's Flesh and Blood, my food to be. To give me strength and holy grace a pledge to see Him face to face. And when the Holy Mass is done then with His blessing, come back home. Amen

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

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Pope Francis Prayer to Mother Mary During The Pandemic

Geneseo-Atkinson Food Pantry—The Food pantry will only be open on Tuesday mornings from 9 am to 11:30 am. During this time we will offer curbside food pick up to our clients. If you need immediate assistance please leave a message at 944-3165 or email geneseopantry@gmail.com. Our free shopping area will remain closed. We will not be taking clothing or household donations until further notice. We thank you for your continued prayers for our clients, volunteers and staff.

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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.

GET FORMED

Go to stjohnstmaryqc.formed.org Set up a login & password and
check out the catholic platform for movies and study!

ST. MARYS OF THE FIELD SHRINE HOLY HOUR UPDATE

Holy Hours will resume when restrictions are lifted and
public Masses resume. For updates please visit St. Mary of
the Fields Shrine Facebook page or the website:
<http://stmaryofthefieldsshine.weebly.com>

St. Mary of the Fields Shrine

2019 Monthly Holy Hour Schedule

June 7th @ 2pm Our Lady of Knock
July 5th @ 2pm: Our Lady of Loreto
August 2nd @ 2 pm: Our Lady of Guadalupe
September 6th @ 2pm: Our Lady of the
Immaculate Conception
October 4th at 2pm: Our Lady of Fatima
October 13th: Mass & Holy Hour 103rd
Anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun at Fatima

HENRY COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE BIRDIES FOR CHARITY

The John Deere Classic will be here soon and our annual Birdies
for Charity drive is underway. Your generosity helps us to pro-
duce our quarterly newsletter and sustains our annual essay con-
test and college scholarship program.

You may pledge a one-time flat donation or write down the num-
ber of cents you wish to donate for every birdie made at the 2020
John Deere Classic. Also, guess the total number of birdies that
will be scored during the tournament. For more information on
Birdies for Charity or how to make online payments, please visit
their website at www.birdiesforcharity.com Our mission is to
protect human life through education and advocacy. Please join
us!

EMMAUS DAYS We are now accepting online registration for Em-
maus Days 2020. The link, as well as more information and down-
loadable flyers, can be found at [www.comeandfollowme.org/](http://www.comeandfollowme.org/emmausdays)
emmausdays. Participants deepen their faith and focus on discern-
ing God's will through prayer and the sacraments. By listening to and
spending time with priests and seminarians, participants get a
glimpse into their lives.

Session 1 June 5-8, 2020

College Age & Young Adult
St. John's Catholic Newman Center, Champaign

Session 2 June 12-15, 2020

High School Juniors & Seniors
St. John's Catholic Newman Center, Champaign

Session 3 July 5-8, 2020

High School Freshmen & Sophomores
Peoria Notre Dame High School

Session 4 July 8-10, 2020

Seventh & Eighth Graders
Peoria Notre Dame High School

Emmaus Days are Led by seminarians. Participants hear God's call to
become real Christian men. The experience includes prayer, talks and
activities like basketball

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

