

**ST. ANTHONY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, Atkinson**  
**SACRED HEART ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, Annawan**  
**SHRINE OF ST. MARY, Hooppole**

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**MASS SCHEDULE**  
**Celebrating Our Faith This Week**



**First Sunday of Advent**

**Saturday, November 28**

4:00 pm @ SA + Tom Van Vooren by Tom & Deb Zenger

**Sunday, November 29**

8:00 am @ SH + Marybeth Rambo Gorden by Her Family

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

**Monday, November 30**

No Mass

**Tuesday, December 1**

5:30 pm @ SA+ Ray & Margaret Hecks by The Family

**Wednesday, December 2**

8:00 am @ SH + Maralyn & Carol Guthrie by Mark Guthrie

**Thursday, December 3** *Saint Francis Xavier, Priest*

8:00 am @ SA + Gerald & Craig Thompson by Jolene & Family

**Friday, December 4** *St. John Damascene, Priest & Dr. of the Ch.*

8:00 am @ SA + Patti Kastor by Deacon Marshall Plumley Family

**Second Sunday of Advent**

**Saturday, December 5**

4:00 pm @ SA + Barney VanDeRostyne by The Family

**Sunday, December 6**

8:00 am @ SH + Donovan Kleckner by Walt Blackert

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

Please remember these parishioners who ask for your prayers.

Connie Altman, Katelyn DeRycke, Christine Sand Dunahee, Dan Longeville, Barry Miller, Nick Schebler, Alice Van Kerrebroeck, Mary Lou Moens, Dick Martens, Berniece Cathelyn, Elsie Van Vooren, Bill Rambo, Denise Haverback, Rosella Vandernick, Pat Gentry

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

**Snow Removal St. Anthony's is now accepting bids for snow removal for the 2020-2021 winter season. If interested please contact Deacon Nick Simon at 309-945-243**

**WARNING ABOUT RISK ASSUMED BY PARISHIONERS**

**While our parish staffs will attempt to take appropriate precautions consistent with the advice of public health authorities, parishioners and guests should understand that they assume the risk of contracting COVID-19 anytime they enter a public space since such precautions do not eliminate the risk of infection.**

If you have a fever or flu-like symptoms, recently traveled out of the country or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, you should stay home. All attendees must wear a face mask, or face covering, and keep proper distancing from each other.

- St. Anthony attendees must enter only through the middle front doors or the handicapped entrance.
- Sacred Heart attendees may enter through all of the three main entrances. We ask that you arrive early because of the new safety protocol.
- Everyone will be met at the door by an usher who will direct them to their seats and remain there until dismissed by an usher after Mass ends in order to keep the required spacing. This is a firm requirement necessary for us to keep our certification for Public Mass from the Diocese.

- Collection baskets will not be passed during the offertory. Your contributions can be left in the places indicated.
- There will be no gift procession during the offertory; There will be no sign of peace before there Lamb of God.
- You will remain at your place as communion is brought to you by the ministers. the Precious Blood will not be distributed.
- The faithful are encouraged to receive Communion in the hand and to carefully avoid any physical contact with the minister's hand when receiving. (If incidental hand contact occurs, the minister is to use sanitizer before proceeding).
- For now there will be no congregational singing. Missalettes & Hymnals have been removed so there are fewer things to be handled by multiple persons and therefore become a possible source of contagion. If you would like a missalette to carry back and forth to Mass please ask an usher.

We rejoice that we can come together as members of Christ's Body to worship and help each other get to heaven. May God continue to Bless our parishes and all the faithful of St. Anthony and Sacred Heart Parishes.

**Christmas Prayer**



Beginning on St. Andrew the Apostle's feast day, November 30, the following beautiful prayer is traditionally recited fifteen times a day until Christmas. This special prayer is powerful to obtain favors if one's requests are in accordance with God's will. It is believed that whoever recites the following prayer with a pious heart the traditional 15 times a day from November 30 to December 25, will obtain whatever is asked. This Christmas prayer carries an *Imprimatur* from Archbishop Michael Augustine of New York on 6 February 1897. This is a very meditative prayer that helps us increase our awareness of the real focus of Christmas and helps us prepare ourselves spiritually for His coming.

*Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires, through the merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen.*

**TEMPORARY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSURE**

Due to the increasing local cases of Covid-19 our parish office is not going to be open to the public for a few weeks. We will continue to be checking emails, phone messages, working on the bulletin and other office work. If you have business to attend to we ask that you call the office at 309-936-7900 and leave a message or email the office at office@stanthonyatkinson.org. Someone will get back to you as soon as possible. We would like to remind everyone that making financial contributions, inquiring about or paying for Mass intentions, bulletin announcements etc. can be placed in the collection basket at either St. Anthony's or Sacred Heart or mailed into the office. We plan to reopen the office on Thursday, December 17th.

New Missalettes are available for those who would like a copy to have at Mass. We ask that you take it home with you and bring it for your use each week. Please ask an usher for a Missalette before or after Mass.

**Sharing in the Work of Christ**  
*through sacrificial giving*

**St. Anthony Monthly Financial Support Oct. 2020**

**Sunday Collections: \$7,787.00**  
**Candle: \$ 147.10**

**Sacred Heart Monthly Financial Support Oct.. 2020**

**Sunday Collections: \$1,758.00**  
**Improvement: \$290.00**  
**Fuel: \$655.00**

Thank you to the Dean Minnaert family for the donation towards the television purchased for the Sacred Heart CCD to view their videos. Your generosity is appreciated.

Thank you to the volunteers who have mowed and taken care of the landscaping at St. Anthony's church. We appreciate your hard work and efforts in keeping the grounds and flower beds nice.

**The 2020 Annual Diocesan Appeal (ADA)-** Know, Love, Serve is underway! The ADA pledge card, a self addressed envelope and an instructional letter from Father Engelbrecht was mailed to every household for each parish. Each family is asked to fill out the card and mail your pledge card to the parish office or return it in the collection basket. The 2020 parish goals are St. Anthony's \$30,527 and Sacred Heart \$13,071. Please prayerfully consider your contribution in helping our parishes reach our goals. Thank you to those who have given to the ADA. We greatly appreciate your generosity.

St. Anthony's ADA	Sacred Heart ADA
Goal: \$30,527	Goal: \$13,071
Pledged: \$23,920	Pledged: \$7,085
Balance: \$6,607	Balance: \$5,986
Families: 73	Families: 39

**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 2020 and have it distributed free of federal income tax. What a wonderful 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

Franciscan University of Steubenville invites you to join the National Virtual Conference "Jesus 2020 - Empowered By The Spirit." The conference is going to be December 11 & 12th. Registration is free and you can register and join virtually at <https://mailchi.mp/steubenville/jesus-2020>. For more information visit [nsc-chariscenter.org](http://nsc-chariscenter.org).

**Project Pride Food Pantry in Annawan** is open for Holiday Hours. Friday Fri Dec. 18th :3-5pm Thank you for your generous support. For more information, or a special need, please call 309-945-2337

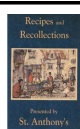
**Geneseo-Atkinson Food Pantry** - For the safety of our volunteers, clients and staff we are not taking clothing or household donations at this time. We will continue to take food donations on Mondays from 9-12 and 1-4. We ask you to leave food donations in the carts located outside both our front and back doors. Monetary donations can be on our website at [geneseofoodpantry.org](http://geneseofoodpantry.org) or mailed to 620 W. Main St. Geneseo 61254. We will continue to have curbside food pickup every Tuesday from 9 - 11:30 am for our clients. If you need assistance please call us at 944-3165. If you would like to donate NEW toys to our clients for Christmas, you may put them in the carts outside our building on Monday's from 9-12 and 1-4 on or before December 14th. Thank you.

Did you know that **Abilities Plus** has a wish list? Current items needed are: hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes/spray, iPads/Tablets, Bose or similar portable speaker system, gift cards to local restaurants, fork lift in good condition, touch and feel books, children's books in Spanish, Funding for YMCA tumbling or swimming lessons, new toys - puzzles or shape sorters and art and craft supplies. Please call 309-852-4626 for more information.

Prayer Shawls are for any man, woman, child parishioner or acquaintance who is suffering and could use consolation or our prayers by way of a prayer Shawl. Please call Verna May at 309-269-3772

### 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 for Christmas



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.

### 2021 Calendars

Thank you to Vandemore Funeral Home for providing the beautiful Calendars for 2021. Please ask an usher for a calendar after Mass

### Reflection for the First Sunday of Advent

Readings: [Isaiah 63:16-17, 19](#) [Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19](#) [1 Corinthians 1:3-9](#) [Mark 13:33-37](#)

The new Church year begins with a plea for God's visitation. "Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down," the prophet Isaiah cries in today's First Reading.

In today's Psalm, too, we hear the anguished voice of Israel, imploring God to look down from His heavenly throne—to save and shepherd His people. Today's readings are relatively brief. Their language and "message" are deceptively simple. But we should take note of the serious mood and penitential aspect of the Liturgy today—as the people of Israel recognize their sinfulness, their failures to keep God's covenant, their inability to save themselves. And in this Advent season, we should see our own lives in the experience of Israel. As we examine our consciences, can't we, too, find that we often harden our hearts, refuse His rule, wander from His ways, withhold our love from Him?

God is faithful, Paul reminds us in today's Epistle. He is our Father. He has hearkened to the cry of His children, coming down from heaven for Israel's sake and for ours to redeem us from our exile from God, to restore us to His love. In Jesus, we have seen the Father (see [John 14:8-9](#)). The Father has let His face shine upon us. He is the good shepherd (see [John 10:11-15](#)) come to guide us to the heavenly kingdom. No matter how far we have strayed, He will give us new life if we turn to Him, if we call upon His holy name, if we pledge anew never again to withdraw from Him. As Paul says today, He has given us every spiritual gift—especially the Eucharist and penance—to strengthen us as we await Christ's final coming. He will keep us firm to the end—if we let Him.

So, in this season of repentance, we should heed the warning—repeated three times by our Lord in today's Gospel—to be watchful, for we know not the hour when the Lord of the house will return.

- Dr. Scott Hahn

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Office Hours: Thursday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

#### 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