

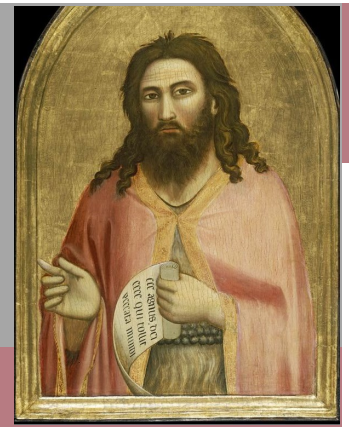
ST. ANTHONY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, Atkinson
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SHRINE OF ST. MARY, Hooppole

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MASS SCHEDULE
Celebrating Our Faith This Week

Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 12

4:00 pm @ SA + Joie Verstraete by Her Family

Sunday, December 13

8:00 am @ SH + Grove Killelea by Sue

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

Monday, December 14

No Mass

Tuesday, December 15

5:30 pm @ SA + Pat DeSmith by Her Family

Wednesday, December 16

8:00 am @ SH + Ruth McDannald by Mr. & Mrs. Engelbrecht

Thursday, December 17

8:00 am @ SA + Sam Manganello by Jolene & Family

Friday, December 18

8:00 am @ SA + Tom VanVooren by Kathy Rosebeck

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 19

4:00 pm @ SA + Bob & Sherry Wancket by Ted & Heidi Hamer

Sunday, December 20

8:00 am @ SH + Dorothy, John, John Jr, & Mike Cessna by
 The Cessna Family

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

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.

St. Anthony and Sacred Heart Catholic Churches + Sunday December 13, 2020

CHURCH OFFICE UPDATE

Due to the continued increasing local cases of Covid-19 our parish office is not going to be open to the public **until further notice**. 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.



The Catholic Diocese of Peoria invites all people of good faith to pray in this most precarious time for those suffering from the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and for those who serve on the front line of caring for the sick. On Thursday, Dec. 17 at 7:00pm in the Cathedral of St. Mary, a Holy Hour will be offered to pray in an intentional

way for this unique and troubling moment. Gathering with our future priests, our seminarians, we will pray for the sick and suffering, for our health care worker and their supporting staffs, for all essential workers and for an end to the pandemic. In the short days and long nights of winter, we can often focus more on darkness than light. Yet the Church beckons us in the Advent season to not lose hope. In the final days of Advent, utilizing ancient titles for God, the "O Antiphons," we implore God to come into our lives. All are invited to join in this prayer time, which will be livestreamed from the Cathedral to pray "Come, O Divine Healer." We hope that the many individuals who are struggling at this moment know of our prayerful support and encouragement. Co-adjutor Bishop Louis Tylka will preach the reflection for this prayer service. To pray along via livestream, go to the CDOP Facebook page.

Sharing in the Work of Christ
through sacrificial giving

St. Anthony Monthly Financial Support Nov. 2020

Sunday Collections:	\$9,081.59
Candle:	\$ 78.00
Holy Day:	\$115
Cemetery:	\$70
Memorial (Savings):	\$1,375

Sacred Heart Monthly Financial Support Nov. 2020

Sunday Collections:	\$3,217
Improvement:	\$1,260
Fuel:	\$200
Flowers:	\$40
Holy Day:	\$46
Initial Offering:	\$20
Cemetery:	\$255

Please Note! 2020 Financial Contributions deadline is Tuesday, January 5th. Any contributions, received after this date, will be marked for the 2021 fiscal year. Thank you!

Christmas Mass Schedule:
Christmas Eve:

4:00 pm St. Anthony's
5:30 pm Sacred Heart
11:00 pm St. Mary's

Christmas Day:

9:30 am St. Anthony's

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: \$24,020	Pledged: \$7,435
Balance: \$6,507	Balance: \$5,636
Families: 74	Families: 40

This week is the Retirement Fund for Religious Collection. Please place your donation in a marked envelope and place it in the collection basket. Thank you for your generosity.

Attention High School Students: You are invited to St. Malachy's Geneseo Youth Group - O Come, O Come...: An Oasis Advent Evening of Recollection Oasis will be having a special night of Advent preparation. Start your finals week with Jesus and prepare your hearts for Christmas. We will have live Adoration, praise and worship music, and Reconciliation to help prepare our hearts for Christmas. When: Sunday, Dec. 13th 6 – 7 pm Where: Meet in Church Please note: We will also live stream the evening if you are unable to attend in person.

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

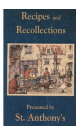
Project Pride Food Pantry in Annawan will be open Friday Fri Dec. 18th :3-5pm Thank you for your generous support. For more information, or a special need, please call 309-945-2337

Geneseo-Atkinson Food Pantry continues to take food donations on Mondays from 9-12 and 1-4. Please leave food donations in the carts located outside. Monetary donations can made online or mailed to 620 W. Main St. Geneseo 61254. Curbside food pickup is every Tuesday from 9 - 11:30 am for clients. If you need assistance please call 944-3165. If you would like to donate NEW toys 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.

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.

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

Reflection for the Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11 Luke 1:46-50, 53-54 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 John 1:6-8, 19-28

The mysterious figure of John the Baptist, introduced in last week's readings, comes into sharper focus today. Who he is, we see in today's Gospel, is best understood by who he isn't. He is not Elijah returned from the heavens (see 2 Kings 2:11), although like him he dresses in the prophet's attire (see Mark 1:6; 2 Kings 1:8) and preaches repentance and judgment (see 1 Kings 18:21; 2 Chronicles 21:12-15).

Not Elijah in the flesh, John is nonetheless sent in the spirit and power of Elijah to fulfill his mission (see Luke 1:17; Malachi 3:23-24). Neither is John the prophet Moses foretold, although he is a kinsman and speaks God's word (see Deuteronomy 18:15-19; John 6:14). Nor is John the Messiah, though he has been anointed by the Spirit since he was in the womb (see Luke 1:15, 44).

John prepares the way for the Lord (see Isaiah 40:3). The baptism he performs is symbolic, not sacramental. It is a sign given to stir our hearts to repentance. John shows us the One upon whom the Spirit remains (see John 1:32), the One who fulfills the promise we hear in today's First Reading (see Luke 4:16-21). Jesus' bath of rebirth and the Spirit opens a fountain that purifies Israel and gives to all a new heart and a new Spirit (see Zechariah 13:1-3; Ezekiel 36:24-27; Mark 1:8; Titus 3:5).

John comes to us in the Advent readings to show us the light, that we might believe in the One who comes at Christmas. As we sing in today's Responsorial, the Mighty One has come to lift each of us up, to fill our hunger with bread from heaven (see John 6:33, 49-51). And as Paul exhorts in today's Epistle, we should rejoice, give thanks, and pray without ceasing that God will make us perfectly holy in spirit, soul, and body—that we may be blameless when our Lord comes.

- 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