

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

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

Monday, December 21

No Mass

Tuesday, December 22

5:30 pm @ SA + Joel Vandemore by Greg Kipp

Wednesday, December 23

8:00 am @ SH + Dorothy Wolf by Eileen Howard

The Nativity of the Lord

Thursday, December 24 Christmas Eve

4:00 pm @ SA + Mary Martens by Dick
 5:30 pm @ SH + Richard Vyneman by Janet & Family
 11:00 pm @ SM -For the Parishioners by Fr. Engelbrecht

Friday, December 25 Christmas

9:30 am @ SA -Henrietta DeDecker by Joe & Tess Goebert

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Saturday, December 26

4:00 pm @ SA - Herb & Maribeth Vandersnick 60th Ann.

Sunday, December 27

8:00 am @ SH - For the Parishioners by Fr. Engelbrecht
 9:30 am @ SA + Reuben DeSmith by His Family

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.

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 Vandersnick, Pat Gentry, Mary Frank



St. Anthony's Circle three wishes to thank everyone who purchased Christmas Wreaths this year..

We sold a total of 133 wreaths and realize a total of \$1245.00 from sales and cash donations.

Sharing in the Work of Christ
through sacrificial giving

St. Anthony Monthly Financial Support Nov. 2020

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

Sacred Heart Monthly Financial Support Nov. 2020

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

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.

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!The

Dear Parishioners,

I hope all of you have a very Blessed Christmas. Don't forget we celebrate Christmas Day for an Octave of eight Days ('til New Years Day), then comes Epiphany. So there is plenty of Christmas to be had these days. This is because the Church realizes that when celebrating a mystery such as the Incarnation we need to take time to "soak in" its meaning. Part of Incarnation is that God became part of a family—the Holy Family which we celebrate next Sunday. So I extend to all of our families wishes for God's blessings for this upcoming year.

I am so thankful to those who have sent me Christmas cards and gifts, as we remember the greatest gift ever received—Christ the Lord. All God's blessings to you and yours in this New Year!

Father Engelbrecht

Please note that incense will be used on Christmas Eve at St. Mary's, Christmas Day at St. Anthony's and Sundays at 9:30 am Mass during the Christmas Season. Incense was used in the worship of God 2,000 years ago and is employed in the Church's Sacred Liturgy today. The sweet smelling incense

rising up to God. At Christmas we celebrate our God who so loves us that he sent his only son down to us. This perfectly represents what happens at Mass—God comes to us and we are taken up to God.. There might be some that would prefer to avoid Mass with incense, so I inform you presently.

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.

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| 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? The Twelve days of Christmas

Aside from the fact that Epiphany—which comes twelve days after Christmas—used to mark the end of the Christmas Season, the song “Twelve Days of Christmas” is not really any part of Catholic liturgy.

The song of that name actually derives from a time in England from 1558 to 1829 when it was illegal to be a Catholic, and so the song contains a hidden catechism of Catholic theology.

- A Partridge in a Pear Tree: Jesus Christ
- Two Turtle Doves: The Old and New Testaments
- Three French Hens: The Theological Virtues (Faith, Hope, and Charity)
- Four Calling birds: The Four Gospels/The Four Evangelists
- Five Golden Rings: The first Five Books of the Old Testament, the “Pentateuch”
- Six Geese a-Laying: The Six Days of Creation
- Seven Swans a-Swimming: The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit/The Seven Sacraments
- Eight Maids a-Milking: The Eight Beatitudes
- Nine Ladies Dancing: The Nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit
- Ten Lords a-Leaping: The Ten Commandments
- Eleven Pipers Piping: The Eleven Faithful Apostles
- Twelve Drummers Drumming: The Twelve Points of Doctrine in the Apostles’ Creed

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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