

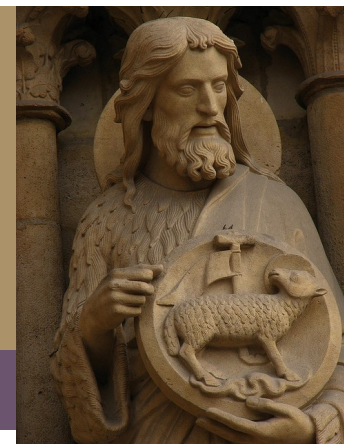
ST. ANTHONY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, Atkinson  
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**MASS SCHEDULE**  
**Celebrating Our Faith This Week**

**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

**Monday, December 7**

No Mass

**Tuesday, December 8 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**

8:00 am @ SH – For the Parishioners by Fr. Engelbrecht  
 6:00 pm @ SA + Anne Carlson by Deacon Marshall & Valerie

**Wednesday, December 9 St. Juan Diego**

8:00 am @ SH + Thomas & Margaret Girten by Delores

**Thursday, December 10**

8:00 am @ SA + Henrietta DeDecker by Larry Hines

**Friday, December 11 St. Damasus 1, Pope**

8:00 am @ SA + Joan Coughran by Rick & Liz Diericx

**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

**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 6, 2020

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**TENTATIVE SA PARISH/FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING DEC 15, 6:30PM**

**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@stanthonysatkinson.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.

**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.

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

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

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

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

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

**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: \$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** 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 be 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.

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

Most of us can probably recall some religious priest, brother, or sister who has made a positive impact on our lives. We have experienced their consecration, their witness, and their service in so many different facets of our parish and of our own particular lives. It is once again, our assistance that they call for as we undertake the Retirement Fund for Religious collection.

Over the years, you have generously responded to this important collection for the retired religious. The generosity that you have provided is still not enough to offset the multi-billion dollar unfunded liability that faces our elderly religious priests, brothers and sisters.

As they have provided us with a lifetime of service, we want to return their offering with a moment of thanks. By your continued generosity, we hope to continue to provide for their many needs. I want to thank you once again for your continued generosity to this Retirement Fund for Religious collection. Please know of my continued prayers, thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely Yours in Christ - Most Reverend Daniel R. Jenky, C.S.C.

**Who is St. Nicholas?**

The true story of Santa Claus begins with Nicholas, who was born during the third century in the village of Patara. At the time the area was Greek and is now on the southern coast of Turkey. His wealthy parents, who raised him to be a devout Christian, died in an epidemic while Nicholas was still young. Obeying Jesus' words to "sell what you own and give the money to the poor," Nicholas used his whole inheritance to assist the needy, the sick, and the suffering. He dedicated his life to serving God and was made Bishop of Myra while still a young man. Bishop Nicholas became known throughout the land for his generosity to those in need, his love for children, and his concern for sailors and ships. Under the Roman Emperor Diocletian, who ruthlessly persecuted Christians, Bishop Nicholas suffered for his faith, was exiled and imprisoned. The prisons were so full of bishops, priests, and deacons, there was no room for the real criminals-murderers, thieves and robbers. After his release, Nicholas attended the Council of Nicaea in AD 325. He died December 6, 343 in Myra and was buried in his cathedral church, where a unique relic, called manna, formed in his grave. This liquid substance, said to have healing powers, fostered the growth of devotion to Nicholas. The anniversary of his death became a day of celebration, St. Nicholas Day, December 6th.

Through the centuries many stories and legends have been told of St. Nicholas' life and deeds. These accounts help us understand his extraordinary character and why he is so beloved and revered as protector and helper of those in need.

Retirement Fund for Religious Collection is next weekend December 12-13th. Please place your donation in a marked envelope in the collection basket.

Since our parishes have deep Flemish and Dutch roots, I offer the following. Maybe some of you will recognize it.

**Sinterklaasje, kom maar binnen met je knecht  
St. Nicholas Day Song  
(Flemish)**

Sinterklaasje, kom maar binnen met je knecht,  
Want we zitten allemaal even recht.  
Misschien heeft u wel even tijd,  
Voordat u weer naar Spanje rijdt.

Sinterklaasje, klop maar even bij ons aan,  
En laat uw paardje maar buiten staan.

En we zingen en we springen en we zijn zo blij,  
Want er zijn geen stoute kindren bij.

En we zingen en we springen en we zijn zo blij,  
Want er zijn geen stoute kind'ren bij!

**Saint-Nicolas, Come in with Your Servant  
St. Nicholas Day Song  
(English)**

Saint-Nicolas, come in with your servant  
Because we are all sitting up straight  
Maybe you have a little time to spare  
Before you go back to Spain.

Saint-Nicolas, do knock on our door  
And leave your horse outside  
And we sing and we jump and we are so happy

Because there are no naughty children here  
And we sing and we jump and we are so happy

Because there are no naughty children here!

- Father Engelbrecht

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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