

**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**

**The Epiphany of the Lord**

**Saturday, January 2**

4:00 pm @ SA + Vera Minnaert by her Family

**Sunday, January 3**

8:00 am @ SH + Dean Minnaert by Marlene

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

**Monday, January 4**

No Mass

**Tuesday, January 5 St. John Neumann, Bishop**

5:30 pm @ SA + Janice DeFauw by Joe & Mary Lou Goebert

**Wednesday, January 6**

8:00 am @ SH + Elaine VanHyfte by Sacred Heart A&R

**Thursday, January 7 St. Raymond of Penafort, Priest**

8:00 pm @ SA + Gene Decker by Tues.Breakfast Group

**Friday, January 8**

8:00 am @ SH + Deacon Charley Robbins by Deacon Nick & Norma Simon

**Baptism of the Lord**

**Saturday, January 9**

4:00 pm @ SA + Barb Oldfield by her grandchildren Amanda Klemme & Tyler Oldfield

**Sunday, January 10**

8:00 am @ SH – For the Parishioners by Fr. Engelbrecht

9:30 am @ SA + Tom VanVooren by Deacon Marshall & Valerie Plumley

**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, Dick Martens, Berniece Cathelyn, Elsie Van Vooren, Bill Rambo, Denise Haverback, Rosella Vandersnick, Pat Gentry, Mary Frank

**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

**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.

**Prayer to Blessed Virgin Mary**

**God our Father, may we always profit by the prayers of the Virgin Mother Mary, for you bring us life and salvation through Jesus Christ her Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,**

*Reflections on the New Year*

"The beginning of a new year is an opportunity for improvement. It makes little difference what the past has been, for we are not to look back to see if the furrow be crooked. What matters most is the sanctification of the now moment. Time is so precious that God does it out second by second. If life in the past has been evil, the new year is an opportunity for penance. In such a way is time redeemed. If life, however, has been virtuous, the new year is an opportunity for greater self-perfection."

— Archbishop Fulton Sheen (On Being Human)

**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>

**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!**

A sincere **thank you to those who decorated the churches for Christmas.** Both Churches are beautiful and set the mood for the lovely celebration of our Lord's Nativity and the Christmas Season.

St. Anthony's wishes to **thank the volunteers who donated their time and equipment to trim trees at the cemetery** last Saturday. Those helping were Blake Haverback, Jerry DeSmith, Kenny DeSmith, Jackson & Emma Frank, Gary & Gretchen Olson, Cameron Minnaert, Dick & Ron DeSmith, Dave VanDeVelde, and Sue Mochel

**St. Anthony's 2021 Circle List** will be mailed to parish households at the end of January along with end of the year contribution letters. Circle chairman were mailed a packet this week. All parishioners are listed on a circle list for office and ministry needs and are asked to participate.

**Please note that incense** will be used on 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.

St. Anthony's ADA	Sacred Heart ADA
Goal: \$30,527	Goal: \$13,071
Pledged: \$24,420	Pledged: \$8,135
Balance: \$6,107	Balance: \$4,936
Families: 75	Families: 42

**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** wishes to say "Thank you so much for your generosity:.. Your contributions make such a difference. You have proven that Christmas is truly the season of love! In January our normal distribution days are changed to one week later because of New Years Day. We will be open on Saturday, January 9: 8:30-10:30 am. Check us out again on Friday, January 22: 3:00 -5:00 pm. 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. Thank you.

**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.

## BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

What can you do in the fight for life? It doesn't take much to make a big difference! Money raised through Baby Bottles will support the life-changing work of meeting the physical and spiritual needs of men and women who find themselves in an unplanned pregnancy. Pregnancy Resources provide pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, maternity and baby supplies plus parenting classes. You are reaching thousands of students through our No Regrets school program, and helping those touched by abortion to find healing. With your help, we show them that their baby's life is worth defending. When you choose to defend life, the possibilities are endless! Due to Covid restrictions we are unable to have baby bottles in the church this year. If you would like to donate please place your contribution in an envelope marked "Baby Bottle" and place it in the collection basket or mail it into the office. Contributions will be sent to the Quad City Pregnancy Resource Center. Thank you!

### An Epiphany Blessing

It is customary, for the faithful to ask God's blessings on their homes at the Feast of Epiphany with blessed chalk. They write over their front door:

20 +C+M+B+21

Obviously, the numbers that appear at the beginning and end of the line designate the new year. 'CMB' stands for the traditional names of the Magi (Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar) and also signifies the Latin Prayer *Christus Mansionem Benedicat* or "May Christ bless this dwelling." As we remember the wise men seeking out the newborn King, we on this feast, ask Christ to visit us with his blessing.

The inscription is made above the front door, so that all who enter and depart the home may enjoy God's blessing. So if you would like to receive a bit of blessed chalk, for this purpose, see Father after Mass on January 5th and 6th. Now remember it is blessed so don't chuck it into your garbage. The following is the accompanying prayer with the writing in chalk:

**Let us pray:**

**Hear us, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Eternal God, and send your Holy Angel from Heaven to watch over, cherish, protect, be with, and defend all who live in my house. I call upon your Saints, Casper, Melchior, and Balthasar, to protect my family and my home from every harm and danger, and I place the marks of their holy names over the doors of my home to remain there as a constant reminder to us and to all who enter here that my house is truly a house of the Lord.**

**O God, make the door of my house wide enough to receive all who need human love and companionship, narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride, and strife. Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling block to children, nor to straying feet, but rugged and strong enough to turn back the tempter's power.**

**O God, make the door of my house the gateway to your eternal Kingdom. I ask these things in the Name of Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.**

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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