

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

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 16

4:00 pm @ SA + Msgr. Fitzpatrick by Deacon Nick & Norma Simon

Sunday, January 17

8:00 am @ SH + Marybeth Gorden by Bernie Weidner
 9:30 am @ SA – For the Parishioners by Fr. Engelbrecht

Monday, January 18

No Mass

Tuesday, January 19

5:30 pm @ SA + Mary Lou Moens by SA A&R Society

Wednesday, January 20 St. Sebastian, Martyr

8:00 am @ SH + Maralyn Guthrie by Mary Jagers

Thursday, January 21 St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr

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

Friday, January 22 Day of Penance-Roe V. Wade

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

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 23

4:00 pm @ SA + Janice & Earl DeFauw by Ralph Teerlinck

Sunday, January 24

8:00 am @ SH - For the Parishioners by Fr. Engelbrecht
 9:30 am @ SA + Tom VanVooren by Kathy Rosebeck

Please remember these parishioners who ask for your prayers.

Connie Altman, Katelyn DeRycke, Christine Sand Dunahee, Barry Miller, Alice Van Kerrebroeck, Dick Martens, Berniece Cathelyn, Elsie Van Vooren, Bill Rambo, Denise Haverback, Rosella Vandersnick, 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

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.

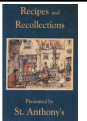
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CHURCH OFFICE UPDATE

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.

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.

Thank you to the musicians- On behalf of the parishioners a big word of thanks for those who lent their voices and who played their instruments so beautifully for Christmas. All your efforts at the service of the Sacred Liturgy is a wonderful testimony. St. Augustine says "He who sings prays twice," so you must be "prayed up," "Rejoice and be glad your reward will be in heaven." Many thanks!

- Father Engelbrecht

Sharing in the Work of Christ
through sacrificial giving

St. Anthony Monthly Financial Support Dec. 2020

Sunday Collections:	\$10,440
Christmas:	\$1,250
Flower:	\$560
Candle:	\$ 168.65
Holy Day:	\$200
Cemetery:	\$125
Memorial (Savings):	\$422

Sacred Heart Monthly Financial Support Dec. 2020

Sunday Collections:	\$3,997
Improvement:	\$552
Fuel:	\$250
Flowers:	\$195
Holy Day:	\$957
Initial Offering:	\$15
Cemetery:	\$750

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.

COMING EVENTS from the Diocese of Peoria:

March for Life Chicago: As of today it is scheduled for Saturday, January 23, 2021 and is still happening. More information coming soon. If you would like to keep updated on this event please email: evangelization@cdop.org.

March for Life Washington D.C.: The March for Life in Washington D.C. is scheduled for Friday, January 29, 2021. The theme is "Together Strong: Life Unites!" There will be a pre-rally concert from 11am to 12pm. The rally will begin at noon followed by the March. The Youth Rally Mass will not be open to the public however it will be live-streamed. There will be more information on this event coming soon.

Marriage Mass: February 13, 2021 we will have our annual Marriage Mass at the

Cathedral at 4pm. This year instead of a dinner and entertainment after the Mass we will be having a concert before the Mass. Please save the date and more information will be available soon

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: \$24,500	Pledged: \$9,310
Balance: \$6,027	Balance: \$3,761
Families: 76	Families: 46

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 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!

Reflection on the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: 1 Samuel 3:3-10,19; Psalm 40:2,4,7-10; 1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20; John 1:35-42

In the call of Samuel and of the first Apostles, today's readings shed light on our own calling to be followers of Christ.

Notice in the Gospel today that John's disciples are prepared to hear God's call. They are already looking for the Messiah, so they trust in John's word and follow when he points out the Lamb of God walking by. Samuel is also waiting on the Lord—sleeping near the Ark of the Covenant where God's glory dwells, taking instruction from Eli, the high priest. Samuel listened to God's word and the Lord was with him. And Samuel, through his word, turned all Israel to the Lord (see [1 Samuel 3:21](#); [7:2-3](#)). The disciples too heard and followed—words we hear repeatedly in today's Gospel. They stayed with the Lord and by their testimony brought others to the Lord.

These scenes from salvation history should give us strength to embrace God's will and to follow His call in our lives. God is constantly calling to each of us—personally, by name (see [Isaiah 43:1](#); [John 10:3](#)). He wants us to seek Him in love, to long for His word (see [Wisdom 6:11-12](#)). We must desire always, as the apostles did, to stay where the Lord stays, to constantly seek His face (see [Psalm 42:2](#)). For we are not our own, but belong to the Lord, as Paul says in today's Epistle.

We must have ears open to obedience, and write His word within our hearts. We must trust in the Lord's promise—that if we come to Him in faith, He will abide with us (see [John 15:14](#); [14:21-23](#)), and raise us by His power. And we must reflect in our lives the love He has shown us, so that others too may find the Messiah. As we renew our vows of discipleship in this Eucharist, let us approach the altar singing the new song of today's Psalm: "Behold I come . . . to do your will O God."

Dr. Scott Hahn

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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