

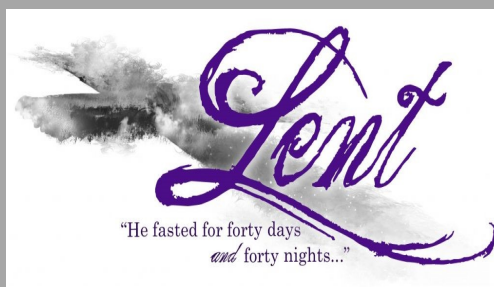
ST. ANTHONY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, Atkinson  
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**MASS SCHEDULE**  
**Celebrating Our Faith This Week**

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, February 13**

4:00 pm @ SA + Pat Gentry by Dave & Bonnie VanDeVelde

**Sunday, February 14**

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

9:30 am @ SA + Ilse Boehle by her Family

**Monday, February 15**

No Mass

**Tuesday, February 16**

5:30 No Mass

**Wednesday, February 17 Ash Wednesday**

8:00 am @ SH + Roberta Vandevoorde by SH Altar & Rosary

6:00 pm @ SA + Dan Longeville by Shirley Foerder

**Thursday, February 18**

8:00 am @ SA + Joan Coughran by Greg & Kate Decker

**Friday, February 19**

8:00 am @ SA + Janice DeFauw by Gregg Kipp

**First Sunday of Lent**

**Saturday, February 20**

4:00 pm @ SA + Denise Vanopdorp by Ron & Carolyn

**Sunday, February 21**

8:00 am @ SH + Betty DeSmith by SH Altar & Rosary

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

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, Rosella Vandernick, Mary Frank

Sacred Heart Circle One Chairman would like to thank those who participated in the circle fundraiser. \$720 dollars was collected. We greatly appreciate your generosity.

Sincerely,

Tara Gripp, Robin Fairbanks, Rochelle Sturtewagen

**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.

**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 February 14, 2021

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**TUES. FEB. 16TH: SA SPRING RAFFLE MEETING: 9:00 AM**

As we have been unable to Celebrate Mary Saylor's retirement as a St. Anthony's CCD teacher, we are throwing a card shower for her. We are asking all parishioners, past students and community members to please send Mary a card of congratulations and gratitude to POB 303, Atkinson during the month of February. Thank you in advance for helping us honor Mary.



Rice Bowls will be available at the doors of both Sacred Heart and St. Anthony's churches during Lent. Parishioners can also put a donation in an envelope marked Rice Bowl. All donations go towards helping Catholic Relief Services to continue to provide life-saving assistance in nearly 100 countries. CRS works on our behalf to care for the poorest in our world and to end global poverty. Envelopes and Rice Bowls can be placed in the collection basket. Donations can also be mailed to the church office. Thank you for your generosity.



**Catholic Post**

Those who subscribe to our excellent diocesan newspaper, The Catholic Post, have received materials to renew their subscription for another year. As Lent is about to begin, we encourage all members of our parish to receive and support this valuable resource for Catholic living and unity, especially during this challenging time. Stay connected to your family of faith, especially in this time of pandemic, by subscribing instantly via credit or debit card online at thecatholicpost.com; by calling (309) 671-1550 during business hours; or sending a check to The Catholic Post, PO Box 1722, Peoria, IL 61656. Envelopes are at the door of each parish. The subscription rate remains at \$30. Additional levels of support are invited.

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

**St. Anthony Monthly Financial Support Jan. 2021**

<b>Sunday Collections:</b>	<b>\$11,089</b>
<b>Christmas:</b>	<b>\$25</b>
<b>Candle:</b>	<b>\$ 116.75</b>
<b>Holy Day:</b>	<b>\$120</b>
<b>Cemetery:</b>	<b>\$580</b>
<b>Memorial (Savings):</b>	<b>\$165</b>

**Sacred Heart Monthly Financial Support Jan. 2021**

<b>Sunday Collections:</b>	<b>\$6,127</b>
<b>Improvement:</b>	<b>\$200</b>
<b>Fuel:</b>	<b>\$5</b>
<b>Holy Day:</b>	<b>\$610</b>
<b>Initial Offering:</b>	<b>\$80</b>
<b>Cemetery:</b>	<b>\$135</b>
<b>Donations:</b>	<b>\$200</b>
<b>Memorials:</b>	<b>\$65</b>

It is on February 17, that Lent begins with Ash Wednesday. Masses with the distribution of ashes will be at 8 am at Sacred Heart and 6 pm at St. Anthony's. This is a reminder that Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence. Please see below the requirements for **fasting** and **abstinence**. One of the many treasures of the Church down through the centuries is the marking of time. From a Catholic perspective you do not really know how to feast when Easter comes until you have fasted during Lent. So let us enter into the holy season of Lent with an open heart to what our Lord wants to teach us. The 40 days of Lent remind us of the 40 days that Jesus fasted in the wilderness.

We participate in Lent through our prayers, fasting (giving up food, sweets, television etc.) and alms giving (doing good for another). So as we approach Lent, let us consider how the Lord is calling us to keep the season holy so as to have the best ever Easter. Please consider some of the following opportunities to make this a good Lenten season.

• **Confessions**

Saturdays 3:00- 3:45 pm at St. Anthony's  
Sundays 7:30 - 7:50 am at Sacred Heart  
Tuesday 5:00pm at St. Anthony's  
Fridays 5:00 - 5:20 pm (before stations) at Sacred Heart

• **Attend Mass during the week**

• **Stations of the Cross**

Fridays at 5:30 pm at Sacred Heart and St. Anthony's

• **Rice Bowls will be distributed to help the poor locally and world wide by Catholic Relief Services. (available at both parishes)**

• **Food Pantry**

**Regulations for Lent and the Easter Triduum**

1) Lent is the principal season of penance in the Christian year. Priests, religious and laity are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial, attentiveness to prayer, and especially to works of charity

and mercy.

2) Everyone of 14 years of age or over is bound to **abstain from meat** on Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021 and all the Fridays of Lent. (That includes Good Friday) Once you reach age 14 you are obligated to **abstain from meat the rest of your life! - on Ash Wednesdays and Fridays of Lent!**

3) Everyone 18 years or age and under 59 years of age is bound to **fast** on Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021 and Good Friday, April 2, 2021.

4) On these two days of fast and abstinence, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but liquids including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.

5) To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is a serious matter.

**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: \$25,125	Pledged: \$9,810
Balance: \$5,402	Balance: \$3,261
Families: 77	Families: 46

**Jesse Romero** Catholic Author, Radio Host, Evangelist will share Catholic teaching with an exciting style that is guaranteed to strengthen,

edify and fortify you with a deeper love for God! March 15—17 at 7pm at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Seating for first 100 persons. Mask required for entry. These talks will also be livestreamed on Facebook page at OLG Silvis and St. Patrick's Colona (@olgstpat). Jesse will have his books and more for sale! This event is free however donations are greatly appreciated.

**Project Pride Food Pantry in Annawan** is announcing our late winter, early spring hours. We will be open Fri, Feb 19th: 3-5pm. In March Fri. the 5th: 1-3 pm: Sat the 6th: 8:30-10:30 and Fri. March 19th 3-5 pm. April hours are Fri the 2nd from 1-3 pm, Sat. the 3rd from 8:30-10:30 and Fri. the 16th from 3-5pm. For more information, or a special need, please call 309-945-2337.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!** Join Dr. Tim Gray and special guest, Curtis Martin, Founder & CEO of FOCUS, for a **Special One-Hour Episode of The Augustine Institute Show!** PREPARE YOUR HEART FOR LENT Tuesday, February 16 - Mardi Gras! 7:00 p.m. EST This special episode will be broadcast live for all to watch on FORMED.org

The **Marriage in Christ** program has been changing lives for 11 years by helping couples make the Lord the center of their married life. A new "at-home" program has been developed and is now available. The Marriage in Christ At Home Seminar is a 5-week couple's experience that consists of streaming videos, downloadable activity packets, and easy instructions to help couples pray, talk, and act together. The cost for this program is normally \$40, but for a limited time, Communication Center is offering it for FREE! Details about the program including endorsements by Catholic bishops, priests, and couples can be found at [www.marriageinchrist.com](http://www.marriageinchrist.com). To take advantage of this offer, couples simply need to register on the website before March 31, 2021 (with access available until May 31, 2021). This is an amazingly easy way to help couples make their marriages stronger. If there are any questions, you can call: Toll-Free: 1-800-348- 2227

Reflections on the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46, Psalm 32:1-2, 5,11, 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1, Mark 1:40-45

In the Old Testament, leprosy is depicted as punishment for disobedience of God's commands (see [Numbers 12:12-15](#); [2 Kings 5:27](#); [15:5](#)). Considered "unclean"—unfit to worship or live with the Israelites, lepers are considered "stillborn," the living dead (see [Numbers 12:12](#)). Indeed, the requirements imposed on lepers in today's First Reading—rent garments, shaven head, covered beard—are signs of death, penance, and mourning (see [Leviticus 10:6](#); [Ezekiel 24:17](#)). So there's more to the story in today's Gospel than a miraculous healing. When Elisha, invoking God's name, healed the leper, Naaman, it proved there was a prophet in Israel (see [2 Kings 5:8](#)). Today's healing reveals Jesus as far more than a great prophet—He is God visiting His people (see [Luke 7:16](#)). Only God can cure leprosy and cleanse from sin (see [2 Kings 5:7](#)), and only God has the power to bring about what He wills (see [Isaiah 55:11](#); [Wisdom 12:18](#)). The Gospel scene has an almost sacramental quality about it. Jesus stretches out His hand—as God, by His outstretched arm, performed mighty deeds to save the Israelites (see [Exodus 14:6](#); [Acts 4:30](#)). His ritual sign is accompanied by a divine word ("Be made clean"). And, like God's word in creation ("Let there be"), Jesus' word "does" what He commands (see [Psalm 33:9](#)). The same thing happens when we show ourselves to the priest in the sacrament of penance. On our knees like the leper, we confess our sins to the Lord, as we sing in today's Psalm. And through the outstretched arm and divine word spoken by His priest, the Lord takes away the guilt of our sin. Like the leper we should rejoice in the Lord and spread the good news of His mercy. We should testify to our healing by living changed lives. As Paul says in today's Epistle, we should do even the littlest things for the glory of God and that others may be saved.

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 Sue Mochell,  
contact at (309)944-7289. 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