

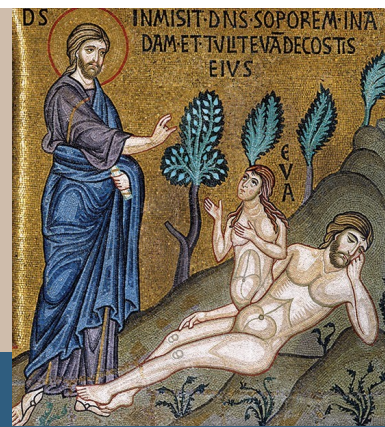
**ST. ANTHONY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, Atkinson**  
**SACRED HEART ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, Annawan**  
**SHRINE OF ST. MARY, Hooppole**

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**MASS SCHEDULE**  
**Celebrating Our Faith This Week**

**Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, October 2**

4:00 pm @ SA + Abbigail Krizan by GG & Papa Crogaert

**Sunday, October 3**

8:00 am @ SH + Florence & Engelburtus Crogaert by Family

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

**Monday, October 4**

No Mass

**Tuesday, October 5**

No Mass

**Wednesday, October 6**

No Mass

**Thursday, October 7**

No Mass

**Friday, October 8**

8:00 am @ SA + Ruth Gentry by Rolland & Donna Crogaert

**Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, October 9**

4:00 pm @ SA + Royce Verstraete by his Family

**Sunday, October 10**

8:00 am @ SH + Donovan Kleckner by Adrianna

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

**Serving at Our Lord's Altar**

**8:00 am @ Sacred Heart- October 10**

Lector: Eric Ufeil

EMHC: Wayne Brau

Ushers: Marvin Haverback & Wayne Brau

Money Counters: Bill & Sue Diericx, Vern & Karen Griffiths

**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 Vandersnick, Mary Frank, Julie Fiers

**A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life**

Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as our own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child

We Praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard

God's most precious gift of life. Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life- especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all Things.

Amen

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**  
**Parish Updates**

**SH CCD classes October 3 at 9 am**  
**SA CCD Classes October 6 at 6 pm**

**St. Mary of the Fields Shrine**

**2021 Monthly Holy Hour Schedule**

**October 3rd at 2pm: Our Lady of La Vang**

**October 13th: at 2pm: Mass & Holy Hour 104th**

**Anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun at Fatima**

**BOX OF JOY**

Joy awaits you.....actually, Boxes of Joy!  
 Due to Covid 19 we are starting our box of Joy outreach early. If you would like to bless a child at Christmas you can secure a box to fill in the vestibule of St. Anthony's. So grab a box, shop, include a \$9.00 check, and return the box to the church vestibule on Oct 16th & 17th or to the Altar & Rosary meeting on Oct 19.  
 Experience the Joy!!

**Pennies For Life**

Throughout the month of October, Respect Life Month, Pennies for Life cans will be at the entrances of each church. Suggested donation is one cent for each year of your life, in thanksgiving to God for the life God has given you. This collection supports the Family Resources Center, devoted to providing pro-life/pro-family resources free of charge to individuals, CCD programs, youth groups, etc. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated. Please encourage your entire family to participate and continue to pray that everyone will come to respect ALL life from conception until natural death!

**THE RITE OF**  
**CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF**  
**ADULTS**

*Becoming Catholic Through*

RCIA

Rite of  
 Christian  
 Initiation  
 of Adults



**Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or do you know someone who has mentioned joining us at the Lord's altar? Please sign up now for RCIA. RCIA is the process by which those who are not baptized or who are baptized in other Christian faiths come to full communion with the Catholic Church. For more information please call Father Engelbrecht at 936-7900.**

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

**St. Anthony Monthly Financial Support August**

**Sunday Collections: \$11,300.95 Candle \$94.75**

**Holy Day: \$210 Cemetery: \$75 CCD: \$210**

**Circle 3 before expenses: \$1,566**

**Sacred Heart Monthly Financial Support August**

**Sunday Collections: \$2,678**

**Improvement: \$310**

**Holy Day: \$30**

**Candles: \$92**

**WARNING ABOUT RISK ASSUMED BY PARISHIONERS**

**While our parish staff 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. Updated June 12, 2021.**

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. 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.

**Church office hours for the week of October 4th will be Wednesday from 9am to 1pm, for this week only due to carpet cleaning!**

**Father on Retreat** As you can see we will not have the usual Mass schedule this week. This is because Fr. Engelbrecht will be on retreat with other priests of the diocese at our new diocesan retreat house which is called Sacri Coeur Retreat Center ( near Henry, Illinois) Please keep priests in your prayers. The first and second weeks of October priests are going on retreat.

**Sacred Heart Altar & Rosary Society** will be meeting on Thursday, October 14th at 4 pm. We will meet at the House Park shelter house. Please mark your calendar and hope to see you there!

**October is Dedicated to our Lady of the Rosary.** Before Weekend Masses during the month of October the Rosary will be Prayed in both Parishes. Come Early to Join in!

We want to extend a big **THANK YOU** to the 17 people who helped clean St. Anthony's on September 21. Many hands make light work and we succeeded in accomplishing that task. Again , Thank You!!

**CIRCLE 4** will be selling Christmas Wreaths for their fund raiser...Watch the bulletin for more information

**The 2021 Annual Diocesan Appeal (ADA)**- "All in the name of Jesus" —began recently! 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. For those who wish to view the video for the 2021 campaign visit [www.cdop.org/ada2021](http://www.cdop.org/ada2021). The 2021 parish goals are St. Anthony's \$29,744 and Sacred Heart \$13, 807. Please prayerfully consider your contribution in helping our parishes reach our goals.

**Did you know that St. Anthony's & Sacred Heart parishes are offering Online Giving?**

Visit our website to sign up and to begin contributing automatically to our parishes bank accounts. Go to our website at [theheartandthelily.org](http://theheartandthelily.org) or search for St. Anthony's Atkinson or Sacred Heart, Annawan and click on the heartandthelily web page. Under St. Anthony's parishioners should see a link titled St. Anthony's Online giving. Under Sacred Heart, parishioners should see a link titled Sacred Heart Online Giving. Click on the link you would like to enter. There is help available to you 24 hours a day for any questions you might have. You will note a question mark on the right bottom corner of the page, once you are in the portal. Click on that for any question you might have. If you cannot find an answer in the automatic browser please contact 1-800-348-2886 or email [envservice@osv.com](mailto:envservice@osv.com).

**If you chose to give yearly online and are no longer in need of receiving envelopes please contact Valerie**, via email at [office@stanthonysatkinson.org](mailto:office@stanthonysatkinson.org) or leave a message at 309-936-7900. Thank you.

**St. Malachy's annual Rosary Rally** will take place Saturday, October 16, 2021 at noon. This event takes place outdoors as we gather at the main entrance to St. Malachy's church, near the Ogden Street sidewalk. Bring Lawn chairs. In case of inclement weather, rosary will be prayed in the church. For more information contact Jolene Thompson, 309-944-5966

**JP II Experience for teens 8-10th Grade:** November 6-7, 2021 and March 5-6, 2022. Held at Believers Together Center, Moline, Il. 9 a.m. Saturday- 4 p.m. Sunday. Registration opens August 8, 2021 at [www.olgsilvis.com](http://www.olgsilvis.com) and closes two weeks before each JP II Experience weekend. Cost is only \$30.00 for this amazing coed weekend experience. Questions: Mike Wilshusen at 309-269-7686 or email [STJP2EXP@gmail.com](mailto:STJP2EXP@gmail.com)

Make Christ your friend.....5 amazing talks!! Come experience for yourself Fun, Faith, Food, and Friendship

**The Geneseo -Atkinson Food Pantry** is gratefully accepting food, clothing, and household item donations Mon, Tues, Thurs, 9:00-12:00 and 1:00 to 4:00 and Fridays 9-12. Our clothing room is open to residents of Geneseo and Atkinson on Mon, Tues, and Thurs. Food distribution is every Tues 9:00-11:30. We will be closed Monday Oct. 11 in observance of Columbus Day.

**Teens Encounter Christ** is back! Teens who are 16 and older are invited to attend this wonderful Catholic Retreat. Upcoming TEC weekends are Girls: Oct. 9-11, 2021; Boys: Dec. 3-6, 2021. For more information visit [www.northwest-tec.com](http://www.northwest-tec.com)

**Encounter God to Counter the World!!** Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church will be hosting John Sablan, 2 nights with the man on fire, October 25 & 26. Doors open at 6 pm with the presentation at 7 pm. This is a free event, however donations are greatly appreciated and a free will offering will be taken up. Please join us!

**St. Martha's A & R society** of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Colona, Il will be selling Florida oranges and grapefruit. We will also be selling mandarin oranges, pears, sausage, cheese and dips and sweet potatoes. Sales start October 10 thru Nov. 10th. Payment is required at the time of order. Fruit will arrive approximately the first or second week of Dec. Fruit must be picked up at St. Patricks Church, Colona. You will be contacted a few days before it arrives.

If interested please contact Rose Weber 309-781-5567. or email [wroseann8@yahoo.com](mailto:wroseann8@yahoo.com). Bonnie VanHoutte 309-949-2268 or Jean Sottos at 309-737-6731 or email [jsottos@gmail.com](mailto:jsottos@gmail.com). Flyers will be posted at both churches with more information including cost and size of cartons.

Reflection on the Twenty –Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time: Genesis 2:18-24, Psalm 128: 1-6, Hebrews 2:9-11, Mark 10:2-16

In today's Gospel, the Pharisees try to trap Jesus with a trick question. The "lawfulness" of divorce in Israel was never an issue. Moses had long ago allowed it (see [Deuteronomy 24:1-4](#)). But Jesus points His enemies back before Moses, to "the beginning," interpreting the text we hear in today's First Reading. Divorce violates the order of creation, He says. Moses permitted it only as a concession to the people's "hardness of heart"—their inability to live by God's covenant Law. But Jesus comes to fulfill the Law, to reveal its true meaning and purpose, and to give people the grace to keep God's commands. Marriage, He reveals, is a sacrament, a divine, life-giving sign. Through the union of husband and wife, God intended to bestow His blessings on the human family—making it fruitful, multiplying it until it filled the earth (see [Genesis 1:28](#)). That's why today's Gospel moves so easily from a debate about marriage to Jesus' blessing of children. Children are blessings the Father bestows on couples who walk in His ways, as we sing in today's Psalm. Marriage also is a sign of God's new covenant. As today's Epistle hints, Jesus is the new Adam—made a little lower than the angels, born of a human family (see [Romans 5:14](#); [Psalm 8:5-7](#)). The Church is the new Eve, the "woman" born of Christ's pierced side as He hung in the sleep of death on the Cross (see [John 19:34](#); [Revelation 12:1-17](#)). Through the union of Christ and the Church as "one flesh," God's plan for the world is fulfilled (see [Ephesians 5:21-32](#)). Eve was "mother of all the living" (see [Genesis 3:20](#)). And in Baptism, we are made sons and daughters of the Church, children of the Father, heirs of the eternal glory He intended for the human family in the beginning. The challenge for us is to live as children of the kingdom, growing up ever more faithful in our love and devotion to the ways of Christ and the teachings of His Church.

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 5:00pm, Sunday 8:15 and 10:30 am

**St. John Paul II (Kewanee)**  
Saturday 5:30pm, Sunday: 7:30, 9:30 am;  
12:00pm Spanish

**St. John Vianney (Cambridge)**  
Sunday at 8:00 am

#### 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 Mochel, contact at (309)944-7289. Sacred Heart Cemetery: Contact Adam DeRycke at (309) 935-6080

#### Parish Hall Rental

St. Anthony's parish hall is 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](mailto:office@stanthonysatkinson.org) or mailing to PO Box 210, Atkinson, IL 61235