

**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**

**First Sunday of Advent**

**Saturday, November 27**

4:00 pm @ SA + Pat Gentry by Duain & Janice Wyffels

**Sunday, November 28**

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

9:30 am @ SA + Gerald & Craig Thompson by Family

**Monday, November 29**

No Mass

**Tuesday, November 30** *St. Andrew, Apostle*

5:30 pm @ SA + Ron DeFauw by Julie and Family

**Wednesday, December 1**

8:00 am @ SH + Phil Cunniff by Mary Jagers

**Thursday, December 2**

8:00 am @ SA+ Joel Vandemore by his Family

**Friday, December 3** *St. Francis Xavier, Priest*

8:00 am @ SA+Joanna Thompson by her Family

**Second Sunday of Advent**

**Saturday, December 4**

4:00 pm @ SA + Mary Ellen Hoogerwerf by Duain & Janice Wyffels

**Sunday, December 5**

8:00 am @ SH + Mary Beth Gordon by Mark & Sandy Crosby

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

**Serving at Our Lord's Altar**

**8:00 am @ Sacred Heart– December 5**

Lector: Marvin VanKeulen

EMHC: Marcie VanKeulen

Ushers: Marv Haverback & Eric Ufheil

Money Counters: Marilyn Verdick & Sue Ann Wells



**Sacred Heart Church Cleaning**

Thursday, December 2 from 4-6 pm

All are welcome to come and help!!



2022 Calendars

Thank you to **Vandemore**  
 Funeral Home for  
 providing the beautiful calendars  
 for 2022.

Calendars may be picked up at the entrances of both churches.

**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

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

**SH CCD classes November 28 at 9 am**  
**SA CCD classes Wed. December 1 at 6:30pm**

**Christmas Prayer**

Beginning on St. Andrew the Apostle's feast day, November 30, the following beautiful prayer is traditionally recited fifteen times a day until Christmas. This special prayer is powerful to obtain favors if one's requests are in accordance with God's will. It is believed that whoever recites the following prayer with a pious heart the traditional 15 times a day from November 30 to December 25, will obtain whatever is asked. This Christmas prayer carries an *Imprimatur* from Archbishop Michael Augustine of New York on 6 February 1897. This is a very meditative prayer that helps us increase our awareness of the real focus of Christmas and helps us prepare ourselves spiritually for His coming.

*Hail and blessed be the hour and  
 moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure  
 Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold.  
 In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O  
 my God, to hear my prayer and grant my  
 desires, through the merits of our  
 Saviour Jesus Christ, and of His blessed  
 Mother. Amen.*



**St. Anthony Circle 4**

We wish to thank all who purchased wreaths for our annual fund raiser. We sold a total of 153 wreaths, realizing a profit of \$1351.00.

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

**St. Anthony Monthly Financial Support October**

Sunday Collections: \$6,693.00 Candle \$91.75  
 Holy Day: \$15.00 Cemetery: \$210.00

**Sacred Heart Monthly Financial Support September**

Sunday Collections: \$3339.00 Improvement: \$480.00  
 Fuel: \$230.00

St. Anthony's ADA	Sacred Heart ADA
Goal: \$29,744	Goal: \$13,807
Pledged: \$16,340	Pledged: \$5,526
Balance: \$13,404	Balance: \$8,281
Families: 49	Families: 30

**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.

**Christmas Mass Schedule:**

**Christmas Eve, December 24**  
**4 pm at St. Anthony's**  
**5:30 pm Sacred Heart**

**Christmas Day, December 25**  
**12 Midnight St. Mary of the Fields**  
**9:30 am St. Anthony's**

**(Please note: There will not be a 4 pm mass on Saturday December 25th.)**

**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.

**If you would be available to be on a list of volunteers to help shovel snow at St. Anthony's this winter, please call Gerry Franks at 945-8502.**

**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.

**JP II Experience for teens 8-10th Grade:**

March 5-6, 2022. Held at Believers Together Center, Moline, Il. 9 a.m. Saturday- 4 p.m. Sunday. Registration is open 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 Holiday hours are Dec. 20,21, & 23: 9 am to noon. Dec 24 closed. December 27, 28, and 30: open 9am to Noon. December 31: closed. The clothing room will be closed to shoppers December 20-30.

Food Needs for December: French fried onions, cranberry sauce, pie filling, pie crust mix and sweet potatoes. Non Food needs include: Hand soap, all-purpose cleaner, garbage bags, denture cleaner and Kleenex.

Thank you to the Farm Bureau young leaders for conducting a "Fill-A-Ford Drive on Nov. 13 at Fareway. Thank you also to all who helped donate 1580 pounds of food to the drive. We are most grateful to the schools, churches, businesses and organizations who donated food as well. We were able to provide Thanksgiving baskets to more than 90 households due to your generosity. We thank everyone for their generous support throughout the year.

**Teens Encounter Christ** is back! Teens who

are 16 and older are invited to attend this wonderful Catholic Retreat. Upcoming TEC weekends are Boys: Dec. 3-6, 2021. For more information visit [www.northwest-tec.com](http://www.northwest-tec.com)

Save the Date: Join Bishop Louis Tylka for the Marriage Mass on Saturday, February 12, 2022 at 4:00pm at St. Mary's Cathedral. After the Mass there will be a date night special dinner at the Spaulding Center. There will also be live music by the Water Street Stompers from 6-8pm. Wear your dancing shoes! Any questions contact Julie Enzenberger at [Jenzenburger@cdop.org](mailto:Jenzenburger@cdop.org).

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat: February 25-17, 2022. Has the abortion experience left you feeling empty and alone? Rachel's Vineyard Retreat is available in our diocese for any man or woman who has struggled with the emotional and spiritual pain of abortion. This healing weekend is for singles or married couples, mothers, fathers, grandparents, siblings, or anyone suffering the effects of an abortion loss. If you are searching for peace and inner healing from an abortion experience, this retreat is for you. Register now for the February 25-27, 2022 retreat by calling 309-264-1489 or e-mailing [rvrpeoria@gmail.com](mailto:rvrpeoria@gmail.com). All communications are strictly confidential. For more information please visit <https://cdop.org/offices/respect-life/rl-programs-resources/rachels-vineyard/> or the national Rachel's Vineyard website at <https://www.rachelsvineyard.org/>

Do you have an artistic flair and an eye for decorating? We are looking for just that person to assist Mary Kay with decorating the altar. If you can spare your time and your talents please let us know. You may call the office and leave your name at 936-7900.

**Abilities Plus Holiday Open House** will be Sunday December 5, 2021 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm at our 1100 N. East St. facility in Kewanee.

Readings for the First Sunday of Advent: Jeremiah 33:14-16, Psalm 25:4-5, 8-10, 14, 1 Thessalonians 3: 12-4:2, Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Every Advent, the Liturgy of the Word gives our sense of time a reorientation. There's a deliberate tension in the next four weeks' readings—between promise and fulfillment, expectation and deliverance, between looking forward and looking back. In today's First Reading, the prophet Jeremiah focuses our gaze on the promise God made to David, some 1,000 years before Christ. God says through the prophet that He will fulfill this promise by raising up a "just shoot," a righteous offspring of David, who will rule Israel in justice (see [2 Samuel 7:16](#); [Jeremiah 33:17](#); [Psalm 89:4-5](#); [27-38](#)). Today's Psalm, too, sounds the theme of Israel's ancient expectation: "Guide me in your truth and teach me. For you are God my savior and for you I will wait all day." We look back on Israel's desire and anticipation knowing that God has already made good on those promises by sending His only Son into the world. Jesus is the "just shoot," the God and Savior for Whom Israel was waiting. Knowing that He is a God who keeps His promises lends urgency to the words of Jesus in today's Gospel. Urging us to keep watch for His return in glory, He draws on Old Testament images of chaos and instability—turmoil in the heavens (see [Isaiah 13:11, 13](#); [Ezekiel 32:7-8](#); [Joel 2:10](#)); roaring seas (see [Isaiah 5:30](#); [17:12](#)); distress among the nations (see [Isaiah 8:22](#); [14:25](#)) and terrified people (see [Isaiah 13:6-11](#)). He evokes the prophet Daniel's image of the Son of Man coming on a cloud of glory to describe His return as a "theophany," a manifestation of God (see [Daniel 7:13-14](#)). Many will cower and be literally scared to death. But Jesus says we should greet the end-times with heads raised high, confident that God keeps His promises, that our "redemption is at hand," that "the kingdom of God is near" (see [Luke 21:31](#)).

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Office Hours: Thursday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

**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