

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

Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 11
4:00 pm @ SA + Ron Manthe 50th Ann. Of Death by his Children
Sunday, December 12
8:00 am @ SH + Celina, Bill & Louis Teerlinck by Bob & Helen
9:30 am @ SA - For the Parishoners by Fr. Engelbrecht
Monday, December 13
No Mass
Tuesday, December 14 St. John of the Cross, Pr. & Dr. of Church
5:30 pm @ SA + Sallye Causemaker by Toot & Jean
Wednesday, December 15
8:00 am @ SH + Howard & Roberta Vandevoorde by their Children
Thursday, December 16
8:00 am @ SA + Sam Manganello by Jolene Thompson
Friday, December 17
8:00 am @ SA - For the Parishoners by Fr. Engelbrecht

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 18
4:00 pm @ SA + Carter Yackley by his Family
Sunday, December 19
8:00 am @ SH + Donovan Kleckner by Adrianna
9:30 am @ SA + Vera Minnaert by Trev & Frank

Serving at Our Lord's Altar

8:00 am @ Sacred Heart- December 19
Lector: Tara Gripp
EMHC: Sue Ann Wells
Ushers: Marv Haverback & Eric Ufheil
Money Counters: Marilyn Verdick & Sue Ann Wells



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.



Purchase a St. Anthony's Cookbook for
Christmas!

Recipes and Recollections is a 444 page cookbook
with nearly 1000 recipes! It is a perfect gift for
weddings, birthdays or the Holidays!

For more information contact Ardith Burton at
936-7975 or Norma Gilbraith at 936-7583.

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 December 12 at 9 am
SA CCD classes December 15 at 6 pm



Peoria Symphony Orchestra presents
Bach at the Cathedral on December 17
& 18 at 8 p.m. Tickets and
information are available
at
peoriasymphony.org

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. Howev-
er, the law allows you to donate this amount directly to
your parish during 2021 and have it distributed free of
federal income tax! What a wonderful opportunity to
help their parish.

Time to Decorate!

Both Sacred Heart & St. Anthony Churches will be deco-
rated for Christmas after each respective Mass on Sunday
December 19th. If you can spare some time, your help
would be appreciated! Our churches look so lovely each
year, but it takes a lot of work. Please consider helping.

Sharing in the Work of Christ
through sacrificial giving

St. Anthony Monthly Financial Support November

Sunday Collections: \$21,641 Candle \$207.15
Holy Day: \$122 Cemetery: \$180 Memorial: \$1,000

Sacred Heart Monthly Financial Support November

Sunday Collections: \$ 4,619 Improvement: \$1,600
Fuel: \$320 Holy Day: \$105 Cemetery: \$655 CCD: \$580

St. Anthony's ADA	Sacred Heart ADA
Goal: \$29,744	Goal: \$13,807
Pledged: \$20,815	Pledged: \$6,926
Balance: \$8,929	Balance: \$6,881
Families: 59	Families: 36

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.

<p>Christmas Mass Schedule:</p> <p>Christmas Eve, December 24 4 pm at St. Anthony's 5:30 pm Sacred Heart</p> <p>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.)</p> <p>St. Anthony Circle 4 will be cleaning the church on Monday, December 20th at 4 pm. Many hands make light work, Please come!!</p> <p>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. 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 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</p>	<p>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. 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 or leave a message at 309-936-7900. Thank you.</p> <p>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.olgsvilvis.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 Make Christ your friend.....5 amazing talks!! Come experience for yourself Fun, Faith, Food, and Friendship</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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. 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/</p> <p>2022 Men's Retreat: The Day Jesus Died! Friday, January 28 to Sunday, January 30, 2022. Retreat Master: Fr. Gregory Jarzombek, OSB. Register online www.scrcmagnolia.org. or call (815)869-4106 for more information.</p> <p>There will be a Mass for the Protection of the UNBORN: Friday January 28, 2022 at 10:30 am, at the Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception 607 NE Madison Avenue, Peoria, IL 61603. For more information contact: Cecilia Sone at 309-671-1550 or csone@ccdop.org</p>
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Readings for the Third Sunday of Advent: Zephaniah 3:14-18, Isaiah 12:2-6, Philippians 4:4-7, Luke 3:10-18

The people in today's Gospel are "filled with expectation." They believe John the Baptist might be the messiah they've been waiting for. Three times we hear their question: "What then should we do?" The messiah's coming requires every man and woman to choose—to "repent" or not. That's John's message and it will be Jesus' too (see [Luke 3:3](#); [5:32](#); [24:47](#)). "Repentance" translates a Greek word, metanoia (literally, "change of mind"). In the Scriptures, repentance is presented as a twofold "turning"—away from sin (see [Ezekiel 3:19](#); [18:30](#)) and toward God (see [Sirach 17:20–21](#); [Hosea 6:1](#)). This "turning" is more than attitude adjustment. It means a radical life change. It requires "good fruits as evidence of your repentance" (see [Luke 3:8](#)). That's why John tells the crowds, soldiers, and tax collectors they must prove their faith through works of charity, honesty, and social justice. In today's Liturgy, each of us is being called to stand in that crowd and hear the "good news" of John's call to repentance. We should examine our lives, asking from our hearts as they did: "What should we do?" Our repentance should spring not from our fear of coming wrath (see [Luke 3:7–9](#)) but from a joyful sense of the nearness of our saving God. This theme resounds through today's readings: "Rejoice! . . . The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all," we hear in today's Epistle. In today's Responsorial, we hear again the call to be joyful, unafraid at the Lord's coming among us. In today's First Reading, we hear echoes of the angel's Annunciation to Mary. The prophet's words are very close to the angel's greeting (compare [Luke 1:28–31](#)). Mary is the Daughter Zion—the favored one of God, told not to fear but to rejoice that the Lord is with her, "a mighty Savior." She is the cause of our joy. For in her draws near the Messiah, as John had promised: "One mightier than I is coming."

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