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

Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 4

 $4{:}00~\mathrm{pm}$ @ SA + Mary Ellen Hoogerwerf by Duain & Jan 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

Monday, December 6

No Mass

Tuesday, December 7

No Mass

Immaculate Conception (Holy Day)

Wednesday, December 8

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

6:00 pm @ SA + Barney VanDeRostyne by his Family

Thursday, December 9 Saint Juan Diego

8:00 am @ SA + Ione Burgess by SA A&R Society

Friday, December 10

8:00 am @ SA + Ralph Vandevoorde by Marlene Minnaert

Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 11

4:00 pm @ SA + Ron Manthe 50th Ann. of death by his Children

Sunday, December 12

 $8{:}00~\mathrm{am}~$ @ SH + Celina, Bill, & Louis Teerlinck by Bob & Helen

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

Serving at Our Lord's Altar

8:00 am @ Sacred Heart- December 12

Lector: Eric Ufheil EMHC: Wayne Brau

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.

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 5 at 9 am No SA Parish/Financial Council for Dec. SA CCD classes Wed. December 8 at



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. However, 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.

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 Goal: \$29.744 Pledged: \$16,340 Balance: \$13,404

Families: 49

Sacred Heart ADA Goal: \$13.807 Pledged: \$5,526 Balance: \$8,281 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.)

Due to a scheduling conflict Church Office hours will be Tuesday, December 7th from 9 am to 1 pm.

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.

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 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.

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.

JP II Experience for teens 8-10th Grade: March 5-6, 2022. Held at Believers Together Conton Melina II. O am Sotunday. An m

Center, Moline, Il. 9 a.m. Saturday– 4 p.m. Sunday. Registration is open at 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 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.

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.

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 wo 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-programsresources/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 Second Sunday of Advent: Baruch 5:1-9, Psalm 126:1-6, Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11. Luke 3:1-6

Today's Psalm paints a dreamlike scene—a road filled with liberated captives heading home to Zion (Jerusalem), mouths filled with laughter, tongues rejoicing. It's a glorious picture from Israel's past, a "new exodus," the deliverance from exile in Babylon. It's being recalled in a moment of obvious uncertainty and anxiety. But the psalmist isn't waxing nostalgic. Remembering "the Lord has done great things" in the past, he is making an act of faith and hope—that God will come to Israel in its present need, that He'll do even greater things in the future. This is what the Advent readings are all about: We recall God's saving deeds—in the history of Israel and in the coming of Jesus. Our remembrance is meant to stir our faith, to fill us with confidence that, as today's Epistle puts it, "the one who began a good work in [us] will continue to complete it" until He comes again in glory. Each of us, the Liturgy teaches, is like Israel in her exile—led into captivity by our sinfulness, in need of restoration and conversion by the Word of the Holy One (see Baruch 5:5). The lessons of salvation history should teach us that, as God again and again delivered Israel, in His mercy He will free us from our attachments to sin if we turn to Him in repentance. That's the message of John, introduced in today's Gospel as the last of the great prophets (compare Jeremiah 1:1–4, 11). But John is greater than the prophets (see Luke 7:27). He's preparing the way not only for a new redemption of Israel but for the salvation of "all flesh" (see also Acts 28:28). John quotes Isaiah (40:3) to tell us he's come to build a road home for us, a way out of the wilderness of sin and alienation from God. It's a road we'll follow Jesus down, a journey we'll make, as today's First Reading puts it, rejoicing that (we're) remembered by 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 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 or mailing to PO Box 210, Atkinson, IL 61235