

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

The Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 1
4:00 pm @ SA + Pat Gentry by Blake & Denise Haverback
Sunday, January 2
8:00 am @ SH – For the Parishoners by Fr. Engelbrecht
9:30 am @ SA + Justin Nelson by Deacon Marshall & Valerie Plumley
Monday, January 3
No Mass
Tuesday, January 4 *St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious*
5:30 pm @ SA + Leonard Moens by Randy & Suzie DeSutter
Wednesday, January 5 *St. John Neumann, Bishop*
8:00 am @ SH + Louis, Celina, & Bill Teerlinck by Bob & Helen
Thursday, January 6 *St. Andre Bessette, Religious*
8:00 am @ SA + Pete & Rachel Verkruyse by Toot & Jean
Friday, January 7 *St. Raymond of Penafort, Priest*
8:00 am @ SA + Tom Vanvooren by Kathy Rosebeck

Baptism of the Lord

Saturday, January 8
4:00 pm @ SA + Tom Anderson by Dave & Bonnie VanDeVelde
Sunday, January 9
8:00 am @ SH + Our Parents by Karen & Vern Griffiths
9:30 am @ SA - For the Parishoners by Fr. Engelbrecht

Serving at Our Lord's Altar

8:00 am @ Sacred Heart- January 9
Lector: Tara Gripp
EMHC: Wayne Brau
Ushers: Rod Jackson & Tony Vanopdorp
Money Counters: Renee Jackson & Tara Gripp

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, Bruce Weidner

Prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary

God our Father, may we always profit by the prayers of
The Virgin Mother Mary, for you bring us life and
Salvation through Jesus Christ her Son who live and
Reigns with you and the Holy Spirit

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: **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 govern- :
: ment 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 distribut- :
: ed free of federal income tax.! What a wonderful opportunity to :
: help their parish. :
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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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
Parish Updates

SH CCD Class Sunday Jan. 9 at 9 am
SA CCD Class Wednesday Jan 5 at 6 pm

2021 annual contribution letters will be mailed out to Sacred Heart and St. Anthony's parishioners at the end of January. Due to printing deadlines, any financial contribution received, at the office, after January 4th will be marked as a 2022 contribution.

Thank You

A Sincere thank you to those who cleaned, decorated and prepared the church for Christmas. Both churches are beautiful and help set the mood for the lovely celebration of our Lord's Nativity and the Christmas Season!!

O Divine Redeemer Jesus Christ, prostrate before Thy crib, I believe Thou art the God of infinite Majesty, even though I do see Thee here as a helpless babe. I humbly adore and thank Thee for having so humbled Thyself for my salvation as to will to be born in a stable. I thank Thee for all Thou didst wish to suffer for me in Bethlehem, for Thy poverty and humility, for Thy nakedness, tears, cold and sufferings. Would that I could show Thee that tenderness which Thy Virgin Mother had toward Thee, and love Thee as she did. Would that I could praise Thee with the joy of the angels, that I could kneel before Thee with the faith of St. Joseph, the simplicity of the shepherds. Uniting myself with these first adorers at the crib, I offer Thee the homage of my heart, and I beg that Thou wouldst be born spiritually in my soul. Make me reflect in some degree the virtues of Thy admirable nativity. Fill me with that spirit of renunciation, of poverty of humility, which prompted Thee to assume the weakness of our nature, and to be born amid destitution and suffering. Grant that from this day forward, I may in all things seek Thy greater glory, and may enjoy that peace promised to men of good will.

Prayer before the Christmas Crib



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: \$22,115	Pledged: \$9,276
Paid: \$16,590	Paid: \$8,576
Balance: \$7,629	Balance: \$4,531
Families: 66	Families: 40

Dear Parishioners,

I hope all of you have a very Blessed Christmas. Don't forget we celebrate Christmas Day for eight days ('til New Years Day), then comes Epiphany. So there is plenty of Christmas cheer to be had these days. This is because the Church realizes that when celebrating a mystery such as the Incarnation we need to take time to "soak in" its meaning. Part of Incarnation is that God became part of a family—the Holy Family which we celebrate next Sunday. So I extend to all of our families wishes for God's blessings for this upcoming year.

I am so thankful to those who have sent me Christmas cards and gifts, as we remember the greatest gift ever received— Christ the Lord. All God's blessings to you and yours in this New Year!

- Father Engelbrecht

Please note that **incense** will be used on Sundays at 9:30 am Mass during the Christmas Season. Incense was used in the worship of God 2,000 years ago and is employed in the Church's Sacred Liturgy today. The sweet smelling incense rising up to heaven reminds us of our prayers rising up to God. At Christmas we celebrate our God who so loved us that he sent his only Son down to us. This perfectly represents what happens at Mass— God comes to us and we are taken up to God. There might be some that would prefer to avoid Masses with incense, so I inform you presently.

There will be a slight delay in the printing of the SA Circle lists. We will distribute them as soon as possible.

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.

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 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.

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://>

St. Anthony's Prayer Shawl Ministry is accepting requests for those suffering critical or serious health issues. Need not be a member of our parish, but one suffering and needing our prayers for comfort. We now have several completed and available. Please contact Verna May at 309-269-3772.

An Epiphany Blessing

It is customary, for the faithful to ask God's blessings on their homes at the Feast of Epiphany with blessed chalk. They write over their front door:

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Obviously, the numbers that appear at the beginning and end of the line designate the new year. 'CMB' stands for the traditional names of the Magi (Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar) and also signifies the Latin Prayer *Christus Mansionem Benedicat* or "May Christ bless this dwelling." As we remember the wise men seeking out the newborn King, we on this feast, ask Christ to visit us with his blessing. The inscription is made above the front door, so that all who enter and depart the home may enjoy God's blessing. So if you would like to receive a bit of blessed chalk, for this purpose, see Father after Mass on January 1st and 2nd. Now remember it is blessed so don't chuck it into your garbage. The following is the accompanying prayer with the writing in chalk:

Let us pray:

Hear us, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Eternal God, and send your Holy Angel from Heaven to watch over, cherish, protect, be with, and defend all who live in my house. I call upon your Saints, Casper, Melchior, and Balthasar, to protect my family and my home from every harm and danger, and I place the marks of their holy names over the doors of my home to remain there as a constant reminder to us and to all who enter here that my house is truly a house of the Lord.

O God, make the door of my house wide enough to receive all who need human love and companionship, narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride, and strife. Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling block to children, nor to straying feet, but rugged and strong enough to turn back the tempter's power.

O God, make the door of my house the gateway to your eternal Kingdom. I ask these things in the Name of Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

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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