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MASS SCHEDULE
Celebrating Our Faith This Week

The First Sunday of Advent

Saturday, November 26

4:00 pm @ SA + Gerald & Mary Ellen Hoogerwerf by Her Family

Sunday, November 27

8:00 am @ SH + Sharon Gripp by Doris Brieser

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

Monday, November 28

No Mass

Tuesday, November 29

5:30pm @ SA + Jack Minnaert by Beth Casey

Wednesday, November 30 *St. Andrew, Apostle*

8:00 am @ SH + Deceased members of Guthrie Family by Mark Guthrie

Thursday, December 1

8:00 am @ SA + Tom VanVooren by Gerry & Mary Kay Franks

Friday, December 2

8:00 am @ SA Jerry Thompson, Mary Marguccio, Marvin Scranton by Jolene

Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 3

4:00 pm @ SA + Ron DeFauw by Dan & Linda DeSmith

Sunday, December 4

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

9:30 am @ SA + Justin Nelson by Deacon Marshall & Valerie Plumley

Serving at Our Lord's Altar - Sacred Heart

8:00 am @ Sacred Heart - December 4

Lector: Marv VanKeulen

EMHC: Marcie VanKeulen

Ushers: Eric Ufheil & Shannon Smith

Money Counters: Brenda Smith & Deb & Eldon Crogaert

Serving at Our Lord's Altar - St. Anthony's

4:00 pm @ St. Anthony – December 3

Lector: Robin VanMeenan

Ushers: Vince Schopp & Kevin Stafford

9:30 am @ St. Anthony – December 4

Lector: Terry Patton

Ushers: Herb Vandersnick & Ed Coble

Please remember these parishioners who ask for your prayers.

Katelyn DeRycke, Christine Sand Dunahee, Barry Miller, Alice Van Kerrebroeck, Dick Martens, Berniece Cathelyn, Bill Rambo, Rosella Vandersnick, Mary Frank, Julie Fiers

Annual Diocesan Appeal

As you know, the 2022 ADA is underway in our parishes. Thank you to all who have already contributed! With your help, we are getting closer to reaching our parish goal. If you have not received a pledge card in the mail or misplaced it, the diocese of Peoria will be mailing a follow up letter at the beginning of November. It will include another pledge card and a self addressed envelope. Please consider supporting your diocesan ministries. If you have already contributed and receive this letter in the mail, please disregard it, as pledges are often received and processed after a letter is assembled and mailed. To date, we have received 33 gifts totaling \$14,405 towards our goal of \$34,206 for St. Anthony's. To date we have received 24 gifts totaling \$6,335 towards our goal of \$12,796 for Sacred Heart. We are grateful to all those who have already pledged gifts.

2023 Catholic Calendars



Thank you to Vandemore Funeral Home for providing the beautiful Catholic Calendars for 2023. Calendars may be picked up at the entrances of both churches.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday, November 27: No SH CCD Class

Wednesday, November 30: SA CCD 6 pm

HOLY HOUR & ADORATION

All are welcome to Holy Hour and Adoration on Wednesday, November 30, 2022 from 6:15pm to 7:00 pm at St. Anthony's Church, Atkinson.

Please come spend quiet time with the Lord as we prepare ourselves for the Advent season.



WINTER ITEM DRIVE FOR FOSTER HOPE!

St. Anthony's is hosting a Winter item drive for Foster Hope during the month of December. Foster Hope assists foster families and children in the Quad City area. We are asking for donations of Winter coats, hats, gloves, scarves & winter pajamas, new socks & underwear. Ages range from infant to teens. Please especially remember teenagers as they do not see their needs met as often. Baskets will be placed by the front doors and the handicapped entrance. Please contact Valerie Plumley at 309-944-2219 if you have any questions.

THANK YOU!

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.



Sharing in the Work of Christ through sacrificial giving

St. Anthony Monthly Financial Support October

Sunday: \$8,077.85 Candle: \$94.10

Sacred Heart Monthly Financial Support October

Sunday: \$1,753 Improvement \$105 Candle: \$21.50 Fuel: \$505

The Immaculate Conception Masses for December 8, a Holy Day of Obligation:
December 7 at 6:00 pm at St. Anthony
December 8 at 8:00 am at Sacred Heart

Christmas Mass Schedule:
Christmas Eve, December 24
4 pm at St. Anthony's
11 pm at St. Mary's of the Fields

Christmas Day, December 25
8 am at Sacred Heart
9:30 am at St. Anthony's

Snow Removal If you would be available to be on a list to help shovel snow at St. Anthony's this winter, please call Gerry Franks at 309-945-8502

A Rosary will be recited after the First Friday Mass on December 2 at St. Anthony's. All are invited to join with us.

Do your Christmas shopping with the St. Anthony's Altar & Rosary Society. We will be selling gift card/certificates for the next 6 months. Order using the forms at back of church, in Church Hall or online at Raiseright.com. Payment must be included with the order form. Future order deadlines are Dec. 11, Jan. 15 and Feb. 19.

The **Geneseo-Atkinson food pantry** is open: Mon. 9:00am to 7:00 pm, Tues. 9:00am to 4:00 pm; and Fri. 9:00am to noon. We have collection boxes at Fareway and at Inspire Continuing Care. Any residents of Geneseo or Atkinson may shop once a week in the clothing room on Mon., Tues., and Thurs. The pantry will be closed on Nov. 24th & 25th, Dec. 23-26th and Dec. 30th - Jan 2nd. Food needs: pasta, cereal, salsa, tortillas and juice. Non-food needs: toilet paper, dish soap, laundry detergent, band-aids and garbage bags. If you would like to donate a Christmas basket we are in need of turkey or ham, box

mashed potatoes, gravy mix or jar of gravy, French fried onions, green beans, cream of mushroom soup, can sweet potatoes or yams, cranberry sauce, corn, creamed corn, corn muffin mix, stuffing mix, rolls, sour cream, butter, eggs, 1/2 gallon milk, whipped topping, pie filling, pumpkin, evaporated milk, pie crust mix. Christmas baskets will be packed on Dec. 14th. Thank you!

Abilities Plus is hosting their annual Holiday Open House on Sunday, Dec. 4, 2022 from 1 pm to 3 pm at their 1100 N. East Street facility in Kewanee. Baked items, raffles and holiday items will be available for purchase! Refreshments will be served. Please consider donating baked goods to our open house bake sale! Baked goods can be dropped off on December 2nd from 8 am - 3:30 pm at the front door or Sunday, Dec. 4th from noon to 1 -pm at door C at Abilities Plus. Call 309-852-4626 with questions. **EMMAUS KNIGHTS** calling all 7th-12th grade men Dec. 11 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm 2327 W. Heading Ave. Peoria, IL Prayer, Pizza, Ping Pong! Visit WWW.COMEANDFOLLOWME.ORG

St. Malachy's in Geneseo Oasis - High School Youth Ministry Oasis meets every Wednesday from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm in the Youth Room. We strive to nourish our mind, body, and soul. Growing in community as we walk together to come to know Jesus.

The Rock - Middle School Youth Ministry Students in grades 6th-8th are invited and encouraged to attend The Rock Youth Ministry on Thursday nights from 6:30-8:00 pm. All area teens are invited to Oasis & The Rock.

St. Malachy, Geneseo Women at the Well. Please make reservations! December 8 bus trip Dinner & Christmas Light Tour. Contact Nancy Schott at 309-738-4888 or elizabethschott@gmail.com, or St. Malachy

Church office at 309-944-5393 to secure your seat. A \$40 payment to Women at the Well by November 22.

Kewanee Classics:

The Kewanee Classics will perform a Christmas Concert, Sunday December 11th at 2:00 p.m. and again at 6:00 p.m. at the First Congregational Church. A free will offering will be taken to assist the Kewanee -Salvation Army 360 Life Center.

All are invited to attend a **Advent series** "Preparing for Christmas with a Eucharistic Heart." at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Colona IL. The series will be on Monday, Nov. 28th, Monday, Dec. 5th, Monday, Dec. 12th and Monday, Dec. 19th from 6:30 - 8 pm. A talk given by Father Peter Zorjan will be at 6:30 pm followed by Holy Hour, Benediction, Rosary from 7 to 8 pm. Confession will be from 7 pm - Last person. Please look at the posters posted at the doors for topic information.

Thanksgiving Thought

"When it comes to life the critical thing is whether you take things for granted or take them with Gratitude"
G.K. Chesterton

Purchase a St. Anthony's Cookbook

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

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



Readings for the First Sunday of Advent: Isaiah 2:1-5, Psalm 122:1-9, Romans 13:11-14, Matthew 24:37-44

Jesus exaggerates in today's Gospel when He claims not to know the day or the hour when He will come again. Christ occasionally makes such overstatements to drive home a point we might otherwise miss (see [Matthew 5:34; 23:9; Luke 14:26](#)). His point here is that the exact "hour" is not important. What is crucial is that we not postpone our repentance, that we be ready for Him—spiritually and morally—when He comes. For He will surely come, He tells us—like a thief in the night, like the flood in the time of Noah. In today's Epistle, Paul too compares the present age to a time of advancing darkness and night. Though we sit in the darkness, overshadowed by death, we have seen arise the great light of our Lord who has come into our midst (see [Matthew 4:16; John 1:9; 8:12](#)). He is the true light, the life of the world. And His light continues to shine in His Church, the new Jerusalem promised by Isaiah in today's First Reading. In the Church, all nations stream to the God of Jacob, to worship and seek wisdom in the House of David. From the Church goes forth His word of instruction, the light of the Lord—that all might walk in His paths toward that eternal day when night will be no more (see [Revelation 22:5](#)). By our Baptism we have been made children of the light and day (see [Ephesians 5:8; 1 Thessalonians 5:5-7](#)). It is time we start living like it: throwing off the fruitless works of darkness, rejecting the desires of the flesh, and walking by the light of His grace. The hour is late as we begin a new Advent. Let us begin again in this Eucharist. As we sing in today's Psalm, "let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord." Let us give thanks to His name, keeping watch for His coming, knowing that our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.

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