

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

Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 10
4:00 pm @ SA – For the Parishoners by Fr. Engelbrecht
Sunday, December 11
8:00 am @ SH + Donovan Kleckner by Adrianna Kleckner
9:30 am @ SA + Rich Vyneman by His Family
Monday, December 12
No Mass
Tuesday, December 13 *St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr*
5:30pm @ SA + Deceased members of the Holevoet Family by Donna
Wednesday, December 14 *St. John of the Cross, Priest & Dr. of Church*
8:00 am @ SH + Joan Eilers by Eileen Eilers
Thursday, December 15
8:00 am @ SA + Roberta Vandevoorde by Jolene Thompson
Friday, December 16
8:00 am @ SA + Marlene Minnaert by Mark and Sue Ann Vandemore

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 17
4:00 pm @ SA + Joel Vandemore by His Family
Sunday, December 18
8:00 am @ SH + Mary Beth Gordon by Arlan Gordon
9:30 am @ SA – For the Parishoners by Fr. Engelbrecht

Serving at Our Lord’s Altar - Sacred Heart

8:00 am @ Sacred Heart - December 18
Lector: Rod Jackson
Holy Communion: Deacon Nick Simon
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 17
Lector: Robin VanMeenan
Ushers: Richard DeSmith, Lynn Cathelyn
9:30 am @ St. Anthony – December 18
Lector: Dustin Specht
Ushers: John Cauwels & Mark Murphy

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

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.



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 please contact the parish office. 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 \$17,720 towards our goal of \$34,206 for St. Anthony's. To date we have received 24 gifts totaling \$7,310 towards our goal of \$12,796 for Sacred Heart. We are grateful to all those who have already pledged gifts.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday, December 18: SH CCD Class 9 am
Wednesday, December 14: SA CCD
December 13 SA Parish Council Mtg. Cancelled



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!

Save the Date

St. Anthony’s Spring Raffle is fast approaching. Please mark your calendars for Trivia Night, Saturday, March 11, 2023. More information coming soon!

Sacred Heart will be decorating the church for Christmas after 8:00 am Mass on Sunday December 18th. Please join us in showing off the beauty of our church for this Holy season!



St. Anthony’s Church Decorating & Cleaning

Please join us in decorating the church for Christmas. Decorating will take place on Sunday, December 18th after the 9:30 am Mass.

St. Anthony’s Church cleaning will take place on Monday, December 19th at 5 pm. Many hands make light work! Come one and all. Thank you!

2022 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 5th will be marked as a 2023 contribution.

Sharing in the Work of Christ
through sacrificial giving

St. Anthony Monthly Financial Support November

Sunday: \$6,123 Candle: \$73 Holy Day: \$171
Human Development: \$145

Sacred Heart Monthly Financial Support November

Sunday: \$3,021 Improvement \$245 Cemetery: \$ 50
Fuel: \$100 Holy Day: \$25 Human Development: \$1

Please note that **incense** will be used on Sundays at 9:30 am Mass during Advent and 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.

Christmas Flowers: If you would like to donate toward the cost of Christmas flowers in honor of a loved one, please drop off your flower envelope or your own envelope. Please provide their name(s) along with your donation. Please clearly mark your donation, "Christmas Flowers" and drop in the basket or leave at the Office by Sunday, December 18.

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 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 donated 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!

Christmas on the Prairie
The Sisters of Humility are hosting a "Christmas on the Prairie" event on Sunday, Dec. 11, 1-4 p.m., at Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat, 2664 14th Avenue, Wheatland, Iowa. The day will be a time of free family fun for the entire family. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be on hand to visit each family in a private setting. In addition, there will be Christmas cookie decorating, face painting, hay rack rides to deliver letters to Santa, Christmas book reading, and a time to make cards for local nursing home residents.

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, 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.

Rock Island Alleman Catholic High School, a coeducational secondary institution of 260 students, is seeking applicants for the position of principal for the 2023-24 school year. An application packet can be downloaded at <https://cdop.org/careers/>. Application deadline: December 30, 2022.


Our Lady of Grace Catholic Academy is seeking an experienced **full-time elementary classroom teacher**. The ideal candidate for our wonderful school would be 5+ years of classroom experience and is eligible for or has an Illinois teaching certificate. Must be a practicing Christian and willing to encourage and grow in knowledge of teaching and practices of the Catholic church. Please email Principal Tori McCollum (vmccollum@olgca.org) for a complete job description or to begin the application process.

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 and have it distributed free of federal income tax! What a wonderful opportunity to help your parish.

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.



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

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.

Since our parishes have deep Flemish and Dutch roots, I offer the following. Maybe some of you will recognize it.
- Father Engelbrecht

Sinterklaasje, kom maar binnen met je knecht St. Nicholas Day Song (Flemish)	Saint-Nicholas, Come in with Your Servant St. Nicholas Day Song (English)
Sinterklaasje, kom maar binnen met je knecht, Want we zitten allemaal even recht. Misschien heeft u wel even tijd, Voordat u weer naar Spanje rijdt.	Saint-Nicholas, come in with your servant Because we are all sitting up straight Maybe you have a little time to spare Before you go back to Spain.
Sinterklaasje, klopp maar even bij ons aan, En laat uw paardje maar buiten staan. En we zingen en we springen en we zijn zo blij, Want er zijn geen stoute kindren bij. En we zingen en we springen en we zijn zo blij, Want er zijn geen stoute kind'ren bij!	Saint-Nicholas, do knock on our door And leave your horse outside And we sing and we jump and we are so happy Because there are no naughty children here And we sing and we jump and we are so happy Because there are no naughty children here!

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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