

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

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

Monday, December 19

No Mass

Tuesday, December 20

5:30pm @ SA + Warren Carton Sr. & Jr. by the Family

Wednesday, December 21 St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Dr. of Church

8:00 am @ SH + Marilyn VandeVoorde by Eileen Lopez

Thursday, December 22

8:00 am @ SA + Sam Manganello by Jolene Thompson

Friday, December 23 St. John of Kanty, Priest

8:00 am @ SA + Bill, Celina & Louis Teerlinck by Helen & Bob

The Nativity of the Lord

Saturday, December 24

4:00 pm @ SA + Mary Martens by Dick Martens
 11:00 pm @ SM- For the Parishoners by Fr. Engelbrecht

Sunday, December 25

8:00 am @ SH + Marilyn VandeVoorde by Gene
 9:30 am @ SA + Carter Yackley by His Family

Serving at Our Lord's Altar - Sacred Heart

8:00 am @ Sacred Heart - December 25

Lector: Eric Ufheil
 EMHC: Sue Ann Wells
 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 24

Lector: Jeanne Carton
 Ushers: Steve Clementz & Vince Schopp

9:30 am @ St. Anthony – December 25

Lector:
 Ushers: Gary Olson & Ben Raschke

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

Upcoming Cursillo Weekend Upcoming TEC Weekends
 Men's: Feb. 23-26, 2023 Feb. 11-13, 2023 (Girls)
 For more information visit: April 21-24, 2023 (Boys)
<https://nwcursillo.com> June 23-26, 2023 (Girls)

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

Wednesday, December 21 NO SA CCD
 Sunday, December 25: NO SH CCD



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 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

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

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.

The Sisters of St. Benedict will be sponsoring a directed retreat in January from Sunday evening January 15th to Wednesday afternoon January 18th. This is a silent directed retreat. There will be Mass every day and an opportunity to pray the Liturgy of the Hours with the sisters. This is a wonderful way to begin a new year. To reserve a spot please call Benet Retreat

House which is located in Milan, Illinois. The phone number is 309-283-2109. The email is retreats@smmsisters.org. Spots are limited.

An Evening to Celebrate the Epiphany! Attention all Catholic young adults (ages 18-35) in the QCA! We cordially invite you to join us Thursday, January 5 from 7-10 pm at St. Pius X Catholic Church in Rock Island as we come together to celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany! We will begin the evening by adoring Jesus, as the Magi did, with Adoration in the church 7-7:45. After Adoration we will gather in the McCarthy Hall for an evening of fellowship, food, and fun! Feel free to come for as much or as little of the evening as you are able - we look forward to seeing you there! RSVP is appreciated, but not required-it will just help us to estimate food, etc. Please RSVP by January 1st if possible.

Sacred Heart Moline singles ministry will be meeting on Saturday, December 31, 2022 Join us for coffee @ Vibrant Coffeehouse & Kitchen: Located east of the Menards store on John Deere Road in Moline 6600 44th Avenue in Moline. We are meeting @ 8:45 am Please contact Tom @ 309-762-4538 if you are planning to come. Contact Information: Email sacredheartsinglesmolineil@gmail.com Phone - Tom (309)762-4538

Please join us for our annual **Seminarian Christmas Gathering** on Tuesday, December 27. Beginning with evening prayer and adoration in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception at 6:30 pm. Cocktails, cookies, and conversation to follow at the Spalding Pastoral 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 last of the series is on 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.

The Pro-Life Mission Continues Mark Your Calendars! We are grateful to God that Roe v. Wade was overturned this year. But now that States have the right to shape their own policies, we see that the battle continues, especially here in Illinois. To raise money for local pro-life organizations, the Knights of Columbus will host the 42nd Annual Pro-Life Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, January 22nd, 2023, fifty years to the day that Roe was adopted. As always, the breakfast will be held at St. Pius X, Farrell Hall, early morning till noon. Please plan now to attend with family and friends! Look for further details soon.

Reflection on Fourth Sunday of Advent by Scott Hahn

Readings: [Isaiah 7:10-14](#); [Psalm 24:1-6](#); [Romans 1:1-7](#); [Matthew 1:18-24](#)

The mystery kept secret for long ages, promised through His prophets in the holy Scriptures, is today revealed (see [Romans 16:25-26](#)). This is the "Gospel of God" that Paul celebrates in today's Epistle—the good news that "God is with us" in Jesus Christ. The sign promised to the House of David in today's First Reading is given in today's Gospel. In the virgin found with child, God Himself has brought to Israel a savior from David's royal line (see [Acts 13:22-23](#)). Son of David according to the flesh, Jesus is the Son of God, born of the Spirit. He will be anointed with the Spirit (see [Acts 10:38](#)), and by the power of Spirit will be raised from the dead and established at God's right hand in the heavens (see [Acts 2:33-34](#); [Ephesians 1:20-21](#)). He is the "King of Glory" we sing of in today's Psalm. The earth in its fullness has been given to Him. And as God swore long ago to David, His Kingdom will have no end (see [Psalm 89:4-5](#)).

In Jesus Christ we have a new creation. Like the creation of the world, it is a work of the Spirit, a blessing from the Lord (see [Genesis 1:2](#)). In Him, we are saved from our sins, are called now "the beloved of God." All nations now are called to belong to Jesus Christ, to enter into the House of David and kingdom of God, the Church. Together, through the obedience of faith, we have been made a new race—a royal people that seeks for the face of the God of Jacob. He has made our hearts clean; He has made us worthy to enter His holy place, to stand in His presence and serve Him. In the Eucharist, the everlasting covenant is renewed, the Advent promise of virgin with child—God with us—continues until the end of the age (see [Matthew 28:20](#); [Ezekiel 37:24-28](#)).

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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