

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

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Saturday, December 31
4:00 pm @ SA + Pat Gentry by Jan & Duain Wyffels
Sunday, January 1
8:00 am @ SH – For the Parishoners by Fr. Engelbrecht
9:30 am @ SA + Larry & Owen Plumley by Deacon
Marshall & Valerie Plumley

Monday, January 2
No Mass
Tuesday, January 3 *The Most Holy Name of Jesus*
5:30 pm @ SA + Jack Minnaert by Beth Casey
Wednesday, January 4 *St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton, Religious*
8:00 am @ SH + Ralph VandeVoorde by Beth & Mike
Thursday, January 5 *St. John Neumann, Bishop*
8:00 am @ SA + Marlene Minnaert by Ken & Lynette DeSmith
Friday, January 6 *St. Andre Bessette, Religious*
8:00 am @ SA + Bruce Verkruyse by Michelle Hopper

The Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 7
4:00 pm @ SA + Ione Burgess by Donna Holevoet
Sunday, January 8
8:00 am @ SH + Mary Beth Gordon by Donna Vermeire
9:30 am @ SA – For the Parishoners by Fr. Engelbrecht

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Wednesday, January 4 : SA CCD at 6pm
Sunday, January 8: SH CCD at 9 am
Tuesday, January 10 SA Parish / Finance
Council meeting 6:30pm

Dear Parishioners,
I hope all of you have a very Blessed Christmas. Don't forget we celebrate Christmas Day for an Octave of 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 baked goodies, as we remember the greatest gift ever received—Christ the Lord. All God's blessings to you and yours in this New Year!

Fr. Engelbrecht

Serving at Our Lord's Altar - Sacred Heart

8:00 am @ Sacred Heart - January 8
Lector: Rod Jackson
EMHC: Sue Ann Wells
Ushers: Rod Jackson & Tony Vanopdorp
Money Counters: Vern & Karen Griffiths & Bill & Sue Diericx

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

4:00 pm @ St. Anthony – January 7
Lector: Robin VanMeenan
Ushers: Lynn Cathelyn & Vince Schopp
9:30 am @ St. Anthony – January 8
Lector: Theresa Peterson
Ushers: John Cauwels & 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.



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, with early bird drawing. Ticket Sales will begin on February 1, 2023.

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 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.

The **Christmas Flower Memorial** List is available at the front doors of both parishes. Thank you for making the sanctuary beautiful as well as remembering your departed loved ones this time of year.

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.

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.

Win Big Money with Alleman’s “Dream Big” Raffle!! Buy early for your chance at our Early Bird Drawings!!!
-\$10,000-January 17
-\$10,000-February 17
-\$10,000-March 17
-TBD 50/50 Cash Drawing at the Father Mirabelli Heritage Ball on March 25!
Cost of each share I \$150. Only 2,500 shares will be sold. Purchase your shares today at www.allemanhighschool.org/hertage-ball.

Did you know?
The Twelve days of Christmas

Aside from the fact that Epiphany—which comes twelve days after Christmas—used to mark the end of the Christmas Season, the song “Twelve Days of Christmas” is not really any part of Catholic liturgy.

The song of that name actually derives from a time in England from 1558 to 1829 when it was illegal to be a Catholic, and so the song contains a hidden catechism of Catholic theology.

- A Partridge in a Pear Tree: Jesus Christ
- Two Turtle Doves: The Old and New Testaments
- Three French Hens: The Theological Virtues (Faith, Hope, and Charity)
- Four Calling birds: The Four Gospels/The Four Evangelists
- Five Golden Rings: The first Five Books of the Old Testament, the “Pentateuch”
- Six Geese a-Laying: The Six Days of Creation
- Seven Swans a-Swimming: The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit/The Seven Sacraments
- Eight Maids a-Milking: The Eight Beatitudes
- Nine Ladies Dancing: The Nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit
- Ten Lords a-Leaping: The Ten Commandments
- Eleven Pipers Piping: The Eleven Faithful Apostles
- Twelve Drummers Drumming: The Twelve Points of Doctrine in the Apostles’ Creed

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Office Hours: Thursday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

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