

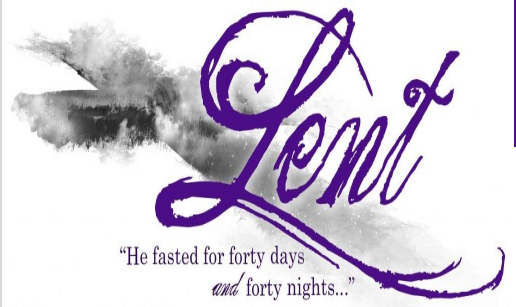
ST. ANTHONY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, Atkinson  
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## MASS SCHEDULE Celebrating Our Faith This Week

### Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Saturday, February 18

4:00 pm @ SA + Jacob Roth by Dave & Bonnie VanDeVelde

#### Sunday, February 19

8:00 am @ SH + The Hoogerwerf Family by the Family

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

#### Monday, February 20

No Mass

#### Tuesday, February 21

No Mass

#### Wednesday, February 22 Ash Wednesday

8:00 am @ SH + Maurine Chapman by Doris Brieser

6:00 pm @ SA + Ron DeFauw by Deacon Nick & Norma Simon

#### Thursday, February 23 St. Polycarp. Bishop & Martyr

8:00 am @ SA + George & Cecilia Bowman by Jeanne Carton

#### Friday, February 24

8:00 am @ SA + Elsie VanVooren by Blake & Denise Haverback

### First Sunday of Lent

#### Saturday, February 25

4:00 pm @ SA + Alphonse DeSplinter by Rosemary Manthe

#### Sunday, February 26

8:00 am @ SH + Sharon Gripp by Margaret Coppejans

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

#### Serving at Our Lord's Altar - Sacred Heart

##### 8:00 am @ Sacred Heart - February 26

Lector: Eric Ufheil

EMHC: Wayne Brau

Ushers: Mark Crosby & Jerry DeSmith

Money Counters: Marilyn Verdick & Sue Ann Wells

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

##### 4:00 pm @ St. Anthony – February 25

Lector: Jeanne Carton

Ushers: Richard DeSmith & Ken DeSmith

##### 9:30 am @ St. Anthony – February 26

Lector: Dustin Specht

Ushers: John Cauwels & Terence Patton

##### 6:00 pm @ St. Anthony-February 22 Ash Wednesday

Ushers: Ed Coble, Mark Murphy, Gary Olson, Ben Raschke

St. Anthony's Altar & Rosary Society will be having the St. Patrick's Day breakfast on Sunday, March 19th. We are asking for all female parishoners to attend the A & R meeting on February 21st to help in planning. Many hands make light work. Thank you.

Please remember these parishoners 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

Your gifts to Annual Diocesan Appeal help to reflect Christ's love to many people and are a sign of gratitude for your many blessings. Countless lives in our parish, our community and the Diocese of Peoria are touched by the ministries and programs supported by the ADA. To date, we have received 64 gifts totaling \$22,745 towards our goal of \$34,206 for St. Anthony's. To date we have received 34 gifts totaling \$8,660 towards our goal of \$12,796 for Sacred Heart. We are grateful to all those who have already pledged gifts. As you can see we have not reached our goal. It is not too late to contribute, as the appeal runs until the end of August. A gift to the ADA, no matter how great or small can go a long way. Remember, all funds received over our goal are returned to our parish.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Wednesday, February 22 SA CCD at 6pm

Sunday, February 26 : SH CCD at 9 am

Tuesday, February 21: SA Altar & Rosary 6:30 pm

Sunday, February 26: Bingo 1-3 pm



#### LET'S PLAY BINGO!!

St. Anthony's Circle III is hosting Bingo!

Please join us on February 26, 2023 from 1:00 pm. - 3:00 pm at St. Anthony's Parish Hall.

Free Will Offering

Cash Prizes! + 50/50 Raffle + Bake Sale!

### St. Anthony's Annual Spring Raffle 2023

Only 500 Tickets Will Be Sold

The odds of winning are an incredible 1 in 32

Main Event Drawing - Sunday May 7th after 9:30 Mass

Grand Prize \$10,000

Seller of Grand Prize Ticket Wins \$1,000

2nd Prize \$2,000

3rd - 5th Prizes \$1,000 Each

6th - 9th Prizes \$500 Each

10th - 16th Prizes \$250

Ticket Price \$100.00

(\$1,500 Early Bird Drawing will be on March 11)

Tickets are available at the Parish Office or at the doors of the church. Tickets and money can be put in an envelope marked RAFFLE and put in the collection basket or mailed to the parish office. We ask that tickets be turned in by the end of April. Visit the heartandthelily.org for official rules sheet and additional information. Early Bird Winner is eligible for Main Event drawing. Main drawing and Early Bird drawing will be held at St. Anthony Parish Center. Anyone who sells 5 tickets will have one entry in a drawing for a \$200 prize. Anyone who sells 10 tickets will be entered into a special drawing for a \$300 prize. There will be a "super-pool" drawing for those selling 20 or more tickets. For every 10 tickets sold over 10, the seller's name will also be entered into a drawing for an additional \$300. Non-parishioners are allowed to sell tickets and would also qualify for this special drawing. Must be 21 years old to purchase tickets. Need not be present to win.

### SAINT ANTHONY TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday, March 11, 2023

Doors Open at 6:00 pm

Trivia starts at 7:00 pm

\$100 per table (10 person max)

(\$50 non refundable deposit to reserve table)

\$10.00 per person for individual

Make your reservations today by calling Deacon

Nick Simon at 309-945-2436 or the church

office at 309-936-7900

Reservations must be received by March 1.

CASH BAR 50/50 Drawing

(Please No Carry - In Beverages)

### Sharing in the Work of Christ through sacrificial giving

St. Anthony Monthly Financial Support January

Sunday: \$8,293 Candle: \$157.10 Holy Day: \$220

Christmas: \$235 Flowers: \$840

Sacred Heart Monthly Financial Support January

Sunday: \$5,633 Improvement \$145 Cemetery: \$20

Holy Day: \$30 Fuel: \$150 Initial Offering: \$70

Improvement: \$6,130

It is on February 22 that Lent begins with Ash Wednesday. Masses with the distribution of ashes will be at 8 am at Sacred Heart and 6 pm at St. Anthony's. This is a reminder that Ash Wednesday is a day of **fast** and **abstinence**. Please see below the requirements for fasting and abstinence. One of the many treasures of the Church down through the centuries is the marking of time. From a Catholic perspective you do not really know how to feast when Easter comes until you have fasted during Lent. So let us enter into the holy season of Lent with an open heart to what our Lord wants to teach us. The 40 days of Lent remind us of the 40 days that Jesus fasted in the wilderness. We participate in Lent through our prayers, fasting (giving up food, sweets, television etc.) and alms giving (doing good for another). So as we approach Lent, let us consider how the Lord is calling us to keep the season holy so as to have the best ever Easter. Please consider some of the following opportunities to make this a good Lenten season.

• **Confessions**

Saturdays 3:00- 3:45 pm at St. Anthony's  
Sundays 7:30 - 7:50 am at Sacred Heart  
Tuesday 5:00pm at St. Anthony's  
Fridays 5:00 - 5:20 pm (before stations) at Sacred Heart

• **Attend Mass during the week**

• **Stations of the Cross**

Fridays at 5:30 pm at Sacred Heart and at St. Anthony's

• **Rice Bowls to help the poor world wide by Catholic Relief Services. Available at the vestibules of both churches.**

• **Food Pantry to help the poor locally.**

**Regulations for Lent and the Easter Triduum**

1) Lent is the principal season of penance in the Christian year. Priests, religious and laity are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial, attentiveness to prayer, and especially to works of charity and mercy.

2) Everyone of 14 years of age or over is bound to **abstain from meat** on Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023 and all the Fridays of Lent. (That includes Good Friday) Once you reach age 14 you are obligated to **abstain from meat**

**the rest of your life! - on Ash Wednesdays and Fridays of Lent!**

3) Everyone 18 years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday is bound to **fast** on Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023 and Good Friday, April 7, 2023.

4) On these two days of fast and abstinence, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.

5) To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is a serious matter.

**Lenten Book Study** Join us for the study [This is Our Faith: A Catholic Catechism for Adults](#). The author is Michael Pennock. Class will be presented by Deacon Nick Simon. The 5 week—90 min classes will be on Thursdays at 9 am (after 8 am Mass) during Lent - March 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 at St. Anthony Hall. Members of St. Anthony's and Sacred Heart are welcome. There is no cost. Books furnished at no charge to attendees. Please sign up in the vestibule of either church.

**Final chance** to purchase gift cards/ certificates with profits going to St. Anthony's Altar and Rosary Society. Remember: you get FULL purchase price of card! The business gives a money rebate back to us for profit. Order forms available at back of St. Anthony's Church or in Church office.

Deadline to order: February 21  
Pick up before or after Mass 3-4/5

The **Geneseo-Atkinson food pantry** is open: Mon. 9:00am to 7:00 pm, Tues. and Thursday from 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. Food needs: juice, cereal, salsa, coffee & crackers. Non-food needs: dish soap, paper towels, ziplock bags and garbage bags.

Because of the community's generous support, the Food Pantry provided food and emergency assistance to 125 households in December. In addition to our regular food distribution, we provided 134 families with Christmas Food Baskets. Combined food distributions in December were equivalent to 7,902 meals. Thanks to the many donors who make all this possible.

Subscribers to **The Catholic Post**, have received materials in the mail to renew their subscription for another year. Now is the time for those who haven't subscribed yet to do so and we encourage all members of our parish family to receive and support this valuable resource for Catholic living, Lenten opportunities, and the National Eucharistic Revival. Subscribe instantly via credit or debit card online at [thecatholicpost.com](http://thecatholicpost.com) or call (309) 671-1550 during business hours. It is also possible to send a check to **The Catholic Post**, P.O. Box 1722, Peoria, IL 61656. The subscription rate remains \$30. Additional levels of support are available.

**Sacred Heart and St. Anthony Cemeterys** are asking that all items not attached to the headstones be removed by April 1, 2023.

**Upcoming Cursillo Weekends**

Men's: Feb. 23-26, 2023  
Women's: March 23-26, 2023  
Men's: October 19-22, 2023  
Women's: November 16-19, 2023  
For more information visit: <https://nwcursillo.com>

**Upcoming TEC Weekends**

April 21-24, 2023 (Boys)  
June 24-26, 2023 (Girls)  
August 5-7, 2023 (Boys)  
October 7-9, 2023 (Girls)  
Visit: [www.northwest-tec.com](http://www.northwest-tec.com)

Readings for the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time: Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18, Psalm 103: 1-4,8,10, 12-13, 1 Corinthians 3:16-23, Matthew 5:38-48

We are called to the holiness of God. That is the extraordinary claim made in both the First Reading and the Gospel this Sunday. Yet how is it possible that we can be perfect as our Father in heaven is perfect? Jesus explains that we must be imitators of God as His beloved children ([Ephesians 5:1-2](#)). As God does, we must love without limit—with a love that does not distinguish between friend and foe, overcoming evil with good (see [Romans 12:21](#)). Jesus Himself, in His Passion and death, gave us the perfect example of the love that we are called to. He offered no resistance to the evil—even though He could have commanded twelve legions of angels to fight alongside Him. He offered His face to be struck and spit upon. He allowed His garments to be stripped from Him. He marched as His enemies compelled Him to the Place of the Skull. On the Cross, He prayed for those who persecuted Him (see [Matthew 26:53-54, 67; 27:28, 32; Luke 23:34](#)). In all this, He showed Himself to be the perfect Son of God. By His grace, and through our imitation of Him, He promises that we too can become children of our heavenly Father. God does not deal with us as we deserve, as we sing in this week's Psalm. He loves us with a Father's love. He saves us from ruin. He forgives our transgressions. He loved us even when we had made ourselves His enemies through our sinfulness. While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us (see [Romans 5:8](#)). We have been bought with the price of the blood of God's only Son (see [1 Corinthians 6:20](#)). We belong to Christ now, as St. Paul says in this week's Epistle. By our baptism, we have been made temples of His Holy Spirit. And we have been saved to share in His holiness and perfection. So let us glorify Him by our lives lived in His service, loving as He loves.

Dr. Scott Hahn

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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