

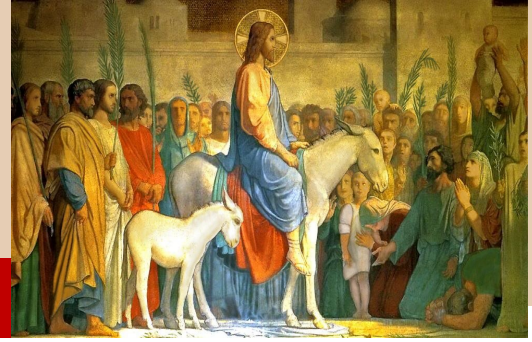
**ST. ANTHONY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, Atkinson**  
**SACRED HEART ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, Annawan**  
**SHRINE OF ST. MARY, Hooppole**

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**MASS SCHEDULE**  
**Celebrating Our Faith This Week**

**Palm Sunday**

**Saturday, April 1**

4:00 pm @ SA + Neil Simon by Winfred Gentry

**Sunday, April 2**

8:00 am @ SH + Roberta VandeVoorde by Janet, Alex & Blake Hartman

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

**Monday, April 3**

No Mass

**Tuesday, April 4**

8:00 am @ SA + Marlene Minnaert by Blake & Denise Haverback

**Wednesday, April 5**

8:00 am @ SH + Maralyn Guthrie by Mary Jagers

**Thursday, April 6 Holy Thursday**

7:00 pm @ SA + Donald Buysse by Deacon Nick & Norma Simon

**Friday, April 7 Good Friday**

3:00 pm @ SA Liturgy

5:30 pm @ SH Stations with Veneration of the Cross

**Easter Sunday**

**Saturday, April 8**

8:00 pm @ SA + Deceased Members of the SA Altar & Rosary Society

**Sunday, April 9**

6:30 am @ SM - For the Parishoners by Fr. Engelbrecht

8:00 am @ SH + Marilyn VanDeVoorde by Gene

9:30 am @ SA + Rhea Taber by David VanOpdorp

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

**8:00 am @ Sacred Heart - April 9**

Lector: Eric Ufheil

EMHC: Gene VanDeVoorde

Ushers: Dick VanKeerebroeck, Denny DeSplinter

Money Counters: Eldon & Deb Croegaert, Brenda Smith

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

**8:00 pm @ St. Anthony – April 8**

Lector: Deacon Nick Simon; Deacon Marshall Plumley

Ushers: Lynn Cathelyn; Richard De Smith

**9:30 am @ St. Anthony – April 9**

Lector: Gary Olson

Ushers: Ed Coble; Mark Murphy

Please remember these parishioners who ask for your prayers.

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

**Upcoming Cursillo Weekends**

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)

**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 66 gifts totaling \$23,970.03 towards our goal of \$34,206 for St. Anthony's. To date we have received 35 gifts totaling \$8,760 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.

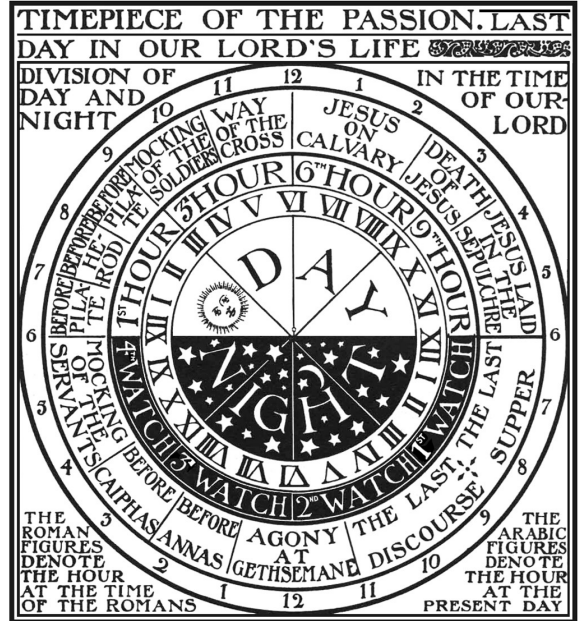
**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

Wednesday, April 5th SA CCD 6 pm

No Book Study Class on Thurs. April 6th

Sunday April 9, No SH CCD 9

Thursday, April 13 Book Study Class 9 am



Sacred Heart Altar & Rosary meeting to be held April 13 at 4 pm at the Rectory. Sacred Heart Altar & Rosary is looking for ladies to become officers for the next term. Please contact Sue Ann Wells if interested at 309-945-6004

**ANNUAL St. Mary of the Fields Easter Egg Hunt/Breakfast**

When: Sunday April 9, 2023

Time: After 6:30 am Mass

Where: St. Mary of the Fields

Join us for hot dogs, egg casserole, biscuits & gravy, baked goods, milk and juice.



**St. Anthony Cemetery Clean Up!**

April 15, 2023. 8:30 am. Coffee and Doughnuts will be provided. Many hands make light work! Thank You!



Rice Bowls are available at all the entrances of the church. Please consider taking one and adding it to your Lenten season. All donations go towards helping Catholic Relief Services to continue to provide life-saving assistance in nearly 100 countries. CRS works on our behalf to care for the poorest in our world and to end global poverty.

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

**St. Anthony Monthly Financial Support February**

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

**Sacred Heart Monthly Financial Support February**

Sunday: \$5,633 Improvement Fund \$525

## Holy Week Schedule:

Tuesday, April 4 @ SA at 8 am  
 Wednesday, April 5 @ SH at 8 am  
 Holy Thursday, April 6 @ SA at 7 pm  
 Good Friday, April 7 @ SA at 3 pm Liturgy  
 5:30 pm @ SH Stations with  
 veneration of the Cross  
 Holy Saturday, April 8 @SA at 8 pm  
 Easter Sunday, April 9 at @ SM at 6:30 am  
 @SH at 8 am  
 @SA at 9:30 am

**Please Note Tuesday April 4th** Mass at St. Anthony's will be at 8:00 am due to the Priests celebrating the Chrism Mass with the Bishop at the Cathedral. At this Mass the Bishop blesses the holy oils that are used in each parish throughout the year.

**Today we celebrate Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion.** Therefore, we begin Holy Week concluding with the Sacred Triduum, the holiest days of the Christian Calendar. So let us take advantage of the deep significance, beauty and meaning of these days and enter into them with an open spirit. On the front of the bulletin you will find a Timepiece of our Lord's Passion to recall the hours before His death. Palm Sunday begins by recalling Jesus' Triumphal entry into Jerusalem. However, the mood quickly changes to a focus on our Lord's Passion.

**Holy Thursday** we celebrate the institution of the Priesthood and Holy Eucharist. This is a wonderful occasion to celebrate Jesus' most Blessed Gift to the church—the Gift of Himself in the Blessed Sacrament. At the conclusion of Mass, there will be the transfer of the Eucharist to the Altar of Repose. This reminds us of how our Lord, after the Last Supper, went to the Garden of Gethsemane and prayed and suffered. At the end of the Mass the congregation departs in silence and the church will be open for you to come and keep watch with our Lord. Since the Blessed Sacrament is reposed in the Tabernacle you are free to come and go as you wish until Midnight. Another moving moment after the Holy Thursday Mass is the stripping of the altars, which points to poignancy of His agony and the betrayal by Judas Iscariot.

**Good Friday** is called "Good" because it is the

day that our Lord laid down His life for us sinners. The Passion is proclaimed and we venerate the "Wood of the Cross, on which hung the Saviour of the world."

**Holy Saturday** at the Easter Vigil, which begins at sunset, recalls the glorious Resurrection of Our Lord. Our paschal joy carries us through Easter Sunday, the Octave of Easter and the fifty-days of the Easter Season.

Everyone of 14 years of age or over is bound to **abstain from meat** on 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 Fridays of Lent!** Everyone 18 years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday is bound to **fast** on Good Friday, April 7, 2023. On 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. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is a serious matter.

Please join us in a very moving and reverent presentation of "The Passion of Christ" presented by St. Malachy's High School youth group: Oasis. Sunday, April 2nd at 8 pm at St. Malachy's, Geneseo. Lights go out at 8 pm so it will be dark if you enter after the program begins. If you have questions please feel free to contact Deacon Bob Thoene at 563-529-0529.

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: nuts, seafood and poultry, whole grain cereals. Non-food needs: dish soap, paper towels, ziplock bags and bandaids. Because of the community's generous support, the Food Pantry provided food and emergency assistance to 128 households in February. Combined food distributions in

January were equivalent to 4,935 meals. Thanks to the many donors who make all this possible.

Are you looking for a fun and faith filled overnight retreat for an 8th -10th grader? We have a great opportunity for teens to learn about living a life that follows Jesus. Come experience friendship, fun, and faith! • What: **John Paul II Co-Ed Retreat** • Who: Boys and Girls, 8th-10th grade. • When: Saturday May 6th - Sunday May 7th • Where: Believers Together Center at Christ the King: 3209 60th St., Moline. • Cost: \$50 Registration Begins: February 20th - April 21st at [www.olsilvis.com](http://www.olsilvis.com) (Click on the "Parish Life & Ministries" tab at the top, then select "JPII Experience" Questions: Mike Wilshusen (309) 269-7686 or email [STJP2EXP@gmail.com](mailto:STJP2EXP@gmail.com) Registration is OPEN https://[www.olsilvis.com/jpii-experience](http://www.olsilvis.com/jpii-experience)

\*Celebrating Divine Mercy\* Original music by: **We The Least** ~ Hors d'oeuvres ~ Free will offering ~ Merchandise for purchase ~ All Are welcome! Saturday, April 15, 2023 St. Malachy Parish Hall, Geneseo.

## 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**

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 Must be 21 years old to purchase tickets. Need not be present to win.

**Only 37 Days till Drawing!**

**361 tickets sold**

Readings for Palm Sunday: Isaiah 50: 4-7, Psalm 22: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24, Philippians 2: 6-11, Matthew 26: 14-27; 66

All this has come to pass that the writings of the prophets may be fulfilled," Jesus says in today's Gospel (see [Matthew 26:56](#)). Indeed, we have reached the climax of the liturgical year, the highest peak of salvation history, when all that has been anticipated and promised is to be fulfilled. By the close of today's long Gospel, the work of our redemption will have been accomplished: the new covenant will be written in the blood of His broken body hanging on the Cross at the place called the Skull. In His Passion, Jesus is "counted among the wicked," as Isaiah had foretold (see [Isaiah 53:12](#)). He is revealed definitively as the Suffering Servant the prophet announced, the long-awaited Messiah whose words of obedience and faith ring out in today's First Reading and Psalm. The taunts and torments we hear in these two readings punctuate the Gospel as Jesus is beaten and mocked (see [Matthew 27:31](#)), as His hands and feet are pierced, as enemies gamble for His clothes (see [Matthew 27:35](#)), and as His enemies dare Him to prove His divinity by saving Himself from suffering (see [Matthew 27:39-44](#)). He remains faithful to God's will to the end. He does not turn back in His trial. He gives Himself freely to His torturers, confident that, as He speaks in today's First Reading, "The Lord God is My help . . . I shall not be put to shame." Destined to sin and death as children of Adam's disobedience, we have been set free for holiness and life by Christ's perfect obedience to the Father's will (see [Romans 5:12-14, 17-19; Ephesians 2:2; 5:6](#)). This is why God greatly exalted Him. This is why we have salvation in His name. Following His example of humble obedience in the trials and crosses of our lives, we know we will never be forsaken. We know, as the centurion realizes today, that truly this is the Son of God (see [Matthew 27:54](#)), dings for the Palm Sunday:

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](mailto:office@stanthonysatkinson.org) or  
 mailing to PO Box 210, Atkinson, IL 61235