

**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**

**Twenty - Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, September 16**

4:00 pm @ SA + Bob Park by Bonnie and Family

**Sunday, September 17**

8:00 am @ SH + Cliff Verdick by Marilyn and Family

9:30 am @ SA - Jim and Carol Croegaert 60th Wedding Anniversary

**Monday, September 18**

No Mass

**Tuesday, September 19 St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr**

5:30 pm @ SA + Art Wancket by Janet Nielsen

**Wednesday, September 20 St. Andrew Kim Taegon & Companions, Martyrs**

8:00 am @ SH + Laura McKibbon Gibson by Marv & Marci VanKeulen

**Thursday, September 21 St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist**

8:00 am @ SA + Dick Martens by siblings Sue, Ruth and Kenny

**Friday, September 22**

8:00 am @ SA + Paul Pryzbyla by Gary and Gretchen Olson

**Twenty - Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, September 23**

4:00 pm @ SA + Kathryn VanVooren by Duane and Family

**Sunday, September 24**

8:00 am @ SH + Bill Rambo by Eunice and Family

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

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

**8:00 am @ Sacred Heart - September 24**

Lector: Rod Jackson

EMHC: Sue Ann Wells

Ushers: Rod Jackson and Tony VanOpdorp

Money: Eldon and Debbie Croegaert, Brenda Smith

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

**4:00 pm @ St. Anthony - September 23**

Lector: Jeanne Carton

Ushers: Lynn Cathelyn, Steve Clementz

**9:30 am @ St. Anthony - September 24**

Lector: Gary Olson

Ushers: John Cauwels, Terence Patton

Please remember these parishioners who ask for your prayers.

Katelyn DeRycke, Christine Sand Dunahee, Barry Miller,  
 Berniece Cathelyn, Mary Frank, Bernie Weidner

**Upcoming Cursillo Weekends**

Men's: October 19-22, 2023

Women's: Nov. 16-19, 2023

Men's: February 22-25, 2024

Women's: March 21-24, 2024

For more information visit:

<https://nwcursillo.com>

**Upcoming TEC Weekends**

October 7-9, 2023 (Girls)

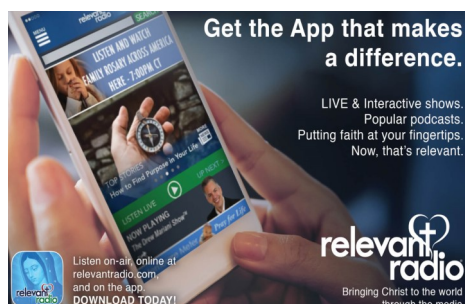
December 9-11, 2023 (Boys)

February 17-19, 2024 (Girls)

Visit: [www.northwest-tec.com](http://www.northwest-tec.com)

**St. Anthony's Cemetery Clean Up**

Please help us clean up the cemetery by removing items from grave sites before winter. Saddles may remain on the stones. Please remove by October 7th. Thank you.



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

Sunday, September 17 SH CCD 9:00 am

Tuesday, September 19 SA Altar and Rosary Meeting 6:30 pm

**St. Mary of the Fields Shrine**

**2023 Monthly Holy Hour Schedule**

October 1st at 2pm: Our Lady of La Vang

Friday - October 13th: Mass & Holy Hour

106th Anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun at Fatima



**BOX OF JOY**

The Box Of Joy program is an opportunity for you to provide

a Christmas gift to a child less fortunate, in poverty stricken nations, through Cross Catholic Outreach. You can choose the gender and age of the child you would like to help. You will receive a list of items you can include. Each box will be sent with a rosary and "The Story of Jesus" in their native language. Please pick up boxes, at St. Anthony's, after Mass starting this weekend. Boxes can be returned to the Church vestibule no later than October 28-29th or to Lynette Causemaker. Please help a child receive a Christmas gift this season.



**Traveling Monstrance**

The Diocese of Peoria, as part of the celebration of the National Eucharistic Revival in central Illinois, is having parishes host a traveling Monstrance. Sacred Heart, Annawan will host the Monstrance on Monday, September 25, 2023. There will be a Holy Hour from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm.

St. Anthony's Church is slated to host Jan. 2024.

**2023 ADA**

**Ready To Bring The Love Of Jesus**

The 2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal is now underway in our parish. Thank you to all who have already pledged to the appeal. No gift is too small and our parish is trying to reach 100% participation. If you received your pledge card in the mail, please complete it and mail it back. If you have not, there are pledge cards in the pews. Every dollar raised over our goal will be returned to our parish to help us with our parish needs.

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

**St. Anthony Monthly Financial Support August**  
 Sunday: \$9,414.57 Candle: \$242.20 Cemetery: \$20 Holy Day: \$177

**Sacred Heart Monthly Financial Support August**

Sunday: \$3,205 Cemetery \$240 Holy Day \$95 Improvement: \$1,595

## Visitation Catholic School Teaching

**Position:** Visitation is looking for a Middle School Science and Physical Education teacher. It could possibly be another middle school subject area with the correct credentials. Please send your inquiries to Wayne Brau at [wbrau@visitationcatholic.com](mailto:wbrau@visitationcatholic.com) or call 309-856-7451

Save The Date! **Vandemore Funeral Home is hosting a pre-planning seminar** on September 21, 2023 at 10:30 am & 5:30 pm. Please join us for a light meal, at our Geneseo location, while we discuss how pre-planning your funeral helps ease the emotional and financial burden for you and your family. Sessions are short, but very informative. We will also have wonderful guest speakers discussing estate planning, monuments, identity safety, local floral vendor displays, catering ideas and local hairstylists information. Please call Brandy Stockton at 309-944-1415 to reserve a spot at your desired session time. We look forward to seeing you!

**EMMAUS PROCESSION:** October 7th in the Quad Cities. Walk with Jesus in the Eucharist alongside hundreds of faithful in the beautiful procession just as on the first road to Emmaus. 6:30—7:30 am. Park at Our Lady of Lourdes, Bettendorf. Shuttles will be available to Moline. 8:00 am—Mass at Sacred Heart Moline. 9:00 am—Begin Eucharistic Procession with stops at St. Mary, Moline along the route. Cross the I-74 bridge and end at Our Lady of Lourdes. Route is about 3/75 miles. 12:00 pm (estimated) - Benediction. For more details and updates go to [EmmausQC.com](http://EmmausQC.com) or find us on Facebook and Instagram.

**The Geneseo-Atkinson Food Pantry** is open: Mon. 9:00am to 7:00 pm, Tues. and Thurs. from 9:00am to 4:00 pm; and Fri. 9:00am to noon. Any residents of Geneseo or Atkinson may shop once a week in the clothing room on Mon., Tues., and Thurs. The Geneseo Food Pantry is in need of Tuna, Low sodium chunky-style soups, pasta sauce, pasta and baked beans. Non-food needs are Kleenex, toilet paper, food storage bags, dish soap, shampoo and conditioner. Clothing needs are king size sheets,, plus size comfortable clothing, and new or like new

underwear. Because of the community's generous support, the food pantry provided food and assistance to 166 households in July. Combined food distributions in July were equivalent to 5,089 meals. Thanks to the many donors who make it all possible.

**HEALING MASS:** Save the dates: Thursday, Oct 5th, Nov 3rd and Dec 7th 2023 the monthly **Healing Mass at Sacred Heart, Rock Island**, will begin at 6:30 p.m. Confessions will still begin at 5:30 p.m. and be held until Mass time, as well as after Mass if needed. Also following Mass will be Adoration, with prayer teams available for those who would like individual healing prayer opportunities. Sacred Heart Church is located at 2810 5th Ave., Rock Island.

**Women's Choice Center & Life & Family Medical Fundraising Dinner** Theme: Created Chosen Loved Date: Tuesday, September 26, 2023 Time: 6:00 to 7:30 pm (doors open at 5:30) Location: Quad Cities Waterfront Convention Center, 2021 State Street, Bettendorf IA 52722 Keynote: WCC Founding Director Lynn Grandon Come support WCC's pro-LIFE ministry in the Quad Cities! Invite a friend or two to join you, or host a table for you and your guests. There's no charge to attend, but registration is required. To register or for more information: 563-332-0475 or [life@womenschoicecenter.org](mailto:life@womenschoicecenter.org)

**Eucharistic Miracle Exhibit** - St. Malachy's, Geneseo. All will have an opportunity to visit the Eucharistic Miracle Exhibit September 13 -17 in St. Malachy's Parish Hall. The traveling exhibit has been created to assist those who will experience it to affirm belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. It is based upon the website created by Blessed Carlo Acutis to catalogue all of the Eucharistic miracles that have taken place worldwide. **Hammond Henry Hospital** will once again be sponsoring the Women's and Men's Health programs. First classes begin September 28th, at noon at the Geneseo Community Center Activity Room located at 541 E. North St. on the fourth Thursday of the month. The cost of the luncheon is \$10. Posters and flyers are available in the vestibule of both churches.

**Cemetery Clean Up:** St. Anthony's is asking for your help in removing items from the grave stones before winter. Saddles may remain on the stones.

If you could have this completed by October 7, we would greatly appreciate it.

St. John's Church of Woodhull, Illinois Will be serving a **family style Chicken Dinner on Sunday**, September 24, 2023. Dinner will be served from 11:30-2:00 pm. Tickets are \$15.00 for Adults and \$8.00 for Children 10 years and under.

Join us for a viewing of **Into The Deep: Finding Peace Through Prayer By Dan Burke**. What is prayer, exactly? What sets authentic Christian prayer apart from the many "spiritual" practices being promoted today? How does one Pray? Is it really necessary? These questions — and many more — are answered in the new video series.. Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Silvis, IL – In the hall. Tuesdays- 6:30P-8:00P 5 weeks - Sept 26 - Oct 24 Register at 309-792-3867 ext 3

St. Malachy's is hosting a **Woman at the Well**. "God Wants Me To Do What?!!" Thursday, October 5, 2023 Jennifer Temple, owner of Harvest Bakery & More in Erie, IL, was living a very comfortable, normal life when God placed it on her heart to step out of that comfort zone and do something different. Navigating the challenges of starting a new business along with the upheaval of her family life were things she never saw coming—but God had a plan. He not only blessed her and her family, but also her community. Reservations requested by October 2 [GreggMarcia@gmail.com](mailto:GreggMarcia@gmail.com) or 309/269-6897 \$8.00 donation at the door Mass at 5:00 pm. Doors open at 6:00 pm. Dinner 6:30 pm.

Readings: for the Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Sirach 27:10-28:7, Psalm 103:1-4, 9-12, Romans 14:7-9, Matthew 18:21-35

Mercy and forgiveness should be at the heart of the Christian life. Yet, as today's First Reading wisely reminds us, often we cherish our wrath, nourish our anger, and refuse mercy to those who have done us wrong. Jesus, too, strikes close to home in today's Gospel with His realistic portrayal of the wicked servant who won't forgive a fellow servant's debt, even though his own slate has just been wiped clean by their master. It can't be this way in the kingdom, the Church. In the Old Testament, seven is frequently a number associated with mercy and the forgiveness of sins. The just man sins seven times daily; there is a sevenfold sprinkling of blood for atonement of sins (see [Proverbs 24:6](#); [Leviticus 16](#)). But Jesus tells Peter today that we must forgive not seven times, but seventy times seven times. That means: every time. We are to be merciful as our Father in heaven is merciful (see [Luke 6:36](#); [Matthew 5:48](#)). But why? Why does Jesus repeatedly warn that we can't expect forgiveness for our trespasses unless we're willing to forgive others their trespasses against us? Because, as Paul reminds us in today's Epistle, we are the Lord's. Each of us has been purchased by the blood of Christ shed for us on the Cross (see [Revelation 5:9](#)). As we sing in today's Psalm, though we deserved to die for our sins, He doesn't deal with us according to our crimes. The mercy and forgiveness we show to others should be the heartfelt expression of our gratitude for the mercy and forgiveness shown to us. This is why we should remember our last days, set our enmities aside, and stop judging others. We know that one day we will stand before the judgment seat and give account for what we've done with the new life given to us by Christ (see [Romans 14:10, 12](#)). So we forgive each other from the heart, overlook each other's faults, and await the crown of His kindness and compassion.

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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. Anthony and Sacred Heart Catholic Churches + Sunday September 17, 2023

### 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