

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

The First Sunday in Advent

Saturday, December 2

4:00 pm @ SA + Elsie Simon by Deacon Nick & Norma Simon

Sunday, December 3

8:00 am @ SH – For the Parishoners by Fr. Engelbrecht

9:30 am @ SA + Esther DeSplinter & Anne Carlson by Deacon Marshall & Valerie Plumley

Monday, December 4

No Mass

Tuesday, December 5

5:30 pm @ SA + Kathryn VanVooren by Duane & Family

Wednesday, December 6 St. Nicholas, Bishop

8:00 am @ SH + Louise & Thomas Cunniff by Mary Jagers

The Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)

Thursday, December 7

6 pm @ SA + Barney VanDeRostyne by Family

Friday, December 8

8:00 am @ SH – For the Parishoners by Fr. Engelbrecht

The Second Sunday in Advent

Saturday, December 9

4:00 pm @ SA + Reuben & Pat DeSmith by Family

Sunday, December 10

8:00 am @ SH + Mary Beth Gorden by Her Family

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

Serving at Our Lord's Altar - Sacred Heart

8:00 am @ Sacred Heart - December 10

Lector: Wayne Brau

EMHC: Wayne Brau

Ushers: Chad Gripp & Richard Vankerrebroeck

Money: Marilyn Verdick and Sue Ann Wells

The Immaculate Conception

6:00 pm @ St. Anthony-December 7

Lector:

Ushers: John Cauwels and Steve Mapes

8:00 am @ Sacred Heart-December 8

Lector:

Ushers: Dick McKibbon, Jerry DeSmith

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

4:00 pm @ St. Anthony - December 9

Lector: Jeanne Carton

Ushers: Dick DeSmith and Lynn Cathelyn

9:30 am @ St. Anthony - December 10

Lector:

Ushers: Mark Murphy and Ed Coble

Please remember these parishioners who ask for your prayers.

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

2023 ADA

Ready To Bring The Love Of Jesus

The 2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal is now underway in both parishes. Thank you to all who have already pledged to the appeal. No gift is too small and the 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 each parish. Every dollar raised over the goal will be returned to both parishes to help with parish needs.

St. Anthony's 2023 goal: \$33,621 Pledged: \$13,535

Sacred Heart 2023 goal: \$12,161 Pledged: \$4,986

Both parishes will need to pay the full amount of the goal that is not met. Please help your parish by reaching it's goal.

St. Anthony and Sacred Heart Catholic Churches + Sunday December 3, 2023

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Wednesday, December 6, SA CCD 5:30pm
 Sunday, December 10, SH CCD 9 am

Thank you, to all who purchased Christmas Wreaths from Circle 2. They realized a total of \$1340 for their Circle.

2024 Catholic Calendars

Thank you to Vandemore Funeral Home for providing the beautiful Catholic Calendars for 2024. Calendars may be picked up at the entrances of both churches.

Due to rising costs to maintain our cemeteries and lower interest rates on our investments, we will be raising the price for a grave site to \$500 effective January 1, 2024. If you are interested in buying a grave site for St. Anthony's call Sue Mochel, Sacred Heart call Adam Derycke, and St. Mary's call Tom Church.

Christmas Prayer

Beginning on St. Andrew the Apostle's feast day, November 30, the following beautiful prayer is traditionally recited fifteen times a day until Christmas. This special prayer is powerful to obtain favors if one's requests are in accordance with God's will. It is believed that whoever recites the following prayer with a pious heart the traditional 15 times a day from November 30 to December 25, will obtain whatever is asked. This Christmas prayer carries an *Imprimatur* from Archbishop Michael Augustine of New York on 6 February 1897. This is a very meditative prayer that helps us increase our awareness of the real focus of Christmas and helps us prepare ourselves spiritually for His coming.

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires, through the merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen.



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Sharing in the Work of Christ through sacrificial giving

St. Anthony Monthly Financial Support October
 Sunday: \$9,593 Candle: \$112.56
 Mission Sunday: \$107

Sacred Heart Monthly Financial Support October
 Sunday: \$3,466 Fuel: \$335 Cemetery: \$200
 Improvement: \$350

Christmas Mass Schedule:

Sunday December 24:
4 pm @ St. Anthony

Christmas Day, December 25:
12 Midnight @ St. Mary's of the Fields
8:00 am @ Sacred Heart
9:30 am @ St. Anthony

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.

The parish office is starting to update parishioner information for the St. Anthony's **Circle Lists**. If you are on the list and are no longer a parishioner of St. Anthony's please contact the parish office. Please remember that ALL parishioners of St. Anthony's are included as members of a circle. Parishioners are asked to help with 2-3 church cleanings, 1 fundraiser and rotating funerals in a calendar year. Participation insures a healthy and vibrant parish and we appreciate your help and dedication to our parish.

If you would like your loved one to be included on the **Christmas Flower Memorial List**. Please have your envelope and memorial donation into the office by Monday, December 18th. Thank you.

2023 financial contributions for St. Anthony's, Sacred Heart and St. Mary's of the Field must be turned into the parish office by December 31st in order to be included on your 2023 tax contribution statement. If you are mailing your contribution please make sure you plan accordingly and mail in advance. Any contributions received after this deadline will be included in your 2024 financial

giving. Thank you.

Project Pride Food Pantry is once again anticipating the holidays. Cold temperatures, turkey and trimmings are looming in our near future. The demand for serving families is increasing. It is for this reason we are seeking your help. "Adopt a Family For the Holidays" is being renewed. For a donation of \$50 or more, you can purchase a happy holiday experience for families during the upcoming season. Please send your donation—make a difference for a family—to Project Pride food Pantry - & John Cauwels, Treasurer Box 52 Annawan, IL 61234. We, at the pantry, sincerely want to thank you for your generosity and continued support. It means so much.

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 resident 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 100% juice, coffee, low sodium chunky soups, crackers and tortillas. Non-food needs are laundry detergent, denture cream, deodorant, lotion and size 4,5 and 6 diapers. Clothing needs are king size sheets, plus size comfortable clothing, and new underwear.

HEALING MASS: Save the date: Thursday, Dec 7th 2023 the monthly **Healing Mass at Sacred Heart, Rock Island**, will begin at 6:30 p.m. Confession 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.

Save The Date! The **Catholic Diocese Office of the Tribunal and the Peoria Diocesan Council of Catholic Women** Present: A Morning of Clarity and Love, Information and Support Saturday, February 17, 2024, 8:30 am - 12:00 pm Spalding Pastoral Center 419 NE Madison Ave, Peoria, IL First Keynote Address: The Church's Response To Abuse, Divorce and The Truth About Annulment followed by breakouts on Abuse, Divorce, &

Annulment . Second Address: Divorce and Abuse by Dr. Emma Bucher, Psy.D., followed by Q&A Breakouts. Please join us even if these are not part of your experience. As informed Catholics we can bear the truth to others.

Abilities Plus will be hosing a Holiday Open House on Sunday, December 3, 2023. It will be held at their facility at 1100 N. East St., Kewanee, Illinois from 1-3 pm. Items for sale will include Fairy sticks, Raffle Items, Holiday ornaments, collectibles, holiday gifts and décor. You may also have a picture taken with the Grinch.

A holiday bake sale will take place and you may donate baked goods for that sale. If you are interested please contact Abilities Plus with any questions at 309-852-4626 or laurend@abilitiesplus.org. Any baked goods would be greatly appreciated. Refreshments will be served. Please enter at Door C on south side.

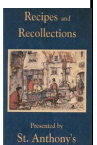
Come and test your knowledge at Our Lady of Grace **Trivia Night**. Saturday, December 9, 2023, doors open at 5:00 pm, game starts at 6:00 pm. Cleary Hall, 1705 6th St. East Moline. \$100 per table with 8-10 players. Bring your own food, cash bar will be available (no outside drinks allowed). 50/50 raffle tickets will also be sold. Please RSVP to gracehsa@olgca.org by December 4th.

Joy of Christmas Concert: Please join us for a free concert on December 15th at 7:00 pm at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Silvis. The concert will feature Jaime Thietten.

St. JP II Youth Experience Group is for all youth in 8th grade through Senior year in High School. Please join in this student lead evening of faith, fun and fellowship. The December meetings will be on December 6th and 18th at Our Lady of Guadalupe Hall. Hope to see you there!

Purchase a St. Anthony's Cookbook

Recipes and Recollections is a 444 page cookbook with nearly 1000 recipes! It is a perfect gift for weddings, birthdays or any special occasion! For more information contact Ardlith Burton at 936-7975 or Norma Gilbraith at 936-7583.



Readings: for The First Sunday of Advent: Isaiah 63:16-17, 19, Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19, 1 Corinthians 1:3-9, Mark 13, 33-37

The new Church year begins with a plea for God's visitation. "Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down," the prophet Isaiah cries in today's First Reading. In today's Psalm, too, we hear the anguished voice of Israel, imploring God to look down from His heavenly throne—to save and shepherd His people. Today's readings are relatively brief. Their language and "message" are deceptively simple. But we should take note of the serious mood and penitential aspect of the Liturgy today as the people of Israel recognize their sinfulness, their failures to keep God's covenant, their inability to save themselves. And in this Advent season, we should see our own lives in the experience of Israel. As we examine our consciences, can't we, too, find that we often harden our hearts, refuse His rule, wander from His ways, withhold our love from Him? God is faithful, Paul reminds us in today's Epistle. He is our Father. He has hearkened to the cry of His children, coming down from heaven for Israel's sake and for ours to redeem us from our exile from God, to restore us to His love. In Jesus, we have seen the Father (see [John 14:8-9](#)). The Father has let His face shine upon us. He is the good shepherd (see [John 10:11-15](#)) come to guide us to the heavenly kingdom. No matter how far we have strayed, He will give us new life if we turn to Him, if we call upon His holy name, if we pledge anew never again to withdraw from Him. As Paul says today, He has given us every spiritual gift—especially the Eucharist and penance—to strengthen us as we await Christ's final coming. He will keep us firm to the end—if we let Him. So, in this season of repentance, we should heed the warning repeated three times by our Lord in today's Gospel: be watchful, for we know not the hour when the Lord of the house will return.

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 or mailing to PO Box 210, Atkinson, IL 61235