# ST. ANTHONY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, Atkinson

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

## The Solemnity of Christ the King

Saturday, November 25

4:00 pm @ SA + Jean Causemaker by Leon & Ruth Decker

Sunday, November 26

8:00 am @ SH + William Rambo by Sally & Ron Diericx

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

Monday, November 27

No Mass

Tuesday, November 28

5:30 pm @ SA + Duane VanVooren by Friends

Wednesday, November 29

8:00 am @ SH + Maralyn, Jim & Carol Guthrie by Delores Nanninga

Thursday, November 30 St. Andrew, Apostle 8:00 am @ SA + Virginia Nelson by family

Friday, December 1

8:00 am @ SA + Marvin & Florence Croegaert by Mary & Jerry Buysse

## **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 (a) SA + Esther DeSplinter & Anne Carlson by Deacon Marshall & Valerie Plumley

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

8:00 am @ Sacred Heart - December 3

Lector: Rod Jackson EMHC: Sue Ann Wells

Ushers: Chad Gripp & Richard Vankerrebroeck Money: Marilyn Verdick and Sue Ann Wells

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

4:00 pm @ St. Anthony - December 2 Lector: Jan Wyffels

Ushers: Steve Clementz and Richard DeSmith 9:30 am @ St. Anthony - December 3

Lector: Gary Olson

Ushers: Ben Raschke and Ken Taber

### 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: February 22-25, 2024 Women's: March 21-24, 2024 For more information visit: https://nwcursillo.com

**Upcoming TEC Weekends** 

December 9-11, 2023 (Boys) February 17-19, 2024 (Girls) Visit: www.northwest-tec.com

#### **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

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.

#### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

Wednesday, November 29 SA CCD 5:30pm Sunday, December 3, SH CCD 9 am

Thank you, to all who purchased **Christmas Wreaths making our Circle 2** fund raiser a success!

#### 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.



### **Sharing in the Work of Christ**

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

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 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 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

Quad City GK Chesterton Society Wednesday, November 29th, following 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Pius X, Rock Island. St. Ambrose University Political Science Professor Joe Hebert and St. Pius X parishioner Jerry Schroeder, co-founder of the Ouad Cities GK Chesterton Society, are teaming up again for an evening of inspirational presentations. where each will address the subject of Pride and Humility. Hebert's presentation, "Augustinian Wisdom on Pride, Humility and Politics," will explore St. Augustine's attempt to persuade the proud that humility is a virtue, and how it applies to contemporary political trends. Schroeder's

talk, "Why Angels Can Fly" will focus on the brilliant contributions to the topic from one of Catholicism's most able and colorful defenders, GK Chesterton. Please plan to join us for an illuminating and inspiring evening! No cost to attend. The event will conclude at 8:30 p.m.. For more information contact Jerry Schroeder at 309-764-8657.

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.

GRIEF SUPPORT EVENT Our Lady of Guadalupe Pro-Life Group is host Lisa Levy. BSN, RN; Grief Counselor, Genesis Hospice Grief Support. Lisa will touch on Caregiving, Chronic Illness, Facing End of Life and Grief, among other topics focused on the dignity of the human person and helping families remain hopeful during this sacred time of life. Tuesday November 28th Our Lady of Guadalupe Church Doors open at 5:30 pm Rosary will be said at 6:00pm followed by talk and Q & A Care and Dignity - Palliative & Hospice Care Questions, call Marc Possin 309-714-3735

Readings: for The Solemnity of Christ the King: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17, Psalm 23:1-3,5-6, 1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28, Matthew 25:31-46

The Church year ends today with a vision of the end of time. The scene in the Gospel is stark and resounds with Old Testament echoes.

The Son of Man is enthroned over all nations and peoples of every language (see <u>Daniel 7:13–14</u>). The nations have been gathered to see His glory and receive His judgment (see <u>Isaiah 66:18</u>; Zephaniah 3:8). The King is the divine shepherd Ezekiel foresees in today's First Reading, judging as a shepherd separates sheep from goats. Each of us will be judged upon our performance of the simple works of mercy we hear in the Gospel today. These works, as Jesus explains today, are reflections or measures of our love for Him, our faithfulness to His commandment that we love God with all our might and our neighbor as ourselves (see <u>Matthew 22:36–40</u>) Our faith is dead, lifeless, unless it is expressed in works of love (see <u>James 2:20</u>; <u>Galatians 5:6</u>). And we cannot say we truly love God, whom we cannot see, if we don't love our neighbor, whom we can (see <u>I John 4:20</u>). The Lord is our shepherd, as we sing in today's Psalm. And we are to follow His lead, to imitate His example (see <u>I Peter 2:21</u>; <u>Ephesians 5:1</u>). He healed our sickness (see <u>Luke 6:19</u>), freed us from the prison of sin and death (see <u>Romans 8:2</u>, 21), welcomed us who were once strangers to His covenant (see <u>Ephesians 2:12</u>, 19). He clothed us in Baptism (see <u>Revelation 3:5</u>; <u>2 Corinthians 5:3–4</u>), and feeds us with the food and drink of His own Body and Blood. At "the end," He will come again to hand over His kingdom to His Father, as Paul says in today's Epistle. Let us strive to be following Him in right paths, that this kingdom might be our inheritance, that we might enter into the eternal rest promised for the people of God (see <u>Hebrews 4:1</u>, 9–11).

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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