

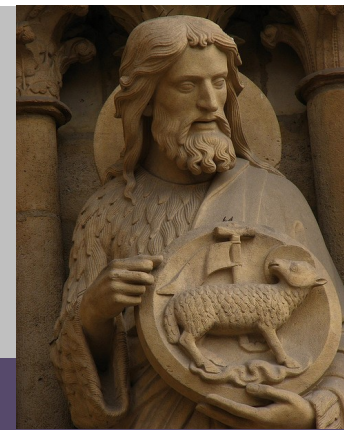
ST. ANTHONY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, Atkinson
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MASS SCHEDULE
Celebrating Our Faith This Week

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

Monday, December 11

No Mass

Tuesday, December 12 *Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast*

5:30 pm @ SA + Virginia Nelson by Family

Wednesday, December 13 *St. Lucy Virgin & Martyr*

8:00 am @ SH + Laura McKibbon Gibson by John & Carla Specht

Thursday, December 14 *St. John of the Cross, Pr. & Dr. of Church*

6 pm @ SA + Marvin Scranton, Gerald Thomson, and Mary Marguccio by Jolene Thompson

Friday, December 15

8:00 am @ SH + Marilyn DeDecker by SA Altar and Rosary

The Third Sunday in Advent

Saturday, December 16

4:00 pm @ SA + Rich Vyneman by His Family

Sunday, December 17

8:00 am @ SH + Donovan Kleckner by Adrianna

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

Serving at Our Lord's Altar - Sacred Heart

8:00 am @ Sacred Heart - December 17

Lector: Eric Ufheil

EMHC: Gene VanDeVoorde

Ushers: Chad Gripp & Richard Vankerbroeck

Money: Marilyn Verdick and Sue Ann Wells

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

4:00 pm @ St. Anthony - December 16

Lector:

Ushers: Vince Schopp and Kevin Stafford

9:30 am @ St. Anthony - December 17

Lector: Terence Patton

Ushers: Steve Mapes and Keith Causemaker

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 • **There is good news if you have reached age 70 1/2** and
 • you would like to help your parish. If you have an IRA, the
 • government requires you to take out a certain amount each
 • year and be subject to federal tax. However, the law allows
 • you to donate this amount directly to your parish during
 • 2023 and have it distributed free of federal income tax!
 • What a wonderful opportunity to help their parish. Please
 • call your tax advisor or call Bill Engelbrecht at the Diocesan
 • Office of Development at (309) 671-1550 ext. 7093

**Please remember these parishioners
 who ask for your prayers.**

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

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Wednesday, December 13 SA CCD 5:30pm
 Sunday, December 17 SH CCD 9 am

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.

**Sacred Heart and St. Anthony
 Christmas decorating will take place
 Sunday December 17 after mass.
 St. Anthony will have a general
 Church cleaning on Monday,
 December 18 at 9 am**

Who is St. Nicholas?

The true story of Santa Claus begins with Nicholas, who was born during the third century in the village of Patara. At the time the area was Greek and is now on the southern coast of Turkey. His wealthy parents, who raised him to be a devout Christian, died in an epidemic while Nicholas was still young. Obeying Jesus' words to "sell what you own and give the money to the poor," Nicholas used his whole inheritance to assist the needy, the sick, and the suffering. He dedicated his life to serving God and was made Bishop of Myra while still a young man. Bishop Nicholas became known throughout the land for his generosity to those in need, his love for children, and his concern for sailors and ships. Under the Roman Emperor Diocletian, who ruthlessly persecuted Christians, Bishop Nicholas suffered for his faith, was exiled and imprisoned. The prisons were so full of bishops, priests, and deacons, there was no room for the real criminals-murderers, thieves and robbers. After his release, Nicholas attended the Council of Nicaea in AD 325. He died December 6, 343 in Myra and was buried in his cathedral church, where a unique relic, called manna, formed in his grave. This liquid substance, said to have healing powers, fostered the growth of devotion to Nicholas. The anniversary of his death became a day of celebration, St. Nicholas Day, December 6th.

Through the centuries many stories and legends have been told of St. Nicholas' life and deeds. These accounts help us understand his extraordinary character and why he is so beloved and revered as protector and helper of those in need.

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.

**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

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.

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.

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.

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.

Christmas with the Seminarians: Please join us on Wednesday, December 27th for vespers at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Peoria at 6:30 pm. Vespers will be followed by cookies and conversation at the Spalding Pastoral Center.

St. Malachy's Church, Geneseo is hosting a **Joy to the World Nativity Display** Over 250 Nativities will be on display in the Parish Hall. December 26, 2023 - January 1, 2024 2:00 pm - 8:00 pm Fee will donations will be accepted Handicap Accessible Sponsored by St. Malachy Altar & Rosary.

It's Time to COME TOGETHER, **New Year's**

Eve "Pre Party", Let's Celebrate...

December 31st 2023 Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish Hall, Silvis. 11:30 am-12:00pm— Mocktails 12:00pm Lunch 1:00 - 3:00 pm music entertainment and games. \$20 per adult; \$10 per child K-12th grade; 0 yrs-Pre-School Free; FAMILY Price is \$50 (2 adults and up to 3 kids) Menu: Signature Pleasure Party Sandwiches, Chicken Wings, Soup, Veggie Charcuterie Boards, Fruit Charcuterie Boards, Potato Bar, and Dessert is Ice Cream Sundae Bar Drinks included in ticket price. Games and Prizes for adults and kids alike. New Years Eve Pre Party goodie bags for all children. Tickets on sale in the OLG office during normal business hours and after Masses at Our Lady of Guadalupe the month of December with last tickets sold December 22nd. Questions call Katrina at 309-796-3867 ext 3

ATTENTION ALL CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS (ages 18-35) in the QCA! We cordially invite you to join us Friday, January 5th, 7-9:30 p.m. at St. Pius X Catholic Church in Rock Island, IL as we come together to celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany! The evening begins by adoring Jesus, as the Magi did, with Adoration in the church 7-7:45 p.m. After Adoration we gather in McCarthy Hall for an evening of fellowship, food, and fun! Feel free to come for as much or as little of the evening as you are able - we look forward to seeing you there! RSVP is appreciated, but not required—it just helps us to estimate food, etc. Please RSVP by January 1st, if possible.

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

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.

Christmas Flower Memorial List.

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

Upcoming TEC Weekends
February 17-19 (Girls)

Upcoming Cursillo Weekends
Men's: February 22-25
Women's: March 21-24

Since our parishes have deep Flemish and Dutch roots, I offer the following. Maybe some of you will recognize it.
- Father Engelbrecht

<p>Sinterklaasje, kom maar binnen met je knecht St. Nicholas Day Song (Flemish)</p> <p>Sinterklaasje, kom maar binnen met je knecht, Want we zitten allemaal even recht. Misschien heeft u wel even tijd, Voordat u weer naar Spanje rijdt.</p> <p>Sinterklaasje, klop maar even bij ons aan, En laat uw paardje maar buiten staan. En we zingen en we springen en we zijn zo blij, Want er zijn geen stoute kinderen bij. En we zingen en we springen en we zijn zo blij, Want er zijn geen stoute kind'ren bij!</p>	<p>Saint-Nicolas, Come in with Your Servant St. Nicholas Day Song (English)</p> <p>Saint-Nicolas, come in with your servant Because we are all sitting up straight Maybe you have a little time to spare Before you go back to Spain.</p> <p>Saint-Nicolas, do knock on our door And leave your horse outside And we sing and we jump and we are so happy Because there are no naughty children here And we sing and we jump and we are so happy Because there are no naughty children here!</p>
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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