

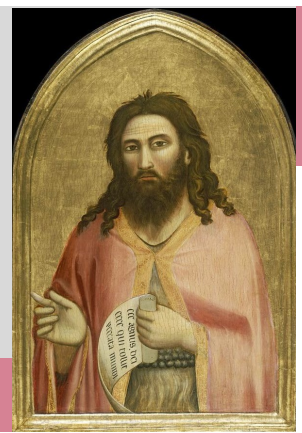
ST. ANTHONY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, Atkinson
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MASS SCHEDULE
Celebrating Our Faith This Week

The Third Sunday in Advent

Saturday, December 16

4:00 pm @ SA – For the Parishoners by Fr. Engelbrecht

Sunday, December 17

8:00 am @ SH + Donovan Kleckner by Adrianna

9:30 am @ SA + Marilyn DeDecker by SA Altar & Rosary

Monday, December 18

No Mass

Tuesday, December 19

5:30 pm @ SA Communion Service

Wednesday, December 20

8:00 am @ SH Communion Service

Thursday, December 21

No Mass

Friday, December 22

No Mass

The Fourth Sunday in Advent

Saturday, December 23

4:00 pm @ SA - For the Parishoners by Fr. Engelbrecht

Sunday, December 24

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

9:30 am @ SA + Justin Nelson by Deacon Marshall & Valerie

The Nativity of the Lord

Sunday, December 24

4:00 pm @ SH + Marilyn VanDeVoorde by Gene & Family

4:00 pm @ SA + Dick & Mary Martens by Dick & Family

Monday, December 25

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

Serving at Our Lord's Altar - Sacred Heart

8:00 am @ Sacred Heart - December 24

Lector: Rod Jackson

EMHC: Sue Ann Wells

Ushers: Chad Gripp & Richard Vankerbroeck

Money: Marilyn Verdick and Sue Ann Wells

4:00 pm @ Sacred Heart- December 24

Lector: Wayne Brau

EMHC: Deacon Marshall Plumley

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

4:00 pm @ St. Anthony - December 23

Lector: Jeanne Carton

Eucharistic Minister: Mary Kay

Ushers: Steve Clementz, Vince Schopp

9:30 am @ St. Anthony - December 24

Lector: Deacon Marshall Plumley

Ushers: John Cauwels, Ken Taber

4:00 pm @ St. Anthony - December 24

Lector: Gary Olson

Eucharistic Minister: Mary Kay, Dave VandeVelde

Ushers: Keith Causemaker, Ben Raschke

9:30 am @ St. Anthony - December 25

Lector: Lauren Plumley

Eucharistic Minister: Valerie Plumley

Ushers: Ed Coble, Mark Murphy

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: \$14,785

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 20 SA No CCD
 Sunday, December 24 SH No CCD

Please remember these parishioners who ask for your prayers.

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

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



Beautiful Eucharist

Beautiful Eucharist is a stunning collection of life-changing reflections about Jesus truly present in the Eucharist and wonderfully present in our lives.

Some of the most beloved authors of our times have come together to witness to their personal encounters with Jesus in the Eucharist, provide eye-opening insight into the Mass, and inspire every reader to grow closer to God, one step at a time.

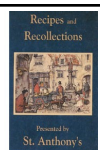
Father Mike Schmitz, Peter Kreeft, Lisa Hendey, Matthew Kelly, Bishop Andrew Cozzens, Fulton Sheen, Sister Helena Burns, Allen Hunt, Matt Wamer and others have each contributed deeply personal reflections.

Beautiful Eucharist is an invitation to encounter the life-giving presence of Jesus in the Eucharist so you can be a life-giving presence in the world.

Copies of the book *Beautiful Eucharist* are available for free at entrances at St. Anthony's & Sacred Heart.

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 Ardith Burton at 936-7975 or Norma Gilbraith at 936-7583.



Sharing in the Work of Christ
through sacrificial giving

St. Anthony Monthly Financial Support November

Sunday: \$6,967 Candle: \$89.75

Holy Day: \$205 Cemetery \$380

Sacred Heart Monthly Financial Support November

Sunday: \$3,104 Fuel: \$70 Candles: \$162

Holy Day & Mission Sunday: \$89

Please note the following changes and updates:

There will be communion service on Tuesday, December 19th at St. Anthony's at 5:30 pm. and 8:00 am at Sacred Heart on Wednesday, December 20th. There will not be Mass on Thurs or Friday of this week.

The weekend of Saturday December 23 -24 there will be regular weekend Mass schedule: Saturday, December 23rd:

4:00 pm at St. Anthony's (Father Engelbrecht)

Sunday, December 24th:

8:00 am at Sacred Heart (Father Vien Van Do)

9:30 am at St. Anthony's (Father Vien Van Do)

Christmas Mass Schedule:

Sunday, December 24th:

4:00 pm at St. Anthony's (Father Engelbrecht)

4:00 pm at Sacred Heart (Father Vien Van Do)

Monday, December 25th:

9:30 am at St. Anthony's (Father Engelbrecht)

There will NOT be Christmas Mass at St. Mary's nor at Sacred Heart on Christmas Day as previously scheduled.

Confessions: Confessions times will remain the same for the weekend. Before the 4 pm Mass at St. Anthony's on Saturday and before the 8 am Mass at Sacred Heart on Sunday.

Please note that January 1st, Mary Mother of God is NOT a Holy Day of obligation since it lands on a Monday this year. There will not be a Mass on January 1st.

After having surgery on the eighth of December, Father Engelbrecht was released from the hospital on the 12th. Father has returned to limited duties. Thank you for your prayers and understanding during this time. Many thanks to Father Vien Van Do who has and will continue to assist with Mass.

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.

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.

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.

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.

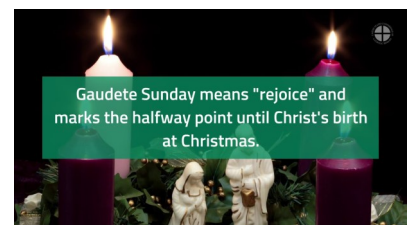
It's Time to COME TOGETHER, New Year's

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.

Christ the King Holy Hour for Vocations – Tues, December 19th Please join us for a special evening of Eucharistic Adoration at Christ the King, Moline! Father Chase Hilgenbrinck, Diocesan Director of Vocations, will host the Tuesday evening Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour, with meditation and intercessory prayer for sacred vocations in the Peoria Diocese. He will be with us from 6pm-7pm, but Adoration will continue until 9pm as usual. Our Christ the King seminarians, Jarod Raber and Brady Depoorter, will be with us, as well as other local QC seminarians. Please plan to come and spend time with Jesus and pray for all vocations in our Diocese. We invite the youth – from junior high to young adult – to stay after the holy hour to enjoy some fellowship in the Saint Francis Hall at 7pm with Father Chase and some of our seminarians.



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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