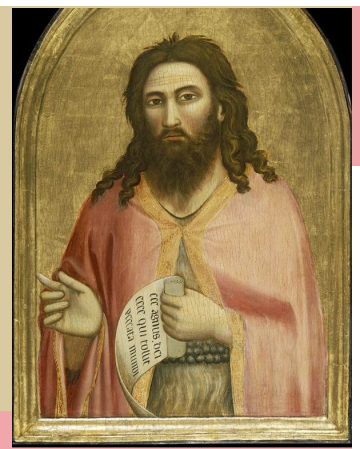


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MASS SCHEDULE
Celebrating Our Faith This Week

Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 14
 4:00 pm @ SA + Reuben DeSmith
 4:00 pm @ SP + Richard Bloch
Sunday, December 15
 7:30 am @ SP - For Parishioners of St. Patrick
 8:00 am @ SH + Chuck & Logan DeMay
 9:30 am @ SA - For Parishioners of St. Anthony & Sacred Heart
 10:00 am @ SP - For Cancer Patients
Monday, December 16 No Mass
Tuesday, December 17
 5:30 pm @ SA + Herb Vandersnick
 5:30 pm @ SP + Bob Oberle
Wednesday, December 18
 8:00 am @ SH + Evelyn DeSplinter
 5:30 pm @ SP + Ray DeMay
Thursday, December 19
 7:30 am @ SP + Gregory Owens
 8:00 am @ SA + Dale VanVooren
Friday, December 20
 7:30 am @ SP + Jack & Barb Genster
 8:00 am @ SA + Sam Manganello

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 21
 4:00 pm @ SA + Rich Vyneman
 4:00 pm @ SP - Carl Pucunas (Living)
Sunday, December 22
 7:30 am @ SP - For Parishioners of St. Patrick
 8:00 am @ SH + William Rambo
 9:30 am @ SA - For Parishioners of St. Anthony & Sacred Heart
 10:00 am @ SP + For the souls that have died while in despair

Serving at Our Lord's Altar

Saturday, December 21

4:00 pm @ St. Anthony Lector: Robin VanMeenan EMHC: Mary Kay Franks Usher: Steve Clementz & Vince Schopp	4:00 pm @ St. Patrick Lector: Patty DeVenys Usher: Al Corwin
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Sunday, December 22

8:00 am @ Sacred Heart Lector: Wayne Brau EMHC: Wayne Brau Ushers: Volunteers Money Counters: Renee Jackson & Joline Sierens	7:30 am @ St Patrick Lector: Jim Owens Usher: Rich Brummel
9:30 am @ St. Anthony Lector: Loren Jackson EMHC: Gary Olson Ushers: Jon Hamer & Terence Patton	10:00 am @ St. Patrick Lector: Andrew Fisher Usher: Rick Cernovich Money Counters: Gail Pickering & Lisa Wilson

St. Patrick Altar Servers
 Elizabeth and Ryan Pratt when available; Trained EMHC ask Father at each Mass.

Please remember these parishioners who ask for your prayers.

Katelyn DeRycke, Christine Sand Dunahee, Barry Miller, Berniece Cathelyn, Mary Frank, Tom Morse, Abby Hahne Brokaw, Lorelle Burcham, Mike Curran, Jay DeBruyn, Driscoll Drew, Barb Wagner, Norma Emmerson, Joan Glubzinski, Kelly Hennigh, Joe Hoenschied, Frances Hughes, Chris Johnson, Elaine Kelm, Cleo Lanham, Megan Lanham, Brett Longeville, Julie Marley, Hudson McCook, Joan Miller, Ron & Mary Jo Nelson, Aaron Stetson, Barb Wagner, Nick Welgat, Dan Woods, Spike Hubbs, Lorraine Happach. Sister Marilyn Roman

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SA CCD class: No CCD until Jan. 8th
 SH CCD classes Sunday, Dec. 22 @ 8:30-9:45 am
 SP CCD classes Sunday, Dec. 22 @ 8:30-9:15 am

Christmas Mass Schedule:

Tuesday December 24:
 4:00 pm @ St. Anthony
 5:30 pm @ St. Patrick
 11:00 pm @ St. Mary of the Fields
 Wednesday, December 25:
 7:30 am @ St. Patrick
9:00 am @ Sacred Heart (please note time change)
 10:00 am @ St. Patrick

Sacred Heart and St. Anthony Christmas decorating will take place Sunday December 15th after Mass. St. Anthony will have a general Church cleaning on Monday, December 16th at 5 pm. All parishioners are invited to help with both days. Please come & help prepare for Christmas.

St. Patrick Christmas Decorating

On December 15th after the 10 am Mass, We are in need of all able bodied men to help bring up the Christmas décor from the basement.
 On December 16th at 9 am all parish members are invited to assist in decorating the church. Many hands make light work and decorating for Christmas is a huge undertaking.
 We greatly appreciate help on both days. Thank you.



ST. PATRICK'S POT OF GOLD RAFFLE

Only 500 tickets will be sold!
\$25.00 per ticket.
Grand Prize : \$2500.00
2nd Prize: \$1000.00
3rd-5th Prize : \$250.00
6th-9th Prize: \$100.00
Drawing will be held on March 16th after 10 am Mass
Need not be present to win
Must be 18 years of age to purchase a ticket
Tickets are available from St. Patrick's Parishioners
Proceeds will go to St. Patrick Church

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

If you would like to donate towards the Altar Christmas flowers in honor of a loved one, please send in your donation using the parish Christmas flower envelope, or in an envelope marked Christmas Flowers. **Please make sure your loved one's name(s) is/are spelled and written clearly on the envelope.** Envelopes can be dropped in the collection basket at your parish or mailed it to the parish office in Atkinson at PO Box 210, Atkinson IL 61235. Make the check out to the parish in which you are a member. All 3 parishes will have separate lists with ONLY the name of whom the donation is being given for. **Deadline for contributions & loved ones names, that will be honored on the list, is this Thursday, December 19th.**

Upcoming Cursillo Weekends

Men's: Feb. 20-23, 2025
 Women's: March 21-24, 2025
 Mens: October 16-19, 2025

For More information visit:
<https://nwcurssillo.com>

Upcoming TEC Weekends

March 1-3, 2025 (Girls)
 April 5-7, 2025 (Boys)
 June 14-16, 2025 (Girls)
 August 9-11, 2025 (Boys)
 October 4-6, 2025 (Girls)
 For information visit
www.northwest-tec.com

St. Patrick parish will be having the Angel Tree again. This giving season will continue through January. The donations go to support St. Louis Magi project. This mission provides clothing and basic needs for children. Please pick up an angel and help a child. The tree will be ready by December 13th and will run through January 20th. There are plenty of price points to pick from. Items do not need the angel with it or wrapped. Please return you item to the back of the church. Thank you for your giving hearts.

Sacred Heart CCD is planning to have CCD students participate in Christmas Caroling at local homes on Sunday, December 15th. If you are interested in having CCD Carolers come to your home please let Hannah Egan or Jessie Specht know.

The Knights of Columbus is hosting a blood drive at St. Patrick's Hall on Monday, December 30, 2024 from 1:30 pm - 5:30 pm. For an appointment call 1-800-Red CROSS (1800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org. Please see the flyer in the vestibule for more information.

Please note that incense will be used on Sundays at 9:30 am Mass at St. Anthony parish 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.

2024 financial contributions for St. Anthony, Sacred Heart, St. Patrick and St. Mary of the Fields must be turned into the parish office by December 31st in order to be included on your 2024 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.

There is good news if you have reached 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 laws allows you to donate this amount directly to your parish and have it distributed free of federal income tax. What a wonderful opportunity to help your parish. Please call your tax advisor or contact the Diocesan Office of Development at 309-671-1550 ext. 7093

St. Malachy Church, Geneseo is hosting a **Joy to the World Nativity Display**. From December 26, 2024 to January 1, 2025 from 2 pm - 8 pm there will be over 350 Nativities displayed in the parish hall. The hall is handicapped accessible and donations will be accepted but not required. The display is sponsored by the St. Malachy Altar and Rosary Society.

Blue Christmas Service will be at Christ The King Catholic Church, Moline on Dec. 19th 6 pm. A Blue Christmas Service traditionally takes place in December. We recognize that not everyone is emotionally up and cherry for the Christmas Holidays for many reasons - the loss of a loved one, divorce/separation, loss of a job, living with illness or one of many other human situations. This service is meant to be reflective, to accept where we are and to offer you some healing and hope, peace and comfort. All are welcome to attend.

Simbang Gabi. This Novena of Masses before Christmas is one of the oldest Christmas traditions in the Philippines, and has been practiced by Filipino communities here in the US. This year, 2024, is the third year of Simbang Gabi in Peoria. Since there are Filipinos who belong to different parishes in the Peoria area, Bishop Lou wanted the Masses to be celebrated in different churches to mobilize the community and invite other

parishioners. 2024 Masses in Peoria are: Monday, December 16: 5 pm St. Anthony, Bartonville; Tues. Dec. 17: 6 pm St. Mark, Peoria. Wed. Dec. 18: 6 pm Blessed Sacrament, Morton. Thurs, Dec. 19th: 6 pm St. Thomas in Peoria Heights. Fri. Dec. 20th: 5 pm St. Vincent de Paul, Peoria. Sat. Dec. 21st: 6:30 pm St. Philomena, Peoria and Sunday, Dec. 22nd: 4 pm Holy Family, Peoria.

Pope Francis has declared that 2025 will be celebrated as a **Jubilee Year of Pilgrims of Hope**. He has invited local Bishops to open that Year of Jubilee in their Diocese on December 29, 2024, the Feast of the Holy Family. Bishop Tylka invites you to join him as he celebrates the 10:30 am Mass at the Cathedral of St. Mary, Peoria to open the Year of Jubilee. There will be a pre-Mass ritual that will begin at 10 am at the Spalding Pastoral Center in Peoria. This will include a Gospel reading for the Papal Bull for the Jubilee year, and a procession to the Cathedral. The ritual will continue at the beginning of Mass with a showing of the relic of the True Cross and a Sprinkling Rite. All who wish are invited to join us for that ritual.

Young Adult Epiphany Party January 10th 2025 7-9:30 PM St. Pius X Catholic Church, Rock Island McCarthy Hall. We will begin the evening by adoring Jesus, as the Magi did, with Adoration from 7-7:45 pm After Adoration we will gather in McCarthy Hall for an evening of fellowship, food and fun! O COME, LET US ADORE HIM For Ages 18-35 are welcome ... Join Us this Epiphany.

The Geneseo-Atkinson Food Pantry is open Mondays 9:00 am to 7:00 pm and Tuesdays and Thursdays and 9:00 am to 4:00 pm; and Fridays 9:00am to 12:00pm. Food is distributed, and donations are gratefully accepted during business hours. The food Pantry will be closed December 23 and 24 and December 30 and 31.

2024 ADA

The 2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal is now Underway in our parishes. Thank you to all who have already pledged to the appeal. No gift is too small, and each parish is trying to reach 100% participation. If you have not given yet, **please consider**

filling out a pledge card today and mail it to the Diocese of Peoria or place your card/along with a check made out the Diocese of Peoria in the collection basket. It is helpful to send donations directly to the Diocese. The goals for each parish are as follows:

St. Anthony's	Sacred Heart	St. Patrick's
Goal: \$32,418	Goal: \$13,450	Goal: \$19,202
Pledged: \$12,050	Pledged: \$2,120	Pledged: \$3,475
# of Donors: 39	# of Donors: 15	# of Donors: 10

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Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00 to 3:30 pm at St. Anthony
Saturday: 3:30 to 3:50 pm at St. Patrick's
Sunday: 7:30 a.m. to 7:50 a.m. at Sacred Heart or by appointment with priest.

Sharing in the Work of Christ Through Sacrificial Giving

St. Anthony Monthly Financial Support November

Sunday: \$7,474.30 Candle:\$87.55 Cemetery \$415, Holy Day: \$260
Human Development: \$120 Circle 3: \$1,140

Sacred Heart Financial Support November

Sunday: \$3,396 Fuel: \$140 Holy Day: \$135 Candle: \$104
Cemetery: \$2,005 Improvement: \$255 CCD: \$250

St. Patrick Financial Support November

Sunday:\$9,421.15 Candle:\$117 Improvement:\$704.85 Cemetery:\$335
CCD: \$250 Holy Day: \$142 Flowers: \$110

Adoration

St. Patrick's, Sheffield
First Friday of every Month
7:00 a.m. to 7:30 a.m.

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

St. Louis (Princeton)

Sat. 4:00pm, Sunday 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 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:

Sue Mochel at (309)944-7289.

Sacred Heart Cemetery:

Adam DeRycke at (309) 935-6080

St. Mary's of the Field Shrine Cemetery:

Steve Clementz at (309) 936-7142

St. Patrick's Cemetery:

Dave Hahne at (815) 252-2798

Parish Hall Rental

St. Anthony's parish hall, St. Patrick's parish
hall and St. Mary's of the Fields parish hall are
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@stanthonyatkinson.org or
mailing to PO Box 210, Atkinson, IL 61235