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MASS SCHEDULE
Celebrating Our Faith This Week

The Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 7

4:00 pm @ SA + Barney VandeRostyne
 4:00 pm @ SP + Mick & Dorothy DeFauw

Sunday, December 8

7:30 am @ SP - For Parishioners of St. Patrick
 8:00 am @ SH - For Parishioners of Sacred Heart & St. Anthony
 9:30 am @ SA + Esther DeSplinter & Anne Carlson
 10:00 am @ SP + Cliff & Reta Johnson

Monday, December 9 Immaculate Conception of the B.V.M.

5:00 pm @ SP - For the Spiritual Comfort of Those That Have Experienced a Miscarried Pregnancy

6:00 pm @ SA - For Parishioners of St. Anthony & Sacred Heart

Tuesday, December 10 Our Lady of Loreto

5:30 pm @ SA + James Holevoet
 5:30 pm @ SP + Sam Hodgett

Wednesday, December 11 St. Damasus, I Pope

8:00 am @ SH + Tracey VanHyfte Ward
 5:30 pm @ SP + Deanne DeBrock

Thursday, December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe

7:30 am @ SP + Don Maas

SA: No Mass

Friday, December 13 St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

7:30 am @ SP + Tom and Catherine Gorman
 8:00 am @ SA + Richard & Phyllis Strand

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

Serving at Our Lord's Altar

Saturday, December 14

4:00 pm @ St. Anthony

Lector: Jeanne Carton
 EMHC: David VanDeVelde
 Usher: Lynn Cathelyn /Kevin Stafford

4:00 pm @ St. Patrick

Lector: Pat Corwin
 Usher: Al Corwin

Sunday, December 15

8:00 am @ Sacred Heart

Lector: Rod Jackson
 EMHC: Sue Ann Wells
 Ushers: Volunteers
 Money Counters: Renee Jackson & Joline Sierens

7:30 am @ St Patrick

Lector: Connie Hahne
 Usher: Rich Brummel

10:00 am @ St. Patrick

Lector: Rick Cernovich
 Usher: Shawn LeRette
 Money Counters:
 Gail Pickering & Lisa Wilson

9:30 am @ St. Anthony

Lector:
 EMHC: Mary Kay Franks
 Ushers: John Cauwels & Steve Mapes

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, Mary Jo Nelson, Aaron Stetson, Barb Wagner, Nick Welgat, Dan Woods, Spike Hubbs, Lorraine HappHappach. Sister Marilyn Roman

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SA Parish/Finance Mtg: Tuesday, Dec. 10 @ 6:30 pm
 SA CCD classes Wednesday, Dec. 11 @ 3:45 pm
 SH CCD classes Sunday, Dec. 15 @ 8:30-9:45 am
 SP CCD classes Sunday, Dec. 15 @ 8:30-9:15 am

Immaculate Conception Schedule (Dispensed from the obligation)

Monday December 9:
 5:30 pm @ St. Patrick
 6:00 pm @ St. Anthony

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 Thursday, December 19th.**

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 free donations will be accepted but not required. The display is sponsored by the St. Malachy Altar and Rosary Society.

Doors of Mercy-Exploring God's Covenant With You. **Sacred Heart, Moline invites you, for 9 weeks on Thursdays, to study the Doors of Mercy, Exploring God's Covenant With You Bible Study.** Beginning on January 30th, this 9 week study will be held Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:30 or in the evening from 6:30-8:30. The cost is \$21 for book and streaming access code. This study includes commentary and video by Fr. Jeffrey Kirby. The deadline to register is December 6th. Please make checks payable to: Blessings Gift Shop and mail to: Betty Thomm, 615 East 6th St., Coal Valley, IL 61240. Please contact Betty Thomm at 309-269-3705 with questions.

Abilities Plus Holiday Open House: Sunday, December 8th from 1:00-3:00 pm. Held at 1100 N. East St. Kewanee, IL. Please enter at door C on south side. Selections of hand decorated wreaths, raffle items and baskets as well as baked goods and collectibles/holiday gifts and décor will be available at

varying prices. Light refreshments will be served. Abilities Plus is also looking for donated baked goods for their December 8th bake sale. Anyone wishing to donate are asked to bring items from 8:00-3:30 on 12/6 (front door) or 12:00 to 1:00 (C door) on 12/8. Questions may be directed to 309-852-4626 or laurend@abilitiesplus.org

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. The Food Pantry is in need of flour, sugar, brown sugar, baking soda and salt, Toilet paper, dish soap, paper towels, Kleenex and body wash. Clothing needs: Fall and cold weather clothing items, hats, gloves, boots, snowpants, men's clothing (all sizes), men's shoes, women's XS clothing and bath towels. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated!

Christ Child Society:

This year, there has been a 50% increase in the demand for large layettes from our community partners. The Christ Child Society is on track to deliver more than 300 large layettes, as well as 250 mini layettes in 2024. Please consider helping at our next layette assembly which will be on December 12 from 6:30-8:00 pm at Our Lady of Guadalupe in Silvis. Or donating items: Diapers (Preemie, NB, and 2), wipes, board books, bibs, socks, wash cloths, blankets, sleepers, sleep sacks, slacks and onesies are all needed. Thank You!

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 for Christmas. For more information contact Ardith Burton at 936-7975 or Norma Gilbraith at 936-7583. Cookbooks are also available at the Church office during regular office hours.

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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Office Hours: Thursday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

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 Oct.

Sunday: \$8147.05, Candle: \$163.24 Cemetery \$80, Holy Day: \$10
Donation: \$23.63, Circle 2 \$200, Mission Sunday: \$75 Farm/Rent \$5,710

Sacred Heart
Sunday: \$2468, Fuel: \$90., Initial Offering: \$70, Mission Sunday: \$5
Improvement: \$340

St. Patrick
Sunday: \$9276.15, Candle: \$113.90, Donations: \$100.58 Memorial: \$25
Improvement: \$1099.85, Cemetery: \$120

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