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MASS SCHEDULE
Celebrating Our Faith This Week

The Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 4
 4:00 pm @ SA + Joe Goebert
 4:00 pm @ SP + Richard Bloch
Sunday, January 5
 7:30 am @ SP + Andrew & Valerie Frese
 8:00 am @ SH + Rosemary Croegaert
 9:30 am @ SA – For Parishoners of St. Anthony & Sacred Heart
 10:00 am @ SP – For Parishoners of St. Patrick
Monday, January 6, No Mass
Tuesday, January 7 St. Raymond of Peñafort, Priest
 5:30 pm @ SA Communion Service
 5:30 pm @ SP + David Lanham
Wednesday, January 8
 8:00 am @ SH Communion Service
 5:30 pm @ SP + Adam Cernovich
Thursday, January 9
 7:30 am @ SP + Gregory Owens
SA No Mass
Friday, January 10
 7:30 am @ SP - For Spiritual Comfort For Those That Have Experienced Miscarriage
SA No Mass

Baptism Of The Lord

Saturday, January 11
 4:00 pm @ SA + Mickey VanDeRoestyne
 4:00 pm @ SP + Connie Helms
Sunday, January 12
 7:30 am @ SP - For Parishoners of St. Patrick
 8:00 am @ SH – For Parishoners of Sacred Heart & St. Anthony
 9:30 am @ SA + Robert & Billy Harris
 10:00 am @ SP – For The Health & Development of Baby LeRette

Serving at Our Lord's Altar

Saturday, January 11

4:00 pm @ St. Anthony
 Lector: Janice Wyffels
 EMHC: Jeanne Carton
 Usher: Steve Clementz, Vince Schopp

4:00 pm @ St. Patrick
 Lector: Patty Devenyns
 Usher: John Barry

Sunday, January 12

8:00 am @ Sacred Heart
 Lector: Wayne Brau
 EMHC: Wayne Brau
 Ushers: Volunteers
 Money Counters: Bill & Sue Dierix & Vern & Karen Griffiths

7:30 am @ St Patrick
 Lector: Connie Hahne
 Usher: Ken Brummel
 Altar Server: Teegan Yepsen

10:00 am @ St. Patrick
 Lector: Rick Cernovich
 Usher: Marilyn Gray
 Money Counters: Lorette/L. Wright

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, Joan Miller Norma Emmerson, Joan Glubzinski, Kelly Hennigh, Joe Hoenschied, Frances Hughes, Chris Johnson, Elaine Kelm, Cleo Lanham, Dan Woods Megan Lanham, Brett Longeville, Julie Marley, Hudson McCook, Ron & Mary Jo Nelson, Aaron Stetson, Barb Wagner, Nick Welgat, Spike Hubbs, Lorraine Happach. Sister Marilyn Roman

2025 Calendars for St. Anthony & Sacred Heart are Coming! We apologize for the delay as there was an ordering issue. We will provide these at both parishes as soon as they arrive.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sun. Jan. 5th: SP CCD Class Resumes
 Wed. Jan. 8th: SA CCD Class Resumes
 Sun. Jan. 12th: SH CCD Class Resumes

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. Tickets are available from St. Patrick's parishioners. Proceeds will go to St. Patrick Church

BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

What can you do in the fight for life? It doesn't take much to make a big difference! Help continue the Legacy of Life - Fill the Bottle 2025. Money raised through Baby Bottles will support the life-changing work of meeting the physical and spiritual needs of men and women who find themselves in an unplanned pregnancy. Pregnancy Resources provide pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, maternity and baby supplies plus parenting classes. You are reaching thousands of students through our No Regrets school program, and helping those touched by abortion to find healing. With your help, we show them that their baby's life is worth defending. When you choose to defend life, the possibilities are endless! Baby Bottles will be available in all three parishes from January 11th to January 31st and should be returned by February 2nd. Contributions will be sent to the Quad City Pregnancy Resource Center. Thank you!



Knights of Columbus Blood Drive Update

Thank you to those who volunteered and those who donated in order to make the blood drive a huge success. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. God Bless.

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: \$16,000	Pledged: \$2,220	Pledged: \$4,075
# of Donors: 48	# of Donors: 16	# of Donors: 11

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

Thank you to ALL who made our Christmas liturgies a joyous occasion. Thank you to our musicians, vocalists, Eucharistic Ministers, Sacristans, Lectors, Ushers, Altar Servers and anyone else who helped us celebrate the birth of Our Lord in a most joyful way.

Please note the following:

Father Engelbrecht will be having foot surgery on Monday, January 6. He is to be off of the foot for a week and limited in what he can do for a couple of weeks thereafter. So the usual weekday Masses Tuesday & Wednesday will be Communion Services. No Mass or Communion Service on Thursday or Friday. Father Vien Do will say the Masses Saturday Jan. 11 & Sunday Jan. 12. Fr. Do assisted when Father Engelbrecht was in the hospital a year ago. Please give Father Do a warm welcome as you did in the past and we thank him for his assistance. Please say a prayer for Father Engelbrecht and the success for the surgery and that there might be healing to the foot. You will be updated through the bulletin.

Saint Patrick Mass Announcement

From Tuesday, January 21st - Tuesday March 4th there will not be weekday Masses at St. Patrick's. Father Albert Mung'aho will be taking his yearly vacation to visit his family in Tanzania. During this time we welcome Father John Twinomujuni for our regularly scheduled weekend Masses. For those who have scheduled weekday Masses during this time the Mass will be moved to the weekend. Families will be notified to verify dates. Thank you for your understanding and for praying for safe travels for Father Mung'aho. We also wish Father a happy 50th birthday during his travels.

St. Patrick CCD students have been scheduled to be Altar Servers in January.

January 12th: 7:30 Mass- Teegan Yepsen

January 19th: 10am Mass- Andrew Ehnle
January 26th: 10am Mass- Teegan Yepsen and Andrew Ehnle.

All of those who serve are greatly appreciated.

St. Patrick Angel Tree. 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 run through January 20th. 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.

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

The 2024 financial contribution deadline for St. Anthony, Sacred Heart, St. Patrick and St. Mary of the Fields deadline in order to be included on your 2024 tax contribution statement has ended. Anything that was received past December 31st will be included in the 2025 contribution records. Financial tax contribution lists will be ready the week of January 26th. Contribution reports will be mailed by request only. Please contact the parish office by using office@stanthonyatkinson.org, parish@stpatssheffield.org or call 309-936-7900, during office hours. Thank you.

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.

EMMAUS KNIGHTS FOR YOUNG MEN GRADES 7-12 February 9, March 9, April 13 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm Join Fr. Chase for a night of faith, fraternity, and formation at the Emmaus House 2327 W Heading Ave, West Peoria Emmaus Knights is an experience for young men who desire to grow in friendship and faith with some food and some fun. Fathers, drop your sons off & stay for a time of fraternity. Sign up at: <https://www.wesharegiving.org/App/Form/096f2f39-5c68-4165-8115-8591270049fb>

Abide In Me High School Youth Retreat

This is a great moment of encounter for our high school aged parishioners to gather to learn, pray, connect, and be inspired to live a Eucharist centered life. This day-retreat will feature great speakers, vibrant praise and worship, a spotlight on sacred vocations, opportunities for the sacraments, and much more that will culminate with Eucharistic Adoration. The event will be held at Sacre-Coeur Retreat Center, 8508 County Road 100 N., Magnolia, IL, on Saturday, February 15, 2025 from 9:30 am to 8:00 pm. The cost is \$35 per person, with a max at \$75 max per family. Please contact Carla Wizeck (cwizeck@cdop.org) or 309-677-7015 with questions about this year's retreat

An Epiphany Blessing

It is customary, for the faithful to ask God's blessings on their homes at the Feast of Epiphany with blessed chalk. They write over their front door:
20 +C+M+B+25

Obviously, the numbers that appear at the beginning and end of the line designate the new year. 'CMB' stands for the traditional names of the Magi (Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar) and also signifies the Latin Prayer *Christus Mansionem Benedicat* or "May Christ bless this dwelling." As we remember the wise men seeking out the newborn King, we on this feast, ask Christ to visit us with his blessing. The inscription is made above the front door, so that all who enter and depart the home may enjoy God's blessing. So if you would like to receive a bit of blessed chalk, for this purpose, it may be collected in the vestibule of church after Mass on January 4th and 5th. Now remember it is blessed so don't chuck it into your garbage. The following is the accompanying prayer with the writing in chalk:

Let us pray:

Hear us, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Eternal God, and send your Holy Angel from Heaven to watch over, cherish, protect, be with, and defend all who live in my house. I call upon your Saints, Casper, Melchior, and Balthasar, to protect my family and my home from every harm and danger, and I place the marks of their holy names over the doors of my home to remain there as a constant reminder to us and to all who enter here that my house is truly a house of the Lord. O God, make the door of my house wide enough to receive all who need human love and companionship, narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride, and strife. Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling block to children, nor to straying feet, but rugged and strong enough to turn back the tempter's power. O God, make the door of my house the gateway to your eternal Kingdom. I ask these things in the Name of Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

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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.

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