

ST. ANTHONY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, Atkinson  
ST. PATRICK ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, Sheffield  
SHRINE OF ST. MARY OF THE FIELDS, Hooppole  
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MASS SCHEDULE

The Solemnity of Christ the King

Saturday, November 22  
4:00 pm @ SA + Bill Rambo  
Sunday, November 23  
8:00 am @ SA - For the Parishoners  
10:00 am @ SP - Don Andrews, Ray & Selma Coppejans  
Monday, November 24 No Mass  
Tuesday, November 25 St. Catherine of Alexandria, V & Martyr  
5:30 pm @ SA + Sandra Roman  
Wednesday, November 26  
5:30 pm @ SP + Deceased Members of Gales Family  
Thursday, November 27  
8:00 am @ SA + Richard McKibbon  
Friday, November 28 No Mass

First Sunday of Advent

Saturday, November 29  
4:00 pm @ SA + Kip Sleaford  
Sunday, November 30  
8:00 am @ SA - For the Parishoners  
10:00 am @ SP - Families of St. Patrick Parish

Serving at Our Lord’s Altar St. Anthony

4:00 pm @ St. Anthony – November 29  
Lector: Jeanne Carton  
Ushers: Ed Coble & Kevin Stafford  
8:00 am @ St. Anthony – November 30  
Lector: Eric Ufheil  
Ushers: Rod Jackson & Gary Olson

Serving at Our Lord’s Altar - St. Patrick

10:00 am @ St. Patrick - November 30  
Lector: Connie Hahne  
Ushers: Ken Brummel & Marilyn Gray  
Money Counters:: David & Connie Hahne & Mary Lanham

Please remember these parishioners who ask for your prayers.

Christine Sand Dunahee, Barry Miller, Mary Frank, Tom Morse, Abby Hahne Brokaw, Mike Curran, Jay DeBruyn, Barb Wagner, Joan Miller, Joan Glubzinski, Kelly Hennigh, Joe Hoenschied, Chris Johnson, Elaine Kelm, Cleo Lanham, Dan Woods, Megan Lanham, Julie Marley, Hudson McCook, Aaron Stetson, Barb Wagner, Marietta Andrews, Nick Welgat, Spike Hubbs, Lorraine Happach. Shelley Church, Cindy Roseman, Alan Dietz, Gaye Abrhams, John & Wink Barry

Christmas Prayer

Beginning on St. Andrew the Apostle’s feast day, November 30, the following beautiful prayer is traditionally recited fifteen times a day until Christmas. This special prayer is powerful to obtain favors if one’s requests are in accordance with God’s will. It is believed that whoever recites the following prayer with a pious heart the traditional 15 times a day from November 30 to December 25, will obtain whatever is asked. This Christmas prayer carries an Imprimatur from Archbishop Michael Augustine of New York on 6 February 1897. This is a very meditative prayer that helps us increase our awareness of the real focus of Christmas and helps us prepare ourselves spiritually for His coming.

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires, through the merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen.

Sharing in the Work of Christ Through Sacrificial Giving  
(Weekly Sunday Contribution collected at Mass Nov. 17th)

St. Anthony Sunday Collection: \$2,187.98; Human Development: \$130;  
Ash Wed: \$50  
St. Patrick Sunday Collection: \$922; Improvement: \$30

Online Contribution totals for the previous month will be reported starting in January and will be posted on the 2nd Sunday of the month.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sun. Nov 23rd: CCD SP 8:30 –9:45 am SP Hall  
Sun. Nov 23rd: CCD SA 9:00 - 10:00 am SA Hall

Please note the office will be closed on Thanksgiving day.  
Bulletin deadline is Monday, November 24th at 5 pm.  
The office will reopen Thursday, December 4, 2025



Combined Church Family  
Thanksgiving Potluck

Sunday, November 23, 2025  
5:00 pm at St. Anthony Hall

Parishioners of St. Anthony & St. Patrick Parishes are invited to join with each other for food & fellowship! Turkey will be provided. Each family is asked to bring a dish and a toy or winter clothing item to benefit local charities in Bureau and Henry Counties. Please come even if you did not sign up!



Angel Tree

This year our church family at St. Patrick & St. Anthony will combine to provide coats for families in need through the Angel Tree Project. This program will start November 15th and run through December 15th. Simply choose an angel off of the tree to provide a coat (hats/gloves) for a child in need. Please attach the angel to the coat when returned. You will NOT need to wrap the coat. All items should be returned by December 15th to be handed out. Your generosity lifts others and strengthens our own Christian purpose. Thank you! St. Patrick Angel Tree will be located inside the entrance doors of SP church; St. Anthony Angel Tree will be located in the SA parish hall entrance (some angels will be made available at the main entrance of the church).



St. Anthony Religious Education Food Drive

Please help support our community by donating to the Annawan Food Pantry!

Our collection will take place between now and Sunday December 14th . Donations can be dropped off during office hours or during CCD from 9 am - 10 am on Dec. 7th & Dec. 14th (No CCD on Nov. 30th). There is a donation box by the angel tree in the entryway. Thank you for helping with the Religious Education Food Drive!

Items Needed Include: Canned Goods, Paper Goods, Plates & Napkins, Pasta. Every item makes a difference - Thank you for your kindness this season!

2025 ADA

Thank you to those who have already made a pledge to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Your support, in prayer and through your sacrificial gift to the ADA, makes it possible to provide services throughout the Diocese which support our parishes. If you have not made your pledge by mail please take a pledge card located at the entrances of both parishes. The goals for each parish are as follows: St. Anthony’s: \$46,563 St. Patrick’s: \$20,875 Please make all checks out to Diocese of Peoria and send donations directly to the Diocese. Thank you.

St. Anthony Goal: \$46,563	St. Patrick Goal: \$20,875
Pledged: \$22,410	Pledged: \$1,837
Balance: \$24,153	Balance: \$19,038

Please note there is no Mass, the day after Thanksgiving, on Friday, November 28, 2025.  
2026 Catholic Calendars

Thank you to Vandemore Funeral Home for providing the beautiful Catholic Calendars for 2026. Calendars may be picked up at the entrances of both churches.

Thank you to those who volunteered to help clean up & maintain St. Patrick Cemetery last week. Many hands made for lighter work. We appreciate your time and dedication in helping with the upkeep of the cemetery.

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 or mailed it to the parish office at PO Box 210, Atkinson IL 61235. Make the check out to the parish in which you are a member. Each parish will have a separate list 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 18th.

Abilities Plus Holiday Open House is on Sunday, December 7, 2025 from 1 pm - 3 pm at Abilities Plus - 1100 N. East St. Kewanee, IL. Items available for purchase: raffle items & baskets, baked goods, sensory jars, epoxy coasters, snowflake ornaments, the daily fix nutrition tea, collectibles, holiday gifts, décor. Pictures with Santa, Mrs. Claus and Santa’s elf (suggested donation for pictures: \$3). Refreshments will be served! Questions contact 309-852-4626.

Abilities Plus is looking for donated baked goods for their annual open house! Bring your baked goods to Abilities Plus from 8 am - 3:30 pm on December 5th (front door) or from Noon - 1 pm December 7th (C door).

Geneseo/Atkinson Food Pantry needs for

December: The pantry is in need of Spaghetti sauce, sweet potatoes, stuffing, flour, sugar, vanilla, chocolate chips, juices, water. Non-food items: toilet paper, paper towels, men’s body wash, toothpaste, toothbrush, cleaning supplies, baby wipes, diapers, shampoo, conditioner and deodorant.

Sheffield (Western Bureau County) Food Pantry \* please note there is a basket in the entrance of SP for food donations. The pantry is in need of pancake mix and syrup. Items always needed: Mac & Cheese, Noodles, Peanut Butter, Soup, Tuna Fish, Cereal, Instant Potatoes, Rice, Canned Fruit, Jell-O, Canned Vegetables, Sugar, Spaghetti Sauce, Coffee, Hamburger Helper, Crackers. We also accept paper products (toilet paper, paper towels) and personal care products (toothpaste, shampoo, bar soap, deodorant, etc).

Lagron Miller Company is hosting Emanuele Fontanini of the world-renowned House of Fontanini - makers of Italian nativities for more than 110 years on Nov. 28, 2025 from 1 pm - 3 pm. Lagron Miller is located at 4517 N. Sterling Ave, Peoria IL. 309 -681-9171

Advent talk series “Heart of the Holy Family” at Divine Mercy Parish in Silvis. Monday—December 1: HEART OF ST. JOSEPH. No talk on Monday, December 8th due to Holy Day. Monday, December 15th: Heart of The Blessed Virgin Mary. Monday, December 22 Heart of Jesus. Doors open each night at 6:00 pm. Talk with Father Peter Zorjan is at 6:30 pm. 7 pm - 8 pm is Holy Hour/ Rosary/Benediction. 7pm - last person, Confession.

HEALING MASS Thursday December 4th at Sacred Heart Rock Island. Adoration & Confessions will begin at 6:00-7:00 pm. Mass and Anointing of the sick: 7:00- 8:00 pm. For those seeking healing or relief of any kind—physical, spiritual, or mental are encouraged to attend. Your special prayer requests will be honored during Mass. Write them on the slips of paper you will find on the Communion Rail in front of the Blessed Mother. Please bring any pictures or sacramentals for a blessing and

place them on the Communion rail in front of St. Joseph. We hope to see you there.

Explore our Five Foundations with Bishop Lou Tylka. The Diocese of Peoria is delighted to share with you a new series available through the Hallow app: The Five Foundations, led by Bishop Lou Tylka. Join Bishop Tylka as he explores the Diocese of Peoria’s Five Foundations. The Diocese of Peoria has articulated Five Foundations based upon conversations with the priests and lay faithful as to what we believe our priorities are for the Church in Central Illinois to grow for the future. The Five Foundations are evangelization, discipleship, vocations, the Eucharist and archbishop Fulton Sheen. Hallow has generously made this content freely available, and anyone can subscribe at no cost. Just download the Hallow App!

Blessing of the Advent Wreath: Use this simple ritual to help prepare your heart for Christmas. As you light the candle of your Advent wreath, reflect on the many gifts Jesus brings to our lives— including hope, faith, joy and peace—and on our Gospel call to share them with others to build a more just and peaceful world. Together, let’s prepare our hearts for a Christmas filled with love and purpose! On or before November 30, create an Advent wreath and use this blessing prayer:

God of goodness, Bless our Advent wreath. May its circle remind us of your infinite love, and to live as one human family. May its evergreen branches awaken our hope to share with people who need it most. May its candles illuminate peace in our hearts to touch the world with compassion. May we receive the joy of your word and bring it to life in all corners of the earth. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Purchase a St. Anthony’s Cookbook

Recipes and Recollections is a 444 page cookbook with nearly 1000 recipes! It is a perfect gift for Christmas, weddings, birthdays or any special occasion! For more information contact Ardith Burton at 936-7975 or Norma Gilbraith at 936-7583.

Kingdom of the Son: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Solemnity of Christ the King Readings: 2 Samuel 5:1–3; Psalm 122:1–5; Colossians 1:12–20; Luke 23:35–43

Week by week, the Liturgy has been preparing us for the revelation to be made on this, the last Sunday of the Church year. Jesus, we have been shown, is truly the Chosen One, the Messiah of God, the King of the Jews. Ironically, in today’s Gospel we hear these names on the lips of those who don’t believe in Him—Israel’s rulers, the soldiers, a criminal dying alongside Him. They can only see the scandal of a bloodied figure nailed to a cross. They scorn Him in words and gestures foretold in Israel’s Scriptures (see Psalm 22:7–9; 69:21–22; Wisdom 2:18–20). If He is truly King, God will rescue Him, they taunt. But He did not come to save Himself, but to save them—and us. The good thief shows us how we are to accept the salvation He offers us. He confesses his sins and acknowledges he deserves to die for them. And he calls on the name of Jesus, seeking His mercy and forgiveness. By his faith he is saved. Jesus “remembers” him—as God has always remembered His people, visiting them with His saving deeds, numbering them among His chosen heirs (see Psalm 106:4–5). By the blood of His cross, Jesus reveals His Kingship—not in saving His own life, but in offering it as a ransom for ours. He transfers us to “the kingdom of His beloved Son,” as today’s Epistle tells us. His kingdom is the Church, the new Jerusalem and House of David that we sing of in today’s Psalm. By their covenant with David in today’s First Reading, Israel’s tribes are made one “bone and flesh” with their king. By the New Covenant made in His blood, Christ becomes one flesh with the people of His kingdom—the head of His body, the Church (see Ephesians 5:23–32). We celebrate and renew this covenant in every Eucharist, giving thanks for our redemption, hoping for the day when we too will be with Him in Paradise.

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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  
Sunday: 9:30 to 9:50 am at St. Patrick  
or by appointment with priest.  
  
Adoration  
St. Patrick’s, Sheffield  
First Friday of every Month 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Area Parishes  
St. Malachy (Geneseo)  
Saturday 5:00pm, Sunday 8:15 and 10:30 am  
St. John Paul II (Kewanee)  
Saturday 4:30pm, Sunday: 8:30  
11:15am Spanish  
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@stanthonysatkinson.org or  
mailing to PO x 210, Atkinson, IL 61235