

ST. ANTHONY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, Atkinson
ST. PATRICK ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, Sheffield
SHRINE OF ST. MARY OF THE FIELDS, Hooppole
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St. Anthony Location: 204 W Main Street, Atkinson IL
St. Patrick Location: 233 W Atkinson Street, Sheffield IL

MASS SCHEDULE

Epiphany Of The Lord

Saturday, January 3

4:00 pm @ SA + Arthur & Regina Vandersnick

Sunday, January 4

8:00 am @ SA + Julio & Pauline Lorenzana

10:00 am @ SP - For the Parishioners

Monday, January 5 No Mass

Tuesday, January 6 No Mass

Wednesday, January 7 No Mass

Thursday, January 8 No Mass

Friday, January 9 No Mass

The Baptism Of The Lord

Saturday, January 10

4:00 pm @ SA + Vera Minnaert

Sunday, January 11

8:00 am @ SA - For the Parishioners

10:00 am @ SP + Linda Van Vooren

Serving at Our Lord's Altar St. Anthony

4:00 pm @ St. Anthony – January 10

Lector: Jeanne Carton

Ushers: Ben Raschke, Volunteer

EMHC: Cindy Raschke

8:00 am @ St. Anthony – January 11

Lector: Gary Olson

Ushers: Keith Causemaker, Jon Hamer

Serving at Our Lord's Altar - St. Patrick

10 am @ St. Patrick - January 11

Lector: Connie Hahne

Ushers: Ken Brummel, Rick Cernovich

Money Counters: LeRette/Klosterman

Please remember these parishioners who ask for your prayers.

Christine Sand Dunahee, Barry Miller, Mary Frank, John & Wink Barry. 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, Marietta Andrews, Nick Welgat, Spike Hubbs, Lorraine Happach, Alan Dietz, Gaye Abrhams, Steve Foerder, Mary Jo Nelson, Jan Doty, Carl Pacunas

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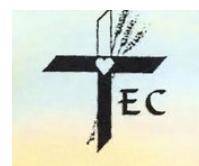
Thank you to those who have already made a pledge to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Your support, in prayer and through your sacrificial gift to the ADA, makes it possible to provide services throughout the Diocese which support our parishes. If you have not made your pledge by mail please take a pledge 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: \$23,910 Pledged: \$18,437
 Balance: \$22,410 Balance: \$2,438

Upcoming Cursillo Weekends
 Men's: February 26– March 1, 2026
 Women's: March 19-22, 2026
 Men's: October 15-18, 2026
 Women's: November 12-15, 2026
 For more information visit::
<https://nwcurcillo.com>



Upcoming TEC Weekends
 February 14-16, 2026 (Girls)
 April 18-20, 2026 (Boys)
 June 20-22, 2026 (Girls)
 August 8-10, 2026 (Boys)
 October 3-5, 2026 (Girls)
 December 5-7, 2026 (Boys)
 For information visit www.northwest-tec.com



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

January 4: CCD @ SA 9 am - 10 am (No CCD SP)

January 13: Parish Transition Team 6:30 pm SA Hall

St. Anthony Altar & Rosary Society St. Anthony Event

Please help us sell tickets and plan to attend St. Anthony's BINGO FUN DAY on Sunday, January 25th from 1-3pm. Cash prizes and homemade desserts!

Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for more information

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 2026. 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 both parishes from January 10th to February 4th and should be returned by February 11th. Checks should be made out to Pregnancy Resource Center. Contributions will be sent to the Quad City Pregnancy Resource Center. Thank you!

Thank you to those who volunteered and signed up to donate for the blood drive at St. Patrick hall.

Your help and donations helped make the drive a success.

Save the Date

St. Anthony's Spring Raffle is fast approaching. Please mark your calendars for Trivia Night, Saturday, March 28, 2025, with early bird drawing. Ticket information will be available soon.



Diocesan 150th Anniversary Book

In honor of the 150th Anniversary the Diocese of Peoria has created beautiful pictorial books that contains Diocesan history and a 2-page spread for each church with photos and brief history and much more! The books will be \$40 each. This book is only being printed once & the office has placed an order. If you would like to purchase a Diocesan 150th Anniversary book, please call the office. If you have already ordered through the sign up sheet the office will notify you when your book is available for pick up.

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Sharing in the Work of Christ Through Sacrificial Giving
 (Weekly Sunday Contribution collected at Mass Dec. 28th)

St. Anthony Sunday Collection: \$5,414 Christmas: \$2,455

St. Patrick Sunday Collection: \$1,705; Improvement: \$20 Christmas: \$3,432

Sunday Memo FROM OUR PASTOR

Please note there will not be weekday Mass the week of January 5th - 9th as Father is taking time off that week. Regular weekday Mass schedule will resume Tuesday, January 13th.

Please note that **incense** will be used on Sundays at 8:00 am & 10 am Mass during the 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 2025 financial contribution deadline for St. Anthony, Sacred Heart, St. Patrick and St. Mary of the Fields deadline in order to be included on your 2025 tax contribution statement has ended. Anything that was received past December 31st will be included in the 2026 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@stanthonyssatkinson.org, parish@stpatssheffield.org or call 309-936-7900, during office hours. Thank you.

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).

Joy to the World Nativity Display Over 500 Nativities will be on display at St. Malachy, Geneseo in the parish hall. December 26, 2025 - January 1, 2026 from 2:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Free will donations will be accepted Handicap Accessible Sponsored by: St. Malachy Altar & Rosary Society

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat weekend offers a beautiful opportunity for healing to any woman or man who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of an abortion. The retreat is a chance to get away from the daily pressures of work and family, to focus on a painful time in life, and to begin healing through a supportive and nonjudgmental process. To register for either February 27-March 1, 2026 or October 30-November 1, 2026 retreat, register online at www.cdop.org/rachelsvineyard or by contacting Colleen Harmon at 309-264-1489, rvrpeoria@gmail.com. The cost is \$175.00 which includes: lodging for 2 nights, three meals on Saturday, 2 meals on Sunday, and materials. Financial assistance is available. The Rachel's Vineyard strictly respects confidentiality and privacy. If you or someone you know is hurting, please call today

The Magi Gala: A benefit for The Magi Baby Chest. This formal event will take place on Sat. February 14, 2026 at The Barn at Hornbaker Garden, Princeton IL. Tickets and Donations are available at www.magibabychest.com 5pm: Hors D'oeuvres & cash bar; 5pm - 9 pm: Silent Auction; 6 pm: Dinner. 7:30 - 10 pm: Felix & Fingers Dueling Pianos and Dancing. \$80 per ticket. All are welcome!

Young Adult Epiphany Party: Attn. All

young adults (18-35)! St. Pius X (2502 29th Ave, Rock Island) cordially invites you to join us as we come together to celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany! Friday, Jan. 9, 2026 from 7-9:30 pm. We will begin the evening as the Magi did by adoring Jesus with Adoration from 7-7:45 pm in the church. After Adoration we will gather in the hall for an evening of fellowship, food, dancing and fun! We will be doing a gift exchange! If you would like to join in, please bring a thrifted or white elephant gift. \$10 limit, please. Feel free to come for as much or as little of the evening as you are able - we look forward to seeing you there!

Pre-K 2nd semester registration at Visitation Catholic School in Kewanee is now open! Give your child a strong start: mind, heart and soul. Our preschool program offers a nurturing, faith-filled environment where young learners grow academically, socially and spiritually. Through hands on learning, prayer and play we help children build confidence, curiosity and love for God & learning. Please contact 309-856-7451 or go to visitationcatholic.com for more information.

Beginning Saturday, January 3, 2026, Msgr Bliss will begin the **Five First Saturday Mass & Devotions**. This practice is part of the message of our Lady of Fatima. The Masses will be rotated between the 3 church sites starting with Cambridge for the first 5 months, followed by Woodhull for the next 5 months and then on to Galva for the next 5 months. The rotation will then begin over again in 5 month stretches. Masses will be at 8:30 AM. Cambridge- Jan 3, Feb 7, Mar 7, Apr 4, May 2 Woodhull- Jun 6, Jul 4, Aug 1, Sep 5, Oct 3 Galva- Nov 7, Dec 5, Jan 2, Feb 6, 2027, Mar 6, 2027

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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+26

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
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@stanthonyssatkinson.org or mailing to PO x 210, Atkinson, IL 61235