

ST. ANTHONY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, Atkinson
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MASS SCHEDULE

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, February 14
4:00 pm @ SA + Eldon Croegaert
Sunday, February 15
8:00 am @ SA + Chuck & Logan DeMay
10:00 am @ SP – For the Parishoners
Monday, February 16
No Mass
Tuesday, February 17
No Mass
Wednesday, February 18 Ash Wednesday
5:00 pm @ SP + Driscoll Drew
6:30 pm @ SA + Pat King
Thursday, February 19
8:00 am @ SA + Joseph Goebert
Friday, February 20
8:00 am @ SA + Marilyn VandeVoorde & Eileen Lopez

First Sunday of Lent

Saturday, February 21
4:00 pm @ SA + Nancy Dynes
Sunday, February 22
8:00 am @ SA – For the Parishoners
10:00 am @ SP + Frances Hughes

Serving at Our Lords Altar on Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 18, 2026 Ash Wednesday
5:00 pm @ St Patrick
Lector: Mary Ann Cernovich
Ushers: Dave Hahne & Marilyn Gray

6:30 pm @ St. Anthony
Lector: Jeanne Carton
EMHC: Jeanne Carton
Ushers: Lynn Cathelyn & Kevin Stafford

Serving at Our Lords Altar– St. Anthony

4:00 pm @ St. Anthony – February 21
Lector: Jeanne Carton
Ushers: Ed Coble & Richard DeSmith
8:00 am @ St. Anthony – February 22
Lector: Terence Patton
Ushers: Wayne Brau & Gary Olson

Serving at Our Lord’s Altar - St. Patrick

10 am @ St. Patrick - February 22
Lector: Patty Devenyns
Ushers: Dave Hahne & Marilyn Gray
Altar Servers: Marcus B. & Caroline K.
Money Counters: Cernovich/ R. Brummel

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

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://nwcursillo.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)



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

February 15: CCD @ SP 8:30 am - 9:45 am
CCD @ SA 9 am - 10 am

SAVE THE DATE St. Patrick Family Bingo Night
Saturday March 14th at St. Patrick Hall
Times and more information will be available soon.

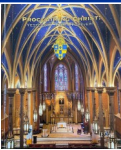
St. Anthony’s Spring Raffle is fast approaching. Please mark your calendars for Trivia Night, Saturday, March 28, 2025, with early bird drawing. Tickets and information were mailed February 6th!

St. Anthony Church Cleaning: Tuesday, Feb. 17th at 9 am. Please come help clean as we prepare for Lent. Many hands make light work. Please bring buckets/rags if you have them. Thank you!

St. Anthony Altar & Rosary Meeting
We will not be meeting in February. The Spring meeting has been moved to April 14th at 6:30 pm. All are welcome!

St. Patrick Pie Stand: June 26th-27th at the Sheffield Festival.

St Patrick Catholic Church will be having a Pie Stand both Friday and Saturday. We will be selling pieces of pie or whole pies. (No Cream Pies). Each Family will be asked to donate a pie or cash donation and possibly work an hour or two. More details to come as we get closer to the date.



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.

2025 ADA UPDATED 2/13

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 goal for St. Anthony’s is: \$46,563 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: \$27,432.05 Pledged: \$22,417
Balance: \$19,130.95 Balance: \$1,162+

Sharing in the Work of Christ Through Sacrificial Giving
(Weekly Sunday Contribution collected at Mass Feb 1st & Feb 8th)

St. Anthony Sunday Collection: \$4,243
St. Patrick Sunday Collection:\$2,471 Improv. \$240

January Online Contributions: SA: \$1,111
SP: \$1,948.61; Improvement \$224.85

Rice Bowls will be available at the entrances of the churches during Lent. Parishoners can also put a donation in an envelope marked Rice Bowl. All donations go towards helping to provide life-saving assistance in nearly 100 countries. CRS works in our world to end global poverty. Envelopes and rice bowls can be placed in the collection basket or mailed to the the church office.
Thank You!



It is on February 18, that Lent begins with Ash Wednesday. Masses with the distribution of ashes will be at 5 pm at St. Patrick and 6:30 pm at St. Anthony's. This is a reminder that Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence. Please see below the requirements for **fasting** and **abstinence**. One of the many treasures of the Church down through the centuries is the marking of time. From a Catholic perspective you do not really know how to feast when Easter comes until you have fasted during Lent. So let us enter into the holy season of Lent with an open heart to what our Lord wants to teach us. The 40 days of Lent remind us of the 40 days that Jesus fasted in the wilderness. We participate in Lent through our prayers, fasting (giving up food, sweets, television etc.) and alms giving (doing good for another). So as we approach Lent, let us consider how the Lord is calling us to keep the season holy so as to have the best ever Easter. Please consider some of the following opportunities to make this a good Lenten season.

Confessions Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm and Tuesday 5:00pm at St. Anthony's: Sunday 9:30 am; and 5:00 pm on Fridays during Lent at St. Patrick

Attend Mass during the week
Stations of the cross:
Fridays at 5:30 pm St. Anthony & St. Patrick

Rice Bowls to help the poor world wide by Catholic Relief Services. Available at the vestibules of both churches

Regulations for Lent and the Easter Triduum
1) Lent is the principal season of penance in the Christian year. Priests, religious and laity are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial, attentiveness to prayer, and especially to works of charity and mercy.
2) Everyone of 14 years of age or over is bound to **abstain from meat** on Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026 and all the Fridays of Lent. (That includes Good Friday) Once you reach age 14 you are obligated to

abstain from meat the rest of your life! - on Ash Wednesdays and Fridays of Lent!

- 3) Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is bound to **fast** on Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026 and Good Friday, April 3, 2026.
4) On these two days of fast and abstinence, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but liquids including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
5) To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is a serious matter.

Geneseo/Atkinson Food Pantry needs for February: The pantry is in need of Spaghetti sauce, stuffing, baking ingredients including flour, sugar, vanilla, chocolate chips, juices and water. Non-food needs are toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex, men's body wash, toothpaste, toothbrush, cleaning supplies, baby wipes, diapers, shampoo, conditioner and deodorant.

Sheffield (Western Bureau County) Food Pantry needs: 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).

Mark your 2027 calendars for our diocesan spiritual revival as part the 150th celebrations. **Rescue Live** with Fr. John Riccardo and ACTS XXIX will take place at the Peoria Civic Center on **Saturday, March 6, 2027**. Rescue Live gives Catholics the opportunity to be overwhelmed by the power of the gospel, surrender their lives to Jesus, and become mobilized for mission. The day consists of a series of 5 talks by Fr. Riccardo, small group discussion, fellowship, music by The Vigil Project, and a Eucharistic

procession.
The St. Malachy Knights of Columbus are having a Pancake Breakfast Sunday, February 22 after the 8:00 and 10:30 Masses at St. Malachy Hall, Geneseo. Pancakes, sausage & eggs will be served. Proceeds will benefit the Geneseo/Atkinson Food Pantry

Seniors, Age 50 + years and older are invited to a Lenten Retreat with Fr. Donald Roszkowski on Saturday, March 21, 2026 from 10 am - 2:30 pm at Sacre-Coeur Retreat Center, 8508 county rd 100 north, Magnolia,IL. Sponsored by Catholic Charities. As we enter the sacred season of Lent, we invite our senior community to mark your calendars for a special time of prayer, reflection and spiritual renewal. Journey of the Heart will be a gently and meaningful retreat focused on deepening faith, finding peace and renewing the spirit. Cost is \$30 per person. Contact Sister M. Clare Key, DSF 309-218-3714.

Living the Eucharistic Life with Father Chase Hilgenbrinck is on Wed. March 4th from 5:30-7:30 PM at St. John the Beloved 212 NE 1st Street in Galva. Come join us for Mass and program followed by dinner. Dinner is \$10 per person. Space is limited for dinner. Please RSVP by March 1st to stjohngalva2@gmail.com. The parish that prays better, believes better and lives better!

Youth Group at St. Malachys. All are welcome. Join us for a night full of faith, food, and friends! We gather in the youth room for a faith talk that connects to real life, small group conversations, dinner together, and plenty of fun games and activities. Once a month we come together for ADORE- praise & worship with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. No sign-up needed, just come when you can . (and bring a friend)! Middle School:Wednesdays, 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm. Stay in the loop: TextROCKVIPto 84576 for MS text updates High School:Wednesdays, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm plus optional hangout until 9:00 pm. Stay in the loop: TextOASISVIPto 84576 for HS updates

Scott Hahn Reflects Sixth Sunday : Readings: Leviticus 13:1–2, 44–46 Psalm 32:1–2, 5, 11 1 Corinthians 10:31–11:1 Mark 1:40–45

In the Old Testament, leprosy is depicted as punishment for disobedience of God's commands (see Numbers 12:12–15; 2 Kings 5:27; 15:5). Considered "unclean"—unfit to worship or live with the Israelites, lepers are considered "stillborn," the living dead (see Numbers 12:12). Indeed, the requirements imposed on lepers in today's First Reading—rent garments, shaven head, covered beard—are signs of death, penance, and mourning (see Leviticus 10:6; Ezekiel 24:17). So there's more to the story in today's Gospel than a miraculous healing. When Elisha, invoking God's name, healed the leper, Naaman, it proved there was a prophet in Israel (see 2 Kings 5:8). Today's healing reveals Jesus as far more than a great prophet—He is God visiting His people (see Luke 7:16).nly God can cure leprosy and cleanse from sin (see 2 Kings 5:7), and only God has the power to bring about what He wills (see Isaiah 55:11; Wisdom 12:18). The Gospel scene has an almost sacramental quality about it. Jesus stretches out His hand—as God, by His outstretched arm, performed mighty deeds to save the Israelites (see Exodus 14:6; Acts 4:30). His ritual sign is accompanied by a divine word ("Be made clean"). And, like God's word in creation ("Let there be"), Jesus' word "does" what He commands (see Psalm 33:9). The same thing happens when we show ourselves to the priest in the sacrament of penance. On our knees like the leper, we confess our sins to the Lord, as we sing in today's Psalm. And through the outstretched arm and divine word spoken by His priest, the Lord takes away the guilt of our sin. Like the leper we should rejoice in the Lord and spread he god news of His mercy. We should testify to our healing by living changed lives. As Paul says in today's Epistle, we should do even the littlest things for the glory of God.

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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 8:00 and 10:30 am
St. John Paul II (Kewanee)
Saturday 4:30pm, Sunday: 8:30 am
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