

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

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 14
 4:00 pm @ SA + Sandra Roman
Sunday, March 15
 8:00 am @ SA + Reuben & Pat DeSmith
 10:00 am @ SP – For the Parishoners
Monday, March 16
 No Mass
Tuesday, March 17 St. Patrick, Bishop
 5:30 PM @ SP + David Lanham
Wednesday, March 18 St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bp,Dr.
 5:30 pm @ SA + Duane & Katheryn VanVooren
Thursday, March 19 St. Joseph, Spouse of the B.V.M.
 8:00 am @ SA + Janet Vyneman
Friday, March 20
 8:00 am @ SA + Arlene Manganello

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 21
 4:00 pm @ SA + Mary Simon
Sunday, March 22
 8:00 am @ SA – For the Parishoners
 10:00 am @ SP + Roy Peterson

Serving at Our Lords Altar– St. Anthony

4:00 pm @ St. Anthony – March 21
 Lector: Rod Jackson
 Ushers: Richard DeSmith & Ken DeSmith
8:00 am @ St. Anthony – March 22
 Lector: Eric Ufheil
 Ushers: Terence Patton & Kevin Stafford

Serving at Our Lord’s Altar - St. Patrick

10 am @ St. Patrick - March 22
 Lector: Patty Devenyns
 Ushers: Ken Brummel and Rick Cernovich
 Altar Servers: Marcus B, Caroline K
 Money Counters: Al /Pat Corwin & Dave/Karen Taylor

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, Lisa Aber, William J Hebel Sr.

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: \$29,657.05 Pledged: \$22,417
 Balance: \$16,905.95 Balance: \$1,162+

Upcoming Cursillo Weekends
 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
 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
 March 15: CCD @ SP 8:30 am - 9:45 am
 CCD @ SA 9 am - 10 am

St. Patrick Ladies’ Circle is having a Bingo Fundraiser Sat. April 11 from 6pm - 8pm at St. Patrick Hall Adults \$20 - 5 Bingo cards; Kids (18 & Under) \$5 - 2 Bingo cards or a \$25 donation may be turned into the collection basket marked St. Patrick Circle. For more information please see the bulletin board in the back of the church or contact Connie Hahne or Nancy Anderson. Hot dogs, BBQ, Dessert available (donation). Hope to see you there!

SAINT ANTHONY TRIVIA NIGHT
 Saturday, March 28, 2026
 Doors Open at 6:00 pm
 Trivia starts at 7:00 pm
 \$100 per table (10 person max)
 (\$50 non refundable deposit to reserve table)
 \$10.00 per person for individual
 Make your reservations today by calling the parish office at 309-936-7900
Reservations requested by March 21.
CASH BAR 50/50 Drawing
 (Please No Carry - In Beverages)

St. Anthony’s Annual Spring Raffle 2026
 Only 500 Tickets Will Be Sold
The odds of winning are an incredible 1 in 23
Main Event Drawing - Sunday, May 3, 2026
In the Parish Hall at Noon
Grand Prize \$10,000
Seller of Grand Prize Ticket Wins \$1,000
2nd Prize \$2,000
3rd - 5th Prizes \$1,000 Each
6th - 9th Prizes \$500 Each
10th - 16th Prizes \$250
Ticket Price \$100.00
\$1,500 Early Bird Drawing will be on March 28, 2026
 Tickets are also available at the Parish Office or at the doors of the church. Tickets and money can be put in an envelope marked RAFFLE and put in the collection basket or mailed to the parish office. We ask that tickets be turned in by the end of April. Visit the [heartandthelily.org](http://theheartandthelily.org) for official rules sheet and additional Information. Early Bird Winner is eligible for Main Event drawing. Main drawing and Early Bird drawing will be held at St. Anthony Parish Center. Anyone who sells 5 tickets will have one entry in a drawing for a \$200 prize. Anyone who sells 10 tickets will be entered into a special drawing for a \$300 prize. There will be a “super-pool” drawing for those selling 20 or more tickets. For every 10 tickets sold over 10, the seller’s name will also be entered into a drawing for an additional \$300. Non-parishioners are allowed to sell tickets and would also qualify for this special drawing. Must be 21 years old to purchase tickets. Need not be present to win.



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 church office.

Sharing in the Work of Christ Through Sacrificial Giving (Weekly Sunday Contribution collected at Mass March 8)
 St. Anthony Sunday Collection: \$ 1,941
 St. Patrick Sunday Collection: \$480.00
 St. Patrick Improvement: \$100.00
 February Monthly Giving: St. Anthony: \$903.30
 St. Patrick: \$1,741.13
 St. Patrick Improvement: \$224.25

Lenten Schedule & Regulations:

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

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** 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 Fridays of Lent!**

3) Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is bound to **fast** on Good Friday, April 3, 2026.

4) On days of fast and abstinence, 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).

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.

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

This week on

Formed: Join Ms.

Kim as she discusses devotion to Mary and the significance of Mary's "yes." All the while, you will learn new drawing techniques as you draw the Annunciation. Watch on Formed for free using St. Patrick Church subscription.



St. Ambrose/St. Catherine Fish Fry! March 13th, March 20th, March 27th from 4:00 pm—7:00 PM at St. Ambrose Parish Hall, 435 Main

Street Erie, IL. All you can eat. Cost: Donation. Excellent fresh fish (wild caught Alaskan pollock) with Polish seasoning, coleslaw, baked potato, roll, desert, coffee, lemonade.

St. Malachy (Geneseo) Living Stations of the Cross 2026 As part of our Lenten Traditions, please join us in a very moving and reverent presentation of "The Passion of Christ" Presented by: Our youth and the Holy Spirit Led by: Elizabeth Hulsbrink Sunday, March 29 at 8:00 pm St. Malachy Church *Lights go out promptly at 8:00 pm* **It will be dark if you enter after the program begins** Questions? Contact Elizabeth Hulsbrink mkbeautybyelizabeth@gmail.com

St. Anthony Church has several metal folding chairs that we are in need of getting rid of. If you are interested please let the office or Gerry Franks know. Chairs are first come first serve and free.

Henry County Right to Life Springtime Luncheon for Life: Sat. April 11, 2026. 11:30 am - 1:30 pm (doors open at 11 am). Featuring Molly Malone Rumley, IL right to life lobbyist family advocate. Tickets \$15 donation. Reservations required by April 4th. For tickets contact henrycountyr21@gmail.com. Proceeds of fundraiser go to HCRTL projects.

St. Malachy Church Women at the Well presents Immigration & Catholic Social Teachings April 16, 2026 Reservations requested by April 12, 2026, Informational flyers are posted at both churches.

St. Malachy, Geneseo is having a Children's Stations of the Cross Friday, March 27, at 6:00 pm All are invited to attend this special service – especially those with young children. Feel free to arrive early or stay after for the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry/Grilled Cheese!

Scott Hahn Reflects on the Fourth Sunday of Lent: Readings: 1 Samuel 16 ;1, 6-7,10-13, Psalm 23; 1-6, Ephesians 5; 8-14, John 9; 1-41

God's ways of seeing are not our ways, we hear in today's First Reading. Jesus illustrates this in the Gospel as the blind man comes to see and the Pharisees are made blind. The blind man stands for all humanity. "Born totally in sin," he is made a new creation by the saving power of Christ. As God fashioned the first man from the clay of the earth (see [Genesis 2:7](#)), Jesus gives the blind man new life by anointing his eyes with clay (see [John 9:11](#)). As God breathed the spirit of life into the first man, the blind man is not healed until he washes in the waters of Siloam, a name that means "Sent." Jesus is the One "sent" by the Father to do the Father's will (see [John 9:4](#); [12:44](#)). He is the new source of life-giving water: the Holy Spirit who rushes upon us in Baptism (see [John 4:10](#); [7:38-39](#)). This is the Spirit that rushes upon God's chosen king David in today's First Reading. A shepherd like Moses before him (see [Exodus 3:1](#); [Psalm 78:70-71](#)), David is also a sign pointing to the good shepherd and king to come—Jesus (see [John 10:11](#)). The Lord is our shepherd, as we sing in today's Psalm. By His death and Resurrection He has made a path for us through the dark valley of sin and death, leading us to the verdant pastures of the kingdom of life, the Church. In the restful waters of Baptism He has refreshed our souls. He has anointed our heads with the oil of Confirmation and spread the Eucharistic table before us, filling our cups to overflowing. With the once-blind man we enter His house to give God the praise, to renew our vow: "I do believe, Lord." "The Lord looks into the heart," we hear today. Let Him find us, as Paul advises in today's Epistle, living as "children of light," trying always to learn what is pleasing to our Father:

Dr. Scott Hahn

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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