

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

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

Monday, March 23
No Mass
Tuesday, March 24 *St. Oscar Romero. Bishop & Martyr*
 5:30 pm @ SA Deceased Members Guthrie Family
Wednesday, March 25 *The Annunciation of the Lord*
 5:30 pm @ SP + Marla Buckman
Thursday, March 26
 8:00 am @ SA + Evelyn DeSplinter
Friday, March 27
 8:00 am @ SA + Marian Price Van Ormer

Palm Sunday

Saturday, March 28
 4:00 pm @ SA + Carol VanMeenan
Sunday, March 29
 8:00 am @ SA + Marilyn VandeVoorde & Eileen Lopez
 10:00 am @ SP – For the Parishoners

Serving at Our Lords Altar– St. Anthony

4:00 pm @ St. Anthony – March 28
 Lector: Jeanne Carton
 Ushers: Lynn Cathelyn & Ed Coble
8:00 am @ St. Anthony – March 29
 Lector: Wayne Brau
 Ushers: Jon Hamer & Ben Raschke

Serving at Our Lord’s Altar - St. Patrick

10 am @ St. Patrick - March 29
 Lector: Lisa Wilson
 Ushers: Ken Brummel and Rick Cernovich
 Altar Servers:
 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+

Holy Week Schedule

Tuesday, March 31 SA @ 8 am
 Wednesday, April 1 SP @ 5:30 pm
 Holy Thursday, April 2 SA @ 6 pm
 Altar of Repose 7 pm - Midnight
 Good Friday, April 3 SA @ 3 pm Liturgy
 SP @ 5:30 pm Stations
 with veneration of the Cross
 Holy Saturday, April 4 SA @ 7:30 pm
 Easter Sunday, April 5 SM @ 6:30 am
 SA @ 8 am
 SP @ 10 am



MARK YOUR CALENDAR
March 22: CCD @ SP 8:30 am - 9:45 am
CCD @ SA 9 am - 10 am

ANNUAL St. Mary of the Fields Easter Egg Hunt/Breakfast
 When: Sunday April 5, 2025
 Time: After 6:30 am Mass
 Where: St. Mary of the Fields
 Join us for hot dogs, egg casserole, biscuits & gravy, baked goods, Coffee, milk and juice.



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 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.

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!

Sharing in the Work of Christ Through Sacrificial Giving (Weekly Sunday Contribution collected at Mass March 15)
 St. Anthony Sunday Collection: \$ 1,988
 St. Patrick Sunday Collection: \$1,107
 St. Patrick Improvement: \$45
 February Online 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.

EASTER FLOWERS: If you would like to donate toward the cost of Easter flowers in the memory of a loved one, please do so, by March 29, by dropping your envelope in the Sunday collection or at the Parish Office.

A Journey with Christ: Please join us for a new video series produced by FORMED. Begins Monday March 30 at 10 am-11am in

St Patrick church hall, Sheffield. Coffee and treats provided. All Parish members welcome to come watch, learn, discuss this Journey with Christ series-METANOIA.



Sacred Heart and St. Anthony Cemetery Clean up. Please remove all decorations and items from Cemetery graves by April 18, 2026. Items not removed by that date will be discarded.

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.

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).

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.

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

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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!

SPEC Spaghetti Dinner Join us on Saturday, April 11, 2026 from 4:00-6:30 pm at Sacred Heart-Culemans Fellowship Hall, 1400 16th Ave., Moline for SPEC (Special Persons Encounter Christ) Spaghetti Dinner. The cost is \$10.00 (includes dinner & 1 raffle ticket), \$6.00 (ages 6-12) and under 6 free. Cash or check accepted. Raffle tickets will be available for \$1.00 each of 6 for \$5.00 with the drawing being held at 6:15 pm.

Scott Hahn Reflects on the Fifth Sunday of Lent: Readings: Ezekiel 37: 12-14, Psalm 130: 1-8, Romans 8: 8-11, John 11: 1-45

As we draw near to the end of Lent, today's Gospel clearly has Jesus' passion and death in view. That's why John gives us the detail about Lazarus' sister, Mary—that she is the one who anointed the Lord for burial (see [John 12:3, 7](#)). His disciples warn against returning to Judea; Thomas even predicts they will "die with Him" if they go back. When Lazarus is raised, John notices the tombstone being taken away, as well as Lazarus' burial cloths and head covering—all details he later notices with Jesus' empty tomb (see [John 20:1, 6, 7](#)). Like the blind man in last week's readings, Lazarus represents all humanity. He stands for "dead men"—for all those Jesus loves and wants to liberate from the bands of sin and death. John even recalls the blind man in his account today (see [John 11:37](#)). Like the man's birth in blindness, Lazarus' death is used by Jesus to reveal "the glory of God" (see [John 9:3](#)). And again like last week, Jesus' words and deeds give sight to those who believe (see [John 11:40](#)). If we believe, we will see—that Jesus loves each of us as He loved Lazarus, that He calls us out of death and into new life. By His Resurrection Jesus has fulfilled Ezekiel's promise in today's First Reading. He has opened the graves that we may rise, put His Spirit in us that we may live. This is the Spirit that Paul writes of in today's Epistle. The same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead will give life to who were once dead in sin. Faith is the key. If we believe as Martha does in today's Gospel—that Jesus is the resurrection and the life—even if we die, we will live. "I have promised and I will do it," the Father assures us in the First Reading. We must trust in His word, as we sing in today's Psalm—that with Him is forgiveness and salvation.

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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