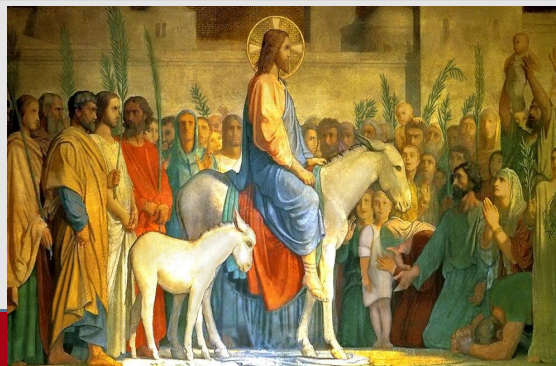


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MASS SCHEDULE

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
Monday, March 30
 No Mass
Tuesday, March 31
 8:00 am @ SA + Dick King
Wednesday, April 1
 5:30 pm @ SP + Bill Kelm
Thursday, April 2 Holy Thursday
 6:00 pm @ SA + Chris Brieser
Friday, April 3 Good Friday
 3:00 pm @ SA Liturgy
 5:30 pm @ SP Stations and Veneration of the Cross

Easter Sunday

Saturday, April 4
 7:30 pm @ SA + Harry Simon
Sunday, April 5
 6:30 am @ SM - For the Parishoners
 8:00 am @ SA + Joseph Goebert
 10:00 am @ SP + Brian Wright

Serving at Our Lords Altar– St. Anthony

6:00 pm @ St. Anthony - April 2 (Holy Thursday)
 Lector: Terence Patton
 Usher: Stephen Mapes & Mark Murphy
3:00 pm @ St. Anthony - April 3 (Good Friday)
 Lector: Wayne Brau
 Usher: John Cauwels & Kevin Stafford
7:30 pm @ St. Anthony – April 4 (Easter Vigil)
 Lector: Deacon Marshall Plumley
 Ushers: Richard De Smith & Eric Ufheil
8:00 am @ St. Anthony – April 5 (Easter Sunday)
 Lector: Gary Olson
 Ushers: Lynn Cathelyn & Keith Causemaker

Serving at Our Lord’s Altar - St. Patrick

10 am @ St. Patrick - April 5 (Easter Sunday)
 Lector: Patty Devenyns
 Ushers: Rich Brummel & David Hahne
 Money Counters: Patty Devenyns & Wink Barry

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!

Please return your Rice Bowl donation into the office by Sunday, April 12th. All donations go towards helping Catholic Relief Services Your donation provides life-saving assistance in nearly 100 countries. CRS works on our behalf to care for the poorest in our world and to end global poverty. Envelopes and rice bowls can be placed in the collection basket or mailed to the church office. Thank you!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March 29 **CCD @ SP 8:30 am - 9:45 am**
CCD @ SA No CCD



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. Must be 21 years old to purchase tickets. Need not be present to win.

ANNUAL St. Mary of the Fields Easter Egg Hunt/Breakfast

When: Sunday April 5, 2026
 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.



St. Patrick Easter Egg Hunt!

When: Sunday, April 5, 2026
 Time: Following 10 am Mass
 Where: St. Patrick in 4 areas outside the church
 Groups: Preschool; K-1; 2-3; 4-5.
 What To Bring: Please bring a Basket

Thank you to our sponsors - St. Patrick Circles
 If it is raining, eggs will be handed out following mass.

Please Note Tuesday March 31 there will be Mass at St. Anthony at 8 am due to the Priests celebrating the Chrism Mass with the Bishop at the Cathedral. At this Mass the Bishop blesses the holy oils that are used in each parish throughout the year. Please also notice the Mass and Liturgy time changes for Holy Week.

Today we celebrate Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion. Therefore, we begin Holy Week concluding with the Sacred Triduum, the holiest days of the Christian Calendar. So let us take advantage of the deep significance, beauty and meaning of these days and enter into them with an open spirit. On the front of the bulletin you will find a Timepiece of our Lord's Passion to recall the hours before His death. Palm Sunday begins by recalling Jesus' Triumphal entry into Jerusalem. However, the mood quickly changes to a focus on our Lord's Passion.

Holy Thursday we celebrate the institution of the Priesthood and Holy Eucharist. This is a wonderful occasion to celebrate Jesus' most Blessed Gift to the church—the Gift of Himself in the Blessed Sacrament. At the conclusion of Mass there will be the transfer of the Eucharist to the Altar of Repose. This reminds us of how our Lord, after the Last Supper, went to the Garden of Gethsemane and prayed and suffered. At the end of the Mass the congregation departs in silence and the church will be open for you to come and keep watch with our Lord. Since the Blessed Sacrament is reposed in the Tabernacle you are free to come and go as you wish until Midnight. Another moving moment after the Holy Thursday Mass is the stripping of the altars, which points to poignancy of His agony and the betrayal by Judas Iscariot.

Good Friday is called "Good" because it is the day that our Lord laid down His life for us sinners. The Passion is proclaimed and we venerate the "Wood of the Cross, on which hung the Saviour of the world."

Holy Saturday at the Easter Vigil, which begins at sunset, recalls the glorious Resurrection of Our Lord. Our paschal joy carries us through Easter Sunday, the Octave of Easter and the fifty-days of the Easter Season. 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!** Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is bound to **fast** on Good Friday, April 3, 2026. 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. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is a serious matter.

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



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

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.

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

Sacred Heart, St. Anthony and St. Patrick Cemetery Clean up. Please remove all decorations and items from SA and SH Cemeteries by April 18, 2026. St. Patrick cemetery clean up day will be April 11. Items not removed by that date will be discarded.

Geneseo/Atkinson Food Pantry needs for April 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.

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.

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.

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+

Sharing in the Work of Christ Through Sacrificial Giving
 (Weekly Sunday Contribution collected at Mass March 15)

St. Anthony Sunday Collection: \$ 1,495
 St. Patrick Sunday Collection: \$642

February Online Monthly Giving: St. Anthony: \$903.30
 St. Patrick: \$1,741.13
 St. Patrick Improvement: \$224.25

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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