

**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**

**Third Sunday of Lent**

**Saturday, March 7**  
 4:00 pm @ SA + Richard & Peggy King  
**Sunday, March 8**  
 8:00 am @ SA – For the Parishoners  
 10:00 am @ SP + Eleanor Mark

**Monday, March 9**  
 No Mass  
**Tuesday, March 10**  
 No Mass  
**Wednesday, March 11**  
 5:30 pm @ SP + Mary Sturtewagen & Patty Gould  
**Thursday, March 12**  
 8:00 am @ SA + Linda Rosebeck  
**Friday, March 13**  
 8:00 am @ SA + Msgr. Thomas Donovan

**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

**Serving at Our Lords Altar– St. Anthony**

**4:00 pm @ St. Anthony – March 14**  
 Lector: Jeanne Carton  
 Ushers: Vince Schopp & Steve Clementz  
**8:00 am @ St. Anthony – March 15**  
 Lector: Gary Olson  
 Ushers: John Cauwels & Steve Mapes

**Serving at Our Lord's Altar - St. Patrick**

**10 am @ St. Patrick - March 15**  
 Lector: Jim Owens  
 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 Ahrhams, Steve Foerder, Mary Jo Nelson, Jan Doty, Carl Pacunas, Lisa Aber

**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+

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](http://www.northwest-tec.com)



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

Transition Team mtg has been postponed to Tues. April 21st.

**Pancake Breakfast**  
  
**Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast**  
**Sunday, March 8, 2026**  
**8:00 am — Noon**  
**St. Patrick Hall**

**St. Patrick Family/Community Bingo Night!**

**Please join us for a night of fun! St. Patrick is hosting a family/community Bingo Night! On April 11th at St. Patrick Parish Hall from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm.**

**Bingo Tickets and sign up sheets will be available after Mass beginning Sunday March 8th! We 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.

**CRS RICE BOWL**  
 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 Feb 22nd)  
 St. Anthony Sunday Collection: \$2,764  
 St. Patrick Sunday Collection: \$1,968

**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:**

Fun-loving Partick had it easy at his parent's seaside villa. At 16, he thought he had it made for life—that is, until the day riders kidnapped him to nearby Ireland. Now a slave and shepherd, Patrick faced a bleak and uncertain future. To survive, he'd have to conquer cold, hunger, wild beasts and even worse enemies. 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**

For 8th Grade through High School: Students in 8th grade and up are invited to be part of our Living Stations of the Cross, a powerful and moving portrayal of the final moments of Christ's life. No acting experience is needed! There are no memorized lines, and everyone has an important role. We are looking for: Singers, Readers, Actors (silent roles), Behind-the-scenes helpers (lights, sound, music, setup) Whether you like being on stage or behind the scenes, there is a place for you! Feel free to bring friends who would enjoy participating! This year's Living Stations will be led by: Elizabeth Hulsbrink For questions email mkbeautybyelizabeth@gmail.com Tentative Rehearsal Schedule - Sundays 3:00-5:00pm Performance: March 19, 2026 Palm Sunday at 3:00 pm

**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.

Scott Hahn Reflects on the Third Sunday of Lent: Readings: Exodus 17: 3-7, Psalm 95: 1-2, 6-9, Romans 5:1-2, 5-8, John 4:5-15, 19-26, 39-42

The Israelites' hearts were hardened by their hardships in the desert. Though they saw His mighty deeds, in their thirst they grumble and put God to the test in today's First Reading—a crisis point recalled also in today's Psalm. Jesus is thirsty, too in today's Gospel. He thirsts for souls (see [John 19:28](#)). He longs to give the Samaritan woman the living waters that well up to eternal life. These waters couldn't be drawn from the well of Jacob, father of the Israelites and the Samaritans. But Jesus was something greater than Jacob (see [Luke 11:31-32](#)). The Samaritans were Israelites who escaped exile when Assyria conquered the Northern Kingdom eight centuries before Christ (see [2 Kings 17:6, 24-41](#)). They were despised for intermarrying with non-Israelites and worshipping at Mount Gerazim, not Jerusalem But Jesus tells the woman that the "hour" of true worship is coming, when all will worship God in Spirit and truth. Jesus' "hour" is the "appointed time" that Paul speaks of in today's Epistle. It is the hour when the Rock of our salvation was struck on the Cross. Struck by the soldier's lance, living waters flowed out from our Rock (see [John 19:34-37](#)) These waters are the Holy Spirit (see [John 7:38-39](#)), the gift of God (see [Hebrews 6:4](#)). By the living waters the ancient enmities of Samaritans and Jews have been washed away, the dividing wall between Israel and the nations is broken down (see [Ephesians 2:12-14,18](#)). Since His hour, all may drink of the Spirit in Baptism (see [1 Corinthians 12:13](#)). In the Eucharist, the Lord now is in our midst — as He was at the Rock of Horeb and at the well of Jacob. In the "today" of our Liturgy, He calls us to believe: "I am He," come to pour out the love of God into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. How can we continue to worship as if we don't understand? How can our hearts remain hardened

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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