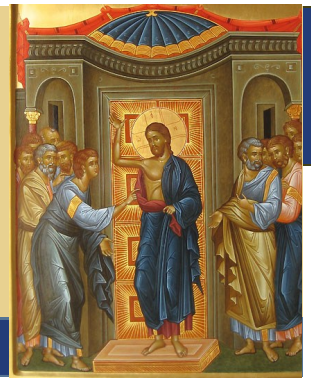


**ST. ANTHONY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, Atkinson**  
**ST. PATRICK ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, Sheffield**  
**SHRINE OF ST. MARY OF THE FIELDS, Hooppole**  
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 Phone 309.936.7900 Fax 309.936.4035  
[www.theheartandthelily.org](http://www.theheartandthelily.org)  
<http://stmaryofthefieldsshrine.weebly.com>

St. Anthony Location: 204 W Main Street, Atkinson IL  
 St. Patrick Location: 233 W Atkinson Street, Sheffield IL



**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Second Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday**

**Saturday, April 11**  
 4:00 pm @ SA + Merrill & Marian Taber  
**Sunday, April 12**  
 8:00 am @ SA + Chuck & Logan DeMay  
 10:00 am @ SP –For the Parishoners

**Monday, April 13**  
 No Mass  
**Tuesday, April 14**  
 5:30 pm @ SA + Mildred Carter  
**Wednesday, April 15**  
 5:30 pm @ SP + Richard McKibbon  
**Thursday, April 16**  
 8:00 am @ SA + Gene Decker  
**Friday, April 17**  
 8:00 am @ SA+ Evelyn DeSplinter

**Third Sunday of Easter**

**Saturday, April 18**  
 4:00 pm @ SA + Ron DeFauw  
**Sunday, April 19**  
 8:00 am @ SA – For the Parishoners  
 10:00 am @ SP + Rosemary & Marvin DeBrock

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

**4:00 pm @ St. Anthony – April 18**  
 Lector: Robin VanMeenan  
 Ushers: Steve Clementz & Ken DeSmith  
**8:00 am @ St. Anthony – April 19**  
 Lector: Wayne Brau  
 Ushers: John Cauwels & Stephen Mapes

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

**10 am @ St. Patrick - April 19**  
 Lector: Pat Corwin  
 Ushers: Rich Brummel & David Hahne  
 Money Counters: Patty Devenyns & Wink Barry

**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, Alan Dietz, Gaye Abrhams, 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: \$29,657.05      Pledged: \$22,417  
 Balance: \$16,905.95      Balance: \$1,162+



Upcoming Cursillo Weekends  
 Men’s: October 15-18, 2026  
 Women’s: November 12-15, 2026  
 For more information visit: <https://nwcursillo.com>

Upcoming TEC Weekends  
 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**

**April 12 CCD @ SP 8:30-9:45 am**  
**CCD @ SA 9am—10 am**  
**April 14 SA Altar and Rosary 6:30pm**  
**April 18 SA Cemetery Clean Up Day 9 am**

The Sunday after Easter is  
 Divine Mercy Sunday!

“I want to grant complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My Mercy.”  
 Our Lord to St. Faustina  
 - Diary 1109



**Divine Mercy Sunday**  
**St. Anthony Catholic Church**  
**April 12 2026**

3:00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confession  
 3:45 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet  
 4:00 pm Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament

“On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near me, even though it’s sins be as scarlet.”  
 Our Lord to St. Faustina - Diary 699

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!



**40 tickets left! 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**

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

Sharing in the Work of Christ Through Sacrificial Giving  
 (Weekly Sunday Contribution collected at Mass April 5th)

St. Anthony Sunday Collection: \$3,128 Holy Thurs: \$104  
 Good Friday: \$165 Easter: \$1,060  
 St. Patrick Sunday Collection: \$ 693 Candles: \$53 Holy Land: \$35  
 Improvement Fund: \$55

March Online Monthly Giving: St. Anthony: \$1,428  
 St. Patrick: \$2,634  
 St. Patrick Improvement: \$199

Thank you to the Trivia Night committee for your hard work and dedication in order to make the Trivia Night a fun successful evening. Thank you for those who participated. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Congratulations to the Simons, Dwyer and Crandell tables for being the top winners and Congratulations to Dave VandeVelde for being the Early Bird Raffle Winner!

**St. Patrick Parishioners: The mowing season is upon us for the cemetery.** Donations for caring for our cemetery are greatly appreciated. Please use your cemetery envelope or an envelope marked St. Patrick Cemetery and place your donation in the collection basket or mail it to the office. Thank you!

**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).

**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.

**Youth Ministry: St. Malachy, Geneseo invites those interested to the following;** Sunday, April 19 (5:00 pm - 8:00 pm) For middle school and high school girls A fun, relaxed night with blind karaoke, sparkle drink bar + dinner, time with God, a super cute craft, and an opportunity to hear from some of our

high school girls about what it looks like to walk with Christ in everyday life. RSVP to Sara sosborn@stmalgeneseo.org

To the Heights Saturday, May 2 (12:00 pm - 8 pm) A day trip for high school students inspired by Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati. Includes hiking at Maquoketa Caves, stations of the cross up a "mountain" in St. Donatus, and pizza + ice cream together! RSVP to Sara at sosborn@stmalgeneseo.org

**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 School, Geneseo, IL, is **seeking applications for the position of principal** of its parish elementary school starting with the 2026-2027 school year. The school has grades K-6 with an enrollment of 110. A principal application package outlining qualifications and procedures is available at [www.applitrack.com/cdop/onlineapp/](http://www.applitrack.com/cdop/onlineapp/) or by calling the Office of Catholic Schools at 309-671-1550. A review of applications will start in early May. Visit the school website at [www.saintmalachy.org](http://www.saintmalachy.org).

**Totus Tuus:** What is Totus Tuus? This Catholic summer youth program blends faith and fun, and is open to 3-year olds through high school seniors. With goofy skits, snacks, prayer, games, songs, Mass and more - your kids will not want to miss this incredible program! Totus Tuus will be held at Saint Louis Parish in Princeton, IL. Grades 1-6 Monday July 20 - Friday, July 24th from 9 am -2:30 pm. Grades 7-12 Sunday July 19 - Thursday, July 23 from 6:30 pm - 8:15 pm. Totus Tuus is open to children 3 years old through Kindergarten Monday, July 20 - Friday, July 24 from 9 am - 11 am. Registration will be coming soon! Contact Rebekah Mead 815-303-2330 or at [stLrebekahmead@gmail.com](mailto:stLrebekahmead@gmail.com)

Divine Mercy, Silvis is bringing back **the Hall Series for 2026!** Mark the dates: May 21st: Devon Shadt, Conversion Through Mary; June 18th: TBD; July 16th: Panel of retreat Witness & Q & A - St. John Paul II, TEC, Cursillo & R.I.S.E; August 20th: Jonna

Shuster: Hearing the Voice of God in a Noisy World, September 17th: Fr. Tom Szylik - The Gifts of the Holy Spirit. More details to come as we get closer.

**John Lancaster Spalding Scholarship Opportunity for the 2026-2027 School Year.** Protocols: K-12 student enrolled in a school within Diocese of Peoria. Awards are for one school year only. Need Based and have to be a active member of the parish in good standing. Deadline is April 24, 2026. Contact your school for information or go to <https://www.cdop.org/john-lancaster-spalding-scholarship>.

**'Laudato Si': Why Care? Presentation by Fr. Charles Klamut \*Sacred Heart, Moline**—Damian Center \*Wednesday, April 15th, 7pm \*Free Admission—All welcome Sponsored by Peoria Diocesan • Council of Catholic Women, Care for Creation

Theology on Tap! We've had a great crowd of **young adults for our Theology on Tap sessions** and we expect nothing less at the next! Come for some fun, socializing, good food and drink, a riveting talk and great discussion. Bring some friends or meet some new ones. When: Thursday, April 16th at 6:30 pm. Where: Burnzee's Bar & Grill in Brimfield. What: Father Corey Krengiel will speak on "Beatitude: Freedom & Happiness in Christ."

**Senior Citizens' Coffee & Conversation:** All senior citizens are invited to meet with Bisop Lou for an hour of conversation and questions about our faith and church. Tuesday, April 21st at 10 am at St. Thomas Parish Hall - 904 E. Lake Ave, Peoria Heights. Light refreshments will be served. RSVP to Carol Harn at [carlharn@yahoo.com](mailto:carlharn@yahoo.com)

**Visitation Catholic School, Kewanee: Golf Play Day.** Saturday, May 30, 2026 at Midland Golf Club for a day of fun, friendly competition, and support for Visitation Catholic School! For \$75, enjoy 18 holes of golf, dinner, and the joy of making a lasting impact on Visitation Catholic School. Grab your clubs and friends for an unforgettable day. Spots are limited—sign up today at [visitationcatholic.com/golf-play-day](http://visitationcatholic.com/golf-play-day).

Scott Hahn Reflections for Divine Mercy Sunday: Acts 2:42-47 Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-241 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31

We are children of Jesus' Resurrection from the dead. Through this wondrous sign of His great mercy, the Father of Jesus has given us new birth, as we hear in today's Epistle. Today's First Reading sketches the "family life" of our first ancestors in the household of God (see 1 Peter 4:17). We see them doing what we still do—devoting themselves to the Apostles' teaching, meeting daily to pray and celebrate "the breaking of the bread." The Apostles saw the Lord. He stood in their midst, He showed them His hands and sides. They heard His blessing and received His commission: to extend the Father's mercy to all peoples through the power and Spirit He conferred upon them. We must walk by faith and not by sight—we must believe and love what we have not seen (see 2 Corinthians 5:7). Yet, the invisible realities are made present for us through the devotions the Apostles handed on. Notice the experience of the risen Lord in today's Gospel is described in a way that evokes the Mass. Both appearances take place on a Sunday. The Lord comes to be with His disciples. They rejoice, listen to His Word, and receive the gift of His forgiveness and peace. He offers His wounded body to them in remembrance of His Passion. And they know and worship Him as their Lord and their God. Thomas' confession is a vow of faith in the new covenant. As promised long before, in the blood of Jesus we can now know the Lord as our God and be known as His people (see Hosea 2:20-25). His confession is sung in the heavenly liturgy (see Revelation 4:11). And in every Mass on earth we renew our covenant and receive the blessings Jesus promised for those who have not seen but have believed. In the Mass, God's mercy endures forever, as we sing in today's Psalm. This is the day the Lord has made—when the victory of Easter is again made wonderful in our eyes.

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**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