

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 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
Monday, April 20
 No Mass
Tuesday, April 21 *St. Anselm, Bishop & Doctor*
 5:30 pm @ SA + Kelly Liedtke
Wednesday, April 22
 5:30 pm @ SP + William Hebel
Thursday, April 23 *St. George, Martyr*
 8:00 am @ SA + Sam & Amelia Manganello
Friday, April 24 *St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Pr. & Martyr*
 8:00 am @ SA+ Jean Causemaker

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, April 25
 4:00 pm @ SA + Winfred Gentry
Sunday, April 26
 8:00 am @ SA – For the Parishoners
 10:00 am @ SP + Linda VanVooren

Serving at Our Lords Altar– St. Anthony

4:00 pm @ St. Anthony – April 25
 Lector: Janice Wyffels
 Ushers: Richard DeSmith & Kevin Stafford
8:00 am @ St. Anthony – April 26
 Lector: Eric Ufheil
 Ushers: Mark Murphy & Gary Olson

Serving at Our Lord's Altar - St. Patrick

10 am @ St. Patrick - April 26
 Lector: Andrew Fisher
 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 3/4

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+

St. Anthony will hold May Crowning on Sunday May 10th at the 8 am Mass. All girls who wish to participate should be at back of church by 7:45 am

Sharing in the Work of Christ Through Sacrificial Giving
 (Weekly Sunday Contribution collected at Mass April 12th)

St. Anthony Sunday Collection: \$2,186
 St. Patrick Sunday Collection: \$1,969
 Improvement Fund: \$

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

April 19 CCD @ SP 8:30-9:45 am
 CCD @ SA 9 am- 10 am
 April 21 6:30 pm Transition Team Mtg.

All tickets Sold!!!!

St. Anthony's Annual Spring Raffle 2026

Thank you to everyone who helped us reach our 500 ticket goal!!

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

St. Anthony Hall annual spring Cleaning on Tuesday, April 28 at 9 am. All help is greatly appreciated as many hands make light work!!



St. Mary of the Fields Shrine

2026 Monthly Holy Hour Schedule

May 3rd at 2 pm Our Lady of Fatima
 June 7th at 2pm Our Lady of Knock
 July 5th at 2pm: Our Lady of the Imm. Conc.
 August 2nd at 2 pm: Our Lady of Guadalupe
 Sept. 6h at 2pm: Our Lady of Vailankanni
 October 4th at 2pm: Our Lady of La Vang
 Holy Hour and Mass

Potluck will be held after every Holy Hour

St. Patrick will hold May Crowning on Sunday May 10th at the 10 am Mass.

Please pray for the second graders of St. Anthony and St. Patrick as they prepare to have the joy of receiving Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion on May 3rd.



SA: Frank Wolf, Olivia Murphy, Ameliyah Karn & Ayla Egan
SP: Samantha Michlig, Maryn Doty & Jovi Doty

CONFIRMATION

Sunday May 3rd our Confirmation students at St. Patrick will be receiving the Sacrament of **Confirmation at the Cathedral in Peoria**. We congratulate you as you grow in your Catholic faith. Those receiving the gifts of the Holy Spirit are:

Please pray for our confirmandi as they receive this Sacrament.

Prayer for Confirmation Students

Holy Spirit, strengthen those to be confirmed with your gifts of Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety and Fear of the Lord, and serve as a disciple of Christ. Grant that they may grow into the fullness of the stature of Christ. Fill them with the joy of your presence. Increase in them the fruit of your Spirit. Help them to experience and trust your dwelling within, so that they can count on your guidance today and every day. Show the way to help one another become better disciples of Jesus Christ, sharing your love with our world and with each person we meet. Come, Holy Spirit! Come!

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 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/ 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.

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

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>.

Senior Citizens' Coffee & Conversation: All senior citizens are invited to meet with Bishop 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

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.

Calling all golfers (all skill levels invited). We are taking reservations for teams for the St. Gabriel (formerly Mary Our Lady of Peace in Orion and St. Maria Goretti in Coal Valley) 1st Annual Golf Fundraiser. We are looking for teams (4 people per team) to play in our fundraiser. The cost is \$350 per team. Teams will pay at Indian Bluff on the day of the fundraiser. There will be a shotgun start at Indian Bluff Golf Course at 1 pm on Saturday, June 27th, 2026. We will have a goody bag for each golfer, many items that will be given away, prizes for first and second place teams in each flight, prizes for longest drive, closest to the pin and games at various holes. There will be a meal served at the end of the fundraiser at the course. Please come join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. We only have space for a maximum of 36 teams so call soon! Call Kathy at 309-737-2604 to reserve your team's space.

Scott Hahn Reflections for the Third Sunday of Easter: Acts 2:22-28, Psalm 16: 1-2, 5, 7-11, 1 Peter 1:17-21, Luke 24:13-35

We should put ourselves in the shoes of the disciples in today's Gospel. Downcast and confused, they're making their way down the road, unable to understand all the things that have occurred. They know what they've seen—a prophet mighty in word and deed. They know what they were hoping for—that He would be the redeemer of Israel. But they don't know what to make of His violent death at the hands of their rulers. They can't even recognize Jesus as He draws near to walk with them. He seems like just another foreigner visiting Jerusalem for the Passover. Note that Jesus doesn't disclose His identity until they describe how they found His tomb empty but "Him they did not see." That's how it is with us, too. Unless He revealed Himself, we would see only an empty tomb and a meaningless death. How does Jesus make Himself known at Emmaus? First, He interprets "all the Scriptures" as referring to Him. In today's First Reading and Epistle, Peter also opens the Scriptures to proclaim the meaning of Christ's death according to the Father's "set plan"—foreknown before the foundation of the world. Jesus is described as a new Moses and a new Passover lamb. He is the one of whom David sang in today's Psalm, whose soul was not abandoned to corruption but was shown the path of life. After opening the Scriptures, Jesus at table took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to the disciples—exactly what He did at the Last Supper (see [Luke 22:14-20](#)). In every Eucharist, we reenact that Easter Sunday at Emmaus. Jesus reveals Himself to us in our journey. He speaks to our hearts in the Scriptures. Then at the table of the altar, in the person of the priest, He breaks the bread.

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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