

**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**

**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  
**Monday, April 27**  
 No Mass  
**Tuesday, April 28** *St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest*  
 5:30 pm @ SA + Rex Carter  
**Wednesday, April 29** *St. Catherine of Siena Virgin & Doctor*  
 5:30 pm @ SP + Delores Gale  
**Thursday, April 30** *St. Pius V, Pope*  
 8:00 am @ SA + Janet Vyneman  
**Friday, May 1**  
 8:00 am @ SA+ Msgr. Beebe  
 5:30 pm @ SP - John Barry

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**Saturday, May 2**  
 4:00 pm @ SA-For our Parishoners  
**Sunday, May 3**  
 8:00 am @ SA – For our First Communicants  
 10:00 am @ SP -For our First Communicants

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

**4:00 pm @ St. Anthony – May 2**  
 Lector: Need Volunteer  
 Ushers: Steve Clementz & Vince Schopp  
**8:00 am @ St. Anthony – May 3**  
 Lector: Terence Patton  
 Ushers: Jon Hamer, Eric Ufheil

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

**10 am @ St. Patrick - May 3**  
 Lector: Kristal LeRette  
 Ushers: Ken Brummel & Marilyn Gray  
 Money Counters: Mary Lanham & Dave/Connie Hahne

**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 4/19**

**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: \$30,357      Pledged: \$22,717  
 Balance: \$16,205.95      Balance: \$1,842+

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)



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



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

May 3rd CCD @ SP 8:30-9:45 am  
 CCD @ SA 9 am– 10 am

**St. Anthony’s Annual Spring Raffle 2026**

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

**Main Event Drawing - Sunday, May 3, 2026  
 In the Parish Hall at Noon**

**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.**

**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**

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: Briggs Doty, Ryan Pratt, Audra Wasilewski, & Tinley Yepsen Please pray for our confirmands 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!

Sharing in the Work of Christ Through Sacrificial Giving (Weekly Sunday Contribution collected at Mass April 19th )

St. Anthony Sunday Collection: \$1,668  
 St. Patrick Sunday Collection: \$952  
 Improvement Fund: \$275

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

**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. "A Slice of Heaven"** We will be having a Pie Stand both Friday and Saturday. We will be selling pieces of pie or whole pies. (No Cream Pies). There will be a sign up sheet in the back of the church for both pie donations and working at the pie stand for a 2 hr shift with Fri. or Sat (or both). Please put the type of pie you will be donating on the donation sheet. We are asking every family to either donate a pie or make a donation of \$25. Pies will need to be delivered to the parish hall on Friday, no later than 3:00 pm. We will be selling pieces of pie on Friday, June 26th from 5 pm - 9 pm and on Saturday, June 27th from 1am - 9pm. There will be a raffle of a bouquet of gift certificates from local merchants. We hope to sell raffle tickets after Mass once we finalize the bouquet. Please take a minute to sign up and help this be a success. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Karen

Taylor, Mary Lanham, Lisa Wilson or Pat Corwin.

**Youth Ministry: St. Malachy, Geneseo invites those interested to the following:** 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](mailto: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/](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.

**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).

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.

Thank you to Sue Mochel, Bonnie VanDeVelde and Gerry & Mary Kay Franks for help cleaning the Cemetery. The Cemetery is beautiful and we appreciate your hard work and dedication.

Annawan High School Baccalaureate services will be held, Sunday May 3rd at 4:30 pm at the Annawan Community Methodist Church.

Scott Hahn Reflections for the Fourth Sunday of Easter: Acts 4:8-12; Psalm 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 29; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18

Jesus, in today's Gospel, says that He is the good shepherd the prophets had promised to Israel. He is the shepherd-prince, the new David—who frees people from bondage to sin and gathers them into one flock, the Church, under a new covenant, made in His blood (see Ezekiel 34:10-13, 23-31). His flock includes other sheep, He says, far more than the dispersed children of Israel (see Isaiah 56:8; John 11:52). And He gave His Church the mission of shepherding all peoples to the Father. In today's First Reading, we see the beginnings of that mission in the testimony of Peter, whom the Lord appointed shepherd of His Church (see John 21:15-17). Peter tells Israel's leaders that the Psalm we sing today is a prophecy of their rejection and crucifixion of Christ. He tells the "builders" of Israel's temple that God has made the stone they rejected the cornerstone of a new spiritual temple, the Church (see Mark 12:10-13; 1 Peter 2:4-7). Through the ministry of the Church, the shepherd still speaks (see Luke 10:16), and forgives sins (see John 20:23), and makes His body and blood present, that all may know Him in the breaking of the bread (see Luke 24:35). It is a mission that will continue until all the world is one flock under the one shepherd. In laying down His life and taking it up again, Jesus made it possible for us to know God as He did—as sons and daughters of the Father who loves us. As we hear in today's Epistle, He calls us His children, as He called Israel His son when He led them out of Egypt and made His covenant with them (see Exodus 4:22-23; Revelation 21:7). Today, let us listen for His voice as He speaks to us in the Scriptures, and vow again to be more faithful followers. And let us give thanks for the blessings He bestows from His altar.

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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