

**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**

**The Ascension of the Lord**

**Saturday, May 16**  
 4:00 pm @ SA + Art & Elsie Stiner  
**Sunday, May 17**  
 8:00 am @ SA + Juan Puentes  
 10:00 am @ SP + Robert Brummel

**Monday, May 18**  
 No Mass  
**Tuesday, May 19**  
 No Mass  
**Wednesday, May 20**  
 No Mass  
**Thursday, May 21**  
 No Mass  
**Friday, May 22**  
 No Mass

**Pentecost Sunday**

**Saturday, May 23**  
 4:00 pm @ SA + Steve Foerder  
**Sunday, May 24**  
 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 – May 23**  
 Lector: Janice Wyffels  
 Ushers: Ed Coble & Vince Schopp  
 EMHC: Mary Kay Franks

**8:00 am @ St. Anthony – May 24**  
 Lector: Jeanne Carton  
 Ushers: Mark Murphy & Gary Olson  
 EMHC: Marci VanKeulen

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

**10 am @ St. Patrick - May 24**  
 Lector: Mary Ann Cernovich  
 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, Mary Jo Nelson, Jan Doty, Carl Pacunas, Lisa Aber

**St. Anthony's Annual Spring Raffle 2026 Winners**

**Kim Goodley \$10,000, Nikki Powell \$2000, Mark Gembara, Andrea Hasbrook, Mike Boelens \$1000, Lisa DeReu, Richard Wolf, Denise Neuleib \$500, Julie DeFauw, Toot Causemmaker, Annette Morosko, Jean Ann Carter, Mary Evelyn Engelbrecht, Joe Park, & Catherine Perino \$250**  
**Thank you to everyone for supporting our raffle and making it a sell out success!!**

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 17th CCD @ SP 8:30-9:45 am**

Please note the change in the weekly Mass schedule. There will be no weekday Masses this week.

**St. Patrick Pie Stand: June 26th-27th at the Sheffield Festival. "A Slice of Heaven"**

St. Patrick will be having a Pie Stand both Friday and Saturday. We will be selling pieces of pie or whole pies. (No Cream Pies). There is 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 St. Patrick 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.

**St. Mary of the Fields Shrine**

**2026 Monthly Holy Hour Schedule**

**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



**Memorial Day Mass**  
**May 25th, 9:00 am**  
**St. Anthony's Cemetery**

Please join us in remembering our fallen soldiers. Please bring your own lawn chairs. All are welcome!  
 In the event of rain, Mass will be held at St. Anthony Church.

**2025 ADA UPDATED 5/5**

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+

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

5/3 SA: Sunday Collection: \$2475	Easter: \$100
5/10 SA: Sunday Collection: \$2077	
5/3 SP: Sunday Collection: \$1971	Improvement: \$160
5/10 SP: Sunday Collection: \$1537	Improvement: \$10

April: Online Giving

SA: Sunday Collection \$648
SP: Sunday Giving: \$1716 Improvement: \$199

**St. Anthony Circle Lists are now updated & complete. All registered members of St. Anthony, with the merger last year, have been added to a circle. Each circle has several chairman. Circle members are asked to organize a monthly church cleaning during their assigned months, along with one fundraiser for the parish. EVERY REGISTERED PARISH FAMILY is on a circle. If you are not a parishioner of St. Anthony, yet are on a circle, please notify the office. Lists will be available at the church doors next week for those who would like a copy of the circle lists.**

**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. 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).

**Peoria Vocations: Emmaus Days 2026.** College & Adult Men Session 1: June 5th-7th; Junior & Senior Men Session 2: June 26th - 29th; 9th & 10th Grade Men Session 3: July 12th - 15th; 7th & 8th Grade Men Session 4: July 15th - 17th. Save the date & register! <https://www.cdop.org/emmaus-days>

**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 Come to the Hall Series #3** Please join us on Thursday, May 21st at Divine Mercy Parish Hall, Our Lady of Guadalupe Campus, 800 17th St., Silvis for Come to the Hall Series #3. Doors open at 6:00 pm, light dinner at 6:15, speaker at 7:00. The speaker will be Devin Schadt and the topic will be Conversion Through Mary. Cost for the Pizza Dinner is \$10.00 (pizza, drinks, and dessert), RSVP for Pizza Dinner by calling the Parish Office no later than May 19th. 309-792-3867 ext. 3.

**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.

**Garden of Eden Sale** (almost everything in the world but clothing" at Christ the King Catholic Church—Believer's Together Center, (3209 - 60th Street, Moline). Saturday, May 30, 2026 from 8 am - 3 pm. Proceeds will go to help many Quad City organizations throughout the year.

**Novena with Our Lady's Beatitudes** Our Lady's Beatitudes starts on May 18 with Hallow! Join Bishop Lou as he guides us in a Novena with Our Lady's Beatitudes. Each day, Bishop Lou will incorporate words from Fulton Sheen, who often reflected that when we look at Mary, we see the possibility of becoming more than we are today-of becoming holy. Watch our Diocesan social media for more information, or download the Hallow app to start praying today. Sign in using the diocesan code. Go to [Hallow.com/redeem](http://Hallow.com/redeem). Use the code: PeoriaFree2627. Follow and complete the prompts to redeem your complimentary subscription!

**International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima.** St. Louis Church, Princeton IL. Thursday, May 21st 5 pm - 8:30 pm. Program will include Procession - 5pm; Holy Mass 5:15pm; Short Presentation - 5:45 pm; Exposition - 6pm; Rosary, Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, time for private prayer until 8:30 pm, Benediction.

**Pray like St. Joseph: A day of reflection for all Fathers.**

Learning to trust God in the silence. Father Pica - Retreat Master. June 6, 2026 10 am - 2:30 pm. Sacre-Coeur Retreat Center 8508 County Rd. 100 North, Magnolia, IL. Cost is \$35. Join us for a peaceful and prayerful day inspired by St. Joseph, a man of deep faith, quiet obedience and unwavering trust in God. Contact Sister Mary Clare Key, DSF (309)218-3714 for more information. Please RSVP using the QR code.



Readings for the Ascension of the Lord: Act 1:1-11, Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9, Ephesians 1:17-23, Luke 24:46-53

by Dr. Scott Hahn

In Today's First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles, St. Luke gives the surprising news that there is more of the story to be told. The story did not end with the empty tomb, or with Jesus' appearances to the Apostles over the course of forty days. Jesus' saving work will have a liturgical consummation. He is the great high priest, and He has still to ascend to the heavenly Jerusalem, there to celebrate the feast in the true Holy of Holies. The truth of this feast shines forth from the Letter to the Hebrews, where we read of the great high priest's passing through the heavens, the sinless intercessor's sacrifice on our behalf (see [Hebrews 4:14-15](#)). Indeed, His intercession will lead to the Holy Spirit's descent in fire upon the Church. Luke spells out that promise in the First Reading for the feast of the Ascension: "in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit" ([Acts 1:5](#)). The Ascension is the preliminary feast that directs the Church's attention forward to Pentecost. On that day, salvation will be complete; for salvation is not simply expiation for sins (that would be wonder enough), but it is something even greater than that. Expiation is itself a necessary precondition of our adoption as God's children. To live that divine life we must receive the Holy Spirit. To receive the Holy Spirit we must be purified through Baptism. The Responsorial Psalm presents the Ascension in terms familiar from the worship of the Jerusalem Temple in the days of King Solomon: "God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord" (Psalm 47). The priest-king takes his place at the head of the people, ruling over the nations, establishing peace. The Epistle strikes a distinctively Paschal note. In the early Church, as today, Easter was the normal time for the baptism of adult converts. The sacrament was often called "illumination" or "enlightenment" because of the light that came with God's saving grace (see, for example, [Hebrews 10:32](#)). Saint Paul, in his Letter to the Ephesians, speaks in terms of glory that leads to greater glories still, as Ascension leads to Pentecost: "May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened," he writes, as he looks to the divinization of the believers. Their "hope" is "his inheritance among the holy ones," the saints who have been adopted into God's family and now rule with Him at the Father's right hand. This is the "good news" the Apostles are commissioned to spread—to the whole world, to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem—at the Ascension. It's the good news we must spread today.

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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