

ST. ANTHONY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, Atkinson
ST. PATRICK ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, Sheffield
SHRINE OF ST. MARY OF THE FIELDS, Hooppole
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MASS SCHEDULE

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, August 1
4:00 pm @ SA – For the Parishoners
Sunday, August 2
8:00 am @ SA + William Rambo
10:00 am @ SP + Dennis & Sadie Schaefer
Monday, August 3
No Mass
Tuesday, August 4 St. John Vianney, Priest
5:30 pm @ SA + Jerry Buysse
Wednesday, August 5 Dedication of Basilica St.Mary Major
5:30 pm @ SP + Families of the Parish
Thursday, August 6 Transfiguration of the Lord
8:00 am @ SA + Joe Goebert
Friday, August 7 St. Sixtus II, Pope & Comp, Martyrs
8:00 am @ SA + Msgr. Thomas Donovan
5:30 pm @ SP + Fr. Paul Meismer

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, August 8
4:00 pm @ SA + Janet Vyneman
Sunday, August 9
8:00 am @ SA – For the Parishoners
10:00 am @ SP + VanVooren & VanCauwenberg Families

Serving at Our Lords Altar– St. Anthony

4:00 pm @ St. Anthony – August 8
Lector: Jeanne Carton
Ushers: Ken DeSmith & Ed Coble

8:00 am @ St. Anthony – August 9
Lector: Janice Wyffels
Ushers: Mark Murphy & Gary Olson

Serving at Our Lord’s Altar - St. Patrick

10 am @ St. Patrick - August 9
Lector: Lisa Wilson
Ushers: Rich Brummel & Marilyn Gray
Money Counters: Darrell/Nancy Anderson & Sally Shipp

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 Abrahams, Mary Jo Nelson, Jan Doty, Carl Pacunas, Lisa Aber, Agnes Ross, Joanne Maas

2025 ADA UPDATED 7/2

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
August 8-10, 2026 (Boys)
October 3-5, 2026 (Girls)
December 5-7, 2026 (Boys)
For information visit 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
August 2nd St. Mary of the Fields Holy Hour 2 pm

St. Mary of the Fields Shrine
2026 Monthly Holy Hour Schedule

August 2nd at 2 pm: Our Lady of Guadalupe
Sept. 6th at 2pm: Our Lady of Vailankanni
October 4th at 2pm: Our Lady of La Vang
Potluck will be held after every Holy Hour

St. Anthony’s Pie in the Park - Mark Your Calendar!!

St. Anthony’s Circle 1 will be sponsoring the Pie in the Park Stand on Saturday, August 22nd for Atkinson Heritage Day!! More information will be coming soon! Please mark your calendar to help support our circle fundraiser and parish by baking, working, donating and buying!



St. Anthony Church is seeking CCD teachers for the 2026–2027 year! No experience is required— you’ll join a welcoming team and receive support and guidance. CCD is from 9 am - 10 am on Sunday mornings after Mass. Please prayerfully consider being a part of this important and rewarding ministry! For more information, contact Jessie Specht at (309) 714-1360

We would like to thank Valerie Plumley for serving in her many roles over the last 17 years in teaching and guiding our students and teachers. We pray she is blessed in her future ministries in which she is called to serve.



St. Anthony Circle 1 church Cleaning! Tuesday, August 4 at 9 a.m. Please consider giving of your time helping keep our church clean. Many hands make light work!



THE ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or do you know someone who has mentioned joining us at the Lord’s altar? Please sign up now for OCIA. OCIA is the process by which those who are not baptized or who are baptized in other Christian faiths come to full communion with the Catholic Church. For more information please call Father Engelbrecht at 936-7900.



Diocesan 150th Anniversary Commemorative Books Are Here!
If you signed up to purchase one of the Diocesan Commemorative Books, we have yours in the church office. Please stop in during office hours to pay and pick up or call to make arrangements for pick up. In honor of the 150th Anniversary the Diocese of Peoria created a beautiful pictorial book that contains Diocesan history and a 2-page spread for each church with photos and brief history and much more! The church office has 23 books available for sale. The book is \$40 each. Please contact the office if you would like one.

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

Collection from 7/26/26:
SA Sunday: \$4,714 SP Sunday: \$643 Improvement: \$50 Cemetery \$50
June Online Giving:
SA Sunday: \$540 SP Sunday: \$1,843 SP Improvement: \$199

JP II Experience Co-Ed Retreat Calling all 8th - 10th graders!!! Come experience God’s amazing love through fellowship, testimonies, music, and so much more. This co-ed retreat will allow every candidate to walk with Jesus at their own pace. What: John Paul II Co-Ed Retreat Who: Boys and Girls, 8th-10th grade. When: Saturday, September 26, 9:00 am to Sunday, September 27, 4:00 pm Where: Believers Together Center Christ the King: 3209 60th St., Moline. Cost: \$50 Registration Open Now www.olsilvis.com Click the tab “JPII Experience” Made a weekend already? You are welcome to make another. Questions: email stjp2exp@gmail.com

Grandparents Day of Reflection: The Joy of Faithful Hearts with fr. Donald Roszkowski. Join us for a special day for grandparents to be renewed in faith, encouraged in their vocation and equipped to pass on the treasure of the Catholic faith to future generations. Inspired talks, prayer, reflection, fellowship, Adoration, Confession & Holy Mass. Delicious meal in a peaceful setting. Sept. 12, 2026 from 10 am - 4:30 pm at Sacré-Coeur Retreat Center, 8508 County Rd 100 N Magnolia, IL 61336. Register by September 4th by calling 309-218-3714 or by email at sr_clare@ccdop.org

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat: The wound of abortion is real. So is healing. Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat offers healing for those who struggle with the emotional and spiritual pain of a past abortion. This retreat is for those single or married; mothers, fathers, grandparents, siblings, or anyone who has been impacted by an abortion experience. If you are searching for peace and inner healing from a past abortion, this retreat is for you. To Register for the August 28-30, 2026 retreat (Spanish) or the October 30 -November 1, 2026 retreat (English) call: 309-671-1550 (Spanish) or 309-2641489 (English) or go to the CDOP website below All communications are strictly confidential. For more information: www.cdop.org/rachels-vineyard www.rachelsvineyard.org .

First Friday Consecration to the Sacred Heart Fr. Luke Spannagel and the parishioners of St. Philomena invite the faithful to join us on August 7, 2026, for a First Friday Consecration to the Sacred Heart Mass. Mass will begin at 5:30 pm with Fr.

Luke as celebrant. St. Philomena Church is located at 1000 W Albany, Peoria. Parking is available in our main lot. For those who cannot join in person, a livestream will be available on our YouTube channel: youtube.com/@stphilomenapeoria/ streams

The next session of **Come to the Hall** is on August 20,2026 at Divine Mercy Parish Hall, 800 17th St., Silvis. This is hosted by Divine Mercy Parish Ruah Club. Doors open at 6:00 pm, light dinner served at 6:15 pm (must RSVP to the parish office (309) 792-3867, ext 3 before 3:00 pm the Monday before the event. The speaker will be Jonna Schuster, Author and friend of Fr. Peter Zorjan, Hearing the Voice of God in a Noisy World. September 17 speaker will be Fr. Tom Szydlík, The Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Northwest Cursillo 50th Anniversary Celebration Join fellow Cursillistas for Mass with Bishop Tylka, followed by speakers & dinner. Sunday, August 23rd at 3:00 pm Christ the King & the Believer's Together Center 3209 60th Street, Moline. Reservations are required Cursillistas only. Register by using the QR code or visit www.nwcursillo.com. Questions call Joan: 309-944-7275.

Marian Conference On the Feast of the Assumption, August 15, 2026, a free admission Marian Conference entitled “Fear is Useless, What is Needed is Trust” L-P Township High School Auditorium, 541 Chartres St., La Salle, IL 8:30 a.m. -4:00 p.m. The day consists of speakers: Father Chris Alar, National Provincial Superior of the National Shrine of the Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, MA (via recorded video) Live speaker Liz Kelly Stanchina, Community Leader for the Women's Foundation at Bishop Robert Barron's Word on Fire Institute, and, an international recognized and award winning author/co-author of more than a dozen books. Books are available for sale as well. Father Dan Reehil, Priest and Exorcist for the Diocese of Nashville, TN; with Christine Watkins, founder of Queen of Peace Media (via recorded video) There is also: Adoration and Confession Testimony on the power of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Rosary (via recorded video) Rosary Chaplet of Divine Mercy For questions, call 779-201-0544

New Registration Date: World Youth Day 2027 Join us in Seoul, South Korea! July 29 - August 10, 2027 Come with us to Seoul for World Youth Day in 2027! Experience spiritual awakening and Korean culture alongside other young Catholics from around the globe. This is more than just a trip. It is a life-changing encounter with your faith and with the world. Start planning your trip today! Visit: versoministries.com/peoria-wyd Registration Deadline: September 30, 2026

Alleman Catholic High School is adding to their education team for the 2026-2027 school year! Teaching at Alleman is a rewarding experience for anyone who believes in the power of education and the strength of faith. We are seeking: Spanish Teacher (Full Time) • Math Teacher (Full Time), Theology Teacher (Full Time). Full time benefits include: Life/ Health/ Vision/Dental and Retirement. Please contact Principal Jane Barrett at janebarrett@allemanhighschool.org with any questions you may have.

Geneseo/Atkinson Food Pantry needs for July. The clothing room is especially in need of: Summer clothing for children all sizes, towels, wash clothes, Summer clothing for men and women all sizes. Food Needs: Canned tuna and chicken, salad dressing, mashed potatoes, pasta sauce and pizza crust mix. Non-Food Needs: Toilet paper, paper towels, laundry detergent, dish soap, household cleaners, adult incontinence garments and deodorant. The Food pantry is also in need of school supplies for the school year. For items needed please go to: <https://www.geneseofoodpantry.org/school-supplies/>

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).

Reflections on the Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15, Psalm 78:3-4, 23-25, 54, Ephesians 4:17, 20-24, John 6:24-35

The journey of discipleship is a lifelong exodus from the slavery of sin and death to the holiness of truth on Mount Zion, the promised land of eternal life. The road can get rough. And when it does, we can be tempted to complain like the Israelites in this week’s First Reading. We have to see these times of hardship as a test of what is in our hearts, a call to trust God more and to purify the motives for our faith ([Deuteronomy 8:2–3](#)). As Paul reminds us in this week’s Epistle, we must leave behind our old self-deceptions and desires and live according to the likeness of God in which we are made. Jesus tells the crowd in this week’s Gospel that they are following Him for the wrong reasons. They seek Him because He filled their bellies. The Israelites, too, were content to follow God so long as there was plenty of food. Food is the most obvious of signs—because it is the most basic of our human needs. We need our daily bread to live. But we cannot live by this bread alone. We need the bread of eternal life that preserves those who believe in Him ([Wisdom 16:20, 26](#)). The manna in the wilderness, like the bread Jesus multiplied for the crowd, was a sign of God’s Providence—that we should trust that He will provide. These signs pointed to their fulfillment in the Eucharist, the abundant bread of angels we sing about in this week’s Psalm. This is the food that God longs to give us. This is the bread we should be seeking. But too often we don’t ask for this bread. Instead we seek the perishable stuff of our everyday wants and anxieties. In our weakness we think these things are what we really need. We have to trust God more. If we seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, all these things will be ours as well ([Matthew 6:33](#)).

Dr. Scott Hahn

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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 7:15 & 11:00 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