

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

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, August 22
4:00 pm @ SA + Clarence, Evelyn & Marvin Greenwood
Sunday, August 23
8:00 am @ SA – For the Parishoners
10:00 am @ SP + John Gales
Monday, August 24
No Mass
Tuesday, August 25 *St. Louis, King*
5:30 pm @ SA + Sue Floreani
Wednesday, August 26
5:30 pm @ SP + Richard McKibbon
Thursday, August 27 *St. Monica*
8:00 am @ SA + VanVooren Friends & Relatives
Friday, August 28 *St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of Church*
8:00 am @ SA + Fr. Louis Seucundo

Twenty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Saturday, August 29
4:00 pm @ SA + Virgil & Mary DeMink
Sunday, August 30
8:00 am @ SA + Duane VanVooren
10:00 am @ SP – For the Parishoners

Serving at Our Lords Altar– St. Anthony

4:00 pm @ St. Anthony – August 29
Lector: Rod Jackson
Ushers: Lynn Cathelyn & Kevin Stafford
8:00 am @ St. Anthony – August 30
Lector: Gary Olson
Ushers: Wayne Brau & Steve Mapes

Serving at Our Lord’s Altar - St. Patrick

10 am @ St. Patrick - August 30
Lector: Jim Owens
Ushers: Rich Brummel & Marilyn Gray
Altar server: Marcus Brummel
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, Megan Lanham, Julie Marley, Hudson McCook, Aaron Stetson, Nick Welgat, Spike Hubbs, Alan Dietz, Gaye Abrahams, Mary Jo Nelson, Jan Doty, Carl Pacunas, Lisa Aber, Agnes Ross, Joanne Maas

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Diocese of Peoria

**Proclaiming Christ:
Yesterday, Today, Forever**

PILGRIMAGE SITES

CATHEDRAL OF ST. MARY

607 NE Madison Ave, Peoria, IL 61603
www.catholicpeoria.org | 309-3673-6317

CORPUS CHRISTI

273 S Prairie St, Galesburg, IL 61401
www.galesburgcatholic.com | 309-343-8256

St. JOHN NEWMAN CENTER CHAPEL

604 E Armory Ave, Champaign, IL 61820
www.sjcnc.org | 217-344-1266

STS. PETER AND PAUL

190 N Wells St, Nauvoo, IL 62345
hancockcountycatholic.org | 217-4532428

ST. MARY

412 10th St, Moline, IL 61265
www.stmarysmoline.com | 309-764-1562

ST. MARY

303 S Division St, Utica, IL 61373
www.stmarysutica.org | 815-667-4677

For visiting hours/information at each location: www.cdop150.org

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

Sept. 6th at 2pm: Our Lady of Vailankanni
Oct. 4th at 2pm: Our Lady of La Vang
Oct. 11th at 2pm: Miracle of the Sun Holy Hour Only
Potluck will be held after every Holy Hour

Atkinson Heritage Days Pie Stand

St. Anthony’s Circle 1 will be sponsoring the Pie in the Park Stand on Saturday August 22nd. Circle Members will be contacted to donate 2 pies or \$25. They will be serving pie and ice cream from 10 a.m. until sold out. Please come and join us!



St. Patrick Church is hosting Jenny Witt, from the Diocese of Peoria, to speak with parents regarding the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program and updated Confirmation guidelines on August 30, 2026 after Mass. Parents will be able to register your child for Religious Education for the year. Please plan to attend.

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



**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 8/16/26:

SA Sunday: \$3,105 SP Sunday: \$1,074

July Online Giving:

SA Sunday: \$973 SP Sunday: \$1,886 SP Improvement: \$259

Upcoming TEC Weekends

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>



“You Will Be My Witnesses.” (Acts 1:8)
Annual Diocesan Appeal Kickoff August 29-30, 2026 Next weekend, our parishes will begin the 2026 Annual Diocesan Appeal. This week, parishioners throughout the Diocese will receive a mailing with information about the Appeal, including a pledge card and return envelope. You may make a one-time gift or spread your pledge over eight months. Pledge cards will also be available in the pews next weekend. Your generosity helps proclaim the Gospel throughout central Illinois by supporting ministries that form disciples, care for those in need, encourage vocations, and strengthen our Catholic schools and parishes. Thank you for your faithful support of our parish, our Diocese, and the mission of the Church throughout the world. To learn more or make your gift: cdop.org/ada

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.olgsilvis.com Click the tab “JP II 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 .

Sacred Heart Church, Moline is taking a bus for a **Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Champion**. The National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion is the first and only approved Marian apparition site in the United States. We are traveling to Champion, Wisconsin on October 6, 2026 for a day to find refuge and spiritual healing on the peaceful, sacred grounds where the Blessed Mother appeared to Adele Brice in 1859. Join us as Fr. Mark DeSutter celebrates a private Mass in the Mother Mercy Hall, enjoy lunch and time to explore the grounds. The cost of the trip is \$122. Register by September 1 by contacting Debbie in Sacred Heart Church, Moline parish office at 309-762-2362.

Beatification of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen
~ Make Your Journey a Pilgrimage As you travel to attend the Beatification Mass of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, we invite you to go deeper & transform your trip into a sacred journey. The Sheen Pilgrimage is a spiritual experience centered around prayer, reflection, and celebration. Beginning in Peoria, on September 15, this pilgrimage includes the anniversary of Sheen’s ordination, the historic Beatification Mass, and culminates in celebratory Masses and the Sheen Award Gala. Whether you come for a day or the entire week, this is an opportunity to walk in the footsteps of a remarkable spiritual leader and grow in faith alongside pilgrims from around the world. Learn more and get tickets for events at celebratesheen.com

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

Made for More with Christopher West & Mike Mangione. World renowned speaker and author Christopher West, along with award winning musician, Mike Mangione, are coming to Our Lady of Victory Church in Davenport on Thursday, November 12, 2026 from 7:00-9:30 pm. A beautiful multimedia event, no one should miss this awesome and inspiring event. For more information about the event, or to purchase your tickets, go to <https://aftontickets.com/M4MDavenport>.

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).

St. Louis Church in Princeton is hosting Enrichment of Faith Classes: This year Susanna Prushinski will be giving a series of lectures on different topics of faith. Each lecture class will be offered twice, there will be a daytime option and an evening option. The first Lecture Class is titled Spiritual Insights in the Old Testament Desert Terrain. This class will be offered on Wednesday October 7th 6:30-8:00 PM and again on Thursday October 8th 1:30-3:00 PM. Sign-up for either session by contacting Susanna at 815-915-6960

Dr. Scott Hahn Readings: for the Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time: [Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18; Psalm 34:2-3, 16-23; Ephesians 5:21-32; John 6:60-69](#)
This Sunday’s Mass readings conclude a four-week meditation on the Eucharist.. The Twelve Apostles in today’s Gospel are asked to make a choice—either to believe and accept the New Covenant He offers in His Body and Blood or return to their former ways of life. Their choice is prefigured by the decision Joshua asks the Twelve Tribes to make in today’s First Reading. Joshua gathers them at Shechem—where God first appeared to their father Abraham promising to make his descendants a great nation in a new land (see [Genesis 12:1-9](#)). And he issues a blunt challenge: either renew their covenant with God or serve the alien gods of the surrounding nations. We too are being asked today to decide whom we will serve. For four weeks we have been presented in the liturgy with the mystery of the Eucharist—a daily miracle far greater than those performed by God in bringing the Israelites out of the land of Egypt.. He has promised us a new homeland and eternal life, offering us bread from heaven to strengthen us on our journey. He has told us that unless we eat His Flesh and drink His Blood we will have no life in us. It is a hard saying, as many murmur in today’s Gospel. Yet He has given us the words of eternal life. We must believe, as Peter says today, that He is the Holy One of God, who handed Himself over for us, who gave His flesh for the life of the world. As we hear in today’s Epistle, Jesus did this that we might be sanctified, made holy, through the water and word of Baptism by which we enter into His new covenant. Through the Eucharist, He nourishes and cherishes us, making us His own flesh and blood, as husband and wife become one flesh. Let us renew our covenant today, approaching the altar with confidence that, as we sing in today’s Psalm, the Lord will redeem the lives of His servants.

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Office Hours: Thursday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
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