

ST. ANTHONY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, Atkinson
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MASS SCHEDULE

Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 12
4:00 pm @ SA + Robert Ullrick
Sunday, September 13
8:00 am @ SA + Richard King Family
10:00 am @ SP – For the Parishoners
Monday, September 14
No Mass
Tuesday, September 15 *Our Lady of Sorrows*
5:30 pm @ SA + Bill, Tim, & Tracey VanHyfte
Wednesday, September 16 *Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian, Martyrs*
8:00 am @ SP + William Hebel
Thursday, September 17 *St. Robert Bellarmine, Bp. & Dr.*
8:00 am @ SA + Bob Park
Friday, September 18
8:00 am @ SA – For the Parishoners

Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 19
4:00 pm @ SA + Ed & Irene Verdick
Sunday, September 20
8:00 am @ SA - Marvin & Marci VanKeulen 65th Ann.
10:00 am @ SP + Linda VanVooren

Serving at Our Lord’s Altar– St. Anthony

4:00 pm @ St. Anthony – September 19
Lector: Janice Wyffels
Ushers: Ed Coble & Richard DeSmith
8:00 am @ St. Anthony – September 20
Lector: Gary Olson
Ushers: Jon Hamer & Mark Murphy

Serving at Our Lord’s Altar - St. Patrick

10 am @ St. Patrick - September 20
Lector: Patty Devenyns
Ushers: Ken Brummel & Dave Hahne
Altar server: Ryan Pratt & Andrew Ehnle
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, 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

“You Will Be My Witnesses.” (Acts 1:8)
2026 Annual Diocesan Appeal

Our parish has joined churches throughout the Diocese of Peoria in the 2026 Annual Diocesan Appeal. This year’s theme, “You Will Be My Witnesses,” reminds us that we are called to renew and deepen our commitment to being credible Witnesses of Christ in the world. Parishioners throughout the Diocese received 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 are also available in the church. 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. .



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday Sept. 13th: SA CCD Registration after 9 am Mass

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

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

St. Anthony Church is seeking 1 more teacher for the 2026–2027 year! No experience is required — you’ll join a welcoming team and receive support and guidance. Registration will be Sunday Sept. 13, 2026 after Mass. Class starting on Sept. 20th.

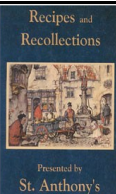
25th & 50th Wedding Anniversary Mass

If you are celebrating your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary, you are invited, By Bishop Tylka to the Diocesan Anniversary Mass. The 2026 Diocesan 25th & 50th Wedding Anniversary Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Tylka on Saturday, November 7, 2026, at 4 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception. Please contact our parish office at 309-936-7900 to RSVP along with your name, number, address, email and Anniversary date by September 28th. You will receive a special invitation with your contact information provided.

The SA Fall Altar & Rosary meeting will be Tuesday, September 22 at 6:30pm. at the church hall. It is our annual salad/casserole/dessert luncheon, so please bring a dish to share. We will be honoring our 2026 volunteer of the year, Lynette Causemaker.

St. Anthony’s Cookbook

We’re happy to announce a reprint of our classic Recipes and Recollection Cookbook . Great gifts for showers, weddings and Christmas Holidays. We will let you know when they are back in stock!



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.

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

Collection from 9/8/26:
SA Sunday: \$2,159 SP Sunday: \$825 Improvement: \$55
Aug Online Giving:
SA Sunday: \$868 SP Sunday: \$1,338 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>



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

The Women at the Well The Women at the Well committee of Christ the King parish in Moline will be presenting their program “God Is In This Story” on Thursday, September 17th. The program will be presented by three parish members who will share their stories of faith while dealing with Cancer. All women are welcome to attend. The doors open at 5:30 pm, a Salad Bar buffet with desserts and drinks will be served at 6:00 pm and followed by the presentation in the Believer’s Together Center at 3209 60th St., Moline. The cost is \$15.00. Reservations must be made by September 14th by going on the Christ the King website: www.christthekingmoline.org or call the parish office at 309- 762-4634.

Faith on Tap Join us on Thursday, September 17th at 6:30 pm at Jersey Grille, The Upper Room for Faith on Tap featuring Fr. David Furgal, OFM. The special year of St. Francis: what the rest of the Church can learn from this special year, and what would St. Francis have to say to us today. This event is sponsored by QC Catholic Young Adults (ages 18 -35).

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 tthe October 30 -November 1, 2026 retreat (English) call: 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 .

St. Malachy, Geneseo YOUTH GROUP IS BACK! Join us beginning Wednesday, September 16! All students in grades 6-12 are welcome - bring a friend! MIDDLE SCHOOL | Grades 6–8 5:30–7:00 PM | Doors open at 5:15 pm This fall, it’s COLOR WARS! Teams, games, challenges and big questions about faith and life. HIGH SCHOOL | Grades 9–12 NEW TIME! Dinner in the Youth Room at 6:45 pm Youth Group 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm After Hours 8:30 pm – 9:00 pm High School will look a little different this year! Each week will bring something new, with more time to dig into the questions and topics you’re interested in — plus games, activities, prayer and time to hang out. Busy night? Come for what you can! Questions? Contact Sara Osborn, Director of Youth Ministry

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

SPEC is a religious education organization for individuals with intellectual disabilities. We need volunteers to be buddies (adults & teens) with our special friends. SPEC meets on Wednesday evenings, for 2 hours (6:15-8:15 pm) from October to May (do not meet mid-December through mid-January) at Christ the King Believers Together Center, 3209 60th St., Moline. More information and orientation will be September 16, 2026 from 6:30-8:00 pm at the Believers Together Center. Must be in 7th grade and older, we are in dire need of adults also. For more information please contact Linda Matheis at 309-235-4614 or email spec.cfk1976@gmail.com. Registration forms also available at <http://www.christthekingmoline.org/#!/spec/c24va>.

Readings: for the Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Sirach 27:10-28:7, Psalm 103:1-4, 9-12, Romans 14:7-9, Matthew 18:21-35

Mercy and forgiveness should be at the heart of the Christian life. Yet, as today’s First Reading wisely reminds us, often we cherish our wrath, nourish our anger, and refuse mercy to those who have done us wrong. Jesus, too, strikes close to home in today’s Gospel with His realistic portrayal of the wicked servant who won’t forgive a fellow servant’s debt, even though his own slate has just been wiped clean by their master. It can’t be this way in the kingdom, the Church. In the Old Testament, seven is frequently a number associated with mercy and the forgiveness of sins. The just man sins seven times daily; there is a sevenfold sprinkling of blood for atonement of sins (see [Proverbs 24:6](#); Leviticus 16). But Jesus tells Peter today that we must forgive not seven times, but seventy times seven times. That means: every time. We are to be merciful as our Father in heaven is merciful (see [Luke 6:36](#); [Matthew 5:48](#)). But why? Why does Jesus repeatedly warn that we can’t expect forgiveness for our trespasses unless we’re willing to forgive others their trespasses against us? Because, as Paul reminds us in today’s Epistle, we are the Lord’s. Each of us has been purchased by the blood of Christ shed for us on the Cross (see [Revelation 5:9](#)). As we sing in today’s Psalm, though we deserved to die for our sins, He doesn’t deal with us according to our crimes. The mercy and forgiveness we show to others should be the heartfelt expression of our gratitude for the mercy and forgiveness shown to us This is why we should remember our last days, set our enmities aside, and stop judging others. We know that one day we will stand before the judgment seat and give account for what we’ve done with the new life given to us by Christ (see [Romans 14:10](#), [12](#)). So we forgive each other from the heart, overlook each other’s faults, and await the crown of His kindness and compassion.

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