

ST. ANTHONY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, Atkinson
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MASS SCHEDULE

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 Anniversary
10:00 am @ SP + Linda VanVooren
Monday, September 21
No Mass
Tuesday, September 22
5:30 pm @ SA + Joe Goebert
Wednesday, September 23
No Mass
Thursday, September 24
No Mass
Friday, September 25
No Mass

Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 26
4:00 pm @ SA + Pataricia VanHyfte
Sunday, September 27
8:00 am @ SA + Chuck & Logan DeMay
10:00 am @ SP – For the Parishoners

Serving at Our Lord’s Altar– St. Anthony

4:00 pm @ St. Anthony – September 26
Lector: Robin VanMeenan
Ushers: Kevin Stafford & Steve Clementz
8:00 am @ St. Anthony – September 27
Lector: Rod Jackson
Ushers: John Cauwels & Volunteer

Serving at Our Lord’s Altar - St. Patrick

10 am @ St. Patrick - September 27
Lector: Pat Corwin
Ushers: Ken Brummel & Dave Hahne
Altar server: Marcus Brummel & 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 September 20 SA CCD 9am-10am
Sunday September 20 SP CCD 8:30am-9:45am
Tuesday September 22 SA A&R meeting 6:30pm

St. Patrick Fall Circle will be hosting a wine & cheese gathering for all women of St Patrick on Wednesday, Oct 21 at the parish hall at 6:30 pm (doors open at 6:00 pm) Bring your own wine and an appetizer or dessert to share. Ladies from St. Anthony are invited too. A short business meeting will be held to prepare for St. Patrick circle events in 2027. Come join us for a fun evening.

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

BOX OF JOY

The Box Of Joy program is an opportunity for you to provide a Christmas gift to a child less fortunate, in poverty stricken nations, through Cross Catholic Outreach. You can choose the gender and age of the child you would like to help. You will receive a list of items you can include. Each box will be sent with a rosary and “The Story of Jesus” in their native language. Please pick up boxes, at St. Anthony & St. Patrick, after Mass starting Oct. 1st. Boxes can be returned to the Church vestibule no later than Nov. 1st or to Mary Ann Hays-Ross Please help a child receive a Christmas gift this season.



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 St. Anthony Fall Altar & Rosary meeting will be Tuesday, September 22 at 6:30pm. at the parish 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.



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 9/13/26:
SA Sunday: \$1,718 SP Sunday: \$927 Improvement: \$75
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



Our Lady of Guadalupe Campus, Silvis invites you to join us for a board game, card party/ Game Night (Cards Available, bring your board game of choice) Men, Women & Children Welcome! Tuesday, September 22nd 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm OLG Parish Hall \$5.00 per person Under 12 years free Table prizes, door prizes, 50/50 Raffle Snacks, desserts, coffee, lemonade & water Buy Tickets from Pam at the Office or contact Adeline at (309)506-0796

St. John the Beloved Parish, Woodhull, will sponsor their annual Chicken Dinner, Sunday, September 27 from 11:30-2:00 pm in the church hall. Tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$8.00 for children 10 years and under.

St. Malachy’s Church will be sponsoring Women at the Well evening, Thursday October 8th. Mass will be at 5pm, doors open at 5:45 pm and Dinner is at 6:15pm. Reservations are required and may be made by calling or texting Shannon Carroll at 309-945-8607. More information may be found on the flyer posted in the vestibule of the church.

The Magi Gala, A benefit for the Magi Baby Chest will be on February 20, 2027 at The Barn . The gala is a formal event featuring the dueling pianos and a 16oz ribeye dinner catered by trails end smokehouse. Tickets are available at magibabychest.com

Sacred Heart Church Moline Please join us at a public **Rosary rally** taking place at 12 NOON, Saturday, October 10th. We will meet at Lindsay Park in Davenport, on the hill near the playground and will pray for the repentance and conversion of our great nation, asking God to save America through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother. Bring a lawn chair. If you can’t be there in person, pray the Rosary with us from your home. POC is Mike Steffen at (309)235-4804 if you have any questions. (He prefers a text.)

St. Malachy, Geneseo is having a St. Francis Pet Blessing Day: Wednesday, October 7th Time: 3:15 pm - 3:45 pm Where: Mahoney Shelter. How: Just bring your pet to the shelter!

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 .

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 Sept. 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

St. Malachy Youth group invites all to YOUTH GROUP All students in grades 6-12 are welcome - bring a friend! Wed. evenings. 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.

FIRST FRIDAY VICARIATE SACRED HEART MASS: The Diocese of Peoria, along with the whole United States of America, has been recently consecrated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. A beautiful part of the devotion to the Sacred Heart is the celebration of nine First Friday Masses. St. Malachy, Geneseo is to host this special Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus for the vicariate on Friday, October 2, 2026. They will begin with Eucharistic Adoration at 5:00 pm, including the praying of a Divine Mercy Chaplet. Mass is at 5:30 pm.

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Readings: for the Twenty- Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Isaiah 55:6-9, Psalm 145:2-3,8-9,17-18, Philippians 1:20-24, ,27, Matthew 20:1-16 The house of Israel is the vine of God, who planted and watered it, preparing the Israelites to bear fruits of righteousness (see [Isaiah 5:7; 27:2–5](#)).Israel failed to yield good fruits, and the Lord allowed His vineyard, Israel’s kingdom, to be overrun by conquerors (see [Psalm 80:9–20](#)). But God promised that one day He would replant His vineyard and its shoots would blossom to the ends of the earth (see [Amos 9:15; Hosea 14:5–10](#)).This is the biblical backdrop to Jesus’ parable of salvation history in today’s Gospel. The landowner is God. The vineyard is the kingdom. The workers hired at dawn are the Israelites, to whom He first offered His covenant. Those hired later in the day are the Gentiles, the non-Israelites, who, until the coming of Christ, were strangers to the covenants of promise (see [Ephesians 2:11–13](#)). In the Lord’s great generosity, the same wages, the same blessings promised to the first-called, the Israelites, will be paid to those called last, the rest of the nations. This provokes grumbling in today’s parable. Doesn’t the complaint of those first laborers sound like that of the older brother in Jesus’ prodigal son parable (see [Luke 15:29–30](#))? God’s ways, however, are far from our ways, as we hear in today’s First Reading. And today’s readings should caution us against the temptation to resent God’s lavish mercy. Like the Gentiles, many will be allowed to enter the kingdom late—after having spent most of their days idling in sin. But even these can call upon Him and find Him near, as we sing in today’s Psalm. We should rejoice that God has compassion on all whom He has created. This should console us, too, especially if we have loved ones who remain far from the vineyard. Our task is to continue laboring in His vineyard. As Paul says in today’s Epistle, let us conduct ourselves worthily, struggling to bring all men and women to the praise of His name. 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