

ST. ANTHONY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, Atkinson
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MASS SCHEDULE

Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 26
4:00 pm @ SA + Patricia VanHyfte
Sunday, September 27
8:00 am @ SA + Chuck & Logan DeMay
10:00 am @ SP - For the Parishoners
Monday, September 28
No Mass
Tuesday, September 29 Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael
5:30 pm @ SA + Lorraine Wancket
Wednesday, September 30 St. Jerome, Priest & Dr.
5:30 pm @ SP + Lorelle Burcham
Thursday, October 1 St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus
8:00 am @ SA + Mary Simon
Friday, October 2 The Holy Guardian Angels
8:00 am @ SA + Rita Schatteman
5:30 pm @ SP - John & Wink Barry

Twenty-Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

Saturday, October 3
4:00 pm @ SA + Eldon Croegaert
Sunday, October 4
8:00 am @ SA – For the Parishoners
10:00 am @ SP + Marvin & Rosemary DeBrock

Serving at Our Lord’s Altar– St. Anthony

4:00 pm @ St. Anthony – October 3
Lector: Rod Jackson
Ushers: Ed Coble, Kevin Stafford
EMHC: Ben Raschke

8:00 am @ St. Anthony – October 4
Lector: Gary Olson
Ushers: Jon Hamer, Eric Ufheil
EMHC: Mary Kay Franks

Serving at Our Lord’s Altar - St. Patrick

10 am @ St. Patrick - October 4
Lector: Lisa Wilson
Ushers: Rich Brummel & Rick Cernovich
Money Counters: Taylor/ M Lanham

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 Abrhams, 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 27 SA CCD 9am-10am
Sunday September 27 SP CCD 8:30am-9:45am

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

SACRED HEART ROCK ISLAND TRANSITUS CELEBRATION

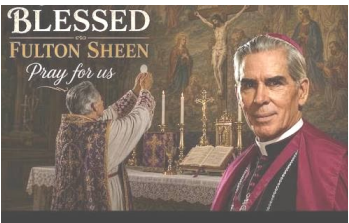
Join us for a special Transitus! Mark your calendars now because Saturday, October 3rd will be a special day at Sacred Heart! The Rock Island parishes will be celebrating Transitus — the 800th anniversary of St. Francis’ passing from earthly life to eternal life — together at Sacred Heart this year. The evening will begin at 5:30 pm with the Transitus liturgy that will lead right into our Vigil Mass. The friars to be there to celebrate Transitus together, which will make for an extra special liturgy. After Mass, join us for the annual Sacred Heart Chili Cook-Off!

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.



This week the Diocese of Peoria, in union with Catholics around the world, celebrated the Beatification of the Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen. This is a moment of immense grace for the Church. Blessed Fulton Sheen was born, ordained, and first served as a priest in the Peoria Diocese. His life and ministry continue to inspire countless people to know and love Jesus Christ more deeply. Through his preaching, teaching, and personal witness, he brought the light of faith to millions, calling each of us to a deeper devotion to the Eucharist and to Our Blessed Mother. As we celebrate this historic let us continue to pray that the example of Blessed Fulton Sheen will strengthen our own witness to the Gospel and renew our desire to bring Christ to the world.”



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.

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

Collection from 9/20/26:

SA Sunday: \$2,498 SP Sunday: \$1,329

Aug Online Giving:

SA Sunday: \$868 SP Sunday: \$1,338 SP Improvement: \$259

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.

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

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Reflection for the Twenty-Sixth Sunday of the Year

Readings: Ezekiel 18:25-28, Psalm 25:4-9, Philippians 2:1-11, Matthew 21:28-32 Echoing the complaint heard in last week’s readings, today’s First Reading again presents protests that God isn’t fair. Why does He punish with death one who begins in virtue but falls into iniquity, while granting life to the wicked one who turns from sin? This is the question that Jesus takes up in the parable in today’s Gospel. The first son represents the most heinous sinners of Jesus’ day—tax collectors and prostitutes—who by their sin at first refused to serve in the Lord’s vineyard, the kingdom. At the preaching of John the Baptist, they repented and did what was right and just. The second son represents Israel’s leaders—who said they would serve God in the vineyard, but refused to believe John when he told them they must produce good fruits as evidence of their repentance (see [Matthew 3:8](#)). Once again, this week’s readings invite us to ponder the unfathomable ways of God’s justice and mercy. He teaches His ways only to the humble, as we sing in today’s Psalm. And in the Epistle today, Paul presents Jesus as the model of that humility by which we come to know life’s true path. Paul sings a beautiful hymn to the Incarnation. Unlike Adam, the first man, who in his pride grasped at being God, the New Adam, Jesus, humbled himself to become a slave, obedient even unto death on the cross (see [Romans 5:14](#)). In this He has shown sinners—each one of us—the way back to the Father. We can only come to God to serve in His vineyard, the Church, by having that same attitude as Christ. This is what Israel’s leaders lacked. In their vainglory, they presumed their superiority—that they had no further need to hear God’s Word or listen to God’s servants. But this is the way to death, as God tells Ezekiel today. We are always to be emptying ourselves, seeking forgiveness for our sins and frailties, confessing on bended knee that He is Lord to the glory of the Father. 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