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MASS SCHEDULE
Celebrating Our Faith This Week

The First Sunday of Advent

Saturday, November 28
4:00 pm @ SA + Sue Floreani
Sunday, November 29
8:00 am @ SA + Larry & Owen Plumley
10:00 am @ SP - For the Parishoners

Monday, November 30
No Mass
Tuesday, December 1
5:30 pm @ SA + Evelyn DeSplinter
Wednesday, December 2
5:30 pm @ SP + Father Paul Meismer
Thursday, December 3 *St. Francis Xavier Priest*
8:00 am @ SA+ Jean Causemaker
Friday, December 4 *St. John Damacene, Priest & Dr. of Church*
8:00 am @ SA - Nick & Norma Simon
5:30 pm @ SP + William Hebel

The Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 5
4:00 pm @ SA + Royce & Joann VerStraete
Sunday, December 6
8:00 am @ SA - For the Parishoners
10:00 am @ SP + Deceased Members of VanCauwenberg Fam.

Serving at Our Lord's Altar– St. Anthony

4:00 pm @ St. Anthony – December 5
Lector:
Ushers: Ken De Smith & Richard De Smith

8:00 am @ St. Anthony – December 6
Lector: Terence Patton
Ushers: Gary Olson & Eric Ufheil

5:30 pm @ St. Anthony – December 8 Immaculate Conception
Lector: Wayne Brau
Ushers: Lynn Cathelyn & Keith Causemaker

Serving at Our Lord's Altar - St. Patrick

10:00 am @ St. Patrick – December 6
Lector: Kristal LeRette
Ushers: Richard Brummel & Dave Hahne
Money Counters: Kevin & Lisa Wilson & Annette DeMay

12:00 noon @ St. Patrick – December 8 Immaculate Conception
Lector: Mary Ann Cernovich

Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)
Tuesday December 8
12:00 Noon @ St. Patrick
5:30 pm @ St. Anthony

Christmas Mass Schedule
Thursday December 24
4:00 pm @ St. Anthony (Father Haake)
4:00 pm @ St. Patrick (Father Engelbrecht)
11:00 pm @ St. Mary of the Fields

Friday, December 25:
9:00 am @ St. Anthony

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, Joanne Maas, Kim DeBrock, Jeff Bitting

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
Sunday November 29: SA No CCD
SP No CCD
Sunday December 6: SA CCD 9 am – 10 am
SP CCD 8:30 am – 9:45 am

ST PATRICK ANGEL TREE



Please Remember that all Angel Tree items need To be returned on November 30th. The donated coats box will be out a bit longer. Thank you for your generosity and effort to keep a child warm.

St. Anthony Circle Two Coffee Cake Fundraiser!



Make your Christmas breakfast extra special this year with delicious Dave's Coffee Cakes! Order forms, that offer a variety of coffee cakes, are attached to the bulletin. Please consider sharing with your family, friends and co-workers to expand fundraising for St. Anthony's. You may place your order after Mass on November 28th & 29th and December 5th & 6th or by contacting any of the Circle 2 Chairs listed on the order form. Online orders are also accepted. Coffee cakes pick up will be December 18th from 5pm – 6pm and December 19th from 9am -10 am in the parish hall. See bulletin board for additional order sheets and information.

Christmas Prayer

Beginning on St. Andrew the Apostle's feast day, November 30, the following beautiful prayer is traditionally recited fifteen times a day until Christmas. This special prayer is powerful to obtain favors if one's requests are in accordance with God's will. It is believed that whoever recites the following prayer with a pious heart the traditional 15 times a day from November to December 25, will obtain whatever is asked. This Christmas prayer carries an Imprimatur from Archbishop Micael Augustine of New York on 6 February 1897. This is a very meditative prayer that helps us increase our awareness of the real focus of Christmas and helps us prepare ourselves spiritually for His coming.



Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires, through the merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen.

Blessing of the Advent Wreath: Use this simple ritual to help prepare your heart for Christmas. As you light the candle of your Advent wreath, reflect on the many gifts Jesus brings to our lives including hope, faith, joy and peace – and on our Gospel call to share them with others to build a more just and peaceful world. Together, let's prepare our hearts for a Christmas filled with love and purpose! On or before November 30, create an Advent wreath with the following prayer: God of goodness, Bless our Advent wreath. May its circle remind us of your infinite love, and to live as one human family. May its evergreen branches awaken our hope to share with people who need it most. May its candles illuminate peach in our hearts to touch the world with compassion. May we receive the joy of your word and bring it to life in all corners of the earth. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sharing in the Work of Christ Through Sacrificial Giving
(Weekly Sunday Contribution collected at Mass 11/23)

St. Anthony: Sunday $2,301 Human Development: $20
St. Patrick: Sunday $949 Improvement $50 SP Appeal: $500

October Online Giving:
St. Anthony Sunday: $703.30 St. Patrick Sunday : $904.85
St. Patrick Improvement: $209.85

Sunday Memo FROM OUR PASTOR

St. Patrick Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Red Cross blood drive at St. Patrick hall on Monday, December 14th from 1:30 pm to 5:30 pm. Please make an appointment by signing up at RedCrossBlood.org or by calling 1-800-733-2767. You donation will be greatly appreciated.

Please note that **incense** will be used on Sundays at 8 am & 10 am Mass during Advent and Christmas Season. Incense was used in the worship of God 2,000 years ago and is employed in the Church's Sacred Liturgy today. The sweet-smelling incense rising up to heaven reminds us of our prayers rising up to God. At Christmas we celebrate our God who so loved us that he sent his only Son down to us. This perfectly represents what happens at Mass – God comes to us and we are taken up to God. There might be some that would prefer to avoid Masses with incense, so I inform you presently.

If you would like to donate towards the Altar Christmas flowers in honor of a loved one, please send in your donation using the parish Christmas envelopes or an envelope marked Christmas Flowers. Please make sure your loved one's name Is spelled correctly and written clearly.

Envelopes can be dropped in the collection basket, mailed or dropped off at the office. Make the check out to the parish in which you are a member. Each parish will have a separate list with ONLY the name of whom the donation is being given for. Deadline for contributions & loved one's names, that will be honored on the list, is Sunday, December 20th.

Geneseo/Atkinson Food Pantry needs for Dec. The clothing room is especially in need of: Winter coats all sizes, blankets, sheet sets all sizes, bath towels, all sizes children's clothing, men's clothing all sizes and crockpots. Food Needs: Flour, sugar, baking soda, baking powder, chocolate chips and butterscotch chips. Non-Food Needs: Toilet paper, full size toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, Kleenex, hand sanitizer, deodorant, body wash. The Pantry is in need of Christmas meal basket items as well. The pantry is in need of Monday night volunteers and is expecting a need for volunteers during the holidays. Please contact the pantry if you would like to help.

Sheffield (Western Bureau County) Food Pantry needs for November: grape jelly, instant potatoes, canned chicken, pancake syrup, soups, and canned peas

Thank you to Vandemore Funeral Home who provided the 2027 Catholic Calendars for both St. Anthony and St. Patrick. Their generosity is greatly appreciated. Please pick up yours today at the church doors.



St. Anthony Cookbook is back! We are happy to announce we have more cookbooks! Recipes and Recollection cookbook is a great gift! Books are $25 and can be purchased at the office or from Ardith Burton or Renee Hamer.

Project Pride Food Pantry:
It is that time of year to "Adopt a family for the Holidays". Your donation of any amount can help purchase a Happy Holiday experience for families during the upcoming season. Please send your donation and make a difference for a family to: Project Pride Food Pantry % John Cauwels, Treasurer POB 52 Annawan, Il. 61234
We sincerely want to thank you for your generosity and continued support at the pantry. We appreciate it very much.

Since our parishes have deep Flemish and Dutch roots, I offer the following. Maybe some of you will recognize it.
- Father Engelbrecht

Sinterklaasje, kom maar binnen met je knecht
St. Nicholas Day Song
(Flemish)

Sinterklaasje, kom maar binnen met je knecht,
Want we zitten allemaal even recht.
Misschien heeft u wel even tijd,
Voordat u weer naar Spanje rijdt.

Sinterklaasje, klop maar even bij ons aan,
En laat uw paardje maar buiten staan.
En we zingen en we springen en we zijn zo blij,
Want er zijn geen stoute kindren bij.
En we zingen en we springen en we zijn zo blij,
Want er zijn geen stoute kind'ren bij!

Saint-Nicholas, Come in with Your Servant
St. Nicholas Day Song
(English)

Saint-Nicholas, come in with your servant
Because we are all sitting up straight
Maybe you have a little time to spare
Before you go back to Spain.

Saint-Nicholas, do knock on our door
And leave your horse outside
And we sing and we jump and we are so happy
Because there are no naughty children here
And we sing and we jump and we are so happy
Because there are no naughty children here!

Who is St. Nicholas?

The true story of Santa Claus begins with Nicholas, who was born during the third century in the village of Patara. At the time the area was Greek and is now on the southern coast of Turkey. His wealthy parents, who raised him to be a devout Christian, died in an epidemic while Nicholas was still young. Obeying Jesus' words to "sell what you own and give the money to the poor," Nicholas used his whole inheritance to assist the needy, the sick, and the suffering. He dedicated his life to serving God and was made Bishop of Myra while still a young man. Bishop Nicholas became known throughout the land for his generosity to those in need, his love for children, and his concern for sailors and ships.

Under the Roman Emperor Diocletian, who ruthlessly persecuted Christians, Bishop Nicholas suffered for his faith, was exiled and imprisoned. The prisons were so full of bishops, priests, and deacons, there was no room for the real criminals-murderers, thieves and robbers. After his release, Nicholas attended the Council of Nicaea in AD 325. He died December 6, 343 in Myra and was buried in his cathedral church, where a unique relic, called manna, formed in his grave. This liquid substance, said to have healing powers, fostered the growth of devotion to Nicholas. The anniversary of his death became a day of celebration, St. Nicholas Day, December 6th.

Through the centuries many stories and legends have been told of St. Nicholas' life and deeds. These accounts help us understand his extraordinary character and why he is so beloved and revered as protector and helper of those in need.

One story tells of a poor man with three daughters. In those days a young woman's father had to offer prospective husbands something of value-a dowry. The larger the dowry, the better the chance that a young woman would find a good husband. Without a dowry, a woman was unlikely to marry. This poor man's daughters, without dowries, were therefore destined to be sold into slavery. Mysteriously, on three different occasions, a bag of gold appeared in their home-providing the needed dowries. The bags of gold, tossed through an open window, are said to have landed in stockings or shoes left before the fire to dry. This led to the custom of children hanging stockings or putting out shoes, eagerly awaiting gifts from Saint Nicholas. Sometimes the story is told with gold balls instead of bags of gold. That is why three gold balls, sometimes represented as oranges, are one of the symbols for St. Nicholas. And so St. Nicholas is a gift-giver.

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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

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