

**ST. ANTHONY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, Atkinson**  
**SACRED HEART ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, Annawan**  
**SHRINE OF ST. MARY, Hooppole**

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**MASS SCHEDULE**  
**Celebrating Our Faith This Week**

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

**Saturday, December 25**

No 4 pm mass at SA

**Sunday, December 26**

8:00 am @ SH – For the Parishoners by Fr. Engelbrecht

9:30 am @ SA + Anne Carlson & Esther DeSplinter by  
 Deacon Marshall & Valerie Plumley

**Monday, December 27**

No Mass

**Tuesday, December 28** *The Holy Innocents, Martyrs*

5:30 pm @ SA + Vickie Lawrence by Jean & Toot

**Wednesday, December 29** *St. Thomas Becket BP & Martyr*

8:00 am @ SH + Dean Minnaert by Dave & Arlene Pacquer

**Thursday, December 30**

No Mass

**The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

**Friday, December 31**

4:00 pm @ SA + Neil Simon by Duane & Katherine VanVooren

**The Epiphany of the Lord**

**Saturday, January 1**

4:00 pm @ SA + Pat Gentry by Blake & Denise Haverback

**Sunday, January 2**

8:00 am @ SH - For the Parishoners by Fr. Engelbrecht

9:30 am @ SA + Justin Nelson by Deacon Marshall &  
 Valerie Plumley

**Serving at Our Lord's Altar**

**8:00 am @ Sacred Heart- January 2**

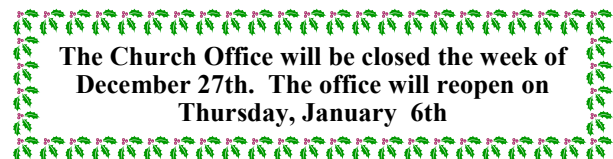
Lector: Eric Ufheil

EMHC: Gene VandeVoorde

Ushers: Rod Jackson & Tony Vanopdorp

Money Counters: Renee Jackson & Tara Gripp

**The Church Office will be closed the week of  
 December 27th. The office will reopen on  
 Thursday, January 6th**



Please remember these parishioners who ask for your prayers.

Connie Altman, Katelyn DeRycke, Christine Sand Dunahee,  
 Barry Miller, Alice Van Kerrebroeck, Dick Martens, Berniece  
 Cathelyn, Elsie Van Vooren, Bill Rambo, Rosella Vandersnick,  
 Mary Frank, Julie Fiers, Bruce Weidner

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 • **There is good news if you have reached age 70 1/2** and you  
 • would like to help your parish. If you have an IRA, the govern-  
 • ment requires you to take out a certain amount each year and be  
 • subject to federal tax. However, the law allows you to donate this  
 • amount directly to your parish during 2021 and have it distribut-  
 • ed free of federal income tax.! What a wonderful opportunity to  
 • help their parish.  
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**WARNING ABOUT RISK ASSUMED BY PARISHIONERS**

**While our parish staff will attempt to take appropriate precautions consistent with the advice of public health authorities, parishioners and guests should understand that they assume the risk of contracting COVID-19 anytime they enter a public space since such precautions do not eliminate the risk of infection. Updated June 12, 2021.**

If you have a fever or flu-like symptoms, recently traveled out of the country or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, you should stay home. We rejoice that we can come together as members of Christ's Body to worship and help each other get to heaven. May God continue to Bless our parishes and all the faithful of St. Anthony and Sacred Heart Parishes.

St. Anthony and Sacred Heart Catholic Churches + Sunday December 26, 2021

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**  
**Parish Updates**

**SH CCD no classes Dec. 25 & Jan 2**  
**SA CCD no classes Dec. 22 & 29**

**2021 annual contribution letters will be mailed out to Sacred Heart and St. Anthony's parishioners at the end of January. Due to printing deadlines, any financial contribution received, at the office, after January 4th will be marked as a 2022 contribution.**

O Divine Redeemer Jesus Christ, prostrate before Thy crib, I believe Thou art the God of infinite Majesty, even though I do see Thee here as a helpless babe. I humbly adore and thank Thee for having so humbled Thyself for my salvation as to will to be born in a stable. I thank Thee for all Thou didst wish to suffer for me in Bethlehem, for Thy poverty and humility, for Thy nakedness, tears, cold and sufferings. Would that I could show Thee that tenderness which Thy Virgin Mother had toward Thee, and love Thee as she did. Would that I could praise Thee with the joy of the angels, that I could kneel before Thee with the faith of St. Joseph, the simplicity of the shepherds. Uniting myself with these first adorers at the crib, I offer Thee the homage of my heart, and I beg that Thou wouldst be born spiritually in my soul. Make me reflect in some degree the virtues of Thy admirable nativity. Fill me with that spirit of renunciation, of poverty of humility, which prompted Thee to assume the weakness of our nature, and to be born amid destitution and suffering. Grant that from this day forward, I may in all things seek Thy greater glory, and may enjoy that peace promised to men of good will.

Prayer before the Christmas Crib



**Thank You**

A Sincere thank you to those who cleaned, decorated and prepared the church for Christmas. Both churches are beautiful and help set the mood for the lovely celebration of our Lord's Nativity and the Christmas Season!!

**Sharing in the Work of Christ**  
*through sacrificial giving*

**St. Anthony Monthly Financial Support November**

**Sunday Collections: \$21,641 Candle \$207.15**  
**Holy Day: \$122 Cemetery: \$180 Memorial: \$1,000**

**Sacred Heart Monthly Financial Support November**

**Sunday Collections: \$ 4,619 Improvement: \$1,600**  
**Fuel: \$320 Holy Day: \$105 Cemetery: \$655 CCD: \$580**

St. Anthony's ADA	Sacred Heart ADA
Goal: \$29,744	Goal: \$13,807
Pledged: \$20,815	Pledged: \$6,926
Balance: \$8,929	Balance: \$6,881
Families: 59	Families: 36

Dear Parishioners,

I hope all of you have a very Blessed Christmas. Don't forget we celebrate Christmas Day for eight days ('til New Years Day), then comes Epiphany. So there is plenty of Christmas cheer to be had these days. This is because the Church realizes that when celebrating a mystery such as the Incarnation we need to take time to "soak in" its meaning.

Part of Incarnation is that God became part of a family—the Holy Family which we celebrate next Sunday. So I extend to all of our families wishes for God's blessings for this upcoming year.

I am so thankful to those who have sent me Christmas cards and gifts, as we remember the greatest gift ever received— Christ the Lord. All God's blessings to you and yours in this New Year!

- Father Engelbrecht

Please note that **incense** will be used on Sundays at 9:30 am Mass during the 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.

**January 1 is the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. Since it falls on a Saturday this year there is no obligation to attend. A 4pm mass on Friday, December 31, will be held at St. Anthony's for those wishing to attend.**

**The 2021 Annual Diocesan Appeal (ADA)**- "All in the name of Jesus"—began recently! The ADA pledge card, a self addressed envelope and an instructional letter from Father Engelbrecht was mailed to every household for each parish. Each family is asked to fill out the card and mail your pledge card to the parish office or return it in the collection basket. For those who wish to view the video for the 2021 campaign visit [www.cdop.org/ada2021](http://www.cdop.org/ada2021). The 2021 parish goals are St. Anthony's \$29,744 and Sacred Heart \$13, 807. Please prayerfully consider your contribution in helping our parishes reach our goals.

**Did you know that St. Anthony's & Sacred Heart parishes are offering Online Giving?**

Visit our website to sign up and to begin contributing automatically to our parishes bank accounts. Go to our website at [theheartandthelily.org](http://theheartandthelily.org) or search for St. Anthony's Atkinson or Sacred Heart, Annawan and click on the heartandthelily web page. Under St. Anthony's parishioners should see a link titled St. Anthony's Online giving. Under Sacred Heart, parishioners should see a link titled Sacred Heart Online Giving. Click on the link you would like to enter. There is help available to you 24 hours a day for any questions you might have. You will note a question mark on the right bottom corner of the page, once you are in the portal. Click on that for any question you might have. If you cannot find an answer in the automatic browser please contact 1-800-348-2886 or email [envservice@osv.com](mailto:envservice@osv.com).

**If you chose to give yearly online and are no longer in need of receiving envelopes please contact Valerie**, via email at [office@stanthonysatkinson.org](mailto:office@stanthonysatkinson.org) or leave a message at 309-936-7900. Thank you.

**JP II Experience for teens 8-10th Grade:** March 5-6, 2022. Held at Believers Together Center, Moline, Il. 9 a.m. Saturday- 4 p.m. Sunday. Registration is open at [www.olgsilvis.com](http://www.olgsilvis.com) and closes two weeks

before each JP II Experience weekend. Cost is only \$30.00 for this amazing coed weekend experience. Questions: Mike Wilshusen at 309-269-7686 or email [STJP2EXP@gmail.com](mailto:STJP2EXP@gmail.com) Make Christ your friend.....5 amazing talks!! Come experience for yourself Fun, Faith, Food, and Friendship

**The Geneseo -Atkinson Food Pantry** is gratefully accepting food, clothing, and household item donations Mon, Tues, Thurs, 9:00-12:00 and 1:00 to 4:00 and Fridays 9-12. Our Holiday hours are Dec. 20,21, & 23: 9 am to noon. Dec 24 closed. December 27, 28, and 30: open 9am to Noon. December 31: closed. The clothing room will be closed to shoppers December 20-30. Food Needs for December: French fried onions, cranberry sauce, pie filling, pie crust mix and sweet potatoes. Non Food needs include: Hand soap, all-purpose cleaner, garbage bags, denture cleaner and Kleenex.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat: February 25-17, 2022. Has the abortion experience left you feeling empty and alone? Rachel's Vineyard Retreat is available in our diocese for any man or woman who has struggled with the emotional and spiritual pain of abortion. This healing weekend is for singles or married couples, mothers, fathers, grandparents, siblings, or anyone suffering the effects of an abortion loss. If you are searching for peace and inner healing from an abortion experience, this retreat is for you. Register now for the February 25-27, 2022 retreat by calling 309-264-1489 or e-mailing [rvrpeoria@gmail.com](mailto:rvrpeoria@gmail.com). All communications are strictly confidential. For more information please visit <https://cdop.org/offices/respect-life/rl-programs-resources/rachels-vineyard/> or the national Rachel's Vineyard website at <https://www.rachelsvineyard.org/>

## The Twelve days of Christmas

Aside from the fact that Epiphany—which comes twelve days after Christmas—used to mark the end of the Christmas Season, the song "Twelve Days of Christmas" is not really any part of Catholic liturgy.

The song of that name actually derives from a time in England from 1558 to 1829 when it was illegal to be a Catholic, and so the song contains a hidden catechism of Catholic theology.

- A Partridge in a Pear Tree: Jesus Christ
- Two Turtle Doves: The Old and New Testaments
- Three French Hens: The Theological Virtues (Faith, Hope, and Charity)
- Four Calling birds: The Four Gospels/The Four Evangelists
- Five Golden Rings: The first Five Books of the Old Testament, the "Pentateuch"
- Six Geese a-Laying: The Six Days of Creation
- Seven Swans a-Swimming: The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit/The Seven Sacraments
- Eight Maids a-Milking: The Eight Beatitudes
- Nine Ladies Dancing: The Nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit
- Ten Lords a-Leaping: The Ten Commandments
- Eleven Pipers Piping: The Eleven Faithful Apostles
- Twelve Drummers Drumming: The Twelve Points of Doctrine in the Apostles' Creed

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**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
 Saturday: 3:00 to 3:30 pm at St. Anthony  
 Sunday: 7:30 a.m. to 7:50 a.m. at Sacred Heart  
 or by appointment with priest.

**Area Parishes**  
**St. Malachy (Geneseo)**  
 Saturday 5:00pm, Sunday 8:15 and 10:30 am  
**St. John Paul II (Kewanee)**  
 Saturday 5:30pm, Sunday: 7:30, 9:30 am;  
 12:00pm Spanish  
**St. John Vianney (Cambridge)**  
 Sunday at 8:00 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: Contact Sue Mochel,  
 contact at (309)944-7289. Sacred Heart  
 Cemetery: Contact Adam DeRycke at  
 (309) 935-6080

**Parish Hall Rental**  
 St. Anthony's parish hall is 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](mailto:office@stanthonysatkinson.org) or  
 mailing to PO Box 210, Atkinson, IL 61235