

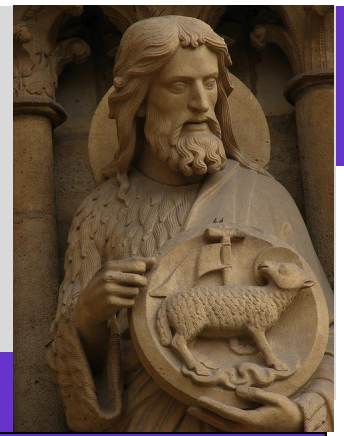
**ST. ANTHONY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, Atkinson**  
**SACRED HEART ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, Annawan**  
**SHRINE OF ST. MARY, Hooppole**

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

**Second Sunday of Advent**

**Saturday, December 3**  
 4:00 pm @ SA + Ron DeFauw by Dan & Linda DeSmith  
**Sunday, December 4**  
 8:00 am @ SH – For the Parishoners by Fr. Engelbrecht  
 9:30 am @ SA + Justin Nelson by Deacon Marshall & Valerie Plumley

**Monday, December 5**  
 No Mass  
**Tuesday, December 6** *St. Nicholas, Bishop*  
 5:30pm @ SA + Barney VanDeRostyne by his Family

**The Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)**

**Wednesday, December 7**  
 6:00 pm @ SA + Esther DeSplinter & Anne Carlson by Deacon Marshall & Valerie Plumley  
**Thursday, December 8**  
 8:00 am @ SH – For the Parishoners by Fr. Engelbrecht

**Friday, December 9** *St. Juan Diego*  
 8:00 am @ SA + Neil Simon by Deacon Marshall & Valerie Plumley

**Third Sunday of Advent**

**Saturday, December 10**  
 4:00 pm @ SA – For the Parishoners by Fr. Engelbrecht  
**Sunday, December 11**  
 8:00 am @ SH + Donovan Kleckner by Adriana Kleckner  
 9:30 am @ SA + Rich Vyneman by his Family

**Serving at Our Lord's Altar - Sacred Heart**

**8:00 am @ Sacred Heart - December 11**  
 Lector: Tara Gripp  
 EMHC: Gene VanDeVoorde  
 Ushers: Eric Ufheil & Shannon Smith  
 Money Counters: Brenda Smith & Deb & Eldon Crogaert

**The Immaculate Conception**

**6:00 pm @ St. Anthony - December 7**  
 Lector:  
 Ushers: John Cauwels, Ken Taber  
**8:00 am @ Sacred Heart - December 8**  
 Holy Communion: Deacon Nick Simon  
 Ushers: Dick McKibbon, Marv VanKeulen

**Serving at Our Lord's Altar St. Anthony's**

**4:00 pm @ St. Anthony - December 10**  
 Lector:  
 Ushers: Ken DeSmith, Vince Schopp  
**9:30 am @ St. Anthony - December 11**  
 Lector: Dustin Specht  
 Ushers: Stephen Mapes, Herb Vandersnick

**Please remember these parishioners who ask for your prayers.**

Katelyn DeRycke, Christine Sand Dunahee, Barry Miller,  
 Alice Van Kerrebroeck, Dick Martens, Berniece Cathelyn,  
 Bill Rambo, Rosella Vandersnick, Mary Frank, Julie Fiers

**Annual Diocesan Appeal**

As you know, the 2022 ADA is underway in our parishes. Thank you to all who have already contributed! With your help, we are getting closer to reaching our parish goal. If you have not received a pledge card in the mail or misplaced it please contact the parish office. Please consider supporting your diocesan ministries. If you have already contributed and receive this letter in the mail, please disregard it, as pledges are often received and processed after a letter is assembled and mailed. To date, we have received 33 gifts totaling \$14,405 towards our goal of \$34,206 for St. Anthony's. To date we have received 24 gifts totaling \$6,335 towards our goal of \$12,796 for Sacred Heart. We are grateful to all those who have already pledged gifts.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

Sunday, December 4: SH CCD Class 9 am  
 Wednesday, December 7: SA CCD (Mass)  
 December 13 SA Parish Council Mtg. Cancelled



**WINTER ITEM DRIVE FOR FOSTER HOPE!**

St. Anthony's is hosting a Winter item drive for Foster Hope during the month of December. Foster Hope assists foster families and children in the Quad City area. We are asking for donations of Winter coats, hats, gloves, scarves & winter pajamas, new socks & underwear. Ages range from infant to teens. Please especially remember teenagers as they do not see their needs met as often. Baskets will be placed by the front doors and the handicapped entrance. Please contact Valerie Plumley at 309-944-2219 if you have any questions.

THANK YOU!

**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.



St. Anthony's Church cleaning will take place on Monday, December 19th at 5 pm. Many hands make light work! All are asked to help. Thank you!

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

**St. Anthony Monthly Financial Support October**  
 Sunday: \$8,077.85 Candle: \$94.10

**Sacred Heart Monthly Financial Support October**  
 Sunday: \$1,753 Improvement \$105 Candle: \$21.50  
 Fuel: \$505

# Sunday Memo FROM OUR PASTOR

Please note that **incense** will be used on Sundays at 9:30 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.

**Thank you to those who purchased a Christmas wreath from St. Anthony's Circle 1.** We sold 109 wreaths for a profit of \$884. We appreciate your continued support of Abilities plus and our parish.

The **Geneseo-Atkinson food pantry** is open: Mon. 9:00am to 7:00 pm, Tues. 9:00am to 4:00 pm; and Fri. 9:00am to noon. We have collection boxes at Fareway and at Inspire Continuing Care. Any residents of Geneseo or Atkinson may shop once a week in the clothing room on Mon., Tues., and Thurs. The pantry will be closed Dec. 23-26th and Dec. 30th - Jan 2nd. Food needs: pasta, cereal, salsa, tortillas and juice. Non-food needs: toilet paper, dish soap, laundry detergent, band-aids and garbage bags. If you would like to donate a Christmas basket we are in need of turkey or ham, box mashed potatoes, gravy mix or jar of gravy, French fried onions, green beans, cream of mushroom soup, can sweet potatoes or yams, cranberry sauce, corn, creamed corn, corn muffin mix, stuffing mix, rolls, sour

cream, butter, eggs, 1/2 gallon milk, whipped topping, pie filling, pumpkin, evaporated milk, pie crust mix. Christmas baskets will be packed on Dec. 14th. Thank you!

**Abilities Plus** is hosting their annual Holiday Open House on Sunday, Dec. 4, 2022 from 1 pm to 3 pm at their 1100 N. East Street facility in Kewanee. Baked items, raffles and holiday items will be available for purchase! Refreshments will be served. Please consider donating baked goods to our open house bake sale! Baked goods can be dropped off on December 2nd from 8 am - 3:30 pm at the front door or Sunday, Dec. 4th from noon to 1 -pm at door C at Abilities Plus. Call 309-852-4626 with questions.

**EMMAUS KNIGHTS** calling all 7th-12th grade men Dec. 11 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm 2327 W. Heading Ave. Peoria, IL Prayer, Pizza, Ping Pong! Visit [WWW.COMEANDFOLLOWME.ORG](http://WWW.COMEANDFOLLOWME.ORG)

**St. Malachy's in Geneseo Oasis** - High School Youth Ministry Oasis meets every Wednesday from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm in the Youth Room. We strive to nourish our mind, body, and soul. Growing in community as we walk together to come to know Jesus.

**The Rock - Middle School Youth Ministry** Students in grades 6th-8th are invited and encouraged to attend The Rock Youth Ministry on Thursday nights from 6:30-8:00 pm. All area teens are invited to Oasis & The Rock.

**Kewanee Klassics:** The Kewanee Klassics will perform a Christmas Concert, Sunday December 11th at 2:00 p.m. and again at

6:00 p.m. at the First Congregational Church. A free will offering will be taken to assist the Kewanee-Salvation Army 360 Life Center.

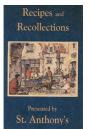
All are invited to attend a **Advent series** "Preparing for Christmas with a Eucharistic Heart." at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Colona IL. The series will be on Monday, Monday, Dec. 5th, Monday, Dec. 12th and Monday, Dec. 19th from 6:30 - 8 pm. A talk given by Father Peter Zorjan will be at 6:30 pm followed by Holy Hour, Benediction, Rosary from 7 to 8 pm. Confession will be from 7 pm - Last person. Please look at the posters posted at the doors for topic information.

**Rock Island Alleman Catholic High School**, a coeducational secondary institution of 260 students, is seeking applicants for the position of principal for the 2023-24 school year. An application packet can be downloaded at <https://cdop.org/careers/>. Application deadline: December 30, 2022.

### Purchase a St. Anthony's Cookbook

Recipes and Recollections is a 444 page cookbook with nearly 1000 recipes! It is a perfect gift for weddings, birthdays or any special occasion!

For more information contact Ardith Burton at 936-7975 or Norma Gilbraith at 936-7583.



### Christmas Mass Schedule:

**Christmas Eve, December 24**

**4 pm at St. Anthony's**

**11 pm at St. Mary's of the Fields**

**Christmas Day, December 25**

**8 am at Sacred Heart**

**9:30 am at St. Anthony's**

### St. Anthony's Snow Removal

If you would be available to be on a list to help shovel snow at St. Anthony's this winter, please call Gerry Franks at 309-945-8502

**Do your Christmas shopping with the St. Anthony's Altar & Rosary Society.**

We will be selling gift card/certificates for the next 6 months. Order using the forms at back of church, in Church Hall or online at [Raiseright.com](http://Raiseright.com). Payment must be included with the order form. Future order deadlines are Dec. 11, Jan. 15 and Feb. 19.

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!

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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