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MASS SCHEDULE
Celebrating Our Faith This Week

The First Sunday of Advent

Saturday, November 30
 4:00 pm @ SA + Carter Yackley
 4:00 pm @ SP + Deceased members of the Golby Family
Sunday, December 1
 7:30 am @ SP + Karin Drew Calfas
 8:00 am @ SH – For Parishioners of Sacred Heart & St. Anthony
 9:30 am @ SA + Ron Manthe
 10:00 am @ SP –For Parishioners of St. Patrick
Monday, December 2 No Mass
Tuesday, December 3 St. Francis Xavier, Priest
 5:30 pm @ SA + Peggy King & Kelly Liedtke
 5:30 pm @ SP + John Sullivan
Wednesday, December 4 St. John Damascene. Pr. & Dr. of Ch.
 8:00 am @ SH + Ann Sturtewagen
 5:30 pm @ SP + Andrew & Valerie Frese
Thursday, December 5
 7:30 am @ SP + Marilyn VanDeVoorde & Eilleen Lopez
 8:00 am @ SA + Gerald Thompson & Mary Marguccio
Friday, December 6 St. Nicholas, Bishop
 7:30 am @ SP + David Lanham
 8:00 am @ SA + Elsie Simon

Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 7
 4:00 pm @ SA + Barney VandeRostyne
 4:00 pm @ SP + Mick & Dorothy DeFauw
Sunday, December 8
 7:30 am @ SP – For Parishioners of St. Patrick
 8:00 am @ SH – For Parishioners of Sacred Heart & St. Anthony
 9:30 am @ SA + Esther Desplinter & Anne Carlson
 10:00 am @ SP + Cliff & Reta Johnson

Serving at Our Lord's Altar

Saturday, December 7

4:00 pm @ St. Anthony	4:00 pm @ St. Patrick
Lector: EMHC: Jeanne Carrton	Lector: Patty Deveyns
Usher: Richard DeSmith /Vince Schopp	Usher: Al Corwin

Sunday, December 8

8:00 am @ Sacred Heart	7:30 am @ St Patrick
Lector: Eric Ufheil	Lector: Jim Owens
EMHC: Gene VandeVoorde	Usher: Rich Brummel
Ushers: Volunteers	
10:00 am @ St. Patrick	
Lector: Andrew Fisher	
Usher: Shawn LeRette	
Money Counters: Gail Pickering & Lisa Wilson	
9:30 am @ St. Anthony	St. Patrick Altar Servers
Lector: Gary Olson	Elizabeth and Ryan Pratt when available; Trained EMHC ask
EMHC: Ben Raschke	Father at each Mass.
Ushers: Ed Coble/Mark Murphy	

Please remember these parishioners who ask for your prayers.

Katelyn DeRycke, Christine Sand Dunahee, Barry Miller, Berniece Cathelyn, Mary Frank, Tom Morse, Abby Hahne Brokaw, Lorelle Burcham, Mike Curran, Jay DeBruyn, Driscoll Drew, Barb Wagner, Norma Emmerson, Joan Glubzinski, Kelly Hennigh, Joe Hoenschied, Frances Hughes, Chris Johnson, Elaine Kelm, Cleo Lanham, Megan Lanham, Brett Longeville, Julie Marley, Hudson McCook, Joan Miller, Mary Jo Nelson, Aaron Stetson, Barb Wagner, Nick Welgat, Dan Woods, Spike Hubbs, Lorraine Happach. Sister Marilyn Roman

Join Father Hilgenbrinck for a Holy Hour for Vocations at St. Anne in East Moline on Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at 6:00 pm

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SA CCD classes Wednesday, Dec. 4 @ 3:45 pm
 SH CCD classes Sunday, Dec. 8 @ 8:30-9:45 am
 SP CCD classes Sunday, Dec. 8 @ 8:30-9:15 am

Immaculate Conception Schedule (Dispensed from the obligation)

Monday December 9:
 5:30 pm @ St. Patrick
 6:00 pm @ St. Anthony

Christmas Mass Schedule:

Tuesday December 24:
 4:00 pm @ St. Anthony
 5:30 pm @ St. Patrick
 11:00 pm @ St. Mary's of the Fields

Wednesday, December 25:

7:30 am @ St. Patrick
 8:00 am @ Sacred Heart
 10:00 am @ St. Patrick

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 30 to December 25, will obtain whatever is asked. This Christmas prayer carries an *Imprimatur* from Archbishop Michael 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.



ST. PATRICK'S POT OF GOLD RAFFLE



Only 500 tickets will be sold!
\$25.00 per ticket.
Grand Prize : \$2500.00
2nd Prize: \$1000.00
3rd-5th Prize : \$250.00
6th-9th Prize: \$100.00

Drawing will be held on March 16th after 10 am Mass
Need not be present to win
Must be 18 years of age to purchase a ticket
Tickets are available from St. Patrick's Parishioners
Proceeds will go to St. Patrick Church

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

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 flower envelope, or in an envelope marked Christmas Flowers. **Please make sure your loved one's name(s) is/are spelled and written clearly on the envelope.**

Envelopes can be dropped in the collection basket at your parish or mailed it to the parish office in Atkinson at PO Box 210, Atkinson IL 61235. Make the check out to the parish in which you are a member. All 3 parishes will have separate lists with ONLY the name of whom the donation is being given for. **Deadline for contributions & loved ones names, that will be honored on the list, is Thursday, December 19th.**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Since the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception occurs this year on the same day as the Second Sunday of Advent (Sunday, December 8th), the celebration of the Immaculate Conception is transferred to Monday, December 9th. While the celebration of the solemnity is transferred to December 9th, it has been commonly understood that the obligation to attend Mass does not transfer to this new date. However, the Holy See has recently resolved a doubt by clarifying that the obligation to attend Mass is transferred with the liturgical celebration to the next day. Since this is a change in the previous practice, and since parishes have already determined their schedule of Masses, in virtue of canon 87 §1, I dispense the faithful of this diocese from the obligation of attending Mass on the Immaculate Conception this year. The Immaculate Conception is the titular feast of our Cathedral and the patronal feast of the Diocese of Peoria. While the obligation has been dispensed, I never the less urge the faithful to make every effort to honor the Mother of God by attending Mass on this day. The Blessed Mother, conceived without sin, is for us a powerful intercessor in our battle against sin and the refuge of sinners. O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to you! - Sincerely Yours in Christ, Most Reverend Louis Tylka, Bishop of Peoria.

Thank you to the St. Anthony Circle 3 members who helped clean the church on Monday. It was nice to have so many people volunteer their time to make the work load light. Thank you to those who helped with the

Christmas wreath pick up over the weekend. Your time is greatly appreciated.

Thank you to all who have picked up **“Pot of Gold”** raffle tickets for the St. Patrick Church fundraiser. All tickets have been handed out. If you did not receive a book but would like to purchase a ticket, please contact Karen Taylor or Lisa Wilson. Ticket sales are going well. Once tickets are sold, please turn in stubs and money to Karen Taylor. You can put them in a sealed envelope with Raffle—Karen Taylor and your name in the collection basket. Let’s make our “Pot of Gold” a success. Thank you!

The Knights of Columbus is hosting a blood drive at St. Patrick’s Hall on Monday, December 30, 2024 from 1:30 pm - 5:30 pm. For an appointment call 1-800-Red CROSS (1800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org. Please see the flyer in the vestibule for more information.

St. Patrick’s women’s gathering. The last session of the search video series will be held on Monday, December 2 at 10 am. All women of the parish and friends are welcome to attend.

Doors of Mercy-Exploring God’s Covenant With You. **Sacred Heart, Moline invites you, for 9 weeks on Thursdays, to study the Doors of Mercy, Exploring God’s Covenant With You Bible Study.** Beginning on January 30th, this 9 week study will be held Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:30 or in the evening from 6:30-8:30. The cost is \$21 for book and streaming access code. This study includes commentary and video by Fr. Jeffrey Kirby. The deadline to register is December 6th.

Please make checks payable to: Blessings Gift Shop and mail to: Betty Thomm, 615 East 6th St., Coal Valley, IL 61240. Please contact Betty Thomm at 309-269-3705 with questions.

Abilities Plus Holiday Open House: Sunday, December 8th from 1:00-3:00 pm. Held at 1100 N. East St. Kewanee, IL. Please enter at door C on south side. Selections of hand decorated wreaths, raffle items and baskets as well as baked goods and collectibles/holiday gifts and décor will be available at varying prices. Light refreshments will be served. Abilities Plus is also looking for donated baked goods for their December 8th bake sale. Anyone wishing to donate are asked to bring items from 8:00-3:30 on 12/6 (front door) or 12:00 to 1:00 (C door) on 12/8. Questions may be directed to 309-852-4626 or laurend@abilitiesplus.org
The Geneseo-Atkinson Food Pantry is open Mondays 9:00 am to 7:00 pm and Tuesdays and Thursdays and 9:00 am to 4:00 pm; and Fridays 9:00am to 12:00pm. Food is distributed, and donations are gratefully accepted during business hours. The food Pantry will be closed December 23 and 24 and December 30 and 31. The Food Pantry is in need of flour, sugar, brown sugar, baking soda and salt, Toilet paper, dish soap, paper towels, Kleenex and body wash. Clothing needs: Fall and cold weather clothing items, hats, gloves, boots, snowpants, men’s clothing (all sizes), men’s shoes, women’s XS clothing and bath towels. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated!

Sharing in the Work of Christ Through Sacrificial Giving
St. Anthony Monthly Financial Support Oct.

Sunday: \$8147.05. Candle: \$163.24 Cemetery \$80, Holy Day: \$10
Donation: \$23.63, Circle 2 \$200, Mission Sunday: \$75 Farm/Rent \$5,710

Sacred Heart
Sunday: \$2468, Fuel: \$90., Initial Offering: \$70, Mission Sunday: \$5
Improvement: \$340

St. Patrick
Sunday: \$9276.15, Candle: \$113.90, Donations: \$100.58 Memorial: \$25
Improvement: \$1099.85, Cemetery: \$120

2024 ADA

The 2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal is now Underway in our parishes. Thank you to all who have already pledged to the appeal. No gift is too small, and each parish is trying to reach 100% participation. If you have not given yet, **please consider**

filling out a pledge card today and mail it to the Diocese of Peoria or place your card/along with a check made out the Diocese of Peoria in the collection basket. It is helpful to send donations directly to the Diocese. The goals for each parish are as follows:

St. Anthony’s	Sacred Heart	St. Patrick’s
Goal: \$32,418	Goal: \$13,450	Goal: \$19,202
Pledged: \$12,050	Pledged: \$2,120	Pledged: \$3,475
# of Donors: 39	# of Donors: 15	# of Donors: 10

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Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00 to 3:30 pm at St. Anthony
Saturday: 3:30 to 3:50 pm at St. Patrick’s
Sunday: 7:30 a.m. to 7:50 a.m. at Sacred Heart
or by appointment with priest.

Adoration

St. Patrick’s, Sheffield
First Friday of every Month
7:00 a.m. to 7:30 a.m.

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

St. Louis (Princeton)
Sat. 4:00pm, Sunday 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 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.

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’re
bij!

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

Saint-Nicolas, 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-Nicolas, 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!

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 Box 210, Atkinson, IL 61235