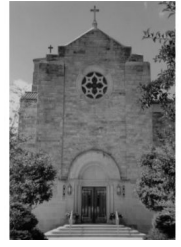


SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA
A MEMBER OF ST. GEORGE DEANERY
THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH
DECEMBER 31, 2017



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Happy New Year!

Mass Schedule

January 01	Monday	8:30 a.m. Mass	Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God ~ {Nathan Siefker}
January 01	Monday	11:00 a.m. Mass	Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God ~ {Joe Koch ~ Deceased Members of the Koch & Ellerbrock Families}
January 02	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen ~ {Elmer & Audrey Vorst} Confessions, Exposition & Adoration After Mass
January 03	Wednesday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Christmas Weekday ~ {For The Parish}
January 04	Thursday	8:00 a.m. Mass	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton ~ {Denis & Betty Meyer}
January 05	Friday	8:00 a.m. Mass	St. John Neumann ~ {Jeff Gerdeman ~ Father Keith McCormack ~ Joe Koch ~ Deceased Members of the Koch & Ellerbrock Families ~ Deceased Members of the Raymond & Madeleine Duval Family}
January 05	Friday		First Friday Exposition & Adoration Until Noon
January 06	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Rosary
January 06	Saturday	3:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Confessions, Exposition & Benediction
January 06	Saturday	4:30 p.m. Mass	Vigil ~ The Epiphany of the Lord ~ {Mary Fischer ~ Laverne & LaDonna Siefker ~ Deceased Members of the Siefker & Youngpeter Families}
January 07	Sunday	8:30 a.m. Mass	The Epiphany of the Lord ~ {Dick & Ruth Warnecke}
January 07	Sunday	11:00 a.m. Mass	The Epiphany of the Lord ~ {Adolph, Mary & Betty Niese}
January 07	Sunday	6:00 p.m. Mass	Life Teen Mass ~ {Norm & Evelyn Utrup ~ Urban Warnecke ~ Ralph & Marie Ricker}

Servers

January 01	Monday	8:30 a.m. Mass	Solemnity of Mary ~Victoria Warnecke, Zach Warnecke, Hanna Warnecke
January 01	Monday	11:00 a.m. Mass	Solemnity of Mary ~ Bryce Bonifas, Gavin Schroeder, Kyle Schroeder
January 02	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	Elizabeth Morman
January 06	Saturday	4:30 p.m. Mass	Kara Schmidt, Megan Schmidt, Brock Verhoff
January 07	Sunday	8:30 a.m. Mass	Nate Kamphaus, Keelie Langhals, Natalie Langhals
January 07	Sunday	11:00 a.m. Mass	Carmen Schroeder, Hannah Schroeder, Levi Schroeder

Lectors

January 01	Monday	8:30 a.m. Mass	Solemnity of Mary ~ Marge Tabler
January 01	Monday	11:00 a.m. Mass	Solemnity of Mary ~ Gary Hermiller
January 06	Saturday	4:30 p.m. Mass ~	Bruce Stephens
January 07	Sunday	8:30 a.m. Mass ~	Charlie Schmiesing
January 07	Sunday	11:00 a.m. Mass ~	Lynn Downing

Eucharistic Ministers

January 01	Monday	8:30 a.m. Mass	Solemnity of Mary ~ Rose Ellerbrock, Mary Ann Schroeder, Dan Maag, Gib Kaufman, Marilyn Siefker
January 01	Monday	11:00 a.m. Mass	Solemnity of Mary ~ Dave & Christie Tabler, Shirley Goedde, Noralu Kahle, Harold Gerten
January 06	Saturday	4:30 p.m. Mass	Norm & Rose Schnipke, Ken & Connie Kruse, Marilyn Siefker
January 07	Sunday	8:30 a.m. Mass	Denny Ricker, John & Mary Kay Koch, Kate Morman, Charlie Schmiesing
January 07	Sunday	11:00 a.m. Mass	Cheryl Ellerbrock, Lisa Meuleman, Troy King, Bob Maag, Anne Schroeder

January Eucharistic Minister Coordinators

4:30 p.m. ~ Pat Birnesser - 931-267-2357 **8:30 a.m.** ~ John Koch - 419-890-2370
11:00 a.m. ~ Shirley Goedde - 419-236-9825

January 07 **Hilty Home ~ 419-384-3218** ~ Marge Roth ~ (List can be picked up in the Sacristy)
 ~ **Hilty Home Residents** ~

*Jean Stechschulte-Room 101; Jim Fischbach-Room 104A; Wilbert Roof-Room 105B;
 Agnes Friedel-Room 109; Bill Alt-Room 121; Mary Margaret Bockrath-Room 125;
 Dolores Daniels-Room 209B; Rita Wenger-Room 300;
 Jeanne Schulte-Room 401; Kathy Sager-Room 403; Margaret Stechschulte-Room 511*

Ushers

January 01 Monday **8:30 a.m. Mass Solemnity of Mary** ~ Gene Siefker, Tom Dunlap, John Siefker, 1 Volunteer
 January 01 Monday **11:00 a.m. Mass Solemnity of Mary** ~ Duane Vorst, Pat Vorst, Ken Rieman, 1 Volunteer
 January 06 Saturday 4:30 p.m. Mass George Ellerbrock, Doug Roof, Don Stechschulte, Rob Verhoff
 January 07 Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass Ron Hoffman, Tom Dunlap, Eric Dunn, Gene Siefker
 January 07 Sunday 11:00 a.m. Mass Kevin Siefker, Ken Rieman, Matt McCauley,
 Nathan Schroeder, Dwain Schroeder

Greeter Schedule

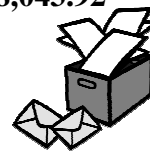
January 01 Monday **8:30 a.m. Mass None Scheduled**
 January 01 Monday **11:00 a.m. Mass M-Pat Birnesser, J- Lori (Troy) Schroeder, S-Duane & Beth Vorst**
 January 06 Saturday 4:30 p.m. Mass **M-Pat Birnesser, J-Mary Schmidt, S-Rob & Tonia Verhoff**
 January 07 Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass **M-Matt & Lisa Langhals, J-Marilyn Hoffman, S-Greg & Sharon Kamphaus**
 January 07 Sunday 11:00 a.m. Mass **M-Dwain & Ann Schroeder, J-Kevin & Jennifer Siefker,**
 S-Ken & Kathy Rieman

Parish Activities

For The Week of December 24th

January 02	K of C Meeting @ 8:00 p.m.	Adult-Sunday & Christmas ~ 459	\$55,475.00
January 03	Discipleship Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.	Children's-Sunday & Christmas ~ 62	208.06
January 03	K of C Heartbeat Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.		55,683.06
January 04	Red Cross Blood Drive ~ 12:00-6:00 p.m.	Other Income	8,133.46
January 08	Walking With Purpose @ 7:00 p.m.	Total Income	\$ 63,816.52
January 10	Rosary Guild @ 6:30 p.m.		
January 10	Usher/Greeter Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.	Total Expenses	\$ 18,043.92
January 13	That Man Is You @ 6:00 a.m.		

Total Donated Toward 21st Century Fix-Up Campaign To-Date ~271 Donors ~ \$ 240,962.81



The St. Anthony Parish family extends our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Jan Kiene who died Saturday, December 23rd. Mass of Resurrection was celebrated for Jan on Wednesday, December 27th, here at St. Anthony's. May our prayers and the grace of God see you through this difficult time.



"Why do Catholics....."

Why do Catholics have Precepts of the Church and What are they? Each of the precepts of the Catholic Church is a requirement and together with the Ten Commandments represent the minimum level of moral living. Intentional violation of the precepts or the Commandments is a grave matter, meaning a mortal sin. They are set in the context of a moral life bound to and nourished by liturgical life. The obligatory character of these positive laws decreed by the pastoral authorities is meant to guarantee to the faithful the indispensable minimum in the spirit of prayer and moral effort, in the growth in love of God and neighbor. They are defined in the CCC (2041-3): *1)You shall attend Mass on Sundays and on holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor. 2)You shall confess your sins at least once a year. 3)You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season. 4)You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church. 5)You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church.*
Does God want more than our minimum when He gave us everything?

Scrip ~ The next Scrip weekend will be **January 6th & January 7th, 2018**. The helpers are: Ken & Connie Kruse, Joy Stechschulte, Shirley Goedde, Mary Langhals, Christie Tabler and Carla Kohls.

Christian Formation Classes ~ The next CCD classes will be held on **Sunday, January 7th, 2018**.

Mass Ministry Schedules ~ For January & February can be picked up in the back of church. Thank you for serving.

2018 Contribution Envelopes ~ The contribution envelopes for the adults and the high school students for 2018 are in the church basement. Please pick them up at your convenience.

Discipleship Meeting ~ Will be held on **Wednesday, January 3rd**, at 7:00 p.m. on the **north** end of the parish hall.

K of C Meeting ~ Tuesday, January 2nd, the Knights will be kicking off the new year with a first degree ceremony, 8:00 p.m., in the church basement. A Rosary will be said at 7:30 p.m. Members are invited to come and show support.

K of C ~ Heartbeat ~ There will be a K of C Heartbeat meeting on **Wednesday, January 3rd**, at 7:30 p.m. on the **south** end of the parish hall.

CYO News ~ The Falcons played a double header with Glandorf St. John's, December 17th. Freshman/Sophomore team lost to a good Dragons team 45-36. Zach Warnecke led the team with 14, and Mike Morman chipped in with 10. The Junior/Senior team played a very tall and talented Dragons team. Falcons took a 100-49 loss. Falcons were led by Steven Downing who had a game high 31 points. Next action is another double header on January 7th with Leipsic St. Mary's at St. Anthony's. First game starts at 1:00 p.m.

St. George Deanery Proudly Presents...Mystery Theater ~ All 6th, 7th & 8th graders are invited to the Junior High Gathering hosted in Miller City on January 28, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. This is a chance to meet new people from all over the county, to celebrate our faith and have fun. (This event was hosted at our parish last year.) The day includes workshops, a dynamic speaker, supper and Mass. The cost if preregistered by January 20th is \$8.00. Cost after that is \$10.00. All are welcome and can join us the day of the event. Please turn in the form, emergency medical form, and payment at the same time. Direct any questions to Hannah Warren @419-303-5476.

Mystery Theater Needs Volunteers! ~ Calling all high school teens to help at the Junior High Gathering in Miller City. Set up starts at 10:00 a.m. with clean up finishing by 7:30 p.m. If willing to help, please turn in your form, emergency medical form, and \$5.00 to Hannah Warren by January 15, 2018.

Life Teen @ CG CONNECT ~ Will start on Tuesdays from 7:30-8:30 p.m. On January 2nd, all high school gals are invited to a small group discussion titled Ground Rules, a topic about "Does God Exist?" All high school guys are invited on January 9th for the same topic. We are still looking for a few adults willing to help with CG CONNECT discussion group. If interested please contact Hannah Warren @ 419-303-5476.

Parish Council Elections ~ Parish Council elections will be held **January 6th and January 7th**. Those individuals running for Parish Council are: Mike Birkemeier, Mike Brodewolf, Darrick Doseck, Pat (Darren) Langhals, Karen Martin and Charles Schmiesing. We will be voting for four members. Thanks to all of you for being willing to be on the Parish Council ballot.

Mustard Seed Gift Shop ~ Visit Mustard Seed Gift Shop to Save 30% on **ALL** Advent and Christmas items through Saturday, January 6, 2018 (excluding Lighted Rosaries and Indoor/Outdoor Nativities). Mustard Seed Gift Shop is located behind St John Baptist Church in Glandorf. Normal business hours are Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Wednesday 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Putnam County Right to Life ~ The Putnam County Right to Life will be meeting on **Tuesday, January 2, 2018**, at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Mary Jane Stechschulte, next to the Kalida fire station. All our welcome. Join us!

St. Anthony Athletic Boosters Aluminum Can Drive ~ The St. Anthony Athletic Boosters is sponsoring an aluminum collection, **January 4th – 7th**. There will be a trailer in the church parking lot for you to drop off any aluminum to be recycled. Thank you, 5 Angle Construction, for the use of the trailer!

Cemetery Notice ~ The price of a standard footer for headstones at the Cemetery will be increasing from \$400.00 to \$500.00 as of **February 1, 2018**. Footers will be poured again next spring. If you would like to put an order in to have your footer poured next spring at this year's price, contact Dan Maag at 419-659-2969.

Save the Date ~ Sunday, January 14th at 5 :30 p.m. in the parish hall. Join in food, fellowship and prayer with fellow parishioners and others that you are encouraged to invite to join us. Bring a dish to share (entree, salad/veg, or dessert) - signups will begin next weekend at the church entrances. Deacon Don Siefker will give a short talk on "Liturgy of the Hours". This will be our last event before the church painting which begins on January 15, as we will thereafter be celebrating Mass in the parish hall. Call Pat Birnesser with any questions 931-267-2357.

A Wish for the New Year ~ The New Year is often a time of reflection, re-examining, setting goals, and looking ahead. If one of your goals is to deepen your love and enhance your marriage, a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend may be just what you're looking for. Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends are for married couples with good, great, and even so-so marriages who want to enrich their marriages. Weekends are a time to concentrate exclusively on one another, giving you the opportunity to enhance your communication, develop a deeper appreciation of each other and strengthen your bond. The next weekend being offered within the Diocese is scheduled for January 12-14, 2018 in Perrysburg, OH. For more information or to register for an upcoming weekend, please contact Brian & Chris Schroeder at 419-538-7210 or bschroeder@bright.net.

Red Cross Blood Drive ~ St. Anthony's will be sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive on **Thursday, January 4th**, from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the church hall. All donors will receive a long sleeved t-shirt. Please consider donating a pint of blood that could possibly save three lives. Call 1-800-733-2767 to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins are welcome!

Ireland & Scotland ~ Jerry Bunn and Vicki Doty are organizing a tour of Ireland & Scotland, October 15-27, 2018, through GoAhead Tours. The trip will be 11 nights. We fly into Shannon and head to Limerick. Then it's on to Killarney via Muckcross House, the Ring of Killarney, and Killarney National Park. From there we travel to Dublin via Blarney Castle. We will see St. Patrick's Cathedral, Trinity College, and end the day in the Temple Bar District. On to Belfast, viewing the copper-domed City Hall, passing the ship building docks, Titanic Museum, and the Grand Opera House. From Belfast, we ferry over to Scotland, heading to the legendary Loch Ness Lake and Urquhart Castle. Finally, we end our tour in Edinburgh, passing the Blair Castle along the way. In Edinburgh, we will visit the Royal Mile and the Edinburgh Castle. Cost of the trip will be around \$3,900 based on 30 people signing. There is an early \$100.00 discount bonus for signing before January, 2018. For more information contact Jerry Bunn at 419-957-3430.

Christmas Flower Memorials ~ The Christmas Flower Memorial list will be in next week's bulletin.

A Note from Fr. Tom

TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS: Christmas and Easter are the two major feasts of the Church calendar. Each of them is followed with a few feasts of lesser importance, to help us understand the greater feast more deeply. Today we celebrate the Holy Family; on Monday, New Year's Day, we celebrate Mary, the Mother of God. Pope Benedict XV instituted this feast in 1921. He was concerned about threats to family life back then, and thought the world needed the family life of Jesus, Mary and Joseph as a model. What would he think about family life 97 years later? The Holy Family is a model for us of cooperation and support for one another, day in and day out. They model daily prayer for us, and obedience to God's Law. They also model the importance of our daily labor in re-shaping creation for the use of human beings.

January 1 is now titled "Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God." Mary has this title because her Son is truly divine, God in our human flesh. The title doesn't show that we have gone overboard in honoring Mary; the title shows that God has gone overboard in the gift He gave to our world. The eternal Son, God who has proceeded from the Father for all eternity, became very small, and enclosed Himself in Mary's womb. God who is all powerful made Himself subject to a human mother and father. This is the mystery that Mary "pondered in her heart." This is the mysterious, loving plan of God that she said "yes" to. We will celebrate this feast with two morning Masses on January 1, at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. There will be no Sunday evening Mass, because a Sunday evening Mass would be a Holy Family feast-day Mass, rather than a Mass for the holy day.

POST-CHRISTMAS THANKS: Thanks to everyone who made our Christmas Masses so beautiful. The music, decorations, and proclamation of the readings were all outstanding. I am also grateful to Deacons Jim and Don, and to the Communion ministers, lectors, servers, ushers, greeters, and church cleaners. I would also like to thank everyone who sent me a note, card and/or gift to help me celebrate the Lord's birth.

CHURCH BELL: The church bell isn't ringing because of a problem with a control panel in the tower that probably dates back to 1953, when our church was built. A volunteer will look at it as soon as the weather is less wretched. Cost of repair or replacement is unknown.

CHURCH CHANDELIERS: We can't keep the chandeliers in the back of church lit. Some Sundays we can't turn them on at all. When the scaffold for painting the church is erected, we will deal with this problem at the same time.

A FEW MINOR REQUESTS: 1. Please leave the door to the reconciliation room open. Since there is no hot-air register in that room, it becomes very cold in there when the door is shut. I believe in doing penance for sin, but not that much penance. 2. Holy Communion ministers are asked to please put the tabernacle key back where you found it: top drawer, right-hand front corner. This will make life easier for the next person who needs the key, and will eliminate scavenger hunts before Mass. 3. Communion ministers are also asked not to stuff a purificator into a chalice that hasn't been purified. This causes wine stains that are hard for our laundry person to remove. 4. We had to send our chalices for the Precious Blood away to be re-plated because the cups were becoming scratched and pitted. The gentleman who handles our account at Reger's Church Supply says that he is sure that people who wear rings caused some of those scratches.

IT'S 1938 ALL OVER AGAIN: From 1938 to 1953, we had Mass in the church basement. Starting January 15, that will be the plan once again, while the church is being painted. Since the Blessed Sacrament will be reserved on the stage (usually), and since the chairs will need to be set up for a Mass congregation, some of the rules for the use of the hall will change. I will describe the changes later. Hopefully we can do it without causing problems for any individuals or organizations. I hope that everybody will enjoy a fresher-looking church, and will be able to agree that the sacrifice was worthwhile.

Father Tom