

SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA A MEMBER OF ST. GEORGE DEANERY 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 6TH, 2015



Pastor: Father Tom Extejt ~ Office: 419-659-2263 or 419-659-4190 e-mail: tjextejt@sa.noacsc.org Deacon: Mr. James Dunn: 659-2707 e-mail: jdunn9@woh.rr.com Principal: Mr. Scott Hummel: 659-2103 Fax: 659-4194 e-mail: hummels@sa.noacsc.org Parish Office: Mrs. Marilyn Siefker: 419-659-2263 Office Fax: 419- 659-5202 e-mail: siefkem@sa.noacsc.org CCD Program Leader, Judy Schroeder : 419-659-5498 e-mail: judyfhc@yahoo.com Youth Minister: Hannah Warren: 419-303-5476 e-mail: lifeteen@sa.noacsc.org Parish Office Hours: Monday Thru Friday ~ 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. St. Anthony Parish Website: www.cgstanthony.org St. Anthony School Website: www.stanthonyschool.info

Today's gospel shows John the Baptist and parents have similar vocations.

Like John the Baptist, parents are asked to make "rough ways smooth" and to "prepare the way of the Lord" for their families.

This Advent ask: "Does my life hinder or help my family to know Jesus?"

Mass Schedule

December	07	Monday	7:00 p.m. M		Vigil ~ The Immaculate Conception ~ {Richard & Donelda Maag}		
December	08	Tuesday	8:00 a.m. M		The Immaculate Conception ~ {Elmer & Audrey Vorst}		
December	08	Tuesday	7:00 p.m. M		The Immaculate Conception ~ {Miriam Hixenbaugh}		
December	09	Wednesday	8:00 a.m. M		Advent Weekday ~ {Bill Riepenhoff}		
December	10	Thursday	8:00 a.m. M		Advent Weekday ~ {For The Parish}		
December	11	Friday	8:00 a.m. Ma		Advent Weekday ~ {Alphonse Schroeder}		
December	12	Saturday	8:00 a.m. Ro	•			
December	12	Saturday	4:30 p.m. Ma	ass	Vigil ~ 3rd Sunday of Advent ~ {Maria Aguirre ~		
	Living & Deceased Members of the CLC}						
December	13	Sunday	8:30 a.m. Ma		3rd Sunday of Advent ~ {William & Mary Turnwald}		
December	13	Sunday	11:00 a.m. Ma	ass	3rd Sunday of Advent ~ {Louis Schroeder ~ Michael Cox ~		
					Renea Patton }		
*****	***	****	* * * * * * * * * * * * * * *	****	************************************		
	~-			-	Servers		
December	07	Monday	7:00 p.m. M		Garrett Langhals, Tayte Langhals, Jevin Langhals		
December	08	Tuesday	8:00 a.m. M		Special ~ All School Mass		
December	08	Tuesday	7:00 p.m. M		James Schroeder, Renee Schroeder		
December	12	Saturday	4:30 p.m. M		Kaitlyn Herman, Cassidy Brinkman, Kara Schmidt		
December	13	Sunday	8:30 a.m. M		Grace Morman, Mike Morman, Hannah Morman		
December	13	Sunday	11:00 a.m. M		Hannah Schroeder, Mackenzie King, Kennedy Smith		
******	****	*******	*****	****	***************************************		
					ommentators		
December		Monday	7:00 p.m. Mas		Dan Maag		
December		Tuesday	8:00 a.m. Mas		Special ~ All School Mass		
December		Tuesday	7:00 p.m. Ma		Marge Tabler		
December	12	Saturday	4:30 p.m. Ma		Vonda Nemire		
December	13	Sunday	8:30 a.m. Mas	SS	Faith Oglesbee		
December	13	Sunday 1	1:00 a.m. Mas	S	Jim Verhoff		
********	****	******	**********	****	*************************		
					uristic Ministers		
) p.m. Mass				
December 08 Tuesday 8:00 a.m. Mass Special ~ All School Mass							
December 08 Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Mass Volunteers Please							
December 12 Saturday 4:30 p.m. Mass Anne Duval, Denny Ricker, Sue Knott, Teresa Brubaker							
December 13 Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass Diana Kaufman, Kate Morman, Mary Ann Schroeder,							
Louann Wood, Lisa Langhals							
December	13 \$	Sunday 11:00) a.m. Mass – I	Harol	ld Gerten, Sue Schroeder, Noralu Kahle, Ken & Lois Karhoff		
December 13 Sunday ~ Hilty Home ~ Louann Wood							

~ Hilty Home Residents ~

Wilbert Roof-Room 103B; Nolan Diller-Room 108B; Mary Maag-Room 119; Bill Alt-Room 121; Jan Kiene-Room 200; Libby Schmenk-Room 204B; Dorothy Geiger-Room 211A; Beatrice Inkrott-Room 212B; Dolores Daniels-Room 215A; Mary Rita Fischbach-Room 215B; Betty Meyer-Room 303; Cathy Ruhe-Room 306; Margaret Rosenbauer-Room 505

Ushers				
December	07	Monday	7:00 p.m. Mass	Volunteers Please
December	08	Tuesday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Special ~ All School Mass
December	08	Tuesday	7:00 p.m. Mass	Volunteers Please
December	12	Saturday	4:30 p.m. Mass	Aaron Siefker, Mike Recker, Tim Reimund, Jon Diller
December	13	Sunday	8:30 a.m. Mass	Bruce Schroeder, Phil Stechschulte, Gib Kaufman, Craig Kaufman
December	13	Sunday	11:00 a.m. Mass	Dave Ellerbrock, Terry Giesige, Duane Vorst, Pat Vorst
********	****	*******	******	***************************************

Confessions ~ Saturday ~ 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

St. Rita's Medical Center ~ Mary Cartwright ~ Baby Boy

Income For The Week of November 29th				
Adult ~ Sunday ~ 240	\$ 7,326.25			
Children's ~ 25	21.70			
	7,347.95			
Needy Family	5,000.00			
Mandated Services	16,440.00			
Christmas	1,013.03			
Tuition	1,781.50			
Miscellaneous	2,944.45			
Total Income	\$ 34,526.93			

Expenses For The Week of 1	November 29th
Ordinary Parish & School Expension	ses \$ 7,323.42
Payroll ~ 11/30	16,253.50
Payroll Taxes & 403-B	7,298.62
Health, Vision & Dental	5,942.03
	4

Total Expenses

\$ 36,817.57



The St. Anthony family extends our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Eileen Kahle, who died on Wednesday, November 25th. A Mass of Resurrection was celebrated for Eileen on Monday, November 30th here at St. Anthony's. May our prayers and the grace of God see you through this very difficult time.

<u>"Trust in the Lord"</u> By: Father Thomas Richter

"Trust in the Lord", a CD by Father Thomas Richter, is a talk for everyone - beginners and masters in the spiritual life. He has a sense of humor and talks of prayer and how one grows in trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ. Following Father Richter's talk is another short presentation on Divine Mercy and God's love. The CD is available for \$3.00 on the "Deepen Your Faith" display located at the Sycamore Street entrances of the church.

Christian Formation News ~ CCD classes will be held this **Sunday, December 6th,** 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. in the school. The next CCD classes will be held Sunday, December 13th.

Christmas Flower Fund ~ You will find an envelope in your contribution packet for our annual Christmas Flower Fund. Please feel free to put the names of your deceased loved ones on the outside of the envelope when you make a donation to the fund. We will publish the list after Christmas.

Church Envelopes ~ The contribution envelopes for **2016** are on the tables in the back of church. If you are able to deliver contribution envelopes to other family members or neighbors, that would be greatly appreciated. Thank you! The contribution envelopes for our high school students will be available next weekend. The contribution envelopes for our St. Anthony and CCD students will be passed out during school hours or CCD Sunday classes. If you are unable to find your envelope packet, please call the parish office at 419-659-2263.

 $CLC \sim$ The Catholic Ladies of Columbia are planning a Bake Sale on **December 12th and 13th** after the weekend Masses in the church basement. Proceeds from the bake sale will go to help offset some of the medical expenses for the family of Luke Kaufman. The amount raised will be matched by the CLC home office for this cause. Anyone is welcome to bring in baked goods for this very worthwhile cause.

Volunteers for Christmas Masses ~ Sign-up sheets for servers, lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and ushers for our Christmas Masses are on the table in the back of church. Thank you for being a part of our Christmas celebrations!!!

We will be having the election for Parish Council next weekend, December 12th and 13th. All council members serve three-year terms. Our current Parish Council members are: Gary Morman, Clint Schroeder, James Wurth, Tonia Verhoff, Doug Langhals, Brian Schroeder, Gary Kohls, Amy Brinkman, Beth Birkemeier, Rose Ellerbrock, Mike Langhals and Ben Schroeder. We will be voting in four new members. Thank you to Gary, Clint, Jim and Tonia for their years of service to St. Anthony's.

The seven individuals who will be on the ballot for our Parish Council election are:

Pat Birnesser ~ Ed & I love being back in Grove with family and friends. St. Anthony's is truly home for me. It is where my Catholic roots began and now continues to grow. Ed is retired from teaching and I from hospital nursing. In TN I was a real estate agent (when the market was booming). I volunteered and then on staff as the Nurse Manager at a Crisis Pregnancy Center. I also volunteered at a free Mobile Medical Unit run by the Knoxville Diocese. At St. Francis Church, I volunteered as the RCIA coordinator, Adult Education programs, Pro-Life coordinator, and Eucharistic Minister. I began a service several years ago of helping people attain and maintain quality health with natural modalities, especially nutrition. If God and St Anthony members will it, I will do my best to serve the needs of St Anthony Parish.

Brenda Douglas ~ I am a lifelong member of St. Anthony Parish. I am married to Dave for the past 22 years. We have four children - Logan, Olivia, Mitchell and Connor who all attended St. Anthony School. For the past 26 years I have worked as a nurse for St. Rita's Medical Center.

Anne-Marie Duval ~ I have been an active member of St Anthony of Padua for 23 years. My three daughters attended St Anthony's Catholic School. I have attended five years of Adult Ministry Formation offered by the Diocese of Toledo, and sent forth to serve. I have been involved in several church activities through the years. To name a few, I was president of the Altar Rosary Society; brought Holy Communion to many shut ins for several years; taught RCIA classes, CCD classes and I am in my nineteenth year of teaching Adult Bible Classes. I have been instrumental in initiating First Friday adoration that started in 2003. Presently, I also volunteer at Hilty Home on Wednesdays for the ministry of praying the Rosary, attending Communion Service and Mass with the residents. It is a pleasure to serve our Lord and our big family at St Anthony's.

Jill Glass ~ I am a lifelong member of St. Anthony Parish. I am married to Brent and I have three daughters -Alesha (Phil Siefker), Erica (Anthony Payton) and Briana Glass. I am a graduate of St. Anthony's, Columbus Grove High School and Ohio State University. I am presently a 7th grade Language Arts/Reading teacher at Columbus Grove Schools. I enjoy reading, traveling and watching the OSU Buckeyes.

Vanessa Karcher ~ I am a lifelong member of St. Anthony Parish. My husband, Jim, and I have been married for 39 years. We have two grown children, Tony and Melinda, and six grandchildren. I am an accountant with E.S. Evans and Company in Lima.

Dan Maag ~ Fritz and I have been members of St. Anthony's for 16 years. I am a 1966 graduate of Ottawa-Glandorf High School. Fritz and I have been married for 25 years. Together we have four children, twelve grandchildren and one great-grandchild. I am a school bus driver for Columbus Grove School.

Gerald Schroeder ~ I am a lifelong member of St. Anthony Parish. My wife, Donna, and I have been married for 43 years. We have two children and 3 grandchildren.

Penance Services ~ The area Penance Services for this Advent Season are as follows:

Sunday, December 6th Thursday, December 10th Sunday, December 13th Monday, December 14th Tuesday, December 15th Sunday, December 20th Monday, December 21st

Immaculate Conception, Ottoville 2:00 p.m. St. Anthony's Columbus Grove St. Mary's, Leipsic St. John's, Delphos St. Michael's, Kalida St. Charles, Lima Sts. Peter & Paul, Ottawa

7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 4:00 & 7:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m. 4:00 & 7:00 p.m.

Extra Confessions at St. Anthony's

Friday, December 18th	2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
Saturday, December 19th	2:30 - 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 22nd	10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday, December 23rd	7:00 p.m. Until All Are Heard

Catholic Chronicle ~ The December issue of the Catholic Chronicle is available at the entrances of the church.

Aluminum Can Drive ~ The St. Anthony Athletic Boosters will be sponsoring an Aluminum Can Drive this weekend, **December 5th and 6th.** The trailer will be parked along the outer edge of the church parking lot from Friday evening through Monday morning. All profits from the can drive will support activities of the St. Anthony Athletic Boosters.

Catholic Young Adults ~ We will be gathering together every Monday now through January 11th at Neil & Brooke's house (13299 Rd. 10-L Ottawa) as we begin the "Live IT Challenge", which is a weekly challenge towards building community and deepening prayer during the Advent & Christmas seasons. Come when you can! Contacts: Neil: <u>419-302-4959</u> Brooke: <u>419-233-4312</u>. Email Neil & he can add you to our face book group so you have access to all upcoming events! <u>neilacassidy@gmail.com</u>.

Community Christmas Choir ~ The Columbus Grove Community Christmas Choir, sponsored and hosted by the Columbus Grove Christian Church, 105 South Broadway, will present their Christmas performance on **Sunday**, **December 13th**, at 7:30 p.m. Practice dates are: *December 7th and December 10th*. Thursday evening practices will be from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. with Sunday practices from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. If you cannot make it to all of the practices, that is fine because we will be singing many traditional Christmas songs and carols. The choir will be directed by Skyler Mayberry, accompanied by Anna Bremer.

That Man Is You ~ We continue to have a great turnout with the program. The meetings are Saturday mornings with breakfast starting at 6:00 a.m., the program starting at 6:30 a.m. and ending at 7:30 a.m. Men of the parish are invited to attend anytime. The nice thing with the program, is that it allows anyone to watch the presentations online for any Saturday that we are unable to attend. For the last six weeks we have been going over the five traits of authentic leaders and how to fulfill our roles as authentic leaders. Our last two sessions focused on how Jesus and how the second greatest saint in heaven, St. Joseph, fulfilled the five traits of authentic male leadership. *Our last session for the fall semester is December 12th*.



JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY: Pope Francis has invited the Church around the world to participate in the Jubilee Year of Mercy. It begins this Tuesday on Mary's feast (incidentally, also the 50th anniversary of the completion of the Second Vatican Council.) It will end next year on November 20, the feast of Christ the King. Jubilee Years are a special chance to open our hearts to God's saving power. They normally come every 25 years; we weren't due to have another until 2025.

A Jubilee Year is a year of pilgrimage, chiefly to Rome. The required gesture in Rome is to walk through the Holy Door of each of the four great churches, symbolically entering into God's mercy. For those who can't go to Rome, Pope Francis has allowed bishops to designate several shrines or parish churches in each diocese where people can gain the indulgence that normally comes with the Rome pilgrimage. Other conditions of gaining the indulgence are: a sincere effort to turn from sin, reception of Penance and Holy Communion shortly before or after the Holy Door gesture, and prayer for the intention of the Pope. In our diocese the indulgence can be gained by a pilgrimage to Our Lady of Consolation in Carey, to the Sorrowful Mother Shrine south of Bellevue, to Divine Mercy Parish in Paulding, or to Rosary Cathedral. The sick and the elderly can gain the indulgence simply by uniting their suffering to the suffering of Christ and by taking part in Mass, even via television or the Internet. People in prison can gain the indulgence by recalling God's mercy as they pass into or out of the door of their cell.

One way we will commemorate the Year of Mercy in the Diocese of Toledo is within Mass, the very prayer in which we encounter God's mercy sacramentally. Beginning this Tuesday, the feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and throughout the Advent season, our priests have been directed by Bishop Thomas to use Form II of the Penitential Act at all weekday and Lord's Day Masses. The wording liturgically focuses our attention on God's love and mercy toward us all. (See page 8 of the Missalette.)

As Lent approaches, the Diocese is going to be making suggestions about doing some of the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, and by mandating more opportunities for Confession. Watch the bulletin for details as they become available.

SPEAKING OF GOD'S MERCY: Our parish Penance Service is **this Thursday, December 10 at 7 p.m.** A number of our area priests will be available to help you experience God's forgiveness before Christmas. There are other parish penance services around the area this week and next. There are also extended times for Confession at St. Anthony before Christmas. Saint Anthony School children had a Penance Service earlier this week; CCD Confessions will take place between Sunday Masses today and on the remaining Sundays of Advent.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: We focus a lot on Mary during Advent, beginning with the feast of the Immaculate Conception this Tuesday. From the moment of her conception, Mary was "full of grace", free from the stain of original sin, prepared by God's grace to give God's Son a human body, and to bring Him into the world. She said "yes" to God's grace, which empowered her to do the greatest work of evangelization. This is a holy day of obligation. **Monday evening Mass will be at 7 p.m.; Tuesday Masses will be at 8 a.m. and 7 p.m.**

Saturday is the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the patroness of North and South America. The apparition to St. Juan Diego was the beginning of the greatest number of conversions the Church has ever known. And starting December 17, all our weekday Gospels have to do with Zechariah, Elizabeth, Joseph and Mary, and the parts they played in preparing the way for the first Christmas.

Christmas Addresses

It's time again to remind our parish family of those we do not often see because they live elsewhere or they are confined to their home. Also listed are the priests and religious who have served St. Anthony's. If you would like to send them a Christmas card or a friendly note, the addresses are listed below.

Fr. Joe Kiene, O.F.M. 700 West Maumee Street Angola, Indiana 46703

Rev. Msgr. Cleo Schmenk 4337 Mt. Carmel Drive Melbourne, Florida 32901-8667

Fr. Larry Varney 27484 Oregon Rd., Lot 105 Perrysburg, Ohio 43551

Fr. Dan Zak 1855 Albon Road Holland, Ohio 43528

Father Robert Kurber 12204 Manado Street Orlando, Florida 32837-6735

Father Frank Murd Sisters of St. Francis 192 St. Francis Avenue, Villa 26 Tiffin, Ohio 44883

Father Thomas Oedy 4150 Starr Avenue Oregon, Ohio 43616 Sister Rita Rogier 3124 Corduroy Road, Apt. #19 Oregon, Ohio 43616

Sister Louann Roof 4960 Salem Avenue #3501 Dayton, Ohio 45416

Sister Rosalie Kastner 4960 Salem Avenue, #2102 Dayton, Ohio 45416

Father Charles Obinwa P.O. Box 68 Ft. Jennings, Ohio 45844-0068

Father Norbert Howe 165 North Seriff Drive Lima, Ohio 45807

Father Gary Walters St. Mary's Parish 85 South Sandusky Street Tiffin, Ohio 44883

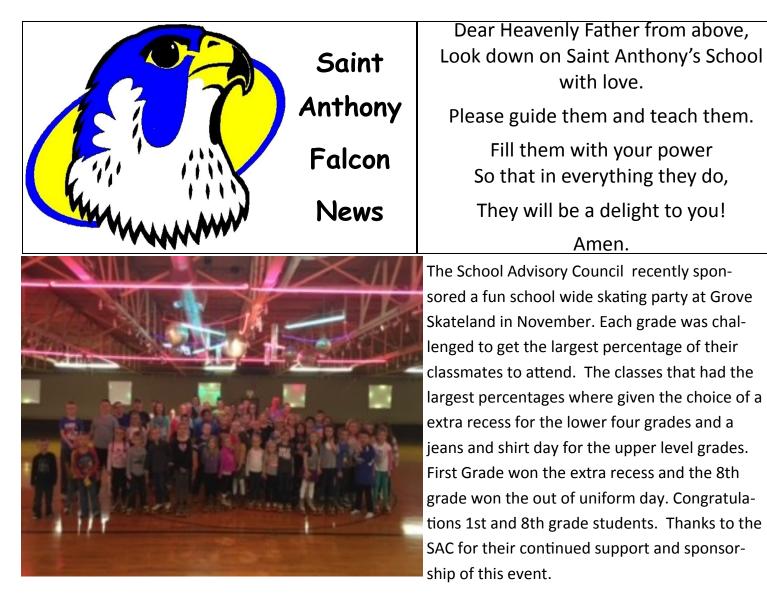
Sister Gemma Fenbert 200 St. Francis Avenue Tiffin, Ohio 44883

HOMEBOUND & NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Hilty Memorial Home P. O. Box 359 Pandora, Ohio 45877 Mary MaagCathy RuheBill Alt Wilbert RoofJan KieneBetty MeyerNolan Diller

The Meadows of Kalida P.O. Box 388 Kalida, Ohio 45853 Angela Schroeder Othmar Schroeder Mary Ida Schroeder Pauline Osterhage Kay Kohls

If there is someone else from our parish who should be included, please call the parish office at 419-659-2263 and we will include them in the next bulletin. Thank you!



Grandparents Day

This Tuesday, December 1st was Grandparents Day at St Anthony School. The day provides an opportunity for Grandparents to attend school in the morning with their Grandchildren and to find out what students at each grade level are learning. By shadowing their grandchildren each Grandparent can experience a student's daily routine at St Anthony as well as have a great lunch with them. Thanks to all who participated and to the volunteers that made the day a great experience for all. Below are some pictures of the day.



Lunch Recess	This Week's LIFE Skill		
Volunteers	Caring	December 7	Falcon Spirit Day
Week of:	"But all things should be done		rk Sandwich for lunch \$1.00
December 7th	decently and in order."	December 8 Subway	All School Mass / Sandwich Lunch: pack the rest
MONDAY: Tammy Speer	2 Corinthians 14:40	December 17	Christmas Program Rehearsal @ 1:00 PM
TUESDAY: Jackie Herman			Christmas Program @ 7:00 PM
WEDNESDAY: Phyllis Watkins THURSDAY: Lisa Langhals		December 18	Golden Falcon Awards 9 weeks, Early Dismissal @ 1:00 PM
FRIDAY: Nicole Wilson	Q: How does an Eskimo fix his broken toys?	December 21	Christmas Break - No School
Sarah Barto	A: With igloo	January 4	School Resumes

St. Anthony of Padua School * 520 W. Sycamore Street * Columbus Grove, OH 45830 * 419-659-2103 www.stanthonyschool.info