

SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA
A MEMBER OF ST. GEORGE DEANERY
3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 13TH, 2015



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St. Anthony School Website: www.stanthonyschool.info

**Today's gospel tells us to SHARE! This Christmas resist the pressure to give token gifts.
 Instead, use those funds to give to the poor.**

If our impoverished brothers and sisters are not on our gift list, we've missed the point of Christmas.

Mass Schedule

December 14	Monday	8:00 a.m. Mass	St. John of the Cross ~ {William & Ethel Hoffman}
December 15	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	Advent Weekday ~ {Joe Morman}
December 16	Wednesday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Advent Weekday ~ {Special Intention}
December 17	Thursday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Advent Weekday ~ {Elmer Ellerbrock}
December 17	Thursday	2:00 p.m. Mass	Meadows of Ottawa ~ {For The Parish}
December 18	Friday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Advent Weekday ~ {Miriam Hixenbaugh}
December 19	Saturday	8:00 a.m. Rosary	
December 19	Saturday	4:30 p.m. Mass	Vigil ~ 4th Sunday of Advent ~ {Dan Blankemeyer ~ Vern Karhoff}
December 20	Sunday	8:30 a.m. Mass	4th Sunday of Advent ~ {Wilfred & Marie Niese ~ Wayne Stechschulte}
December 20	Sunday	11:00 a.m. Mass	4th Sunday of Advent ~ {Miriam Hixenbaugh ~ Norm Kohls ~ James Verhoff}

Servers

December 19	Saturday	4:30 p.m. Mass	Derek Birkemeier, Dylan Birkemeier, Lauren Birkemeier
December 20	Sunday	8:30 a.m. Mass	Cheyenne Mershman, Valerie Morman, Elizabeth Morman
December 20	Sunday	11:00 a.m. Mass	Alyssa Ellerbrock, Makena Doseck, Abby Shafer

Commentators

December 19	Saturday	4:30 p.m. Mass	Marge Tabler
December 20	Sunday	8:30 a.m. Mass	Charlie Schmiesing
December 20	Sunday	11:00 a.m. Mass	Hannah Warren

Eucharistic Ministers

December 19	Saturday	4:30 p.m. Mass	Denny Ricker, Beth Birkemeier, Sue McDowell, Deb Siefker
December 20	Sunday	8:30 a.m. Mass	Sarah Schroeder, Dan Maag, Faith Oglesbee, Rose Ellerbrock, Marilyn Hoffman
December 20	Sunday	11:00 a.m. Mass	Judy Schroeder, Karl Schroeder, James Bishop, Connie Bonnell, Cheryl Ellerbrock
December 20	Sunday	~ Hilty Home ~	Len Kruse

~ 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 19	Saturday	4:30 p.m. Mass	George Ellerbrock, Ken Hermiller, Rob Verhoff, Don Stechschulte
December 20	Sunday	8:30 a.m. Mass	Tom Dunlap, Ron Hoffman, Denny Hoyt, Gene Siefker
December 20	Sunday	11:00 a.m. Mass	Ken Rieman, Dwain Schroeder, Nathan Siefker, John Selhorst

~ Confessions ~

Friday, December 18th ~ 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 19th ~ 2:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Income For The Week of December 6th

Adult Sunday & Holy Day ~ 316	\$ 10,171.25
Children's ~ 38	<u>38.60</u>
	10,209.85
Needy Family	1,404.49
Christmas Bonus Donations	2,115.00
Tuition	3,279.03
Miscellaneous	<u>1,895.75</u>
Total Income	\$ 18,904.12



Expenses For The Week of December 6th

Ordinary Parish & School Expenses \$ 4,285.11

Teacher Christmas Bonus Donations to-date ~ \$4,309.00

Money Raised By St. Anthony Students ~ 1,304.49

Money Donated from Parishioners ~ 3,575.25

Money Donated by a Corporation ~ 5,000.00

Donations to-date for our parish families in need ~ \$9,879.74

Thanks to all who made donations to our St. Anthony teachers and also our families in need this Christmas season.

300 Club Winner ~ December 12th ~ Vince & Amy Morman~ Ticket #191 ~ \$100.00

Special Christmas Drawing ~ December 12th ~ Nick & Joan Schroeder ~ Ticket #147 ~ \$100.00



Deacon Matthew Stechsulte, son of Matthew and Danielle Stechsulte, was baptized last weekend here at St. Anthony's. May the new gift of God's Spirit be with you always.

Helps Along The Way ~ We have recently made available various books, DVD's and CD's which give information we can use to help us on our faith journey. Every week we will showcase one of the items to give you information on what the book, DVD or CD is all about.

"The New Sexual Revolution"

By: Chris Stefanick

"The New Sexual Revolution" CD is a talk for parents concerned about the purity of their children. Chris Stefanick, a 14 year youth minister veteran, gives you the facts and what you can do to help your children. The choice for purity or promiscuity effects their physical, social, spiritual, emotional, educational and financial health. The CD is available for \$3.00 on the "Deepen Your Faith" display located at the Sycamore Street entrances of the church.

To the members of St. Anthony Parish:

Prayerful thanks for the donation of \$4,232.00 to support the missionary efforts of the Catholic Church through the Propagation of the Faithful. Your sharing gives witness of your faith and helps fulfill the command of Jesus to take the Gospel to all nations.

**Sister Nancy Mathias, OSU
Coordinator of Mission Appeals**

Christian Formation News ~ CCD classes will be held this **Sunday, December 13th**, 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. in the school. The next CCD classes will be held Sunday, December 20th.

Scrip ~ Scrip will be available this weekend, **December 12th and December 13th**, after Mass in the church basement. The helpers are: Ken & Connie Kruse, Gina Wurth, Marge Tabler, Marilyn Siefker, Anne Schroeder and Vicky Schroeder. The Scrip helpers for the weekend of December 19th and December 20th are: Ken & Connie Kruse, Ann Selhorst, Shirley Goedde, Kay Koch, Anne Schroeder and Jan Eversole.

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.

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. *We are need of servers for the 10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass and the 9:00 a.m. Christmas morning Mass.* If you can help us out, please call the parish office at 419-659-2263. Thank you!

Chris Grothaus Fund Raiser ~ Anyone wishing to donate money to help with medical, travel or food expenses for the Grothaus family, a fund has been started at the Union Bank under the "Grothaus Fund". Chris is improving but recovery will be a long process. Please help one of our own financially if you can and if not, continue prayers for a full and speedy recovery.

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 are also on the table in the back of church. 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 ~ The Catholic Ladies of Columbia are planning a Bake Sale this weekend, **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.

Adult Study ~ Will be meeting on **Tuesday, December 15th** at 7:00 p.m. in the Enrichment Center.

Rosary Guild ~ Will be meeting on **Wednesday, December 16th** at 6:30 p.m. in the church basement.

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

<i>Sunday, December 13th</i>	<i>St. Mary's, Leipsic</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Monday, December 14th</i>	<i>St. John's, Delphos</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Tuesday, December 15th</i>	<i>St. Michael's, Kalida</i>	<i>4:00 & 7:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Sunday, December 20th</i>	<i>St. Charles, Lima</i>	<i>3:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Monday, December 21st</i>	<i>Sts. Peter & Paul, Ottawa</i>	<i>4:00 & 7:00 p.m.</i>

Extra Confessions at St. Anthony's

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

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: [419-302-4959](tel:419-302-4959) Brooke: [419-233-4312](tel:419-233-4312). Email Neil & he can add you to our face book group so you have access to all upcoming events! neilacassidy@gmail.com.

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 this **Sunday, December 13th**, at 7:30 p.m. The choir is directed by Skyler Mayberry, accompanied by Anna Bremer.

Winter Fun Day ~ Winter Fun Day is **Tuesday, December 29th**. The day will start at noon at the Sports Center Lanes in Pandora. We will leave the lanes around 2:30 p.m. and hang out at the Sts Peter & Paul Youth Room in Ottawa. There is a cost of \$10 which covers the bowling and lunch. Contact Hannah Warren, 419-303-5476, with any questions.

Junior High Gathering ~ Is approaching, and we are looking for high school volunteers to help at the "Red Hot Catholic" St George Deanery Junior High Gathering. It will be **Sunday, January 31st** at Miller City's old school gym. Event preparations begin at 9:30 a.m., and tear down will end approximately 7:00 p.m. There is a \$5 charge for lunch, and an option to buy a shirt in advance for another \$10. If you want to order a shirt, the deadline is January 15. If you are interested in helping, please contact Hannah Warren @ 419-303-5476.

When You Care Enough.....to love the very best in your marriage, treat your marriage to a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend**. What better gift for your spouse than the gift of yourself for an entire weekend! A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. The next weekend in the Toledo Diocese is January 15-17, 2016 in Perrysburg, OH. Contact Brian and Chris Schroeder at 419-538-7210 or go to www.encountertoledo.org for more information.

The 2016 Marriage Encounter Dinner & Dance ~ Will be held on **Sunday, February 14, 2016**. The evening is hosted by the Glandorf St. John the Baptist Marriage Encounter Couples. The Mass will be celebrated at 2:30 p.m. in the church followed by a dinner and dance in the Glandorf St. John Parish Center. Pastors, you are cordially invited to join us. If you have any questions you can reply to janetandcliff@gmail.com.

St. Anthony High Fliers ~ The St. Anthony High Fliers will be hosting two post-game gatherings on **January 23rd**, after the Columbus Grove Vs. Ottawa-Glandorf game, and **January 30th**, after the Columbus Grove vs. Continental basketball game, in the church basement for all to socialize with friends and family. There will be snacks and drinks for purchase. The television will be airing the sports report from the 11:00 p.m. news. Bring cards, dice, or board games for your children to play with others. The gathering will begin immediately following the varsity boys' basketball game until 11:30 p.m. The gathers are open to everyone. Please join us. All proceeds from the event will support future High Fliers activities.

Red Cross Blood Drive ~ The American Red Cross will be sponsoring a blood drive at St. Anthony's church basement on **Tuesday, January 19th**, 12:00 to 6:00 p.m. To schedule an appointment, please call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit, www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: **STANTHONY**.

K of C Beef, Chicken & Ground Beef ~ If you are planning to use beef, chicken or ground beef for your family parties, consider purchasing your supplies from our K of C. Below are the prices of the items available.

	Beef	Chicken	Ground Beef
Case of 24 cans ~ 28 ozs.	\$ 172.00	\$140.00	\$144.00
1/2 Case (12 Cans) ~ 28 ozs.	87.00	72.00	74.00
Price Per 28 oz. Can	7.25	6.00	6.25
Case of 24 Cans ~ 14.5 ozs.	105.00	90.00	90.00
1/2 Case (12 Cans) ~ 14.5 ozs.	53.00	47.00	47.00
Price Per 14.5 oz. can	4.50	4.00	4.00

Call Len Kruse at 419-659-5657, Gene Heitmeyer at 419-659-5574, Dave Ellerbrock at 419-659-5833 or Dan Maag at 419-659-2969 to place your order.

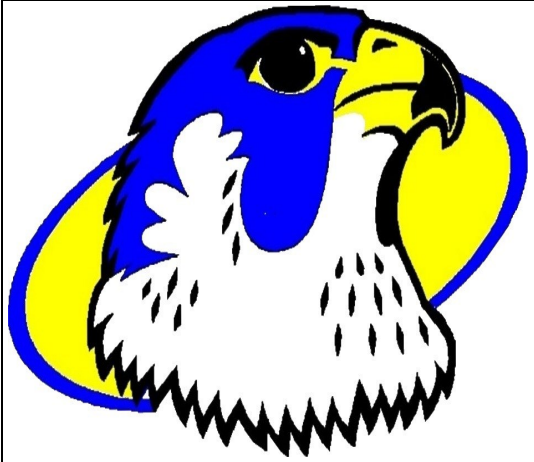
A Note from Fr. Tom

MARCH FOR LIFE: The annual March for Life is taking place on January 22. The Diocese is arranging bus transportation to Washington DC for this event. Fare and lodging for college students is \$79; for all others it is \$109. Mail payments to Peter Range, Diocese of Toledo, 1933 Spielbusch Ave., Toledo 43604. Payment is due by December 22. This trip is funded in part by the Annual Catholic Appeal. Contact prange@toledodiocese.org for more information.

YEAR OF MERCY: The crowds ask "What should we do?" in order to show their change of heart. John the Baptist tells them some practical things to do. He mainly insists on sharing with people in need. I think that he still speaks to us today, especially in this Jubilee Year of Mercy that Pope Francis has proclaimed. Someone has made a list of 56 ways to observe the Year of Mercy; I would like to share some of them:

- 1) Resist sarcasm; it is the antithesis of mercy. As Psalm 141:3 says, "Set, O Lord, a guard over my mouth; keep watch, O Lord, at the door of my lips!"
- 2) Pare down possessions: share your things with the needy.
- 3) Call someone who you know is lonely, even if you understand *why* they're lonely. *Especially* if you do.
- 4) Write a letter of forgiveness to someone. If you cannot send it, sprinkle it with holy water, ask Christ Jesus to have mercy on you both and then burn or bury it.
- 5) Learn to say this prayer: "Dear Lord, bless [annoying person's name] and have mercy on me!"
- 6) Do something kind and helpful for someone whom you don't get along with, or who has wronged you.
- 7) Be mindful of your behavior online. Is that post designed to improve your image, and leave others feeling bad? Are you hammering people in order to serve your anger and humiliate others?
- 8) Be generous enough to allow someone to help you; people need to feel needed.
- 9) If you didn't mean to be a pain in the neck to someone, admit that you were and ask the person to forgive you.
- 10) Take time in prayer to contemplate the good qualities of someone who is difficult for you. Do the same for each member of your family.
- 11) Send a card, flowers, gift or note to someone on the six-month anniversary of his or her loved one's death. By then most people have stopped recognizing their grief.
- 12) Offer to babysit for a busy mom to go out and have a couple of hours to herself.

- 13) Make a meal (or buy a gift certificate) for a mom who's just given birth or adopted a child, or for someone who's just gone through a loss.
- 14) Hold your tongue.
- 15) Offer to run an errand (groceries, dry cleaning pick up, dog-walking) for a busy parent or homebound person.
- 16) If you're sharing a treat, take the smaller portion.
- 17) Memorize the 14 corporal and spiritual works of mercy and show your children what they mean.
- 18) Instead of losing patience with someone online (or in person), try to hear their fear. Ask God for what Solomon asked for: "an understanding heart."
- 19) Offer to drive an elderly person to Mass, or somewhere else where they need to go.
- 20) Recall a time you were not given the benefit of the doubt, and extend one to someone else.
- 21) Put down the phone and really listen to someone else. *With* eye contact.
- 22) Have alternative drinks, other than water, for times when those who have been struggling with alcohol come to visit.
- 23) Read John Paul II's encyclical "Rich in Mercy" bit-by-bit through the year.
- 24) Create a short end-of-day ritual to ask for (and extend) forgiveness with those you live with. Saint Paul says "...do not let the sun set on your anger" (Eph 4:26).
- 25) Make a list of your "enemies." Then, every day, say a prayer for them.
- 26) Make a point to smile, greet or make conversation with someone who is not in your everyday circle.
- 27) Give away something of yours (that you really like) to someone you know who would enjoy it.
- 28) Learn and pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet.
- 29) Make a gratitude journal for your spouse and jot down little things he or she does that you're grateful for. Bite your tongue and go write in it (or at least read it) the next time you want to criticize in a moment of frustration.
- 30) Respond to provocation with the respect you wish a person would show you.
- 31) Learn [the Jesus Prayer](#) and use it.
- 32) Take a few minutes during the week to stop at a church and sit before the Tabernacle, simply to be with Christ, the Merciful. If you cannot do that, [meditate upon the crucifix](#).
- 33) Pray a novena for the good of someone you dislike.
- 34) Lead with a kind comment with friends as well as strangers.
- 35) When conversations devolve into "[the dark joy](#)" of gossip, help change the subject.
- 36) Can you play the piano, or any instrument? Can you recite poetry? Give free "concerts" to the forgotten people in nursing homes and assisted living centers.
- 37) Visit the graves of your ancestors, or visit a local cemetery and walk around praying a rosary for all the souls buried there
- 38) Go on retreat. It's a way to be merciful to yourself and also to the people around you, who know you *need* to go on retreat. If you cannot do that, at least try to make a day, or evening, of recollection.
- 39) Admit your jealousy, both to yourself and your confessor.
- 40) Offer hospitality in your home to someone or a group of people you would normally never invite over.
- 41) If someone you know seems to lack faith, share some of yours — tell him or her how Christ has changed your life.
- 42) Pay the parking or toll fee for the person behind you.
- 43) Give the much-maligned Pope Benedict XVI a fair reading sometime. You'll be surprised.
- 44) Pray every day for the souls in Purgatory. Pray for your dead.



Saint Anthony Falcon News

Dear Heavenly Father from above,
Look down on Saint Anthony's School
with love.

Please guide them and teach them.

Fill them with your power
So that in everything they do,
They will be a delight to you!

Amen.



Mrs. Selhorst's Second Grade Class completed their "History of" Projects. They are pictured on the top left and the right.



In Kindergarten Health Class (left and right) students have been talking about the heart and what its job is in the body. Each student was able to find and hear their heartbeat with a stethoscope. Mrs. Donaldson said "They all LOVED hearing their heartbeats." Center above, Kindergarten students made a Christmas stocking and they hung them on the front of their table for St. Nick to visit. St. Nick brought each student a candy cane, candy bar, stamper, notepad and tattoos! They all thought it was the BEST day ever and really enjoyed coming in on Monday morning to see what they got.



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Dates: Saturday, January 23rd after the Columbus Grove vs. OG Game

Saturday, January 30th after the Columbus Grove vs. Continental Game

Time: Immediately following the Varsity Boys' Basketball Game until 11:30 p.m.

Where: St. Anthony Church Basement

Why: Mingle with family and friends and support the High Fliers

Who: Everyone



Calendar Items:

<p>Lunch Recess</p> <p>Volunteers</p> <p>Week of:</p> <p>December 14th</p> <p>MONDAY: Kay Langhals</p> <p>TUESDAY: Jeaneen Warnecke</p> <p>WEDNESDAY: Sherry King</p> <p>THURSDAY: Anne Dunbar</p> <p>FRIDAY: Early Dismissal @ 12:40... None Needed</p>	<p>This Week's LIFE Skill</p> <p>Caring</p> <p>"But all things should be done decently and in order."</p> <p>2 Corinthians 14:40</p>	<p>December 15 Subway Lunch</p> <p>6:15 PM High Flyers Parent Mtg. Gym</p> <p>December 17 Christmas Program Rehearsal @ 1:00 PM</p> <p>Christmas Program @ 7:00 PM</p> <p>December 18 Golden Falcon Awards after Mass</p> <p>End of 9 weeks</p> <p>Early Dismissal @ 12:40 PM</p> <p>December 21 Christmas Break- No School</p> <p>Jr BB @ CG 8th-5:00</p> <p>December 28 Jr BB vs Glandorf 8th</p> <p>5:00-Home</p> <p>January 4 School Resumes</p>
	<p>Q: Why did the credit card go to jail?</p> <p>A: It was guilty as charged</p>	