

SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA
A MEMBER OF ST. GEORGE DEANERY
4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 20TH, 2015



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St. Anthony School Website: www.stanthonyschool.info

Merry Christmas!

Mass Schedule

December 21	Monday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Advent Weekday ~ {Rich Ellerbrock }
December 22	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	Advent Weekday ~ {For The Parish }
December 23	Wednesday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Advent Weekday ~ {Moe Stechschulte }
December 24	Thursday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Christmas Eve~{Laverne Siefker ~ Marcelle Faber ~Urban Warnecke ~ Norm & Evelyn Utrup ~ Ralph & Marie Ricker ~ Miller & Knott Families }
December 24	Thursday	6:00 p.m. Mass	Christmas Eve ~ {Norm Maag ~ Paul Best ~ Henry & Mary Kleman }
December 24	Thursday	10:00 p.m. Mass	Christmas Eve~{Members of the Ralph & Beatrice Schroeder Family ~ Members of the Edward F. & Elizabeth J. Morman Family ~ Steve Morman }
December 25	Friday	9:00 a.m. Mass	The Nativity of the Lord ~ {Martha Extejt ~ Walter Kleman }
December 26	Saturday	8:00 a.m. Rosary	
December 26	Saturday	4:30 p.m. Mass	Vigil ~ The Holy Family of Jesus ~ {Virgil & Virginia Hoffman ~ Members of the Raymond & Marie Korte Family }
December 27	Sunday	8:30 a.m. Mass	The Holy Family of Jesus ~ {Norbert & Lorene Fuerst ~ Joe & Gladys Verhoff }
December 27	Sunday	11:00 a.m. Mass	The Holy Family of Jesus ~ {William P. Schumaker }

Servers

December 21	Monday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Paige Langhals
December 22	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	Elizabeth Morman
December 23	Wednesday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Gwen Langhals
December 24	Thursday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Quinton Langhals, Garrett Langhals, Tayte Langhals, Jevin Langhals, Hunter Sudlow, Mike Morman, Andrew Morman, Zach Warnecke
December 24	Thursday	6:00 p.m. Mass	Logan Stechschulte, Josh Buescher, Caleb Stechschulte, Brandon Buescher, Levi Schroeder
December 24	Thursday	10:00 p.m. Mass	Nathan Dunbar, Evan Dunbar, Marybeth Nemire, Garrett Nemire, Adam Birkemeier
December 25	Friday	9:00 a.m. Mass	Derek Birkemeier, Dylan Birkemeier, Lauren Birkemeier
December 26	Saturday	4:30 p.m. Mass	Lauryn Wischmeyer, Addison Bonnell, Amy Vorst
December 27	Sunday	8:30 a.m. Mass	Ethan Blankemeyer, Adam Birkemeier, Abe Morman
December 27	Sunday	11:00 a.m. Mass	Kyle Schroeder, Bryce King, Kurt Griffith

Commentators

December 24	Thursday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Special
December 24	Thursday	6:00 p.m. Mass	Karl Schroeder
December 24	Thursday	10:00 p.m. Mass	Judy Schroeder
December 25	Friday	9:00 a.m. Mass	Gary Hermiller
December 26	Saturday	4:30 p.m. Mass	Gary Hermiller
December 27	Sunday	8:30 a.m. Mass	Carl Warnecke
December 27	Sunday	11:00 a.m. Mass	Diana Johnson

Eucharistic Ministers

December 24 Thursday 4:00 p.m. Mass Kate Morman, Terri Murray, Amy Brinkman, Lisa Langhals, **1 Volunteer**
December 24 Thursday 6:00 p.m. Mass Stephanie Moore, Christie Tabler, **3 Volunteers**
December 24 Thursday 10:00 p.m. Mass Ken Kruse, Connie Kruse, Norm Schnipke,
Marilyn Birkemeier, Diana Kaufman
December 25 Friday 9:00 a.m. Mass John & Mary Kay Koch, Mary Ann Schroeder,
Rose Ellerbrock, Anne Duval
December 26 Saturday 4:30 p.m. Mass Ken & Connie Kruse, Kasey Kruse, Terri Murray
December 27 Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass Charlie Schmiesing, John & Mary Kay Koch,
Bill Schroeder, Faith Oglesbee
December 27 Sunday 11:00 a.m. Mass Anne Schroeder, Stephanie Moore, Pam Hummel,
Shirley Goedde, Desiray Engberg
December 25 Christmas Day ~ Anne Duval
December 27 Sunday ~ Hilty Home ~ Denny Ricker

~ Hilty Home Residents ~

*Wilbert Roof-Room 103B; Nolan Diller-Room 108B; Mary Maag-Room 119; Bill Alt-Room 121;
Jan Kiene-Room 200; 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*

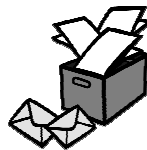
Ushers

December 24 Thursday 4:00 p.m. Mass Gene Siefker, Mike Kohls, Jon Diller, **1 Volunteer**
December 24 Thursday 6:00 p.m. Mass Dave Moore, George Ellerbrock, Doug Roof, **1 Volunteer**
December 24 Thursday 10:00 p.m. Mass Tom Dunlap, Jim Fuerst, John Siefker, **1 Volunteer**
December 25 Friday 9:00 a.m. Mass Steve Birkemeier, Nathan Birkemeier, Jeff Birkemeier, **1 Volunteer**
December 26 Saturday 4:30 p.m. Mass Brent Glass, Mike Kohls, Darren Langhals, Denny Meuleman
December 27 Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass John Siefker, Dave Koch, Jerry Blankemeyer, Dave Kreuzberg
December 27 Sunday 11:00 a.m. Mass Jim Fuerst, Matt McCauley, Carl Warnecke, Kevin Siefker

~ Confessions ~

Tuesday, December 22nd ~ 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday, December 23rd ~ 7:00 p.m. Until All Are Heard
Saturday, December 26th ~ 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Income For The Week of December 13th
Adult Sunday ~ 251 \$ 8,753.32
Children's ~ 23 20.35
8,773.67
School Donation 1,000.00
Christmas Bonus Donations 2,930.00
Miscellaneous 2,012.00
Total Income \$ 14,715.67



Expenses For The Week of December 13th
Ordinary Parish & School Expenses \$ 4,599.59
Payroll 12/15 & Teacher Bonuses 26,069.82
Taxes & 403-B 4,285.28
School & Parish Help 4,200.00
Total Expenses \$ 39,154.69

300 Club Winner ~ December 19th ~ Carol A. Pitney~ Ticket #207 ~ \$100.00
Special Christmas Drawing ~ December 19th ~ Cliff Hermiller ~ Ticket #14 ~ \$100.00

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.

Just in time for Christmas ~ we have 4 new books on the Deepen Your Faith display. "Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Heaven" by Peter Kreeft; "The Lamb's Supper" by Scott Hahn; "Bible Basics For Catholics" by John Bergsma; and "The Faith For Beginners" by Stephen Ray and R. Dennis Walters. We also have "33 Days to Morning Glory" by Father Gaitley. The books are available for \$5.00 on the "Deepen Your Faith" display located at the Sycamore Street entrances of the church.

Weekly Bulletin ~ Please have all bulletin information to the parish office by Tuesday morning the week of Christmas and also Tuesday the week of New Years.

Parish Office ~ The parish office will be closed **Monday, December 28th and Tuesday, December 29th.**

Parish Council Election Results ~ Congratulations to our four new Parish Council members. The new members are: Pat Birnesser, Brenda Douglas, Jill Glass and Jerry Schroeder. It was a very close election. Thanks to all those parishioners who were willing to run for Parish Council.

Children's Choir ~ The Children's Choir will be singing on **Friday, January 8th and Friday, January 15th** during the 8:00 a.m. Masses. If you were unable to hear them sing at the 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass, you can hear their beautiful voices at one of these Masses.

Christian Formation News ~ CCD classes will be held this **Sunday, December 20th**, 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. in the school. The next CCD classes will be held **Sunday, January 3rd**.

Scrip ~ Scrip will be available this weekend, **December 19th and December 20th**, after Mass in the church basement. The helpers are: Ken & Connie Kruse, Ann Selhorst, Shirley Goedde, Kay Koch, Anne Schroeder and Jan Eversole. **We won't be able to place any new orders before Christmas.** Our next Scrip weekend will be January 2nd and 3rd, 2016. The helpers are: Ken & Connie Kruse, Karen Martin, Marge Tabler, Mary Langhals, Anne Schroeder and Trina Rode.

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.

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.

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

Sunday, December 20th	St. Charles, Lima	3:00 p.m.
Monday, December 21st	Sts. Peter & Paul, Ottawa	4:00 & 7:00 p.m.

Extra Confessions at St. Anthony's

Tuesday, December 22nd	10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday, December 23rd	7:00 p.m. Until All Are Heard

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.

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.

Cancer Benefit ~ Saturday, December 26th, from 2:00 pm until 11:00 pm. ~ Suzanne was diagnosed with Stage IV Pancreatic Cancer November, 2015 at the age of 48. She is the daughter of the late Thomas Ricker (Kalida) and also Steve and the late Gerri (Schmersal) Stechschulte also of Kalida. Suzanne is the mother of three children, Sydney (25), Brandon (21), Andrew (19). The Benefit is being held at the Miller City Sportsmen Club (St. Rt. 108, Miller City, OH). There will be 50/50 drawing, Gun Raffles & Specialties raffle. Need not be present to win. Food available by donation. All money raised is going toward the family's medical expenses. The family also posted a "gofundme" page on facebook and opened an account @ Union Bank if you wish to make a donation. Please contact Mindi Maag at 419-532-3733 mindi.maag@yahoo.com or Michelle White at 419-957-0779 mrwhite1367@gmail.com for questions or pre-sale gun raffle and 50/50 tickets.

Pancake & Sausage Breakfast ~ The Ottoville Knights of Columbus Council 2238 will be holding their annual Pancake and Sausage Breakfast on **January 10th, 2016** from 8:00 a.m. until noon at the Parish Center in Ottoville. Sausage, scrambled eggs, all you can eat pancakes, cinnamon rolls, juice, milk and coffee. The cost is \$6.00. Children 5 and under are free.

Pilgrimage to Alabama ~ You are welcome to join a "Year of Mercy" Spring Bus Pilgrimage to Alabama leaving from Kalida on Monday, April 11th, and return Friday, April 15th. Traveling by deluxe motor coach, you will visit the Basilica of the Assumption (Holy Door), Ave Maria Grotto/St. Bernard Abbey, Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament (Holy Door), Our Lady of Angels Monastery, EWTN studios, Sacred Heart Church, Cullman, and if possible, Our Lady of Good Hope, Cenacolo, a rehab center supported by Bishop Baker of the Birmingham, AL. Diocese. Sponsored by St. Michael, Kalida's Rosary-Altar Society, this 5-day/4-night trip costs \$525 per person which includes transportation, lodging and 9 meals. Men and women are welcome. Contact Rita Borgelt at 419-532-3637 or hborgelt@bright.net for reservations and details.

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Christmas Gift Wrapping ~ Feeling rushed with all there is to do before Christmas gets here? Let Heartbeat wrap your gifts for you! We will be in the old Blockbuster building (2062 North Cable Road-across from the Lima Mall) beside Michel Tire, **Sunday, December 20th through Wednesday, December 23rd**, 10:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. There is no charge to wrap, but donations are appreciated. P.S. If you LOVE to wrap and have your gifts all ready, please consider calling our office to get on the schedule to wrap! Heartbeat's number is 419-222-7945. Bring your group of friends and have a party wrapping together!

A Note from Fr. Tom

CEMETERY NEWS: Repairs to the statue of Christ from our outdoor crucifix are underway. It was sanded down to bare clay, and then four coats of different materials were applied to it. Work had to be done very carefully, so as not to hide Christ's facial features under layers of sealer, acrylic, etc. If the weather holds up, the statue may be re-mounted before Christmas. The cost of the work will be about \$4000. We are also looking to repairs to the crucifix's concrete base. We have not begun to gather bids yet, but our best guess is that this will cost an additional \$1000. If you would like to help with this project, you may put your donation in a plain envelope and write "Cemetery Crucifix" on it.

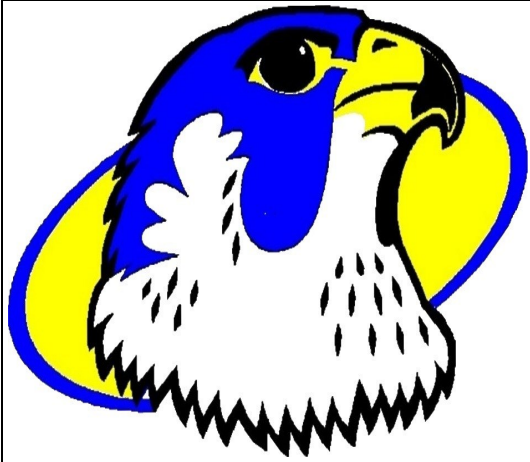
CONFESSIONS: There are still opportunities for Confession before Christmas. Today there is a penance service at Lima St. Charles at 3 p.m. On Monday there are penance services at Ottawa at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Confessions will be heard in our church from 10 to 11 a.m. on Tuesday, and on Wednesday from 7 p.m. until all have been heard.

THE SILENCE OF ZECHARIAH: At the end of Advent, our weekday Gospels are all about the wonderful events that led up to the birth of Jesus. Saint Luke begins the story in the Temple, with the Archangel Gabriel interrupting the liturgy that Zechariah is conducting. Having an archangel show up will stop you dead in your tracks, even if you're officiating in the Temple. The angel tells Zechariah, who is childless and up in years that he will have a son, and he is to call him John. Zechariah wants to know how this can be. It's almost the same question that Mary asked, but there must have been something about Zechariah's tone of voice or facial expression that showed his lack of faith. The angel tells him that he will be unable to speak until the baby is born. Now the liturgy is really disrupted because Zechariah can't give the final blessing to the crowd waiting outside the Holy Place.

We would interpret silence as a punishment. But was it really a punishment, or was it an opportunity from God to reflect without interruption, until he finally could say "yes" to God's plan, and raise up a son who would prepare the way for the Messiah? Zechariah could look back at all the childless people to whom God had given children: Abraham and Sarah, the parents of Samson, and the parents of Samuel to name just three. For each of these parents, God took away the curse of childlessness (and in those days they thought of it as a curse), and raised up someone who would move His plan forward. His nine months of silence were a time for repentance, and for learning that not even priests in the Temple know it all. It was also a time for prayer and for growth in faith.

Many people today can't stand nine minutes of silence, let alone nine months. We think we have to fill silence with noise: noise from the TV, noise from pointless conversations, noise from our smart phone, our MP3 player or our electronic games. God gets shut out. Do you or I create noise that shuts God out? In these last few days before Christmas, what time is there that we can carve out to let the silence of Advent open us more to Jesus' coming and His plan for us? Is nine minutes of silence a day doable, in honor of Zechariah's nine months?

Father Tom



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.

Christmas Spirit in the Air!

St Anthony School had their annual Christmas Program Thursday, December 17th at 7:00 PM with the traditional rehearsal at 1:00 PM in the afternoon. Parents, Grandparents and friends were invited to attend so we had a great crowd and a super time at the performance. Thanks to all of the students for their participation and talent. Thank you also to those adults who took the time to attend. A special thanks goes out to Mrs. Schnipke, Music Teacher, for her time and effort directing and the other teachers and staff for their support and talents. Below are the Pictures:



Merry Christmas and
May God Bless You All



Calendar Items:

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| December 21 | Christmas Break- No School
Jr BB @ CG 8th-5:00 |
| December 28 | Jr BB vs Glandorf 8th
5:00-Home |
| January 4 | School Resumes
Hot Dpgs \$ 1.00 |