



SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA
A MEMBER OF ST. GEORGE DEANERY
THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS
DECEMBER 27TH, 2015



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St. Anthony School Website: www.stanthonyschool.info

Happy New Year!

Mass Schedule

December	29	Tuesday		No Evening Mass
December	30	Wednesday		No Morning Mass
December	31	Thursday	4:30 p.m. Mass	Vigil ~ Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God ~ {Adrian Birkemeier ~ Jim & Mary Mack ~ Wilfred & Margaret Warnecke ~ John E. Schroeder}
January	01	Friday	10:00 a.m. Mass	Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God ~ {Eileen Kahle}
January	02	Saturday	8:00 a.m. Rosary	
January	02	Saturday	4:30 p.m. Mass	Vigil ~ The Epiphany of the Lord ~ {Alice Gerten}
January	03	Sunday	8:30 a.m. Mass	The Epiphany of the Lord ~ {Dick & Ruth Warnecke}
January	03	Sunday	11:00 a.m. Mass	The Epiphany of the Lord ~ {Kim McCrate}

Servers

December	31	Thursday	4:30 p.m. Mass	Adam Birkemeier, Tayte Langhals, Jevin Langhals
January	01	Friday	10:00 a.m. Mass	Abe Morman, Elizabeth Morman, Valerie Morman
January	02	Saturday	4:30 p.m. Mass	Dalton Wurth, Hunter Sudlow, Brandon Buescher
January	03	Sunday	8:30 a.m. Mass	Gwen Langhals, Cheyanne Mershman, Hannah Morman
January	03	Sunday	11:00 a.m. Mass	Landen Schroeder, Jared Kahle, Caleb Morman

Commentators

December	31	Thursday	4:30 p.m. Mass	Vonda Nemire
January	01	Friday	10:00 a.m. Mass	Dan Maag
January	02	Saturday	4:30 p.m. Mass	Geddy Davis
January	03	Sunday	8:30 a.m. Mass	Karen Martin
January	03	Sunday	11:00 a.m. Mass	Dee Griffith

Eucharistic Ministers

December	31	Thursday	4:30 p.m. Mass	Marilyn Birkemeier, Kristy Birkemeier, Marilyn Siefker, Harold Gerten, Mary Ann Schroeder
January	01	Friday	10:00 a.m. Mass	Volunteers Please
January	02	Saturday	4:30 p.m. Mass	Teresa Brubaker, Norm & Rose Schnipke, Don & Laura Siefker
January	03	Sunday	8:30 a.m. Mass	Gib Kaufman, Doug Langhals, Louann Wood, Sue Knott, Lisa Langhals
January	03	Sunday	11:00 a.m. Mass	James Bishop, Noralu Kahle, Ken & Lois Karhoff, Troy King

January 03 Hilty Home ~ Marilyn Siefker

~ Hilty Home Residents ~

*Wilbert Roof-Room 103B; Nolan Diller-Room 108B; Mary Maag-Room 119; Bill Alt-Room 121;
 Jan Kiene-Room 200; Margaret Rosenbauer-Room 208B; Dolores Daniels-Room 209B; Dorothy Geiger-Room 211A;
 Beatrice Inkrott-Room 212B; Mary Rita Fischbach-Room 215B; Betty Meyer-Room 303; Cathy Ruhe-Room 306;
 Mary Yant-Room 505*

Ushers

December 31 Thursday 4:30 p.m. Mass John Siefker, **3 Volunteers**
 January 01 Friday 10:00 a.m. Mass **Volunteers Please**
 January 02 Saturday 4:30 p.m. Mass Scott Hummel, Bill Roth, Nick Schroeder, Cody Wagner
 January 03 Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass Dan Maag, Adam Siefker, Dan Selhorst, Karl Verhoff
 January 03 Sunday 11:00 a.m. Mass Al Schroeder, Dale Schroeder, Alan Stover, Dave Moore

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

Income For The Week of December 20th

Adult Sunday ~ 259	\$ 7,929.00
Children's ~ 29	<u>91.33</u>
	8,020.33
Christmas	1,860.00
Miscellaneous	<u>1,190.45</u>
Total Income	\$ 11,070.78



Expenses For The Week of December 20th

Ordinary Parish & School Expenses	\$ 3,396.71
Parish Help	<u>2,810.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 6,206.71

Total amount donated toward Teacher Bonuses ~ \$7,259.00 + \$2,000.00 (Part of Profits from Purse Bingo)
Total ~ \$9,259.00

Total amount given to help four families ~ \$10,410.00

 300 Club Winner ~ December 25th ~ Rita Halker ~ Ticket #162 ~ \$100.00
 Special Christmas Drawing ~ December 25th ~ Father Tom Extejt ~ Ticket #73 ~ \$250.00

*These are the final drawings for 2015. Thanks to all who supported our 300 Club
 and congratulations to our winners!!*

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

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

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 ~ The next CCD classes will be held **Sunday, January 3rd.**

Scrip ~ 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.

Adult Bible Study: January 5th, 2016 ~ Welcome to Part II Symbolon, the Catholic Faith Explained. We will start with the Sessions on the Sacraments. We will see how Christ works through the Sacraments and Liturgy to apply the Fruits of Salvation to our lives. Session I we will study Baptism and Confirmation. Why Baptism is the "gateway" to the Christian life, the significance of Confirmation and its relationship to Baptism. We meet at 7:00 p.m. in Media Center in the school. All are welcome.

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.

Marriage Encounter News For The Year of Mercy ~ The next Marriage Encounter weekend in the Toledo Diocese will be held **January 15-17, 2016** at the Holiday Inn Express, in Perrysburg, Friday 8:00 p.m. through Sunday, 4:00 p.m. This is a golden opportunity to enrich your marriage during this Extraordinary Year of Mercy - a year for growth. Don't miss such a chance! There are 15 openings as of now. Father Harry Brown will be co-teaming. The cost is \$75.00 registration fee with any donations appreciated on the weekend. Contact Brian and Chris Schroeder at 419-538-7210 Spouses can give this weekend as a precious gift to one another..

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.

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.

Kewpee Fund Raiser ~ Lima Central Catholic has a coupon fund-raiser that will enable you to save considerably on Kewpee purchases. Purchase a book of five Kewpee coupons for only \$5.00, starting January 4th. Buy a regular Kewpee hamburger and receive an additional hamburger and 16-ounce hot or cold beverage at no additional cost. Coupons are good through March 12th. Mail your \$5.00 check for each book desired to: Lima Central Catholic Business Office, % KewPee Coupons, 720 South Cable Road, Lima, Ohio, 45805. Thank you for your support.

A Note from Fr. Tom

MERRY CHRISTMAS: A few years ago, Pope Benedict XVI had this to say at Midnight Mass: “God’s sign is his humility. God’s sign is that he makes himself small; he becomes a child; he lets us touch him and he asks for our love. How we would prefer a different sign, an imposing, irresistible sign of God’s power and greatness! But his sign summons us to faith and love, and thus it gives us hope: this is what God is like. He has power, he is Goodness itself. He invites us to become like him. Yes indeed, we become like God if we allow ourselves to be shaped by this sign; if we ourselves learn humility and hence true greatness; if we renounce violence and use only the weapons of truth and love.”

We aren’t celebrating the birth of a mighty emperor, of someone who strikes us with fear. The power of mighty emperors lasts only for a time. When they die, their power becomes a tale in a dusty book. Some people are glad to be rid of them. Jesus comes to welcome us into the true Kingdom. On the feast of Christ the King, the Church describes this Kingdom as “a kingdom of truth and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace.” My wish for all of us in the New Year is that we will find happiness as we live the life of that Kingdom.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY: Our Church calendar is centered on two great feasts: Christmas and Easter. Each of these has a season of preparation (Advent and Lent). After each of these, we celebrate some less important feasts that help us reflect more deeply on the great feasts. The Feast of the Holy Family, the Sunday after Christmas is one of these. Pope Pius XI started this celebration in the 1920s because he thought family life was threatened. What would he say if he saw the condition of family life today? In our century, Pope Francis called representatives of the world’s bishops together for a synod on the family. They gave him a report that began with what the Bible has to say about marriage and families, stressing that the Church needs to continue teaching the need for committed, fruitful and life-long relationships between one man and one woman, that this relationship is the best “school for life” for children, and that the dioceses of the world need to find more creative ways to teach this good news. The response of our Diocese has been a two-day marriage preparation program called “Joy-Filled Marriage.” It has been run as a pilot program in a few locations, and is now ready to be implemented. It will be presented eight times in Putnam County in 2016, and is also scheduled in Paulding, Lima, Delphos and Bowling Green. Further information is available at www.jfmtledo.eventbrite.com.

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD: Another feast to help us understand Christmas better is this Friday, January 1, called “Mary, Mother of God.” It’s a holy day of obligation. The feast goes back to the Third Ecumenical Council which was held at Ephesus in the summer of 431. It was part of the discussion (often bitter) about just who Jesus was. People all over the Church were spouting off heretical opinions, including the opinion that Mary was the mother of Jesus’ human nature, but not of His divine nature. The Council of Ephesus said that there is not a divided Jesus, but that Jesus is a divine Person Who has taken on a human nature. He loses nothing of His divinity by doing so, and His humanity is not lost within His divinity. Since Jesus is a divine Person, Mary is to be called “Mother of God.” In this title we can understand God’s extreme generosity in becoming one of us. There are no half-measures with God!

Father Tom