



SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA
A MEMBER OF ST. GEORGE DEANERY
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
JANUARY 3RD, 2016



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After meeting Jesus, the Magi returned home by "another way".
What in your family needs to be done "another way"? Do you need another way to resolve differences, to communicate or show affection?
This is a new year, time to change what isn't working.
Take a tip from some wise men, there's always "another way".

Mass Schedule

January	05	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	St. John Neumann ~ {Robert Kohls Family}
January	06	Wednesday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Christmas Weekday ~ {Elmer Ellerbrock}
January	07	Thursday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Christmas Weekday ~ {For The Parish}
January	08	Friday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Christmas Weekday ~ {Alphonse Schroeder}
January	09	Saturday	8:00 a.m. Rosary	
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January	10	Sunday	8:30 a.m. Mass	The Baptism of the Lord ~ {Gilbert, Jean & Kenny Smith ~ Dan Blankemeyer}
January	10	Sunday	11:00 a.m. Mass	The Baptism of the Lord ~ Miriam Hixenbaugh}
January	10	Sunday	6:00 p.m. Mass	Life Teen ~ {Alvin Best}

Servers

January	05	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	James Schroeder
January	09	Saturday	4:30 p.m. Mass	Taylor Schroeder, Aaron Tabler, Clay Bonnell
January	10	Sunday	8:30 a.m. Mass	Andrew Morman, Mike Morman, Roy Langhals
January	10	Sunday	11:00 a.m. Mass	Megan Bogart, Mackenzie King, Kennedy Smith

Commentators

January	09	Saturday	4:30 p.m. Mass	Denny Ricker
January	10	Sunday	8:30 a.m. Mass	Sarah Schroeder
January	10	Sunday	11:00 a.m. Mass	Mark Edelbrock

Eucharistic Ministers

January	09	Saturday	4:30 p.m. Mass	Norm Schnipke, Deb Siefker, Jim Tabler, Bob & Bev Baxter
January	10	Sunday	8:30 a.m. Mass	Kate Morman, Mary Ann Schroeder, Marilyn Birkemeier Kristy Birkemeier, Amy Brinkman
January	10	Sunday	11:00 a.m. Mass	Bob Maag, Lisa Meuleman, Stephanie Moore, Deb Reed, Judy Schroeder
January	10	Hilty Home ~ Pat Birnesser		

~ Hilty Home Residents ~

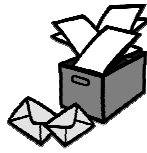
*Wilbert Roof-Room 103B; Nolan Diller-Room 108B; Mary Maag-Room 119; Bill Alt-Room 121;
 Jan Kiene-Room 200; Margaret Rosenbauer-Room 208B; Dolores Daniels-Room 209B; Dorothy Geiger-Room 211A;
 Beatrice Inkrott-Room 212B; Mary Rita Fischbach-Room 215B; Betty Meyer-Room 303; Cathy Ruhe-Room 306;
 Mary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

Ushers

January	09	Saturday	4:30 p.m. Mass	Aaron Siefker, Mike Recker, Tim Reimund, Jon Diller
January	10	Sunday	8:30 a.m. Mass	Bruce Schroeder, Phil Stechschulte, Gib Kaufman, Craig Kaufman
January	10	Sunday	11:00 a.m. Mass	Dave Ellerbrock, Terry Giesige, Duane Vorst, Pat Vorst

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

<i>Income For The Week of December 27th</i>	
<i>Adult Sunday ~ 180</i>	\$ 7,118.75
<i>Adult ~ Christmas - 317</i>	49,022.00
<i>Children's Sunday & Christmas ~ 73</i>	<u>193.25</u>
	56,334.00
<i>School Donations</i>	9,200.00
<i>Prayer Garden Donation</i>	2,000.00
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	<u>776.19</u>
Total Income	\$ 68,310.19



<i>Expenses For The Week of December 27th</i>	
<i>Ordinary Parish & School Expenses</i>	\$ 8,291.20
<i>Payroll ~ 12/31</i>	16,341.62
<i>Payroll Taxes</i>	4,464.83
<i>Health, Vision & Dental</i>	<u>6,065.81</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 35,163.46

Total 2015 Christmas Donations To-Date ~ \$52,845.03

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 this **Sunday, January 3rd**, at 9:30 - 10:45 a.m. in the school. The next CCD classes will be held on Sunday, January 10th.

Scrip ~ Scrip will be available this weekend, **January 2nd and 3rd**, after Mass in the church basement. The helpers are: Ken & Connie Kruse, Karen Martin, Marge Tabler, Mary Langhals, Anne Schroeder and Trina Rode. The next Scrip weekend will be January 16th and 17th. The helpers are: Ken & Connie Kruse, Tammy Schroeder, Shirley Goedde, Vonda Nemire, Anne Schroeder and Carla Kohls.

Contribution Envelopes ~ The contribution envelopes for 2016 can be picked up in the church basement.

Christmas Flower Donations ~ The list of our Christmas Flower Memorials will be listed in next week's bulletin.

K of C ~ Will be meeting on **Tuesday, January 5th** at 8:00 p.m. in the church basement. The Rosary will be recited at 7:45 p.m.

Finance Committee ~ Will be meeting on **Tuesday, January 12th** at 6:00 p.m. in the rectory.

Parish Council ~ Will be meeting on **Tuesday, January 12th** at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory.

Columbus Grove American Legion ~ The American Legion will be hosting their annual Fish Fries every Friday, beginning **January 8th through Easter**. Meals will be served from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Carry-outs are available. Come and enjoy good food with you family and friends!

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.

Baptism Classes ~ The next Baptism class (required for first time parents or encouraged for new parents who have not taken the class in the past 5 years) will be held on **Tuesday, January 12th** at 7:00 p.m. in the Enrichment Center. Please call Tom & Karyn Kamphaus at 419-615-8737 or the parish office at 419-659-2263 to register. The next class will be held in March.

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.

Carey Healing Mass ~ The Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey will be having a healing Mass on **Friday, January 15th, at 7:00 p.m.** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, individual praying and the anointing of the sick will take place after Mass. The next healing Mass is **February 5th - 7:00 p.m.**

Putnam County Right to Life ~ Will be meeting on **Tuesday, January 5, 2016**, at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Mary Jane Stechschulte (next to Kalida's fire station). Everyone is welcome to attend.

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**.

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.

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.

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.

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

HOLIDAY CONFUSION: Let's see... if yesterday was Christmas, today must be Monday... no, no, it's Saturday... Well, isn't my sister's birthday on Saturday? No, no, that's next Saturday! All these major holidays make you forget what day of the week it is, where you're supposed to be and what you're supposed to do. (At least my sister claims that her birthday is a major holiday.) And for us fogies from Latin Mass days, it doesn't help that Epiphany is on January 3 instead of on the Twelfth Day of Christmas, which is January 6. Rather than add to the confusion, let's just go with the flow and celebrate Epiphany today.

The story of the Wise Men is only in St. Matthew. That's remarkable, because St. Matthew is the most Jewish of the four Gospels. He takes pains to show that Jesus is the Son of Abraham and Son of David. On numerous occasions he points out that something Jesus did fulfills a prophecy. He locates Jesus on the mountain, teaching the New Law, like Moses coming down the mountain with the tablets of the Old Law. But who are the first people to greet the Jewish Messiah? Foreigners! Men steeped in non-Jewish wisdom! People who lived far from the Holy Land! God has used their pagan wisdom to lead them to a little Child Who will be the Savior!

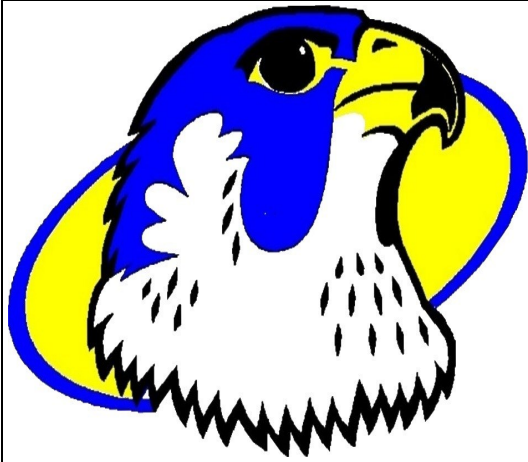
So Jesus is the Jewish Messiah, but He's not just for Jews. He's for the world. Matthew makes that clear when he recalls Jesus commanding the Apostles before He ascends into heaven: "Go forth and teach all nations...." He doesn't say, "Go forth and teach this nation" but "all nations." It's one more indication that Jesus' saving mission is for you and me, and that's why we celebrate.

THAT MAN IS YOU will begin its second semester on Saturday, January 16 at that wonderful hour, 6 a.m. Like the first semester, this semester will be 13 weeks long. There will be a break on Holy Saturday, March 26. If you registered for the first semester, you are already registered for the second semester. There will be no need for any further paper work. If you didn't attend the first semester, but would like to jump in now, it's not a problem. Just come to the parish hall on January 16 at 6 a.m. and see one of our leaders, Darren Langhals, Mike Birkemeier, Harold Gerten, Len Kaufman, Ben Schroeder, or Bruce Stephens. They will have you fill out a card and help you get started.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! After Christmas Masses, we took about \$47,000 to the bank. That compares to \$40,000 at Christmas of 2014. After last summer's floods, I predicted that our festival profit and Christmas collection would suffer. Instead the festival declined only slightly, and the Christmas offering rose by 17.5%. I'm glad I'm a terrible prophet. Thank you for supporting the ministry of our parish and school in such an outstanding way. I might add that your gifts to our fund for parishioners with health emergencies came to about \$8000. That includes a \$5000 gift from a corporation, and about \$1600 that St. Anthony School students fund-raised to help a school family. The original plan was to help just one family, but we became aware of more health emergencies, and were able to help four families.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP will meet on the first Wednesday of each month at the Columbus Grove Christian Church, beginning on **February 3 at 7 p.m.** Nancy Jones is the coordinator.

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.

Dear Parish Family,

On behalf of the St Anthony of Padua Staff and myself, I would like to sincerely thank everyone who contributed to the Christmas Bonus this year. The staff were overwhelmed with your generosity. They definitely feel appreciated and thankful that they work at St Anthony School. The teachers and support staff want to make St Anthony School the best experience possible for our students. We know that without the loving support and prayers of the Parish, our job of education, religious and academic, would be most difficult. Again, thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

Before Christmas Break we asked our students, "Why do they feel blessed to attend St Anthony School."

Below are some responses:

3rd Grade

- We get to learn a lot.
- I feel safe at St. Anthony.
- I get a Catholic education.
- I get to pray.
- The teachers are always caring.
- We get to do homework.
- The kids here are really nice.
- Other kids at the public school don't get a Catholic education.
- We get to play fun learning games.
- I like receiving Holy Communion.
- I like having special days at school like Grandparents' Day.
- Our school is nice and supportive to people who need it.
- If a student needs help, the teachers will help them.
- We get to learn about Jesus.
- We get to celebrate Catholic Schools' Week.
- We get to go to Mass during school.
- We have fun projects to help people.
- We make cards for the people in the nursing home.
- We donate money for the poor.

5th Grade

- Great friends
- Religion class
- Mass 2 days a week
- My faith
- Feel safe
- Great projects
- Learn responsibility
- Learn more about Jesus
- No bullying
- Hot lunches
- Gym class-fun exercises

- Band
- Music
- Good environment
- Art class
- Technology (Ipads, computers, etc)
- Buddies (1st & 5th grade, K & 6th grade)
- Lot of area to play during recess
- Teachers are fun
- Teachers are fair
- Teachers help if you need help or get behind
- Clean school
- Good field trips
- Great Catholic education

7th grade

- Zach Fuerst. I wanted to learn about Christ. I like how the education is above a lot of other schools. I like going to church a lot and learn what is wrong and is right. That is why I chose to go to Saint Anthony of Padua.
- Valerie Morman- I like this school because it is a Catholic school and their are religion classes. I also have all my friends here. I like the teachers and the education. We have learned a bunch of things this year that we did not know last year.
- Jeff D. Meyer- I picked St. Anthony because it's tradition. All my family picked St. Anthony when they were kids. I also picked St. Anthony's because it has lots of new technologies. Another reason why I picked St. Anthony is because they have been known to have great teaching. That's the reasons why I chose St. Anthony's.
- Derek Birkemeier- Being at St. Anthony's helps us to learn about God. Every other subject challenges us to do better and learn more. There is also a lot of ways that we can learn in new technology.
- Ryan Bogart- All of my family members went to St. Anthony so I went to. We learn religion and a bunch of stuff. We have really good technology.
- David C. Pohl- The education here is amazing. We learn new things in a sort of fun way. All of my family on my dad's side went to St. Anthony. All of the people I know are here.
- Cheyanne Mershman- The education is above average. Also because it is a Catholic school. It is sometimes challenging which helps us.
- Dylan Birkemeier- I get the education I need and I always get help if I need it. I also go because it is a Catholic school and I get to learn about God.

Calendar Items:

January 4

School Resumes

Hot Dog Sandwiches \$1.00

Falcon Spirit Day