

SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA
A MEMBER OF ST. GEORGE DEANERY
PALM SUNDAY
MARCH 20TH, 2016



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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 Jesus tells us, "I am among you as one who serves."
In accepting the palm branch today, you publicly confirm your baptismal promise to follow
Jesus as "one who serves".
Selfless service defines a family as Christian.

Mass Schedule

March	21	Monday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Monday~Holy Week ~ {Nolan Diller}
March	22	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	Tuesday~Holy Week ~ {For The Parish}
March	23	Wednesday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Wednesday~Holy Week ~ {Alvin Best}
March	24	Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Stations of the Cross (Led By Students)
March	24	Thursday	7:00 p.m. Mass	Holy Thursday~{Deceased Members of the Hipolito Aguirre Family}
March	25	Friday	1:00 p.m.	Good Friday Service
March	26	Saturday	8:00 a.m. Rosary	
March	26	Saturday	8:30 p.m. Mass	Holy Saturday ~{Virgil & Virginia Hoffman ~ Wilfred & Margaret Warnecke}
March	27	Sunday	8:30 a.m. Mass	Easter Sunday ~ {Norm Maag ~ Norbert & Lorene Fuerst ~ Mary Elizabeth Kaufman ~ Norm & Evelyn Utrup ~ Ralph & Marie Ricker}
March	27	Sunday	11:00 a.m. Mass	Easter Sunday ~ {Special Intention ~ Norm Kohls ~ Jim Makley ~ John Schroeder}

Servers

March	22	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	Elizabeth Morman
March	24	Thursday	7:00 p.m. Mass	Zach Warnecke, Mike Morman, Hannah Morman, Andrew Morman, Quinton Langhals
March	25	Friday	1:00 p.m. Service	Zach Warnecke, Hanna Warnecke, Mike Morman, Hannah Morman
March	26	Saturday	8:30 p.m. Mass	Quinton Langhals, Garrett Langhals, Tayte Langhals, Jevin Langhals, Logan Stechschulte, Caleb Stechschulte, James Schroeder
March	27	Sunday	8:30 a.m. Mass	Zach Warnecke, Mike Morman, Andrew Morman, Hannah Morman, Levi Schroeder
March	27	Sunday	11:00 a.m. Mass	Nathan Dunbar, Evan Dunbar, Marybeth Nemire, Garrett Nemire, Adam Birkemeier

Commentators

March	24	Thursday	7:00 p.m. Mass	Sarah Schroeder
March	25	Friday	1:00 p.m. Service	Judy Schroeder & Dan Maag
March	26	Saturday	8:30 p.m. Mass	Judy Schroeder & Sarah Schroeder
March	27	Sunday	8:30 a.m. Mass	Hannah Warren
March	27	Sunday	11:00 a.m. Mass	Gary Hermiller

Eucharistic Ministers

March	24	Thursday	7:00 p.m. Mass	Lisa Langhals, Rose Schnipke, Terri Murray, Judy Schroeder, Kate Morman
March	25	Friday	1:00 p.m. Service	Norm Schnipke, Rose Schnipke, Kate Morman
March	26	Saturday	8:30 p.m. Mass	Rose Schnipke, Norm Schnipke, Terri Murray, Rose Ellerbrock, Faith Oglesbee
March	27	Sunday	8:30 a.m. Mass	Lisa Langhals, Kate Morman, Mary Ann Schroeder, Amy Brinkman, Dan Maag
March	27	Sunday	11:00 a.m. Mass	Marilyn Birkemeier, Dave & Christie Tabler, Bob & Bev Baxter

March 27 Hilty Home ~ Karl & Blanche Stechschulte

~ Hilty Home Residents ~

Wilbert Roof-Room 103B; Jim Fischbach-Room 105B; Mary Maag-Room 119; Bill Alt-Room 121; Jan Kiene-Room 201A; 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; Agnes Friedel-Room 314; Dick Schroeder-Room 507; Ed Schulte-Room 510; Maria Flores-Room 513

Ushers

March 25 Friday 1:00 p.m. Service John Siefker & 3 Volunteers
March 26 Saturday **8:30 p.m. Mass** Mike Kohls & 3 Volunteers
March 27 Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass Gene Siefker & 3 Volunteers
March 27 Sunday 11:00 a.m. Mass John Siefker, Aaron Siefker, Nathan Siefker, 1 Volunteer

~ Confessions ~

*Holy Saturday ~ By Appointment Only
St. Rita's Medical Center ~ Gloria Schroeder*

Penance Services ~ The area Penance Services for Lent are as follows:

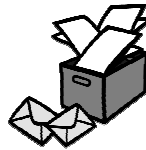
*Sunday, March 20th St. Gerard's, Lima 3:00 p.m.
Monday, March 21st Sts. Peter & Paul, Ottawa 4:00 & 7:00 p.m.*

The Light Is On: Extra Confessions at St. Anthony's

Wednesday, March 23rd 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Income For The Week of March 13th

*Sunday ~ 238 \$ 6,505.00
Children's ~ 12 10.25
6,515.25
Miscellaneous 819.26
Total Income \$ 7,334.51*



Expenses For The Week of March 13th

*Ordinary Parish & School Expenses \$ 2,091.35
Payroll ~ 3/15 16,210.50
Taxes & 403-B 4,484.78
Total Expenses \$ 22,786.63*

Parish Office ~ The parish office will be closed Good Friday afternoon.

Christian Formation News ~ CCD classes will be held this Sunday, March 20th, at 9:30 - 10:45 a.m. in the school. The next CCD classes will be held Sunday, April 3rd.

K of C ~ There will be a K of C breakfast on Sunday, April 3rd, after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. The menu is: sausage, ham, pancakes, hash browns, fruit cocktail, applesauce, coffee, milk and orange juice ~ all for \$6.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children 10 and under. Children 3 and under are free. Come and enjoy a wonderful breakfast!!!

K of C 4th Degree ~ The K of C 4th Degree will be marching for the Confirmation Mass which is 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 10th, and the First Communion Mass which is 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 24th. We currently have 32 4th Degree members. If at all possible they would appreciate if we could have twenty, 4th Degree members march at both events. Please contact Matt Schroeder, at 419-890-7226, if you are able to march.

Altar Rosary Bake Sale ~ The Altar Rosary will be sponsoring their Spring Bake Sale, April 2nd and April 3rd, after the Masses in the church basement. Cookbooks and church replicas of St. Anthony Church will also be available for purchase.

K of C ~ Pennies For Heaven ~ There will be a second collection taken up at the Masses on the weekend of April 2nd and April 3rd for Pennies For Heaven. Pennies For Heaven donations support our seminarians from the Toledo Diocese studying for the priesthood. Last year we collected \$1,137.00. Thank you for supporting our seminarians!

Preschool Bible School ~ Will be held this Sunday, March 20th at 5:30 p.m. in the church basement.

St. Anthony Career Development Team ~ Want to help your student succeed in high school, college and career planning? A team was formed by fellow parishioners to assist St. Anthony students (past and present) in identifying, planning and achieving their future career goals. The team will be presenting career research and planning information at a Parent's Meeting which will be held on **Monday, March 21st** at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement. While these decisions may seem very "big" for a teenager, what they plan for now can greatly impact the amount of time and money they spend in achieving their future career goals. Please join us for this informative meeting! All information is free of charge as the team sincerely wants to see our students continue to succeed and build on the excellent education they have received here at St. Anthony's.

Easter Flowers ~ If you would like to make a donation to our Easter Flower Fund, you will find an envelope in your contribution packet. Please put the names of your deceased loved ones on the outside of the envelope. We will publish the Memorial List after Easter.

Scrip ~ *Scrip will not be available on the next scheduled weekend, March 26th & 27th, because of Easter.* The next Scrip weekend will be April 9th & 10th. If anyone needs Scrip between March 14th and April 8th, please feel free to contact the parish office during regular office hours.

Confirmation ~ Confirmation for our Parish 7th and 8th graders will be held on **Sunday, April 10th**, at 2:00 p.m., here at St. Anthony's. Rehearsal for Confirmation for the sponsors and candidates will be **Tuesday, April 5th** at 7:00 p.m. in the church. Parents are also welcome to attend.

First Holy Communion ~ First Communion for our Parish 2nd graders will be held on **Sunday, April 24th** at 2:00 p.m. here at St. Anthony's. A parent and student meeting will be held on **Thursday, April 7th** at 7:00 p.m. in the church. The First Communion Retreat will be held on **Friday, April 15th** in the church basement. Rehearsal for First Communion for the parents and students will be on **Thursday, April 21st** at 7:00 p.m. in the church.

The Novena to The Divine Mercy~ In the Diary of St Faustina, we can read some of the following excerpts of what Jesus told St Faustina about the Novena, "The Lord told me to say this Chaplet for nine days before the Feast of Mercy. It is to begin on Good Friday."

"By this Novena, I will grant every possible grace to souls." *Jesus is commanding me to make a Novena before the Feast of Mercy, and today I am to begin it for the conversion of the whole world and for the recognition of the Divine Mercy... so that every soul will praise My goodness. I desire trust from My creatures, Encourage souls to place great trust in My fathomless mercy. Let the weak, sinful soul have no fear to approach Me, for even if it had more sins that there are grains of sand in the world, all would be drowned in the immeasurable depths of My mercy.*" (The bold words are the words of our Lord to St Faustina.)

Our Lord gave St Faustina an intention to pray on each day of the Novena. It is greatly recommended that the Novena intentions and prayers be said together with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. The Novena starts on Good Friday, March 25th and ends April 2nd, the day before Divine Mercy Sunday. Flyers on how to pray the Divine Mercy Novena can be found in the books, "7 Secrets of Divine Mercy", and extra flyers at each entrance of the church. More information on Divine Mercy Sunday and the Novena can be found on the following websites: www.thedivinemercy.org and www.ewtn.com/devotionals/mercy/novena.htm.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY ~ Glandorf St. John's will celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday on **Sunday April 3rd**. The schedule is ~ 1:00 p.m. Confessions and Adoration; 3:00 p.m. Mass; 4:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet, Veneration of the Image and Benediction.

Plenary Indulgence for Divine Mercy Sunday is granted under the usual conditions (sacramental confession anytime during Lent, Eucharistic communion and prayer for the intentions of Supreme Pontiff) to the faithful who, on the Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday, in any church or chapel, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honor of Divine Mercy, or who, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the *Our Father* and the *Creed*, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus ~ **Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!**

Cemetery Clean-up ~ Clean-up of the cemetery will take place this week. All flowers and wreaths that are in the grass or on the headstones will be removed. If family members want to keep these items, please remove them by **Tuesday, March 22nd**. Items can be put back on the cemetery after April 1st. If you have any questions or concerns or need any help with this, call the parish office at 419-659-2263. Thank you!

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, April 5th** 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 June.

High School Mystery Retreat ~ Will be April 8th-10th. We will meet at St. Anthony's at 4:00 p.m. on Friday and return on Sunday afternoon. We will be going to a Mystery Ohio location. The cost is \$40.00. Scholarships are available. If interested, please turn in money, permission slip, and emergency medical form to the parish office by March 21st. If you have any questions, call Hannah Warren at 419-303-5476.

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

Ottawa K of C ~ The Ottawa K of C is having their fish fry March 25th (Good Friday). The All You Can Eat fish and clam strip dinners are being served from 4:30-7:00 p.m. The cost is \$9.00 for adults, \$3.00 - kindergarten through 8th grade and \$1.00 for preschool. Carry outs are available.

Community Easter Cantata Choir ~ It is time to begin rehearsals for the annual Columbus Grove Community Easter Cantata Choir hosted by St. John's United Methodist Church. Practice dates are March 20th and after the service on Good Friday, March 25th. Sunday practices will be held from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. All practices are held at St. John's United Methodist Church. All interested singers are invited to join the choir and sing this beautiful collection of music. The choir will be directed by Skyler Mayberry with Heather Stechschulte being the accompanist.

Putnam County Right to Life Garage and Bake Sale ~ Bring gently used items and baked goods to the Ottawa K of C hall on **Tuesday, April 5th** from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. SALE DAYS: Wednesday, April 6th from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; Thursday, April 7th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. All volunteers are needed and welcome.

St. Anthony Vacation Bible School ~ Would you be able to help with our vacation bible school program? We are in need of adult or high school girls or guys that enjoy working with kids and can help them to grow in their Faith. Everything that you will use is contained in the program. Our program is from Growing with the Saints and is filled with lots of fun activity and songs all the while learning about our Catholic Faith. I also could use someone to be in charge of snack time. This program runs from June 6-10, Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, and Friday in the evening. Please consider helping with this wonderful children's ministry even if you can help only a day or two. Call Judy Schroeder 419-659-5498 if you would like to help. Thanks!

Catholic Young Adult Group in Putnam County ~ The next gathering is this **Monday, March 21st** at 7:30 p.m. at Neil & Brooke Cassidy's, 13299 Rd 10-L Ottawa. Young adults (18-39), join us every other Monday night for food, fellowship, prayer and learning more about our Catholic faith together. Newcomers always welcome! Search "Putnam County Young Adult Group" on facebook and request to join in order to stay connected with upcoming events & location/time details, or contact Alecia Menke 419-204-0011. We hope you will join us

Attention Married Couples ~ Easter Sunday is like a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend because it's a weekend full of fresh love, rebirth, and new beginnings. All married couples deserve a richer, fuller life together. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will help you enjoy life with a new closeness to each other and God. You don't need it – you DESERVE a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend! For more information or to apply for a weekend, contact Brian & Chris Schroeder at 419-538-7210 or bschroeder@bright.net. The next weekend in the Toledo Diocese is **April 1-3, 2016** in Perrysburg. Deadline to make your reservation is March 28th.

EnCourage ~ EnCourage is a Roman Catholic apostolate for parents, friends and family members of loved ones with same-sex attractions. EnCourage is a faithful witness to Catholic teaching on sexual morality which meets the needs of its members with charity and compassion. On **Thursday, March 31st** at 7:00 p.m., there will be an informational meeting to possibly start an EnCourage chapter in the Diocese of Toledo. The meeting will be held in Bowling Green at St. Aloysius Parish (150 South Enterprise Street) in St. Clare Hall. Everyone interested in learning more about this ministry are invited to attend. If you would like additional information about the meeting you may contact Deacon Doyle Erford (419-890-8533 or djerford@yahoo.com).

Dimples and Grins Mothers Club ~ The Dimples and Grins Mothers Club from Fort Jennings is sponsoring a bus trip to Cleveland on **June 10 & 11, 2016**. Trip includes transportation, Wyndham hotel room at Playhouse Square, 3 hour Cuyahoga Valley scenic railroad trip, 2 meals, gratuity, and more. Cost is \$170 for double occupancy, \$255 single. Contact Sharon Calvelage at 419-306-0367.

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Please find enclosed \$50.00 for each ticket purchased. Please return to the parish office by March 31st.

Name _____ Address _____

Phone _____ Amount Enclosed _____

Holy Family Radio's Radiothon Pledge Drive Returns, April 6-8! ~ Mark your calendars for three, 11 hour days of live, local amazing radio! Tune in to hear guests such as Devin Rose, Steve Dawson, and many local priests and ministry leaders. It's a wonderful, on-air, area-wide celebration of our Catholic Faith, all while raising the funds needed for operating expenses of Holy Family Radio WJTA 88.9FM and a new station in Findlay. Pledge line: 1-888-287-0655 or 419-386-2400.

A Note from Fr. Tom

SAVE THE DATE: I've made reservations for a parish pilgrimage on Sunday, June 26 to Our Lady of Consolation in Carey as part of our parish's observance of the Jubilee Year of Mercy. We will leave our parking lot soon after the 11 a.m. Mass, and return at about 6 p.m. If we go by bus, the fare will be about \$10 per person. If we car-pool, the cost will be up to you. Sunday dinner at the shrine cafeteria will be about \$10.50 per person; a lighter meal will cost about \$7.50. Picnicking is available in the shrine park. Pope Francis has made the same spiritual benefits available at local diocesan shrines as one would gain from a pilgrimage to Rome. I'm looking forward to going.

PARISH SURVEYS: Members of our parish council are hard at work compiling the results of our parish survey. Even with the use of computers, this is a major task. But we are glad so many people responded, because we can be sure that we have a fair sampling of parish opinion. A report summarizing the survey is coming soon.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: On Holy Thursday at 8 a.m., Stations of the Cross will take place, led by our upper-grade students.

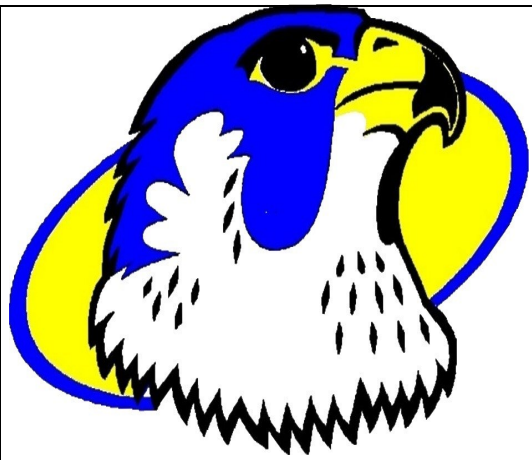
HOLY WEEK IS HERE: After forty days of prayer, fasting and works of mercy, we have reached the most important week of the Church calendar. Today we remember Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem with a special procession from the vestibule. (It's a little too cold to start a procession outdoors today.) Then we immediately fast-forward to Jesus' passion and death – this year, as told to us by St. Luke. Luke's Gospel is the Gospel of mercy. It is especially appropriate in this Year of Mercy to reflect on how Jesus forgave His executioners, and how He welcomed the repentant thief into paradise.

The Mass of the Lord's Supper is on Holy Thursday, March 24 at 7 p.m. This Mass recalls Jesus' gift of Himself in the Eucharist, the institution of the priesthood, and the command the Lord gave at the Last Supper to love one another. The procession with the Holy Eucharist at the end of Mass emphasizes Jesus' real presence. The 2nd and 3rd graders of both the parish school and the CCD program have been invited to take part in this procession. The foot-washing, in imitation of Jesus' action at the Last Supper, reminds us of the command to serve one another humbly.

On Good Friday, March 25 at 1 p.m., we will celebrate the Liturgy of the Lord's Suffering and Death. Following a tradition that goes back to the earliest centuries, the Church holds a prayer service with reception of Holy Communion. Its high points are the entry in stark silence, the reading of the Passion according to John, petitions that are much more solemn than usual, the adoration of the cross, and Holy Communion with Hosts that were consecrated on Holy Thursday.

We spend Holy Saturday, March 26 in silence, mourning the death of the Lord Who lies in the tomb, but hoping in the resurrection that He promised. At 8:30 p.m. when it is dark, we will gather either outside or in the vestibule, depending on the weather. The Easter Candle is lit and we enter the dark church, lighting the people's candles as we go. The pinpoint of light in the dark church are a symbol of the light of Christ's resurrection breaking into our dark world. An ancient hymn proclaims Jesus' victory; the Bible is read extensively; Easter water is blessed, and we celebrate the first Mass of Easter. Easter Sunday morning Masses follow at the usual times, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

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.

St. Anthony of Padua School
Golden Falcon Award Winners

March

K: Ben McCluer
1st: Grant Siefker
2nd: Collin Sautter
3rd: Aiden Patrick
4th: Logan Mershman
5th: Hunter Sudlow
6th: Hannah Morman
7th: Tayt Birnesser
8th: Kaitlyn Herman

Music: Caleb Bonifas ~ Gr. 1
P.E. Zach Fuerst ~Gr. 7

Choose St. Anthony of Padua School:

St. Anthony of Padua School is an exemplary Parish School where Christian formation is taught as an integral part of daily living. Our school meets the challenges of modern education for individual students.

St. Anthony School offers a Kindergarten through 8th Grade Catholic education and is unique in many ways:

- St. Anthony students attend weekly class Masses and Religion is taught 5 days a week in each grade.
- There is strong Parish support.
- There is a Parent Guild Association in which every school family belongs. Parent volunteers are a vital part of the school operation, ex. classroom lunch monitors, playground monitors, fieldtrip chaperones, etc.
- We have a milk program and monthly hot lunches and hot sandwiches that are prepared by parent and Parish volunteers.
- St. Anthony School has a computer lab, a 1:1 iPad program and iPad and laptop computer carts.
- 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students participate in the Modern Woodman Contest.
- Students participate in the Science Fairs at the County, Regional, District and State levels.
- Students take educational fieldtrips and listen to visiting speakers.
- There is an accelerated reading program at all grade levels.
- St. Anthony students participate in Map testing.
- 5th- 8th grade students have the opportunity to participate in the Putnam County Quiz Bowl.
- 8th grade students receive High School credit for Algebra I and Physical Education classes.
- There are monthly Golden Falcon Awards where students are awarded for their Christian attitude.
- Our students participate in several service projects throughout each school year. There is also individual classroom reach-out activities planned during the year.
- Our 5th—8th grade students are Mass servers.
- Two tuition assistance programs are available to all of our school families: the Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund and the Guardian Angel Fund.
- 5th - 8th grade students have the opportunity to participate in Youth choir and band.
- 5th - 8th grade students have access to participate in football, basketball, volleyball and track.



Calendar Items:

Lunch Recess

Volunteers

Week of:

March 21st

MONDAY: Lisa Langhals

TUESDAY: Phyllis Watkins

WEDNESDAY: Jenny Pingle

THURSDAY: Tammy Speer

FRIDAY: Good Friday—No School



This Week's LIFE Skill

Perseverance

"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."

Galatians 6:9



Q: Who are the cleanest people in the choir?

A: The soap-ranos.

March 20	Palm Sunday
March 23	8am All School Mass 6pm Extra Confessions
March 24	Holy Thursday — No AM Mass School Yearbook orders due
March 25	Good Friday — No School
March 27	Easter
March 28	Easter Break — No School
March 29	School Resumes
April 1	First Friday