

SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA
A MEMBER OF ST. GEORGE DEANERY
8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 26TH, 2017



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*Because we believe we can control and create our own world, we attempt to juggle multiple agendas
and we pay a price of neglecting those closest to us.
Too late we reach the point of asking,
"Was it worth it?" We really can't serve two masters.*

Mass Schedule

February 28	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	Weekday ~ {Dr. Marian Rejent}
			Confessions, Exposition & Adoration After 6:30 p.m. Mass
March 01	Wednesday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Ash Wednesday ~ {Nicholas Schroeder}
March 01	Wednesday	7:00 p.m. Mass	Ash Wednesday ~ (Kathleen McCrate Beckman)
March 02	Thursday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Thursday After Ash Wednesday ~ {For The Parish}
March 03	Friday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Friday After Ash Wednesday ~ {Father Keith McCormack ~ Deceased Members of the Raymond & Madeleine Duval Family}
March 03	Friday		First Friday Exposition & Adoration Until Noon
March 04	Saturday	8:00 a.m. Rosary	
March 04	Saturday	3:00 p.m.	Confession, Exposition & Benediction
March 04	Saturday	4:30 p.m. Mass	Vigil~1st Sunday of Lent ~{Esther Fuerst ~ Ray & Mary Siefker ~ Laverne & LaDonna Siefker ~ Melissa Kissell ~ Margaret & Wilfred Warnecke}
March 05	Sunday	8:30 a.m. Mass	1st Sunday of Lent ~ {Betty Schumacher ~ Blake Downing}
March 05	Sunday	11:00 a.m. Mass	1st Sunday of Lent ~ {Deceased Members of the Robert Kohls Family}

Servers

February 28	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	Judy Schroeder
March 04	Saturday	4:30 p.m. Mass	Kairlyn Herman, Kara Schmidt, Megan Schmidt
March 05	Sunday	8:30 a.m. Mass	Cheyenne Mershman, Renee Schroeder, Elizabeth Martin
March 05	Sunday	11:00 a.m. Mass	Makena Doseck, Alyssa Ellerbrock, Abby Shafer

Lectors

March 04	Saturday	4:30 p.m. Mass	Bruce Stephens
March 05	Sunday	8:30 a.m. Mass	Sarah Schroeder
March 05	Sunday	11:00 a.m. Mass	Diana Johnson

Eucharistic Ministers

March 04	Saturday	4:30 p.m. Mass	Norm Schnipke, Marge Roth, Don & Laura Siefker, Deb Siefker
March 05	Sunday	8:30 a.m. Mass	Diana Kaufman, Marilyn Hoffman, Gib Kaufman, John & Mary Kay Koch
March 05	Sunday	11:00 a.m. Mass	Stephanie Moore, Marilyn Birkemeier, Kristy Birkemeier, Cheryl Ellerbrock, Noralu Kahle

March Eucharistic Minister Coordinators

4:30 p.m. ~ Pat Birnesser - 931-267-2357 **8:30 a.m.** ~ John Koch - 419-890-2370
11:00 a.m. ~ Shirley Goedde - 419-236-9825

March 05 Hilty Home ~ Marilyn Siefker

Attention ~ Hilty Home Distributors ~ The list for you of the residents at the Hilty Home to receive Holy Communion on Sunday mornings will be on the table in Father Tom's Sacristy. If you would like to call the Hilty Home to remind them to bring the residents to the chapel before you arrive, the number is 419-384-3218.

~ *Hilty Home Residents* ~

*Jean Stechschulte-Room 101; Velma Pope-Room 103A; Wilbert Roof-Room 105B; Agnes Friedel-Room 109;
Mary Maag-Room 119; Bill Alt-Room 121; Mary Margaret Bockrath-Room 125; Betty Meyer-Room 203A;
Margaret Rosenbauer-Room 208B; Dolores Daniels-Room 209B; Angela Schulte-Room 211B;
Beatrice Inkrott-Room 212B; Dorothy Geiger-Room 215A; Rita Wenger-Room 300;
Cathy Ruhe-Room 306; Jim Fischbach-Room 314; Jeanne Schulte-Room 401*

Ushers

March 04 Saturday 4:30 p.m. Mass Brent Glass, Mike Kohls, Darren Langhals, Denny Meuleman
March 05 Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass Dave Koch, Jerry Blankemeyer, Dave Kreuzberg, John Siefker
March 05 Sunday 11:00 a.m. Mass Jim Fuerst, Matt McCauley, Nathan Schroeder, Kevin Siefker

Saturday ~ 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. ~ Confessions, Exposition & Benediction

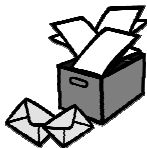
Tuesday ~ Confession, Exposition & Adoration After Mass

Income For The Week of February 19th

Adult Sunday ~ 191	\$ 7,266.00
Children's ~ 26	<u>28.45</u>
	7,294.45
Mandated Services Reimb.	14,342.76
21st Century Fix-Up Campaign	25,145.00
Miscellaneous	<u>219.50</u>
Total Income	\$ 47,001.71

Expenses For The Week of February 19th

Ordinary Parish & School Expenses \$ 2,195.77



Total Donated Toward 21st Century Fix-Up Campaign To-Date ~73 Donors ~ \$ 56,600.00

Volunteer Schedules ~ The volunteer schedules for the Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers and Money Counters for March 12th through September 3rd, are on the table in the back of church.

Word Among Us & The Magnificat Lenten Companion ~ The March Word Among Us and The Magnificat Lenten Companion, are at the entrances of the church. Feel free to pick up copies of both to help you through your Lenten journey.

Christian Formation Classes ~ CCD classes will be meeting this **Sunday, February 26th**, at 9:30 - 10:45 a.m. in the school. The next CCD classes will be held on Sunday, March 5th.

Scrip ~ The next Scrip weekend will be **March 4th & 5th**. The helpers are: Ken & Connie Kruse, Jan Kidd, Shirley Goedde, Kay Koch, Anne Schroeder and Jane Ellerbrock.

Parish Mission ~ Our Parish Mission will continue this **Monday, February 27th**, at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement.

Walking With Purpose ~ Our next *Walking With Purpose* will be meeting on **Thursday, March 2nd** at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement.

Sunday March 5th ~ K of C members please check your membership cards. If you are not a third or fourth degree member, please contact me about going to Ottawa on **Sunday March 5th** to get the degrees you are missing. Len Kaufman, membership director council 9788, call me at 419-659-6153.

The K of C members will be leading the Rosary before all of the weekend Masses during Lent.

District Free Throw ~ We had 5 of our council free throw winners make it through the district round! They are: Laney Auchmuty, Sage Clement, Luke Ellerbrock, Eli Schmenk and Tayt Birnesser. We wish them all good luck at the regional event this **Sunday, February 26th** at Bowling Green.

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 **Wednesday, March 15th** 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 May.

Mass Volunteers ~ We are looking for high school and junior high volunteers for Life Teen Masses. If you would like to sign up, there is a signup sheet on the bulletin board by the parking lot door. Thanks in advance.

Donations Needed ~ If you would be able to donate a dessert for a Life Teen meal, we would be grateful. The sign-up sheets are on the table in the back of church. Thanks in advance!

Carey Healing Mass ~ The Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey will be having a healing Mass on **Friday, March 3rd at 7:30 p.m.** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, individual prayer and the anointing of the sick will take place after Mass. The next healing Mass is *April 7th - 7:00 p.m.*

Why Pray the Stations of the Cross? ~ The Stations of the Cross are an ancient tradition in the Catholic Church going back to the fourth century when Christians went on pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Like many of our Catholic traditions, the Stations of the Cross can be rich, deep, and meaningful, but at the same time we can lose sight of their significance and how to relate them to our everyday lives.

They Allow Us to Place Our Trust in Him

"The Cross of Christ contains all the love of God; there we find His immeasurable mercy. This is a love in which we can place all our trust, in which we can believe...let us entrust ourselves to Jesus, let us give ourselves over to Him, because He never disappoints anyone! Only in Christ crucified and risen can we find salvation and redemption."
Pope Francis, World Youth Day, Way of the Cross, July 26, 2013

Stations of the Cross ~ Let us all come together to pray the Stations of the Cross at 1:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. the Fridays in Lent: **March 3, March 10, March 17, March 24, March 31 and April 7**. The Stations of the Cross is a Lenten devotion that offers witness by way of a spiritual pilgrimage to Jesus' Passion and Death in following his footsteps to the cross. Also known as the Way of the Cross, or as Way of Sorrows (Via Crucis, a street within the Old City of Jerusalem believed to be the actual path Jesus walked to Mount Calvary), the Stations originated in medieval Europe when wars prevented Christian pilgrims from visiting the Holy Land. It is a powerful way to contemplate, and enter into, the mystery of Jesus' gift of himself to us. We are renewed in this intimate experience of Jesus' solidarity with all humanity in our way of the cross each day.

Attention Servers ~ We will need three servers for our Friday evening Stations of the Cross. (See the dates above.) All the servers of St. Anthony's, including our Adult Servers, are invited to sign up for an evening. Signup sheets are on the table in the back of church. Thank you!

2017 Pictorial Directory ~ Calls are being made to those not yet signed up for their pictures to help them do so. Online sign-up is now available 24/7-see the website below. Easy step by step instructions are on the website. Plan to come 15 minutes before your appointment to verify your information. You can also call Pat Birnesser 931-267-2357 or Amy Brinkman 419-615-9239 to sign you up or ask any questions.

www.securedata-trans14.com/ap/stanthonycatholicchurch/index.php?page=10

Have a favorite item? A family heirloom, a quilt you made, cookbook, fishing rod, musical instrument, family picture from the past? Does your youngster have a favorite toy, LEGO creation, sports item, Easter basket, something special? Bring it and be photographed with it!

If you are submitting a picture, drop it off at the parish office. The cost is \$10.00 which includes receiving a 2017 Parish Pictorial.

Parish Pictorial Group Pictures ~ We will be taking the various groups and organizations for our 2017 Parish Pictorial between the Masses on **Sunday, March 12th** and **Sunday, March 19th**. We will begin taking group pictures as soon as possible after the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

March 12th

- Eucharistic Ministers
- Eucharistic Ministers to the Nursing Home & Shut Ins
- Sacristan
- Adult Choir
- Children's Choir
- Organists
- Lectors
- Adult Study Group
- Prayer Chain Volunteers
- Saturday Morning Rosary
- Altar Rosary
- CL of C
- Finance Committee
- Ushers
- RCIA Team
- That Man Is You Members
- Walking With Purpose Members

March 19th

- K of C 4th Degree Knights
- K of C Council Members
- High School Mass Servers
- Fifth & Sixth Grade Servers
- Junior High Mass Servers
- School Council
- Parish Council
- Parish Secretary
- Parent Guild
- Deacon
- Athletic Boosters
- Vacation Bible School Volunteers
- Life Teen Core Group
- Edge Core Group
- Preschool Bible School Class Volunteers
- CCD Volunteers
- Maintenance Committee

High School Juniors, Seniors, and College Freshmen; Consider TEC! ~ TEC, or Teens Encounter Christ, is a dynamic, life-giving experience based on the Paschal Mystery: the life, death, resurrection, and mission of Jesus Christ. This is a retreat held in our Diocese for the last 50 years and has led thousands of young men and women to a deeper faith and a greater relationship with Christ. It is held in Carey, Ohio at Our Lady of Conciliation Shrine and Pilgrim House. All forms can be downloaded online at www.toledodiocese.org/page/youthministry, are located at the church exits, or one can be obtained from Hannah Warren (419-303-5476). **The next Gals TEC is March 11-13, and the following Guys TEC is March 18-20.**

Lenten Luncheons ~ The 2017 Lenten Luncheon schedule is listed below. Lunch will be served from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The presentation will begin at 12:30 p.m.

March 1st ~ St. John United Methodist Church ~ Speaker - Rev. Mike Whitman
March 8th ~ St. Anthony of Padua Parish ~ Speaker - Rev. Geoff Eubank
March 15th ~ Columbus Grove Christian Church ~ Speaker - Rev. Tom Brown
March 22nd ~ Church of the Good Shepherd ~ Speaker - Rev. Brett Kelly
March 29th ~ Vaughnsville Community Church ~ Speaker - Rev. Ruth Ann Scobie
April 5th ~ Cairo United Methodist Church ~ Speaker - Rev. Tom Extejt

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

Monday, March 6th	St. John's, Glandorf	4:00 & 7:00 p.m. (In Gym)
Wednesday, March 8th	St. Joseph's, Fort Jennings	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 15th	St. Nicholas, Miller City	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 22nd	St. Mary's, Leipsic	6:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 23rd	St. John's, Delphos	Confessions 9:00 a.m. -7:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 26th	Immaculate Conception, Ottoville	2:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 28th	St. Michael's, Kalida	4:00 & 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 30th	St. Anthony's, Columbus Grove	7:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 9th	St. Rose, Lima	3:00 p.m.
Monday, April 10th	Sts. Peter & Paul, Ottawa	4:00 & 7:00 p.m.

Bakery Bingo ~ Parent Guild Bakery Bingo will be **Sunday, March 5th**, from 5:30-8:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Admission is \$1.00 for children 8th grade and younger, and \$2.00 for high school students and adults. Extra bingo cards can be purchased for \$1. Sandwiches and refreshments will be available for purchase also. This event is for the entire family!!!

Bakery Bingo Donations ~ Donated baked goods to be used as prizes for the bingo games would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to donate baked goods, please drop them off in the church basement the day of the event or bring them with you if you are attending. If anyone would like to donate door prizes, that also would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to donate a door prize, please drop the item or items off at the school or the parish office.

VFW Breakfast ~ The Columbus Grove VFW, 218 East Broadway Street, will be sponsoring breakfast, 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., every Sunday, now through the end of April. The breakfast menu includes: eggs, toast, meat, French toast or pancakes, omelets, sausage gravy & biscuits, breakfast pizza, breakfast burrito or breakfast sandwich. If you have any questions, call 419-659-5470.

Columbus Grove American Legion ~ The American Legion will be hosting their annual Fish Fries every Friday until Easter. Eat in or carry out from 5:00 -7:00 p.m. Please come and enjoy good food with your family and friends.

Serendipity By Sarah - Will be having a trunk show with Handmade 1st Communion Dresses, Veils, Communion and Confirmation Ties, Baptismal Outfits, Handmade Rosaries, Wedding Veils and Sacramental Gifts. They also do Restoration work (cleaning and repair) of Baptismal and Communion Outfits. Custom work includes: your Wedding Dress Made into a Baptismal Outfit, Communion or Confirmation Dress, Wedding Hankies, Ring Bearer Pillows, and Christmas Ornaments. They also do custom Wedding Veils, Flower Girl Dresses and Custom Designed Wedding Ties. Feel free to stop buy and take a look. All items displayed are "one of a kind" items for sale, they are not order samples. Stop by and talk with them on: **Sunday March 5th** in the School lobby from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. If you can't make this show, Serendipity By Sarah can be reached at: 419-365-7111 or serendipitybysarah@hotmail.com.

"Lent By Candlelight" Featuring Pat Oedy-Murray ~ Lent By Candlelight will be held on **Sunday, March 5th** at 6:30 p.m. at the Ottawa K of C Hall. Please join us for this Lenten Journey by attending this free event as we gather to grow in our faith and be inspired for our Lenten journey. If you would like to host a table or attend as an individual...contact Jill Vaughan at vaughan@findlay.edu or call her at 419-302-2916. **Reservations should be made by February 28th.** If you host a table you should invite 7 people to sit with you; decorate your table as elaborate or simple as you choose; bring desserts / appetizers / or snacks to share with your table; provide tableware, silverware, and glassware for your table. Coffee and water will be provided. All other beverages must be purchased at hall.

All-You-Can-Eat Fish & Chicken Fry ~ St. Barbara Catholic Church, Cloverdale is having an All-You-Can-Eat Fish & Chicken Fry this **Sunday, February 26th** from 4:00-7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. Cost is \$8.00 for Adults and \$4.00 for Children-(12 & under). Carry-outs are available. Sponsored by the Holy Name Society. All are welcome.

Run Your Ashes Off 5K Race/Walk ~ Delphos St. John's will be sponsoring *Run Your Ashes Off 5K Race/Walk* on **Wednesday, March 1st** at the Delphos St. John's Annex, 722 South Jefferson Street. This event is sponsored by the St. John's Athletic Boosters, with all proceeds going to the St. Vincent DePaul Society. This has turned into a great community event, that brings everyone together to start the Lenten season. The event will start with registration at 4:45 - 5:15 p.m., Prayer Service and Ashes to follow at 5:15 p.m., and race/walk to start at 5:30 p.m. Registration forms are at the entrances of the church. For questions, please contact Julie Rode at 419-230-3485 or Linda Schulte at 419-549-6933.

The Culture Project Missionaries ~ Present "RESTORE: A Night of Forgiveness" for all high school students in the area. Save the date for **Monday, February 27th**, 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Parish Center cafeteria. Food, Fun, Friends, Music, Jesus! We hope to see you there!

A Note from Fr. Tom

WHAT TO GIVE UP? I recently read an article entitled "Don't Give Up Chocolate for Lent." The writer said we should ask God in prayer what He wants us to give up for Lent. Does He want us to give up chocolate or sarcasm? Does He want us to give up TV or gossip? If you give up chocolate or some other pleasure, remember that it's not a 40-day endurance contest to show how tough you are. Giving up a pleasure is supposed to be a way of uniting yourself to the sufferings of Christ, and letting yourself be converted by His suffering. Giving up chocolate or pie or beer then becomes a way to turn from your sinful tendency to gossip, to react angrily, or to disregard the poor.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL: We have begun the Annual Catholic Appeal, in which each parish does its part to help with programs need the support of all parishes working together under the leadership of the Bishop. We have to provide for education expenses for seminarians. We have to fund the Tribunal, since individuals who are seeking an annulment are no longer billed for part of the cost. We have to pay for the Catholic Schools Office, which provides services and expertise to all Catholic schools (including our own.) I realize that it's not a good time to ask, since we have just started our own campaign. The Diocese has asked us for \$13,000. Let's see what we can do to give our share.

"THE LIGHT IS ON": In old-style confessionals, the priest would sit in the center compartment and turn on a small light over the door to show he was available for Confessions. When a penitent knelt on the kneeler in one of the other compartments, he/she would trip a switch that turned on a light to show the compartment was occupied. (Isn't it amazing how things we took for granted now have to be explained – like purple ditto copies or a Polaroid camera?) Anyway, the Diocese has a Lenten program called "The Light Is On." Every parish in the Diocese is being asked to make Confessions available from 4 to 7 on Wednesday, April 5. This will not be the only opportunity during Lent, but you may want to make note of it. Just like Motel 6 – we'll leave a light on!

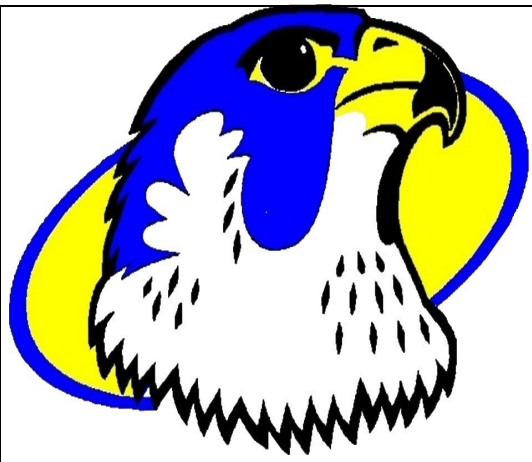
FASTING AND ABSTINENCE: Here's another thing that Catholics used to know as well as they knew Polaroids and purple ditto copies: fasting and abstinence. The law used to be so much more rigorous. Instead of his normal huge lunch during the sacred forty days, my father would pack a Velveeta cheese sandwich, an apple, and a thermos of coffee for his lunch, and then pick up and deliver freight for 8-10 hours. Mom, who ate less than Dad, would make similar sacrifices at breakfast and lunch. They did it in union with the sufferings of Jesus. (To this day I still can't stand Velveeta.) The rules have changed, but we are still supposed to do extra things in the way of prayer, fasting and works of mercy during Lent. For handy reference, here are the rules as they stand today:

Fasting: Persons over age 21 are obliged to fast on the appointed days until their 60th birthday. Fasting consists of eating only one normal sized meal, two smaller meals that taken together are of lesser quantity than the main meal, and not snacking in between meals. Fast days are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Abstinence: Persons aged 14 and older are obliged to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and on the Fridays of Lent.

Note: People who are sick or who do hard physical labor are not obliged by these rules. They should undertake some other discipline of prayer or works of mercy.

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.



Below right, the Kindergarten class, are painting crosses for the season of Lent and Easter. The teacher and students talked about how the cross is a sign of God's love for us because Jesus died on it.

To the left are our Eighth grade basketball players and Cheerleader. We are proud of their season and wish them well next year at the high school.

Below left, are the Fifth graders in Science class. They are playing a game in class to drive home the days lesson about extinction.



Lunch Recess

Volunteers

Week of: Feb. 26, 2017

Monday - Lisa Langhals

Tuesday - Jenny Pingle

Wednesday - Amy Stechschulte

Thursday - Sue Schroeder

Friday - Kevin Smith—April Schroeder



Calendar Items:

- Mar. 1 Ash Wednesday
- Mar. 3 Free Pizza— pack the rest
- Mar. 4 Regional Science Fair @ NW
- Mar. 5 Bakery Bingo, church basement 5:30—8:30 pm
- Mar. 6 Falcon Spirit Day, Sloppy Joes—\$1.00
- Mar. 8 SAC Mtg.
- Mar. 9 Eighth Grade to Washington DC External Visiting Team for OCSAA Accreditation
- Mar. 10 End of Third Quarter Early Dismissal @ 12:45 pm

This Week's LIFE Skill :

Courage

“Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good “

Romans 12:21



Q: Why can't you train cats?

A: Because they already think they are Purrrr-fect!