

**SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA**  
**A MEMBER OF ST. GEORGE DEANERY**  
**15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**JULY 16TH, 2017**



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**St. Anthony School Website: [www.stanthonyschool.info](http://www.stanthonyschool.info)**  
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*The stress and anxieties of family life are like "thorns which choke off" any opportunity to reflect on God's presence in our lives.*

*Notice in today's gospel Jesus "left the house" so He could connect with His Father.  
 Take five minutes each day to appreciate God walking with you.*

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**Mass Schedule**

July 18	Tuesday	<b>6:30 p.m. Mass</b>	Weekday ~ {Kathleen Beckman} <b>Confessions, Exposition &amp; Adoration After Mass</b>
July 19	Wednesday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Weekday ~ {Deceased Members of the Hoffman & Krietemeyer Families}
July 19	Wednesday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Hilty Home ~ {For The Parish}
July 20	Thursday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Weekday ~ {Msgr. Cleo Schmenk}
July 21	Friday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Weekday ~ {Alvin Best}
July 22	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Rosary
July 22	Saturday	3:00 - 4:00 p.m.	<b>Confessions, Exposition &amp; Benediction</b>
July 22	Saturday	4:30 p.m. Mass	Vigil ~ 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ {Walter Schroeder}
July 23	Sunday	8:30 a.m. Mass	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ {Leroy Fischer ~ Jane (Korte) Williams}
July 23	Sunday	11:00 a.m. Mass	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ {Joe & Andy Ruen}

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**Servers**

July 18	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	Renee Schroeder
July 19	Wednesday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Steven Dunbar
July 20	Thursday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Abby Stechschulte
July 21	Friday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Hanna Warnecke
July 22	Saturday	4:30 p.m. Mass	Paige Langhals, Madison Langhals, Mackenzie Langhals
July 23	Sunday	8:30 a.m. Mass	Gwen Langhals, Renee Schroeder, Cassidy Brinkman
July 23	Sunday	11:00 a.m. Mass	Jaren Kahle, Landen Schroeder, Caleb Morman

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**Lectors**

July 22	Saturday	4:30 p.m. Mass	Denny Ricker
July 23	Sunday	8:30 a.m. Mass	Charlie Schmiesing
July 23	Sunday	11:00 a.m. Mass	Mark Edelbrock

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**Eucharistic Ministers**

July 22	Saturday	4:30 p.m. Mass	Norm & Rose Schnipke, Jim Tabler, Sue Knott, Marge Roth
July 23	Sunday	8:30 a.m. Mass	Rose Ellerbrock, Kate Morman, Marilyn Hoffman, Sarah Schroeder, Marilyn Siefker
July 23	Sunday	11:00 a.m. Mass	Marilyn & Kristy Birkemeier, Karl Schroeder, Pam Hummel, Bob Maag

**July 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

July 23 **Hilty Home ~ 419-384-3218 ~ Anne Duval**

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**Ushers**

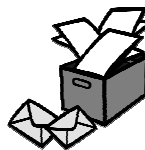
July 22	Saturday	4:30 p.m. Mass	George Ellerbrock, Doug Roof, Rob Verhoff, Don Stechschulte
July 23	Sunday	8:30 a.m. Mass	Tom Dunlap, Eric Dunn, Ron Hoffman, Gene Siefker
July 23	Sunday	11:00 a.m. Mass	Ken Rieman, Dwain Schroeder, John Selhorst, 1 Volunteer

~ **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; Jim Fischbach-Room 201B; Dolores Daniels-Room 209B; Angela Schulte-Room 211B; Dorothy Geiger-Room 215A; Rita Wenger-Room 300; Cathy Ruhe-Room 306; Jeanne Schulte-Room 401*

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**For The Week of July 9th**

Adult Contributions ~ 182	\$ 8,264.00
Children's ~ 19	<u>38.64</u>
	8,302.64
Other Income	<u>6,655.49</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 14,958.13</b>



**Total Expenses**                      **\$ 23,868.76**

**Total Donated Toward 21st Century Fix-Up Campaign To-Date ~260 Donors ~ \$ 216,672.81**

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**300 Club Winner ~ July 15th ~ Barb Moorhead ~ Ticket #217 ~ \$100.00**

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**Marriage Bans II ~ Amy Birkemeier & Daniel Harris**

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**School Supply Lists** ~ The first day of school for our St. Anthony students will be **Wednesday, August 23rd**. The school supply lists and the school calendar for the 2017-2018 school year are available at all of the entrances of the church.

**Scrip** ~ Scrip will be available this weekend, **July 15th & 16th**, after Mass in the church basement. The helpers are: Ken & Connie Kruse, Marge Tabler and Judy Gerten.

**K of C** ~ The K of C will have a regular meeting on **Tuesday July 18th** at 8:00 p.m. The Rosary will be prayed prior to the meeting in the church basement.

**Mass Ministry Schedules (Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Ushers, Greeters)** ~ New schedules will be made out soon for Sept-Oct. Notify Pat Birnesser of any changes, additions or unavailable dates by phone or text 931-267-2357 or email [pat@patbirnesser.com](mailto:pat@patbirnesser.com) before July 31st. **Offertory Gift Bearers** sign-up in the back of church. Please participate when you can, perhaps family of the mass intention person(s) or any other time. God and our church family want all of us to actively serve as we are able, along with being served by others. God wants our best and not our least as He gives us His only Son in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. We show our thanks to God by our whole-hearted participation. Be blessed and bless others.

**Festival Cleaning** ~ We will be cleaning the kitchen in the parish hall and other jobs in preparation for the festival on **Tuesday, July 18th** at 8:00 a.m. **Could you help for an hour?** We truly appreciate all those who take the time to help us "spruce up a bit" for our parish festival!!!

**Opening Teaching Position** ~ St. Anthony of Padua School in Columbus Grove, is accepting applications for the position of a Sixth Grade Teacher beginning the 2017-2018 school year. Work schedule would be Weekly School Calendar with some weekend or evening events.

**Expectations for applicants:** Will follow the Diocese of Toledo Course of Study; Plan and Instruct daily lessons in Sixth Grade Reading & Language Arts classes; Plan and Instruct once a week a Sixth Grade lesson in Art; Plan and Instruct daily lessons in Religion and Technology; Plan and Instruct daily lessons in Science Classes for Grades 6-8; Plan & participate in Catholic Schools Week activities; Plan a local Science Fair every year and support students that attend the Putnam County, Regional and State Science Fairs.

Interested applicants should submit a letter of interest, resume, a copy of certification, BCI/FBI report, and any other pertinent materials to: Mr. Scott Hummel, Principal Minister, St. Anthony of Padua School, 520 W. Sycamore Street, Columbus Grove, OH 45830 ~ Email: [hummels@sa.noacsc.org](mailto:hummels@sa.noacsc.org).

**Fall Preschool Registration Still Open** ~ Glandorf, St. John's Preschool continues to accept registration for 2017-18 school year. Child must be 3 (as of June 1, 2017). For more information, contact Carole at 419 538 6264 or [stjohnspreschool@bright.net](mailto:stjohnspreschool@bright.net).

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**"2017" Summer Festival**  
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**2nd Early Bird Winner** ~ Congratulations to Rose Ellerbrock who was our 2nd Early Bird drawing for \$100.00!

**New to the Festival – Corn Hole Tournament!** Stick around after the 5-K Run & Smile Mile for more family fun on Saturday, August 5th! Open to all ages with separate prizes for youth and adult tournaments. \$20 team advance registration (forms available at church entrances soon). Proceeds support St. Anthony Youth traveling to National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) in Indianapolis this November. Join the fun!

**5K Run** ~ On Saturday of the Festival, **August 5<sup>th</sup>**, we will have our Festival 5K~ the first race in the Putnam County Running Series. Pre-registration is \$20 with a shirt & \$13 without a shirt and is due July 28th. After July 29th, the cost for the race will be \$22 with a shirt & \$15 without a shirt. Day of the race registration begins at 5:00 p.m., with the race beginning at 7:00 p.m. Any questions, please call Hannah Warren at 419-303-5476.

**New to the Festival this year!** On **Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup>**, we will have a Kids Smile Mile! Youth ages 10 and under are encouraged to have fun and run a mile. Registration will be part of the 5K registration starting at 5:00 p.m. The Smile Mile will begin at 8:00 p.m. Entry fee is \$10. **ENTRY TO THE KIDS SMILE MILE IS NOT AN ENTRY INTO THE PUTNAM COUNTY RUNNING SERIES.** If you have any questions, please contact Hannah Warren at 419-303-5476.

**Registration forms for the 5K and the Kids Smile Mile are available at the entrances of the church.**

**Cash or Car!** ~ With the success we had last year and the many positive comments, we will again be raffling off up to \$20,000 toward the purchase of a new vehicle or \$15,000 in cash at the parish festival this year. The advantage of this approach has been that the winner can purchase any new vehicle of any color. It also gives the winner the option of taking cash and not having the hassle of selling the vehicle. H&K Chevrolet from Continental has again offered to showcase their new vehicles for our festival. Tickets will be sold every weekend now through festival day. Points of contact for purchasing tickets are Mike Birkemeier at 419-659-2954 or Harold Gerten at 419-659-5914. Tickets can also be purchased at the parish office.

**NEW THIS YEAR AT THE COUNTRY STORE** ... For your convenience, the Country Store will be offering 2 new ways to purchase raffle tickets already printed with your name and phone number. Option 1- Contact Lynn Downing (419-659-5372) prior to Friday, August 4th with your ticket information and the tickets will be available for pick up and payment at the Country Store on festival day. Option 2 - On-site ticket printing will be available at the Country Store. We will print personalized tickets at the Country Store on festival day.\*\*\*The ticket quantities available for pre-printing are...15 tickets for \$10 / 45 tickets for \$20.\*\*\*The Country Store will be accepting donations for this service. In the past, the Country Store has had more than 100 items in the raffle. Feel free to contact Lynn Downing (419-659-5372) or Kate Morman (419-659-6085) if you have any questions. We're looking forward to another wonderful festival.

**Garage Sale** ~ Items for the Garage Sale are gradually being donated. Items may be dropped off under the overhang on the entrance of the school by the modular unit or by the big doors of the shed west of the school. Deadline to drop off items for the Garage Sale is July 31st. **We do not accept clothing, outdated infant car seats, TV's or computer electronics. Please don't bring items that are broken.** Many helpers will be needed the week of July 31st to price all the donations. Please consider volunteering to help organize this very popular festival booth. If you have any questions, please call Marge Tabler at 419-659-5190.

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**Immaculate Conception, Ottoville** ~ Immaculate Conception Parish in Ottoville will be having their parish festival this **Sunday, July 16th**. Family style dinners will be served from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. in the Ottoville Parish Center. A Lunch Stand offering soup, sandwiches, French fries and desserts will be available from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. There will be games, entertainment, Big Ticket & Raffle Booth. There will also be a General Store with the chance to buy a variety of items. Come and enjoy!

**150th Anniversary** ~ On Sunday, July 23, 2017, St. John the Baptist Parish in Landeck, will celebrate their 150th anniversary. The day will begin with Mass, with Bishop Daniel Thomas, at 11:30 a.m. followed by a parish luncheon which will include fried chicken, rolls, baked potato, green beans, salad, and many desserts. There will also be a lunch stand open later in the afternoon. Also, the day will feature a live auction, silent auction, gift baskets, music, beverage tent, kids' activities and much more. Tickets for the luncheon are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. The deadline to purchase tickets is July 12th. This will be a great day for families to thank God for our parish, parishioners and heritage. Tickets can be purchased at the St. John's parish office. If you have any questions or for more information, please call the parish office at 419-692-0636 or go to our website. ([stjohnthebaptistchurchlandeck.org](http://stjohnthebaptistchurchlandeck.org)).

**Lunch in the Park** ~ July 20, 2017 from 11:00 to 1:00 at the Ottawa Senior Citizens Center. 1035 East Third Street - Ottawa Ohio. Menu includes pulled pork with scalloped potatoes and green beans, Brat Platter, Hot Dog Platter, Desserts and Drinks. Music by Bob Clark. Dine inside or eat out in the park. Carry outs available by calling 419-523-5593. This fundraiser is sponsored by Ted's Market in Pandora Ohio.

*Join us for the St. Joseph Festival on Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup> ~ Family style fried chicken & beef dinners with all the trimmings from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Hamburger stand 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., Big Ticket \$1,000 raffle, Gatlinburg Weekend Trip Raffle, Kids games & Inflatables, Bingo, County Store with 100's of Raffle Prizes and more! Also, Join us Saturday evening, August 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. for Food and a **5K Race** by the Musketeer Athletic Boosters, run signup at <https://runsignup.com/Race/OH/FortJennings/MAB5K>.*

## A Note from Fr. Tom

**BACK TO SCHOOL:** I spent the week in Wheeling WV at a seminar sponsored by Franciscan University on priesthood in the New Testament. So I'm writing my July 16 column on July 5-6 because I don't know if I will have time to write while I am away. Since my crystal ball is out of order, I don't know what's going to happen in the parish from July 10 to 14, and so I can't comment on it. If there is space next week, I'll fill you in on what happened in Wheeling. So I'll just write something on the July 16 Gospel, and then turn my space over to others.

**HE TAUGHT THEM IN PARABLES:** Jesus was a master storyteller. Some people rank the parable of the Prodigal Son as one of the greatest short stories of all time. But Jesus didn't write stories in order to earn a Pulitzer Prize or polish up his résumé. He told stories in order to give people a memorable insight into God's Kingdom.

All Jesus' stories are scenes from everyday life. There are stories about farming (like today's Gospel), about commercial fishing (what the apostles and many others like them did on the Sea of Galilee), about people looking for lost sheep or coins, about fathers who have trouble with their sons, and about women kneading dough and making bread. Usually the stories are set among working people, although occasionally Jesus gives us a peek into the homes of the rich. Sometimes Jesus acted out a parable, for example when He drove the moneychangers out of the Temple, or when He washed the disciples' feet.

So what is a parable? It's a short story, lifted from people's everyday experience, which challenges us to accept some aspect of the Kingdom of God. Some of the parables aren't completely clear. Jesus does that to force you and me to ask how we fit into the Kingdom – or what we have to change to make ourselves fit. Sometimes there is a surprise at the end of the story. It makes you say, "Aha! This isn't just a human event; God is at work here!"

Today's Gospel is a perfect example. When the farmer plants seeds, everything imaginable goes wrong. Birds eat the seeds. Some of it falls on the road (pretty unlikely today). Some of it falls among thorn bushes (no Roundup back then). Some seed sprouts in shallow, thin topsoil and withers (they were on the edge of the desert, not Northwest Ohio). But at the end, even though the farmer's technique is primitive and his soil is poor, some of the seed yields 30-, 60- or even 100-fold.

Now even with all of our scientific advances, we still know that in the end, the harvest is in God's hands. And so is the Kingdom. We cook for funerals, we go to adult classes, we invite people for RCIA, we volunteer in the school and CCD, we minister at Mass, we help with YES, but our human efforts can't create success for the Kingdom. Sometimes things go nowhere; sometimes things fall off the rails totally. But sometimes, somebody catches on to the message of God's love; sometimes somebody is moved to forgive an old quarrel; sometimes somebody gets a profound experience of Jesus' real presence at Mass. That means that God was at work in our human efforts. I think that in today's parable, Jesus is challenging us not to give up when things go wrong, but to look for the ways in which God is at work.

*Father Tom*