

SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA A MEMBER OF ST. GEORGE DEANERY FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 3, 2017



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St. Anthony Parish Website: www.cgstanthony.org

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Parish ~ www.facebook.com/cgstanthony/

 $School \ \sim \ \underline{www.facebook.com/StAnthonyofPaduaColumbusGrove/}$

Today's gospel tells us to "Be Watchful". This comes natural to families.

Parents are watchful of their children's health, grades and friends.

Children are watchful of parental moods.

Today's gospel encourages us to use this ability to see God acting in the innocence, tenderness, love and forgiveness of your family.

"Be watchful", the Lord is already with you.

				Mass Schedule
December	04	Monday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Advent Weekday ~ {Jim & Jeanette Makley}
December	05	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	Advent Weekday ~ {Hank & Bill Sehlhorst ~
				Father Keith McCormack ~ Father Ron Warnimont}
December	05	Tuesday		Confessions, Exposition & Adoration After Mass
December	06	Wednesday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Advent Weekday ~ {For The Parish}
December	07	Thursday	8:00 a.m. Mass	St. Ambrose ~ {Denis & Betty Meyer}
December	07	Thursday	4:30 p.m. Mass	Vigil ~ The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary ~
				{Linda Stechschulte ~ Nathan Siefker}
December	08	Friday	8:00 a.m. Mass	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary ~
				{Alphonse & Angela Schroeder}
December	08	Friday	7:00 p.m. Mass	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary ~
				{Living & Deceased Members of the Catholic Ladies of Columbia}
December	09	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Rosary
December	09	Saturday	3:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Confessions, Exposition & Benediction
December	09	Saturday	4:30 p.m. Mass	Vigil ~ 2nd Sunday of Advent ~ {Shirley Maag ~ Floyd Shinabery ~
				Urban & Rosemary Schroeder}
December	10	Sunday	8:30 a.m. Mass	2nd Sunday of Advent ~ {Norbert & Lorene Fuerst ~
				William & Mary Turnwald}
December	10	Sunday	11:00 a.m. Mass	2nd Sunday of Advent ~ {Adolph, Mary & Betty Niese}

Servers

December	05	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	Dan Maag
December	07	Thursday	4:30 p.m. Mass	Tayte Langhals, Valerie Morman, Elizabeth Morman
December	08	Friday	7:00 p.m. Mass	Abby Shafer, Hallie Hermiller, Dane Schroeder
December	09	Saturday	4:30 p.m. Mass	Hanna Warnecke, Victoria Warnecke, Zach Warnecke
December	10	Sunday	8:30 a.m. Mass	Caleb Langhals, Gwen Langhals, Kurt Griffith
December	10	Sunday	11:00 a.m. Mass	Evan Dunbar, Nathan Dunbar, Steven Dunbar

Lectors

December	07	Thursday	4:30 p.m. Mass	Geddy Davis
December	08	Friday	7:00 p.m. Mass	Karen Martin
December	09	Saturday	4:30 p.m. Mass	Aubrey Davis
December	10	Sunday	8:30 a.m. Mass	Diana Johnson
December	10	Sunday	11:00 a.m. Mass	Lynn Downing

Eucharistic Ministers

Norm Schnipke, Beth Birkemeier, Ken & Connie Kruse, Marilyn Siefker December 07 Thursday 4:30 p.m. Mass December 08 Friday 7:00 p.m. Mass Marilyn Birkemeier, Kristy Birkemeier, Faith Oglesbee,

Diana Kaufman, Hannah Warren

December 09 Saturday 4:30 p.m. Mass Norm Schnipke, Bob & Bev Baxter, Jim Tabler, Teresa Brubaker

December 10 Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass Gib Kaufman, Kate Morman, Doug Langhals, Lisa Langhals, Rose Ellerbrock December 10 Sunday 11:00 a.m. Mass Sue Schroeder, Shirley Goedde, Pam Hummel, Noralu Kahle, Troy King

December Eucharistic Minister Coordinators

4:30 p.m. ~ Pat Birnesser - 931-267-2357 8:30 a.m. ~ Dan Maag - 419-659-2969

11:00 a.m. ~ Dave Tabler - 419-659-2620

December 10 Hilty Home ~ 419-384-3218 ~ Marge Roth ~ (List can be picked up in the Sacristy.)

~ Hilty Home Residents ~

Jean Stechschulte-Room 101; Jim Fischbach-Room 104A; Wilbert Roof-Room 105B; Agnes Friedel-Room 109; Bill Alt-Room 121; Mary Margaret Bockrath-Room 125; Dolores Daniels-Room 209B; Rita Wenger-Room 300;

Jeanne Schulte-Room 401; Kathy Sager-Room 403; Jennie Maag-Room 510; Margaret Stechschulte-Room 511

St. Rita's Medical Center ~ Richard Fuerst

Ushers

December 07	Thursday	4:30 p.m. Mass	Darren Langhals, Cody Wagner, Bonnie Doty, George Ellerbrock
December 08	Friday	7:00 p.m. Mass	Bruce Schroeder, Matt McCauley, Joyce Seyer, Dave Schroeder, Jr.
December 09	Saturday	4:30 p.m. Mass	Brent Glass, Scott Hummel, Mike Kohls, Bill Roth
December 10	Sunday	8:30 a.m. Mass	Dave Koch, John Siefker, Jerry Blankemeyer, Dave Kreuzberg
December 10	Sunday	11:00 a.m. Mass	Dave Moore, Al Schroeder, Dale Schroeder, Alan Stover

Greeter Schedule

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December	07	Thursday	4:30 p.m. Mass	Pat Birnesser, Scott & Pam Hummel, Bruce & Barb Stephens
December	80	Friday	7:00 p.m. Mass	Bruce & Barb Schroeder, Joyce Seyer, Matt & Karen McCauley
December	09	Saturday	4:30 p.m. Mass	Pat Birnesser, Marge Roth, Gary & Jeaneen Warnecke
December	10	Sunday	8:30 a.m. Mass	Dan Maag, Tom & Dorothy Mershman, Doug & Mary Langhals
December	10	Sunday	11:00 a.m. Mass	Jack & Anne Dunbar, Dale & Vicky Schroeder, Darrick & Tina Doseck

	Parish Activities	For The Week of N	November 26th
December 04	Walking With Purpose @ 7:00 p.m.	Adult ~ 190	\$ 7,829.00
December 05	K of C Meeting After 6:30 p.m. Mass	Children's ~ 27	40.55
December 06	Usher/Greeter Training @ 7:00 p.m.		7,869.55
December 09	That Man Is You @ 6:00 a.m.	Other Income	1,225.00
		Total Income	\$ 9,094.55

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Total Expenses \$ 41,352.27

Total Donated Toward 21st Century Fix-Up Campaign To-Date ~267 Donors ~ \$ 232,592.81

Thanks to all who donated food and money to the Lord's Pantry this Thanksgiving. We collected over 960 lbs. of food and other supplies and \$1,030.00 in cash.

> Thank you to the family of Linda Stechschulte who donated her CLC life insurance policy to St. Anthony Parish.

300 Club Winner ~ December 2nd ~ Leroy Maag ~ Ticket #54 ~ \$100.00 Special 300 Club Christmas Drawing ~ December 2nd ~ Judy Blankemeyer ~ Ticket #111 ~ \$100.00

Life Teen & Edge ~ Will be meeting this Sunday, December 3rd with Mass beginning at 6:00 p.m. with the Life Night and Edge to follow. The topic for Edge is, "Can Anyone tell me what Christmas is all about?"

Scrip ~ Scrip will be available this weekend, **December 2nd & 3rd**, after Mass in the church basement. The helpers are: Ken & Connie Kruse, Gina Wurth, Marge Tabler, Joyce Kaufman, Judy Gerten and Vicky Schroeder. Scrip will also be available next weekend, December 9th & 10th. The helpers are: Ken & Connie Kruse, Ann Selhorst, Shirley Goedde, Marilyn Siefker, Christie Tabler and Jan Eversole.

Scrip News ~ Check out the variety of gift cards that we carry in stock. During the Christmas season we are ordering every week and filling special orders quickly. Why not buy scrip gift cards for places where you are already spending money? It does not cost you anything more. Gift cards make great presents for those "hard to shop for people" on your list. Scrip is available after weekend Masses till Christmas and at the rectory office during office hours through the week. For more information can call or text Anne Schroeder at 419-615-0053.

"Why do Catholics....."

Why do Catholics Celebrate Advent? Celebrated as far back as the 4th Century, "Advent "is a Latin-derived word meaning "coming", and also begins a new liturgical year. It is a 4-week period of time to "get ready" and to build up hope for the promised coming of the Messiah, Jesus Christ. We do so by repenting of our sin and renouncing our wrong choices. We empty ourselves of the clutter of daily idolatry and renounce the self love that can so easily squeeze God's grace out of our lives. Lavender vestments are worn by the priest that denotes repentance and expectation. One way to "get ready" and make a place for the Lord in our homes is the use of the Advent Wreath. Here is a great article explaining the history of the Advent Wreath, the symbolism and prayers to use weekly in lighting the candles, https://www.catholiceducation.org/en/culture/catholic-contributions/the-history-of-the-advent-wreath.html. We can also do Penance, Reconciliation, Fasting, Adoration, Extra Masses, Bible Study and Prayers to prepare our hearts for the Lord's coming. How will you prepare?

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

K of C ~ The K of C will be leading the Rosary before the Masses through Advent. K of C members are invited to join in leading the Rosary.

K of C Social Meeting ~ Members and their spouses are invited to attend the final meeting of the year, **Tuesday December 5th**, following the 6:30 p.m. evening Mass. We will have food and drink plus fun and prizes. A euchre tournament is being organized for the ladies. Spouses of passed Knights are more than welcome to join in the fun!

K of C Bowlers ~ 2018 is going to be the 100th anniversary of the State Bowling Tournament. It is being held in Columbus. Our council is scheduled to bowl the weekend of **Palm Sunday, March 24th and 25th.** If you are interested in participating, please give your team captain or the bowling chairman, Dan Maag, a call at 419-659-2969.

Christmas Flower Fund ~ If you would like to make a donation to our *Christmas Flower Fund* in memory of your deceased loved ones, feel free to put their names on the envelope you will find in your contribution packet. We will publish the list after Christmas, Thank you.

Ministry Schedules ~ Several schedules are still in back of church to be picked up. Please let Pat Birnesser know of any changes to the next schedule for January-February by **December 12th** by phone/text 931-267-2357 or pat@patbirnesser.com. Thanks for serving our parish.

Greeters & Ushers Meeting ~ There will be a meeting for all present (and newly interested) Greeters & Ushers on either Wednesday, December 6th or Wednesday, December 13th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall to share your experiences, to ask questions and learn more about these welcome, Mass ministries. If you are unable to attend one of these sessions, please notify Pat Birnesser by phone/text 931-267-2357 or email pat@patbirnesser.com and she will get back with you.

Cemetery News ~ Winter will soon be here. Any special flowers or special items that you would like to preserve for next spring may need to be removed from the graves of your loved ones. Grave blankets for the winter are permitted. It is suggested to be sure to remove the grave blankets mid to late March so the grass is not damaged in the spring. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the parish office at 419-659-2263.

Support Our Retired Priests ~ Please consider a donation to Perpetuate The Gift Appeal being held October 1st through December 31st, 2017. Your gift benefits our retired Diocesan priests and your parish. Once a priest retires, he is responsible for his own personal expenses: medical, housing, car, clothing and food. All funds contributed help reduce the amount the parish contributes to the fund. A gift of cash or check can be sent to Perpetuate The Gift, P.O. Box 954, Toledo, Ohio, 43697, or placed in the parish collection. A gift may also be made on line at www.toledodiocese.org. Envelopes are available at all of the entrances of the church.

Prayer For The Sanctification Of Priests ~ Kindly remember in prayer all our Priests serving in the Diocese of Toledo, as they gather on **Monday, December 4th**, for the annual Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests, at the Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey. Through our prayers, may the Lord grant them many blessings.

Penance Services ~ The area Penance Services for this Advent Season are as follows:

Monday, December 4th	St. John the Baptist, Glandorf	4:00 & 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 5th	St. Nicholas, Miller City	7:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 10th	Immaculate Conception, Ottoville	$2:00^{-}p.m.$
Tuesday, December 12th	St. Michael's, Kalida	4:00 & 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 13th	St. Joseph, Ft. Jennings	7:00 p.m.
Thursday, December 14th	St. John's, Delphos	8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 17th	St. Charles, Lima	3:00 p.m.
Monday, December 18th	Sts. Peter & Paul, Ottawa	4:00 & 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 19th	St. Anthony's Columbus Grove	7:00 p.m.

Extra Confessions at St. Anthony's

 Wednesday, December 20th
 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

 Friday, December 22nd
 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

 Saturday, December 23rd
 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

K of C Beef, Chicken & Ground Beef ~ If you are planning to use beef, chicken for your family parties this holiday season, consider purchasing your supplies from our K of C. Below are the prices of the items available.

	<u>Beef</u>	<u>Chicken</u>
Case of 24 cans ~ 28 ozs	\$ 1 74.0 0	\$ 142.00
1/2 Case (12 Cans) ~ 28 ozs	88.00	73.00
Price Per 28 oz. Can	7.50	6.25
Case of 24 Cans ~ 14.5 ozs	105.00	90.00
1/2 Case (12 Cans) ~ 14.5 ozs	53.00	47.00
Price Per 14.5 oz. can	4.50	4.00

Call Gene Heitmeyer at 419-659-5574, Dave Ellerbrock at 419-659-5833, Dan Maag at 419-659-2969 or Len Kaufman at 419-659-6153 to place your order.

Community Christmas Program ~ The Village of Columbus Grove is sponsoring a Christmas program at Turner Hall (the former Presbyterian Church) on **Monday, December 18th** at 7:00 p.m. It is free to the public with punch and cookies being served after the program. Monetary and food donations will also be accepted for the Lord's Pantry. If you have any questions, call the Village of Columbus Grove at 419-659-2365.

Toys For Tots ~ A group of National Honor Society students from Columbus Grove High School are hosting a Toys For Tots drive. They will be collecting new and unwrapped toys to help children in our community over the holiday season. There is a box in the back of church for donated items. The collection period has been extended to December 15th. Thank you in advance for your donation to help the less fortunate this holiday season!

Grace Morman, Grace Cassidy, Jenna Hardeman, Maddie Nicklaus

Columbus Grove Community Senior Lunch & Bingo ~ The Columbus Grove Community Senior Lunch will be held on Tuesday, December 12th at 11:30 a.m. at the Columbus Grove Christian Church, 105 South Broadway in Columbus Grove. The menu is: baked ham, scalloped potatoes, green bean casserole, dinner rolls, strawberry shortcake, coffee and water. Bingo will be played immediately following the luncheon. The lunch is sponsored by the Hilty Home of Pandora and the Columbus Grove Christian Church.

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

Holiday Bazaar & Bake Sale ~ The Ottawa Senior Citizens Association is sponsoring a Holiday Bazaar & Bake Sale on December 6th and December 7th, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Ottawa Senior Citizens Center at 1035 East Third Street in Ottawa. Lunch will be served from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Wednesday menu is: homemade chicken noodle soup, BBQ pork sandwiches, hot dogs, brat sandwiches, homemade desserts and drinks. On Thursday the menu is: cheesy potato soup, egg salad sandwiches, hot dogs, brat sandwiches, homemade desserts and drinks. Come check out our craft items or indulge in a holiday dessert. Cakes, cookies, pies, candy, bread, noodles and snacks will be available. Eat in the Center or call 419-523-5593 for a carry out order.

Ireland & Scotland ~ Jerry Bunn and Vicki Doty are organizing a tour of Ireland & Scotland, October 15-27, 2018, through GoAhead Tours. The trip will be 11 nights. We fly into Shannon and head to Limerick. Then it's on to Killarney via Muckross House, the Ring of Killarney, and Killarney National Park. From there we travel to Dublin via Blarney Castle. We will see St. Patrick's Cathedral, Trinity College, and end the day in the Temple Bar District. On to Belfast, viewing the copper-domed City Hall, passing the ship building docks, Titanic Museum, and the Grand Opera House. From Belfast, we ferry over to Scotland, heading to the legendary Loch Ness Lake and Urquhart Castle. Finally, we end our tour in Edinburgh, passing the Blair Castle along the way. In Edinburgh, we will visit the Royal Mile and the Edinburgh Castle. Cost of the trip will be around \$3,900 based on 30 people signing. There is an early \$100 discount bonus for singing before January, 2018. For more information contact either Jerry Bunn at 419-957-3430.



WHERE IS GOD WHEN WE NEED HIM? So much of the news is troubling. The Pope is in Burma and Bangladesh, trying to stop the extermination of a minority. The Keystone Pipeline – is it leaking or isn't it? Celebrities and politicians are being accused of exploitation of women, and even assault. The State of Hawaii is holding monthly nuclear attack drills, fearing North Korea's threat to do the unthinkable. To fire and tornado drills, our schools have added "active shooter" drills.

Some of us have to deal with our personal crises. How will our family deal with this sickness? I just lost my job – now what? Can my marriage hold together? How can I pay my bills? My kid is going totally out of control. I'd like to stop drinking, but... We look at the world scene, and look at our personal scene and we wonder: where is God in the middle of all these problems?

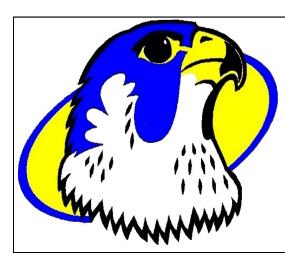
Advent is assurance that God has always been present with us in our chaotic and dangerous world. In fact, He has never left us. His first home was a stable, because in Bethlehem there was nowhere else to stay. He lived in a country that was occupied by the army of a foreign power that despised His religion. His foster father had to work hard for a living, and probably earned just enough to get by.

Why did the Son of God come into such a precarious situation? Why wasn't He born in an "Ozzie and Harriet" situation – one in which He would be popular, powerful, and rich? It wasn't that way because He wanted to show us that God is with us who struggle. His death and resurrection tell us that God overcomes all the evils we face, and that we can trust in Him, no matter what.

The Mass prayer immediately after the Our Father asks that we may be "safe from all distress as we await the blessed hope and coming of our Savior Jesus Christ." Chaos and pessimism aren't forever. There is a Messiah coming, and we can trust God when He makes this promise.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: With our celebrations of the Immaculate Conception, Our Lady of Guadalupe, and all those wonderful stories about Mary in our weekday Gospels at the end of Advent, December should be Mary's month too! The Advent celebrations of Mary begin this week with the feast of the Immaculate Conception. The Immaculate Conception means that by a special outpouring of God's grace, Mary was free from sin from the moment of her conception. God made her ready to be the Mother of the Son of God. We will celebrate this mystery on Thursday with Mass at 4:30 p.m., and then on Friday with Masses at 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

PARISH LETTER FOR ADVENT/CHRISTMAS: We mailed the parish letters for Advent and Christmas last Wednesday. It contains a few words of greeting from me, the Penance Service schedules for all our neighboring parishes, and Mass schedules that are a little complicated, because we will be celebrating the Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas on successive days, and then one week later, doing the same thing for the Feast of the Holy Family, and the feast of Mary, the Mother of God. It's a schedule you'll want to hang on to. If yours doesn't arrive soon, please call the parish office, and we'll see that you get one.



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.



The School Advisory Council sponsored a K-8 Skating Party before Thanksgiving break. Pictured are the ones that attended.

Thank You School Advisory Council



The High Flyers collected items for "Mary's Baby Shower."



Pictured are the St. Anthony School Second Grade Students that recently participated in their first Sacrament of Reconciliation. Congratulations to all public and St Anthony Students for their commitment to their catholic faith.

Last November 14th the Finance Committee, Parish Council and School Advisory Council met to listen to the Diocese Supt. Dr. Vincent de Paul Schmidt talk to the group about the positives and requirements of starting and maintaining a Pre-School for our St Anthony Parish. As you may know Leipsic St Mary's started one this school year and have gained some new families as a result. We are currently looking into the feasibility of starting one next school year. We will conduct a survey later for everyone to give their input. Think about it and give us your thoughts. Calendar Items:

Lunch Recess Volunteers

Week of: Dec. 4

Monday 4 Pat Birnesser

Tuesday 5 Judy Schroeder

Wednesday 6 Lisa Langhals

Thursday 7 Cheryl

Ellerbrock

Friday 8 Sarah Barto,

Sue Schroeder

Mass Gr. 3

December 4 Falcon Spirit Day, Hot Sandwich

December 5 Student Penance Services

December 6 St Nick

December 7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

December 8 Immaculate Conception, Holy Day

December 12 Free Homemade Subs and meal

December 15 Golden Falcon Awards after Mass

December 18 St Anthony Christmas Concert

7 pm, Rehearsal @ 1:00 pm

December 20 Early Dismissal @ 12:45 pm

Dec. 21- Jan. 3 Christmas Break

December 25 Christmas

This Week's LIFE Skill:

Caring

One who is gracious to a poor man lends to the LORD, And He will repay him for his good deed.

Proverbs 19:17



Customer: Waiter, I think I have a fly in

my alphabet soup?

Waiter: That's no fly, that's a spelling bee!