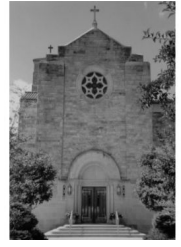


**SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA**  
**A MEMBER OF ST. GEORGE DEANERY**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**DECEMBER 10, 2017**



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**Why is it so hard to forgive, yet so easy to get even?**  
**Listen to John the Baptist in today's gospel and repent of the anger and ugly feelings which block your ability to forgive.**  
**This Christmas, give a gift which makes a difference.**  
**Give forgiveness.**

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**Mass Schedule**

December 11	Monday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Advent Weekday ~ {Deceased Members of the Robert Kohls Family}
December 12	Tuesday	<b>6:30 p.m. Mass</b>	Our Lady of Guadalupe ~ {Maria Aguirre}
December 12	Tuesday		<b>Confessions, Exposition &amp; Adoration After Mass</b>
December 13	Wednesday	8:00 a.m. Mass	St. Lucy ~ {For The Parish}
December 14	Thursday	8:00 a.m. Mass	St. John of the Cross ~ {Jim & Jeanette Makley}
December 15	Friday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Advent Weekday ~ {Joe Morman ~ Nathan Siefker}
December 16	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Rosary
December 16	Saturday	3:00 - 4:00 p.m.	<b>Confessions, Exposition &amp; Benediction</b>
December 16	Saturday	4:30 p.m. Mass	Vigil ~ 3rd Sunday of Advent ~ {Daniel Blankemeyer ~ Paul Best ~ Jim Verhoff ~ Steve Morman ~ Tim Payton, II ~ Nathan Siefker}
December 17	Sunday	8:30 a.m. Mass	3rd Sunday of Advent ~ {Wayne Stechschulte}
December 17	Sunday	11:00 a.m. Mass	3rd Sunday of Advent ~ {Carl Plumadore}

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**Servers**

December 12	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	Valerie Morman
December 16	Saturday	4:30 p.m. Mass	Kara Schmidt, Megan Schmidt, Amy Vorst
December 17	Sunday	8:30 a.m. Mass	Rob Langhals, Roy Langhals, Cassidy Brinkman
December 17	Sunday	11:00 a.m. Mass	Bo Birnesser, Tayt Birnesser, Kyle Schroeder

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**Lectors**

December 16	Saturday	4:30 p.m. Mass	Bruce Stephens
December 17	Sunday	8:30 a.m. Mass	Ron Teders
December 17	Sunday	11:00 a.m. Mass	Sue Schroeder

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**Eucharistic Ministers**

December 16	Saturday	4:30 p.m. Mass	Norm & Rose Schnipke, Erica Siefker, Marge Tabler, Deb Siefker
December 17	Sunday	8:30 a.m. Mass	Bill Schroeder, Mary Ann Schroeder, Sarah Schroeder, Marilyn Birkemeier, Dan Maag
December 17	Sunday	11:00 a.m. Mass	Lisa Meuleman, Stephanie Moore, Judy Schroeder, Karl Schroeder, Anne Schroeder

**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 17 **Hilty Home ~ 419-384-3218** ~ Dan Maag ~ (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*

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**Ushers**

December 16	Saturday	4:30 p.m. Mass	Aaron Siefker, Mike Recker, Tim Reimund, Jon Diller
December 17	Sunday	8:30 a.m. Mass	Dave Schroeder, Jr., Adam Siefker, Joyce Seyer, Carl Warnecke
December 17	Sunday	11:00 a.m. Mass	Ken Rieman, Dwain Schroeder, Duane Vorst, Pat Vorst

**Greeter Schedule**

December 16	Saturday	4:30 p.m. Mass	Pat Birnesser, Mary Schmidt, Mike & Sherri Recker
December 17	Sunday	8:30 a.m. Mass	Dan Maag, Kate Morman, Mike & Marilyn Birkemeier
December 17	Sunday	11:00 a.m. Mass	Steve & Beth Birkemeier, Dave & Jan Klinker, Tony & Kim Birnesser

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**Parish Activities**

**December 13 Usher/Greeter Training @ 7:00 p.m.**

**For The Week of December 3rd**

Adult ~ 241	\$ 8,268.56
Children's ~ 28	<u>30.41</u>
	8,298.97
Other Income	<u>9,166.33</u>
Total Income	\$ 17,465.30



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**Total Expenses \$ 5,104.42**

**Total Donated Toward 21st Century Fix-Up Campaign To-Date ~267 Donors ~ \$ 235,792.81**

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**300 Club Winner ~ December 9th ~ Rev. Thomas Extejt ~ Ticket #6 ~ \$100.00**

**Special 300 Club Christmas Drawing ~ December 9th ~ Tom & Jan Langhals ~ Ticket #31 ~ \$100.00**

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**Scrip** ~ Scrip will be available this weekend, **December 9th & 10th**, after Mass in the church basement. The helpers are: Ken & Connie Kruse, Ann Selhorst, Shirley Goedde, Marilyn Siefker, Christie Tabler and Jan Eversole. Scrip will also be available next weekend, **December 16th & 17th**. The helpers are: Ken & Connie Kruse, Tammy Schroeder, Marge Tabler, Kay Koch, Judy Gerten and Trina Rode.

**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, call or text Anne Schroeder at 419-615-0053.

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**"Why do Catholics....."**

**Why do Catholics celebrate the Immaculate Conception?** This is not referring to the virgin birth or the incarnation of Jesus Christ, but that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was preserved from sin. She was created without sin from her own conception in her mother, Anne's womb and sinless her entire life by Jesus and for Jesus. Several places point to this in Sacred Scripture: And coming to her (the angel Gabriel), he said, "Hail, favored one (some bible versions say "full of grace")! The Lord is with you"-Luke 1:28; "The Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore, the child to be born will be called Holy, the Son of God."-Luke 1:35. This shows Mary as the Ark of the New Covenant which is a pure and holy vessel to hold Jesus and can't be touched by human hands because of its holiness. The early church history shows this belief to be held and honored; first referred to as doctrine in 627; first celebrated as a Feast in 1030; became a Feast Day of Obligation in 1708; and was pronounced and defined in 1854 by Pope Pius IX.

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**Christian Formation Classes** ~ Will be held this **Sunday, December 10th** at 9:30-10:45 a.m. in the school. The next CCD classes will be held on **Sunday, December 17th**.

**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.

**All Mass Ministries** ~ The new schedule for January and February will be out soon. Let Pat Birnesser know your requests/changes by **December 13th** at 931-267-2357 or [pat@patbirnesser.com](mailto:pat@patbirnesser.com).

**K of C Bowlers** ~ 2018 is going to be the 100<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Volunteers For Christmas Masses** ~ A sign-up sheet for Servers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers and Greeters for our Christmas Masses is on the wooden table in the back of church. The Mass times are: Christmas Eve ~ 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 10:00 p.m. and Christmas Day ~ 9:00 a.m. Mass. Thanks to those who are willing to be a part of our Christmas celebrations.

**CYO Basketball News** ~ Sunday 12/3 St. Anthony's Boys C-Team (Freshman and Sophomores) played Kalida's Junior team at Kalida, lost a competitive game 51-46. Mike Morman led the team with 20 points. The B-team (Junior-Senior) played at Miller City St. Nicholas and came out on top with a 59-50 victory. They were led by 3 players in double figures: Dylan Pitts 16 points, Dane Schroeder with 15, and Steven Downing with 13. C-team next game is 12/10 at Kalida 1pm against their Freshman and Sophomore team. The B-team is also at Kalida at 2:15 p.m. The C-team is coached by Matt McCauley, and the B-team is coached by Xavier Aguirre and Brandon Grigsby.

**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.

**Greeters & Ushers Meeting** ~ There will be a second meeting for all present (and newly interested) Greeters & Ushers on **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, please notify Pat Birnesser by phone/text 931-267-2357 or email [pat@patbirnesser.com](mailto:pat@patbirnesser.com) and she will get back with you.

**2018 Contribution Envelopes** ~ The contribution envelopes for the adults and the high school students for 2018 are on the tables in the back of church. It came to our attention that the company who printed our envelopes missed putting the dates on the regular envelopes. The School Donation envelopes are dated. The company apologized for any inconvenience this may cause our parishioners. The company gave the parish a refund on part of the cost of the envelopes.

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

<i>Sunday, December 10th</i>	<i>Immaculate Conception, Ottoville</i>	<i>2:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Tuesday, December 12th</i>	<i>St. Michael's, Kalida</i>	<i>4:00 &amp; 7:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Wednesday, December 13th</i>	<i>St. Joseph, Ft. Jennings</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Thursday, December 14th</i>	<i>St. John's, Delphos</i>	<i>8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Sunday, December 17th</i>	<i>St. Charles, Lima</i>	<i>3:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Monday, December 18th</i>	<i>Sts. Peter &amp; Paul, Ottawa</i>	<i>4:00 &amp; 7:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Tuesday, December 19th</i>	<i>St. Anthony's Columbus Grove</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>

***Extra Confessions at St. Anthony's***

<i>Wednesday, December 20th</i>	<i>7:00 - 8:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Friday, December 22nd</i>	<i>10:00 - 11:00 a.m.</i>
<i>Saturday, December 23rd</i>	<i>2:00 - 4:00 p.m.</i>

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**Community Christmas Choir Concert** ~ The Community Christmas Choir Concert is being held this **Sunday, December 10th**, 7:30 p.m., at the Columbus Grove Christian Church, 105 South Broadway Street, Columbus Grove. There are 37 members in the choir with representatives from every local church as well as churches in Vaughnsville, Bluffton and Lima. The choir is directed by Skyler Mayberry with Pam Utrup as the accompanist. The Christian Church is also hosting a fellowship reception after the concert in the church basement. Punch, cookies and holiday snacks will be served.

**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.

**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.

**Need Some Help?** ~ The Columbus Grove Leo club and National Honor Society are doing a service project helping local residents in need of assistance with setting up and/or taking down their Christmas decorations. There is no charge for this service. If you would like assistance with your Christmas decorations, call the Columbus Grove School office at 419-659-2156 and they will get you scheduled.

**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 signing before January, 2018. For more information contact either Jerry Bunn at 419-957-3430.

**A Wish for the New Year** ~ The New Year is often a time of reflection, re-examining, setting goals, and looking ahead. It is the perfect time to reflect on your marriage relationship as well. If one of your goals is to deepen your love and enhance your marriage, a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend may be just what you're looking for. Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends are for married couples with good, great, and even so-so marriages who want to enrich their marriages, and are designed to expand and deepen the joys of married life. Weekends are a time to concentrate exclusively on one another, giving you the opportunity to enhance your communication, develop a deeper appreciation of each other and strengthen your bond. The next weekend being offered within the Diocese is scheduled for January 12-14, 2018 in Perrysburg, OH. For more information or to register for an upcoming weekend, please contact Brian & Chris Schroeder at 419-538-7210 or [bschroeder@bright.net](mailto:bschroeder@bright.net).

**Help, Help!** ~ Please turn off all lights when leaving the church hall and the bathrooms in school after hours. If you see lights on and no one is around, it's best to turn them off rather than the lights left on for hours. Thank You!

## A Note from Fr. Tom

**CONGRATULATIONS, STUDENTS!** Our local Veterans of Foreign Wars Post held an essay contest on a patriotic theme for upper-grade students. There were 91 participants. Hanna Warnecke (grade 8) took first place, and Levi Schroeder (grade 7) came in second. Of the top ten finishers, seven were from St. Anthony School. The names of the other winners will appear in next week's bulletin.

One thing that has amazed me over the years is how many St. Anthony children know how to write a coherent paragraph. Even second-graders know how to write a topic sentence, state a few facts, and form a conclusion. Congratulations go to our teachers as well.

**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE:** This Tuesday, December 12 we will be celebrating the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, whom Pope Pius XII named as patroness of North and South America. The celebrations in some large cities, like Chicago and Los Angeles, will be massive. The Diocese of Toledo celebration was at St. Gerard's on Saturday in order to accommodate the Bishop's schedule, and it was no little thing.

Our own parish celebration will be more modest. And yet it is important for us to do our simple weekday Mass in Mary's honor. By appearing to Juan Diego in the guise of an Aztec princess, she really began the evangelization of Central and South America. Before Guadalupe, conversions of Native American people were few and far between; after Mary's apparition, they numbered in the millions every year for 20 years. She is a reminder to us that in order to spread the Gospel, you have to meet people where they are, not where you think they should be.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Congratulations to grade 2, who received God's forgiveness for the first time in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. They were well-prepared, eager and prayerful. The children in grades 3-8 celebrated the Sacrament last Tuesday; the CCD students are confessing between Sunday Masses. Penance Services around our deanery have started (see the schedule in today's bulletin); extra Confessions at Saint Anthony will start next week. Please use this sacrament to obtain the Lord's help for the best possible celebration of Christmas.

*Father Tom*

## Christmas Addresses

*It's time again to remind our parish family of those we do not often see because they live elsewhere or they are confined to their home. If you would like to send them a Christmas card or a friendly note, the addresses are listed below.*

*Fr. Joe Kiene, O.F.M.  
700 West Maumee Street  
Angola, Indiana 46703*

*Sister Rita Rogier  
3124 Corduroy Road, Apt. #19  
Oregon, OH 43616*

*Sister Gemma Fenbert  
200 St. Francis Avenue  
Tiffin, Ohio 44883*

*Sister Louann Roof  
4960 Salem Avenue #2501  
Dayton, Ohio 45416*

*Fr. Larry Varney  
27484 Oregon Rd., Lot 105  
Perrysburg, OH 43551*

*Sister Rosalie Kastner  
4960 Salem Avenue, #2102  
Dayton, OH 45416*

*Fr. Dan Zak  
1855 Albon Road  
Holland, OH 43528*

*Father Charles Obinwa  
P.O. Box 68  
Ft. Jennings, Ohio 45844-0068*

*Father Robert Kurber  
12204 Manado Street  
Orlando, FL 32837-6735*

*Father Norbert Howe  
165 North Seriff Drive  
Lima, OH 45807*

*Father Frank Murd  
Sisters of St. Francis  
192 St. Francis Avenue, Villa 26  
Tiffin, OH 44883*

*Father Gary Walters  
St. Mary's Parish  
85 South Sandusky Street  
Tiffin, OH 44883*

*Father Thomas Oedy  
4150 Starr Avenue  
Oregon, Ohio 43616-2444*

### HOMEBOUND & NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

*Hilty Memorial Home  
P. O. Box 359  
Pandora, Ohio 45877*

..... *Jennie Maag*  
..... *Margaret Stechschulte*  
..... *Bill Alt*  
..... *Wilbert Roof*  
..... *Jean Stechschulte*  
..... *Agnes Friedel*

*The Meadows of Kalida  
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Kalida, Ohio 45853*

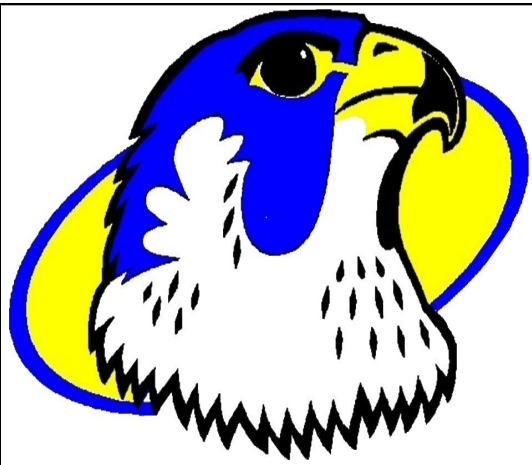
..... *Pat Donaldson*  
..... *Othmar Schroeder*  
..... *Mary Ida Schroeder*  
..... *Pauline Osterhage*  
..... *Kay Kohls*  
..... *Agnes Hoffman*

*The Meadows of Ottawa  
147 Putnam Parkway Drive  
Ottawa, Ohio 45875*

..... *Cathy Ruhe*  
..... *Rita Maag*  
..... *Rudy Schroeder*

*Jan Kiene..... Putnam Heritage, 1380 North Locust Street, Room 86, Ottawa, OH 45875*  
*Lauretta Foughty..... 104 Ashwood Drive, Columbus Grove, Ohio 45830*  
*Eugene Maag..... 8366 Road Z, Columbus Grove, Ohio 45830*  
*Leona Moore..... 309 Gove Street, Columbus Grove, Ohio, 45830*  
*Helen Hoffman..... 12487 Road O, Columbus Grove, Ohio 45830*  
*Paula Stechschulte..... 8135 Road P-7, Columbus Grove, Ohio, 45830*  
*Marilyn Roebke..... 15628 Road 12-O, Columbus Grove, Ohio 45830*

*If there is someone else from our parish that should be included, please call the parish office at 419-659-2263 and we will include them in the next bulletin. Thank you!*



# 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 Fourth Graders have been participating in "The Hour of Code". It is an event held for the first weeks of December. This event encourages students of all ages to learn Code. Students have been coding in Minecraft, Flappy Birds, Code Combat and other apps.

St. Nick came to the Kindergarten classroom last night!!! Look what he brought.



## Calendar Items:

December 12	Free Homemade Subs & 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
January 3	First day back from vacation
January 5	End of Second Quarter, First Friday
January 8	Falcon Spirit Day

### 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



Q: How do sheep say Merry

Christmas in Mexico?

A: Fleece Navidad!

### Lunch Recess

### Volunteers

Week of: Dec. 10

Monday 11 April Schroeder

Tuesday 12 Cindy

Stechschulte

Wednesday 13 Nicole Wilson

Thursday 14 Lay Langhals

Friday 15 Kevin Smith,  
Amy Stechschulte

Mass Gr. 2

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