



AUGUST 28, 2022 | 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS SCHEDULE

St. Anthony

417 Caroline St, PO Box 206
Athens, WI 54411

Tues, Wed, & Fri - 8:15 am
Thursday - Athenian Living - 9:00 am
Saturday - 4:00 pm
Sunday - 9:30 am
Confession, Saturday - 3:00 pm

St. Thomas

232451 Vilas St, Athens
Sunday - 8:00 am

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“For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.” - Lk 14:14

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PASTOR'S CORNER

INSPIRED BY THE SPIRIT

Our parishes pride themselves as a place of welcome to all. It is a place where our parishioners can practice their Catholic faith and grow in service to our community and beyond. In keeping with that spirit, we can look to the future and make preparations in order to help St. Anthony de Padua and St Thomas thrive for the generations of tomorrow. Thanks to the great leadership of our bishop, bishop Callahan, who is helping all parishes in this regard through Inspired by the Spirit Campaign. The main focus of this Inspired by the Spirit Campaign is the strengthening of each individual parish in an effort to provide a bright future for generations to come. Here in St. Anthony and St. Thomas our goal is set at \$340,000 and \$65,000 respectively, of which 65% will be returned to our parishes. This campaign has a 5-year redemption period. As you consider your pledge, take into account that whatever you pledge can be paid over 5 years. In the month of September we shall launch this campaign in our Church. But before then, there are some parishioners who have received letters from me to call me to schedule an appointment with me. Some have called me and we have had very fruitful conversation. If you have not called me, please do call me to schedule an appointment, either for me to come to your house or you come to the rectory.

Again, there is no Diocesan Annual Appeal in the year 2022/23 fiscal year.

I want to make this one point; we should know that we can never outdo God's generosity towards us. So in your sacrifice to God, consider how much you are blessed. You are not paying God for his blessings on you but rather showing your appreciation to him.

I will now leave you with the words of St. Paul: "Let me say this much; He who sows sparingly will reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will reap bountifully. Everyone must give according to what he has inwardly decided; not sadly, not grudgingly,

for God loves a cheerful giver. God can multiply his favors among you so that you may always have enough of everything and even a surplus for good works". (2 Cor. 9:6-8)

May God continue to bless our Church and our families.

Fr. Graham

LIVE THE LITURGY

"Humble yourself the more, the greater you are." These words from Sirach are packed with wisdom. Who we become, and the success we achieve, is due not only to our own merits but also to God's grace. Without God, we cease to be. This is a simple fact. If we ever feel entitled to honor, superior treatment, or privileges, then we are deluding ourselves. The person who truly understands and is responsible for their well-being and success will quickly become a servant of others. We tend to forget how important service is. Being generous and kind, especially to those who cannot repay us, is the hallmark of the Christian life. Are we willing to put ourselves last? An easy way to seek an answer is to determine how much value you place on sitting in the seat you occupy today or the space you choose to park your car. Would you offer these to someone else?

LIGHTER SIDE

The Millionaire

At a church meeting, a very wealthy man rose to tell the rest of those present about his Christian faith.

"I'm a millionaire," he said, "and I attribute it all to the rich blessings of God in my life. I remember that turning point in my faith. I had just earned my first dollar, and I went to a church meeting that night. The speaker was a missionary who told about his work. I knew that I only had a dollar bill and had to either give it all to God's work or nothing at all. So at that moment, I decided to give my whole dollar to God. I believe that God blessed that decision, and that is why I am a rich man today."

He finished and there was an awed silence at his testimony as he moved toward his seat. As he sat down, a little old lady sitting in the same pew leaned over and said to him, "I dare you to do it again."

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ST. ANTHONY NEWS

CCD NEWS

We are in need of a first grade teacher and subs. If interested please let Sharon know by calling the school office (715-257-7541) during the day or at home at 715-370-0583 or her email: sharon.westfall@staathens.org.

WEEKLY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday to the following:

8/31 Sandy Neubauer 9/2 Penny Ellenbecker
 9/1 Susan Marthaler 9/3 James Lemmer

STEWARDSHIP

August 20 & 21, 2022

Online -----	1471.00
Weekly -----	2635.00
Offertory -----	518.80
Meat Collection-----	226.00
Assumption-----	15.00
Donation-----	40.00
Total	4,905.80

DIOCESE NEWS

JOIN US FOR RURAL LIFE DAY – SEPTEMBER 21

The Diocese of La Crosse will hold its 41st annual Rural Life Day on Wednesday, September 21, hosted by Jack and Pat Herricks at 12130 Hwy.33, Cashton, WI. Come celebrate the farmers in our midst, who benefit us all by their good stewardship of the land. The day begins with Mass at 10 a.m. celebrated by Bishop William Patrick Callahan, followed by awards, recognitions, the blessing of crops and machinery, and a catered lunch. For a flyer or brochure, visit diolc.org/rural-life. For more information, contact Deacon Bob Zietlow, Rural Life Committee Liaison, rzietlow@diolc.org.

OCT. 18 GOSPEL OF LIFE WHITE MASS AND BANQUET WITH BISHOP CALLAHAN

Join us Tuesday evening, October 18, at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman in La Crosse. The Keynote presenter, Fr. Paul Check, Executive Director of the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, will speak on: "The Gospel Witness to Life, Truth and Love in a Hostile World." Schedule: 6:00 pm – White Mass with Bishop Callahan, honoring Catholic healthcare professionals; 7:00 pm –Banquet; 7:45 pm – Presentation. \$20/person, \$10/students. For more information and to register, visit diolc.org/gospel-of-life.

ST. THOMAS NEWS

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

St. Thomas will be hosting an outdoor pancake and sausage breakfast on August 28th after 8:00 AM mass. Food will be served until 12:00. There will be fun activities for the kids including a bounce house. Donations for the event will be accepted at the back of church. There are also sign up sheets there for those interested in helping on the day of the event. All are welcome to join!

CCD NEWS

Registration for the St. Thomas CCD program remains open for all youth grades 1st-Confirmation. The first night of CCD will be held on Wednesday September 7th from 6:30-7:30 PM at St. Thomas. Registration forms are available on the table located in the back of church. You can also register at the first night of CCD. Please contact Lisa 715-305-8334 with any questions.

WEEKLY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday to the following:

8/28 Darlene Kunze 9/2 Ervin Boris

STEWARDSHIP

August 21, 2022

Weekly-----	630.00
Offertory-----	53.25
Assumption -----	5.00
Total	688.25



SCHOOL NEWS

CALENDER

Wednesday, August 31: Open House and Home and School meeting to follow, 6:30 pm.

Thursday, September 1: School Begins

Tuesday, September 6: All School Mass; Staff



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Liturgical Ministers



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2022

LECTOR: Joanne Roll
 BODY OF CHRIST: Shirley Daniels
 BLOOD OF CHRIST:
 USHERS: Group 1
 SERVERS: Terah Schreiner
 Ceilah Schreiner
 SCRIP SELLER:

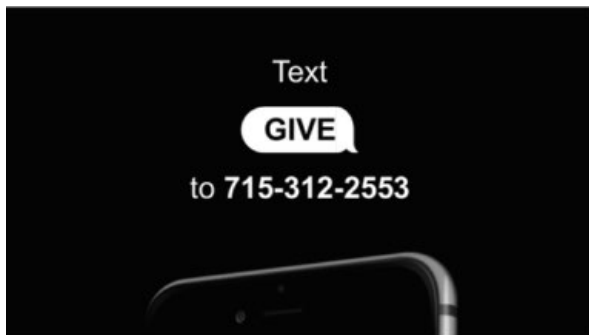
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

ST. THOMAS - MILAN - 8:00 AM

LECTOR: Allona Lake
 USHERS: Mike Schreiner
 Mitchell Schreiner
 SERVERS: McCormick Heier
 Tryce Schreiner
 SCRIP SELLER:

ST. ANTHONY - ATHENS - 9:30 AM

LECTOR: Mark Ellenbecker
 BODY OF CHRIST: Sue Belter
 BLOOD OF CHRIST:
 USHERS: Group 2
 SERVER: Mary Lu Dalbec
 Vanessa Dalbec
 SCRIP SELLER:



Sharon Westfall	715-370-0583
Lisa Beran	715-305-8334
Tom Ellenbecker	715-581-6404
Roger Bartnik	715-257-1000

St. Anthony CCD Coordinator
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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 29, NO MASS

The Passion of St. John the Baptist

Tuesday, August 30, 8:15 am

Weekday

† Oliver & Helen Schueller - Debbie Weber & Family

Wednesday, August 31, 8:15 am

Weekday

† Cassie Denk - Eye Clinic of Wisconsin

Thursday, September 1, 9:00 am at A. L.

Weekday

† Ralph Wozniak

Friday, September 2, 8:15 am

Weekday

† Peter Albrecht - Moses & Laura Switlick

Saturday, September 3, 4:00 pm

St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

† Jean Kioski - Dale & Pat Augustine

Sunday, September 4

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am † Howard Hackel - Tina & Dean Tautges

† Rick Stuttgen - Chuck & Darla & Family

9:30 am Ellenbecker & Heier Family - Teresa & John Heier

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF August 28, 2022

Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102/Mk 6:17-29

Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

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