



**SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA**  
**A MEMBER OF ST. GEORGE DEANERY**  
**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH**  
**DECEMBER 29, 2019**



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**St. Anthony Parish Website: [www.cgstanthony.weebly.com](http://www.cgstanthony.weebly.com)**

**St. Anthony School Website: [www.stanthony.school.info](http://www.stanthony.school.info)**

**Parish ~ [www.facebook.com/cgstanthony/](http://www.facebook.com/cgstanthony/)**

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*Today's gospel says Joseph "made his home in Nazareth".  
 A "home" is built on the foundation of love, commitment and a shared history  
 and is decorated with forgiveness, acceptance, rituals, discipline and mutual support.  
 The Holy Family challenges us today: Don't live "any place", live at HOME!*

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**Mass Schedule**

December 31	Tuesday	<b>4:30 p.m. Mass</b>	Vigil ~The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God ~ {Agnes Utendorf ~ Carl Candler ~ Wilfred & Margaret Warnecke}
January 01	Wednesday	<b>10:00 a.m. Mass</b>	The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God ~ {Dick Pohl}
January 02	Thursday	8:00 a.m. Mass	St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen ~ {For the Parish}
January 02	Thursday	2:00 p.m. Mass	Meadows of Ottawa ~ {For the Parish}
January 03	Friday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Christmas Weekday ~ {Joe Koch ~ Father Keith McCormack ~ Koch & Ellerbrock Families ~ Living & Deceased Members of the Raymond & Madeleine Duval Family ~ Living & Deceased Members of the Ralph & Beatrice Schroeder Family ~ Living & Deceased Members of the Joe & Laura Recker Family}
January 03	Friday		<b>First Friday Exposition &amp; Adoration Until Noon</b>
January 04	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Rosary
January 04	Saturday	<b>3:00 – 3:30 p.m.</b>	Confessions
January 04	Saturday	<b>4:00 p.m. Mass</b>	Vigil ~ The Epiphany of the Lord ~ {Harold & Alice Gerten ~ Walter & Jill Miller}
January 05	Sunday	<b>8:00 a.m. Mass</b>	The Epiphany of the Lord ~ {Dick & Ruth Warnecke}
January 05	Sunday	<b>10:30 a.m. Mass</b>	The Epiphany of the Lord ~ {Bill Alt}

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**Servers**

December 31	Tuesday	<b>4:30 p.m. Mass</b>	Dylan Birkemeier, Derek Birkemeier
January 01	Wednesday	<b>10:00 a.m. Mass</b>	Caleb Stechschulte, Logan Stechschulte, Abby Stechschulte
January 02	Thursday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Dan Maag
January 03	Friday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Judy Schroeder
January 04	Saturday	<b>4:00 p.m. Mass</b>	Derek Birkemeier, Dylan Birkemeier, Kaitlyn Herman
January 05	Sunday	<b>8:00 a.m. Mass</b>	Andrew Morman, Mike Morman, Valerie Morman
January 05	Sunday	<b>10:30 a.m. Mass</b>	Carmen Schroeder, Hannah Schroeder, Levi Schroeder

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**Lectors**

December 31	Tuesday	<b>4:30 p.m. Mass</b>	Vonda Nemire
January 01	Wednesday	<b>10:00 a.m. Mass</b>	Dan Maag
January 04	Saturday	<b>4:00 p.m. Mass</b>	Marge Tabler
January 05	Sunday	<b>8:00 a.m. Mass</b>	Charlie Schmiesing
January 05	Sunday	<b>10:30 a.m. Mass</b>	Bruce Stephens

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**Eucharistic Ministers**

December 31 Tuesday 4:30 p.m. Mass Don Siefker, Ken & Connie Kruse, Beth Birkemeier, Marilyn Birkemeier  
January 01 Wednesday 10:00 a.m. Mass Diana Kaufman, Pat Birnesser, Gib Kaufman,  
Karyn Kamphaus, Rose Ellerbrock  
January 04 Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass Bev Baxter, Teresa Brubaker, Denny Ricker,  
Lauryn Wischmeyer, Sherri Wischmeyer  
January 05 Sunday 8:00 a.m. Mass Marilyn Hoffman, Marilyn Birkemeier, Doug Langhals,  
Faith Oglesbee, Hannah Warren  
January 05 Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass Stephanie Moore, Shirley Goedde, Anne Schroeder,  
Karl Schroeder, Judy Schroeder

**January Eucharistic Minister Coordinators**

4:00 p.m. ~ Pat Birnesser - 931-267-2357 8:00 a.m. ~ John Koch - 419-890-2370  
10:30 a.m. ~ Stephanie Moore

January 05 **Hilty Home ~ 419-384-3218 ~ Dan Maag ~ (List can be picked up in the Sacristy)**

**~ Hilty Home Residents ~**

Betty Yant-Room 101; Jim Fischbach-Room 200; Ron Korte-Room 204;  
Mary Jo Radabaugh-Room 206A; Marilyn Roebke-Room 214; Ruth Hohenbrink-Room 310

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**Ushers**

December 31 Tuesday 4:30 p.m. Mass John Siefker, 3 Volunteers  
January 01 Wednesday 10:00 a.m. Mass Gene Siefker, 3 Volunteers  
January 04 Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass Bonnie Doty, Nick Schroeder, Cody Wagner, Bill Roth  
January 05 Sunday 8:00 a.m. Mass Jason Koch, Dan Maag, Dave Schroeder, Jr., Adam Siefker  
January 05 Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass Al Schroeder, Dale Schroeder, Roger Wenzinger, Dave Moore

**Greeters Schedule**

January 04 Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass M ~ Pat Birnesser J ~ Chris & Jackie Herman  
S ~ Steve & Beth Birkemeier  
January 05 Sunday 8:00 a.m. Mass M ~ Jim & Linda Oglesbee J ~ Tom & Dorothy Mersman  
S ~ Vince & Amy Morman  
January 05 Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass M ~ Sue Schroeder J ~ Alan & Arlene Stover  
S ~ Dale & Vicky Schroeder

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**For The Week of December 22nd**

Adult Sunday ~ 229 \$ 10,978.00  
Children's ~ 34 71.46  
Christmas Collection 2,193.00  
Other Income 8,490.89  
Total Income \$ 21,733.35

Total Expenses \$ 4,433.10

**Christmas**

Adult ~ 309 \$ 46,991.00  
Children's ~ 35 145.97  
47,136.97  
Other Income 6,735.00  
Total Income \$ 53,871.97

Total Expenses \$ 3,383.21



**Parish Activities**

January 05 CCD Classes @ 9:00 a.m. Total Parking Lot Donations To-Date ~ \$ 13,740.00

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**Our St. Anthony Parish family extends our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Karen Smith who died on Saturday, December 21st. Mass of Resurrection was celebrated for Karen on Friday, December 27th, here at St. Anthony's. May our prayers and the grace of God see you through this difficult time and may Our Lord welcome Karen into His Kingdom for eternity.**

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**"Saint of the Week"** St.Catherine Laboure 1806-1876, Feast Day is December 31st. Born Zoe Laboure, this visionary lived simply and anonymously for 45 years as a Sister of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul in Paris. But during her novitiate, Sister Catherine had visions of Our Lady, shared them only with her confessor and a tribunal that investigated and authenticated them. In the visions, Our Lady stood on a globe, with light shafts beaming from her hands and these words around the image: "O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee." The Miraculous Medal devotion was born immediately, but credited to Catherine's visions only eight months before her death. Her incorrupt body (not decomposed) lays in her convent chapel.

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**First Friday Devotions** ~ First Friday Devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be celebrated **Friday, January 3rd**, after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Father David will lead us in praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy after 11:30 a.m. followed by Benediction. Jesus told St Faustina: "Souls who spread the honor of my Mercy I shield through their entire lives as a tender mother her infant..... Happy is the soul that during its lifetime immersed itself in the Fountain of Mercy, because justice will have no hold on it." From the Diary of St Faustina, 1075. Will you come and pray with us?

**The Word Among Us** ~ The January *The Word Among Us* is available at the entrances of the church.

**That Man Is You** ~ TMIY will be praying a Rosary on **Wednesday, January 1st** at 7:00 p.m. in the church.

**Scrip** ~ The next Scrip weekend will be **January 4th and January 5th, 2020**. The helpers are: Ken & Connie Kruse, Teresa Meyer, Joyce Kaufman, Vonda Nemire, Judy Gerten and Elaine Schroeder.

**K of C** ~ The K of C members will be leading the Rosary before the weekend Masses, **January 4th and January 5th**.

**K of C** ~ The next regular K of C meeting will be **Tuesday, January 7th**, at 7:30 p.m. in the church basement with the Rosary being recited at 7:10 p.m.

**Mass Ministry Schedules** ~ The Mass Ministry Schedules for January and February, 2020 are available on the table in the back of church. If you have any questions, contact Pat Birnesser at 931-267-2357 or [ebirnesser@yahoo.com](mailto:ebirnesser@yahoo.com).

**Contribution Envelopes** ~ The 2020 adult and high school contribution envelopes are available in the church basement. If you are unable to find your contribution envelopes, please call the parish office at 419-659-2263.

**Christian Formation Classes** ~ The next CCD classes will be held **Sunday, January 5th, 2020**.

**2020 Calendars** ~ The 2020 calendars are available at all of the entrances of the church. The calendars this year are *Feasts & Saints* and *Rejoice O' Earth*. Thank you to Heitmeyer Funeral Home, Columbus Grove Family Dentistry, Hartman Sons Funeral Home and Grove Insurance Services for covering the cost of this year's calendars!

**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 envelope packet. We will publish the list after Christmas. Thank 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 Dan Maag at 419-659-2969.

**Save The Date!** ~ The Marriage Encounter Dinner Dance will be held on **Sunday, February 9th 2020**. The Mass is scheduled at 3:00 p.m. at the Ottawa Knights of Columbus Hall with a Dinner Dance following at 4:30 p.m. Music will be provided by the live band, the Deuces Wild. Enjoy a beautiful evening with the love of your life. For tickets contact Scott and Pam Hummel at 419-581-5862.

**Bibles** ~ Do you need a special gift, for that special occasion, for that special person? Consider giving them the gift that will keep on giving ~ The American Bible-Catholic Family Life Edition. We have bibles in white or navy. We also have special wedding bibles. The cost is \$30.00. If interested, contact the parish office at 419-659-2263.

**Ottawa Knights of Columbus** ~ The Ottawa K of C is hosting their New Year's Eve Party. All proceeds go to the Ottawa Knights of Columbus Scholarship Fund. Tickets are \$50.00 and include food, drinks, games and prizes. Grand prize is \$3,000. Please contact Pat Gerten with questions or to purchase tickets at 419-235-1991.

**Retrouvaille** ~ In marriage, communication is more than just talking. At some point, did you stop sharing about the things that were important to you? Did your spouse? Improving a marriage takes time and a conscious effort to learn about your spouse. Growing closer in a marriage does not happen automatically. Retrouvaille is a marriage program dedicated to helping couples grow closer and develop a stronger bond. You give your heart and soul to everything you do, between your work and your family. Are you giving your heart and soul to your marriage? Sometimes the distance between a husband and a wife can seem so wide that it cannot be repaired. Retrouvaille is a marriage program designed to bring couples closer together. The next weekend in our area is January 24-January 26, 2020. For more information, contact registration team, Joe & Arlene at 419-481-1116.

**Would You Like To Eat Your Favorite Foods While You Learn How To Lose Weight?** ~ Light Weigh One King is a Bible study-DVD series without weigh-ins that gets you healthy physically and spiritually. A Light Weigh One King group will be meeting at St John's Parish Center on **Monday January 13th**, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. This is a 12-week Catholic Bible Study DVD program recommended by priests, doctors, nurses & Prevention Magazine for weight-loss and health. View the Light Weigh Orientation video at: [www.lightweigh.com](http://www.lightweigh.com). If you are interested in joining, please call Sue Leopold at 419-538-6914 by Friday, January 3rd, to order your program materials and join this life changing program!

**The Catholic Young Adult Group** ~ Will be meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month AGAIN starting in January. The meetings are located at 720 Ft. Jennings Road, Delphos. The group is for those post-high school through those in their 20's and 30's. Please join us for socializing and faith-sharing with other young adults around the area! Check us out on Facebook: Catholic Young Adult Group or contact Ashley Burnett (419-890-5422) for more information.

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**K of C Beef & Chicken** ~ If you are planning to use beef or chicken for your family parties, 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. ....	\$ 174.00	\$ 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, Gary Hermiller at 419-642-2645 or Len Kaufman at 419-659-6153 to place your order.

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**AmazonSmile** ~ AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support St. Anthony's every time you shop on Amazon using an internet browser on your desktop or laptop computer, your mobile phone or your tablet, at no cost to you or to St. Anthony's. When you shop at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com), you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as *Amazon.com* with the added bonus that Amazon will donate .5% of the purchase price to St. Anthony's.

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3. Click on "Change Your Charity"
4. Type in "St. Anthony of Padua Parish"
5. Look for St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Columbus Grove, OH and click on our name.
6. Click on "Select"

Then you can place your order as you normally would. The next time you place your Amazon order at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com), St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Columbus Grove, will automatically show up. Amazon will remember your selection and from that time on, every eligible purchase you make at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) will result in a donation to St. Anthony's. *You also can pay for your order with Amazon Scrip which also helps St. Anthony's.*

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## ***A Note from Father David.....***

**Dear St. Anthony Family,**

**I hope that you've all enjoyed The Gifts of Faith, Family and Friends this last week while keeping The Christ Child at the Center of Our Celebrations. I personally give thanks to all those who made our Christmas Liturgies so meaningful and enjoyable. We are Blessed to have such talent and dedication here at St. Anthony. Our Children's Choir along with our Lectors, Servers, and all those who directed them were inspiring.**

**A personal thanks to all who sent cards, gifts, and personal notes this Christmas. Your generosity and compassion are most appreciated.**

**This Weekend we celebrate The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. The examples they give us inspires us to work on our own Holy Families. Yes....I said Holy! I know that at times we may not see our own families as being Holy...but they are. I didn't say they were Perfect, but as long as we keep on the Journey and are open to God's plan for us, we are moving towards Holiness.**

**Remember that Christmas is not just one day a year. The Christmas Season continues to Epiphany and Christmas remains in our hearts always.**

**St. Anthony of Padua, Pray for Us!**

**Love,  
Fr. David**