



SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA
A MEMBER OF ST. GEORGE DEANERY
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
NOVEMBER 29, 2020



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St. Anthony Parish Website: www.cgstanthony.weebly.com

St. Anthony School Website: www.stanthonyschool.info

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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 01	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	Advent Weekday ~ {Paul & Karen Smith ~ John Meyer ~ Eugene Maag}
December 02	Wednesday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Advent Weekday ~ {For the Parish}
December 03	Thursday	8:00 a.m. Mass	St. Francis Xavier ~ {Karl Hoffman (K of C)}
December 04	Friday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Advent 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}
December 04	Friday		First Friday Exposition & Adoration after Mass Until Noon
December 05	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Rosary
December 05	Saturday	3:00 – 3:30 p.m.	Confessions
December 05	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Vigil ~ 2nd Sunday of Advent ~ {Carl & Rita Maag ~ Don & Helen Schroeder ~ Karen Blankemeyer ~ Special Intentions} (Weekend Mass Streamed on Facebook Live Saturday at 4:00 p.m.)
December 06	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	2nd Sunday of Advent ~ {Schroeder & Kaufman Families ~ Elmer & Lucille Karhoff}
December 06	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	2nd Sunday of Advent ~ {Gene Ricker ~ Ralph & Marie Ricker ~ Urban & Dale Warnecke ~ John Siefker ~ Joyce Fuerst}

Servers

December 01	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	Bev Baxter
December 05	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Derek Birkemeier, Dylan Birkemeier, Hanna Warnecke
December 06	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Cheyenne Mershman, Logan Mershman, Valerie Morman
December 06	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Ava Schroeder, Gavin Schroeder, Steven Dunbar

Lectors

December 05	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Sue Schroeder
December 06	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Judy Dunn
December 06	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Diana Johnson

Eucharistic Ministers

December 05	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Beth Birkemeier, Erica Siefker, Tori Warnecke
December 06	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	John & Mary Kay Koch, Faith Oglesbee
December 06	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Karl Schroeder, Stephanie Moore, Harold Gerten

Hilty Home ~ No distributors will be going to the Hilty Home until further notice.

Usher

December 05 Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass Jon Diller, Mike Recker, Tim Reimund, Aaron Siefker
December 06 Sunday 8:00 a.m. Mass Craig Kaufman, Gib Kaufman, Bruce Schroeder, Carl Warnecke
December 06 Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass Al Schroeder, Dale Schroeder, Roger Wenzinger, Dave Moore

Greeter Schedule

There will be no Greeters present during the month of December.

Parish Activities

November 30 Walking With Purpose @ 7:00 p.m.
December 02 Rosary Guild @ 6:30 p.m.

For The Week of November 22nd

Adult Sunday ~ 130 \$ 6,371.00
Children's ~ 20 25.72
6,396.72
Other Income 2,933.00
Total Income \$ 9,329.72

Total Expenses \$ 3,681.80



Total Parking Lot Donations To-Date ~Initial Matching Donation ~ \$ 50,000.00
Matched To-Date by Parishioners ~ \$ 53,684.18

300 Club Winner ~ November 28th ~ Martha Ellerbrock ~ Ticket #176 ~ \$100.00
Special Christmas 300 Club Drawing ~ November 28th ~ Kurt Schroeder ~ Ticket #116 ~ \$100.00



Lillian Rose, daughter of Michael & Sherri Recker, was baptized this past weekend here at St. Anthony's. May the new gift of the Holy Spirit be with you always!

Marriage Bans III ~ Calvin Haselman & Kelsey Warnecke

Best wishes to Calvin & Kelsey who will be married on Saturday, December 5th, here at St Anthony's. May the Lord bless you both with a lifetime of happiness together!

First Friday Devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus ~ First Friday Devotions and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be celebrated **Friday, December 4th**, after 8:00 a.m. Mass till noon. **Father David will lead us in praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy after 11:30 a.m., followed by Benediction.** Won't you come and spend some time with Jesus. He is waiting for you. "A Holy Hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament is worth more than a thousand years of human glory." Saint Padre Pio.

The Word Among Us ~ Copies of *The Word Among Us* for Advent are at the entrances of the church.

2021 Calendars ~ The 2021 calendars are available at all of the entrances of the church. The calendars this year are Feast & Saints and Rejoice O' Earth. Thank you to Heitmeyer Funeral Home, Columbus Grove Dentistry, Hartman Sons Funeral Home and Grove Insurance Services for covering the cost of this year's calendars!

Contribution Envelopes ~ The 2021 adult contribution envelopes will be available next weekend on the tables in the back of church. If you are unable to find your contribution envelopes, please call the parish office at 419-659-2263.

Scrip ~ Scrip will be available this weekend **November 28th and November 29th** after Mass in the church basement. The helpers are: Ken & Connie Kruse, Gina Wurth, Joyce Kaufman, Vonda Nemire, Theresa Kahle and Jan Eversole. The helpers for next weekend **December 4th and December 5th** are Connie and Ken Kruse, Ann Selhorst, Marge Tabler, Marilyn Siefker, Christie Tabler & Trina Rode.

Walking with Purpose ~ Will be meeting on **Monday, November 30th** at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement.

K of C ~ The K of C meeting on **Tuesday, December 1st** has been cancelled.

K of C ~ The K of C will be leading the Rosary before all weekend Masses during Advent.

Rosary Guild ~ The Rosary Guild will be meeting on **Wednesday, December 2nd** at 6:30 p.m. in the church basement.

Penance Services ~ Area Penance Services for this Advent Season are as follows:

<i>Tuesday, December 1st</i>	<i>St. John's, Glandorf</i>	<i>4:00 & 7:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Thursday, December 10th</i>	<i>St. Mary's, Leipsic</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Sunday, December 13th</i>	<i>Immaculate Conception, Ottoville</i>	<i>2:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Tuesday, December 15th</i>	<i>St. Michael's, Kalida</i>	<i>4:00 & 7:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Wednesday, December 16th</i>	<i>St. Joseph, Ft. Jennings</i>	<i>7:15 p.m.</i>
<i>Monday, December 21st</i>	<i>Sts. Peter & Paul, Ottawa</i>	<i>4:00 & 7:00 p.m.</i>

St. Anthony's will not be having a Penance Service. Instead we will be having Days of Grace. Dates will be announced next weekend.

Lector Workbooks ~ The 2021 Lector Workbooks can be picked up in the Sacristy. Please check your name when you pick up your workbook. Thank you!

That Man Is You ~ TMIY will be praying the Rosary Wednesday, December 2nd at 7:00 p.m. in the church. TMIY will be meeting on Saturday, December 5th with the last meeting of 2020 being Saturday, December 12th.

Youth Ministry ~ The next Youth Night will be Sunday, December 13th from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in the Rectory.

Volunteers for Christmas Masses ~ A sign-up sheet for Servers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Ushers for our Christmas Masses will be on the table in the back of church next weekend. The Mass times are: Christmas Eve ~ 4:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. and Christmas Day at 10:00 a.m. There will be no 10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass this year.

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!

Little Blue Book for Advent/Christmas Season ~ The Little Blue Book is available at the entrances of the church. Each "6-minute" reading/day includes a walk through Mark's Gospels plus various traditions, customs, feasts and thoughts about these seasons.

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.

*Blood Drive ~ Another successful blood drive was held at St. Anthony's on Friday, November 13th, when 65 more units of blood were collected. Our total for the year is 508. Thanks to all the faithful donors from this area and especially to the volunteers who have helped take temperatures and check in the donors. Each drive has had a few "first time donors." We will start out the new year with a blood drive on **Friday, January 29th** from 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.*

***FOUND IN CHURCH HALL:** There is an OSU pull over jacket (size L) that is hanging on the coat rack in the church basement. Please call Marge Tabler (419-659-5190) to claim.*

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.

*Lord's Pantry ~ Donations of canned goods along with paper products and toiletries will be collected for the Lord's Pantry through this weekend. Boxes will be at the entrances of the church. A collection was taken up at the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Thanksgiving Day. All money collected will be donated to the Lord's Pantry. **Last year we collected 1,010 lbs. of food and other items and \$1,116.00 in cash. Thank you so much for sharing with those who are in need. Also, if anyone receives a turkey from their place of employment for the holidays but would like to donate the turkey for a family in need, consider donating it to the Lord's Pantry.** If anyone has a turkey to donate, call Dan Maag at 419-659-2969 or the parish office at 419-659-2263.*

ATTENTION ALL ST. ANTHONY COUPLES! FROM FR. DAVID** ~ I would like to start an Engaged Couples Conference here at St. Anthony to serve those who prefer a local One-Day Event for those doing their Marriage Prep at St. Anthony and serving the immediate area. This Conference would start at 9am on a Saturday and end with the 4:00 p.m. Mass and includes Lunch. Coffee and Rolls would be served as we begin followed by some "Ice Breakers and other Games" along with Talks and discussions about Topics such as Finance, Communication, Faith Issues, and other topics of interest to those to be married. We will also hear from our "Older Couples" with tips on "Keeping it together All These Years". I ran this type of Conference in Toledo and have all the pieces that go together to make a great experience for our couples. The only other thing I need is YOU!! If you think you might be interested in being a part of this Ministry Please give me a call at 419-234-6976 or Email Me at davritch@aol.com. It's a great way to meet people and a rewarding ministry to be a part of. **Thanks, Fr. David

Baptism Classes ~ The next Baptism class (required for first time parents or encouraged for new parents who have not taken the class in the past 5 years) will be held on **Thursday, December 10th**, at 6:30 p.m. in the church basement. Please call Tom & Karyn Kamphaus at 419-615-8737 or the parish office at 419-659-2263 to register.

Updated prices as of August 20, 2020

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.	\$ 179.00	\$ 145.00
1/2 Case (12 Cans) ~ 28 ozs.	92.00	75.00
Price Per 28 oz. Can	8.00	6.50
Case of 24 Cans ~ 14.5 ozs.	109.00	94.00
1/2 Case (12 Cans) ~ 14.5 ozs.	56.00	49.00
Price Per 14.5 oz. can	5.00	4.25

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.

March for Life ~ The Immaculate Conception/St. Joseph Respect Life Ministry is sponsoring a bus trip for the March for Life in Washington D.C. The bus picks up from Port Clinton and Sandusky, Ohio on Thursday, January 28, 2021, and returns home Saturday, January 30, 2021. For more information see registration forms which are available at the entrances of the church.

2021 Perpetuate the Gift Appeal ~ Please consider a donation to the Perpetuate The Gift Appeal. Your gift directly assists our retired diocesan priests. After a priest retires, typically in his 70s, he is responsible for his personal expenses: medical, housing, car, clothing and food. All funds contributed between September 19th and December 31st assists our assessed parish contribution to the fund. A gift of cash or check can be sent to Perpetuate The Gift, PO Box 954, Toledo, OH 43697 or placed in the parish collection. A gift may also be made online by selecting the Give tab at www.toledodiocese.org. If you would like to give a gift of stock or designate a bequest to help our retired priests, please contact Brian Doyle at 419-214-4951 or bdoyle@toledodiocese.org. Contribution envelopes are also available at the entrances of the church.

A Note from Father David.....

Dear St. Anthony Family,

Welcome to Advent! The Season of Waiting. In Advent we are encouraged to spend quality time working to become better people, better Disciples, and Better Catholics. In this Season of preparation, we look for The Lord, sent from God to save us from Our Sins and give us Life Eternal.

This Season's Color of Purple reminds us that this is also a penitential season that calls us to Reconciliation and Penance as we await that Special Child that brings Light and Salvation to the World.

As we Prepare this season for Jesus' birth, may we be open to a conversion that aligns us more closely to The Lord and his Ways. In all "The Hustle and Bustle" of the next couple months, let us be Open to The Lord's Call to Holiness and allow ourselves to say yes to increasing our Love, Praise, and Worship of "THE REASON FOR THE SEASON".

Perhaps with the "Slowing Down" of our World during this Pandemic, we might find the time to be more present to Our Lord, Our Mother, and Our Father who Art in Heaven and On Earth. May we be Blessed this Season and Return That Blessing to Others.

St. Anthony of Padua, Pray for Us!

Love, Fr. David