

**SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA**  
**A MEMBER OF ST. GEORGE DEANERY**  
**SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY**  
**APRIL 11, 2021**



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**Parish Office Hours: Monday Thru Thursday ~ 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Friday ~ 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

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

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

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

**School ~ [www.facebook.com/StAnthonyofPaduaColumbusGrove/](http://www.facebook.com/StAnthonyofPaduaColumbusGrove/)**

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**“By the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit, St. Anthony’s Parish Mission is  
to bring the love and knowledge of Jesus Christ and His Church  
to our families, our neighbors and our world.”**

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**In today’s gospel Jesus teaches, “Blessed are those who have not seen and believe.”  
Accepting someone as they are, without demanding they prove themselves or meet our expectations,  
creates a rich relationship.**

**Without acceptance a home is only a house and a family is just a group of house mates.**

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**Mass Schedule**

April	13	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	Easter Weekday ~ {Ron Pohlman}
April	14	Wednesday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Easter Weekday ~ {Bill & Mary Koch}
April	15	Thursday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Easter Weekday ~ {For the Parish}
April	16	Friday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Easter Weekday ~ {Dick Schroeder}
April	17	Saturday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Rosary
April	17	Saturday	3:00 – 3:30 p.m.	Confessions
April	17	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Vigil ~ 3rd Sunday of Easter ~ {Francis & Jean Stechschulte ~ Dick Schroeder ~ Ed Koch ~ Thomas P. Miller ~ Wilbur & Emma Becker ~ Walter Schroeder}
(Weekend Mass Streamed on Facebook Live Saturday at 4:00 p.m.)				
April	18	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	3rd Sunday of Easter ~ {Darren Langhals ~ Living & Deceased Members of the Andrew Schroeder Family}
April	18	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	3rd Sunday of Easter ~ {Bob Morman ~ Don & Helen Schroeder ~ Armella Kerner}

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**Servers**

April	13	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	Alton Kiene
April	17	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Amber Michel, Derek Birkemeier, Dylan Birkemeier
April	18	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Alyssa Koch, Tadd Koch, Trent Koch
April	18	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Lyla Wilson, A.J. Doseck, Steve Dunbar

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**Lectors**

April	17	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Roger Schroeder
April	18	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Faith Oglesbee
April	18	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Vonda Nemire

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**Eucharistic Ministers**

April	17	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Bev Baxter, Deb Siefker, Maria Kaufman
April	18	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Bill Schroeder, Mary Ann Schroeder, Judy Schroeder
April	18	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Harold Gerten, Dave & Christie Tabler

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**Ushers**

April	17	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Mike Kohls, Brent Glass, Denny Meuleman, 1 Volunteer
April	18	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Joyce Seyer, Dave Koch, Matt Langhals, 1 Volunteer
April	18	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Ken Rieman, Dwain Schroeder, Kevin Siefker, 1 Volunteer

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**St. Rita's Medical Center ~ Anne Heitmeyer ~ Gloria Schroeder**  
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**Parish Activities**

**For The Week of April 4th**

April 12	Creative 4-H Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.	Adult Sunday & Easter ~ 273	\$ 34,817.00
April 14	1st Communion Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.	Easter Children's ~ 25	83.00
April 15	Finance Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.		<u>34,900.00</u>
April 18	Youth Ministry @ 6:00 p.m.	Other Income	3,337.83
			<u>\$ 38,237.83</u>
		<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 6,523.01</b>



**Easter Collection To-Date ~ \$33,880.50**



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*The St. Anthony Parish family extends our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Rudy J. Schroeder who died on Saturday, April 3rd. Mass of Resurrection was celebrated for Rudy on Thursday, April 8th. May our prayers and the grace of God see you through this difficult time and may Our Lord welcome Rudy into His Kingdom for eternity.*  
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**Marriage Bans III ~ Shalynn Morman & William Selhorst**

*Best wishes to Shalynn & William who will be married on Saturday, April 17th, here at St Anthony's. May the Lord bless you both with a lifetime of happiness together!*

**Special 300 Club Drawing ~ April 10th ~ Ginny Schroeder ~ Ticket #43 ~ \$150.00**

**Divine Mercy Sunday** ~ Divine Mercy Sunday will be held at St. John's, Glandorf, this Sunday, **April 11th**. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions will begin at 1:00 p.m. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited at 3:00 p.m.

**Scrip** ~ Scrip will be available this weekend **April 10th and April 11th**, after Mass in the church basement. The helpers are: Connie & Ken Kruse, Jan Kidd, Marge Tabler, Rose Ellerbrock, Christie Tabler and Sarah Martin.

**K of C Charity Ticket Turn In** ~ There will be a K of C member in the church basement on **Monday April, 12th** between 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to collect any Charity Tickets sold. Please turn in as many tickets as possible as we can gain extra rebate money by getting our tickets in early. All proceeds go to charity. Thank You!

**Creative 4-H Club** ~ The Creative 4-H Club will be meeting **Monday, April 12th**, at 6:00 p.m. in the church basement.

**Mass Ministry Schedule Requests for May - June** ~ Please give your requests for any changes by **April 14th**, to Pat Birnesser at 931-267-2357 or [ebirnesser@yahoo.com](mailto:ebirnesser@yahoo.com). Thank you for serving our parish.

**Finance Committee** ~ Finance Committee will be meeting **Thursday, March 15th**, at 6:00 p.m. in the rectory.

**Youth Ministry** ~ Youth Night will be held **Sunday, April 18th**, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in the church basement.

**Easter Flowers** ~ The Easter Flowers memorial list will be published in next week's bulletin.

**Let's Market Our School** ~ St. Anthony of Padua School is "a little slice of Heaven". Several staff members have made this comment after working in other schools then coming to St. Anthony's. Our students are respectful, our parish is supportive, and our parents are amazing!! If you are interested in meeting periodically, either in person or virtually, to discuss marketing possibilities and to help get the word out about the great things happening daily at St. Anthony School, please call Mrs. Nancy Dukes, Principal, at 419-659-2103, or email [dukesn@sa.noacsc.org](mailto:dukesn@sa.noacsc.org).

**The School Advisory Council** ~ Will be raffling off 4 - \$500 gift card prize packages as a fundraiser for the school. Each package includes an assortment of gift cards to dining establishments in Putnam County. This raffle will take place on **May 27, 2021**. Tickets are available for purchase at the school office and parish office. Tickets will also be sold after all Masses beginning **April 10th**.

**That Man Is You** ~ TMIY will be meeting on **Saturday, April 17th**, at 6:00 a.m. in the church basement. The topic is ~ *Imperishable Crown of Glory*.

**Preschool Bible School** ~ The last preschool bible bags will be available after all of the weekend Masses, **April 17th and April 18th**, in the church basement. Thank you to all the families that participated.

**K of C** ~ Will conduct their spring trash pick-up on **April 20th** at 6:00 p.m. Please meet at the school bus garage parking lot on State Route 12 east of Columbus Grove. Any questions, please call Gary Hermiller at 419-642-2645. Thanks for helping your council.

*The K of C will be meeting on Tuesday, April 20th at 7:30 p.m. in the church basement with the Rosary being recited at 7:10 p.m.*

**Red Cross Blood Drive** ~ The next blood drives will be **Friday, April 30th** and **Thursday, June 3rd** at the Church of the Good Shepherd. Call 1-800-733-2767 or Marge at 419-659-5190 to schedule an appointment.

**Children's Festival** ~ The Children's Festival is **Friday, May 7th**. The festival committee is asking for donations of 2 liters of pop, Pringles/Lay's Stackers cans of potato chips, movie theater box candy, novelty booth items, and raffle prizes. Donations can be dropped off at St. Anthony School and parish office. For those wanting to join in the fun on festival day, lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. and games are 12:00 - 1:45 p.m. The festival committee thanks you for your continued support of St. Anthony School, staff, and students.

**Help needed for Vacation Bible School** ~ St. Anthony's VBS will be held the week of **Monday, June 14th - Thursday, June 17th** from 6:30-8:00 p.m. **Adult helpers are needed to help lead lessons** which include a story and activities that are all provided. Please consider this fun and rewarding ministry! Call Judy Schroeder 419-659-5498 if you can help or have any questions. Thank you!!

**First Communion Gifts** ~ Do you need a gift for First Communion? The Mustard Seed has plenty of gifts to choose from. There are brochures from the Mustard Seed on the table in the back of church.

**Plastic Lids** ~ The Glandorf 4-H Club is collecting plastic lids to help purchase park benches for the Putnam County Fairgrounds. This is an ongoing project. If you are interested in helping save the lids, there will be a plastic tub for the caps on the Sycamore Street entrance and just inside the door of the back kitchen in the church hall. Thanks So Much!!!

**Putnam County Right to Life** ~ Would like to thank all the generous people of this county for supporting our garage and bake sale that was held on March 23th & March 24th at the Ottawa K of C hall. Thank you to all who donated their gently used items and baked goods. Thank you to all who purchased items. Thank you to all who left donations in support of life. Thank you to the Ottawa K of C for giving us the use of their hall again. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the set-up, worked the sale, and helped us clean up after the sale. Thank you to all those who helped by advertising and spreading the sale dates. Thank you to the Thrift store and Restore for taking the items that were left. We are truly blessed to live in this prolife county. Thank You!

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## ***A Note from Deacon Don.....***

Dear St. Anthony Parishioners,

**Happy Easter! We continue our Easter celebration this weekend with Divine Mercy Sunday. St. Faustina was blessed to have multiple visions of Jesus, during which she created the familiar image of the Divine Mercy Jesus. Another gift from Jesus during these visits is the Divine Mercy Chaplet prayer. This prayer asks for the atonement of our sins along with the sins of the world. It is a glorious way to enter the abundant mercy of God. Although St. Faustina was given these blessings, many did not believe her. In fact, her Mother Superior sent her to a psychiatrist for fear she was suffering from mental illness. People even questioned her role as a nun because they did not know all the hours St. Faustina spent in prayer. How many times have we looked down on people without knowing all the details?**

**Personally, I want to say how excited I was to be able to return to the altar on Good Friday. For a while now, Father and I had been planning my return when I became stronger. Being able to serve you was one of the things I prayed for after I became sick. Father asked me to devote the homily to both my journey and the journey of Jesus on Good Friday. We weren't sure how it would go so we kept it a surprise. I wasn't sure until Friday morning if I would be able to be before you. I thank God for giving me the strength to be present at the altar. Thank you all for your prayers and know that you will be in mine.**

**Deacon Don**

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Dear St. Anthony Family,

**I Pray that All of You had a Wonderful Easter Celebrating what is Most Important in Our Lives with Family and Loved Ones. I Thank You for your Generous gifts to St. Anthony and how you worked so hard helping us in our Celebrations. From The Adult and Children's Choir to Our Servers, Lector's, Distributors, Decorators, Jean Kohls and All of you who attended and participated; we were so Blessed in many ways. We were all moved by the presence of Deacon Don and his Inspiring Homily that was such a Witness to All of Us.**

**Today is The Second Sunday of Easter also known as Divine Mercy Sunday. Jesus visits his Disciples appearing in the place they were hiding and asks them to see his wounds and know that he is risen. Thomas was not with them and did not believe that Jesus had appeared. Jesus came back when Thomas was present and proved to Thomas that He Lives.**

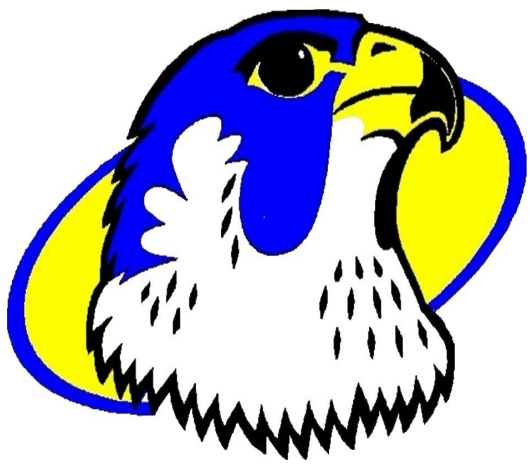
**Jesus also invoked The Holy Spirit on The Disciples and gave them direction on how to continue His work and Convert the World.**

**May we continue The Holiness of Easter knowing that we too will Rise Again!**

**OUR SHINING STARS THIS WEEK ARE ALL OF US WHO WORKED, PRAYED, SERVED AND CELEBRATED THE LORDS PASSION, DEATH, AND RESURRECTION.**

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

**Love, Fr. David**



# 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!

"Jesus Christ is the reason St. Anthony of Padua School exists. He guides our staff, students, and parents to work collaboratively to strengthen the quality of our educational and spiritual community. He is the unseen but ever present teacher in our classes. He is the model of our faculty and the inspiration for our students to live Gospel values." ~ **St. Anthony School Mission Statement** ~



Above: Mrs. Bonnell beat the 5th graders to the April Fool's jokes earlier this month. They of course wanted to keep their desks at the back of the room and turned around!

**Thank-you! Students brought home Rice Bowls on Ash Wednesday and returned them at Mass on the Wednesday of Holy Week. They collected \$1,177.29 which will be sent to Catholic Relief Services. Thanks again for your generosity!!**

Below: Our preschoolers were busy the week before Easter. They made Easter crafts, walked through the Stations of the Cross at Church, and made some delicious resurrection rolls. Alleluia! He is risen!!



## Lunch/Recess Volunteers

### Week of April 12th:

**Mon. 12th:** Alison Laubenthal  
**Tues. 13th:** Jenny Pingle  
**Wed. 14th:** Katie Vennekotter  
**Thurs. 15th:** Jenna Goubeaux  
**Fri. 16th:** Lindsay Stechschulte  
Jen Siefker



## Calendar of Events

April	12	Sloppy Joe Sandwiches \$1
April	14	Parent/Student First Communion Mtg.
April	16	Mass (Gr. 1) First Communion Retreat
April	21	School Advisory Council 6:30 PM
April	22	First Communion Rehearsal 7:00 PM
April	23	Mass (Gr. 3) Free Hot Lunch (chix nuggets, mashed potatoes)
April	25	First Holy Communion Mass @ 2:00
April	26	Interim Grades Posted
April	29	Lunch w/ Leaders (if name chosen)
April	30	Mass (Gr. 7); Golden Falcon Awards

## This Week's LIFE Skill:

~Common Sense~

"Good sense is a fountain of light  
to him who has it, but the  
instruction of fools is folly."

**Proverbs 16:22**

