



SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA
A MEMBER OF ST. GEORGE DEANERY
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 25, 2021



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

St. Anthony School Website: www.stanthonyschool.info

Parish ~ www.facebook.com/cgstanthony/

School ~ www.facebook.com/StAnthonyofPaduaColumbusGrove/

“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.”

Today’s gospel is a job description for Christian parents. For most people the most influential shepherds in their lives are their PARENTS. Every parent is called to be a “good shepherd” to “freely lay down their life” for their children, to “love” and “know” their children and to “lead” them so “they know your voice”.

Mass Schedule

April	27	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	Easter Weekday ~ {Agnes Hoffman ~ Dick Fuerst}
April	28	Wednesday	8:00 a.m. Mass	No Morning Mass
April	29	Thursday	8:00 a.m. Mass	No Morning Mass
April	30	Friday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Easter Weekday ~ {Larry Schroeder ~ Frank & Bernice Schroeder ~ Frances Schroeder ~ The Clem Schroeder Family}
May	01	Saturday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Rosary
May	01	Saturday	3:00 – 3:30 p.m.	Confessions
May	01	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Vigil ~ 5th Sunday of Easter ~ {Bill & Mary Koch ~ Connie Ricker ~ Father Robert Hunt}
May	02	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	5th Sunday of Easter ~ {Elmer & Lucille Karhoff ~ Cletus Schumacher ~ Rudy Schroeder}
May	02	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	5th Sunday of Easter ~ {Karen Maag ~ Andy Maag ~ Elmer Ellerbrock}

Servers

April	27	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	Jerry Dickman
May	01	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Derek Birkemeier, Dylan Birkemeier, Grant Siefker
May	02	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Cheyenne Mershman, Logan Mershman, Valerie Morman
May	02	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Abby Stechschulte, Caleb Stechschulte, Logan Stechschulte

Lectors

May	01	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Roger Schroeder
May	02	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Ron Teders
May	02	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Bruce Stephens

Eucharistic Ministers

May	01	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Mary Kay Koch, Beth Birkemeier, Marge Tabler
May	02	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Marilyn Birkemeier, Rose Ellerbrock, Dan Maag
May	02	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Dave & Christie Tabler, Anne Schroeder

Ushers

May	01	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Jon Diller, Mike Recker, Tim Reimund, Aaron Siefker
May	02	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Craig Kaufman, Gib Kaufman, Bruce Schroeder, Carl Warnecke
May	02	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Al Schroeder, Dale Schroeder, Roger Wenzinger, 1 Volunteer

Parish Activities

For The Week of April 18th



April 26 Creative 4-H Club @ 6:00 p.m.
April 30 Red Cross Blood Drive @ Noon
May 04 K of C Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.
Rosary @ 7:10 p.m.
May 06 Parish Council @ 6:30 p.m.
May 07 Children's Festival @ 11:30 a.m.

Adult Sunday ~ 154 \$ 10,089.00
Children's ~ 27 56.25
10,145.25
Other Income 2,338.00
\$ 12,483.25

Total Expenses \$ 22,227.03

Easter Collection To-Date ~ \$ 35,725.50

300 Club Drawing ~ April 24th ~ Dave & Jane Hilty ~ Ticket #177 ~ \$100.00
Special 300 Club Drawing ~ April 24th ~ Jeri Reynolds & Fritz Maag ~ Ticket #170 ~ \$100.00

Marriage Bans I ~ Rachel Kohls & Brent Kahle

Congratulations to our St. Anthony  2nd graders who will receive Jesus
for the first time this Sunday, April 25th! These individuals are:

Davis Benson Hunter Kaufman Kira Schroeder
Brynlee Farler Colin Langhals Wynn Schroeder
Natalie Goubeaux Siena Langhals Bo Siefker
Bailey Hoover Weston Laubenthal Easton Stechschulte
Annabelle Horstman Dylan Ledford Joel Vennekotter
Karlie Hughes Bryce Pingle

Thank You to Father Tom Odey for Celebrating St. Anthony's First Communion Mass!

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

Need Help – YES Returns for 2021 ~ On **Saturday, June 12th**, teens & adults from the St. George Deanery will be volunteering to help people throughout Putnam County with various jobs around their homes as they participate in the annual **YES (Youth Elect Service)** project. This includes anything from mulching, to washing your car, or just some spring cleaning around the yard! This year we will only be available to do outside jobs. 2021 YES Site forms are at the entrances of the church. Return all Site forms to the parish office by **June 1st** to be added to our list of job sites.

Mass Ministry Schedules for May-June ~ The Mass Ministry Schedules for May and June are on the table in the back of church. If you did not receive your schedules by email or have any questions, please contact Pat Birnesser at 931-267-2357. Thank You!

St. Anthony High School Graduates ~ Our St. Anthony high school graduates will be honored at the **8:00 a.m. Mass, Sunday, May 23rd**. A breakfast will follow in the church basement. Invitations will be mailed out next week. If you do not receive your invitation or if you are graduating from a neighboring high school, please call the parish office at 419-659-2263 so an invitation can be mailed to you. Please RSVP by **Wednesday, May 19th**.

Scrip ~ Scrip will be available this weekend **April 24th and April 25th** after Mass in the church basement. The helpers are: Connie & Ken Kruse, Gina Wurth, Joyce Kaufman, Kay Koch, Judy Gerten and Sandy Roebke.

Scrip News ~ **Hunt Brothers Candy** has joined our local businesses by providing gift cards for the Scrip Program. Hunt Brothers Candy shop is located on Walnut Street in Ottawa.

Keep the Scrip Program in mind when buying gift cards for any special events like graduations, Mother's Day and Father's Day, appreciation gifts for teachers, babysitters and others who do such good work for you all during the year. Wedding and baby registries accept scrip gift cards as well. Ebay gift cards can now be purchased from GLScrip which will eliminate the need to use your credit card for on-line purchases on many websites. For a limited time GLScrip is offering some gift cards in smaller quantities of \$5 and \$10. If you haven't checked out the ShopWithScrip.com website lately, this would be a great time to check out the bonuses they offer on some cards. We can order cards through our local program or you can order through your own family account on-line and cards will be sent to our parish office for pickup. Thank you to those people who are already using Scrip cards and to those who are reloading gift cards on-line for groceries, gas and dining. The rebates add up when many families use the gift cards. For questions about the Scrip Program contact Anne at 419-615-0053 or the St. Anthony parish office.

Creative 4-H Club ~ The Creative 4-H Club will be meeting **Monday, April 26th**, at 6:00 p.m. in the church basement.

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.

K of C ~ Will be leading the Rosary before all Weekend Masses **May 1st and May 2nd**.

K of C ~ The K of C will be meeting on Tuesday, **May 4th** at 7:30 p.m. in the church basement with the Rosary being recited at 7:10 p.m.

K of C Charity Ticket Turn In ~ Thank You to all those K of C members who turned in their tickets. If you haven't turned in your tickets, please turn them in before the second turn in date which is **May 4th**. Our K of C Council gets a percentage of all tickets sold by the turn in date.

Parish Council ~ Parish Council will be meeting **Thursday, May 6th**, at 6:30 p.m. in the rectory.

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. in the church basement**. Games and the prize drawings will be held in the St. Anthony School gym 12:00 - 1:45 p.m. The festival committee thanks you for your continued support of St. Anthony School, staff, and students.

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.

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, parish office and will be sold after all weekend Masses.

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!!

St. Anthony Summer Festival ~ We will be hosting our annual St. Anthony's Parish Festival the weekend of **July 31st and August 1st**. With that in mind, if you know that you will not be able to work at the festival this year or you would like a different job, please call Dee Griffith at 419-646-3449. The deadline for job changes is **June 7th**. Thank You!

Festival Garage Sale Items ~ If anyone wants to bring in garage sale items for the August, 2021 parish festival, please put items on the north end of the shed so they will not be in the way for the janitors. Thank You!

Position Available ~ St. Mary Church in Leipsic is looking to fill a full-time position in the Office of Finance and Administration. Qualifications include excellent organizational, communication and bookkeeping/accounting skills. Bachelors' degree preferred but would consider motivated applicants with administrative and financial experience. Resumes should be emailed to parishoffice@metalink.net or mailed to St. Mary Parish Office, 320 State Street, Leipsic, Ohio 45856.

Columbus Grove Christian Church ~ Would like to invite the congregation of St. Anthony Catholic Church to our Annual Pancake and Sausage Supper on **Thursday, April 29th** from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. This year it will be a **drive-thru** at 105 South Broadway Street, Columbus Grove. All meals are \$7.00. There will be frozen whole hog sausage links for sale. The pre-sale tickets are available from any member of the church or Alt's Gas Station, Tabler's Carry Out and Shear Power Salon. You can also call the church office at 419-659-2182 and someone will get back to you.

Rosaries to Spare ~ If anyone has extra Rosaries they would like to donate to the missions, feel free to drop them off at the parish office. We will include them with the Rosaries being made by the Rosary Guild. Thank you!

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!!!

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.

Formed Website ~ Just a reminder Formed is a wonderful program for the building up of our Faith and has been made available through a generous gift to the Diocese. There is plenty of information to share with your family, including Movies, and Cartoon Teaching Videos for the younger Children as well as Adult and Teen programs. To sign up go to www.formed.org/signup. When the screen comes up find St. Anthony of Padua, Columbus Grove (toward the bottom of the St. Anthony Offerings), click on our church and you'll be taken to the sign up page where you can create your Login.

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.

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, 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.

1. Go to smile.amazon.com
2. Click on "Your Account"
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, 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 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.*

A Note from Deacon Don.....

Dear St. Anthony Parishioners,

Happy Easter! Alleluia! This week I am writing to you from the James Cancer Center. I have had an issue but am doing ok. This 4th Sunday of Easter is also known as Good Shepherd Sunday. Jesus tells us He is the Good Shepherd and that He would do anything for His sheep. This includes laying His life down for His sheep. Of course, the sheep He is referring to is all of us.

I remember when I young we did not have sheep but did have cows, hogs and chickens. My favorite was always the chickens. To be more specific, my favorite was the baby chicks or peeps. I remember spending hours watching the peeps. When one would get out, I would try and chase it to get it back. While we may not lay down our lives for our sheep or our peeps, it is important that we all encourage those who have strayed from the faith by inviting them to pray with us or attend Mass or say a prayer for them. May God continue to bless us all.

Deacon Don

“What have you liked most about St. Anthony School this year?”

Below are parent responses when asked the above question in an anonymous survey:

Being in person

Students in school

In person

We are in person learning.

We really enjoy how personable the staff is, the one on one attention the kids get, and we love the updates on Facebook of what the kids are doing in school.

The structure of the days, the community and the efforts the teachers/staff make to help make the kids' year successful.

Friendly staff - good communication

The teachers my children have are amazing.

They are going to school everyday! They're doing a great job keeping everyone safe especially with this crazy virus.

Small class sizes

That the children have been in school all year long.

Ability to provide normalcy to the kids school year while still taking precautions to keep everyone safe and healthy. Great teachers!

Quality Religious Education

Being able to keep the kids in school every day

The teachers make sure the kids are staying safe, still learning, and having fun despite everything going on!

Great communication - knowing my child is always safe and in good hands

My kids are being challenged and homework is reasonable.

The emphasis placed on having a good relationship with Jesus and having a high academic standard.

Being able to maintain normalcy in the school building

The effort of teachers and staff to make it a fun, successful year so far.

Handling COVID well

We are very happy that they are in school every day. We also are thankful that our kids receive a good Catholic education.

That the students have stayed in class and have not gone hybrid.

The love and commitment shown to students and families.

Great communication - knowing my child is always safe and in good hands

Preschool teachers are amazing!

Students have had in-person instruction.

The kids are in school full time.

Taking COVID seriously, but not stressing students about it. Positive communication between teachers and parents.

Being in school everyday and taking all precautions necessary to stay in school

That my kids could remain in the classroom

Communication

Dedication to making school as normal as possible while being safe at the same time.

Making learning fun! We also like how diligent the school is to provide fresh air and outside play.

Teachers have done a wonderful job with the kids and keeping parents involved even when we are not in the building.

“In person” class, thanks to all the teachers for making this happen!

They are working really hard to keep our kids safe from the virus.

Staying in class

The students attending in person.

I love the faith based education and the staff that treats the students like family.



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 ~



Latchkey Program

We will soon be finishing up the first year of our afterschool latchkey program. We plan to continue the program for the 2021 - 2022 school year. A latchkey supervisor(s) is needed to replace a couple of ladies who are no longer able to assist. This is a paid position. The only requirement is that the supervisor must be 18 years of age and have passed a background check. Please call the school office at 419-659-2103 or email St. Anthony principal Nancy Duker at dukesn@stanthonyschool.info for more information.



Parent Survey

After Christmas Break, Mrs. Duker, St. Anthony School principal, issued an anonymous survey to parents. When asked to rate the school on a scale of 1 (lowest) - 10 (highest), 90% of the respondents rated St. A's a 9 or 10. One item on the questionnaire was "What have you liked most about St. Anthony School this year?" There were too many responses to list in this space, so they have been attached on a separate page in the bulletin. Thanks in advance for taking the time to read all of the wonderful comments written by our parents. St. Anthony of Padua, pray for us! Go Falcons!!

2nd grade Begin to Swim!



Lunch/Recess Volunteers

Week of April 26th:

- Mon. 26th: Carla Kohls
- Tues. 27th: Courtney Schroeder
- Wed. 28th: Nicole Wilson
- Thurs. 29th: Lisa Langhals
- Fri. 30th: Jen Siefker
Amy Young



Calendar of Events

- April 25 First Holy Communion Mass @ 2:00
- April 26 Interim Grades Posted
- April 28 Algebra I State Test
- April 29 Lunch w/ the Leaders (if name chosen)
- April 30 Mass (Gr. 7); Golden Falcon Awards
- May 2 Skating Party (1 - 3) Grove Skateland
- May 7 "Celebrating Mother's Day" Mass (Gr. 5)
Children's Festival in the Church Basement
- May 14 FREE Hot Lunch:
~Spaghetti, salad, applesauce, roll, cookie, milk~
- May 21 Last Day of Preschool!
- May 23 Preschool Program 1:00

This Week's LIFE Skill:

~Flexibility~

"Set your mind on things that are above, not on things that are on earth."

Colossians 3:2

