



**SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA**  
**A MEMBER OF ST. GEORGE DEANERY**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**MAY 2, 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/](https://www.facebook.com/cgstanthony/)**

**School ~ [www.facebook.com/StAnthonyofPaduaColumbusGrove/](https://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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*Like the vine grower in today’s gospel, parents must “prune and cleanse” the branches in their family if their children are going to be rooted. Discipline, limits and setting goals are a necessary part of parenting so our children will grow and “bear fruit”.*  
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**Mass Schedule**

May 04	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	Easter Weekday ~ {For the Parish}
May 05	Wednesday	8:00 a.m. Mass	<b>No Morning Mass</b>
May 06	Thursday	8:00 a.m. Mass	<b>No Morning Mass</b>
May 07	Friday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Easter Weekday ~ {Joe Koch ~ Father Keith McCormack ~ The Koch & Ellerbrock Families ~ The Living & Deceased Members of the Raymond & Madeleine Duval Family ~ The Living & Deceased Members of the Ralph & Beatrice Schroeder Family ~ The Living & Deceased Members of the Joe & Laura Recker Family}
May 07	Friday		<b>First Friday Exposition &amp; Adoration after Mass until Noon</b>
May 08	Saturday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Rosary
May 08	Saturday	3:00 – 3:30 p.m.	Confessions
May 08	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Vigil ~ 6th Sunday of Easter ~ {Darren Langhals ~ The Living & Deceased Members of the Hoyt & Kurber Families}
May 09	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	6th Sunday of Easter ~ {Richard & Pauline Elwer ~ Sarah Stewart ~ Camil, Eileen & Ed Knott ~ ~ Jeanette Morman ~ Father Bob DeSloover ~ Ronald Pitson ~ Jeff Morman ~ Teresa Brubaker ~ The Living & Deceased Members of the Edward F. & Betty Morman Family ~ The Living & Deceased Members of the Ralph & Beatrice Schroeder Family}
May 09	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	6th Sunday of Easter ~ {Jim Hoffman ~ James & Mary Jane Morman ~ Emerson & Helen Diller}

**Servers**

May 04	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	Alton Kiene
May 08	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Brock Verhoff, Mya Verhoff, Taylor Schroeder
May 09	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Dakota Dunn, Nate Kamphaus, Sarah Kamphaus
May 09	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Luke Ellerbrock, Landen Schroeder, Levi Schroeder

**Lectors**

May 08	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Marge Tabler
May 09	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Hanna Warnecke
May 09	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Lynn Downing

**Eucharistic Ministers**

May 08	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Maria Kaufman, Ken & Connie Kruse
May 09	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Marilyn Hoffman, Faith Oglesbee, Kate Morman
May 09	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Harold Gerten, Sue Schroeder, Hannah Warren

**Ushers**

May 08	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	George Ellerbrock, Doug Roof, Don Stechschulte, Rob Verhoff
May 09	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Ton Dunlap, Eric Dunn, Ron Hoffman, Gene Siefker
May 09	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Dave Ellerbrock, Terry Giesige, Duane Vorst, Pat Vorst

**St. Rita's Medical Center ~ Paul Ricker**

<b>Parish Activities</b>		<b>For The Week of April 25<sup>th</sup></b>	
May 04	K of C Meeting @ 7:30 p.m. Rosary @ 7:10 p.m.	Adult Sunday ~ 160	\$ 7,610.35
May 06	Parish Council @ 6:30 p.m.	Children's ~ 17	56.25
May 07	Children's Festival @ 11:30 a.m.	Other Income	2,856.64
			<u>\$ 10,523.24</u>
		<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 35,815.48</b>



**Easter Collection To-Date ~ \$ 36,045.50**

**300 Club Drawing ~ May 1st ~ Jim & Judy Dunn ~Ticket #87 ~ \$100.00**

**Marriage Bans II ~ Rachel Kohls & Brent Kahle**



*The St. Anthony Parish family extends our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Mack Schroeder who died on Thursday, April 22nd. Mass of Resurrection was celebrated for Mack on Monday, April 26th, here at St. Anthony's. May our prayers and the grace of God see you through this difficult time and may Our Lord welcome Mack into His Kingdom for eternity.*

**First Friday Devotions** ~ Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be celebrated, **May 7th**, 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. In her diary, Jesus told St Faustina: "Encourage souls to say the Chaplet which I have given you. Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death. I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in my mercy. Through the Chaplet you will obtain everything if what you ask for is compatible with My will." Won't you join us to adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy together?

**Mother's Day Flower Sale** ~ Flower Sale orders will be available for pick up on Mother's Day weekend, **May 8th and May 9th** in the church basement after the three weekend Masses. If you have any questions, please call Judy Schroeder at 419-659-5498.

**That Man Is You** ~ TMIY will be praying the Rosary on **Wednesday, May 5th** at 7:00 p.m. in 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. You can also call the parish office at 419-659-2263.

**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 were mailed out this 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** ~ The next Scrip weekend will be **May 8th and May 9th**. The helpers are: Connie & Ken Kruse, Ann Selhorst, Marge Tabler, Mary Langhals, Christie Tabler and Vicky Schroeder.

**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](http://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. For questions about the Scrip Program contact Anne at 419-615-0053 or the St. Anthony parish office.

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

**Tech Help Needed for the School** ~ Chad Irwin managed the technology needs at St. Anthony School for many years, and we are very thankful for all of his help. Unfortunately for us, Chad is no longer in the computer business, so Mrs. Dukes and the staff members have been addressing problems as they occur. Without having a tech degree, there are often times issues we don't know how to address. If you are interested or know someone who might be interested in helping us with our technology needs, please call the school office at 419-659-2103 or email Mrs. Dukes at [dukesn@stanthony.school.info](mailto:dukesn@stanthony.school.info).

**The School Advisory Council** ~The School Advisory Council will be raffling off four - \$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.

**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!

**K of C Trash Pick-up** ~ The K of C has rescheduled their spring trash pick-up for **Tuesday May 4th** 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.

**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.

**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.

**Columbus Grove American Legion** ~ The Columbus Grove American Legion is sponsoring a drive thru, rib dinner this **Saturday, May 1st**, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. The menu is: ribs, baked potato, applesauce and roll. The cost is \$10.00. If you have any questions, call Lee Bogart at 419-659-2402.

**Remembering Our Veterans** ~ The American Legion and the VFW will be putting out flags on **Thursday, May 20th** meeting at St. Anthony Cemetery at 5:00 p.m. and then going to Truro Cemetery. Help would be appreciated. If you have any questions, call Tom Fuerst at 419-659-5638.

**Putnam County Right to Life** ~ Putnam County Right to Life will be meeting on **Tuesday, May 4th**, at 7:30 p.m. in Kalida St Michael's Church basement. All are welcome.

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Dear St. Anthony Parishioners,

**Happy Easter! Alleluia! Here we are already halfway through the Easter season. It is the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter and we hear in the gospel how Jesus is true vine and we are the branches. Whoever remains in Him will bear much fruit. Anyone who does not will wither away.**

**In the spring season we see plants come alive with new growth and buds emerging with the promise of new life. We also find those parts of the plant that have not survived the winter weather. As we now trim back our plants to remove the damaged areas and the weak branches that cannot support a healthy life, let us also trim back those things that keep ourselves from being strong in faith.**

**Deacon Don**

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Dear St. Anthony Family,

**First of all I want to congratulate our "Saints in The Making" who made their First Communion this last Weekend. Thanks also to the Parents and Teachers who prepared them and all who shared in this special event. I wish I could have been there with you and thank Fr. Oedy for Celebrating with you.**

**On a personal note, I had my full -mouth extraction surgery and bone shaving done on the 22nd. I must admit that it was very difficult and I have been struggling with pain and swelling as I recover. It is taking longer to heal than expected but is not unusual for some. I've appreciated your well wishes, texts, emails and cards. Please continue your prayers for me so that I can heal and return to "My Favorite Place with You". I am Truly Blessed by you and by God.**

**In this week's Gospel, we hear the story of "The Vine and The Branches" and remember that we should never stray so far from God that we can't be fed. We allow him to "Prune" us as needed so that we remain Healthy and are able to Produce Good Fruit!**

**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** ~



Right, 1st row, L to R:

Kira Schroeder,  
Easton Stechsulte,  
Siena Langhals, Bailey Hoover,  
Wynn Schroeder, Dylan Ledford

2nd row, L to R:

Natalie Goubeaux, Annabelle  
Horstman, Colin Langhals, Bryce  
Pingle, Karlie Hughes, Bo Siefker

3rd row, L to R:

Joel Vennekotter, Weston  
Laubenthal, Brynlee Farler,  
Davis Benson, Hunter Kaufman

4th row, L to R:

Mrs. Selhorst, Fr Oedy, Mrs. Dukes



## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021

Below, Left:

Snow in April? That's exactly what happened on the 21st! Our 8th graders stand in front of the snow covered landscape.

Below, Right: Posing with Mrs. Giesige on Secretaries Day are

*Kneeling, L to R:* Grant Eversole, Amber Michel, Grace Morman, and Keelie Langhals.

*Standing, L to R:* Brady Fuerst, Abby Buescher, Mrs. Giesige, Daisy Stechsulte, and Campbell Grismore.



### Latchkey Program

St. Anthony School will soon be finishing up the first year of its 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 Dukes at [dukesn@stanthonyschool.info](mailto:dukesn@stanthonyschool.info) for more information.



### Lunch/Recess Volunteers

#### Week of May 3rd:

**Mon. 3rd:** Katie Vennekotter  
**Tues. 4th:** Courtney Schroeder  
**Wed. 5th:** Nicole Wilson  
**Thurs. 6th:** Lisa Langhals  
**Fri. 7th:** None Needed



### Calendar of Events

May 2 Skating Party (1 - 3) Grove Skateland  
May 5 Kindergarten & 1st grade to Safety City  
May 7 "Celebrating Mother's Day" Mass (Gr. 5)  
**Children's Festival in Church Basement/Gym**  
May 12 School Advisory Council 6:30 PM  
May 14 **FREE Hot Lunch:**  
~Spaghetti, salad, applesauce, roll, cookie, milk~  
May 17 Parent Guild Ice Cream Sundae Bar  
May 21 Last Day of Preschool!  
May 23 Preschool Program 1:00 PM  
May 26 **Field Day/School Picnic**  
8th Grade Graduation 7:00 PM Church

### This Week's LIFE Skill:

#### ~Flexibility~

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

**Colossians 3:2**

