



**SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA**  
**A MEMBER OF ST. GEORGE DEANERY**  
**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**DECEMBER 1, 2019**



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**In today's gospel Jesus advises: "Stay awake, watch out, and pray for the strength to hold your ground"**  
**when "fearful and bewildering signs" appear threatening your family.**  
**Resist being "fearful" – fear cripples!**  
**Instead "pray for strength" to be courageous.**

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**Mass Schedule**

December 03	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	St. Francis Xavier ~ {John Meyer}
December 04	Wednesday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Advent Weekday ~ {For the Parish}
December 05	Thursday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Advent Weekday ~ {William Ritchie}
December 06	Friday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Advent Weekday ~ {Joe Koch ~ Father Keith McCormack ~ The 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 06	Friday		<b>First Friday Exposition &amp; Adoration Till Noon</b>
December 07	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Rosary
December 07	Saturday	<b>3:00 – 3:30 p.m.</b>	Confessions
December 07	Saturday	<b>4:00 p.m. Mass</b>	Vigil ~2nd Sunday of Advent ~ {Joe Blankemeyer ~ Darren Langhals ~ Don & Helen Schroeder ~Karen Blankemeyer ~ Nathan Siefker ~ Lauretta Foughty ~ Ruth Stephens ~ Charles Haselman}
December 08	Sunday	<b>8:00 a.m. Mass</b>	2nd Sunday of Advent ~ {William & Mary Turnwald ~ Living & Deceased Members of the Pohl & Nadler Families}
December 08	Sunday	<b>10:30 a.m. Mass</b>	2nd Sunday of Advent ~ {William Ritchie (K of C) ~ Living & Deceased Members of the Ed & Mary Ann Halker Family}
December 08	Sunday	<b>6:00 p.m. Mass</b>	<b>Youth Mass</b> ~ {For the Parish}

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**Servers**

December 03	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	Bev Baxter
December 07	Saturday	<b>4:00 p.m. Mass</b>	Mitchell Schroeder, Amber Michel, Kaitlyn Herman
December 08	Sunday	<b>8:00 a.m. Mass</b>	Nate Kamphaus, Sarah Kamphaus, Ty Meyer
December 08	Sunday	<b>10:30 a.m. Mass</b>	Nathan Dunbar, Steven Dunbar, Mitchell Caudill

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**Lectors**

December 07	Saturday	<b>4:00 p.m. Mass</b>	Gary Hermiller
December 08	Sunday	<b>8:00 a.m. Mass</b>	Sarah Schroeder
December 08	Sunday	<b>10:30 a.m. Mass</b>	Roger Schroeder

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**Eucharistic Ministers**

December 07	Saturday	<b>4:00 p.m. Mass</b>	Beth Birkemeier, Rose Schnipke, Maria Kaufman, Tori Warnecke, Marilyn Siefker
December 08	Sunday	<b>8:00 a.m. Mass</b>	Charlie Schmiesing, John & Mary Kay Koch, Doug Langhals, Lisa Langhals
December 08	Sunday	<b>10:30 a.m. Mass</b>	Dave & Christie Tabler, Pam Hummel, Keith Johnson, Bob Maag



**That Man Is You** ~ TMIY group will be praying a Rosary in church at 7:00 p.m. **Wednesday, December 4th**. The next TMIY will be meeting on **Saturday, December 7th** at 6:00 a.m. in the church basement. The topic is: *The Book of Glory*.

**Preschool Bible School** ~ Preschool Bible School will be meeting this **Sunday, December 1st, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.** in the church basement.

**Scrip** ~ Scrip will be available this weekend, **November 30th & December 1st**, after Mass in the church basement. The helpers are: Ken & Connie Kruse, Gina Wurth, Joyce Kaufman, Vonda Nemire, Judy Gerten and Vicky Schroeder. Scrip will also be available next weekend, December 7th and December 8th. The helpers are: Ken & Connie Kruse, Ann Selhorst, Marge Tabler, Marilyn Siefker, Christie Tabler and Jan Eversole.

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**Scrip News** ~ **No Credit Card Fee Days December 5 and 6<sup>th</sup> on ShopWithScrip.com!** This means orders placed on line on these two days only and purchased with a credit card will not be charged the 2.6% fee! There will also be bonus rebates those two days. Scrip users can not only save themselves some money, but they can increase the amount of rebates earned for St Anthony's by placing orders for cards on this Thursday and Friday.

**How long will it take to get cards ordered through Scrip and on-line?** We are placing orders every week now till Christmas which means we can get these cards to you quickly.

**What is the last day that we can order scrip cards to receive before Christmas?** Sunday December 15<sup>th</sup>  
Scrip order forms, schedules and ShopWithScrip.com retailer lists are located at the church entrances.  
Scrip is also available at the parish office during office hours.

**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.

1. Go to [smile.amazon.com](http://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](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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***Penance Services ~ Area Penance Services for this Advent Season are as follows:***

<b><i>Tuesday, December 3rd</i></b>	<b><i>St. John's, Glandorf</i></b>	<b><i>4:00 &amp; 7:00 p.m.</i></b>
<b><i>Wednesday, December 4th</i></b>	<b><i>St. Nicholas, Miller City</i></b>	<b><i>7:00 p.m.</i></b>
<b><i>Thursday, December 5th</i></b>	<b><i>St. Mary's, Leipsic</i></b>	<b><i>7:00 p.m.</i></b>
<b><i>Sunday, December 8th</i></b>	<b><i>Immaculate Conception, Ottoville</i></b>	<b><i>2:00 p.m.</i></b>
<b><i>Tuesday, December 10th</i></b>	<b><i>St. Michael's, Kalida</i></b>	<b><i>4:00 &amp; 7:00 p.m.</i></b>
<b><i>Wednesday, December 11th</i></b>	<b><i>St. Joseph, Ft. Jennings</i></b>	<b><i>7:00 p.m.</i></b>
<b><i>Thursday, December 12th</i></b>	<b><i>St. Anthony's, Columbus Grove</i></b>	<b><i>7:00 p.m.</i></b>
<b><i>Monday, December 16th</i></b>	<b><i>Sts. Peter &amp; Paul, Ottawa</i></b>	<b><i>4:00 &amp; 7:00 p.m.</i></b>
<b><i>Sunday, December 22nd</i></b>	<b><i>St. Charles, Lima</i></b>	<b><i>3:00 p.m.</i></b>

***Extra Confessions at St. Anthony's***

<b><i>Wednesday, December 18th</i></b>	<b><i>6:00 - 7:30 p.m.</i></b>
<b><i>Friday, December 20th</i></b>	<b><i>11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.</i></b>
<b><i>Monday, December 23rd</i></b>	<b><i>7:00 p.m. Until All Heard</i></b>

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**K of C** ~ The K of C will be meeting on **Tuesday, December 3rd** at 7:30 p.m. in the church basement with the Rosary being recited at 7:10 p.m. This is Ladies Night! All wives and significant others are invited to attend!  
***The K of C will be leading the Rosary before all weekend Masses during Advent.***

**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 Matthew’s Gospels plus various traditions, customs, feasts and thoughts about these seasons.

**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.

**Volunteers for Christmas Masses** ~ A sign-up sheet for Servers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers and Greeters for our Christmas Masses is on the table in the back of church. The Mass times are: Christmas Eve ~ 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. The Mass on Christmas Day is 10:00 a.m. Thanks for those who are willing to be a part of our Christmas celebrations.

**Lost & Found** ~ A green and white striped, Green Bay tote was left in the church basement. The tote is by the phone in the kitchen in the church basement if you would like to check it out. If you have any questions, call the parish office at 419-659-2263.

**Containers Are Needed!** ~ We are in need of containers to be used for freezing food or sending with family members after a funeral luncheon. We could use all sizes especially larger bucket type containers. If you have some to spare, put the containers on the counter in the church basement kitchen. Thank you!

**Save The Date!** ~ The Marriage Encounter Dinner Dance will be held on **Sunday, February 9th 2020**. The Mass is scheduled at 4:00 p.m. at the Ottawa Knights of Columbus Hall with a Dinner Dance following at 5:30 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.

**Lord’s Pantry** ~ Donations of canned goods along with paper products and toiletries will be collected for the Lord’s Pantry through next weekend. Boxes will be at the entrances of the church. A collection will also be 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 960 lbs. of food and other items and \$1,035.00 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.**

**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.

**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 **Wednesday, December 11th**, at 7:00 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. The next class will be held in 2020.

**Columbus Grove Community Choir** ~ Come join the fun with the annual Columbus Grove Community Choir. Practices are: December 3<sup>rd</sup>, December 8<sup>th</sup> and December 10<sup>th</sup>. Sunday practices are from 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. Tuesday night practices are from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. The concert date is **Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. at the Columbus Grove Christian Church. The Turner Hall Christmas Concert will be on **Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 p.m.

**Advent by Candlelight** ~ Advent by Candlelight Presents Mary Beth Weisenburger speaking on “Mary, Elizabeth and Friends: The Art and Science of Accompaniment”, **Sunday, December 1st**, 7:00 p.m., at the St. John’s Parish Center, in Glandorf. All WOMEN are invited. If you are interested in hosting a table, or attending, or hearing more about this event, please contact/text Jeanette at 419-890-3724 or email [jmschroeder51@gmail.com](mailto:jmschroeder51@gmail.com).

**Serra Club of Lima Area** ~ Come be our guest for Mass, dinner and a talk on **Sunday, December 8th**, at 5:45 p.m. at Lima Central Catholic High School. Emily Hedrick, a Mennonite Minister will be speaking on her faith journey. The evening will be sponsored by The Serra Club of The Lima Area, which exists to promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life. To make reservation please call Marilyn Schmerge at 567-204-4746.

**Ecumenical Christmas Concert at the Shrine** ~ The 48<sup>th</sup> Carey Ecumenical Christmas Concert is scheduled for **Sunday, December 8th**, at 4:30 p.m. at the Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, 315 Clay Street in Carey. This year's choir is made up of 90 singers from 19 cities throughout northwest and central Ohio. Music for this year's concert includes traditional melodies along with newly composed contemporary works based on traditional hymn texts and scripture. The Epworth Brass from Marion, along with the piano and the majestic organ of the basilica, will join forces with the chorus to fill the church with the beautiful sounds of Christmas. A free-will offering will be collected during the concert to support the on-going ministry of the choir. The Shrine Cafeteria will be open for dinner immediately following the concert and the Shrine Gift Shop will also be open.

**Holiday Bazaar & Bake Sale** ~ The Ottawa Senior Citizens Association will be sponsoring *Holiday Bazaar & Bake Sale* on **Wednesday, December 4th** and **Thursday, December 5th**, at 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Ottawa Senior Citizen Center, 1035 East Third Street in Ottawa. Lunch will be served from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Lunch choices for Wednesday are: Homemade Chicken Noodle Soup, B-B-Q Pork Sandwich, Hot Dogs - plain or southern style, Brats Sandwich, Homemade Desserts and Drinks. Lunch choices for Thursday are: Potato Soup, Egg Salad Sandwich, Hot Dogs - plain or southern style, Brats Sandwich, Homemade Desserts and Drinks. Come check out our craft items or indulge in a holiday dessert. Cakes, cookies, pies, candy, bread, noodles and snacks will be available. Eat in the center or call 419-523-5593 for a carry out order.

**Breakfast with Santa** ~ "Breakfast with Santa" will be held at Landeck, St. John the Baptist Church basement on **Sunday, December 15th**, 9:30 – 1:00 p.m. The menu of the All-you-can-eat breakfast is: sausage, eggs, pancakes applesauce, coffee and milk. Santa will visit all the "good boys and girls" from 9:45 a.m. – Noon. Free Will Offering

**2020 Perpetuate the Gift Appeal** ~ The *Perpetuate the Gift Appeal* supports the Priests' Retirement Fund. All gifts contributed between October 1, 2019 and December 31, 2019 will count toward parish contributions to the Priests' Retirement Fund, thus reducing the amount of budgeted funds that parishes need to contribute via the Priest Retirement Assessment. **Last year's appeal raised more than \$335,000!!**

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

Dear St Anthony Family,

**Welcome to Advent! This week we begin our celebration of Advent. Advent is our Season of Anticipation, Preparation, and Wonder. It is the time we wait for The Christ-child and look forward to his Birth. I pray that you can find the time to be in The Presence of God in all that you do.**

**This time of year can be very hectic and sometimes exhausting as we plan and prepare for Family and Friends to visit and be a part of all the Gifts of Christmas. We have to work at making sure that God is a part of all we do. We prepare at this time not only for social celebrations, but for "The True Reason for The Season"; The Birth of The Baby Jesus.**

**I Pray that your Advent gives you "The Peace of Knowing and Believing" in all that is good and May You and those You Love be strengthened by all that is offered as we prepare for him who brings Salvation to Us All.**

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

**In Christ's 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!

Amen.

*"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 Mission Statement ~

## November Golden Falcon Award Recipients



Above, Front Row, L to R:

Griffin Langhals, Tessa Pingle,  
Jaxson Schroeder, Jacob Kamphaus,  
Hunter Kaufman, Colin Langhals,  
Josie Meyer, Therez Langhals

Above, Back Row, L to R:

Mrs. Nancy Dukes, Callie Pingle,  
Autumn Stechschulte, Andrew Pohl,  
Abby Buescher, Dakota Dunn,  
Father David Ritchie



First Sunday of Advent



### Lunch Recess Volunteers

#### Week of December 2—6, 2019

Mon. 2nd: Tina Doseck  
Tues. 3rd: Cindy Stechschulte  
Wed. 4th: Megan Brodwolf  
Thurs. 5th: Don Siefker  
Fri. 6th: Valerie Pingle  
Sarah Barto

### Upcoming Events:

December 2 Falcon Spirit Day  
BBQ Pork Sandwiches \$1  
December 6 Mass (Grade 3); First Friday  
Feast of Saint Nicholas  
December 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception  
December 9 Christmas socks/hat \$1; Jeans \$1  
December 10 FREE Parent Guild Sub Lunch ~  
Sub sandwich, chips, applesauce, cookie, milk  
December 13 Mass (Grade 2)  
December 16 Christmas sweater/shirt \$1; Jeans \$1  
December 19 St. Anthony Christmas Program:  
Dress Rehearsal 1:00; Evening Performance 7:00

### This Week's LIFE Skill :

~CARING~

"One who is gracious to a poor man lends to the Lord, and He will repay him for his good deed."

Proverbs 19:17

