

SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA A MEMBER OF ST. GEORGE DEANERY FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 22, 2019



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St. Anthony School Website: www.stanthonyschool.info Parish ~ www.facebook.com/cgstanthony/

School ~ www.facebook.com/StAnthonyofPaduaColumbusGrove/

The child born to Jesus and Mary was named Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." Every child is Emmanuel, reminding us "God is with us." Children are signs of God's continuing presence in our lives.

Mass Schedule

December	24	Tuesday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Vigil ~The Nativity of the Lord ~ {Dick Schroeder ~ Darren Langhals ~ Miller & Knott Families ~ Laverne & LaDonna Siefker ~		
				Nathan Siefker ~ Griffin Warniment ~ Stella Warniment ~		
				Francis & Jean Stechschulte ~ Betty Schumacher}		
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December	24	Tuesday	6:00 p.m. Mass	Vigil ~ The Nativity of the Lord ~ {John Meyer}		
December	24	Tuesday	10:00 p.m. Mass	Vigil ~ The Nativity of the Lord ~ {Norm Maag ~ Joe Koch ~		
				The Koch & Ellerbrock Families ~ Ryan Gerding ~		
				Harry & Margaret Morman ~ Jeff Morman ~ Ron Pitson ~		
				Living & Deceased Members of the Urban & Rosemary Maag Family ~		
	Living & Deceased Members of the Edward J. & Elizabeth Morman Family}					
December	25	Wednesday	10:00 a.m. Mass	The Nativity of the Lord ~ {Daniel & Jennie Maag}		
December	26	Thursday		No Morning Mass		
December	27	Friday		No Morning Mass		
December	28	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Rosary		

December 28 3:00 - 3:30 p.m. Confessions Saturday

December 24 Tuesday

December 28 **4:00 p.m. Mass** Vigil ~ The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph ~ {Darren Langhals} Saturday 8:00 a.m. Mass December 29 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph ~ {Joe & Gladys Verhoff} Sunday The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph ~ {Walter Schroeder ~ December 29 Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass

Wilbur & Emma Becker ~ William P. Schumaker}

Hunter Sudlow, Jevin Langhals, Brennen Langhals,

Servers

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December	24	Tuesday	6:00 p.m. Chri	istmas Eve Mass	Joe Morman, 2 Volunteers
December	24	Tuesday	10:00 p.m. Chri	istmas Eve Mass	Nathan Dunbar, Steven Dunbar, Levi Schroeder
December	25	Wednesday	10:00 a.m. Chri	istmas Day Mass	Joshua Buescher, Brandon Buescher,
					Abby Buescher
December	26	Thursday		No Morning M	ass
December	27	Friday		No Morning M	ass
December	28	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mas	ss Hanna Warneck	ke, Zach Warnecke, Hunter Sudlow

December 29 8:00 a.m. Mass Sunday

4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass

Gwen Langhals, Mitchell Schroeder, Levi Burkholder December 29 Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass Megan Bogart, Ryan Bogart, Jared Kahle

December 24 Tuesday 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass December 24 Tuesday 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass December 24 Tuesday 10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass December 25 Wednesday 10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Mass Special ~ Children's Mass Marge Tabler Judy Schroeder Roger Schroeder									
December 28 Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass Marge Tabler December 29 Sunday 8:00 a.m. Mass Ron Teders December 29 Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass Karl Schroeder									

December 24 Tuesday 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass Don Siefker, Jennifer Siefker, Maria Kaufman,									
Doug Langhals, Denny Ricker, Lisa Langhals – Children's Choir December 24 Tuesday 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass Bruce Stephens, Stephanie Moore, Kate Morman,									
John & Mary Kay Koch December 24 Tuesday 10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass Don Siefker, Sarah Schroeder, Faith Oglesbee,									
Rose Schnipke, Diana Kaufman December 25 Wednesday 10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Mass Rose Ellerbrock, Teresa Brubaker, Bev Baxter, Pam Inbody, Deb Siefker									
December 28 Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass Tori Warnecke, Karen Kamphaus, Rose Schnipke, Maria Kaufman, Deb Siefker									
December 29 Sunday 8:00 a.m. Mass John & Mary Kay Koch, Diana Kaufman, Gib Kaufman, Sherri Wischmeyer December 29 Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass Dave & Christie Tabler, Shirley Goedde, Bruce Stephens, Lisa Meuleman									
December Eucharistic Minister Coordinators									
4:00 p.m . ~ Pat Birnesser - 931-267-2357 8:00 a.m. ~ Dan Maag - 419-659-2969 10:30 a.m. ~ Dave Tabler									
December 25 Hilty Home ~ 419-384-3218 ~ Don Ellerbrock ~ (List can be picked up in the Sacristy)									
December 29 Hilty Home ~ 419-384-3218 ~ Pat Birnesser ~ (List can be picked up in the Sacristy)									
~ Hilty Home Residents ~ Betty Yant-Room 101; Jim Fischbach-Room 200; Ron Korte-Room 204; Mary Jo Radabaugh-Room 206A; Marilyn Roebke-Room 214; Ruth Hohenbrink-Room 310									

Ushers									
December 24 Tuesday December 24 Tuesday December 24 Tuesday 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass Gene Siefker, Tom Dunlap, Mike Kohls, Terry Giesige Dave Moore, Mike Morman, Andrew Morman,									
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December 25 Wednesday 10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Mass ~ M ~ Volunteer J ~ Volunteer S ~ Kathy Buescher December 28 Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass M ~ Pat Birnesser J ~ Eileen Martin S ~ Brent & Jill Glass December 29 Sunday 8:00 a.m. Mass M ~ Tom & Dorothy Mershman J ~ April Schroeder S ~ Doug & Mary Langhals									
December 29 Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass M ~ Jeff & Annette Bogart J ~ Lori Schroeder S ~ Matt & Karen McCauley									

Parish Activities December 22 CCD Classes @ 9:00 a.m. For The Week of December 15th Adult Sunday ~ 239 \$ 10,361.21 Children's ~ 25 27.31

10,388.52 6,764.80 Other Income **Total Income** \$ 17,153.32

Total Expenses \$ 14,205.66

Total Parking Lot Donations To-Date ~ \$ 5,505.00

300 Club Winner ~December 21st ~ Town & Country Flowers ~ Ticket #165 ~ \$100.00 Special Christmas 300 Club Drawing ~ December 21st ~ Shafer Pizzeria ~ Ticket #146 ~ \$100.00 Final 300 Club Drawing ~ December 25th ~ Tom & Dorothy Mershman ~ Ticket #245 ~ \$250.00

Marriage Bans III ~ Jodi Birkemeier & Walter Rosado

Best wishes to Jodi & Walter who will be married on Saturday, December 28th, here at St. Anthony's. May the Lord bless you both with a lifetime of happiness together!

Our St. Anthony Parish family extends our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Richard "Dick" Pohl who died on Saturday, December 14th. Mass of Resurrection was celebrated for Dick on Wednesday, December 18th, here at St. Anthony's. May our prayers and the grace of God see you through this difficult time and may Our Lord welcome Dick into His Kingdom for eternity.

"Saint of the Week" Theodore and Theophanes died 841 and 845, respectively, Feast is December 27th. These brothers grew up near Jerusalem and became monks at the Monastery of St. Sabas. The Jerusalem patriarch ordained Theodore and sent him to exhort the emperor, a supporter of Iconoclasm, or the destruction of sacred images, to change his mind. Theodore was scourged and he and his brother were banished for a time to an island. For opposing Iconoclasm, they were banished again, then had 12 lines of iambic verse describing their iniquity cut or tattooed into their faces. The disfigured brothers were banished to Bithynia, where Theodore died. When Iconoclasm was banned, Theophanes was honored for his faithfulness and appointed Bishop of Nicaea.

Special Christmas Gift ~ Thanks to a very generous parishioner, copies of "Rediscover the Saints" by Matthew Kelly, are available at the entrances of the church. Rediscover the Saints shares with us the lives of various saints and the examples they have given to us for our own lives. Thank you so much for your generosity to our St. Anthony Parish family.

Scrip ~ Scrip will be available this weekend, **December 21st and December 22nd**, after Mass in the church basement. The helpers are: Ken & Connie Kruse, Joy Stechschulte, Marge Tabler, Mary Langhals, Christie Tabler and Carla Kohls. The next Scrip weekend will be January 4th and January 5th, 2020. The helpers are: Ken & Connie Kruse, Teresa Meyer, Joyce Kaufman, Vonda Nemire, Judy Gerten and Elaine Schroeder.

Mass Ministry Schedules ~ The Mass Ministry Schedules for January and February, 2020 are available on the table in the back of church. If you have any questions, contact Pat Birnesser at 931-267-2357 or ebirnesser@yahoo.com.

Contribution Envelopes ~ The 2020 adult and high school contribution envelopes are available 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.

Christian Formation Classes ~ CCD classes will be held this Sunday, December 22nd, in the school. Doors open at 8:45 a.m. with classes beginning at 9:00 a.m. The next CCD classes will be held Sunday, January 5th, 2020.

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.

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

Sunday, December 22nd

St. Charles, Lima

3:00 p.m.

Extra Confessions at St. Anthony's

Monday, December 23rd

7:00 p.m. Until All Heard

Save The Date! ~ The Marriage Encounter Dinner Dance will be held on **Sunday, February 9th 2020.** The Mass is scheduled at 3:00 p.m. at the Ottawa Knights of Columbus Hall with a Dinner Dance following at 4:30 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.

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.

Ottawa Knights of Columbus ~ The Ottawa K of C is hosting their New Year's Eve Party. All proceeds go to the Ottawa Knights of Columbus Scholarship Fund. Tickets are \$50.00 and include food, drinks, games and prizes. Grand prize is \$3,000. Please contact Pat Gerten with questions or to purchase tickets at 419-235-1991.

Retrouvaille ~ In marriage, communication is more than just talking. At some point, did you stop sharing about the things that were important to you? Did your spouse? Improving a marriage takes time and a conscious effort to learn about your spouse. Growing closer in a marriage does not happen automatically. Retrouvaille is a marriage program dedicated to helping couples grow closer and develop a stronger bond. You give your heart and soul to everything you do, between your work and your family. Are you giving your heart and soul to your marriage? Sometimes the distance between a husband and a wife can seem so wide that it cannot be repaired. Retrouvaille is a marriage program designed to bring couples closer together. The next weekend in our area is January 24-January 26, 2020. For more information, contact registration team, Joe & Arlene at 419-481-1116.

Would You Like To Eat Your Favorite Foods While You Learn How To Lose Weight? ~ Light Weigh One King is a Bible study-DVD series without weigh-ins that gets you healthy physically and spiritually. A Light Weigh One King group will be meeting at St John's Parish Center on Monday January 13th, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. This is a 12-week Catholic Bible Study DVD program recommended by priests, doctors, nurses & Prevention Magazine for weight-loss and health. View the Light Weigh Orientation video at: www.lightweigh.com. If you are interested in joining, please call Sue Leopold at 419-538-6914 by Friday, January 3rd, to order your program materials and join this life changing program!

The Catholic Young Adult Group ~ Will be meeting on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month AGAIN starting in January. The meetings are located at 720 Ft. Jennings Road, Delphos. The group is for those post-high school through those in their 20's and 30's. Please join us for socializing and faith-sharing with other young adults around the area! Check us out on Facebook: Catholic Young Adult Group or contact Ashley Burnett (419-890-5422) for more information.

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>Beel</u>	Cnicken
Case of 24 cans ~ 28 ozs	\$ 1 74.0 0	\$ 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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- 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"

Diocese of Toledo Safe Environment Program in Full Compliance with USCCB Norms ~ Each year, the Diocese of Toledo is required to undergo an audit to ensure that it is in compliance with the articles of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. Bishop Daniel Thomas is pleased to announce that, for the fiscal year 2018-2019, the Diocese was found to be in full compliance with the requirements in the Charter.

The Diocese of Toledo remains committed to ensuring the protection of children and providing a safe environment for all young people. If you have any knowledge of abuse that has been committed by a cleric, or any employee or volunteer of the Catholic Church, please report the abuse to your local police department, Child Protection Services, and Mr. Frank DiLallo, Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator. Mr. DiLallo can be reached at 419-214-4880 or by mail at 1933 Spielbusch Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43604.

A Note from Father David......

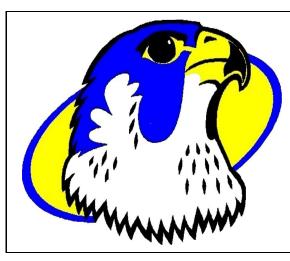
Dear St. Anthony Family,

MERRY CHRISTMAS!! Yes I know it's not Christmas yet, but if I wait till next week, it will be after The Baby Jesus has been born! On behalf of myself and all the Staff of St. Anthony Parish and School, I wish All of You the Peace and Joy that comes from experiencing The Birth of Our Lord. This week's Gospel tells the story of how The Birth of Jesus Christ came about. Of course, we all know it was a wild story that required the Understanding and Faith of Joseph to cooperate in The Lord's Work after experiencing The Angel of The Lord. It must have been hard for Joseph to accept what he was told, and yet his Faith allowed him to believe that God had prepared him to be the "Earthly Father" of Jesus. As he awoke from his dream, Joseph did as The Angel of The Lord told him, and he took his wife into his home.

The story of the birth of Jesus and all the possibilities that come with it become the means for our Salvation and the fulfillment of all our dreams. My Prayer for You is that this week you find yourself with those you Love, Celebrating The Baby Jesus and enjoying all God's Good Blessings of Our Faith, Our Families, and Our Friends.

St. Anthony of Padua, Pray for Us!

Love, Fr. David



Saint
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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 ~



K-2 students participated in Christmas activities recently in Phys. Ed. class. One of the activities required students to gather random PE equipment & make a snowman.







K of C Free Throw Contest

Sunday, January 19th 12:30 pm St. Anthony Gymnasium Open to all children ages 9 - 14





Upcoming Events:

Dec. 23 - Jan. 3 No School ~ Christmas Break

January 6 School Resumes

Falcon Spirit Day; Hot Dogs \$1

January 8 School Advisory Council 6:30 PM

January 10 Mass (Grade 8); Report Cards

January 13 - 17 Grade 2 to "Begin to Swim"

January 17 Mass (Grade 7)

January 20 NO SCHOOL: MLK Holiday

January 23 Lunch with the Leaders

January 24 Mass (Grade 6)

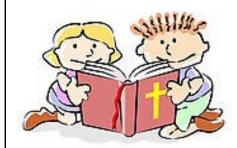
Breakfast for Lunch: FREE!

High Flyers Meeting 2:45 - 4:15

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





Lunch Recess Volunteers Week of January 6 - 10, 2020

Mon. 6th: Alison Laubenthal
Tues. 7th: Cindy Stechschulte
Wed. 8th: Megan Brodwolf
Thurs.9th: April Schroeder

Fri.10th: Valerie Pingle; Sarah Barto

