

SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA
A MEMBER OF ST. GEORGE DEANERY
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 6, 2020



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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/

*Why is it so hard to forgive, yet so easy to get even?
 Listen to John the Baptist in today's gospel
 and repent of the anger and ugly feelings which block your ability to forgive.
 This Christmas give a gift which makes a difference.
 Give forgiveness.*

Mass Schedule

December 08	Tuesday	8:00 a.m. Mass	The Immaculate Conception ~ {Schroeder & Hempfling Families}
December 08	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	The Immaculate Conception ~ {Father Joe Kiene ~ Elmer & Audrey Vorst}
December 09	Wednesday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Advent Weekday ~ {For the Parish}
December 10	Thursday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Advent Weekday ~ {Larry Schroeder ~ Frank & Bernice Schroeder ~ The Clem Schroeder Family ~ Frances Schroeder}
December 11	Friday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Advent Weekday ~ {Ruth (Karcher) Hollinger (Class of '59)}
December 12	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Rosary
December 12	Saturday	3:00 – 3:30 p.m.	Confessions
December 12	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Vigil ~ 3rd Sunday of Advent ~ {Shirley Maag ~ Harold Maag ~ Ben & Philomena Maag ~ Koch & Ellerbrock Families ~ Joe Koch ~ Maria Aquirre ~ Charles Haselman ~ Ruth Stephens} (Weekend Mass Streamed on Facebook Live Saturday at 4:00 p.m.)
December 13	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	3rd Sunday of Advent ~ {Marilyn Roebke (CLC) ~ Wanda Kiene ~ Darren Langhals ~ John Siefker ~ Nathan Siefker}
December 13	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	3rd Sunday of Advent ~ {Bob Morman ~ Tom Knott ~ Adrian Birkemeier}

Servers

December 08	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	Derek Birkemeier, Dylan Birkemeier, Jared Kahle
December 12	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Mackenzie Langhals, Brock Verhoff, Mya Verhoff
December 13	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Andrew Morman, Hannah Morman, Joe Morman
December 13	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Megan Bogart, Ryan Bogart, Mitchell Caudill

Lectors

December 08	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	Gary Hermiller
December 12	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Hanna Warnecke
December 13	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Ron Teders
December 13	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Vonda Nemire

Eucharistic Ministers

December 08	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	Marilyn Siefker, Beth Birkemeier, Marilyn Hoffman
December 12	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Sherri Wischmeyer, Lauryn Wischmeyer, Karen Kamphaus
December 13	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Marilyn Hoffman, Kate Morman, Rose Ellerbrock
December 13	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Anne Schroeder, Shirley Goedde, Bruce Stephens

Hilty Home ~ No distributors will be going to the Hilty Home until further notice.

Usher

December 08	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	Ron Hoffman, 3 Volunteers
December 12	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	George Ellerbrock, Doug Roof, Don Stechschulte, Rob Verhoff
December 13	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Tom Dunlap, Eric Dunn, Ron Hoffman, Gene Siefker
December 13	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Dave Ellerbrock, Terry Giesige, Duane Vorst, Pat Vorst

Greeter Schedule

There will be no Greeters present during the month of December.

Parish Activities

December 07 Walking With Purpose @ 7:00 p.m.
 December 10 Baptism Classes @ 6:30 p.m.
 December 13 Youth Ministry @ 6:00 p.m.

For The Week of November 29th

Adult Sunday ~ 139	\$ 7,644.00
Children's ~ 27	<u>29.60</u>
	7,673.60
Other Income	<u>7,393.70</u>
Total Income	\$ 15,067.30
Total Expenses	\$ 45,137.32



300 Club Winner ~ December 5th ~ David & Jane Hilty ~ Ticket #240 ~ \$100.00

Special Christmas 300 Club Drawing ~ December 5th ~ Don & Sandy Roebke ~ Ticket #79 ~ \$100.00

2021 Calendars ~ The 2021 calendars are available at all of the entrances of the church. The calendars this year are Feast & Saints and Rejoice O' Earth. Thank you to Heitmeyer Funeral Home, Columbus Grove Dentistry, Hartman Sons Funeral Home and Grove Insurance Services for covering the cost of this year's calendars!

Contribution Envelopes ~ The 2021 adult 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.

Scrip ~ Scrip will be available this weekend **December 5th and December 6th** after Mass in the church basement. The helpers are: Ken & Connie Kruse, Ann Selhorst, Marge Tabler, Marilyn Siefker, Christie Tabler & Trina Rode. The helpers for next weekend **December 12th and December 13th** are Connie and Ken Kruse, Tammy Schroeder, Joyce Kaufman, Kay Koch, Anne Schroeder, Carla Kohls.

Walking with Purpose ~ Will be meeting on **Monday, December 7th** at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement.

Preschool Bible School ~ The preschool bible bags will be available after all the weekend Masses in the church basement **December 12th and December 13th**.

K of C ~ The K of C will be leading the Rosary before all weekend Masses during Advent.

Christmas Eve Children's Mass ~ For the **4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass on December 24th**, the children are invited to help with the readings, petitions and angel procession. **From grades 4-8**, we will need one student to be the reader for the first reading and one student to read the second reading. **From grades 2-8** we will need seven students to read the petitions. **From grades K-4**, we will need several angels.

The participating students will have reserved seating (properly distanced) in the first six rows on the Blessed Virgin Mary's side.

I will be practicing with the children on Saturday, December 19th at 10:00 a.m. in the church. Practice will run about an hour. Forms have been sent home with the school children or you can pick up a form at the entrances of the church. These are due back to the school or parish office by Thursday, December 17th.

Volunteers for Christmas Masses ~ Sign-up sheets for Servers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Ushers for our Christmas Masses is on the table in the back of church. The Mass times are: Christmas Eve ~ 4:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. and Christmas Day at 10:00 a.m. **There will be no 10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass this year.**

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!

Lector Workbooks ~ The **2021** Lector Workbooks can be picked up in the Sacristy. Please check your name when you pick up your workbook. Thank you!

Youth Ministry ~ The next Youth Night will be **Sunday, December 13th** from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in the Rectory.

Mass Ministry Schedules ~ Please let Pat Birnesser know of any requests or changes for January-February by **December 14th**. Call Pat at 931-267-2357 or by email - ebirnesser@yahoo.com.

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

<i>Thursday, December 10th</i>	<i>St. Mary's, Leipsic</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Sunday, December 13th</i>	<i>Immaculate Conception, Ottoville</i>	<i>2:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Tuesday, December 15th</i>	<i>St. Michael's, Kalida</i>	<i>4:00 & 7:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Wednesday, December 16th</i>	<i>St. Joseph, Ft. Jennings</i>	<i>7:15 p.m.</i>
<i>Monday, December 21st</i>	<i>Sts. Peter & Paul, Ottawa</i>	<i>4:00 & 7:00 p.m.</i>

St. Anthony of Padua "Days of Grace" Confession Times

- Wednesday December 9th after 8:00 a.m. Mass
- Friday December 11th after 8:00 a.m. Mass
- Tuesday December 15th after 6:30 p.m. Mass
- Thursday December 17th after 8:00 a.m. Mass
- Thursday December 17th at 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday December 22nd after 6:30 p.m. Mass
- Wednesday December 23rd at 7:00 p.m.

.....Along with Our Regular Saturday Confessions at 3:00pm.

I will remain in the Confessional until the Last Person has Confessed and then wait for 15 extra minutes until I Leave

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 Mark's Gospels plus various traditions, customs, feasts and thoughts about these seasons.

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.

Red Cross Blood Drive ~ The Church of the Good Shepherd will be hosting a blood drive, **Thursday, December 31st**, from 12:00 – 6:00 p.m. St. Anthony's next blood drive will be **Friday, January 29th**, 12:00 -6:00 p.m. Please call 1-800 Blood Drive to schedule an appointment at either of these locations. *Thanks to all of our generous donors!*

Blood Drive ~ The next American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held at St. Anthony's on **Friday, January 29th** from 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. THE NEED IS GREAT!!!!

Found In The Church Hall: There is an OSU pull over jacket (size L) that is hanging on the coat rack in the church basement. Please call Marge Tabler (419-659-5190) to claim.

ATTENTION ALL ST. ANTHONY COUPLES! FROM FR. DAVID ~ I would like to start an Engaged Couples Conference here at St. Anthony to serve those who prefer a local One-Day Event for those doing their Marriage Prep at St. Anthony and serving the immediate area. This Conference would start at 9am on a Saturday and end with the 4:00 p.m. Mass and includes Lunch. Coffee and Rolls would be served as we begin followed by some "Ice Breakers and other Games" along with Talks and discussions about Topics such as Finance, Communication, Faith Issues, and other topics of interest to those to be married. We will also hear from our "Older Couples" with tips on "Keeping it together All These Years". I ran this type of Conference in Toledo and have all the pieces that go together to make a great experience for our couples. The only other thing I need is YOU!! If you think you might be interested in being a part of this Ministry Please give me a call at 419-234-6976 or Email Me at davritch@aol.com. It's a great way to meet people and a rewarding ministry to be a part of. **Thanks, Fr. David**

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.

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 **Thursday, December 10th**, at 6:30 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.

March for Life ~ The Immaculate Conception/St. Joseph Respect Life Ministry is sponsoring a bus trip for the March for Life in Washington D.C. The bus picks up from Port Clinton and Sandusky, Ohio on Thursday, January 28, 2021, and returns home Saturday, January 30, 2021. For more information see registration forms which are available at the entrances of the church.

2021 Perpetuate the Gift Appeal ~ Please consider a donation to the Perpetuate The Gift Appeal. Your gift directly assists our retired diocesan priests. After a priest retires, typically in his 70s, he is responsible for his personal expenses: medical, housing, car, clothing and food. All funds contributed between September 19th and December 31st assists our assessed parish contribution to the fund. A gift of cash or check can be sent to Perpetuate The Gift, PO Box 954, Toledo, OH 43697 or placed in the parish collection. A gift may also be made online by selecting the Give tab at www.toledodiocese.org. If you would like to give a gift of stock or designate a bequest to help our retired priests, please contact Brian Doyle at 419-214-4951 or bdoyle@toledodiocese.org. Contribution envelopes are also available at the entrances of the church.

Serra Club ~ The Serra Club of Lima Area, which exists to promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life, will have their next meeting on **Thursday December 10th** at St. Charles Church. Guests are welcome either in person or via live stream (www.stcharleslima.org). Mass will begin at 6:30 p.m. followed immediately by the program. This month's program speaker will be Janis Burns-Watson, Chaplain at Mercy Health St. Rita's. Ms. Burns-Watson is a former protestant minister who converted to Catholicism in the recent past via RCIA. Social distancing practices will be in place. No reservations are required. If any questions, call Kathy McGraw 419-303-0339.

A Note from Father David.....

Dear St. Anthony Family,

As we enter our Second Week of Advent, we know that Jesus, The Son of God is near. In today's Gospel, Isaiah tells us that God is sending John the Baptist to prepare "The Way of The Lord". John appears "on the scene" as a Messenger who calls us to a repentance for the forgiveness of our sins.

People are hearing of John's Preaching and begin to travel to "The Jordan" to ask for Baptism, hoping to make a change in their lives and become more closely prepared for Jesus' Coming.

People were moved by his Preaching and zeal for Baptism and some wondered whether John might be "The One Foretold". But John told them that he was just "The Herald" and that the one coming after him is Mightier than He and Will Baptize with "The fire of The Holy Spirit".

This has certainly been a difficult year and we all could use a break from the stresses and worries that have weighed heavy on us. It is certainly fitting that we find ourselves waiting for The Hope, The Promise, and The Comfort that comes with The Birth of The Christ Child.

Pray More and Play More as you are reunited with The Child that is Within You. Hang In There!!

St. Anthony of Padua, Pray for Us!

Love, Fr. David

CHRISTMAS ADDRESSES ~ 2020

It's time again to remind our parish family of those we do not often see because they live elsewhere or they are confined to their home. If you would like to send them a Christmas card or a friendly note, the addresses are listed below.

*Father Norbert Howe
165 North Seriff Drive
Lima, OH 45807*

*Sister Rita Rogier
1105 Amherst Place
Dayton, OH 45406-5031*

*Father Thomas Oedy
4150 Starr Avenue
Oregon, Ohio 43616-2444*

*Sister Louann Roof
4960 Salem Avenue #2501
Dayton, Ohio 45416*

*Father Gary Walters
85 South Sandusky Street
Tiffin, OH 44883*

*Father Thomas Extejt
2248 Charlotte Drive
Toledo, OH 43613*

*Fr. Dan Zak
1855 Albon Road
Holland, OH 43528*

*Father Charles Obinwa
P.O. Box 68
Ft. Jennings, Ohio 45844-0068*

*Father Robert Kurber
12204 Manado Street
Orlando, FL 32837-6735*

HOMEBOUND & NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

*Hilty Memorial Home
P. O. Box 359
Pandora, Ohio 45877*

*The Meadows of Kalida
P.O. Box 388
Kalida, Ohio 45853*

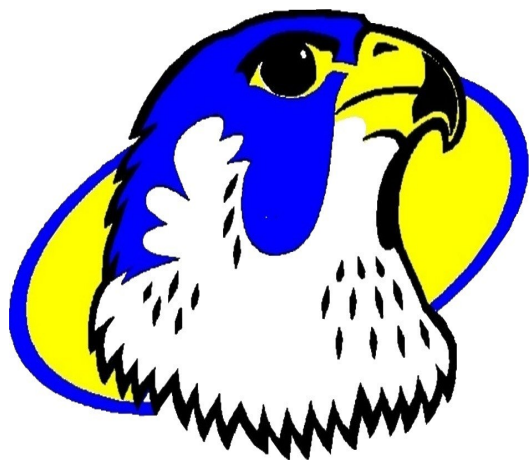
*..... Paula Stechschulte
..... Esther Halker
..... Rose Mary McCrate
..... Pauline Osterhage
..... Kay Kohls*

*The Meadows of Ottawa
147 Putnam Parkway Drive
Ottawa, Ohio 45875*

*..... Rudy Schroeder
..... Joseph Fuerst*

*Jerry Goedde.....205 Selhorst Drive, Apt. A-6, Ottawa, Ohio, 45875
Pat Lane.....P.O. Box 56, 606-B Buckeye Drive, Kalida, Ohio, 45853
Elmer Kerner.....12245 Road O. Ottawa, Ohio, 45875
Evelyn Wyant.....Putnam Heritage, 1380 North Locust Street, Room 86, Ottawa, OH, 45875
Margaret Stechschulte 10990 State Route 12, Columbus Grove, Ohio, 45830
Leona Moore..... 309 Gove Street, Columbus Grove, Ohio, 45830
Mary Ann Stechschulte..... 503 Pine Street, Columbus Grove, Ohio 45830
Dolores Meyer..... 121 DeBlanche Avenue, Columbus Grove, Ohio 45830
Irene Kahle.....5450 Hillville Road, Columbus Grove, Ohio 45830
Elaine Schroeder.....109 Oakwood Drive, Columbus Grove, Ohio 45830
Bob Gerdeman.....8808 Road P-7, Columbus Grove, Ohio 45830*

If there is someone else from our parish that should be included, please call the parish office at 419-659-2263 and we will include them in the next bulletin. Thank you!



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 Winners

Front Row: Carter Troyer, Ethan Basinger, Hudson Schroeder, Kira Schroeder, Robby Schnipke, Noah Farler, Bill Schumaker

Back Row: Mrs. Dukes, Ben McCluer, Walker Sudlow, Garrett Siefker, Abby Buescher, Linzi Schroeder, Grant Siefker, Fr. David



Lunch/Recess Volunteers

Week of December 7:

Mon. 7th: Katie Vennekotter

Tues. 8th: Jenny Pingle

Wed. 9th: Melanie Halker

Thurs. 10th: Lisa Langhals

Fri. 11th: Amy Young, Carla Kohls

Upcoming Events:

- December 7 BBQ Pork Sandwiches - \$1.00
- December 8 Immaculate Conception
All School Mass (Gr. 3)
High Flyer Meeting
- December 11 \$1 Jeans/\$1 OSU or Michigan shirt
25 cent Candy Cane Sales
- December 14 25 cent Candy Cane Sales
- December 15 25 cent Candy Cane Sales
FREE homemade sub, chips, applesauce, cookie
- December 18 All School Mass (Gr. 2)
- December 21 25 cent Candy Cane Sales
- December 22 **Early Dismissal at 12:45**

This Week's LIFE Skill:

Responsibility

"For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. So then each of us will give an account of himself to God."

Romans 14: 10, 12

