

SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA
A MEMBER OF ST. GEORGE DEANERY
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 13, 2020



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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

St. Anthony School Website: www.stanthonyschool.info

Parish ~ www.facebook.com/cgstanthony/

School ~ www.facebook.com/StAnthonyofPaduaColumbusGrove/

Today's gospel reports "there is one among you whom you do not recognize".
It is hard to believe Christ is present in a family with crazy schedules,
suppers that start too late and end too early, cars that don't start, misunderstandings,
frustrations, piles of laundry, unmatched socks and stretched food budgets.
The list is endless.
The words spoken at Mass, "The Lord is with you", are not a hope, they are a fact.

Mass Schedule

December 15	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	Advent Weekday ~ {Joe Morman ~ Living & Deceased Members of the Sylvester & Anastasia Kiene Family}
December 16	Wednesday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Advent Weekday ~ {Wanda Kiene ~ Richard, Darlene & Maynard Bok}
December 17	Thursday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Advent Weekday ~ {For the Parish}
December 18	Friday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Advent Weekday ~ {Wanda Kiene ~ Darren Langhals ~ John Siefker ~ Nathan Siefker}
December 19	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Rosary
December 19	Saturday	3:00 – 3:30 p.m.	Confessions
December 19	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Vigil ~ 4th Sunday of Advent ~ {Richard & Angela Knott ~ Urban & Rosemary Schroeder ~ Deceased Members of the Robert Kohls Family} (Weekend Mass Streamed on Facebook Live Saturday at 4:00 p.m.)
December 20	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	4th Sunday of Advent ~ {Wayne Stechschulte}
December 20	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	4th Sunday of Advent ~ {Marilyn Schroeder ~ Joyce Fuerst ~ Paul & Karen Smith ~ Jim & Phyllis Verhoff ~ Armella Kerner}

Servers

December 15	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	Sue Knott
December 19	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Dalton Wurth, Taylor Schroeder, Mitchell Schroeder
December 20	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Keelie Langhals, Natalie Langhals, Ty Meyer
December 20	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Caleb Morman, Grace Morman, Hannah Schroeder

Lectors

December 19	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Tori Warnecke
December 20	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Judy Schroeder
December 20	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Roger Schroeder

Eucharistic Ministers

December 19	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Bev Baxter, Deb Siefker, Maria Kaufman
December 20	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Marilyn Siefker, Lisa Langhals, Doug Langhals
December 20	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Hannah Warren, Sue Schroeder, Jennifer Siefker

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

Usher

December 19	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Mike Kohls, Brent Glass, Denny Meuleman, 1 Volunteer
December 20	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Joyce Seyer, Dave Koch, Matt Langhals, 1 Volunteer
December 20	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Ken Rieman, Dwain Schroeder, Kevin Siefker, 1 Volunteer

Parish Activities
December 13 Youth Ministry @ 6:00 p.m.

<u>For The Week of December 6th</u>	
Adult Sunday & Holy Day ~ 244	\$11,635.00
Children's Sunday & Holy Day ~ 27	<u>34.10</u>
	11,669.10
Other Income	<u>6,688.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 18,357.10
Total Expenses	\$ 2,104.21



300 Club Winner ~ December 12th ~ Dan Maag ~ Ticket #223 ~ \$100.00
Special Christmas 300 Club Drawing ~ December 12th ~ Jim & Mary King ~ Ticket #195 ~ \$100.00

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.

Special Christmas Gift ~ Thanks to a very generous parishioner, copies of "I Heard God Laugh" by Matthew Kelly will be available next weekend, **December 19th and December 20th**, at the entrances of the church. *I Heard God Laugh* is a practical guide to life's essential daily habits. Thank you so much for your generosity to our St. Anthony Parish family!

Lord's Pantry ~ St. Anthony's donated 720 lbs. of food, paper products and other items along with total cash donated of \$1,080.00 to the Lord's Pantry. Thanks to all who were willing to help others in need.

Additional Christmas Shut-Ins' Addresses ~ Please feel free to send them a Christmas card or friendly note:

Sharon R. Schroeder
The Meadows of Kalida
P. O. Box 388
Room 109
Kalida, Ohio 45853

Dolores Meyer
The Meadows of Ottawa
147 Putnam Parkway Drive
Room 211
Ottawa, Ohio 45875

Karl Stechsulte
9019 Road P
Columbus Grove, Ohio 45830

Scrip News ~ The deadline to order physical gift cards from ShopWithScrip.com is at **noon, Monday, December 14th** to receive it in time for Christmas Day. Cash and Carry gift cards will be available until Christmas at the parish office and after the Masses on December 19th and December 20th. Some gift cards on the web site can be mailed directly to your home if purchased through the app RaiseRight. Electronic gift cards can be sent directly to a recipient's email address on the day you designate. Remember to reload your Amazon accounts on the website, as well as frequently used cards like Walmart, Meijer and Gas cards. Our Kohls Cares for Kids gift cards can be used for on-line shopping and to pay Kohls charge bills in the store. Thank you for using scrip to benefit St. Anthony's!

Scrip ~ Scrip will be available this weekend **December 12th and December 13th** after Mass in the church basement. The helpers are: Connie and Ken Kruse, Tammy Schroeder, Joyce Kaufman, Kay Koch, Anne Schroeder and Carla Kohls. The helpers for next weekend **December 19th and December 20th** are Connie and Ken Kruse, Joy Stechsulte, Marge Tabler, Mary Langhals, Christie Tabler and Jane Ellerbrock.

Preschool Bible School ~ The preschool bible bags will be available after all the weekend Masses in the church basement this weekend **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 are 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.**

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.

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

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

<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

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*

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!

Red Cross Blood Drive ~ The Church of the Good Shephard will be hosting a blood drive on **Thursday, December 31st**, from 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. This is a "Leaders Saves Lives" drive sponsored by a high school student. **St. Anthony's** next blood drive will be **Friday, January 29th**, from 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Please call 1-800 Blood Drive to schedule an appointment at either of these locations. **THANKS TO ALL THE GENEROUS DONORS!**

Thank You ~ We have many angels among us! Joanne Ruen, one of our St. Anthony's Angels, has been sending sympathy cards to parish families for almost thirty years. She is ever so watchful of obituaries so this past year, she sent out 79 sympathy cards. But that's not allshe also sends out Get Well cards to parishioners although knowing who is ill or in the hospital is much more difficult knowing who is in need. The Altar Rosary thanks Joann for her dedication to this project and helps to support her by furnishing postage. **If you have "Sympathy, Get Well or Thinking of You" cards** that you no longer need, drop them off in the marked box in the kitchen of church hall. We will get them to Joann. Thank you!

A Note from Father David.....

Dear St. Anthony Family,

REJOICE!! This weekend we celebrate Gaudete Sunday as evidenced by our Pink Advent Candle. Gaudete means "To Rejoice" which celebrates a sort of break in our Penitential Season where we're told that "The Lord is Near". We take time to think about how we've spent our Season of Advent and how we would like to finish it out.

Some might ask "What have we got to Rejoice About?" This has certainly been a very difficult Year and many have suffered the personal health and economic hardships that Covid has brought upon us.

However, we know that God still blesses us and as we celebrate the Birth of Jesus, we are encouraged that we will be "Lifted Up" in his Grace and find Peace in knowing that God is with us as we celebrate this Christmas appreciating All the Blessings that are now, and will continue to be for those we Love, and for what matters most in our Lives.

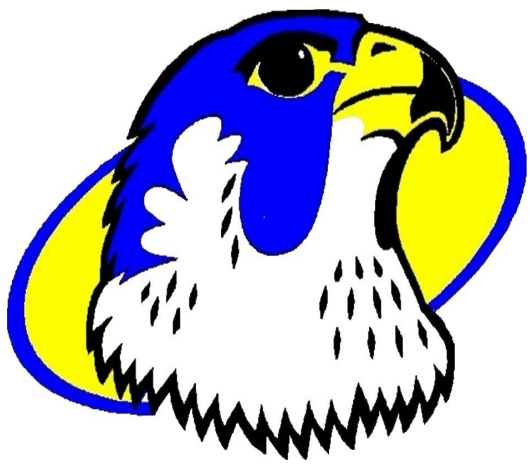
A gift from a Very Generous Benefactor has allowed us to offer online Religious Education for Our CCD Program as well as an immense offering of videos, movies, and Scripture Studies fully available to The Entire Parish. Other Parishes have been offering these services for some time and find them to be Inspirational and Life Giving. I encourage you to sign up online and check out all of the offerings. I promise you'll be very pleased to see the extent of offerings to help Increase Our Faith and Knowledge of God and of our Catholic Tradition.

In order to sign in to this program go to: www.formed.org/signup.

REJOICE!!

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!

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 ~



DECEMBER

Lunch/Recess Volunteers

Week of December 14:

- Mon. 14th: Alison Laubenthal
- Tues. 15th: Lindsay Stechschulte
- Wed. 16th: Nicole Wilson
- Thurs. 17th: Katie Vennekotter
- Fri. 18th: Jenna Goubeaux
April Schroeder

Upcoming Events:

- 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)
Golden Falcon Awards
- December 21 25 cent Candy Cane Sales
- December 22 Pay \$2 to wear Christmas attire
Early Dismissal at 12:45
- Dec. 23rd - Jan. 3rd: No School: Christmas Break
- January 4 Classes Resume
Hot Sandwich: Hot Dogs \$1 each
- January 8 All School Mass (Gr. 8)

This Week's LIFE Skill:

Effort

*"For this reason, make every **effort** to supplement your faith with virtue, virtue with knowledge."*

2 Peter 1:5

