

SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA A MEMBER OF ST. GEORGE DEANERY FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 20, 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/

This Christmas remember your task as a parent is the same as Mary's: We must not let our doubts, fears and unfulfilled expectations get in the way of our loving ACCEPTANCE of our children.

Mass Schedule

December		Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	Advent Weekday ~ {Harold & Josephine Recker ~ John Meyer}	
December		Wednesday		Advent Weekday ~ {For the Parish}	
December	24	Thursday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Vigil ~ The Nativity of the Lord ~ {Darren Langhals ~ John Siefker ~	
				Nathan Siefker ~ Laverne & LaDonna Siefker ~	
				Margaret & Wilfred Warnecke ~ Francis & Jean Stechschulte ~	
				Living & Deceased Members of the Miller & Knott Families}	
December	24	Thursday	6:30 p.m. Mass	Vigil ~ The Nativity of the Lord ~ {Ryan Gerding ~ Norm Maag ~	
				Paul, Alfred, Arleeta Morman ~	
				Joe Koch ~ The Koch & Ellerbrock Families ~	
				Living & Deceased Members of the Urban & Rosemary Maag Family}	
December	25	Friday	10:00 a.m. Mass	The Nativity of the Lord ~ {Betty Schumacher ~ Darren Langhals ~	
				Harold & Marilyn Roebke ~ Dick Schroeder}	
December		Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Rosary	
December		Saturday	3:00 - 3:30 p.m.	Confessions	
December	26	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Vigil ~ The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph ~ {Martha Fuller ~	
				Norm Kohls ~ Virgil & Virginia Hoffman ~ Ralph & Rosemary Wurst	
				~ Deceased Members of the Kruse & Stechschulte Families}	
				(Weekend Mass Streamed on Facebook Live Saturday at 4:00 p.m.)	
December	27	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph ~ {John Schroeder ~	
				Dan & Dolly Blankemeyer ~ Karen Blankemeyer ~	
				Norbert, Lorene & Dick Fuerst}	
December	27	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph ~ {Eugene & Shirley Maag	
				~ Karl Hoffman ~Ott Schroeder}	
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December	22	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	Jerry Dickman
December	23	Wednesday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Alton Kiene
December	24	Thursday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Walker Sudlow ~ Grant Siefker ~ Brennen Langhals ~
		•	-	Jevin Langhals ~ Amber Michel
December	24	Thursday	6:30 p.m. Mass	Joe Morman, Isaac Barto, Levi Schroeder, Carmen Schroeder
December	25	Friday	10:00 a.m. Mass	Alton Kiene, 2 Volunteers
December	26	Saturday	4:00 a.m. Mass	Grant Siefker, Lylah Wilson, Hunter Sudlow
December	27	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Nate Kamphaus, Sarah Kamphaus, Roy Langhals
December	27	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Landen Schroeder, Levi Schroeder, Jared Kahle

Lectors

24	Thursday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Special
24	Thursday	6:30 p.m. Mass	Faith Oglesbee
25	Friday	10:00 a.m. Mass	Sarah Schroeder
26	Saturday	4:00 a.m. Mass	Gary Hermiller
27	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Karen Martin
27	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Lynn Downing
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Eucharistic Ministers

December	24	Thursday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Beverly Baxter, Jen Siefker, Judy Schroeder
December	24	Thursday	6:30 p.m. Mass	Dave & Christie Tabler, Kate Morman
December	25	Friday	10:00 a.m. Mass	Mary Kay Koch, Rose Ellerbrock, Rose Schnipke
December	26	Saturday	4:00 a.m. Mass	Ken & Connie Kruse, Rose Schnipke

December 27 Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass Dave & Christie Tabler, Shirley Goedde

8:00 a.m. Mass

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

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December	24	Thursday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Kevin Siefker, 3 Volunteers
December	24	Thursday	6:30 p.m. Mass	David Schroeder, 3 Volunteers
December	25	Friday	10:00 a.m. Mass	Joyce Seyer, 3 Volunteers
December	26	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Bonnie Doty, Nick Schroeder, Cody Wagner, Bill Roth
December	27	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Jason Koch, Dave Schroeder Jr, Adam Siefker, 1 Volunteer
December	27	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Joey Warnecke, Matt McCauley, Mike Morman, Tayt Birnesser

Parish Activities

December 27

Sunday

For The Week of December 13th
Adult Sunday ~ 171 \$12,399.00
Children's ~ 21 41.79
12,440.79

Bill Schroeder, Judy Schroeder, Mary Ann Schroeder

 Other Income
 6,996.38

 Total Income
 \$ 19,437.17

Total Expenses \$ **36,050.14**

300 Club Winner ~ December 19th ~ Dave & Deb Langhals ~ Ticket #86~ \$100.00 Special Christmas 300 Club Drawing ~ December 19th ~ Greg McCrate ~ Ticket #301 ~ \$100.00 Christmas 300 Club Winner ~ December 25th ~ Sonja Schroeder ~ Ticket #12 ~ \$250.00 Thank you for supporting our 300 Club!

An Update From Deacon Don ~ I just wanted to give everyone an update on my continued battle with bone marrow cancer. First of all, I want to say that without the continued support and prayers of St. Anthony parishioners and many others I would not be able to continue this battle. It has been a roller coaster but the power of prayer continues to support me on my journey. As of now I hopefully will be going through another round of chemo the week after Christmas. I thank God for the opportunity to start fighting again. Thanks again for all your support and prayers. This week we also celebrate the birth of our Savior. Let us not forget that He is the true Reason for the Season. I pray that all of you have a very Blessed and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May God bless each and every one of you!!!!! Deacon Don

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 is available 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!

Scrip ~ Scrip will be available this weekend **December 19th and December 20th** after Mass in the church basement. The helpers are Connie and Ken Kruse, Joy Stechschulte, Marge Tabler, Mary Langhals, Christie Tabler and Jane Ellerbrock. The next scrip weekend will be **January 2nd and January 3rd.** The helpers are Connie and Ken Kruse, Teresa Meyer, Joyce Kaufman, Vonda Nemire, Theresa Kahle, and Sarah Martin.

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!

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!

Donations Needed ~ One of our many St. Anthony's volunteers has been sending sympathy cards to parish families for almost 30 years. She has also been sending get well cards to parishioners and that's why she needs your help to notify her when someone in your family or a friend is ill. Joann's phone number is 419-659-5232. The Altar Rosary thanks Joann for her dedication to this project and helps to support her by furnishing postage. Could you also support her by donating "Sympathy, Get Well or Thinking of You" cards that you no longer need? Just drop them off in the marked box in the church hall kitchen. We will get them to Joann. Thank you!

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

Monday, December 21st Sts. Peter & Paul, Ottawa 4:00 & 7:00 p.m

St. Anthony of Padua "Days of Grace" Confession Times
Tuesday December 22nd after 6:30 p.m. Mass
Wednesday December 23rd at 7:00 p.m.

.....Along with Our Regular Saturday Confessions at 3:00 p.m.

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

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>Beer</u>	<u>Cnicken</u>
\$ 179.0 0	\$ 145.00
92.00	75.00
8.00	6.50
109.00	94.00
56.00	49.00
5.00	4.25
	\$ 179.00 92.00 8.00 109.00 56.00

Red Cross Blood Drive ~ The Church of the Good Shephard will be hosting a blood drive on **Thursday, December 31**st, 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 29**th, 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!

A Note from Father David......

Dear St. Anthony Family,

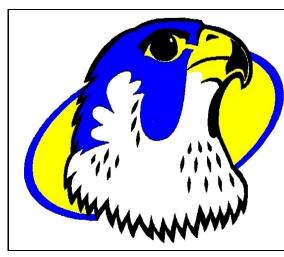
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

Even though it's one day after, It's Still Christmas. I Pray that you all have had a time of Faith, Family, and Friends. This Christmas has been Special in its own way. As we've struggled with all the challenges this year has brought, we have especially looked forward to The Birth of Jesus. The Christ Child brings Us Hope and restores us in Body, Mind, and Spirit. He is the Light that came from Heaven to a Very Dark World and Promised Us Life Eternal.

As we celebrate these Days of Christmas, leading up to Epiphany, we are reminded to celebrate Jesus' Birth not just a couple weeks at Christmas, but all through the year. We know that it is only through God that we are able to find Joy and Inspiration in a World that seems to have taken a tumble. Good is still Present, and Family is still one of our Most Cherished Gifts. It has been said: "Be Still, and Know that I Am God, I am Here, and I always will be."

This Weekend's Gospel retells the Story of Mary and How she came to become The Mother of Jesus. Mary's Trust and Humbleness is an example to All of Us in how to deal with opening ourselves up unconditionally to The Will of God. Hopefully, we can be vulnerable enough to be open our Hearts to follow Our Lord with Faith and with Trust.

Through a generous gift to The Diocese, we have the opportunity to "Discover" a wonderful program for the building up of our Faith. Many have found this a wonderful gift with plenty of information to share with your family, including Movies, and Cartoon Teaching Videos for the younger Children as well as Adult and Teen programs. In order to access this wonderful site you need to Sign Up! GO TO www.formed.com/signup. Our CCD program is using this program and I encourage you to take a look at the "Multitude" of possibilities for "Getting to Know Our Faith" better. When the "Screen" comes up, find St. Anthony of Padua, Columbus Grove (towards the bottom of the St. Anthony Offerings). Click on our Church and you'll be taken to the Sign Up page where you create your Login. Enjoy! and Merry Continued Christmas, and a Happy New Year!



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 ~



Golden Apple Award

Through the generosity of the Donahue Family Foundation of Pittsburgh, the Golden Apple Award has been established to honor outstanding individuals who devote their lives to teaching in Catholic schools.

Left: Diocese of Toledo Golden Apple Award 2020.

Right: St. A's Mrs. Darlene Etzkorn is a winner!

Below: Mrs. Etzkorn poses with her 3rd grade class.







Tues.

5th:











Lunch/Recess Volunteers

Weeks of Dec 21st & Jan 4th:

Carla Kohls Mon. 21st: Tues. 22nd: None Needed

Mon. 4th: Katie Vennekotter

Courtney Schroeder Wed. 6th: Megan Brodwolf

Thurs. 7th: Lindsay Stechschulte

8th: Fri. Valerie Pingle

Jenna Goubeaux

Upcoming Events:

December 21 25 cent Candy Cane Sales

December 22 Wear Jeans & Christmas shirt \$2

Early Dismissal at 12:45!

Dec. 23rd - Jan. 3rd: No School: Christmas Break

January Classes Resume

Hot Sandwich: Hot Dogs \$1 each

Mass (Grade 8) January 8

End of 2nd Quarter

School Advisory Council 6:30 PM January 13

January 15 Mass (Grade 7)

Free Hot Lunch: Shredded chicken sandwiches, Mashed potatoes, noodles, fruit, cookie, milk

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

