SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA
A MEMBER OF ST. GEORGE DEANERY
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 20, 2025

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"By the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit, St. Anthony's Parish Mission is to bring the love and knowledge of Jesus Christ and His Church to our families, our neighbors and our world."

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Cell phones, emails, faxes, texts and voice mails can reduce our lives to a continual series of interrupted moments. Listen to Jesus in today's gospel: "You are anxious about many things" robbing us of the precious time needed to BE with others. Quality time is QUANTITY time.

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Mass Schedule

July	22	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	St. Mary Magdalene ~ {Gary Verhoff ~ Living & Deceased Members of the Sylvester & Marie Ellerbrock Family}
July	23	Wednesday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Weekday ~ {Rose Mary Kiene Latta}
July	24	Thursday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Weekday ~ {Deceased Members of the Robert Kohls Family}
July	25	Friday	8:00 a.m. Mass	St. James ~ {For The Parish}
July	26	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Rosary
July	26	Saturday	3:00 – 3:30 p.m.	Confessions
July	26	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Vigil ~ {Nick Schroeder ~ Nancy Schroeder-Sparks ~ Max Schroeder ~ Kali Crego ~ Norma Vance ~ George Ellerbrock ~ Ruth Kruse ~ Living & Deceased Members of the Ben & Marcella Stechschulte Family}
July	27	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Sunday ~ {Tom & Janice Stechschulte ~ John & Mary Ann Schroeder}
July	27	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Sunday ~ {Elmer, Audrey & Susie Vorst ~ Thomas Schmiedebusch ~ Kathie Langhals ~ Paula Stechschulte ~ Dan Kleman ~ Earl Kleman ~ Tom Buettner}

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Servers

July	22	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	Neil Kaufman
July	23	Wednesday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Colin Langhals
July	24	Thursday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Alexa Kamphaus
July	25	Friday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Savannah Kamphaus
July	26	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Garrett Siefker, Lillian Siefker, Walker Sudlow
July	27	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Ethan Brown, Ethan Basinger, Ben Schroeder-Acolyte
July	27	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Avery Birnesser, Adrian Birnesser, Robby Schnipke

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Lectors

July	26	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Gary Hermiller
July	27	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Dan Maag
July	27	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Nicole Wilson

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Eucharistic Ministers

July	26	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Denny Ricker, Rose Schnipke, Marge Tabler, Beth Birkemeier, Pat Birnesser
July	27	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Ben & Theresa Schroeder, Gib Kaufman, Marilyn Hoffman, Jason Brown
July	27	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Cheryl Ellerbrock, Bob Maag, Karl Schroeder, Hannah Warren, Jenna Goubeaux

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Ushers

July	26	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Doug Roof, Don Stechschulte, Rob Verhoff, Mya Verhoff
July	27	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Eric Dunn, Ron Hoffman, Joyce Seyer, Joe Morman
July	27	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Dave Ellerbrock, Terry Giesige, Duane Vorst, Pat Vorst

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Parish Activities

For The Week of July 13th

Adult ~ 146	**$ 7,383.00**
Children's ~ 20	**20.50**
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Other Income	**860.00**
Total Income	**$ 8,263.50**
Total Expenses	**$ 29,053.55**

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Scarlett Grey, daughter of Tregg & Remalyn Keysor, was baptized this past weekend here at St. Anthony's. May the new gift of the Holy Spirit be with you always!

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300 Club Winner ~ July 19th ~ Duane & Beth Vorst ~ Ticket #95~ $100.00

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Remaining Scrip Inventory ~ Thank you to everyone for your quick response on turning in your scrip gift certificates. Listed below is the remaining Scrip Inventory which we are hoping to sell. If you would be interested in any of the following gift cards please stop in the Rectory to purchase. Thank You!

Applebee's $25
Axe Handle $50 and $25
Bath & Body $10
Bob Evans $10
Cheddars/Olive Garden $25
China Garden $20
Cracker Barrel $10
Dairy Whip $10
Hardees $10
Henry's $25
I Tunes $25
Kentucky Fried Chicken $25
Kohls $25 & $100
Lowes $25 & $100
Meijer $10
Menard's $25
Panera $5, $10 & $25
Pizza Hut $10
Sycamore Lake Wine Co $10 & $25
Target $25
Town & Country Flowers $20
Wendy's $25

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Protection of Children and Young People ~ The Dioceses of Toledo remains committed to ensuring the protection of children and providing a safe environmnet for all young people. If you have any knowledge of abuse that has been committed by a cleric or by any personnel of the Catholic Church, you are urged to report the abuse to your local police department, Children Services and the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at 419-214-4880 or by mail at 1933 Spielbusch Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43604.

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, September 4th**, 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.

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 in navy. We also have special wedding bibles. The cost is $45.00. If interested, contact the parish office at 419-659-2263.

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~ Festival Information ~

Festival Workers List ~ The workers' lists is posted at the front and back entrances of the church.

Saturday Evening ~ The Band Exploit Deluxe will be playing from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. under the Bingo Tent with FREE Admission. NO COOLERS but please bring your comfortable lawn chairs!

The Beer Stand, Hamburger Stand and French Fries will be available after the 4:00 p.m. Saturday Mass.

Sunday Festival Diners ~ All Dinners will be served outside this year with seating available on the grounds. Carry-outs are available 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with Drive-thru from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Sunday Changes/Additions ~ Bingo will be in the air conditioned church basement from 12:00 to 9:45 p.m. There will be bounce houses for the kids. Paul Smock County will be playing from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Kiddie Tractor Pull ~ We will again be sponsoring a Kiddie Tractor Pull at our parish festival. The tractor pull will be held on Sunday for three age groups ~ ages 4 & 5, 6 & 7 and 8 & 9 year olds, as of August 3rd, 2024. We will only have 30 kids per age group so we encourage you to preregister with the parish office. If spots are still available the day of the event, we will have registration at 2:30 p.m. by the pulling area which will be held by the cement drive by the school, with the Tractor Pull starting at 3:00 p.m. The entry fee is $5.00 per child. Forms are available at the entrances of the church. If you have any questions, call the parish office at 419-659-2263.

Big Ticket, Altar Rosary Gas Cards & Lottery Tree ~ Purchase tickets for a chance to win $2,500.00 in cash prizes, three $100.00 gas cards or a spruce tree covered with 100 lottery tickets. Thanks to Tablers Drive Thru and the Altar Rosary for donating the $100.00 gas cards for this year's festival. Thanks also to Indian Trail for donating the spruce tree for the lottery tickets and Aquirre's Fillin Station for donating the lottery tickets!

Cash or Car! ~ Will you be the lucky winner this year? We will again be raffling off up to $20,000 toward the purchase of a new vehicle or $15,000 in cash at the church social this year. Tickets will be available before and after the Masses.

Garage Sale Items ~ The Garage Sale **will be** open Saturday, **August 2nd** from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and on Sunday**, August 3rd** from 11:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m**.**

Festival Leftovers ~ If anyone is interested in buying leftover hamburgers please text Marge Tabler at 419-659-5190. You will be notified on Monday afternoon after the festival and they will need to be picked up that day.

Coleslaw Still Part of the Festival Meal ~We will still have coleslaw at the summer festival so we appreciate your donations and your help on the **Thursday before** the BIG DAY!!!!

Country Store ~ It's time to start thinking about items that can be donated to the Country Store and this year we will have more room! We are in need of items for the raffle as well as homemade crafts. We've had such an amazing selection of items in the past…children's toys, yard games, gift cards, home decorations, wooden projects, bikes, etc. **Donated items can be brought to the parish office any time**. Thank you for your generosity. Feel free to call Kate at 419-303-1198 or Lynn at 419-659-5372 if you have any questions.

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Healingstrong ~If you are facing a health challenge our mission is to educate, connect and encourage those seeking comprehensive natural strategies to heal strong. We meet the **third Wednesday** of the month at St. Mary Church, 160 N. Spring St., Bluffton, Ohio at 6:30 p.m. Contact Jim Tabler at 419-204-5502 or jimtabler1@gmail.com if questions.

Special Prayer Day ~ Sponsored by Christ the King Center, **Friday July 25**, 9:00 a.m. till dusk, 620 E. Blake St., Ottawa, Ohio. Come pray on the Rosary Path. Watch speakers from the National Eucharisitc Congress. Bring some friends, bring your lunch. A sample of speakers & titles: Fr. Mike Schmitz ~ 33 minutes ~ The Greatest Love Story, Msgr. James Shea ~ 39 minutes ~ Satisfaction and Hunger, St. Josephine Garrett ~ 35 minutes ~ Repentance and Revival. Refreshments and snacks. Orders for T shirts will be taken.

2025 Putnam County Senior Expo ~ This exciting event will be held on **Friday, August 1st**, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Ottawa Elementary, 123 Putnam Parkway, Ottawa, Ohio. It is a FREE community event featuring: Complimentary Breakfast ~ Door Prizes ~ Live Entertainment ~ Health screenings and much more.

Father Randy's Birthday Celebration ~ ONLY 20 TICKETS LEFT! Join Father Randy of our Leipsic St. Mary Parish for his birthday celebration, watching his favorite baseball team, the Detroit Tigers vs the Cleveland Guardians! The bus is leaving at 3:00 p.m., **September 17th** from the PLC. The game begins at 6:40 p.m. Tickets are $80. Tickets can be purchased at the Leipsic Parish Office, office hours are 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday - Friday.

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********CCD HIGHLIGHTS********

CCD ~ Please return all textbooks and drawstring bags to the parish office. Students may keep their folders.

We are still in need of a Coordinator of Religious Education for 2025-2026 School Year. Please reach out to Maria Kaufman for more information at 419-733-1063.

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A Note from Father David.....

Dear St. Anthony Family,

In Just a Couple Weeks, we will be working hard Welcoming everyone to Our Parish Festival. A lot of work and planning goes into running a Successful Event. Most Importantly, the People are an events Greatest Asset. More than the money we raise, the most important benefit that Our Festival provides is The Hospitality shared with Our Friends and Neighbors and those who visit for the Great Food, and the games and activities for all to enjoy. Let Us Pray for Good Weather, Large Crowds, and an anticipation that this was more than a Fundraiser, more than a Party. What we work for, is to provide an opportunity for people to smile, to have fun, and to experience a Parish Community that Celebrates Life trying to Live Lives that God Calls us to Live, while being an example for others to experience. Thanks for all You do to make this Festival Happen. Make sure that you encourage people to come, especially for The Band Exploit Deluxe which will not disappoint on Saturday Night and for all the Food, Dinners, and Activities that create a Wonderful Family Experience for all.

This Week's Gospel tells the Story of Martha and her Sister Mary who welcomed Jesus into their home. Mary sat at Jesus' feet Listening to every word while Martha complained to Jesus about being burdened with preparing for a meal with no help from Her Sister. Jesus responded, telling Martha not to be so anxious and worried about things that are not as important as what Mary did as she sat and listened to Jesus.

Most of Us can understand Martha's Concern. She wants to prepare a nice meal for Jesus and be a good host but is Overwhelmed with the task and wants Her Sister to help her. But probably to her surprise, Jesus sides with Mary noting that she has chosen "The Better Part". Martha must have felt awful and was surprised at Jesus' response, but eventually she probably understood the point that Jesus made. We Busy Ourselves with a lot of things that, in the end, do not matter. If we're Honest, we can see that what matters, is what matters to God, and what matters to God is Us! I'm sure that God would like us to toil less, worry less, work less, and spend more time with Him. Maybe if we followed Martha's sister Mary, we could find the time for the Worship Of Our God and in service to His People.

St. Anthony of Padua, Pray for Us!

Love, Fr. David