SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA
A MEMBER OF ST. GEORGE DEANERY
26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 28, 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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In today's gospel the rich man died and was condemned to "a place of torment" because he ignored the poor. He asked Lazarus to go and warn his five brothers to change their ways. Evidently ignoring the poor was a family pattern. Is your family sensitive to the poor?

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Mass Schedule

September	30	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	St. Jerome ~ John Kahle ~ Karl & Todd Kiene
October	01	Wednesday	8:00 a.m. Mass	St. Therese of the Child Jesus ~ {Larry Schroeder ~ Frank & Bernice Schroeder ~ Frances Schroeder ~ The Clem Schroeder Family}
October	02	Thursday	8:00 a.m. Mass	The Holy Guardian Angels ~ {For The Parish}
October	03	Friday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Weekday ~ {Joe Koch ~ The Koch & Ellerbrock Families ~ Father Keith McCormack ~Todd Ritchey ~ Living & Deceased Members of the Raymond & Madeleine Duval Family ~ Living & Deceased Members of the Ralph & Beatrice Schroeder Family ~ Living & Deceased Members of the Joe & Laura Recker Family}
October	04	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Rosary
October	04	Saturday	3:00 – 3:30 p.m.	Confessions
October	04	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	{50th Wedding Anniversary Ron & Marilyn Hoffman ~ Ralph & Rosemary Kramer ~ Ray & Helen Hoffman ~ Janet & Tom Dunlap ~ Dolores Hoffman ~ John Kramer ~ Jim Kramer ~ Virgil & Virginia Hoffman ~ Don Riepenhoff ~ Tom Knott}
October	05	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	{Karl & Blanche Stechschulte ~ Dennis Stechschulte ~ Wayne Stechschulte ~ Ryan Stechschulte ~ Bill Schroeder}
October	05	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	{Special Intention for a 50th Wedding Anniversary ~ Ladonna Bryan ~ Living & Deceased Members of the Teodocia Maglinte Family ~ Living & Deceased Members of the Karl Hoffman Family ~ Living & Deceased Members of the Joseph DeJohn Family ~ Living & Deceased Members of the Lawrence Hoffman Family}

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Servers

September	30	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	Alton Kiene
October	04	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Garrett Siefker, Lillian Siefker, Walker Sudlow
October	05	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Matt Morman, Ethan Basinger, Drew Schroeder
October	05	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Ava Schroeder, Carter Troyer, Robby Schnipke

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Lectors

October	04	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Nicole Wilson
October	05	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Judy Schroeder
October	05	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Brian Schroeder

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Eucharistic Ministers

October	04	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Ken & Connie Kruse, Denny Ricker, Rose Schnipke, Deb Siefker
October	05	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Rose Ellerbrock, Gib Kaufman, Doug Langhals, Dan Maag, Marilyn Hoffman
October	05	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Lynn Downing, Anne Schroeder, Karl Schroeder, Cheryl Ellerbrock, Nathan Schroeder, Alton-choir

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Ushers

October	04	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Cody Wagner, Gary Selhorst, Bill Koch, Bryant Blue
October	05	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Jason Koch, Dave Schroeder Jr, Adam Siefker, Andy Stechschulte
October	05	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Joey Warnecke, Matt McCauley, Darren Siefker, Mark Selhorst

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St. Rita's Medical Center ~ Phyllis Fuerst

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Parish Activities

October	**01**	**Youth Ministry @ 7:30 p.m.**
October	**05**	**Pre School Bible School @ 8:00 a.m.**
October	**07**	**Rosary Guild @ 10:30 a.m.**
October	**07**	**K of C Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.**
		Rosary @ 7:10 p.m.
October	**08**	**Youth Ministry @ 7:30 p.m.**
October	**11**	**Server Training @ 9:00 a.m.**

For The Week of September 21st

Adult ~ 139	**$ 7,772.00**
Children's ~ 33	**33.00**
	7,805.00
Other Income	**3,979.76**
Income	**$ 11,784.76**
Total Expense	**$ 6,762.45**

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The St. Anthony Parish family extends our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Martha Ellerbrock who died on Saturday, September 20th. Mass of Resurrection was celebrated for Martha on Friday, September 26th here at St. Anthony's. May our prayers and the grace of God see you through this difficult time and may Our Lord welcome Martha into His Kingdom for eternity.

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300 Club Winner ~ September 27th ~ Matthew Wasserman ~ Ticket #149 ~ $100.00

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The Word Among Us ~ The Word Among Us for October is available at the entrances of the church.

Perpetuate The Gift ~ Please help support our retired diocesan priests. Our priests have given their lives in service to us and our parish, and we are most grateful! Please offer your gratitude for those who faithfully served the Diocese of Toledo by donating to the 2025-2026 Perpetuate The Gift Appeal. Your gift enables them to cover their daily living costs which continue to rise. A gift of cash or check can be sent to Perpetuate The Gift, P.O. Box 954, Toledo, Ohio 43697 (envelopes are available at the entrances of the church) or place in the parish collection.

Lector Workbooks ~ The 2026 Lector workbooks can be picked up in the Sacristy. Please check your name off when you pick up your workbook. Thank you!

St. Anthony Youth Ministry: Ignite, Fan into Flame ~ Will take place on **Wednesday, October 1st** at 7:30 p.m. in the Church Rectory. Thank you Father Dave for speaking! Our next speaker will be Kara (Birkemeier) Leopold! Please contact Nate Schroeder, 419-969-4894, if you feel called to be a guest speaker or have any questions.

TMIY ~ TMIY will be meeting on **Saturday, October 4th**, at 6:10 a.m. in the church basement. The Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary – The Resurrection.

TMIY will be praying the Rosary in Church on Wednesday, October 1st at 7:00 p.m.

SHE ~ The next SHE gathering is this coming Saturday, **October 4th** and it's once more being held in the school gym from 8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. The topic title is "He Sees You, He Knows You, He Loves You". At times, it's easy to feel forgotten, unnoticed, unappreciated, or taken for granted; desiring for others to recognize not only our dignity but also our efforts, struggles, stress, and pain. Let's dive in on how Jesus sees YOU and knows your heart. Join us for another enlightening video presentation and small group discussion where you can divulge as much or as little as you are comfortable with.

K of C Trash Pickup ~The K of C will hold their Fall Adopt-A-Highway Trash Pickup on **Tuesday, October 7th,** at 6:00 p.m. weather permitting. Please meet at the school bus garage parking lot on State Route 12, east of Columbus Grove. Please contact Gary Hermiller at 419-642-2645 (cell) with any questions. Thank you in advance for your help.

K of C ~ The K of C will be meeting on **Tuesday, October 7th** at 7:30 p.m. in the church basement with the Rosary being recited at 7:10 p.m.

CLC ~ The CLC will be meeting **Thursday, October 9th** at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement.

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Adopt a 2nd Grade Family ~ St. Anthony Parishioners are invited to "adopt" a second-grade family by covering the cost of their 2nd Grade Retreat in preparing them for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and 1st Holy Communion. The retreat fee is $50 per student. The $50 sponsorship covers the student's retreat fee of $20 and $30 for a gift bag worth $200, which includes a beautiful large wooden crucifix! There are 15 students from our St. Anthony of Padua Parish attending the Dragon Slayer Retreat on November 9th. Won't you be a part in Building Holy Families in Our Parish? Thank you for your consideration and sponsorship. If you would like to sponsor a 2nd grader, please contact the parish office by **October 10th.**

Attention New Servers ~ Server training for new servers will be **Saturday, October 11th,** 9:00 to 10:30 a.m., and **Sunday, October 19th,** 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Anyone who would like to serve at Mass, please feel free to come to one of the training sessions. Thank you!

K of C Pork Chop Dinner ~ The K of C is sponsoring a Pork Chop Dinner on **Saturday**, **October 25th** after the 4:00 p.m. Mass. Cost is $12.00, Dine In or Carry Out. The menu is: 1" Smoked Pork Chop, Baked Potato, Applesauce, Roll and Cookie. Pre-sale tickets can be purchased from a K of C Member or at the rectory office.

No More Plastic Lids ~ As of **November 1st** we will no longer be accepting plastic lids. Thank you for all the lids that have been donated in the past.

Christ The King Center Family Day ~ **Sunday, September 28th** - 2:00 pm till Dusk, 620 E. Blake St., Ottawa OH. 2:00 p.m.- miscellaneous activities - 4:00 p.m. outdoor Mass under the tent, 5:00 p.m. Dinner - 6:15 p.m. Rosary, 7:00 p.m. sunset & campfire. Any questions contact@christthekingcenter.org.

Springs in the Desert, a Catholic Infertility Ministry: We will be having a guest speaker on **October 2nd** during our regularly scheduled 7:30 p.m. meeting in the St. Joseph's church basement. Edward Luersman, MA, LPCC is the owner of **Blessed Are They Grief Counseling**, and will be joining us to offer his unique perspective as a counselor on various topics related to the hidden grief of infertility, contact Laura Tenwalde at (419) 303-5752 with questions.

Pro-Life Harvest Dance ~ At St. Michael the Archangel, 750 Bright Rd, Findlay, OH. This is for young adults ages 18 thru 30. When: **Saturday, October 4th** from 7:00 – 11:00 p.m. Cost: $12, cash only (proceeds to benefit the Women's Resource Center). Music: fast songs, pop, country, rock. Country casual dress. Contact Madison Bowerman at madisonbowerman18@gmail.com with any questions. Light snacks and drinks will be provided.

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

CCD Classes ~ Will be this **Sunday, September 28th** from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. Please meet in the gym. The next CCD class will be **Sunday, October 5th** from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.

Confirmation candidates will be attending Holy Rosary Cathedral on **Monday, October 20.** Please bring a sack lunch and drink. We will be taking a bus and leaving around 8:15 and will return for end of school day. Return permission forms by **Sunday, October 5.**

Reminder: Confirmation *Candidate and Sponsor potluck style meal* is scheduled for **Saturday, November 1 at 1:30** in the church basement. Meat and lemonade/water will be provided. Please bring your favorite side, salad, or dessert to share. Any questions, please call Judy Schroeder 419-659-5498

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A Note from Father David.....

Dear St. Anthony Family,

In this Week's Gospel, Jesus is once more giving us a lesson in being generous with The Wealth and Blessings that God has given to Us. Throughout Jesus' teachings and examples, He does not condemn wealth or success and wants us to be Happy, Resourceful, Gifted and Comfortable. But the reason we keep hearing about our use of Wealth, is that He wants to make sure that we fully understand the responsibilities of being Blessed. We are called to share what we have with others who are in need. We are also asked to be compassionate to those we might not even see, although they might be right in front of us sitting at Our Door Like Lazarus.

We might ask the question, What did The Rich Man Do Wrong? He probably worked hard for what he had, and he enjoyed his life. But as Jesus saw it, he did not do anything with his Blessings for anyone but himself. Instead of taking care of Lazarus he just ignored him as if he wasn't important and as The Rich Man died and was sent to Hell he called out for Lazarus to "Cool His Tongue". The Rich Man was denied his request and then asked Lazarus to go to his Father's House and warn his Five Brothers. Abraham, who was with Lazarus, told The Rich Man that "They had Moses and The Prophets" and they did not listen, neither will they be persuaded if someone Should Rise from The Dead.

We're reminded of The Importance of being Generous and Kind while we are still alive; To help others as we can, and to do the work of Jesus happily, generously, and with Love.

St. Anthony of Padua, Pray for Us!
Love, Fr. David

Falcon News

Spirit Week was full of fun for our Falcons!

Calendar of Events

- **September 29 -** Hot Sandwich Day
- **October 1** - 6th Grade Service Project
- **October 2 -** 7th & 8th Grade Field Trip
- **October 6** - Fire Safety Presentation & 7th and 8th Grade Field Trip
- **October 8** - K & 1 Field Trip
- **October 10 -** Hearing Screening

In an ever changing world, Jesus Christ is the everlasting reason St. Anthony of Padua School exists.