SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA
A MEMBER OF ST. GEORGE DEANERY
21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 24, 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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The phrase in today's gospel, "I don't know where you come from," is often used by parents about children and children about parents. Change is so rapid one generation has little in common with another. We depend on love, trust, and mutual respect to bridge this gap.

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Mass Schedule

August	26	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	Weekday ~ {Bob Halker (K of C)}
August	27	Wednesday	8:00 a.m. Mass	St. Monica ~ {Larry Schroeder ~ Frank & Bernice Schroeder ~ Frances Schroeder ~ The Clem Schroeder Family}
August	28	Thursday	8:00 a.m. Mass	St. Augustine ~ {For The Parish}
August	29	Friday	8:00 a.m. Mass	The Passion of St. John the Baptist~ {Marguerite Sebastian}
August	30	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Rosary
August	30	Saturday	3:00 – 3:30 p.m.	Confessions
August	30	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Vigil ~ {Connie Ricker ~ Ralph & Marie Ricker ~ Grant Siefker ~ Ruth Kruse ~ John Kahle}
August	31	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Sunday ~ {John & Mary Ann Schroeder}
August	31	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Sunday ~ {Kathy Hoffman ~ Living & Deceased Members of the Bernard & Mary Morman Family}

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Servers

August	26	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	Jerry Dickman
August	30	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Brennen Langhals, Caelan Langhals, Siena Langhals
August	31	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Keelie Langhals, Sarah Langhals, Alexa Kamphaus
August	31	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Avery Birnesser, Adrian Birnesser, Robby Schnipke

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Lectors

August	30	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Gary Hermiller
August	31	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Ron Teders
August	31	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Sue Schroeder

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Eucharistic Ministers

August	30	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Ken & Connie Kruse, Deb Siefker, Marilyn Siefker, Marge Tabler
August	31	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Lisa Langhals, Dan Maag, Kate Blue, Rose Ellerbrock, Doug Langhals
August	31	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Anne Schroeder, Karl Schroeder, Wendi Wenzinger, Hannah Warren, Alton Kiene

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Ushers

August	30	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Mike Kohls, Brent Glass, Denny Meuleman, Bonnie Doty
August	31	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Dave Koch, Jon Diller, Matt Langhals, Griffin Langhals
August	31	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Ken Rieman, Dwain Schroeder, Issac Barto, Logan Rieman

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Parish Activities	***For The Week of August 17th***	
August 24 ~ K of C Annual Family Picnic	**Adult ~ 161**	**$ 8,824.00**
August 27 ~ Finance Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.	**Children's ~ 17**	**32.00**
August 27 ~ Youth Ministry @ 7:30 p.m.		**8,856.00**
September 4 ~ Baptism Classes @ 6:30 p.m.	**Other Income**	**89,970.37**
September 7 ~ Pre School Bible School @ 8:00 a.m.	**Total Income**	**$ 98,826.37**
	Total Expenses	**$ 85,202.47**

Assumption of Mary Offering To-Date ~ $1,194.00

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The St. Anthony Parish family extends our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Knox Joseph Lammers, infant son of Rusty & Kirsten (Griffith) Lammers who died on Tuesday, August 12th. May our prayers and the grace of God see you through this difficult time and may Our Lord welcome Knox into His Kingdom for eternity.

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300 Club Winner ~ August 23rd ~ Rob Verhoff ~ Ticket #55 ~ $100.00

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Marriage Bans II ~ Taylor Ellerbrock & Travis Sutter
Marriage Bans I ~ Rebecca Maenle and Peter Palko

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Dear St. Anthony Parish,

Thank you for your support and prayers over the last 8 years of my religious life and especially for the warm welcome and reception you gave me while I was home. I am grateful for your smiles, cards, prayers and for the chance to have seen so many people who have helped me grow in my faith. What a blessing you are to me! Please know of my prayers for you.

Sr. Josefa, OP

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OCIA ~ (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) If you are considering becoming Catholic, please call the office to express your interest or email Father David at davritch@aol.com. Classes will be starting in September or October.

Plastic Containers ~ Thank you for all the plastic containers that have been donated. No more are needed at this time.

Beacon of Light & Hope Benefit ~ Thank you to everyone who helped support the Nick O'Brian Family, your love and support was truly appreciated.

K of C Annual Family Picnic ~ The K of C Picnic will be held on **Sunday, August 24th** in the church basement. Please bring the family and a covered dish and the meat will be provided. Deceased member's families are also welcome.

Finance Committee ~ Finance Committee will be meeting **Wednesday, August 27th**, at 6:00 p.m. in the rectory.

St. Anthony Youth Ministry: Ignite, Fan into Flame ~ We will kick-off the school year on **Wednesday**, **August 27th** at 7:30 p.m. in the church rectory. Our first speaker of the year will be Renee Leopold! HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS please spread the word. Please contact Nate Schroeder (419-969-4894) if you feel called to be a guest speaker or have any questions.

Funeral Committee ~ Funeral Food Committee for **September through November**: Chairlady – Vicky Schroeder – Committee: Mary Wagner, Karen Calvelage, Connie Niese and Marge Schroeder. Thank you to Sue McDowell, Jane Hilty, Julie Herron, Donna Karhoff, and Rose Myers who served on our Funeral Food Committee and generously donated their time and wonderful desserts June through August.

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.

Preschool Bible School Registration ~ https://forms.gle/mMff9n4PX9f1kwqY9 Classes will be starting **September 7th** and go through April. The class will be during the 8:00 a.m. Mass on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month. Classes are in the church basement. The cost is $17 per child. This is for any child age 3 ½ by September 1st, 2025 and fully potty trained through kindergarten.

St. Anthony Red Cross Blood Drives ~ St. Anthony's next blood drive will be **Thursday, September 11th** at the Church of The Good Shepherd from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. If interested in donating, contact the American Red Cross at 800-733-2767 or call Marge Tabler at 419-659-5190. You can also go online to make your appointment. Walk-ins are welcome.

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She Shall Be Called Women ~ Have you felt the Holy Spirit calling you to something more? Come with us on an exciting, transformative journey. SHE (She shall be called woman) is coming to St. Anthony's! ALL women are welcome, especially those seeking to be truly seen, known, and loved as they grow in their relationship with the Lord. SHE consists of 9 weekly sessions with video presentation from inspirational speakers followed by small group discussion. Refreshments will be provided. No weekly commitment. Please, come when you can. Sessions will be held on Saturday mornings from 8:00 to 9:15 a.m. While these sessions will normally be in the church basement the very first session on **September 13th** will be in the school. For any questions, please feel free to reach out to Faith Stechschulte, Breanne Windau, Megan Brodwolf, Val Pingle, Courtney Rieman, Amber Schroeder, or Erica Siefker. We hope to see YOU there!

Celebration ~ You are invited to Ben Schroeder's ordination at the Cathedral, **Saturday, September 13th.** Afterwards, there will be sandwiches, cookies, and punch at a reception at the school next to the cathedral. The next day, **Sunday, September 14th**, will be Ben's Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Anthony's in Columbus Grove. It will be the 10:30 Mass with a luncheon in the church basement afterward.

Annual Conference ~ The Toledo Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Annual Conference will be held **Saturday, September 20th**, at Sorrowful Mother Shrine, 4106 State Route 269, Bellevue, Ohio 44811 beginning at 9:00 a.m. and closing at 3:00 p.m. Fr. Yuri Kuzara, C.PP.S. will speak about how Ruth and Queen Esther from the Old Testament and Our Blessed Mother are similar. Time will also be available to tour the Shrine's grounds and visit the gift shop. Registration is required by **September 12** and the cost for the day is $25. You may register by email to sueh1757@gmail.com and pay at the door. Please include your name, parish, email address, phone number and names of other attendees from your parish. You may also send your name, parish, address, email address, phone number and names of those attending with a check to St. Ignatius Parish, Attn: Sue Hopkins, 212 North Stadium Road, Oregon, OH 43616. Please make the check payable to TDCCW. Questions may be directed TDCCW President Rita Borgelt at hborgelt@bright.net or 419-796-9168.

***Holy Family Radio Spirit Drive* - September 10-12!** Tune into the Truth on Holy Family Radio - 94.9FM Lima/Ada, 88.9FM Glandorf, 90.9FM Fostoria! Deacon Jeff Compton is inviting everyone to listen and help raise the funds needed for the operating expenses of Holy Family Radio by making your donation during our 3 day live on-air pledge drive. Make a pledge by calling 1-888-287-0655 or visit holyfamilyradio.fm.

Christ the King Center ~ Will be sponsoring a 2nd Presentation on "Peter, do you love me?" John 21:15 Presented by Karen Homan, Founder of Do Good In His Name Ministry. It will be **Thursday, September 11th** at 6:30 p.m. at the Ottawa K of C Hall, 10760 Rd. H, Ottawa, OH. Is Our Love like His……Agape-Unconditional-Sacrificial contact@christthekingcenter.org or 419-890-3724 for more information.

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

CCD Registration Link: https://forms.gle/ffNdfVea3QVcZ8eg9

Paper copies will be located at the Church entrances. Payment is due at the first class, **September 7th**. We will be meeting in the St. Anthony Gym. CCD is between Masses ~ 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.

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A Note from Father David.....

Dear St. Anthony Family,

Jesus had been teaching and preaching throughout the countryside emphasizing that people must be prepared for Eternal Life by living lives that are Pleasing to God and working on their Holiness so that they may enter through "The Narrow Gate". Jesus' in His preaching, caused many to be "Concerned" that it was "Too Hard" to do what Jesus was asking, and they asked "Lord, will only a Few be Saved"? Jesus explained that they must Strive to enter through The Narrow Gate, and many will not be strong enough, and He goes on to explain that many will approach "The Gate" after the door is locked, and He will say; "I do not know where you are from, Depart from Me you evildoers". Those who were not let in the door will see The Prophets of The Kingdom of God with all those who are righteous reclining at Table in The Kingdom of God while those watching had been Cast Out.

As it has been said before, "We were never Promised a Rose Garden". Living Our Lives as Jesus taught us, is Very difficult to do. Many people believe and are taught that "Once you accept Jesus as your Personal Savior then you are then considered to be Saved, once and for All". This does not fit with Catholic Teaching. Trying to "Make our way to Heaven", is Not a One Step Process. Each and every day seems to test us in one way or another. It is only by "Keeping Our Minds, Hearts, and Souls on Jesus that we are able to maneuver through the challenges of life and eventually find ourselves with Our Lord, receiving Our Just reward and knowing that "It Was All Worth It".

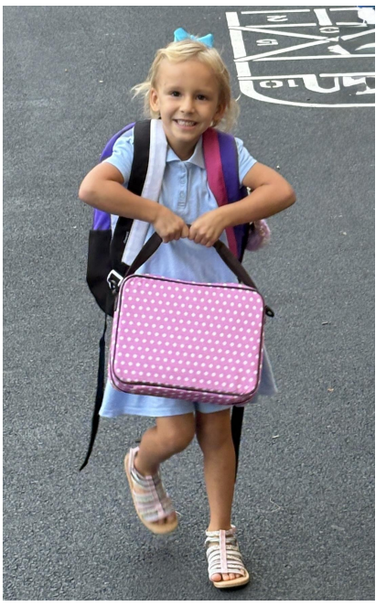
St. Anthony of Padua, Pray for Us!

Love, Fr. David

Falcon News

Blessing of the Book Bags helps ensure our students have an extra blessing to the start of their year! Our Falcons are ready to fly into a successful year now.

The **First Day of School** was a success! Each and every day our school community gathers together to begin our day in prayer. We can't wait to see where God leads our school community this year.



Calendar of Events

August 25 - Falcon Spirit day
September 1 - NO SCHOOL
September 8 - 2 Hour Delay; Falcon Spirit Day
September 11 - Reconciliation Meeting - 7 pm
September 15 - Falcon Spirit Day
September 18 - 1st Quarter Midterm
September 22 - Falcon Spirit Day
September 26 - School Picture Day

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