SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA
A MEMBER OF ST. GEORGE DEANERY
PENTECOST SUNDAY
MAY 24, 2026

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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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Like the disciples in today's gospel, there are times we shut the doors of our hearts to people or events. It's how we create emotional distance. Permanent distancing is lethal and prevents the PEACE Jesus offers you today.

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Mass Schedule

May	25	Monday	**9:00 a.m. Mass**	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church ~ {For The Parish}
May	26	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	St. Philip Neri ~ {Pete & Pat Siefker}
May	27	Wednesday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Weekday ~ {John Aelker}
May	28	Thursday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Weekday ~ {For The Parish}
May	29	Friday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Weekday ~ {Larry Schroeder ~ Frances Schroeder ~ Frank & Bernice Schroeder ~ The Clem Schroeder Family}
May	30	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Rosary
May	30	Saturday	3:00 – 3:30 p.m.	Confessions
May	30	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	{Dennis Hoyt ~ Carl & Marguerite Kurber ~ Ruth Kruse ~ Andy Kruse ~ Lilly Kruse}
May	31	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	{John & Mary Ann Schroeder}
May	31	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	{Ed & Jeanette Morman}

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Servers

May	25	Monday	**9:00 a.m. Mass**	Alton Kiene
May	26	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	Bryce Pingle
May	27	Wednesday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Colin Langhals
May	28	Thursday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Joel Vennekotter
May	29	Friday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Jacob Brodwolf
May	30	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Lylah Wilson, Tucker Wilson, Eli Kohls
May	31	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Matt Morman, Drew Schroeder, Madalyn Schroeder
May	31	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Mitchell Schroeder, Mariah Schroeder, Kira Schroeder

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Lectors

May	30	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Isabella Wilson
May	31	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Dan Maag
May	31	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Courtney Rieman

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Eucharistic Ministers

May	30	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Lauren Birkemeier, Beth Birkemeier, Marilyn Siefker, Karyn Kamphaus, Marge Tabler
May	31	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Lisa Langhals, Kate Blue, Diana Kaufman, Doug Langhals, Marilyn Birkemeier
May	31	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Hannah Warren, Lisa Meuleman, Nathan Schroeder, Bob Maag, Sarah Barto

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Ushers

May	30	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Mike Recker, Tyler Recker, Tim Reimund, Aaron Siefker
May	31	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Craig Kaufman, Len Kaufman, Carl Warnecke, Gib Kaufman
May	31	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Al Schroeder, Dale Schroeder, Roger Wenzinger, Mike Brodwolf

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Parish Activities

May 27 Finance Meeting @ 5:30 p.m.
June 02 K of C Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.
Rosary @ 7:10 p.m.

For The Week of May 17th

Adult ~ 154	**$ 10,692.00**
Children's ~ 21	**31.00**
	10,723.00
Income	**51,013.24**
Total Income	**$ 61,736.24**
Expense	**$ 10,440.13**

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300 Club Winner ~ May 23th ~ Marilyn Ellerbrock ~ Ticket #41 ~ $100

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Jesse William, son of Cory & Ellison Heuerman, 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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Below is the list of our "2026" St. Anthony Graduating 8th Graders. May God always be your Guide as you move on to the next level of your lives. Congratulations!!!

Ethan Michael Basinger
Troy Gilbert Kaufman
Jacob Thomas Kamphaus
Jaxson Douglas Schroeder

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Parish Office ~ Will be closed **Monday, May 25th** in observance of Memorial Day.

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

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Cash or Car ~ 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 are $25 each, and $5 for the 2nd chance.

***** NEW: THERE WILL BE A 2nd DRAWING AFTER THE GRAND PRIZE FOR $1000 CASH ! *****

Tickets are available from the church office, at many local businesses, or from Mark Edelbrock (419-615-7907) & Mike Birkemeier (419-234-6993). The seller of both winning tickets will also win $100 each.

******Early bird drawing for $250 cash on Father's Day, June 21st. So don't Wait******

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Funeral Committee ~ Funeral Food Committee for **June through August**: Chairlady – Vicky Schroeder – Committee: Sue Fenstermaker, Marge Schroeder, Alice Morman and Mary Morman. Thank you to Joyce Kaufman, Theresa Schroeder, Joan Sehlhorst, Tammy Schroeder and Sheila Thornton who served on our Funeral Food Committee and generously donated their time and wonderful desserts March through May.

Altar Rosary Funeral Schedules ~ There are copies of the schedule for the women serving the funeral meals for the next year at the entrances of the church. Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who help us year after year!

Finance Committee ~ Finance Committee will be meeting **Wednesday, May 27th**, at 5:30 p.m. in the rectory.

K of C ~ The K of C will be meeting on **Tuesday, June 2nd** at 7:30 p.m. in the church basement with the Rosary being recited at 7:10 p.m.

Summer Vacation Bible School ~ Children-get your swords out to slay the 7 deadly dragons (7 deadly sins) at our 2026 Dragon Slayer VBS! The dragon slayer retreat for our 2nd grade students has expanded its mission to make holy families through its VBS program, teaching our youth all about recognizing these dragons in our hearts and how to slay them while having tons of fun! Dates: **Monday-Thursday June 8-11th**. Time: **6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m**. (drop off time starts at 5:45). Ages: 4 years old through current 4th graders. Registration & volunteer forms located at the back of church. Questions contact Faith Stechschulte at 419-615-8214.

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 **Wednesday, June 17th**, 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.

K of C Trash Pickup ~ The K of C will hold their Spring Adopt-A-Highway Trash Pickup on Tuesday, **June 2nd** 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 with any questions. Thanks in advance for your help.

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Y.E.S. – Youth Elect Service Project

The 2026 Y.E.S. project will be held at Fort Jennings High School this year beginning **Thursday, June 4th** at 5:30 p.m. Students going into grade 7 through outgoing seniors are encouraged to join us for this weekend service retreat. This 3-day rewarding experience will close with 5:00 p.m. Mass on **Saturday, June 6th** at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. **Registration forms are available from Julie Fischbach** and are due by May 22!

Donations Needed ~ The 2026 Y.E.S. project is hosted by St. Joseph's in Fort Jennings June 4-6 and involves high school youth and adults helping those in need with painting, cleaning, landscaping, or many other tasks that are just too difficult for our area residents to do. The ultimate goal is to spread the love of Christ and His message of Hope to those who need it most. Most of our work consists of helping private homeowners without family members nearby or unable to maintain or improve their homes. Work sites are all over the county and supplies are needed to help. All of the work done is at no cost to those being helped. The youth and adults are asked to contribute a fee to cover the cost of a t-shirt, food and their supplies. We are asking residents, businesses and organizations to contribute as you can. If you would like to make a donation of supplies, we can always use cleaning supplies, small tools, water, soda or snacks. A monetary donation is appreciated as well to help curb the cost of mulch or larger supplies. Please contact Julie Fischbach at 419-905-8472 (in the evenings) or the parish office with any questions. Checks may be payable to St. Joseph's Catholic Church- YES and sent to PO Box 68, Ft. Jennings, OH 45844. Thank you for your support!

Team Leaders Needed ~ Do you like to spend time helping those in need? We'd love for you to join our adult team leaders for the Y.E.S. weekend June 4-6 starting at Fort Jennings High School and working throughout the St George Deanery! Adult team leaders and assistant leaders need to be current college freshmen, up to retirees! Nothing is more rewarding than sharing your time and faith with the Young Church of today! For questions or to sign up as a team leader please contact Julie Fischbach at 419-905-8472 (evenings or weekends).

Do You Need Help? ~ The 2026 Y.E.S. project is hosted by St. Joseph's Parish in Ft. Jennings and involves high school youth and adults helping those in need with painting, cleaning, landscaping, or many other tasks that are just too difficult for our area residents to do. On June 5th & 6th, If you would like a team of youth and adults to help with jobs around inside or outside of your home, please contact Julie Fischbach at 419-905-8472 (evenings and weekends). **Deadline to submit a request is May 24th**.

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Leipsic St. Mary's Parish Social ~ Is Father's Day Weekend, **June 20th & June 21st,** there will be a Men's softball tournament, burgers & fries, beer tent all weekend. **Saturday** we will have kids' games, activities, petting zoo, kona ice from 10:45 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and Wasted Neon under the big tent playing from 8:00 – 11:00 p.m. Saturday night. **Sunday** we will have chicken BBQ dinners 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (dine in or carry out) & the 60's Survivors Band Sunday 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Bounce House and Face Painting 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. Come out & enjoy.

Exciting News ~ Off The Streets is starting a new local chapter in Lima, OH. If you are looking for an opportunity to make a positive impact in the lives of formerly homeless people, or if you just want to see what Off The Streets is all about, please plan to attend this informational meeting on **Wednesday, May 27th**, at 6:30 p.m. at The Gathering Space at Lima, St Charles Parish. For questions or more information please contact Jay Schroeder at 419-344-6826.

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

Next school year registration link will be coming soon.

Preschool Bible School information will be coming in the next few weeks.

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A Note from Father David.....

Dear St. Anthony Family,

This Week we Celebrate the Gift that Jesus Promised Us. The gift that will remind us of Who Jesus Was, and all that He did. The Holy Spirit that Our Children received a few weeks ago is The Same Spirit that Jesus gave us to Inspire Us and enable Us to follow in His footsteps and continue The Work He Started. Jesus appeared to His Disciples and said to them, Peace be With You". He showed them His hands and side and sent them forth to Build His Kingdom and do All that they can, to Teach, Heal, Baptize, Forgive Sins and to Use The Gift of The Holy Spirit to enable them to Do the Impossible in Christ's Name.

We must always be open to the work of The Holy Spirit in our lives. Invoking The Holy Spirit does not require a Special Invitation or Magic Words, all it requires is an openness to Prayer and The Belief in a God that asks Us to Knock, Seek and Ask, knowing that Jesus Promised to Never Leave Us and Sent "The Spirit" to Inspire Us to be Our Best Selves. May The Spirit be With You Always and with those You Love.

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

Falcon News

8th Grade Graduation

The St. Anthony Class of 2026 has officially graduated. We are proud of all they have accomplished in their years here and can't wait to see how they continue to excel and grow during their high school years! May God's blessing be on them and all they pursue in their futures.

Readers and Rewards

This year our K-8 students participated in Accelerated Reader and were challenged to reach different goals for prizes. Our highest reward went to students in grades 3-8 who read a million words or students in K-2 who earned 50 AR points. We had 14 students reach this highest level of achievement and get to purchase a book of their choice! Together this group of students read a total of 27,008,312 words this year!

Calendar of Events

August 14 - Summer reading challenge ends
August 16 - Welcome Back Open House
August 19 - First Day of School K-8
August 24 & 26 - First Days of Preschool

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