



SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA
A MEMBER OF ST. GEORGE DEANERY
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
JANUARY 11, 2025



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St. Anthony School Website: www.stanthonyschool.info

Parish ~ www.facebook.com/cgstanthony/

School ~ www.facebook.com/StAnthonyofPaduaColumbusGrove/

**“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.”**

**The words in today’s gospel, “This is my beloved, with Him I am pleased,” are words every child needs to hear often.
Affirmation is important to raise happy and confident children.**

Mass Schedule

January	13	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	Weekday ~ {Rose Mary Kiene Latta}
January	14	Wednesday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Weekday ~ {For The Parish}
January	15	Thursday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Weekday ~ {Larry Schroeder ~ Frances Schroeder ~ Frank & Bernice Schroeder ~ The Clem Schroeder Family}
January	16	Friday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Weekday ~ {Larry Schroeder ~ Frances Schroeder ~ Frank & Bernice Schroeder ~ The Clem Schroeder Family}
January	17	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Rosary
January	17	Saturday	3:00 – 3:30 p.m.	Confessions
January	17	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	{Al & Pauline Osterhage ~ Dan Verhoff}
January	18	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	{Colleen Best ~ Frank Miller ~ Dick & Ruth Warnecke ~ Living & Deceased Members of the Karl & Blanche Stechschulte Family}
January	18	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	{Ed & Jeanette Morman}

Servers

January	13	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	Roger Wenzinger
January	17	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Garrett Siefker, Lillian Siefker, Walker Sudlow
January	18	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Alex Meyer, Josie Meyer, Tyler Recker
January	18	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Robby Schnipke, Carter Troyer, Kennedy Siefker

Lectors

January	17	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Lauren Birkemeier
January	18	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Diana Johnson
January	18	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Sue Schroeder

Eucharistic Ministers

January	17	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Mary Kay Koch, Lindsay Peck, Marge Tabler, Karyn Kamphaus, Pat Birnesser
January	18	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Judy Schroeder, Kate Blue, Diana Kaufman, Doug Langhals, Marilyn Birkemeier
January	18	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Kelly Honse, Anne Schroeder, Wendi Wenzinger, Hannah Warren, Nathan Schroeder, Choir - Alton Kiene

Ushers

January	17	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Mike Kohls, Brent Glass, Denny Meuleman, Bonnie Doty
January	18	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Dave Koch, Jon Diller, Matt Langhals, Griffin Langhals
January	18	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Ken Rieman, Dwain Schroeder, Issac Barto, Logan Rieman

St. Rita's Medical Center ~ Elise Leopold ~ Tom Meyer

Parish Activities

January 12 Benediction & Adoration at 7:00 p.m.
January 13 Rosary Guild @ 10:30 a.m.
January 18 Pre School Bible School @ 8:00 a.m.
January 21 Youth Ministry @ 7:30 p.m.

For The Week of January 4th

Adult ~ 264	\$ 12,216.22
Children's ~ 36	<u>56.85</u>
	12,273.07
Other Income	<u>3,932.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 16,205.07
Total Expense	\$ 19,654.49



Christmas Collection to date ~ \$38,560.00

Ohio Tax Credit opportunity to support St. Anthony School

The State of Ohio has given us a unique opportunity to help fund our students' Catholic Education. Ohio currently offers a dollar-for-dollar tax credit, up to \$750 individually or \$1,500 for couples filing jointly. This tax credit gives you the choice to designate funds towards a child's education at St. Anthony School.

Last year, parishioners directed over \$88,000 of Ohio tax funding to St. Anthony School, at no cost to them, through this Ohio tax credit program! Through these donations, we were able to support 50 students with scholarships to reduce their tuition.

The Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) we are partnering with is called Every Child Every Family. You can visit their website to learn more or donate at: <https://everychildeveryfamily.org>. To donate, click on the **Contribute Today** button at the top and select **Saint Anthony of Padua Catholic School (Columbus Grove)** in the drop down menu. Their organization will send you a tax letter you'll need to submit when filing your taxes.

At the entrances of the church, there will be a handout that summarizes this credit, how to make the donation, and to help determine if you are eligible. Additionally, if you have general questions on the scholarship, you can contact the school office. I would like to thank you for your continued support of our church and school, and I encourage you to explore this scholarship tax credit. Please take a handout on the way out.

Mrs. Holzwart – Principal

Benediction & Adoration ~ Deacon Ben Schroeder will be having Benediction & Adoration in the church on **Monday, January 12th** at 7:00 p.m.

2026-2027 Preschool Registration ~ Will open on **Monday, January 19th** at 8:00 a.m. The link to register will be on our Facebook page and school website under the preschool tab. Your child must be 4 by October 1st, 2026 and fully potty trained. We will accept St. Anthony parishioners & existing families of St. Anthony's school first. Note the change of hours for next year: Preschool Only 8:00-11:30 & Extended day until 2:45.

Rosary Guild ~ The Rosary Guild will be meeting on **Tuesday, January 13th** at 10:30 a.m. in the church basement. If you have any questions please call Mary Kay Koch at 419-236-9966.

That Man Is You ~ Will be meeting on **Saturday, January 17th**, at 6:10 a.m. in the church basement.

SHE ~ The next SHE, Shall be Called Woman, will be **January 17th** in the church basement beginning at 8:00 a.m. Come join us!

Springs in the Desert, a Catholic Infertility Ministry ~ Our next meeting will be held **Thursday, January 15th** at 7:30 p.m. in the St. Joseph, Fort Jennings church basement. All women are invited to join us. For more information, contact Laura Tenwalde at (419)303-5752 or Wendy Schimmoeller at (419)236-0522. It is our honor to walk with you!

Celebrating The Sanctity of Marriage ~ On **Sunday, February 15th** at St. Gerard Church, Lima. Mass will be at 3:30 p.m. followed by Dinner at 5:00 p.m. in the St. Gerard Church Hall. Dance begins at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$40 a couple. Cash Bar. **RSVP by January 26th**. Contact Marilyn at 567-204-4745 to purchase your ticket.

The 23rd Msgr. Jerome E. Schmit Youth Foundation Dinner ~ Featuring **Tim Berta**, survivor of the 2007 Bluffton University baseball bus crash and author of Fielder's Choice: Honoring Fallen Teammates from Bluffton University - will be held on **Thursday, February 19th** at the Pinnacle in Maumee. This foundation benefits the CYO Athletic program, the Youth, Young Adult & Campus Ministry programs, and the Catholic Club, as well as providing 12 partial scholarships to metro-Toledo area Catholic high schools annually. Tickets are \$60 each and may be ordered through the Catholic Club website (www.CatholicClub.org). Please email MSYFinfo@gmail.com with questions. Sponsorship packages are also available.

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

CCD Classes ~ There will be CCD class this **Sunday, January 11th** from 9:15 – 10:15 a.m. There will be **no** CCD Classes **Sunday, January 18th**.

2025 Christmas Flower Memorials

This year's Christmas Flower Fund donations to date are **\$2,345**. Listed below are the names of loved ones and friends of our Parish Family who are remembered during this Christmas season and in whose honor donations to the Christmas Flower fund were made. May they know the life, peace and joy that only Christ can offer. If we have missed someone, please accept our apologies and let us know by calling the parish office at 419-659-2263 and we will publish them in the next bulletin. Thank you for your generosity!

In memory of the Deceased Priests and Sisters from St. Anthony's and those who have served our parish.

Otto & Alma Schnipke	Jim & Mary Jane Morman	Robert & Joan Osterhage
Virginia & Leroy Selhorst	Emerson & Helen Diller	Robert Gerding
Maria & Angie Pierce	Clarence & Louise Morman	Urban & Rosemary Schroeder
Bernie Schnipke	Albert & Marcella Wolke	Al & Angela Schroeder
Gary Schnipke	Emma Niese	Bob & Bea Kleman
Gord & Jim Ridenour	Joseph De John Family	Paul Kleman
Glen & Sue Ridenour	Lawrence Hoffman	Hattie & Viv Halker
Hattie & Viv Halker	Karl Hoffman	Bob & Phyl Halker
Bob Halker	Leonard & Jeanette Stechschulte	Gord & Jim Ridenour
Joe & Mary Meyer	Cyrillius & Celesta Kamphaus	Dick & Dolores Schroeder
Ike & Florence Miller	Charlie Schmiesing	Pete & Pat Siefker
Sister Mary Luisa Miller CPPS	John & Alice Schmiesing	Kennedy Rose Schroeder
Don, Mary & Cheryl Miller	Robert Lenhart	Vern Karhoff
Alvin Schroeder	Karl & Blanche Stechschulte	Walter & Eugenia Weskiel
Delores Schroeder	Dennis Stechschulte	Elmer & Lucille Karhoff
Ray & Marie Korte & Family	Wayne Stechschulte	John Weskiel
Jim & Mary Mack	Ryan Stechschulte	Teresa Brubaker
Adrian Birkemeier	Karl Kiene	Joe Morman
Bill Mack	Wanda Kiene	Morman & Klausung Families
John E. Koch	Len Hermiller	Bob & Agnes Utendorf
Andrew L. Niese	Al & Angela Schroeder	Kelvin Utendorf
Etheldreda M. Niese	Frank Hermiller	Joe Blankemeyer
Harold & Josephine Recker	Barb Siebeneck	Neil & Ceil Blankemeyer
Dave Wehri	Dan Verhoff	Kenny & Alma Eversole
Don Riepenhoff	Carol Pitney	Elmer Langhals
Linda Burns	Ed Koch	Kathie Langhals
Edward & Maxine Roth	Linus & Irene Kahle & Family	Paula Stechschulte
Hank & Bill Sehlhorst	Honey & Lou Ann Niese & Family	Frank Hermiller
Kathy & Kevin Sehlhorst	Bridget Niese	Barbara Siebeneck
Gene & Pat Johnson	Dick & Irma Warnecke	Len Hermiller
Melody	Roger Bogart	Leo & Frances Miller
Bill & Luella Schumaker	Treava Waggoner	Herman & Anna Hermiller
Ross Alan Johnson	Charles & Eloise Davis	George Ellerbrock
Moose	Bill & Katey Keysor	Will Ellerbrock
Louis & Mary Ida Schroeder	Paul & Berta Wenzinger	Stanley Langhals
Richard & Marlyin Benroth	Urban & Emma Westrick	Clara Langhals
Cletus Schroeder	Jim Knueven	Dennis Langhals
Gloria Schroeder	Leo & Gloria Wrasman	Jerry Langhals
Matthew Thornock	Darren Langhals	Tom & Janice Stechschulte
Norman & Evelyn Utrup	Melinda Utendorf	Margaret Stechschulte
Connie Ricker	Rachael Jay	Jerry & Judy Fortman
Ralph & Marie Ricker	Jim & Phyllis Verhoff	Dan Fortman
Wilbur & Elenor Renner	Jordan Schimmoeller	Wayne Becker
Urb & Dale Warnecke	Sharon Reynolds	Julie King
Gene Ricker	Karl & Betty Schumacher	Norman Miller
Ken Inbody	Irv & Sharon Schroeder	Sandy Miller
Maurice & Louise Weis	Deacon Don Siefker	Richard L. Schroeder
Sharon Weis	Robert & Clara Siefker	Martha A. Schroeder
Lawrence & Marjorie Hilty	Karen Vennekotter	Julie King

Larry Hilty	John & Catherine Kahle	Cletus Schumacher
Omer & Viola Maag	Darren Langhals	Tom Knott
John Siefker	Langhals & Birkemeier Families	Roger Glass
Nathan Siefker	Wilfred & Marie Niese	John Siefker
Grant Siefker	Jenny Roberts	Nathan Siefker
Griffin Warniment	Norma Vance	Grant Siefker
Stella Warniment	John & Shirley Moening	Tim Payton II
Laverne & LaDonna Siefker	Mike Moening	Ruth & Gene Hoehn
Harold & Alice Gerten, Sr.	Karen Blankemeyer	Bob, Jan, Paul & Marilyn Hoehn
Sam Michel	Harold & Ardella Mershman	Gary Rayle
Charles & Loretta Sehlhorst	Paul & Theresa Fisher	Ken Halker
Charles Haselman	John & Tom Fisher	Jeannie Hoehn
Richard Haselman	Ron & Chris Doty	Joseph Hoehn
Edna V. Haselman	Barry Chamberlin	Francis & Jean Stechschulte
Ruth Stephens	Todd Sparks	Dick & Doris Koch
Bill & Peg Myers	Kay Johnson	George & Charlotte Verhoff Family
Tom Knott	Morman & Ellerbrock Families	John & Bernice Allen Families
Brinkman & Knott Families	Joe Morman	Ted & Eloise Verhoff
James V. Verhoff	Bud & Ethel Kissell & Family	Richard & Donelda Maag
Phyllis Verhoff	Herman & Anna Hermiller	Richard & Angela Knott
Rachael Jay	Adolph, Mary & Betty Niese	Darren Langhals
Melinda Utendorf	Aldyth Graham	Margaret & Wilfred Warnecke
Jordan Schimmoeller	Donald & Helen Schroeder	Mike Warnecke
Ruth Kruse	Alice Schroeder	Don Warnecke
Lilly Kruse	Walter Schroeder	Joe & Joann Niese
Linda Stechschulte	Angela Schroeder	Ed & Mary Ann Halker
Ben & Marcella Stechschulte	Alphonse Schroeder	Jennifer Halker Wood
Ben & Elida Kruse	Len Hermiller	Lee Edward Halker
Jerry & Dorothy Goedde	Joe & Gladys Verhoff	Tim Goedde
Ryan Gerding	Jack Reed	Dick Pohl
Roger Glass	Jane Reed	Ralph & Marie Ricker
Bill & Peggy Myers	Leona & Walt Schweller	Urban & Dale Warnecke

Living & Deceased Members of the Nadler & Pohl Families
 Living & Deceased Members of the Norm & Evelyn Utrup Family
 Deceased Members of the Ott Schroeder Family
 Living & Deceased Members of the Morman/Schroeder Family
 Living & Deceased Members of the Knott & Elwer Families

A Note from Father David.....

Dear St. Anthony Family,

This Weekend we Celebrate "The Baptism of The Lord", which closes out The Christmas Season. When Jesus came to John to be Baptized, John initially tried to Prevent Jesus from being Baptized saying that Jesus should be Baptizing Him, but Jesus convinced John that The Baptism should be done.

After being Baptized, Jesus comes up from The Water and The Heavens were Opened and The Holy Spirit came upon Him as A Dove where, A Voice came from The Heavens Saying: "This is my Beloved Son, with Whom I am Well Pleased". The Word had been Proclaimed and what had been foretold became The Truth....."This Is My Begotten Son, The King of Kings, and The Lord of Lords, who came to Give His Life for The Forgiveness of our Sins!"

All I can say is "WOW". When we stop and think how long people had waited for this moment, How many Prayers and Sacrifices have been offered, all we can say "God is With Us!"

St. Anthony of Padua, Pray for Us!

Love, Fr. David