

**SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA**  
**A MEMBER OF ST. GEORGE DEANERY**  
**2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**JANUARY 18, 2025**



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**Parish Office Hours: Monday Thru Thursday ~ 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Friday ~ 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**St. Anthony Parish Website: [www.cgstanthony.weebly.com](http://www.cgstanthony.weebly.com)**

**St. Anthony School Website: [www.stanthony.school.info](http://www.stanthony.school.info)**

**Parish ~ [www.facebook.com/cgstanthony/](http://www.facebook.com/cgstanthony/)**

**School ~ [www.facebook.com/StAnthonyofPaduaColumbusGrove/](http://www.facebook.com/StAnthonyofPaduaColumbusGrove/)**

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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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**Can you say “I have testified Jesus is the Son of God?”  
If you aren’t talking about Jesus in your family, you aren’t testifying.  
If you are not walking your talk, your children will see your words as meaningless.**

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**Mass Schedule**

January	20	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	<b>No Mass</b>
January	21	Wednesday	8:00 a.m. Mass	St. Agnes ~ {Larry Schroeder ~ Frances Schroeder ~ Frank & Bernice Schroeder ~ The Clem Schroeder Family}
January	22	Thursday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn ~ {For The Parish}
January	23	Friday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Weekday ~ {Rose Mary Kiene Latta}
January	24	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Rosary
January	24	Saturday	3:00 – 3:30 p.m.	Confessions
January	24	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	{George Ellerbrock ~ Ruth Kruse ~ Lilly Kruse ~ Linda Stechschulte ~ Karen, Dan & Dolly Blankemeyer ~ Grant Siefker ~ Diana Ordway ~ Norm Maag}
January	25	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	{Nancy Schroeder Albright Sparks ~ Jack Albright ~ Nick Schroeder ~ Max Schroeder ~ Diana Schroeder ~ Kali Crego ~ Dave & Elaine Schroeder ~ Frank Miller}
January	25	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	{Kathy Hoffman ~ Dan Kleman ~ Earl Kleman ~ Tom Buettner ~ Elmer & Kathie Langhals ~ Paula Stechschulte ~ Living & Deceased Members of the Jerry & Judy Fortman Family}

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**Servers**

January	20	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	<b>No Mass</b>
January	24	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Jacob Kamphaus, Savannah Kamphaus, Chase Parker
January	25	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Colin Langhals, Braden Stechschulte, Ethan Basinger
January	25	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	<b>Special – Catholic Schools Week</b>

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**Lectors**

January	24	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Nicole Wilson
January	25	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Judy Schroeder
January	25	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	<b>Special – Catholic Schools Week</b>

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**Eucharistic Ministers**

January	24	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Denny Ricker, Rose Schnipke, Deb Siefker, Ken & Connie Kruse
January	25	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Lisa Langhals, Gib Kaufman, Doug Langhals, Dan Maag, Marilyn Hoffman
January	25	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	<b>Special – Catholic Schools Week</b>

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**Ushers**

January 24 Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass Cody Wagner, Gary Selhorst, Bill Koch, Bryant Blue  
January 25 Sunday 8:00 a.m. Mass Jason Koch, Dave Schroeder Jr, Adam Siefker, Andy Stechsulte  
January 25 Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass Joey Warnecke, Matt McCauley, Darren Siefker, Mark Selhorst

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Parish Activities

January 18 Pre School Bible School @ 8:00 a.m.  
January 21 Youth Ministry @ 7:30 p.m.

For The Week of January 11th

Adult ~ 173 \$ 8,145.00  
Children's ~ 31 47.65  
8,192.65  
Other Income 48,588.60  
Total Income \$ 56,781.25  
Total Expense \$ 41,121.87



Christmas Collection to date ~ \$38,710.00

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*The St. Anthony Parish family extends our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Anne Heitmeyer who died on Saturday, January 10th. Mass of Resurrection was celebrated for Anne on Saturday, January 17th here at St. Anthony's. May our prayers and the grace of God see you through this difficult time and may Our Lord welcome Anne into His Kingdom for eternity.*

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**Parish Office** ~ The Parish office will be closed on **Monday, January 19th** in observance of the Martin Luther King Holiday.

**Lost & Found** ~ Two coats were found in the St. Anthony School gym. You can call the school office at 419-659-2103 to describe and claim them.

**Church Pictorial** ~ If you haven't already picked up your church pictorial it can be picked up after all the Masses this weekend in the church basement.

**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.

**St. Anthony Youth Ministry: Ignite, Fan into Flame** ~ Will take place on **Wednesday, January 21st** at 7:30p.m. in the Church Rectory. Our next speaker will be Trey Roney! Please contact Nate Schroeder, 419-969-4894, if you feel called to be a guest speaker or have any questions.

**That Man Is You** ~ Will be meeting on **Saturday, January 24th**, at 6:10 a.m. in the church basement.

**She Shall Be Called Woman** ~ The next SHE session will be on **January, 24th** in the church basement with doors opening at 8:00 a.m. This week, of the ten virtues of Mary, we focus on divine wisdom. We will contemplate the beauty of wisdom and ask for this virtue to increase within us, deepening our desire to have the wisdom of the Lord in our lives. We hope to see you there and bring a friend!

**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, February 5th**, 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.

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**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

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**4th Degree Knights of Columbus, Patriotism Essay Contest** ~ High School Seniors ~ Applications are available from the high school guidance counselor and from the church rectory. Essay deadline is **February 10, 2026**.

**Engaged Couples Conference** ~ St. Anthony's Engaged Couples Conference will be held **Saturday, March 7, 2026** from 8:30 a.m. until Mass at 4:00 p.m. Cost of the day is \$50.00 per couple. Any couples interested, please call the parish office at 419-659-2263.

*Payment can be dropped off or mailed to the parish office or can be made the morning of the conference.*

**Lima Symphony Orchestra to Perform at Kalida St. Michael's Church** ~ On **Sunday, February 1st** at 4:00 p.m. You will experience the grace and depth of English classical music featuring Henry Purcell's heart-wrenching "Dido's Lament" and Edward Elgar's stirring "Nimrod" from Enigma Variations, known for its profound peacefulness. Fans of modern period drama will revel in John Lunn's theme from Downton Abbey, a score that perfectly captures the aristocratic life and emotion of the beloved series. Purchase tickets at: [www.limasymphony.com/2025-2026-season](http://www.limasymphony.com/2025-2026-season).

**Wanted New Exercise Coach** ~ The Ottawa Senior Citizens Association is looking for a new exercise coach. This would be a completely volunteer position. The times would be Monday and Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. - 9:30a.m. If you are looking for a lovely and loving group of people to have fun with and get in a little exercise time, this would be the volunteer position for you. Please let me know by stopping in at the center or calling Sue Barnhart, Director at 419-523-5593.

**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.

**Healing For A Caregiver's Heart** ~ On **Saturday, February 21st** from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Parish Ministry Center Workshop, 204 W. Wayne St., Maumee, Ohio 43537. Presented by Carol Kurivial & Kristen Hug of Luminous Ministries. To register visit [HTTPS://TOLEDODIOCESE.REGFOX.COM/CARETAKERS-RETREAT](https://toledodiocese.regfox.com/caretakers-retreat).

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**\*\*\*\*\*CCD HIGHLIGHTS\*\*\*\*\***

**CCD Classes** ~ There will be **No** CCD class this **Sunday, January 18th**. The next CCD Classes will be **Sunday, January 25th** from 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.

*Rite of Confirmation will be celebrated May 9, 2026 at the 4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Anthony's.*

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***A Note from Father David.....***

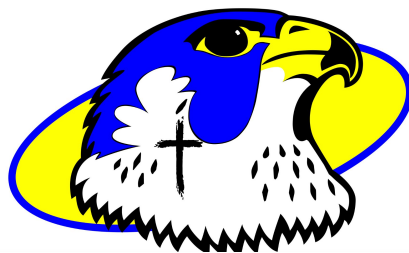
**Dear St. Anthony Family,**

**In this Week's Gospel, Jesus comes walking towards John The Baptist and John says "Behold, The Lamb of God, who takes away the Sin of The World, He is the one I Foretold that would be Greater than me and would save the World as The Messiah, The Living Son of The Most High".**

**The Readings This Week calls Us to Live like Our Lord and Die like Our Lord, which is Quite a Challenging Task. As we try to Live Lives pleasing to Our Lord we not only follow His words in Scripture but are challenged to Live them Out by making them "Come Alive" in Our Actions and how we treat people.**

**For the most part, we know what we are called to do, and to be, if we are trying to walk in the ways of Jesus, but how much do we think about or measure our success in doing so? Perhaps this is a question we need to ask ourselves. We can be so busy with "Life" that we sometimes forget the value of making each and every day a Proclamation of Our Love, Our Praise, and Our Commitment to Following Jesus. It's not easy, but it's Worth it. We're not Perfect, and that's what Reconciliation is for. But we can never give up "The Good Fight", for this "Fight" for God leads us to Eternal Life.**

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



## BECOME A FALCON

We are excited to announce that preschool - 8th grade registration for the 2026-2027 school year is opening SOON! Join us next Sunday to learn more about our school and seeing the difference a Catholic education can make for your child!

Preschool registration will open on Monday, January 19th at 8:00 am. The link to register will be on our Facebook page, *St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School Columbus Grove*, and school website, [www.stanthonyschool.info](http://www.stanthonyschool.info), 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 school first. Please note the change in preschool time to 8:00-11:30 am & Extended Day until 2:45 pm.

New students in K-8 can start registering online January 26, 2026. The registration link will be through the school website and posted to our Facebook page. Kindergarten students must be 5 by August 1, 2026. You will also need to register for a Kindergarten Screening time on March 9.

JOIN US

## St. Anthony of Padua Open House

Sunday, January 25  
11:30 am - 12:30 pm

We Believe Our Students



Can All  
Learn & Grow



Are Called to  
Love & Serve



Can Change  
the World

Come and see the value  
of a Catholic Education!

Register future  
Falcons for  
Preschool to  
8<sup>th</sup> grade!



[www.stanthonyschool.info](http://www.stanthonyschool.info)



419-659-2103

### Calendar of Events

January 19 - NO SCHOOL

January 22 - MAP Reading Test (K-8)

January 25 - Catholic Schools Week Mass (10:30 am) and Open House

January 26 - 30 - Catholic Schools Week

January 26 - Art Club

January 30 - Golden Falcon Awards