



SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA
A MEMBER OF ST. GEORGE DEANERY
3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 25, 2025



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St. Anthony Parish Website: www.cgstanthony.weebly.com

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.”**

**When Jesus called his disciples, they came immediately.
Parents wish their children would respond as quickly, but they don’t.
Children grow slowly into responsibility.
It is a process like walking, not done immediately, but in small steps.
Parenting demands patient encouragement.**

Mass Schedule

January	27	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	Weekday ~ {Larry Schroeder ~ Frances Schroeder ~ Frank & Bernice Schroeder ~ The Clem Schroeder Family}
January	28	Wednesday	8:00 a.m. Mass	St. Thomas Aquinas ~ {Larry Schroeder ~ Frances Schroeder ~ Frank & Bernice Schroeder ~ The Clem Schroeder Family}
January	29	Thursday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Weekday ~ {Cletus Schumacher}
January	29	Thursday	2:00 p.m. Mass	Meadows of Ottawa ~ {For The Parish}
January	30	Friday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Weekday ~ {Deceased Members of the Robert Kohls Family}
January	31	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Rosary
January	31	Saturday	3:00 – 3:30 p.m.	Confessions
January	31	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	{Nick Schroeder ~ Nancy Schroeder-Sparks ~ Max Schroeder ~ Kali Crego}
February	01	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	{Darren Langhals ~ Frank Miller}
February	01	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	{Deacon Don Siefker ~ Bruce Nemire}

Servers

January	27	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	Alton Kiene
January	31	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Lylah Wilson, Tucker Wilson, Eli Kohls
February	01	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Matt Morman, Drew Schroeder, Madalyn Schroeder
February	01	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Mitchell Schroeder, Mariah Schroeder, Kira Schroeder

Lectors

January	31	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Isabella Wilson
February	01	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Dan Maag
February	01	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Courtney Rieman

Eucharistic Ministers

January	31	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Marilyn Siefker, Karyn Kamphaus, Marge Tabler, Lauren Birkemeier, Beth Birkemeier
February	01	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Lisa Langhals, Kate Blue, Diana Kaufman, Doug Langhals, Marilyn Birkemeier
February	01	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Kelly Honse, Hannah Warren, Lisa Meuleman, Jenna Goubeaux, Alton Kiene

Ushers

January 31 Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass Mike Recker, Tyler Recker, Tim Reimund, Aaron Siefker
February 01 Sunday 8:00 a.m. Mass Craig Kaufman, Len Kaufman, Carl Warnecke, Gib Kaufman
February 01 Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass Al Schroeder, Dale Schroeder, Roger Wenzinger, Mike Brodwolf

Parish Activities

February 01 Pre School Bible School @ 8:00 a.m.
February 03 K of C Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.
Rosary @ 7:10 p.m.
February 04 Finance Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.
February 04 Youth Ministry @ 7:30 p.m.
February 05 Baptism Classes @ 6:30 p.m.
February 10 Rosary Guild @ 10:30 a.m.

For The Week of January 18th

Adult ~ 154 \$ 6,450.00
Children's ~ 27 42.70
6,492.70
Other Income 10,370.85
Income \$ 16,863.55
Expense \$ 5,694.91



St. Rita's Medical Center ~ Jane Ellerbrock



Brantley Porter, son of Aaron & Kaitlyn Vorst, was baptized this past weekend here at St. Anthony's. May the new gift of the Holy Spirit be with you always!

Church Pictorial ~ After this weekend, you will have to pick up your pictorial at the parish office.

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.

2026-2027 Preschool Registration ~ Is open, 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.

K of C Free Throw Contest ~ Took place on Sunday, we had a total of 23 participants. It was evenly split, 12 girls and 11 boys. Not all the ages were represented, but we had a few groups that put on a good show. The district competition will be held at Ottoville on **Sunday, February 8th**. The winners are as follows: Girls: Alivia Siefker (age 9), Kenzie Weisenburger (age 10), Sarah Irwin (age 11), Hannah Brodwolf (age 14). Boys: Quinn Reed (age 10), Carter Troyer (age 11), Jacob Brodwolf (age 12), Bryce Pingle (age 13).

K of C ~ The K of C will be meeting on **Tuesday, February 3rd** at 7:30 p.m. in the church basement with the Rosary being recited at 7:10 p.m.

Finance Committee ~ Finance Committee will be meeting **Wednesday, February 4th**, at 6:00 p.m. in the rectory.

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.

That Man Is You ~ Will be meeting on **Saturday, January 31st**, at 6:10 a.m. in the church basement.

She Shall Be Called Woman ~ The next SHE session will be on **January, 31st** in the church basement at 8:00 a.m. This week's topic is "Ardent Charity". This session will inspire us to lean into this virtue, allowing us to love with an intensity that is from the Lord. We hope to see you there! Invite a friend!

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

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.

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.

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

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.

The Serra Club of Lima Area ~ Which exists to promote and support vocations to priesthood and religious life, will be meeting **Thursday, February 12th** at Mercy Health St. Rita's Medical Center. Mass will begin at 5:45 p.m. in the chapel, followed by dinner and a program. This month's speaker will be Mr. Matt Etkorn, VP of Mission at Mercy Health/SRMC. His topic will be "Vocation in Health Care." Persons who have an interest in this topic or the mission of the Serra Club are welcome to attend as guests. If interested in attending, please respond to Kathy at 419-303-0339 no later than **Tuesday, February 10**.

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.

Fort Jennings American Legion Auxiliary ~ Join us for a Casino Bus Trip **Sunday, March 22nd** - Firekeepers Casino. Depart Fort Jennings American Legion @ 8:00 a.m., return around 6:00 p.m. \$45.00 per person, must be paid to reserve your seat. Each person will receive \$20.00 in free slot play plus an additional \$5.00 in points to be used towards food/drink or additional free slot play. To RSVP contact (text or call) Tricia Halker at 419-615-9588.

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

CCD Classes ~ There will be CCD class this **Sunday, January 25th** from 9:15 – 10:15 a.m. The next CCD Classes will be **Sunday, February 1st** 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.

A Note from Father David.....

Dear St. Anthony Family,

In this Week's Gospel Reading, Jesus hears that John has been Arrested, and He withdrew to Galilee, fulfilling what had been foretold by The Prophet Isaiah that Jesus would relocate to Capernaum by The Sea where He would prove to be "A Light in the Darkness" for The Gentiles and those who resided in Galilee. Jesus and His Disciples ministered to The People, while at the same time, always on the Look Out for those who were looking to harm Him as He became well known and followed by many.

Jesus began Preaching that people must "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at Hand", which drew the people in and caused those in Power to notice Him and become increasingly afraid of Jesus' increasing Popularity and Influence.

This Week we celebrate Catholic Schools Week with many activities happening in Our School. We are thankful for Our Students and Staff who put their Hearts and Souls into the Belief that Our Catholic Schools not only prepare Our Children for This World, but prepare them for The World to Come in God's Kingdom.

St. Anthony of Padua, Pray for Us!

Love, Fr. David



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Catholic Schools Week (CSW) is an annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States, traditionally held the last week in January. Whether you are an alumni, a parishioner, or a visitor we welcome you to come tour the school this Sunday. Our classrooms and hallways will showcase a variety of student work, SAC is serving doughnuts, and our faculty are ready to welcome you and share about what makes a Catholic education unique. For over 100 years, the parish support and generosity have allowed so many students to receive a Catholic education right here at St. Anthony School. As you leave Mass today, students will be passing out cards to thank you. Please know how much we appreciate all you do to ensure current and future students will have the opportunity of a Catholic education.

We have a variety of school spirit, spiritual nourishment, and fun planned for CSW. Some of the highlights are families attending the Walleye game with other Diocesan schools, praying the rosary for our CG community, BINGO with buddies, pizza lunch from SAC, getting to hear from FOCUS Missionaries serving at Akron University, sending cards to our state officials sharing what we love about St. Anthony School, making Valentine crafts for the nursing home, celebrating Mass, and teaming off in Minute-it to Win-It games.

Blessings,
Mrs. Amy Holzward - Principal

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!**

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Register future Falcons for Preschool to 8th grade!

Calendar of Events

- 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

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