

**SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA
A MEMBER OF ST. GEORGE DEANERY
4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 1, 2026**



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

St. Anthony School Website: www.stanthony.school.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.”**

**It is in our family where we learn to be merciful and comforting to others.
The Beatitudes of the Kingdom of God begin at home and depend on you.
Parents lead the way.**

Mass Schedule

February 03	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	Weekday ~ {Richard & Pauline Elwer}
February 04	Wednesday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Weekday ~ {Larry Schroeder ~ Frances Schroeder ~ Frank & Bernice Schroeder ~ The Clem Schroeder Family}
February 05	Thursday	8:00 a.m. Mass	St. Agatha ~ {For The Parish}
February 06	Friday	8:00 a.m. Mass	St Paul Miki & Companions ~ {Cletus Schumacher ~ Joe Koch ~ The Koch & Ellerbrock Families ~ Living & Deceased Members of the Ralph & Beatrice Schroeder Family ~ Living & Deceased Members of the Joe & Laura Recker Family}
February 07	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Rosary
February 07	Saturday	3:00 – 3:30 p.m.	Confessions
February 07	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	{Dennis Hoyt ~ Bob Eversole ~ Anne Heitmeyer}
February 08	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	{Dave Schroeder ~ Frank Miller}
February 08	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	{Jim & Agnes Hoffman ~ Elmer, Audrey & Susie Vorst}

Servers

February 03	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	Jerry Dickman
February 07	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Bryce Pingle, Brynn Pingle, Tanner Barto
February 08	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Troy Kaufman, Neil Kaufman, Andy Kaufman
February 08	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Avery Birnesser, Adrian Birnesser, Sophie Ellerbrock

Lectors

February 07	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Gretchen Staley
February 08	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Ron Teders
February 08	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Hannah Warren

Eucharistic Ministers

February 07	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Mary Kay Koch, Deb Siefker, Denny Ricker, Rose Schnipke, 1 Volunteer
February 08	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Marilyn Hoffman, Jason Brown, Judy Schroeder, Rose Ellerbrock, Diana Kaufman
February 08	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Karl Schroeder, Cheryl Ellerbrock, Wendi Wenzinger, Lynn Downing, Nathan Schroeder

Ushers

February 07	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Doug Roof, Don Stechschulte, Rob Verhoff, Mya Verhoff
February 08	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Eric Dunn, Ron Hoffman, Joyce Seyer, Joe Morman
February 08	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Dave Ellerbrock, Terry Giesige, Tayte Langhals, Pat Vorst

St. Rita's Medical Center ~ Ed & Pat Birnesser ~ Judy Dunn

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 TMIY Rosary @ 7:00 p.m.
 February 04 Youth Ministry @ 7:30 p.m.
 February 05 Baptism Classes @ 6:30 p.m.

For The Week of January 25th
 Adult ~ 95 \$ 5,830.00
 Children's ~ 20 20.50
 5,850.50
 Other Income 146.00
 Income \$ 5,996.50
 Expense \$ 42,719.96



Thank You ~ St. Anthony Parish recently received Thank You cards and letters from Putnam County Job and Family Service and families who were recipients of the Angel Tree in December. Your generosity and kindness brightened their Holiday season. They asked for God to send his Blessings upon you. Thank you for being such a wonderful and giving parish.

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.

Adoration & Benediction ~ Monday, February 1st there will be a Prayer Service at 7:00pm for those who are sick and in need of healing. This will include Adoration and Benediction.

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.

St. Anthony Youth Ministry: Ignite, Fan into Flame ~ Will take place on **Wednesday, February 4th** at 7:30 p.m. Thank you to Trey Roney for coming out last week and giving an inspiring talk! Please contact Nate Schroeder (419-969-4894) if you feel called to be a guest speaker or have any questions.

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, February 7th**, at 6:10 a.m. in the church basement.
The TMIY group will be praying the Rosary on Wednesday, February 4th at 7:00 pm in Church.

She Shall Be Called Woman ~ The next SHE session is **Saturday, February 7th** with doors opening at 8:00 a.m. with the program starting at 8:15. This week's topic is "Profound Humility & Universal Mortification". Humility allows us to not be distracted by securities or insecurities because we are honest about who our gifts came from. Mortification is a practice of self-discipline that puts sin and vice to death.

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**.

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

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. Michel’s Church ~ **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.

Springs in the Desert, a Catholic Infertility Ministry ~ Our next meeting will be held **Thursday, February 5th** 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 (419)303-5752 or Wendy Schimmoeller (419)236-0522. It is our honor to walk with you!

Caregivers ~ Join Mercy Health and Mission of Hope in exploring the challenges of caring for others and the important question, who’s caring for you? This supportive community conversation offers space to pause, reflect, and gain practical tools to nurture your own mental and emotional wellbeing. You will also receive a gentle introduction to advance care planning, a tool to reduce stress and ensure your loved ones’ wishes are honored. **Thursday, February 12th** in person or virtual 5:15 – 7:00 p.m. Doors open at 4:45 with appetizers available. Register in Eventbrite, searching for community conversations for mental wellness-caregivers or following the link below: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/community-conversations-for-mental-wellness-caregivers-tickets-1979248425320?aff=oddttdtcreator>.

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).

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.

Join Fr. Charles Obinwa to Pilgrimage to the Shrines of ITALY ~ (July 13-22) with 206 TOURS. It’s a special trip of a lifetime. Places of interest on this Pilgrimage: Rome: Papal Audience- Trevi Fountain – Pantheon – Basilicas of St. Peter (Vatican City), John, Paul, Mary; Holy Stairs – Vatican Museum/Garden – Sistine Chapel-Appian Way- Catacombs: Monte Cassino-San Giovanni Rotondo – Mont Sant’Angelo – Lanciano- Loreto- Assis-Orvieto, etc. \$6,474 per Person from Cleveland/Detroit Airports. Book Now: www.206tours.com/frobinwa/italy Booking Code: CO071326. Contact Information: cara@206tours.com (800)206-9687.

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

CCD Classes ~ There will be CCD class this **Sunday, February 1st** from 9:15 – 10:15 a.m. The next CCD Classes will be **Sunday, February 8th** 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 Deacon Ben.....

Dear St. Anthony Family,

In today’s Gospel we hear the “Beatitudes.” They are instructions to help us to live a life towards the goal of heaven. “For they will” is repeated over and over and indicates a specific “reward” that is obtained for a life well lived. In a culture that desires to have and obtain everything now, Jesus challenges us to have faith and persevere even when we don’t see the results now. This is not only a difficult task, but an impossible one... apart from God. To live the life of Beatitude we need spiritual gifts, because apart from those gifts we will fail. The Eucharist is that spiritual nourishment we need and the Sacrament of Reconciliation allows us to use that nourishment effectively. When we frequent these Sacraments, we can then slowly learn and grow toward living the life of Heaven now.

St. Anthony of Padua, Pray for us!

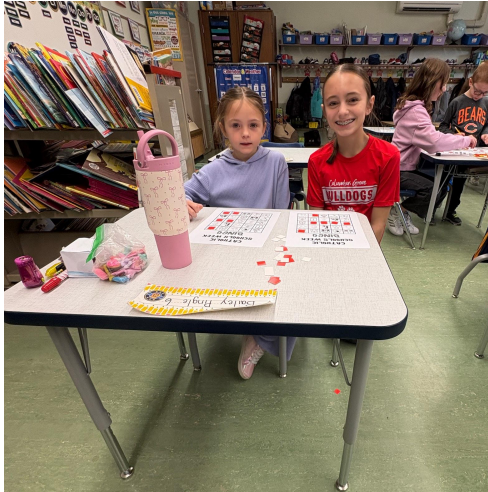
Love, Deacon Ben



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Despite the snow days, we made the most of Catholic Schools week once we returned to school together! We invite you all to visit us after the 10:30 am Mass this weekend for our rescheduled Open House.

Buddy Bingo and Out of Uniform



Life as a Priest with Fr. David



Marriage Relay Races

Valentine Service Project



Life as a Religious Brother



FOCUS Missionaries share their stories.

Calendar of Events

- | February 1 - Catholic Schools Week Mass & Open House
- | February 9 - Hot Sandwich Lunch, Art Club
- | February 12 - Valentine Bake Sale
- | February 13 - NO SCHOOL
- | February 16 - NO SCHOOL
- | February 20 - Hot Lunch

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