

**SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA**  
**A MEMBER OF ST. GEORGE DEANERY**  
**5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**FEBRUARY 8, 2026**



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

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

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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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**Today’s gospel challenges us to be a “light” to our family.**

**Parents shine their guiding light, not in front but behind them, inviting their children to follow their “good deeds.”**

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**Mass Schedule**

February 10	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	St. Scholastica ~ {Camil, Eileen & Ed Knott ~ Sarah Stewart ~ Pete & Pat Siefker ~ The Roebke Family}
February 11	Wednesday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Weekday ~ {For The Parish}
February 12	Thursday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Weekday ~ {Larry Schroeder ~ Frances Schroeder ~ Frank & Bernice Schroeder ~ The Clem Schroeder Family}
February 13	Friday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Weekday ~ {Rose Ann Kaufman}
February 14	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Rosary
February 14	Saturday	3:00 – 3:30 p.m.	Confessions
February 14	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	{Joe Blankemeyer ~ Ruth Kruse ~ Lilly Kruse ~ Norm Kohls ~ Virgil & Virginia Hoffman ~ Deceased Members of the Robert Kohls Family}
February 15	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	{Living & Deceased Members of Kaufman & Schroeder Families ~ {Living & Deceased Members of Karl & Blanche Stechschulte Family}
February 15	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	{Gib & Dolores Meyer ~ Dan Kleman ~ Earl Kleman ~ Tom Buettner ~ The Carl Neuendorf Family}

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**Servers**

February 10	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	Roger Wenzinger
February 14	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Garrett Siefker, Lillian Siefker, Walker Sudlow
February 15	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Sarah Kamphaus, Alexa Kamphaus, Ethan Brown
February 15	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Hannah Brodewolf, Jacob Brodewolf, Olive Lee

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**Lectors**

February 14	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Lauren Birkemeier
February 15	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Ann Selhorst
February 15	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Lynn Downing

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**Eucharistic Ministers**

February 14	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Ken & Connie Kruse, Marge Tabler, Lindsay Peck, Beth Birkemeier
February 15	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Lisa Langhals, Gib Kaufman, Judy Schroeder, Doug Langhals, Diana Kaufman
February 15	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Anne Schroeder, Kelly Honse, Sue Schroeder, Jenna Goubeaux, Hannah Warren, Alton Kiene-Choir

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**Ushers**

February 14 Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass Mike Kohls, Brent Glass, Denny Meuleman, Bonnie Doty  
February 15 Sunday 8:00 a.m. Mass Dave Koch, Jon Diller, Matt Langhals, Griffin Langhals  
February 15 Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass Ken Rieman, Dwain Schroeder, Issac Barto, Logan Rieman

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Parish Activities

February 10 Rosary Guild @ 10:30 a.m.  
February 15 Pre School Bible School @ 8:00 a.m.

For The Week of February 1st

Adult ~ 172 \$ 13,464.00  
Children's ~ 23 41.00  
13,505.00  
Other Income 2,626.65  
Income \$ 16,131.65  
Expense \$ 20,823.77



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*Scarlett Alyse, daughter of Riley & Madyson Brubaker, 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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**Funeral Committee** ~ Funeral Food Committee for **March through May**: Chairlady – Joyce Kaufman – Committee: Theresa Schroeder, Joan Sehlhorst, Tammy Schroeder and Sheila Thornton. Thank you to Beth Vorst, Sharon Koch, Kathy Huff, Peg Zimmerly, and Joy Stechschulte who served on our Funeral Food Committee and generously donated their time and wonderful desserts December through February.

**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.

**St. Anthony Youth Ministry: Ignite, Fan into Flame** ~ Will take place on **Wednesday, February 11th** at 7:30 p.m. in the church rectory. Please contact Nate Schroeder (419-969-4894) if you feel called to be a guest speaker or have any questions.

**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**.

**That Man Is You** ~TMIY will be meeting on **Saturday, February 14th**, at 6:10 a.m. in the church basement.

**She Shall Be Called Woman** ~ The next SHE session is **Saturday, February 14th** with doors opening at 8:00 a.m. with the program starting at 8:15.

**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.*

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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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**Community Easter Cantata** ~ Will be at St. John's Community Church on High Street in Columbus Grove. Practices will be March 1st, March 10th, March 15th, March 24th, March 29th and March 31st. Tuesday practices are 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. and Sunday practices are 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. The Easter Sunday cantata will start at 7:00 a.m. on Sunday, April 5th. We would like all who love to sing to join us! Hand-outs with the times are available in the back of church.

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**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=oddttdcreator>.

**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](http://www.CatholicClub.org)). Please email [MSYFinfo@gmail.com](mailto:MSYFinfo@gmail.com) with questions. Sponsorship packages are also available.

**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](http://www.206tours.com/frobinwa/italy) Booking Code: CO071326. Contact Information: [cara@206tours.com](mailto:cara@206tours.com) (800)206-9687.

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

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

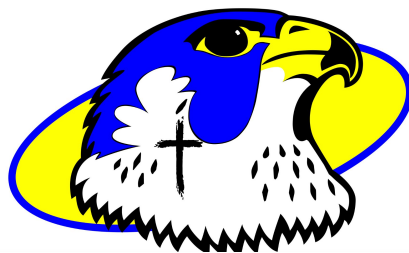
**Dear St. Anthony Family,**

**Last Week we were given The Beatitudes, which told us How Blessed we were, even though we might have been treated badly by others or suffered some sort of Loss or Death of A Loved One. We were told that no matter what we encounter for Living Our Faith Well, Our Reward will be Great in Heaven.**

**In this Week's Gospel, Jesus "Steps it Up" and continues the Values stated in The Beatitudes by telling us that we must "Stand Firm" for Our Faith by becoming The Salt and Light to the World. We can't stand quietly by and expect that "Not being Involved" is how we live out Our Faith according to God's Will. We are called to be "Salt" to give flavor to God's Word and Work. Being Salt gives us courage to Speak, Act, and Proclaim His Word and Commandments. We are called to be "Light" so that our Words and Actions are Seen and heard Loud and Clear so that others are Inspired and Follow, not Our Views and Actions, but The Work and Ministry of Jesus Himself.**

**If we think that being Salt and Light is easy, Think Again! Doing so will get you in Trouble, cause you to Lose Friends, Make You to be The Center of Gossip, and show you what it's Like to be Lonely. Sounds Fun doesn't It? Remember what Jesus Promised in The Beatitudes....."Blessed are You when they Insult You and Persecute You and Utter every kind of Evil against You Falsely because of Me. Rejoice and Be Glad, For Your Reward will be Great in Heaven!" Amen**

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



## Minute It to Win It Fun

We ended Catholic Schools Week with some great team competitions. Each teacher had a team of kids from K-8. As games were announced, teams selected their player and then cheered them on, hoping for a place in the top 3. Team Light Blue led by Mrs. Niese came out as the victors!



## Calendar of Events

- 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.*