



**SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA
A MEMBER OF ST. GEORGE DEANERY
6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 15, 2026**



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St. Anthony School Website: www.stanthony.school.info

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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.”**

**To experience the peace which Christ promises we must shed our grudges, jealousy
and feelings of being misunderstood, unappreciated or ignored.
Peace and anger don’t mix.**

**Today’s gospel warns, if you want peace in your heart and home, get rid of your anger.
Anger is too costly.**

Mass Schedule

February 17	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	No Mass
February 18	Wednesday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Ash Wednesday ~ {Ed & Jeanette Morman }
February 18	Wednesday	7:00 p.m. Mass	Ash Wednesday ~ {George Ellerbrock ~ George Wyant }
February 19	Thursday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Lenten Weekday ~ {For The Parish }
February 20	Friday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Lenten Weekday ~ {Pat Morman }
February 21	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Rosary
February 21	Saturday	3:00 – 3:30 p.m.	Confessions
February 21	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	{Dick & Dolores Schroeder ~ Joe Morman ~ Grant Siefker ~ Nick Schroeder ~ Nancy Schroeder-Sparks ~ Max Schroeder ~ Kali Crego ~ Living & Deceased Members of the Maag & Schimmoeller Families }
February 22	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	{Tom & Janice Stechschulte ~ Elmer & Kathie Langhals ~ Paula Stechschulte }
February 22	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	{George Ellerbrock ~ Kathy Hoffman }

Servers

February 17	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	No Mass
February 18	Wednesday	7:00 p.m. Mass	Garrett Siefker, Walker Sudlow
February 21	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Brennen Langhals, Caelan Langhals, Siena Langhals
February 22	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Alex Meyer, Josie Meyer, Tyler Recker
February 22	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Robby Schnipke, Carter Troyer, Kennedy Siefker

Lectors

February 18	Wednesday	7:00 p.m. Mass	Gretchen Staley
February 21	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Marge Tabler
February 22	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Diana Johnson
February 22	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Jacob Leopold

Eucharistic Ministers

February 18	Wednesday	7:00 p.m. Mass	Marilyn Birkemeier, Doug Langhals, Diana Kaufman, Ken & Connie Kruse
February 21	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Mary Kay Koch, Deb Siefker, Denny Ricker, Rose Schnipke, 1 Volunteer
February 22	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Marilyn Hoffman, Jason Brown, Judy Schroeder, Dan Maag, Kate Blue
February 22	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Karl Schroeder, Lisa Meuleman, Wendi Wenzinger, Hannah Warren, Jenna Goubeaux

Ushers

February 21 Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass Cody Wagner, Gary Selhorst, Bill Koch, Bryant Blue
February 22 Sunday 8:00 a.m. Mass Jason Koch, Dave Schroeder Jr, Adam Siefker, Andy Stechschulte
February 22 Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass Joey Warnecke, Matt McCauley, Darren Siefker, Mark Selhorst

Parish Activities

February 15 Pre School Bible School @ 8:00 a.m.

For The Week of February 8th

Adult ~ 159 \$ 7,635.00
Children's ~ 23 26.85
7,661.85
Other Income 4,110.00
Income \$ 11,771.85
Expense \$ 49,599.95





The St. Anthony Parish family extends our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Mary Ann Stechschulte who died on Sunday, February 8th. May our prayers and the grace of God see you through this difficult time and may Our Lord welcome Mary Ann into His Kingdom for eternity.

OCIA ~ Please continue to keep Caitlin Ricker and Randy Zimmerman in your prayers during their process.

Parish Office ~ The parish office will be closed **Monday, February 16th**, in observance of Presidents' Day.

The Word Among Us ~ The Word Among Us for Lent is available at the entrances of the church.

The Little Black Book for Lent ~ Each day for 50 days there is a "6-minute" meditation on the Passion according to Mark plus stories of holy women and men as well as information about our Faith and traditions. The Little Black Book for Lent will enhance your Lenten journey and is available at the entrances of the church.

Annual Catholic Appeal ~ The ACA supports vocations, religious education and many other important programs in our diocese. Envelopes are available at the entrances of the church.

Area Penance Services for this 2026 Lenten Season are as follows:

Sunday, February 22nd	Immaculate Conception, Ottoville	2:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 4th	St. Michael's, Kalida	4:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 11th	St. Joseph, Ft. Jennings	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 11th	St. Nicholas, Miller City	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 25th	St. John The Baptist, Glandorf	4:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
Monday, March 30th	Sts. Peter & Paul, Ottawa	4:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

St. Anthony's will be having Days of Grace which will be announced in a future bulletin.

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.

That Man Is You ~TMIY will be meeting on **Saturday, February 21st**, at 6:10 a.m. in the church basement.

She Shall Be Called Woman ~ The next SHE session is **Saturday, February 21st** with doors opening at 8:00 a.m. with the program starting at 8:15. The topic is Surpassing Purity. Mary was overflowing with purity of her mind, heart, and soul which was possible because she gave her entire life to the Lord. Jesus thirsts for nothing less than the same gift of self from us! Join us to examine how Jesus wants to form our hearts in His purity!

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.

Casino Night ~ St. Anthony's School Advisory Council will be holding Casino Night on **Saturday, April 18, 2026**. Tickets for this event are now on sale and can be purchased at the parish office or the school office. Casino Night will take place in the school gymnasium from 6:30-10:00 p.m. with doors opening at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25.00 each or two for \$40.00. Please join us for a fun night of casino games, raffles, a live auction and more. All proceeds will benefit St. Anthony's School. We hope to see you there!

The School Advisory Council is seeking donations for Casino Night on April 18, 2026. We are currently looking for donations that can be used as auction items or raffle items. Monetary donations will also be accepted to purchase food, drinks and raffle prizes. All proceeds from this event will benefit St. Anthony's School. Any donations can be dropped off at the parish office or the school office. Thank you for your support.

Dessert donations needed ~ Our Confirmation retreat will be held on **Wednesday, March 4th**, in the church basement. Would you like to help donate some cookies, brownies, cupcakes, or rice krispie treats? If so, please call Judy Schroeder 419-659-5498. Thank you for helping!

Updated Prices as of February 3, 2026. Due to the major increase in beef prices, we had to increase our price. K of C Beef & Chicken ~ If you are planning to use beef or chicken for your family parties, consider purchasing your supplies from our K of C.

	<u>Beef</u>	<u>Chicken</u>
Case of 24 cans ~ 28 ozs.	\$ 258.00	\$ 184.00
1/2 Case (12 Cans) ~ 28 ozs.	131.00	94.00
Price Per 28 oz. Can	11.00	8.50
Case of 24 Cans ~ 14.5 ozs.	141.00	109.00
1/2 Case (12 Cans) ~ 14.5 ozs.	75.00	58.00
Price Per 14.5 oz. can	7.00	5.00

Call Dave Ellerbrock at 419-659-5833, Dan Maag at 419-615-2148, Gary Hermiller at 419-642-2645 or Len Kaufman at 419-659-6153 to place your order.

Protection of Children and Young People ~ The Dioceses of Toledo remains committed to ensuring the protection of children and providing a safe environment for all young people. If you have any knowledge of abuse that has been committed by a cleric or by any personnel of the Catholic Church, you are urged to report the abuse to your local police department, Children Services and the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at 419-214-4880 or by mail at 1933 Spielbusch Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43604.

40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil ~ On **Sunday, March 1st**, you are invited to join other Putnam County Christians in this Spring's 40 Days for Life campaign. From 7 AM to 7 PM, we will take one hour shifts standing and praying peacefully in the public right-of-way outside the Toledo Women's Center at 1160 W Sylvania Ave, Toledo, OH 43612. If you'd like more information — and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact Kevin Jorrey at kjorrey@toledodiocese.org, or go to www.40DaysForLife.com/Toledo to sign up to pray.

Community Easter Cantata ~ Will be at St. John's Community Church on High Street in Columbus Grove. Practices will be March 1st, March 10, 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.

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, February 15th** from 9:15 – 10:15 a.m. The next CCD Classes will be **Sunday, February 22nd** 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, Jesus offers Us Something Astonishing, Not a Lighter version of God's Law, But a Deeper One. Not an Easier Path, but a Truer One. He takes us Beyond The Letter of The Law and Into Our Hearts. Jesus came not to Destroy the Law but to Fulfill It. The Righteousness of The Pharisees was that They Shall Not Kill while The Righteousness of those Destined to enter into The Kingdom of God is that they Be Not Angry without a Just Cause. Jesus is Calling Us to something Far More Radical than External Compliance to The Law.

We May have never Murdered Anyone. We Might even think that we haven't committed any Serious Sin, But Jesus calls us to look at "The Root of Our Sinfulness" and check our own Hearts and Minds. Do I Hold On to past Hurts, Grudges, Anger and Disappointments that Cloud Our Mind or prevent Us from Seeing The Truth? Does Our Past Prevent Us from being The Loving and Forgiving People that God has called Us to Be. Hopefully, in Looking at these areas and consider making some changes, We will find that Our Righteousness Will Surpass that of many and we will Teach Our Children to Work at Letting Go of Everything that is Not The Teachings and Ministry of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

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



Valentine's Day Bake Sale & Bingo

Valentine celebrations started with our annual Bake Sale and Bingo for the students. Students loved shopping for their sweet treats which not only are delicious but all the money earned from the bake sale was donated to the Lord's Pantry as part of our continued effort to love and serve those in our community. Lots of fun was had during rounds of BINGO and calling of the lucky winners who got to take home a cake!



Calendar of Events

- | February 23 - Mid-Term
- | February 24 - 27 - 2nd Grade Begin to Swim
- | February 27 - Golden Falcon Awards

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