

SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA
A MEMBER OF ST. GEORGE DEANERY
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
FEBRUARY 22, 2026



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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.”

In today’s gospel Jesus cautions it is not enough to provide food for our children; “one does not live on bread alone.”

Let Lent 2026 be a time when you are “led by the Spirit” to explore new ways to be a moral guide to your children.

Mass Schedule

February	24	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	Lenten Weekday ~ {Karl Kiene}
February	25	Wednesday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Lenten Weekday ~ {For The Parish}
February	26	Thursday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Lenten Weekday ~ {Larry Schroeder ~ Frances Schroeder ~ Frank & Bernice Schroeder ~ The Clem Schroeder Family}
February	27	Friday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Lenten Weekday ~ {Rose Ann Kaufman}
February	27	Friday	2:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
February	28	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Rosary
February	28	Saturday	3:00 – 3:30 p.m.	Confessions
February	28	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	{Pete & Pat Siefker ~ Melinda Utendorf ~Jim & Phyllis Verhoff ~ Rachael Jay ~ Ruth Kruse ~ Lilly Kruse ~ Jerry & Dorothy Goedde}
March	01	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	{Larry Schroeder ~ Frank & Bernice Schroeder ~ Frances Schroeder ~ The Clem Schroeder Family}
March	01	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	{Wanda Kiene ~ Darren Langhals ~ John Siefker ~ Nathan Siefker ~ Grant Siefker}

Servers

February	24	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	Alton Kiene
February	28	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Jacob Kamphaus, Savannah Kamphaus, Chase Parker
March	01	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Colin Langhals, Braden Stechschulte, Ethan Basinger
March	01	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Natalie Goubeaux, Joel Vennekotter, Leah Vennekotter

Lectors

February	28	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Nicole Wilson
March	01	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Judy Schroeder
March	01	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Brian Schroeder

Eucharistic Ministers

February	28	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Karyn Kamphaus, Ken & Connie Kruse, Deb Siefker, Bill Schroeder
March	01	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Dan Maag, Marilyn Birkemeier, Diana Kaufman, Doug Langhals, Kate Blue
March	01	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Wendi Wenzinger, Lynn Downing, Karl Schroeder, Kelly Honse, Cheryl Ellerbrock, Alton Kiene - Choir

Ushers

February 28 Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass Mike Recker, Tyler Recker, Tim Reimund, Aaron Siefker
March 01 Sunday 8:00 a.m. Mass Craig Kaufman, Len Kaufman, Carl Warnecke, Gib Kaufman
March 01 Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass Al Schroeder, Dale Schroeder, Roger Wenzinger, Mike Brodwolf

Parish Activities

For The Week of February 15th

February 23	Youth Night @ 7:30 p.m.	Adult ~ 145	\$ 6,659.00
March 01	Pre School Bible School @ 8:00 a.m.	Children's ~ 18	22.95
March 03	K of C Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.		6,681.95
	Rosary @ 7:10 p.m.	Other Income	62,132.59
March 04	Finance Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.	Total Income	\$ 68,814.54
March 07	Marriage Encounter Weekend @ 8:30 a.m.	Expense	\$ 1,919.49



Introducing our OCIA Candidates for 2026,

Hello! My name is Caitlin Ricker. I am 35 years old and originally from Lima, but I've lived in Grove for the past nine years. I have been married to my wonderful husband, Matt, for six years, and we are thrilled to be expecting our first child in May. We also share our home with our nearly 3-year-old miniature Aussie Doodle, Daphne. I work as a registered nurse at an orthopedic surgery center, and in my spare time, I enjoy tending to my plants.

Hello, my name is Randy Zimmerman. I am married, a father of two children and a grandfather of five grandchildren. I graduated from Allen East High School and am a retired school teacher. I enjoy spending time with my family, watching my grandchildren's sporting events, doing interior house painting and helping my son with his construction business.

Please pray for our candidates as they prepare to enter the Catholic Church.

Stations of the Cross ~ will be on Sunday, February 22nd at 2:00pm.

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.

St. Anthony Youth Ministry: Ignite, Fan into Flame ~ Will take place on **Monday, February 23rd** at 7:30 p.m. Dr. Connor Schroeder will be our guest speaker! Please contact Nate Schroeder (419-969-4894) if you feel called to be a guest speaker or have any questions.

That Man Is You ~TMIY will be meeting on **Saturday, February 28th**, at 6:10 a.m. in the church basement. Session 20: The Mystery of the Holy Family

She Shall Be Called Woman ~ The next SHE session is **Saturday, February 28th** with doors opening at 8:00 a.m. the topic of heroic patience. Patience may be the most requested virtue in our lives. It is a gift the Lord wants to give us, both in our relationships with others and with Him. Join us as we discuss where we need this virtue in our lives and how we can grow in patience.

K of C ~ The K of C will be meeting on **Tuesday, March 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, March 4th**, at 6:00 p.m. in the rectory.

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!

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.

Bakery Bingo - Parent Guild's annual Bakery Bingo will be **Sunday, March 15th**, from 5:15-8:00 p.m. in the church basement. Doors open at 4:15 p.m. Admission is \$2 for children 8th grade and younger, and \$3 for high school students and adults. Extra bingo cards can be purchased for \$1. NEW THIS YEAR.....bringing a baked good with you the night of bingo earns you an extra bingo card for FREE! Sandwiches, food, and refreshments will be available for purchase. This event is for the whole family!!

Bakery Bingo Donations – Donated baked goods to be used as prizes for the bingo games would be greatly appreciated! If you would like to donate baked goods, please drop them off in the church basement the day of the event or bring them with you if you are attending. NEW THIS YEAR.....bringing a baked good with you the night of bingo earns you an extra bingo card for FREE! Donations for door prizes or raffle prizes will be accepted at the school office or parish office **through Tuesday, March 2nd**. Thank You!

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.

***Indicates Father David will be Hearing Confessions at that Service

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

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.

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.

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 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., 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.

St. Mary Parish Lenten Mission ~ Will be **March 9th – March 11th** each night beginning at 7:00 p.m. at 318 State St, Leipsic, Ohio. Night 1: Eucharistic Miracles, Night 2: Eucharistic Saints, Night 3: Hope.

Landeck St. John the Baptist Church ~ Will have their annual Soup & Sandwich Supper on **Sunday, March 15th** from 3:30 to 7:00 p.m. They will be featuring Venedocia Sausage or Chicken Sandwich, Chicken Noodle, Chili, German Cabbage and Potato Soup, cornbread, veggies, ice cream and cookie. Dine in or carry out. Free Will Offering!

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

CCD Classes ~ There will be CCD class this **Sunday, February 22nd** from 9:15 – 10:15 a.m. The next CCD Classes will be **Sunday, March 1st** from 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.

Confirmation Retreat is Wednesday, March 4th, 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. in the church basement.

A Note from Deacon Ben.....

Dear St. Anthony Family,

Welcome to the Lenten season! The Church is always calling us to conversion, but in the season of Lent the Church is asking us to double down in our efforts. Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are those recommended “tools” to help us in those efforts. We are already a few days into Lent, so how is it going so far? I can say that I have not always have had a “productive” Lent. There have been several times that I have set lofty goals but only have managed to fail in most of those goals.

What I have found to be the most effective is to build up certain practices over the course of the season. Start small and do that well and then maybe do something more every week. My best Lents have been when I fast from something like my favorite food or television show and then add something like more prayer time or reading a spiritual book. So, I take something away that binds me to this passing world and add something that prepares me for my heavenly home. And in this process, I am hoping that I have changed from what I was like from the beginning of Lent, and to create a habit that I can carry through beyond Lent.

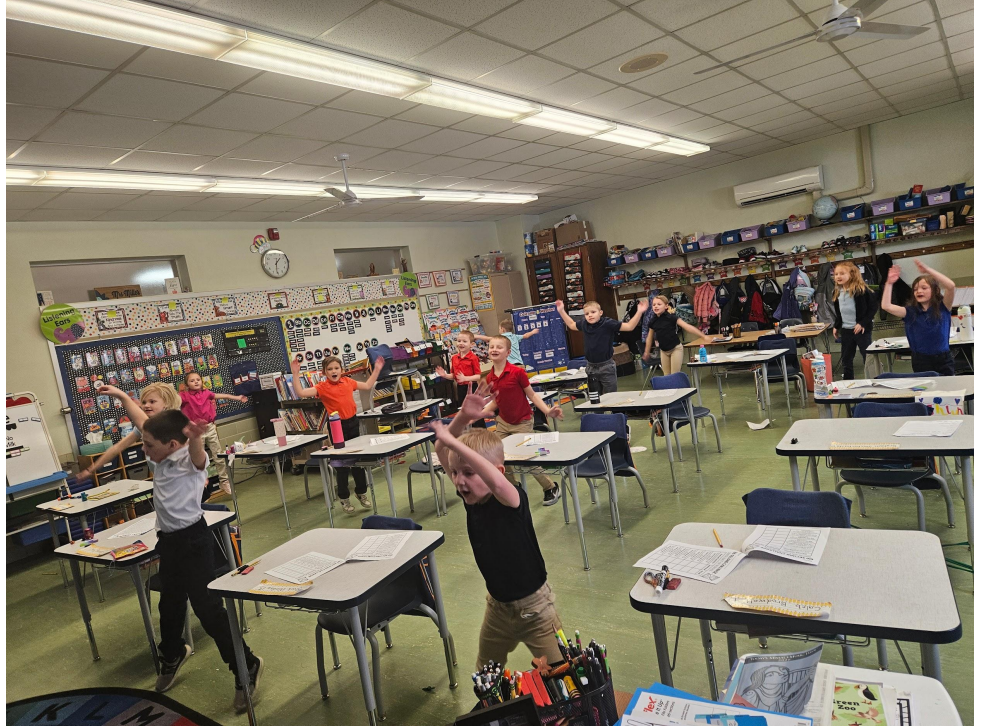
I pray that we all have a “productive” Lent and ask: St. Anthony of Padua, Pray for us!

Love, Deacon Ben



100 Days Smarter...

Our first grade students celebrated the 100th Day of School with some fun classroom activities and learning. They graphed 100 licks on a popsicle and also were able to do 69 jumping jacks in 100 seconds. We are proud of just how much growth we have seen in them over these 100 days!



We shout out our Kindergarten students for their **WHOLE** class earning such high scores and making high growth on their winter MAP assessments in **BOTH** reading and math. They really are some smart cookies!



Calendar of Events

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