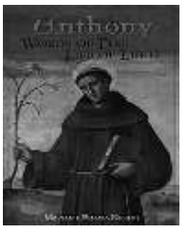

SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA
A MEMBER OF ST. GEORGE DEANERY
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 1, 2026

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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."

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Transfiguration is a common occurrence in families. When we commit to another, such as a spouse in marriage or a child in parenting, we are not committing to them only as they are today, but to the person they are becoming.

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Mass Schedule

March	03	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	Lenten Weekday ~ {Larry Schroeder ~ Frances Schroeder ~ Frank & Bernice Schroeder ~ The Clem Schroeder Family}
March	04	Wednesday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Lenten Weekday ~ {Margaret Warnecke}
March	05	Thursday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Lenten Weekday ~ {John Aelker}
March	05	Thursday	**2:00 p.m. Mass**	**Meadows of Ottawa** ~ {For The Parish}
March	06	Friday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Lenten Weekday ~ {Father Keith McCormack ~Todd Ritchey ~ Living & Deceased Members of the Raymond & Madeleine Duval Family ~ Living & Deceased Members of the Ralph & Beatrice Schroeder Family ~ Living & Deceased Members of the Joe & Laura Recker Family}
March	06	Friday	**2:00 p.m.**	**Stations of the Cross**
March	07	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Rosary
March	07	Saturday	3:00 – 3:30 p.m.	Confessions
March	07	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	{Deacon Don Siefker ~ Carl Plumadore}
March	08	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	{Living & Deceased Members of the Karl & Blanche Stechschulte Family}
March	08	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	{Bill & Luella Schumaker ~ Irv & Sharon Schroeder ~ Elmer, Audrey & Susie Vorst}

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Servers

March	03	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	Roger Wenzinger
March	07	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Lylah Wilson, Tucker Wilson, Eli Kohls
March	08	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Matt Morman, Drew Schroeder, Madalyn Schroeder
March	08	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Mitchell Schroeder, Mariah Schroeder, Kira Schroeder

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Lectors

March	07	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Isabella Wilson
March	08	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Dan Maag
March	08	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Sue Schroeder

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Eucharistic Ministers

March	07	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Denny Ricker, Rose Schnipke, Marge Tabler, Mary Kay Koch, Maria Kaufman
March	08	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Judy Schroeder, Gib Kaufman, Marilyn Hoffman, Jason Brown, 1 Volunteer
March	08	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Cheryl Ellerbrock, Jenna Goubeaux, Nathan Schroeder, Hannah Warren, Bruce Stephens

Ushers

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

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		Parish Activities	***For The Week of February 22nd***	
March	**01**	**Pre School Bible School @ 8:00 a.m.**	**Adult ~ 167**	**$ 7,330.00**
March	**03**	**K of C Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.**	**Children's ~ 26**	**32.00**
		Rosary @ 7:10 p.m.		**7,362.00**
March	**04**	**Finance Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.**	**Income**	**2,332.45**
March	**07**	**Marriage Encounter @ 8:30 a.m.**	**Total Income**	**$ 9,694.45**
March	**10**	**Rosary Guild @ 10:30 a.m.**	**Expense**	**$ 46,970.20**

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Holy Week ~ Sign-up sheets for **Servers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers and the 12 Washing of the Feet Volunteers** are on the table in the back of church. Thank you to those who are willing to be a part of our Holy week and Easter Masses!

Adoration & Benediction ~ Will be **Monday, March 2nd** at 7:00 p.m. in the church.

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.

That Man Is You ~TMIY will be meeting on **Saturday, March 7th**, at 6:10 a.m. in the church basement. Session 21: Superabundant Saints.

TMIY will be praying the Rosary Wednesday, March 4th at 7:00 p.m. in the church.

She Shall Be Called Woman ~ **No** SHE **Saturday, March 7th.** Final session of this season, **Saturday, March 14th.**

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.

Rosary Guild ~ The Rosary Guild will be meeting on **Tuesday, March 10th** at 10:30 a.m. in the church basement.

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

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!

Easter Egg Hunt Here at St. Anthony's ~ On **Saturday, April 4th** beginning sharply at 10:00 a.m., between the church and the school, (Gym if Raining). Age groups are 3 years and under, 4-6 yrs, 7-9 yrs, and 10-13 yrs. Eggs will be filled with individually wrapped candy and some SPECIAL EGGS with a "Prize Note" for a gift card to Kip's Dairy Whip. All Grove community children are welcome. **Donations of individually wrapped small candy can be placed in a box in the back entrance of the church, marked egg hunt, or can be dropped off at the rectory.** We plan to fill eggs with candy on **March 25th** at 6:00 p.m. in the church basement. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Any questions, please call or text Mike Recker at 419-604-0947.

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.

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

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 of Padua "Days of Grace" Confession Times

Tuesday, March 10th after 6:30 p.m. Mass ***Thursday, March 12th after 8:00 a.m. Mass***
Friday, March 13th after 8:00 a.m. Mass ***Tuesday, March 17th after 6:30 p.m. Mass***
Friday, March 20th after 8:00 a.m. Mass & at 2:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 26th after 8:00 a.m. Mass & at 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 1st after 8:00 a.m. Mass & at 5:30 p.m.

….Along with Our Regular Saturday Confessions at 3:00 p.m. except April 4th

I will remain in the Confessional until the last person has confessed. I will wait for 15 extra minutes before I leave.
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Springs in the Desert, a Catholic Infertility Ministry ~ Our next meeting will be held **Thursday, March 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 at (419)303-5752 or Wendy Schimmoeller at (419)236-0522.

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.

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!
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********CCD HIGHLIGHTS********

CCD Classes ~ There will be CCD class this **Sunday, March 1st** from 9:15 – 10:15 a.m. The next CCD Classes will be **Sunday, March 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.
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A Note from Father David……

Dear St. Anthony Family,

Jesus took Peter, James, and John up the Mountain by themselves and Jesus was Transfigured before them. His Face shone like The Sun and His Clothes became White as Light. Jesus was Joined by Moses and Elijah, Conversing with Him when a Bright Cloud cast a shadow over them and they heard a Loud Voice telling them "This is My Beloved Son, with whom I am Well Pleased, Listen to Him." When Jesus 'Disciples Heard the Voice, they fell to the Ground and were Afraid. Jesus came and laid His Hand on Them and told them to Rise and Do not be Afraid. Coming down the mountain, Jesus told His Disciples not to tell anyone what they saw until "The Son of Man has been raised from The Dead".

During this Season of Lent we all seek to be "Transfigured" in many different ways. We try to work at becoming better and More Holy people and Strive to become good Disciples. We attend The Sacrament of Reconciliation to help us "Clean Our Souls" and Pray for the Strength to show Compassion and Kindness in every way we can. We work at setting aside Time to Read, Meditate, and Contemplate the Goodness of Our God so that we may be an Extension of His Mission in The World.

We know how "Time Flies" and Lent will be gone before we Know it, Let Us Spend as much time as possible making Our Faith A Priority as We guide those We Love.

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

Falcon News

Spelling Bee

St. Anthony students in grades 4-8 first took place in a classroom spelling bee. The top 3 spellers from each grade moved on to the school spelling bee. We are proud of Jacob Brodwolf, sixth-grade, for winning the school spelling bee! He will now move on to the regional spelling bee to be held in Lima on March 10. We wish him the best of luck!

Spelling Bee Finalists

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aholzwart@stanthonyschool.info

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Mrs. Sharon Farthing has announced her retirement at the end of this school year. We greatly appreciate her 10 years of service at St. Anthony school helping to instill a passion for music in many students! We wish her all the best as she gets to spend more time with her family and friends in the near future. We are now looking for the newest member of the Falcon Faculty to take her place and continue to form musicians in our school community.

Calendar of Events

March 2 - Hot Sandwich Lunch
March 6 - Jr. High STEM Field Trip
March 9 - Kindergarten Screening

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