

**SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA**  
**A MEMBER OF ST. GEORGE DEANERY**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**MARCH 15, 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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**Failure to forgive blinds us to another’s goodness. Lent provides an opportunity to wash away our  
blind-spots in the pool of forgiveness. Listen to Jesus in today’s gospel: “Go wash and see.”**

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**Pray That God may rescue the entire world from all the evils of war and violence, especially in Ukraine and in  
the Middle East; may he comfort those who are afflicted, grant eternal rest to those who have died, and convert  
hearts and minds to peace, let us pray to the Lord.**

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**Mass Schedule**

March	17	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	Lenten Weekday ~ {Pat Morman}
March	18	Wednesday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Lenten Weekday ~ {Larry Schroeder ~ Frances Schroeder ~ Frank & Bernice Schroeder ~ The Clem Schroeder Family}
March	19	Thursday	8:00 a.m. Mass	St. Joseph ~ {Living & Deceased Members of the Bill & Marilyn Schroeder Family}
March	20	Friday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Lenten Weekday ~ {For The Parish}
March	20	Friday	<b>2:00 p.m.</b>	<b>No Stations</b>
March	21	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Rosary
March	21	Saturday	3:00 – 3:30 p.m.	Confessions
March	21	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	{Dan Verhoff ~ Nick Schroeder ~ Nancy Schroeder-Sparks ~ Max Schroeder ~ Kali Crego ~ Deacon Don Siefker ~ Grant Siefker}
March	22	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	{Tom & Janice Stechschulte}
March	22	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	{Kathy Hoffman ~ Dan Kleman ~ Earl Kleman ~ Tom Buettner ~ Elmer & Kathie Langhals ~ Paula Stechschulte}
March	22	Sunday	<b>2:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>

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**Servers**

March	17	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	Alton Kiene
March	21	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Brennen Langhals, Caelan Langhals, Siena Langhals
March	22	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Sarah Kamphaus, Alexa Kamphaus, Ethan Basinger
March	22	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Hannah Brodewolf, Jacob Brodewolf, Olive Lee

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**Lectors**

March	21	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Marge Tabler
March	22	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Ron Teders
March	22	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Lynn Downing

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**Eucharistic Ministers**

March	21	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Denny Ricker, Rose Schnipke, Mary Kay Koch, Maria Kaufman, Bill Schroeder
March	22	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Marilyn Hoffman, Jason Brown, Judy Schroeder, Diana Kaufman, Dan Maag
March	22	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Jenna Goubeaux, Karl Schroeder, Hannah Warren, Cheryl Ellerbrock, Alton Kiene

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**Ushers**

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

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Parish Activities

For The Week of March 8th

March 15	Pre School Bible School @ 8:00 a.m.	Adult ~ 163	\$ 13,491.00
March 15	Stations of the Cross @ 2:00 p.m.	Children's ~ 26	32.00
March 15	Bakery Bingo @ 5:15 p.m.		13,523.00
March 16	Adoration @ 7:00 p.m.	Income	4,993.00
March 25	Youth Ministry @ 7:30 p.m.	Total Income	\$ 18,516.00
March 26	1st Communion Parent Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.	Expense	\$ 42,998.78



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*Our family would like to express our sincere gratitude for all the support given since my sister, Pat Birnesser, and her husband, Ed, were in a terrible car accident on January 23rd. Your prayers, cards, messages and words of encouragement (and lots of hugs) have made all the difference.*

*Ed is doing well with his rehab and has been home for a few weeks. Pat has been transferred to The Manor at Greendale in Findlay. She is alert, off the vent, but still has a tracheostomy. She has a very long and hard road ahead, and we would appreciate it so much if you could keep those prayers coming. She has always been a woman of strong faith and God isn't done with her. If you would like to send her a card, please use the following address: Pat Birnesser, Room 26, The Manor at Greendale, 2101 Greendale Blvd. Findlay, OH. 45840.*

*Thank you and God Bless!*

*Mary Kay Verhoff*

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**RESCHEDULED** ~ Confirmation Retreat date: **Thursday, April 30, 2026** during school hours.

**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 our Easter Masses!

**Easter Flower Fund** ~ If you would like to make a donation to our Easter Flowers in memory of your deceased loved ones, feel free to put their names on the envelope you will find in your contribution envelope packet. We will publish the list after Easter. Thank you!

**6 Weeks of Almsgiving** ~ This Lenten season, St. Anthony's is collecting a perishable and nonperishable item which will be donated to our Lord's Pantry in Columbus Grove. Collection containers will be located at all the St. Anthony Church entrances. The weekly collection will be dropped off at the Lord's Pantry each Wednesday. Please have your new donation items in the collection containers prior to Wednesday. For the **week of March 11th – March 18th** we are collecting boxed Mac n Cheese or canned fruit, dish soap, pancake mix & syrup, paper towels. For the Week of **March 18th - March 25th** we are collecting canned peas or corn, plain noodles and canned Tuna.

**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!!

**Adoration** ~ There will be Adoration and Benediction on **Monday, March 16th** at 7:00 p.m. This will also include a healing service.

**Blood Drive** ~ The next Red Cross Blood Drive will be at the Church of the Good Shephard on **Thursday, March 19** from 12:00 – 6:00 p.m. Please consider donating! You may possibly save a life. For an appointment call 800-733-2767 or Marge Tabler at 419-659-5190.

**That Man Is You** ~ TMIY will be meeting on **Saturday, March 21st**, at 6:10 a.m. in the church basement. Session 23: The Spiritual Journey.

**300 Club** ~ To date, 192 memberships have been sold. If you would like to purchase a 300 club ticket, you can use the form at the bottom of this page or extra forms are available at the entrances of the church. Thanks to all who have supported our 300 Club membership drive! The first drawing will be **March 21st**.

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**300 Club ~ 2026**

Please find enclosed \$50.00 for each ticket purchased. Please return to the parish office by

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

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*She Shall Be Called Woman ~ No SHE this weekend Saturday, March 21st.*

*First Communion Parent Meeting ~ Will be Thursday, March 26th at 7:00 p.m. in the church. Both parents and students need to attend.*

*K of C Charity Tickets ~ By now you should have received your 2026 charity campaign tickets. Our early ticket turn-in is April 1st. We earn the most bonus money during this time, so please sell those tickets early and get them turned in by mailing them in the envelope provided, drop them in the Sunday collection, or drop them off at the parish office. If you need more tickets contact Ron Teders at 419-615-9956. All proceeds goes to charity! Thank you!!*

*K of C Breakfast on April 12th – more information to come.*

*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 questions, please call or text Mike Recker at 419-604-0947.*

*Spring Luncheon & Bake Sale ~ Ottawa Senior Citizen's Center, 1035 E Third St, Ottawa will be serving lunch from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm on **March 19th**. Menu includes: Home Made Cheesy Potato Soup, BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich Platter, Hot Beef Sandwich Platter with Desserts & Drinks. Eat in or call for carryout 419-523-5593. We offer homemade cakes, pies, cookies, bread, candy & snacks. Come see our selection of holiday crafts & greeting cards.*

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

<b>Wednesday, March 25th</b>	<b>St. John The Baptist, Glandorf</b>	<b>4:00 p.m. &amp; 7:00 p.m. ***</b>
<b>Monday, March 30th</b>	<b>Sts. Peter &amp; Paul, Ottawa</b>	<b>4:00 p.m. &amp; 7:00 p.m.</b>

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

**St. Anthony of Padua "Days of Grace" Confession Times**

*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 until I leave.*

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*Tentative Confirmation Rehearsal ~ May 3rd from 11:40 a.m. to 12:40 p.m.*

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

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

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***A Note from Father David.....***

Dear St. Anthony Family,

This Week is known as Laetare Sunday which means "Rejoice" and can be compared to Gaudete Sunday which also means "Rejoice" and is Celebrated During Advent about half-way through the Lead Up to our Celebration of The Birth of Jesus. Lent However, is a time for Prayer, Penance, and Almsgiving as we Continue to make our way through The Paschal Mystery, Our Lords Birth, Death, and Resurrection. May we continue our Journey to Calvary knowing that Our Lord's Death is not "The End of The Story", But instead, The means of our Reconciliation to Eternal Life.

**New Process for Reconciliation ~ I've been approached and asked to try to make a change in how we do our "Days of Grace" and We will make the following changes for this Lent and reevaluate after Easter. As you prepare for Reconciliation, I will be Hearing Confessions in the Priest's Sacristy with Behind the Screen and One on One options. When you enter please sit in the front rows on the Virgin Mary side. Do not sit in front of anyone already in the pews so that everyone knows who is next to go. When you go for confession please go in the Sanctuary door and leave by the same door so that people know the Priest is available. If you are staying for Prayer, Please go to Pray on the Joseph side of the Church so that those left know that you have already gone to Confession. I hope that by making these adjustments this will make Confessions more User Friendly.**

St. Anthony of Padua, Pray for Us!

Love, Fr. David



## Quiz Bowl

This week our students in grades 6-8 participated in the Putnam County Quiz Bowl. Quiz Bowl is a fast-paced competition where teams of five compete by answering challenging, tossup questions across all subject areas.



Our 6th grade team went 5-1 and our Jr. High team went 2-4 but lost some close matches.



## Turn your Tax Dollars Into a St. Anthony School Scholarship

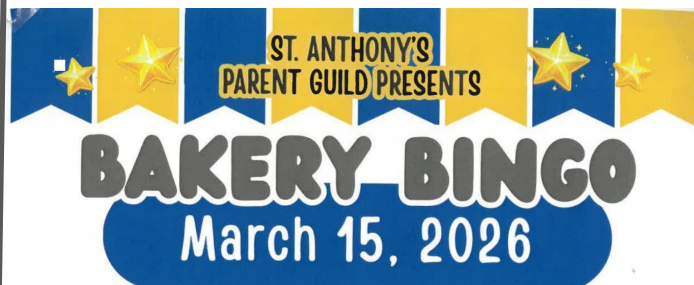
**EVERY CHILD DESERVES A GREAT PLACE TO LEARN!**

Make a difference in a student's life by designating your tax dollars for scholarships!

The State of Ohio allows you to make a donation up to \$750 (\$1500 married filing jointly) through a Scholarship Granting Organization in order to receive a **tax credit** against your Ohio tax liability.



## Join Us for Bakery Bingo!



**5:15-8:00 pm**  
DOORS OPEN AT 4:15 pm

St. Anthony's Parish Hall

- \$3 Adults + High School Student
- \$2 Children 8<sup>th</sup> Grade + Under
- \$1 Additional Bingo Cards
- Sandwiches, Snacks + Refreshments available for purchase
- Door Prizes, Raffle Items, + 50/50

Bring a Baked Good to the event and receive an **EXTRA BINGO CARD!**



Proceeds help provide students with hot lunches and special treats throughout the school year

## Calendar of Events

- ! **March 15** - Bakery Bingo 5:15 - 8:15 pm
- ! **March 18** - Grade 5 & 6 Field Trip
- ! **March 20** - NO SCHOOL - End of Qrt 3

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