

SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA
A MEMBER OF ST. GEORGE DEANERY
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 22, 2026



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St. Anthony Parish Website: www.cgstanthony.weebly.com

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

Parish ~ www.facebook.com/cgstanthony/

School ~ www.facebook.com/StAnthonyofPaduaColumbusGrove/

“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.”

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.

Mass Schedule

March	24	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	Lenten Weekday ~ {Larry Schroeder ~ Frances Schroeder ~ Frank & Bernice Schroeder ~ The Clem Schroeder Family}
March	25	Wednesday	8:00 a.m. Mass	The Annunciation of the Lord ~ {For The Parish}
March	26	Thursday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Lenten Weekday ~ {Father Jerry Schetter}
March	27	Friday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Lenten Weekday ~ {Larry Schroeder ~ Frances Schroeder ~ Frank & Bernice Schroeder ~ The Clem Schroeder Family}
March	27	Friday	2:00 p.m.	Stations
March	28	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Rosary
March	28	Saturday	3:00 – 3:30 p.m.	Confessions
March	28	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	{George Ellerbrock ~ Living & Deceased Members of the Siefker & Schulte Families ~ Living & Deceased Members of the Siefker & Youngpeter Families}
March	29	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	{Wilfred Niese & Marie Niese ~ Jenny Roberts}
March	29	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	{Norm Kohls ~ Virgil & Virginia Hoffman ~ Living & Deceased Members of the Eugene & Shirley Maag Family}
March	29	Sunday	2:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross

Servers

March	24	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	Roger Wenzinger
March	28	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Garrett Siefker, Lillian Siefker, Walker Sudlow
March	29	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Alex Meyer, Josie Meyer, Tyler Recker
March	29	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Robby Schnipke, Carter Troyer, Kennedy Siefker

Lectors

March	28	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Marge Tabler, Lauren Birkemeier
March	29	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Diana Johnson, Judy Schroeder
March	29	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Hannah Warren, Karl Schroeder

Eucharistic Ministers

March	28	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Marilyn Siefker, Deb Siefker, Marge Tabler, Ken & Connie Kruse
March	29	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Jason Brown, Marilyn Birkemeier, Doug Langhals, Kate Blue, 1 Volunteer
March	29	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Lisa Meuleman, Wendi Wenzinger, Sue Schroeder, Cheryl Ellerbrock, Lynn Downing, Alton Kiene-Choir

Ushers

March 28 Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass Mike Recker, Tyler Recker, Tim Reimund, Aaron Siefker
March 29 Sunday 8:00 a.m. Mass Craig Kaufman, Len Kaufman, Carl Warnecke, Gib Kaufman
March 29 Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass Al Schroeder, Dale Schroeder, Roger Wenzinger, Mike BrodWolf

Parish Activities

March 22 Stations of the Cross @ 2:00 p.m.
March 25 Youth Ministry @ 7:30 p.m.
March 26 1st Communion Parent Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

For The Week of March 15th

Adult ~ 173 \$ 7,681.00
Children's ~ 27 34.80
7,715.80
Income 47,498.03
Total Income \$ 55,213.83
Expense \$ 4,763.23





The St. Anthony Parish family extends our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Phyllis Verhoff who died on Thursday, March 12th, Jerry Stechsulte who died Saturday, March 14th and Roger Cole who died on Monday, March 16th. Mass of Resurrection will be celebrated for Jerry on Wednesday, March 25th. May our Prayers and the grace of God see you all through this difficult time and may Our Lord welcome Phyllis, Jerry and Roger into His Kingdom for eternity.



Roland Kenneth, son of Gage & Autumn Irwin, was baptized this past weekend here at St. Anthony's. May the new gift of the Holy Spirit be with you always!

300 Club Winner ~ March 21st ~ Mike Recker ~ Ticket #42 ~ \$100

Thank You to our anonymous St. Anthony donor, for donating the beautiful railings in the front of church.

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 25th – April 1st** we are collecting Tissues, Body soap (bar or liquid) and Toothpaste/Toothbrush.

St. Anthony Youth Ministry: Ignite, Fan into Flame ~ Will take place on **Wednesday, March 25th** at 7:30 p.m. in the Church Rectory. Please contact Nate Schroeder, 419-969-4894, with any questions.

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

That Man Is You ~ TMIY will be meeting on **Saturday, March 28th**, at 6:10 a.m. in the church basement. Session 24: Building a Spiritual Plan of Life.

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.

300 Club ~ To date, 209 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!

300 Club ~ 2026

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

Name _____ Address _____
Phone _____ Amount Enclosed _____

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.

Baptism Classes ~ The next Baptism class (required for first time parents or encouraged for new parents who have not taken the class in the past 5 years) will be held on **Thursday, April 9th**, at 6:30 p.m. in the church basement. Please call Tom & Karyn Kamphaus at 419-615-8737 or the parish office at 419-659-2263 to register.

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.

Position Available - Middle School Teachers (Grades 5-6) ~ Sts. Peter & Paul School is seeking 2 qualified and enthusiastic candidates for the positions of Science and Language Arts Teachers. All those who hold a Bachelor's Degree in Education and a valid Ohio teaching license, including recent graduates, are encouraged to apply.

Required Qualifications: Bachelor's Degree in Education or Related Field, Valid Ohio teaching license/certification, Skilled in Technology, Ability to Collaborate as a Member of a Cohesive Team. **Preferred Qualifications:** Practicing Catholic, Classroom Experience. Please email cover letter, resume, and list of 3 professional references to Connie Niese at cniese@sppsknights.org. **Applications accepted until March 31, 2026.**

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

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

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.

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

CCD Classes ~ There will be CCD class this **Sunday, March 22nd** from 9:15 – 10:15 a.m. The next CCD Classes will be **Sunday, March 29th** from 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.

1st Communion is April 19th at 2:00 p.m.

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

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

Rite of Confirmation will be celebrated May 9th at the 4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Anthony's.

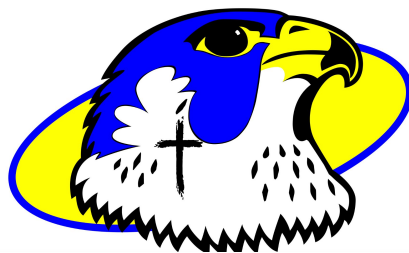
A Note from Deacon Ben.....

Dear St. Anthony Family,

What would you do if you were in the same situation that Jesus puts His disciples in at the beginning of the Gospel today? The last time they were in Jerusalem the Jewish leaders attempted to arrest and stone Jesus, and now He is telling them that they are going back to Judea. I wonder if I would have had the same response as Thomas. "Let us also go to die with Him." It has the tone of someone who is going on a suicide mission, trusting that Jesus knows what is best.

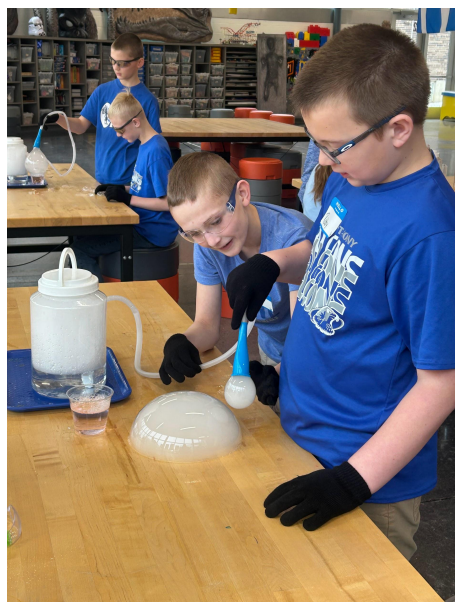
How has our Lent gone so far? What areas of our life have we not given to Jesus? I hope that we have grown spiritually during Lent and pray that we too may have the faith and trust that Thomas exhibits to be able to fully trust our whole life to Jesus.

St. Anthony of Padua, Pray for us!
Love, Deacon Ben



STEM FIELD TRIP

Thanks to SAC our 5 & 6th Grade STEM classes had an unforgettable adventure at the Mazza Museum in Findlay! The day was packed with hands-on fun and discovery- from creating spooky "ghost bubbles" with dry ice and hot water, to exploring the wonders of the universe during an exciting planetarium presentation at University of Findlay. To top it all off, students put their observation skills to the test with a scavenger hunt through the museum's incredible art exhibits. It was a day full of curiosity, creativity, and unforgettable STEM experiences!



Calendar of Events

- March 26 - First Communion Parent and Student Mtg 7 pm
- March 27 - Golden Falcon Awards, Stations of the Cross, Grade Cards home
- April 1 - K-8 School Retreat Day
- April 2 - 6 - NO SCHOOL - Easter Break