



SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA
A MEMBER OF ST. GEORGE DEANERY
EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 5, 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.”**

**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

April	07	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	No Mass
April	08	Wednesday	8:00 a.m. Mass	No Mass
April	09	Thursday	8:00 a.m. Mass	No Mass
April	10	Friday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Friday within the Octave of Easter ~ {John Aelker ~ George Wyant}
April	11	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Rosary
April	11	Saturday	3:00 – 3:30 p.m.	Confessions
April	11	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	{Joe Blankemeyer ~ Richard Haselman ~ Edna V. Haselman ~ Don & Helen Schroeder ~ Wanda Kiene ~ Darren Langhals ~ John Siefker ~ Nathan Siefker ~ Grant Siefker ~ Richard & Angela Knott ~ Ruth Kruse ~ Andy Kruse ~ Lilly Kruse ~ Linda Stechschulte}
April	12	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	{Leo & Gloria Wrasman}
April	12	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	{Elmer, Audrey & Susie Vorst ~ Norm Kohls ~ Virgil & Virginia Hoffman ~ Melinda Utendorf ~ Rachael Jay ~ Jim & Phyllis Verhoff}

Servers

April	07	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	No Mass
April	11	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Jacob Kamphaus, Savannah Kamphaus, Chase Parker
April	12	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Colin Langhals, Braden Stechschulte, Ethan Brown
April	12	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Natalie Goubeaux, Joel Vennekotter, Leah Vennekotter

Lectors

April	11	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Nicole Wilson
April	12	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Judy Schroeder
April	12	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Courtney Rieman

Eucharistic Ministers

April	11	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Beth Birkemeier, Lauren Birkemeier, Mary Kay Koch, Lindsay Peck, Denny Ricker
April	12	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Gib Kaufman, Diana Kaufman, Jason Brown, Marilyn Hoffman, 1 Volunteer
April	12	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Wendi Wenzinger, Karl Schroeder, Bob Maag, Anne Schroeder, Nathan Schroeder

Ushers

April 11 Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass Doug Roof, Don Stechschulte, Rob Verhoff, Mya Verhoff
April 12 Sunday 8:00 a.m. Mass Eric Dunn, Ron Hoffman, Joyce Seyer, Joe Morman
April 12 Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass Dave Ellerbrock, Terry Giesige, Tayte Langhals, Pat Vorst

Parish Activities

April 07 **K of C Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.**
Rosary @ 7:10 p.m.
April 08 **Youth Ministry @ 7:30 p.m.**
April 09 **Baptism Classes @ 6:30 p.m.**
April 12 **Pre School Bible School @ 8:00 a.m.**
April 12 **K of C Breakfast after 8:00 a.m. Mass**

For The Week of March 29th

Adult ~ 176 \$ 11,301.00
Children's ~ 25 61.85
11,362.85
Other Income 986.15
Total Income \$ 12,349.00
Expense \$ 55,540.42



300 Club Winner ~ April 4th ~ Alton Kiene ~ Ticket #259 ~ \$100

Special Easter 300 Club Winner ~ April 4th ~ Jessica Moser ~ Ticket #84 ~ \$150

Marriage Bans II ~ Valerie Morman & Tyler Martin

St. Anthony's Website & Video ~ Is back up and running. If you go to the website listed at the top of the bulletin you will be able to view the bulletin and live stream some of our Masses. Please call the parish office if any questions.

300 Club ~ To date, 264 memberships have been sold. If you would like to purchase a 300 club ticket, there are extra forms available at the entrances of the church.

Thank You ~ To all who participated in the Almsgiving for Lent to the Lord's pantry. The donations were greatly appreciated!

Festival Meeting ~ Please save the date for **Wednesday, April 22nd** to discuss plans for the festival in August. There will be more information coming soon.

K of C Charity Tickets ~ A total of 1,118 charity tickets were mailed in April 1st for our first charity ticket turn-in. The 2nd and final turn-in will be **May 13th** with the drawing to be held on May 23rd. Our goal is the reach at least 7 tickets sold per K of C member. So far we're doing well. Keep selling those tickets. All proceeds go to charity!

K of C ~ The K of C will be meeting on **Tuesday, April 7th** at 7:30 p.m. in the church basement with the Rosary being recited at 7:10 p.m.

St. Anthony Youth Ministry: Ignite, Fan into Flame ~ Will take place on **Wednesday, April 8th** at 7:30 p.m. in the Church Rectory. Nikki May will be our guest speaker! Please contact Nate Schroeder, 419-969-4894, with questions.

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.

That Man Is You ~ TMIY will be meeting on **Saturday, April 11th**, at 6:10 a.m. in the church basement.

K of C Breakfast ~ The K of C will be having a breakfast on **Sunday, April 12th** after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Adults ~ \$8.00, Children ~ (5 - 12) \$4.00, 4 and under are free. The menu is: Pancakes, Ham, Eggs, Sausage, Hash browns, Applesauce, Juice and Coffee. We are raffling off 10 - \$10 gift certificates to the students at no charge. These were donated by Alt's Gas Station, Aguirre's Fillin' Station, Kip's Dairy Whip, and Tabler's Drive Thru.

Altar Rosary Bake Sale ~ Will be the weekend of **April 11th and April 12th** after all the Masses in the church hall. All women of the parish are considered members and your donations are appreciated. All proceeds will be used to help defray the expense of the Eucharistic Hosts.

Rosary Guild ~ The Rosary Guild will be meeting on **Tuesday, April 14th** at 10:30 a.m. in the church basement. If you have any questions please call Mary Kay Koch at 419-236-9966.

Volunteers Needed ~ Volunteering is one of the most meaningful ways to give back to your community. At Putnam County HomeCare & Hospice, volunteers provide comfort, companionship, and support to patients and families when they need it most. If you're interested in making a difference, contact Kaylee Wilhelm at 419-523-4449 or email kwilhelm@pchh.net to learn more about opportunities to get involved.

Springs in the Desert, a Catholic Infertility Ministry ~ Our next meeting will be held **Thursday, April 9th** 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 (419)303-5752 or Wendy Schimmoeller (419)236-0522. It is our honor to walk with you!

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. Donations can be dropped off at the parish office or the school office. Thank you!

Children's Festival ~ The St. Anthony's School Children's Festival will be held on **Friday, May 8th** in the church basement. The festival committee is asking for donations of 2 liters of pop, Pringle's/Lay's Stackers cans of potato chips, movie theater box candy, and baked goods for the Sweet Treat Wheel. We also would appreciate any new, unused items for the novelty booth (many kids enjoy shopping for their moms at the novelty booth for Mother's Day). Non-perishable donations can be dropped off any time at the school or parish office. Baked goods can be left in the kitchen in the church basement on **Thursday, May 7th or Friday morning, May 8th**.

This year we are having the usual adult raffle as well as a raffle for the school kids to have a chance to take home some prizes! Any donations that can be used for raffle prizes would be greatly appreciated! Ideas for the adult raffle include: hanging baskets, flowers, housewares, and gift certificates. Ideas for the kids raffle include: chalk, bubbles, craft sets, art sets, sporting equipment, lotion sets, scooters, gift cards, and summer activities. Donations can be dropped off at St. Anthony School or the Parish office, raffle tickets can be purchased from St. Anthony students.

For those wanting to join in the fun on festival day, lunch for the public runs from 11:30 a.m. – Noon, and games are from Noon – 1:45 p.m. (with the raffle starting at 1:45 p.m.). The lunch and games will be in the church basement. The festival committee thanks you for your continued support of St. Anthony's School, staff, and students.

Putnam County Master Gardener Volunteers (MGV) ~ Invite you to attend our Spring into Gardening garden fair on **April 25th** from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Location: Putnam County Educational Service Center 124 Putnam Pkwy, Ottawa, Ohio \$40.00 per person (includes Breakfast and lunch) Sessions include: Conservation in the Garden, Gardening for Blooms and Beneficials, Mushrooms of Ohio and Water Conservation. **Register by April 17th**, at the Putnam County Extension Office or online at: go.osu.edu/springintogardening.

ECCE Young Adult Choir Presents ~ Abide With Me: A Concert of Sacred Music ~ Free and open to the public; no tickets or reservations needed. For more information, contact Jessica Schuster, Director:

jessica.schuster.155@gmail.com. **April 18th** at 6:30 p.m., Dinner will be provided at 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Activity Center. Free and open to all concert attendees! At St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 4500 Fairfield Ave ~ Fort Wayne, IN. **April 19th** at 3:00 p.m. at St. Michael the Archangel Downtown Chapel, 617 W. Main Cross St ~ Findlay, OH and **May 2nd** at 7:00 p.m. at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 610 S. Portland St ~ Bryan, OH.

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

CCD Classes ~ There will be **NO** CCD Classes this **Sunday, April 5th**. The next CCD class will be **Sunday, April 12th** 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.

A Note from Father David.....

HE IS RISEN, HAPPY EASTER!

Dear St. Anthony Family,

We have arrived and experienced this Lenten Season preparing ourselves for what we've heard, read, and was Prophesized by many who came before Jesus. Even though we've Celebrated and experienced this Event year after year, it is no less important. Each year, according to what may be going on in our own lives, we experience Lent and Holy Week in different ways. It Never Gets Old and always gives us Hope that Our Death is not the End of Our Story, but only the Promise of Our Lord for Eternal Life. His Life, Death, and Resurrection gives us Our Hope, Our Promise, and Our Reward for Lives Well Lived.

As we gather In Church with Our Families and Loved Ones, let us remember to Give Thanks to Our God who Lived with Us and Died For Us so that we may be Freed from Our Sins and be Offered Eternal Life as Our "Reward" for following in His Footsteps.

May this Time with our Families give us Comfort and Peace and assure us of the Love and Protection of Our Lord Jesus Christ and The Promise of His Blessings Forever.

St. Anthony of Padua, Pray for Us!

Love, Fr. David



“This is Amazing Grace”

We spent our last day together before Easter Break in retreat as a whole school centered around the theme of Amazing Grace. Jesus’ Amazing Grace was found in how we fast, give alms, and pray during Lent. We also found Amazing Grace throughout Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter. We were able to spend time together at Mass and in adoration plus more activities highlighted below in pictures!



Classes buddied up to learn about Palm Sunday. They created donkey and palm tree drawings to take home.



Our Junior High hosted the Living Stations so we could see the life of Jesus on Good Friday unfold.



We learned about the legend of the pretzel for a Lenten snack in the afternoon.



Our teams competed in Resurrection games and challenges to close our day together.

Calendar of Events

- | April 2 - 6 - NO SCHOOL - Easter Break
- | April 8 -10 - 6th Grade Camp Damascus Retreat
- | April 9 - MAP Science Testing (grades 5 & 8), Jr High Service Project
- | April 13 - Art Club

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