SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA
A MEMBER OF ST. GEORGE DEANERY
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 3, 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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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

May	05	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	Easter Weekday ~ {Roger Cole (K of C)}
May	06	Wednesday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Easter Weekday ~ {For The Parish}
May	07	Thursday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Easter Weekday ~ {Pat Morman}
May	08	Friday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Easter Weekday ~ {Thomas Schmiedebusch}
May	09	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Rosary
May	09	Saturday	3:00 – 3:30 p.m.	**No Confessions**
May	09	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	{Richard & Pauline Elwer ~ Camil, Eileen & Ed Knott ~ Sarah Stewart ~ Jim & Agnes Hoffman ~ Richard & Phyllis Fuerst}
May	10	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	{Leo & Gloria Wrasman}
May	10	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	{Kathy Hoffman ~ Anne Heitmeyer ~ Elmer & Kathie Langhals ~ Jerry & Paula Stechschulte ~ Elmer, Audrey & Susie Vorst}

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Servers

May	05	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	Alton Kiene
May	09	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Brennen Langhals, Caelan Langhals, Leah Vennekotter, Mariah Schroeder, Alexa Kamphaus, Savannah Kamphaus, Neil Kaufman
May	10	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Sarah Kamphaus, Ethan Brown, Carter Troyer
May	10	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Hannah Brodwolf, Jacob Brodwolf, Tanner Barto

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Lectors

May	09	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Diana Johnson
May	10	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Ron Teders
May	10	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Karl Schroeder

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Eucharistic Ministers

May	09	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Lisa Langhals, Karyn Kamphaus
May	10	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Marilyn Hoffman, Jason Brown, Kate Blue, Gib Kaufman, Marilyn Birkemeier
May	10	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Bob Maag, Lynn Downing, Cheryl Ellerbrock, Bruce Stephens, Alton Kiene

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Ushers

May	09	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Len Kaufman, Gib Kaufman, Tayte Langhals, Mark Selhorst
May	10	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Ron Hoffman, Joyce Seyer, Joe Morman, 1 Volunteer
May	10	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Dave Ellerbrock, Terry Giesige, Pat Vorst, 1 Volunteer

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		Parish Activities
May	**03**	**Senior Breakfast after 8:00 a.m. Mass**
May	**05**	**K of C Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.**
		Rosary @ 7:10 p.m.
May	**06**	**Youth Ministry @ 7:30 p.m.**
May	**08**	**Children's Festival**
May	**12**	**Rosary Guild @ 10:30 a.m.**

For The Week of April 26th

Adult ~ 152	**$ 9,196.00**
Children's ~ 12	**11.85**
	9,207.85
Income	**88.30**
Total Income	**$ 9,296.15**
Expense	**$ 58,858.57**

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300 Club Winner ~ May 2nd ~ David & Jane Hilty ~ Ticket #152 ~ $100

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Below is the list of our "2026" St. Anthony graduating Seniors. May God always be your Guide as you move on to the next level of your lives. Congratulations!!!

Trevon Baxter
Dakota Dunn
Breanne Fuerst
Elizabeth Honse
Sarah Kamphaus
Joe Morman
Jade Roeder
Collin Sautter
Linzi Schroeder
Evan Verhoff
Mya Verhoff

We are celebrating with them at the 8:00 a.m. Mass on May 3rd, with the Senior breakfast for graduates to follow.

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The St. Anthony Parish family extends our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Carole Stechschulte who died on Friday, April 24th, and Thomas Fuerst who died on Friday, April 24th. Mass of Resurrection will be celebrated for Tom on Tuesday, May 5th here at St. Anthony's. May our Prayers and the grace of God see you all through this difficult time and may Our Lord welcome Carole and Tom into His Kingdom for eternity.

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Levi Thomas, son of Trenton & Magdalena Vorst, was baptized this past weekend here at St. Anthony's. May the new gift of the Holy Spirit be with you always!

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Dear St. Anthony's Parish,

Several people have asked for an update on my sister, Pat Birnesser. Pat is still making progress and we do have one exciting update. On April 24, they replaced her trach tube with a smaller one and she is now able to talk better. On May 7th, the plan is to remove it permanently. She loves visitors, but does get frustrated sometimes because she thinks she isn't progressing fast enough. We tend to get mixed messages from her cognitive abilities, but overall she appears to know most people. It's ok to remind her who you are and how you know her. We remind her daily not to give up, to keep trying, even though the therapy is hard. We also remind her that so many people continue to pray for her and that God's not done.

Thank you all for your prayers, support and encouragement through these difficult past three months. We are so blessed to have such a wonderful and caring parish family. As a reminder, Pat is currently at the Manor at Greendale in Findlay, near St. Michael's church.

Mary Kay Verhoff

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St. Anthony's Website & Video ~ It is back up and running. Our website is listed at the top of the bulletin and you can view the bulletins by clicking on the bulletin tab and you can now watch our Masses by clicking on the Mass Recordings Button. Please call the parish office if you would like to help record the Masses or with any questions.

K of C Charity Tickets ~ Please turn in your charity tickets and money before the weekend of **May 2nd & May 3rd** or put them in the collection that weekend as we will be mailing the tickets out on **May 7th** to be sure they arrive in time for the final turn-in date, May 12th. The drawing will be held on May 23rd. Thank You!

K of C Trash Pickup ~ The K of C will hold their Spring Adopt-A-Highway Trash Pickup on **Tuesday, May 5th** at 6:00 p.m. weather permitting. Please meet at the school bus garage parking lot on State Route 12 east of Columbus Grove. Please contact Gary Hermiller at 419-642-2645 with any questions. Thanks in advance for your help.

K of C ~ The K of C will be meeting on **Tuesday, May 5th** at 7:30 p.m. in the church basement with the Rosary being recited at 7:10 p.m.

Aluminum Can Collection Only ~ starts **Saturday, May 2nd** & goes until **Tuesday, May 11th**.

St. Anthony Youth Ministry: Ignite, Fan into Flame ~ Will take place on **Wednesday, May 6th** at 7:30 p.m. in the church rectory. Please contact Nate Schroeder, 419-969-4894, with questions.

That Man Is You ~ TMIY will be praying the Rosary on **Wednesday, May 6th** at 7:00 p.m. in the church.

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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! 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.

Springs in the Desert, a Catholic Infertility Ministry ~ Our next meeting will be held **Thursday, May 7th** 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. It is our honor to walk with you!

The Serra Club of Lima Area ~ Which exists to promote and support vocations to priesthood and religious life, will be meeting **Thursday, May 14** at Lima Central Catholic High School. We will begin with Mass at 5:45 p.m. in the chapel, followed by dinner and a program. This month's speaker will be Mr. Nicholas Cech, Students for Life Ohio Regional Coordinator sharing about his ministry with Students for Life. Persons who have an interest in this topic or the mission of the Serra Club are welcome to attend as guests. If interested in attending, please respond to Kathy at 419-303-0339 **no later than Tuesday, May 12**.

Single Catholic Women Invited to Dominican Sisters' Immersion Experience ~ Single Catholic women, ages 20 to 45 who are discerning a call to religious life as a Dominican Sister, are invited to the hometown of President Lincoln in June for a national event hosted by the Springfield Dominican Sisters. The collaborative event is co-sponsored by the Dominican Sisters of Adrian, Sinsinawa, and Peace. Applications are being received now, and up to 15 women will be selected to participate in this event, scheduled for **Tuesday, June 16 - Saturday, June 20**. The group will live at Sacred Heart Convent and experience the rhythms of apostolic religious life, including community life, prayer, active service, and theological reflection. They will have the opportunity to serve at local nonprofit organizations. Sister Nancy Jurecki, OP, Coordinator of the Vocation Team for the Adrian Dominican Sisters, said the program is "an opportunity for young women who believe God might be tapping them on the shoulders to meet Dominican Sisters in person and experience, with them, the pillars of Dominican life." The application deadline is **Monday, June 1**, and interested women are encouraged to apply ASAP at https://springfieldop.org/events. The $50 registration fee should not be a barrier for any applicant. Scholarships are available for those who need them.

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

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.

Prayers for our Confirmation candidates ~ Please ask God to help their hearts be open to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit so that they will live their lives giving witness to God.

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A Note from Father David.....

Dear St. Anthony Family,

In this Week's Gospel, Jesus said "Do not let your Hearts be Troubled". I'm Sure that All of Us have found Ourselves with "Troubled Hearts", I know that I have. We want everyone to be happy and healthy, but when we're trying to do what Jesus has asked Us to Do, at times it can become Overwhelming. Jesus was near the End of His Earthly Life and His Disciples were Feeling Sad. He was telling them that He would be leaving them but Promised to be with them till the End of Time, Promising that He would come back and take them to their "Dwelling Place in Heaven".

We all can think of times when we grieve not only those who have died, but those who have moved away, grown up, and just faded from our friendships. That Son or Daughter that leaves for College, The Child that gets Married or That Close Friend who takes a Job far away. All of these "Losses" are hard to deal with, but they happen, and they Hurt.

Jesus' Disciples knew All that Jesus told them was true and that they would be with Him again in Heaven. They also knew that "The Holy Spirit" would be sent to help them do the work that Jesus had Commissioned them to do. We too are sent "The Spirit" to help us, and are reminded that through our Belief in Jesus, that we too will be reunited one day in Heaven.

Please Continue to Pray for our Students who will be Confirmed by Bishop Thomas next Weekend.

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

Falcon News

Spring Is In the Air

Trees and flowers are blooming, the weather is getting warmer, and our students are getting hands-on learning opportunities to learn more about animal life cycles. The kindergarten class has spent the last couple of weeks focused on the butterfly life cycle and just this week got to release the butterflies they raised from the caterpillar stage. In STEM our 3rd and 5th grade students have been completing the 4-H ChickQuest and got to see 3 chicks hatch this week! We have all enjoyed getting to observe them and can't wait to see how much they grow and change before they return to the farm!

Calendar of Events

May 3 - Confirmation Rehearsal
May 5 - K & 1 Field Trip
May 8 - 5th Grade Mass with Mothers & Grandmothers, Children's Festival
May 9 - Confirmation Mass

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