SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA
A MEMBER OF ST. GEORGE DEANERY
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
MAY 17, 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	19	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	Easter Weekday ~ {Ed & Jeanette Morman}
May	20	Wednesday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Easter Weekday ~ {Larry Schroeder ~ Frances Schroeder ~ Frank & Bernice Schroeder ~ The Clem Schroeder Family}
May	20	Wednesday	**6:30 p.m. Mass**	**8th Grade Graduation** ~ {For the Graduates & Their Families}
May	21	Thursday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Easter Weekday ~ {For The Parish}
May	21	Thursday	**2:00 p.m. Mass**	**Meadows of Ottawa** ~ {For The Parish}
May	22	Friday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Easter Weekday ~ {Larry Schroeder ~ Frances Schroeder ~ Frank & Bernice Schroeder ~ The Clem Schroeder Family}
May	23	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Rosary
May	23	Saturday	3:00 – 3:30 p.m.	Confessions
May	23	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	{Nick Schroeder ~ Nancy Schroeder-Sparks ~ Max Schroeder ~ Kali Crego}
May	24	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	{Dick & Ruth Warnecke ~ Living & Deceased Members of the Karl & Blanche Stechschulte Family}
May	24	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	{Irv & Sharon Schroeder}

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Servers

May	19	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	Roger Wenzinger
May	22	Friday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Alton Kiene
May	23	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Jacob Kamphaus, Savannah Kamphaus, Chase Parker
May	24	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Colin Langhals, Braden Stechschulte, Carter Troyer
May	24	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Tanner Barto, Joel Vennekotter, Leah Vennekotter

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Lectors

May	23	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Nicole Wilson
May	24	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Judy Schroeder
May	24	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Brian Schroeder

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Eucharistic Ministers

May	23	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Ken & Connie Kruse, Denny Ricker, Rose Schnipke, Deb Siefker
May	24	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Lisa Langhals, Gib Kaufman, Doug Langhals, Dan Maag, Marilyn Hoffman
May	24	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Lynn Downing, Anne Schroeder, Karl Schroeder, Cheryl Ellerbrock, Alton Kiene

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Ushers

May	23	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Cody Wagner, Gary Selhorst, Bill Koch, Bryant Blue
May	24	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Jason Koch, Dave Schroeder Jr, Adam Siefker, Andy Stechschulte
May	24	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Joey Warnecke, Matt McCauley, Darren Siefker, 1 Volunteer

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Parish Activities			***For The Week of May 10th***	
May	**20**	**8th Grade Breakfast**	**Adult ~ 131**	**$ 7,263.00**
May	**20**	**8th Grade Graduation @ 6:30 p.m.**	**Children's ~ 20**	**35.00**
May	**20**	**Youth Ministry @ 7:00 p.m.**		**7,298.00**
		Nate & Amber's Home	**Income**	**13,643.78**
May	**27**	**Finance Meeting @ 5:30 p.m.**	**Total Income**	**$ 20,941.78**
			Expense	**$ 39,891.74**

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300 Club Winner ~ May 16th ~ Chase Faber ~ Ticket #240 ~ $100

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Parishioners in the Hospital ~ If you know of someone or have a family member in the hospital and would like them listed in the bulletin, please call the parish office at 419-659-2263 and let us know. Lately St. Rita's hasn't been calling us when Parishioners are in the hospital. Thank You.

Funeral Committee ~ Funeral Food Committee for **June through August**: Chairlady – Vicky Schroeder – Committee: Sue Fenstermaker, Marge Schroeder, Alice Morman and Mary Morman. Thank you to Joyce Kaufman, Theresa Schroeder, Joan Sehlhorst, Tammy Schroeder and Sheila Thornton who served on our Funeral Food Committee and generously donated their time and wonderful desserts March through May.

Putnam County Right to Life ~ In the basement on the north end there are prolife signs available to display in your yard. Feel free to make a donation to the PC Right to Life, or you can place your donation in an envelope marked for PC Right to Life and place it in the collection and we will get it to them. Call the parish office with any questions.

St. Anthony Youth Ministry: Ignite, Fan into Flame ~ Will take place on **Wednesday, May 20th** at 7:00 p.m. at Nate and Amber's house. We will be grilling hamburgers and hot dogs. Any donations for desserts or side dishes are appreciated! Please contact Nate Schroeder (419-969-4894) if you'd like to donate!

St. Anthony Red Cross Blood Drives ~ St. Anthony's next blood drive will be **Thursday, May 21st** at the Church of The Good Shepherd from 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. If interested in donating, contact the American Red Cross at 800-733-2767 or call Marge Tabler at 419-659-5190. You can go online to make your appointment. Walk-ins are welcome.

Finance Committee ~ Finance Committee will be meeting **Wednesday, May 27th**, at 5:30 p.m. in the rectory.

Summer Vacation Bible School ~ Children-get your swords out to slay the 7 deadly dragons (7 deadly sins) at our 2026 Dragon Slayer VBS! The dragon slayer retreat for our 2nd grade students has expanded its mission to make holy families through its VBS program, teaching our youth all about recognizing these dragons in our hearts and how to slay them while having tons of fun! Dates: **Monday-Thursday June 8-11th**. Time: **6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m**. (drop off time starts at 5:45). Ages: 4 years old through current 4th graders. Registration & volunteer forms located at the back of church. Questions contact Faith Stechschulte at 419-615-8214.

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 **Wednesday, June 17th**, 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.

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Lunch in the Park ~The Ottawa Senior Citizens Association will be sponsoring Lunch in the Park on **Thursday, May 21st** at 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Ottawa Senior Citizen Center at 1035 East Third Street in Ottawa. Lunch choices are: Taco Salad Bowl, Chicken Salad Platter, Brats Platter, Hot Dog Platter, desserts and drinks. Dine in or carry out. Carry outs are available by calling 419-523-5593.

The Mustard Seed at St. John's is Now Open ~ located at 150 Church St in Glandorf. All old gift certificates dated January - June 2025 and old loyalty cards **expire May 30, 2026**. Store hours: Tues, Thurs, Fri 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Wednesday 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. and Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Our phone number is 419-538-7220.

Parish Job Opening: Part-Time Coordinator of Religious Education ~ We are seeking a faith-filled and organized individual to serve as a part-time Coordinator of Religious Ed. This role is a vital ministry dedicated to forming our youth and supporting families in their journey of faith, along with some adult faith formation. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Ottoville Parish at 419-453-3513 or icbusiness@icchurchottoville.org.

Exciting News ~ Off The Streets is starting a new local chapter in Lima, OH. If you are looking for an opportunity to make a positive impact in the lives of formerly homeless people, or if you just want to see what Off The Streets is all about, please plan to attend this informational meeting on **Wednesday, May 27th**, at 6:30 p.m. at The Gathering Space at Lima, St Charles Parish. For questions or more information please contact Jay Schroeder at 419-344-6826.

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Weekday Summer Server Schedules ~ Went home with the students this week. Thank you for all the volunteers!

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Y.E.S. – Youth Elect Service Project

The 2026 Y.E.S. project will be held at Fort Jennings High School this year beginning **Thursday, June 4th** at 5:30 p.m. Students going into grade 7 through outgoing seniors are encouraged to join us for this weekend service retreat. This 3-day rewarding experience will close with 5:00 p.m. Mass on **Saturday, June 6th** at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. **Registration forms are available from Julie Fischbach** and are due by May 22!

Donations Needed ~ The 2026 Y.E.S. project is hosted by St. Joseph's in Fort Jennings June 4-6 and involves high school youth and adults helping those in need with painting, cleaning, landscaping, or many other tasks that are just too difficult for our area residents to do. The ultimate goal is to spread the love of Christ and His message of Hope to those who need it most. Most of our work consists of helping private homeowners without family members nearby or unable to maintain or improve their homes. Work sites are all over the county and supplies are needed to help. All of the work done is at no cost to those being helped. The youth and adults are asked to contribute a fee to cover the cost of a t-shirt, food and their supplies. We are asking residents, businesses and organizations to contribute as you can. If you would like to make a donation of supplies, we can always use cleaning supplies, small tools, water, soda or snacks. A monetary donation is appreciated as well to help curb the cost of mulch or larger supplies. Please contact Julie Fischbach at 419-905-8472 (in the evenings) or the parish office with any questions. Checks may be payable to St. Joseph's Catholic Church- YES and sent to PO Box 68, Ft. Jennings, OH 45844. Thank you for your support!

Team Leaders Needed ~ Do you like to spend time helping those in need? We'd love for you to join our adult team leaders for the Y.E.S. weekend June 4-6 starting at Fort Jennings High School and working throughout the St George Deanery! Adult team leaders and assistant leaders need to be current college freshmen, up to retirees! Nothing is more rewarding than sharing your time and faith with the Young Church of today! For questions or to sign up as a team leader please contact Julie Fischbach at 419-905-8472 (evenings or weekends).

Do You Need Help? ~ The 2026 Y.E.S. project is hosted by St. Joseph's Parish in Ft. Jennings and involves high school youth and adults helping those in need with painting, cleaning, landscaping, or many other tasks that are just too difficult for our area residents to do. On June 5th & 6th, If you would like a team of youth and adults to help with jobs around inside or outside of your home, please contact Julie Fischbach at 419-905-8472 (evenings and weekends). **Deadline to submit a request is May 24th**.

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

Next school year registration link will be coming soon.

Preschool Bible School information will be coming in the next few weeks.

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A Note from Father David.....

Dear St. Anthony Family,

Last Saturday we Celebrated with Our 7th and 8th grade Students as they received The Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Daniel Thomas. Many Thanks goes to so many people who helped prepare for this Special Day. Our Catechists, Parents, Sponsors and those who provided such a Holy Environment with their Singing. Directing, and Reading of The Word of God. We are So Blessed here at St. Anthony.

Best Wishes for all who will be Graduating from High School or College and those ready to move on and make their Place in The World. Our Prayers are with all who begin New Jobs and Opportunities with God Always at their sides.

We've been hearing about Jesus' Disciples being concerned about telling them He was "Going to be with His Father" and letting them know that "He would not leave them Abandoned." Even though He promised to send them "The Holy Spirit", they were slow to begin their ministry to God's People.

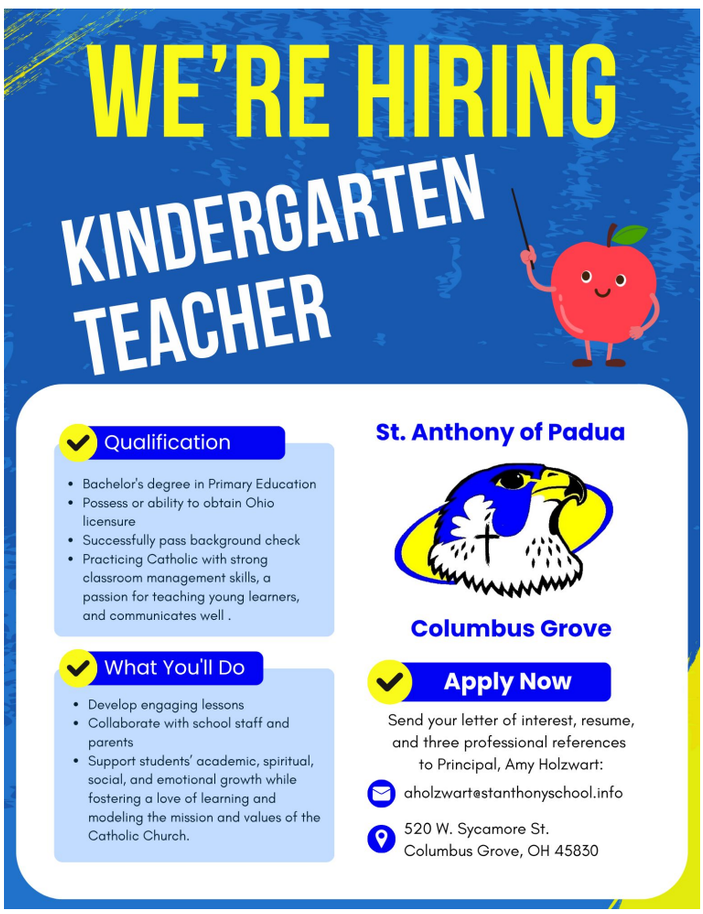
We too can understand their Hesitation. It can be a Scary World out there and it takes a lot of courage to follow the Path of Our Lord. Eventually, after a lot of Prayer, we realize that we have to rely on The Spirit that God gave us, and do as we were called. Following Jesus is not easy and we know that many times it comes without any earthly rewards, but we know that The gifts of Following Jesus are "Out of This World".

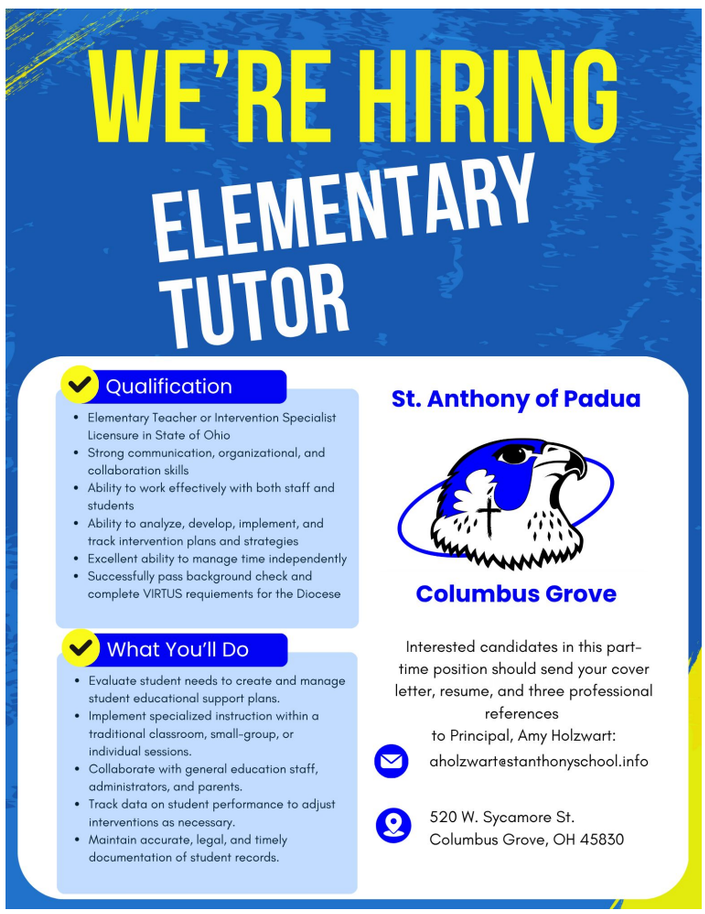
St. Anthony of Padua, Pray for Us!
Love, Fr. David

Falcon News

Preschool Celebration

Our youngest learners finished their school year this week with a special program for their families. We are proud of how much they have grown not only academically, but in friendship, virtues, and their faith. We hope they continue to be kind, curious, and faith-filled in all they do in the years to come!





Calendar of Events

May 18 - 1st & 5th grade field trip
May 19 - Talent Show, Kona Ice, K & 6th grade field trip
May 20 - 8th Grade Graduation Mass
May 21 - Last day of school - early dismissal

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