SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA
A MEMBER OF ST. GEORGE DEANERY
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
MAY 31, 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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As the Father "sent his son into the world" so parents send their children into the world "so that the world might be saved."
This is the missionary role of the Christian family.
Your family is a school where your children develop convictions which enable them to make a difference in the world.

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Mass Schedule

June	02	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	Weekday ~ {Camil, Eileen & Ed Knott ~ Sarah Stewart}
June	03	Wednesday	8:00 a.m. Mass	St. Charles Lwanga & Companions ~ {Cheryl Meyers}
June	04	Thursday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Weekday ~ {For The Parish}
June	05	Friday	8:00 a.m. Mass	St. Boniface ~ {Joe Koch ~ The Koch & Ellerbrock Families ~ Cletus Schumacher ~ Father Keith McCormack ~Todd Ritchey ~ Living & Deceased Members of the Raymond & Madeleine Duval Family ~ Living & Deceased Members of the Ralph & Beatrice Schroeder Family ~ Living & Deceased Members of the Joe & Laura Recker Family}
June	06	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Rosary
June	06	Saturday	3:00 – 3:30 p.m.	Confessions
June	06	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	{Norm Kohls ~ Virgil & Virginia Hoffman ~ Richard & Angela Knott}
June	07	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	{Larry Schroeder ~ Frank & Bernice Schroeder ~ Frances Schroeder ~ The Clem Schroeder Family}
June	07	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	{Bill & Luella Schumaker ~ Janet Plumadore ~ Elmer, Audrey & Susie Vorst}

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Servers

June	02	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	Matt Morman
June	03	Wednesday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Leah Vennekotter
June	04	Thursday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Judy Schroeder
June	05	Friday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Alexa Kamphaus
June	06	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Brennen Langhals, Caelan Langhals, Ethan Basinger
June	07	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Troy Kaufman, Neil Kaufman, Andy Kaufman
June	07	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Avery Birnesser, Adrian Birnesser, Sophie Ellerbrock

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Lectors

June	06	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Gretchen Staley
June	07	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Ron Teders
June	07	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Hannah Warren

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Eucharistic Ministers

June	06	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Lindsay Peck, Deb Siefker, Denny Ricker, Lauren Birkemeier, Rose Schnipke
June	07	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Marilyn Hoffman, Kate Blue, Judy Schroeder, Diana Kaufman, Alton Kiene
June	07	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Karl Schroeder, Cheryl Ellerbrock, Wendi Wenzinger, Lynn Downing, Bruce Stephens

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Ushers

June	06	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Doug Roof, Don Stechschulte, Rob Verhoff, Mya Verhoff
June	07	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Eric Dunn, Ron Hoffman, Joyce Seyer, Joe Morman
June	07	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Dave Ellerbrock, Terry Giesige, Tayte Langhals, Pat Vorst

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Parish Activities

June 02 K of C Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.
Rosary @ 7:10 p.m.
June 08 Vacation Bible School @ 6:00 p.m.
June 17 Baptism Classes @ 6:30 p.m.

For The Week of May 24th

Adult ~ 143	**$ 8,285.00**
Children's ~ 7	**15.00**
	8,300.00
Income	**2,049.95**
Total Income	**$ 10,349.95**
Expense	**$ 57,474.38**

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300 Club Winner ~ May 30th ~ Vince & Amy Morman ~ Ticket #144 ~ $100

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Marriage Bans I ~ Jessica Siefker & Joseph Potthoff

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Cash or Car ~ We will again be raffling off up to $20,000 toward the purchase of a new vehicle or $15,000 in cash at the church social this year. Tickets are $25 each, and $5 for the 2nd chance.

***** NEW: THERE WILL BE A 2nd DRAWING AFTER THE GRAND PRIZE FOR $1000 CASH ! *****

Tickets are available from the church office, at many local businesses, or from Mark Edelbrock (419-615-7907) & Mike Birkemeier (419-234-6993). The seller of both winning tickets will also win $100 each.

******Early bird drawing for $250 cash on Father's Day, June 21st. So don't Wait******

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Aluminum can Drive ~ The aluminum can drive made a profit of $411.75. Thank you to all who donated.

Altar Rosary Funeral Schedules ~ There are copies of the schedule for the women serving the funeral meals for the next year at the entrances of the church. Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who help us year after year!

K of C Trash Pickup ~ The K of C will hold their Spring Adopt-A-Highway Trash Pickup on Tuesday, **June 2nd** 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, June 2nd** at 7:30 p.m. in the church basement with the Rosary being recited at 7:10 p.m.

That Man Is You ~ TMIY will be praying the Rosary **Wednesday, June 3rd** at 7:00 p.m. in the church.

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.

Springs in the Desert, a Catholic Infertility Ministry ~ Our next meeting will be held **Thursday, June 4th** 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 an honor to walk with you!

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Y.E.S. – Youth Elect Service Project

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).

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Leipsic St. Mary's Parish Social ~ Is Father's Day Weekend, **June 20th & June 21st,** there will be a Men's softball tournament, burgers & fries, beer tent all weekend. **Saturday** we will have kids' games, activities, petting zoo, kona ice from 10:45 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and Wasted Neon under the big tent playing from 8:00 – 11:00 p.m. Saturday night. **Sunday** we will have chicken BBQ dinners 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (dine in or carry out) & the 60's Survivors Band Sunday 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Bounce House and Face Painting 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. Come out & enjoy.

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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,

This Week we Celebrate another "Special" Weekend as We Honor The Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity. This Solemnity is one of The Beliefs that can be hard to Understand and took a lot of thought and prayer as It developed into what we celebrate today. There was little reference in The Old Testament, but as Jesus enters into The Picture as The Son of The Father, Born Through The Holy Spirit and sent to Jesus" Disciples, The Idea of "The Trinitarian God" made Total Sense. There was however, a Heresy that developed with People that believed there were Three God's instead of "One God in Three Persons, Blessed Trinity".

We can understand the Confusion that many people experienced. Many Religious spent a lot of time trying to Explain the Concept of "The Trinity" and eventually people began to "Get It". St. Patrick once leaned over and Pulled a Three Leaf Clover from the ground explaining how it was One Leaf with One Stem and yet Three Parts, all connected to the One Leaf. My Favorite example is how we can be A Son, A Father, and A Grandfather, All the same Person, but with Three Aspects of The One Person.

We are looking for Some Volunteers and ask that if Anyone who might be interested in either of These Opportunities please Call The Office with your Interest. We need to Find Someone or a Group People who would be interested in the Following: Standing at The Elevator Entrance to help people with the Elevator if they have any difficulties before and after Mass (A Great Help to those who need to Use Our Elevator). We also need a few people to Tape Our Mass from time to time. The Set Up is easy and will be Taught to anyone interested, Young or Old. We generally Tape One Mass each Weekend plus some Extra Masses during Holidays and Special Occasions. The more people we have willing to help with this Service, the Smaller the Commitment. Please call The Office for more Information.

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

Falcon News

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Saint Anthony Staff and Students want to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support. This year could not have been as successful without your prayers, contributions, and time! Your generosity this year included over **$108,000 in SGO funds** that will support 105 student scholarships for the upcoming year. Some of the very special people or groups we have to thank are:

SGO Donors

SAC Members

Lunch Monitors

Parent Guild

Hot Sandwich Crew

Parish staff & Fr. David

School Mass Helpers

Children's Festival Crew

Fundraiser Donors

Knights of Columbus

Hot Lunch Crew

Field Trip Drivers

Parish Finance Council

Calendar of Events

August 14 - Summer reading challenge ends
August 16 - Welcome Back Open House
August 19 - First Day of School K-8
August 24 & 26 - First Days of Preschool

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