SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA
A MEMBER OF ST. GEORGE DEANERY
CORPUS CHRISTI
JUNE 7, 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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Parenting is a Eucharistic activity because from the first moment of conception children consume us, our flesh, blood, energy, time and resources. If we don't sacrifice ourselves, our children would not have life. This is the priesthood of parenting. Christ is present in this self sacrifice.

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Mass Schedule

June	09	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	**No Mass**
June	10	Wednesday	8:00 a.m. Mass	**No Mass**
June	11	Thursday	8:00 a.m. Mass	**No Mass**
June	12	Friday	8:00 a.m. Mass	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus ~ {Jim & Agnes Hoffman ~ Living & Deceased Members of the Clarence & Margaret Schroeder Family}
June	13	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Rosary
June	13	Saturday	3:00 – 3:30 p.m.	**No Confessions**
June	13	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	{Norm Maag ~ Ruth Kruse ~ Andy Kruse ~ Lilly Kruse ~ Bob Eversole ~ Deceased Members of the Robert Kohls Family}
June	14	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	{The Meyer & Nichols Family}
June	14	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	{Kathy Hoffman ~ Irv & Sharon Schroeder}

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Servers

June	09	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	**No Mass**
June	10	Wednesday	8:00 a.m. Mass	**No Mass**
June	11	Thursday	8:00 a.m. Mass	**No Mass**
June	12	Friday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Alton Kiene
June	13	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Garrett Siefker, Lillian Siefker, Walker Sudlow
June	14	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Sara Kamphaus, Alexa Kamphaus, Ethan Brown
June	14	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Hannah Brodwolf, Jacob Brodwolf, Robby Schnipke

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Lectors

June	13	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Lauren Birkemeier
June	14	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Judy Schroeder
June	14	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Lynn Downing

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Eucharistic Ministers

June	13	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Ken & Connie Kruse, Marge Tabler, Lindsay Peck, Beth Birkemeier
June	14	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Lisa Langhals, Gib Kaufman, Dan Maag, Marilyn Birkemeier, Diana Kaufman
June	14	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Anne Schroeder, Kelly Honse, Sue Schroeder, Jenna Goubeaux, Hannah Warren

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Ushers

June	13	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Mike Kohls, Brent Glass, Denny Meuleman, Bonnie Doty
June	14	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Dave Koch, Jon Diller, Matt Langhals, Griffin Langhals
June	14	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Ken Rieman, Dwain Schroeder, Issac Barto, Logan Rieman

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Parish Activities

June 08 Vacation Bible School @ 6:00 p.m.
June 17 Baptism Classes @ 6:30 p.m.

For The Week of May 31st

Adult ~ 153	**$ 11,445.00**
Children's ~ 27	**36.75**
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Income	**950.00**
Total Income	**$ 12,431.75**
Expense	**$ 22,199.49**

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300 Club Winner ~ June 6th ~ Gary & Jeaneen Warnecke ~ Ticket #266 ~ $100

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Marriage Bans II ~ Jessica Siefker & Joseph Potthoff

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Happy Birthday! ~ Father David will be celebrating a very "special day" this Sunday, June 7th. Have a wonderful birthday, Father David!

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~ Festival Information ~

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******

St. Anthony Summer Festival ~ We will be hosting our annual St. Anthony's Parish Festival the weekend of **August 1st and 2nd**. With that in mind, if you know that you will not be able to work at the festival this year or you would like a different job, please call Jacob Oglesbee at 419-659-5118. Please have any changes to Jacob by **June 30th**.

Country Store ~ It's time to start thinking about items that can be donated to the Country Store. We are in need of items for the raffle as well as homemade crafts. We've had such an amazing selection of items in the past…children's toys, yard games, gift cards, home decorations, wooden projects, bikes, etc. Donated items can be brought to the parish office any time. If you would like to take advantage of **Amazon's Prime Days** they are **June 23rd – June 26th**. Thank you for your generosity. Call Kate at 419-303-1198 or Lynn at 419-659-5372 if you have any questions.

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Rosary Guild ~ There will be **no** Rosary Guild June, July or August. We will resume in September.

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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K of C Beef & Chicken ~ If you are planning to use beef or chicken for your family parties, consider purchasing your supplies from our K of C. Below are the updated prices of the items available.

	Beef	Chicken
Case of 24 cans ~ 28 ozs.	**$ 258.00**	**$ 184.00**
1/2 Case (12 Cans) ~ 28 ozs.	**131.00**	**94.00**
Price Per 28 oz. Can	**11.00**	**8.50**
Case of 24 Cans ~ 14.5 ozs.	**141.00**	**109.00**
1/2 Case (12 Cans) ~ 14.5 ozs.	**75.00**	**58.00**
Price Per 14.5 oz. can	**7.00**	**5.00**

Call Dave Ellerbrock at 419-659-5833, Dan Maag at 419-615-2148, Gary Hermiller at 419-642-2645 or Len Kaufman at 419-659-6153 to place your order.

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The 14 Stations of the Eucharist ~ Back by demand on **Thursday, June 11th**, at Christ the King Center, 620 E. Blake St, Ottawa. Showing from 9:00-10:30 a.m. & again 7:30-9:00 p.m. Fr. Johnathan will be explaining the Eucharist as never heard before OR just come for some quiet time and Prayer. Rosary Path will be open from 9:00 a.m. until Dusk. Bring a friend. Stay as long as you want. Refreshments and snacks available. T shirts & hats available to order. "Blessed are those who have been called to the wedding feast of the Lamb" Rev:19:8. Questions contact us at contact@christthekingcenter.org.

Teaching Positions ~ Leipsic St. Mary School is currently accepting applications for the following positions: 5th/6th Grade Teacher, Part-Time PE Teacher, and Part-Time Maintenance Person. Interested applicants are asked to submit a resume and letters of reference to Miranda Osborn at mosborn@sms.ls.noacsc.org. Applications may also be dropped off at the school office.

Lunch in the Park ~The Ottawa Senior Citizens Association will be sponsoring *Lunch in the Park* on **Thursday, June 18th** from 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: Homemade Cheesy Potato Soup, Hot Beef Sandwich Platter, Brats Platter, Hot Dog Platter, desserts and drinks. Dine in or carry out. Carry outs are available by calling 419-523-5593.

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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 Solemnity. Solemnities mark very important Events, Sacraments and other Important matters that are Central to Our Faith. This Week's Celebration Honors "The Source and Summit of Everything We do", The Most Holy Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ; "The Eucharist". In Our Gospel Reading Jesus tells us that "I am The Living Bread that came down from Heaven; Whoever Eats this Bread will live Forever; and The Bread that I will give is My Flesh for The Life of The World".

Jesus reminds Us that by taking The Eucharist as True Food and Taking from The Cup of His Blood, we are preparing ourselves for Eternal Life. Many who are not of Our Faith find it very hard, if not Impossible, to believe in The True Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ. We know However, that it is through our Belief in this Heavenly Food that we are Fed, and through The Ministry of The Priest endowed with The Gifts of Ordination that we are able to share in this Heavenly Food at every Mass that we receive The Eucharist.

On a Personal note, Fr. Rick will be covering Masses this Weekend as I take some time off to be with Family and make a few small visits nearby. I will be having the 10:30 Mass because Fr. Rick had another commitment and I'll return for Friday Mass on the 12th.

St. Anthony of Padua, Pray for Us!

Love, Fr. David

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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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Statement of Bishop Daniel E. Thomas on Pope Leo XIV's Encyclical

Magnifica Humanitas; Magnificent Humanity

The release of Pope Leo XIV's first encyclical, "Magnifica Humanitas: on Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence", offers the Church and the world an important moment of reflection during a time of rapid technological change. While the Holy Father addresses the growing influence of artificial intelligence, this encyclical is, above all, a profound affirmation of the dignity of the human person. Pope Leo reminds us that every person possesses an intrinsic dignity that can never be replaced, measured, or diminished by technological advancement. In a culture increasingly shaped by efficiency, algorithms, and digital interaction, the Holy Father calls us to ensure that technology always remains at the service of the human person, never the other way around.

Standing firmly within the tradition of Catholic Social Teaching, *Magnifica Humanitas* echoes the Church's long-standing mission to accompany humanity through periods of great social transformation with wisdom, compassion, and hope. Pope Leo writes that his desire is to help people "rediscover their duty" to live these principles within family life, work, and society. As shared in my March 2025 Leading the Flock column, these technologies should be approached as tools that can support authentic human flourishing, while never replacing those capacities and relationships that are distinctly human in nature.

The Holy Father encourages the Church not to withdraw from conversations regarding technological advances, but instead to engage the modern world through the eyes of Jesus, the Incarnate Word, with attentive listening, respectful dialogue, and faithful witness to the truth of the Gospel. Pope Leo invites us all to discernment during this "change of era" where crucial questions impose themselves on our conscience: "Where are we going? Toward what goal do we wish to orient ourselves? What direction should we choose as a people and as a human community?"

As we continue navigating the opportunities and challenges presented by artificial intelligence, we remain committed to safeguarding the God-given dignity of every human person and ensuring that our use of technology always reflects the truth that each person is created in the image and likeness of God. The dignity of the person must be the criterion of all progress.

The text of Pope Leo's Encyclical *Magnifica Humanitas; Magnificent Humanit*, may be found here:
https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/encyclicals/documents/2026515-magnifica-humanitas.html

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