SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA
A MEMBER OF ST. GEORGE DEANERY
15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 12, 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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The stress and anxieties of family life are like "thorns which choke off" any opportunity to reflect on God's presence in our lives. Notice in today's gospel Jesus "left the house" so He could connect with His Father. Grasp five minutes each day to appreciate God walking with you.

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Mass Schedule

July	14	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	St. Kateri Tekakwitha ~ {Thomas Schmiedebusch}
July	15	Wednesday	8:00 a.m. Mass	St. Bonaventure ~ {For The Parish}
July	16	Thursday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Weekday ~ {Larry Schroeder ~ Frank & Bernice Schroeder ~ Frances Schroeder ~ The Clem Schroeder Family}
July	17	Friday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Weekday ~ {Dave Kersh}
July	18	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Rosary
July	18	Saturday	3:00 – 3:30 p.m.	**No Confessions**
July	18	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	{Grant Siefker ~ Norm Maag ~ Len & Ruth Kruse ~ Lilly Kruse}
July	19	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	{Tom & Janice Stechschulte}
July	19	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	{Kathy Hoffman ~ Dan Kleman ~ Earl Kleman ~ Tom Buettner ~ Elmer & Armella Kerner}

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Servers

July	14	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	Matt Morman
July	15	Wednesday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Ethan Brown
July	16	Thursday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Leah Vennekotter
July	17	Friday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Alton Kiene
July	18	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Chase Parker, Walker Sudlow, Garrett Siefker
July	19	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Sarah Kamphaus, Alexa Kamphaus, Tyler Recker
July	19	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Hannah Brodwolf, Jacob Brodwolf, Tanner Barto

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Lectors

July	18	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Marge Tabler
July	19	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Dan Maag
July	19	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Lynn Downing

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Eucharistic Ministers

July	18	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Denny Ricker, Rose Schnipke, Mary Kay Koch, Ken & Connie Kruse
July	19	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Marilyn Hoffman, Marilyn Birkemeier, Judy Schroeder, Diana Kaufman, Gib Kaufman
July	19	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Jenna Goubeaux, Karl Schroeder, Hannah Warren, Cheryl Ellerbrock, Alton Kiene

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Ushers

July	18	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Cody Wagner, Gary Selhorst, Bill Koch, Bryant Blue
July	19	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Jason Koch, Dave Schroeder Jr, Adam Siefker, Andy Stechschulte
July	19	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Joey Warnecke, Matt McCauley, Darren Siefker, Mark Selhorst

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Parish Activities	***For The Week of July 5th***	
Prayers for Good Weather	**Adult ~ 124**	**$ 6,703.00**
And Successful Festival	**Children's ~ 15**	**15.00**
		6,718.00
	Income	**20,131.84**
	Total Income	**$ 26,849.84**
	Expense	**$ 12,052.34**

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300 Club Winner ~ July 11th ~ Craig & Maria KaufmanFamily ~ Ticket #120 ~ $100

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Marriage Bans III ~ Emily Blankemeyer & Tyler Kahle

Best wishes to Emily & Tyler who will be married on Saturday, July 18th, here at St Anthony's. May the Lord bless you both with a lifetime of happiness together!

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Found ~ A black purse was found after the funeral. Please contact the church office at 419-659-2263 if it is yours.

Lord's Pantry **~** If you would like to make a donation, make your check out to The Lord's Pantry and put it in the collection in a clearly marked envelope, or bring it to the church office. Thank You!

Lunch in the Park ~ The Ottawa Senior Citizens Association will be sponsoring *Lunch in the Park* on **Thursday, July 16th** 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: Smoked Pork Chop Platter, Shredded Chicken Platter, Regular Hot Dog Platter, desserts and drinks. Dine in or carry out. Carry outs are available by calling 419-523-5593.

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~Festival Information~

Kid's Games **~** New this year we will be having a team (2-4 people) scavenger hunt for junior high and high school students. Gather your teams and come visit us in the Kids' Game Area to get started **Sunday, August 2nd** from 4:00 -7:00 p.m. There will be a small prize for all groups that finish and gift cards for the winning team!

Kiddie Tractor Pull **~** The tractor pull will be held on **Sunday, August 2nd** for three age groups ~ ages 4 & 5, 6 & 7 and 8 & 9 year olds, as of **August 2nd**. We will only have 30 kids per age group so we encourage you to preregister with the parish office. If spots are still available the day of the event, we will have registration at 2:30 p.m. by the pulling area which will be held by the cement drive by the school, with the Tractor Pull starting at 3:00 p.m. The entry fee is $5.00 per child. Forms are available at the Sycamore Street entrance of the church.

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. Tickets are $25 each, and $5 for the 2nd chance. Tickets will be available before and after all the Masses.

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

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. Thank you for your generosity. Call Kate @ 419-303-1198 or Lynn @ 419-659-5372 with questions.

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A Note from Father David.....

Dear St. Anthony Family,

This Week's Gospel tells The Parable of "The Sowing of The Seeds" which Tells of a Sower who went sowing his seeds in different places and environments, giving examples of how a Seed grows or fails according to its surroundings. In Jesus' case, the Seed being sown was The Word of God. Some Seed fell on The Path and The Birds came and Ate it Up. Some Seed fell on Rocky Ground where it had little soil and as The Sun Rose it was Scorched, and withered for Lack of Roots. Other Seeds fell among Weeds and Thorns, and The Thorns Grew Up and Choked it, and it Died.

Thinking of The Seed as The Word of God, one can see how important it is for The Seed to be Sown where it can grow and be Nurtured so that "The Word" not only Survives, but Produces Fruit a Hundred or Sixty or Thirtyfold. Therefore, as we seek to do God's Will and Spread The Good News of His Word, we must learn to Share His Story in ways that are Accepted, and Provide the "Best Chance" that His Word will be Heard and Spread, so that All will Know His Love, His Peace, and His Will, that We will Find His Love and Know His Wish for Only Good Things to follow.....A Hundred, Or Sixty, Or Thirty Fold into Eternal Life.

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