SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA
A MEMBER OF ST. GEORGE DEANERY
17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 26, 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 man in today's gospel "sold all he had" for the treasure he found.
Family relationships are "treasures" and demand our total personal investment.
Invest yourself in the "treasure" of your family.

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Mass Schedule

July	28	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	Weekday ~ {Thomas Schmiedebusch}
July	29	Wednesday	8:00 a.m. Mass	St. Martha, Mary & Lazarus ~ {George Wyant}
July	30	Thursday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Weekday ~ {For The Parish}
July	31	Friday	8:00 a.m. Mass	St. Ignatius of Loyola ~ {Frank & Bernice Schroeder ~ Larry Schroeder ~ Frances Schroeder ~ The Clem Schroeder Family}
August	01	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Rosary
August	01	Saturday	3:00 – 3:30 p.m.	**No Confessions**
August	01	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	{Virgil & Marilyn Kohls}
August	01	Saturday	**11:00 p.m. Mass**	{Father John Laudick}
August	02	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	{Wanda Kiene~Darren Langhals ~John, Nathan & Grant Siefker}
August	02	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	{Elmer, Audrey & Susie Vorst}

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Servers

July	28	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	Brynn Pingle
July	29	Wednesday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Vivien Stechschulte
July	30	Thursday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Judy Schroeder
July	31	Friday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Matt Morman
August	01	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Brennen Langhals, Caelan Langhals, Ethan Basinger
August	02	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Colin Langhals, Braden Stechschulte, Carter Troyer
August	02	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Natalie Goubeaux, Joel Vennekotter, Leah Vennekotter

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Lectors

August	01	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Nicole Wilson
August	02	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Judy Schroeder
August	02	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Courtney Rieman

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Eucharistic Ministers

August	01	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Beth Birkemeier, Lauren Birkemeier, Mary Kay Koch, Lindsay Peck, Denny Ricker
August	02	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Gib Kaufman, Diana Kaufman, Marilyn Birkemeier, Marilyn Hoffman, Dan Maag
August	02	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Wendi Wenzinger, Karl Schroeder, Bob Maag, Anne Schroeder, Nathan Schroeder

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Ushers

August	01	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Doug Roof, Don Stechschulte, Rob Verhoff, Mya Verhoff
August	02	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Eric Dunn, Ron Hoffman, Joyce Seyer, Joe Morman
August	02	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Dave Ellerbrock, Terry Giesige, Tayte Langhals, Pat Vorst

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Parish Activities

August 04 K of C Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.
Rosary @ 7:10 p.m.
August 05 TMIY Rosary at 7:00 p.m.

For The Week of July 19th

Adult ~ 131	**$ 5,477.00**
Children's ~ 21	**21.75**
	5,498.75
Other Income	**3,531.08**
Total Income	**$ 9,029.83**
Expense	**$ 1,815.91**

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300 Club Winner ~ July 25th ~ Rosemary Ellerbrock ~ Ticket #142 ~ $100

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St. Rita's Medical Center ~ Lucy Morman

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Lydia Marie, daughter of Braden & Sydney Shafter, 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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Festival Help Needed....

Thursday ~ We will be making coleslaw on **Thursday, July 30th**, at 8:30 a.m. in the church basement. If you are donating cabbage, please have the cabbage in the church basement by **Sunday, July 26th**. Please put your cabbage donations in the Pepsi cooler in the church basement.

Friday ~ We will be setting up the outside booths, **Friday, July 31st** at 6:00 p.m.

Monday ~ Festival clean- up will be **Monday, August 3rd** at 8:00 a.m.

If you can come and help with any of the above even for a short while, please come.
Thank you to all those willing to help out.

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Thank You! ~ To Trey Roney (Bug Buster 74) for donating his time and materials to spray the St. Anthony's grounds for our upcoming festival.

Adoration & Benediction ~ Adoration and Benediction with prayers for healing will be **Monday, July 27th** at 7:00 p.m. with Deacon Ben.

OCIA ~ If you know anyone interested in learning more about the catholic faith or becoming catholic please have them call Father David or the church rectory at 419-659-2263 for information or to sign up.

K of C ~ The K of C will be meeting on **Tuesday, August 4th** 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, August 5th** at 7:00 p.m. in the church.

Attention High School Students - St. Anthony Youth Ministry ~ We will be kicking off the 2026- 2027 School Year on **Wednesday, August 26th** at 7:30 p.m. in the church rectory. Deacon Ben Schroeder will be our guest speaker! Please contact Nate Schroeder, 419-969-4894, if you feel called to be a guest speaker or have any questions.

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 **Thursday, September 3rd**, 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.

FOCUS Missionary Meet and Greet ~ Will be held **Wednesday**, **July 29, 5:00-7:00 p.m.**, at The Mustard Seed at St. John's (150 Church Street in Glandorf). Stop in to learn about how FOCUS helps develop Catholic communities on college campuses. This event is open to all- from students through parents and community members, and stop in for Eucharistic Adoration at Glandorf St. John's Church Wednesday evening from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

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~ 2026 Festival Information ~

Festival Workers List ~ The workers' lists is posted at the front and back entrances of the church.

Festival Leftovers ~ If anyone is interested in buying leftover hamburgers please text Marge Tabler at 419-659-5190. Please leave how many you would like and your name in case I don't recognize your phone number. You will be notified on Monday afternoon after the festival and they will need to be picked up that day.

Attention Festival Workers ~ Parking ~ All workers reporting for their job on **Festival Sunday, August 2nd**, will be directed by a parking assistant to park in the grass area to keep the parking lot open for multiple Carry Out lines. **All workers should park in the grass areas until 3:00 p.m.**

Saturday Evening ~ Sound Man will be playing music at 6:00 p.m., Chuck Summers will perform from 6:30 –7:00 p.m. Exploit Deluxe will play from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. under the Beer Tent with FREE Admission. NO COOLERS but please bring your comfortable lawn chairs!

The Beer Stand, Hamburger Stand and French Fries will be available after the 4:00 p.m. Saturday Mass.

Bakery Wheel Donations ~ Can be taken to the tables in the hallway by the first floor classrooms in the school. You can enter through the school entrance off of the parking lot. Please put your baked goods on a sturdy styrofoam plate and then placed into a zip lock bag instead of using saran wrap. Thank you!

Sunday Festival Dinners ~ **Eat in the air conditioned church basement** from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or Carry-outs are available 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with Drive-thru available from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Enjoy a Beef or Pork Chop Dinner with all the trimmings.

Cakes and pies for the dinners can be brought down and put on the stage in the church basement.

Bingo ~ Will begin at 2:00 p.m. in the air conditioned church basement.

Scavenger Hunt ~ For junior high and high school students. It will be **Sunday, August 2nd** from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. Gather your teams and come visit us in the Kids' Game Area. There will be a small prize for all groups that finish and gift cards for the winning team!

Kiddie Tractor Pull ~ We will again be sponsoring a Kiddie Tractor Pull at our parish festival. The tractor pull will be held on **Sunday** 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 entrances of the church. If you have any questions, call the parish office at 419-659-2263.

Big Ticket, Altar Rosary Gas Cards & Lottery Tree ~ Purchase tickets for a chance to win $2,500.00 in cash prizes, three $100.00 gas cards or a tree covered with 100 lottery tickets. Thanks to Alt's Gas Station for donating the $100.00 gas cards for this year's festival. Thanks also to Indian Trail for donating the tree for the lottery tickets and Aquirre's Fillin Station for donating the lottery tickets!

Cash or Car ~ Will you be the lucky winner this year? 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 ! *****

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 at 419-303-1198 or Lynn at 419-659-5372 if you have any questions.

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Special Prayer Event for Priests ~ Come say a Rosary with us for our Priests. **Monday August 3rd**, at 7:30pm. The vigil of the Feast of St. John Vianney patron of Priests. Sponsored by Christ the King Center, 620 E. Blake St., Ottawa. Questions: Text or Call 419-890-3724 OR contact@christthekingcenter.org

Putnam County Senior Expo ~ Will be **August 7th,** 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Ottawa Elementary, 123 Putnam Parkway. You will be able to explore topics like health & wellness, safety, financial planning, and local services. A free brunch, health screenings, medication disposal, Hospice and glucose checks will be provided. Quentin Flagg will be performing the sounds of the 50's & 60"s. Free shuttle service will be available from the parking lot to the entrance. Contact Michelle Williamson with questions @ 419-523-4121. Everyone is welcome!

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Lord's Pantry ~ The Lord's Pantry is taking donations for the new facility which will be going into the same location. Please make your check out to: The Lord's Pantry and send it to P.O. Box 22, Columbus Grove, Ohio 45830 or you can put it in the collection in a clearly marked envelope ~ Donations for the Lord's Pantry ~ and we will get it to Doug. If you have any questions please call Doug Rode at 567-800-1475. Thank You!

Off The Streets First Saturday Drop Off ~ Off The Streets is accepting donations of furniture and household items - **OTTAWA DROPOFF LOCATION** – The non-profit organization, Off the Streets Findlay, provides HOPE and DIGNITY to those experiencing homelessness by helping them transition to permanent housing. New and slightly-used furniture/household item donations help LOCAL homeless families transition into homes. Off the Streets Findlay does not have any geographical/county boundaries - it is the organization that helps those in need in Putnam County. **WHEN: First Saturday of the Month, 9-10 am. The next drop off date is August 1, 2026.** WHERE: 1206 E. 2nd St, Ottawa (Former WeatherSeal building by Putnam Co. Fairgrounds). Gate 5, then follow the signs. What is accepted: New and slightly-used furniture and household goods, such as dressers, dining chairs, small dining tables (no glass tops), end tables, coffee tables, nightstands, lamps, microwaves, regular sofas, chairs, vacuums, and coffee makers. NOTE: mirrors, mattresses, entertainment centers or sleeper sofas are NOT accepted. **Most currently needed: Dressers, night stands, end tables and coffee tables (no glass please). New items such as bath towels, bed sheets, comforters, pillows, laundry baskets, toasters, crock-pots and blenders are greatly appreciated.**

Protection of Children and Young People ~ The Dioceses of Toledo remains committed to ensuring the protection of children and providing a safe environment for all young people. If you have any knowledge of abuse that has been committed by a cleric or by any personnel of the Catholic Church, you are urged to report the abuse to your local police department, Children Services and the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at 419-214-4880 or by mail at 1933 Spielbusch Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43604.

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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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A Note from Father David.....

Dear St. Anthony Family,

It's hard to believe that next week We Welcome Back our Annual St. Anthony Festival. So many of You make it possible for Us to enjoy all that Our Festival has to offer, not only for Ourselves, but for those we serve and Welcome to "God's Country". Thank You to everyone who puts their "Blood Sweat and Tears" into this Amazing Event. Let Us continue to Pray for Good Weather, Good People, Good Food, and Great Fun. Tell your Friends to Stop in. Exploit Deluxe will be here once more From 7-10 on Saturday with Chuck Summers and His Talents from 6:30 - 7:00 after the "Sound Man" at 6:00 pm.

Also, Many of you know that Derek Birkemeier will be leaving soon to join the Foccus Mission team. Please keep him in your Prayers as he does God's Work and Listens to his call. Please support him in any way you can. If you wish to "Walk" with him and keep up on what's happening and how you might be able to help with his Mission, His email will be: derek.birkemeier@foccus.org

In this Week's Gospel, Jesus describes what The Kingdom of God is Like. What Do we find to be Our Greatest Treasures? Are they Bank Accounts, or Piles of Gold? Or are they People? God asks us to Cherish that which Lasts, and not spend our Time on that which ends up "Thrown into The Fire".

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