SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA
A MEMBER OF ST. GEORGE DEANERY
18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 2, 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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"2026 Summer Festival"
Welcome!

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Mass Schedule

August	04	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	St. John Vianney ~ NO MASS
August	05	Wednesday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Weekday ~ NO MASS
August	06	Thursday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Transfiguration of the Lord ~ NO MASS
August	07	Friday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Weekday ~ {Joe Koch ~ The Koch & Ellerbrock Families ~ 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}
August	08	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Rosary
August	08	Saturday	3:00 – 3:30 p.m.	Confessions
August	08	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	{Norm Kohls ~ Virgil & Virginia Hoffman ~ Deceased Members of the Robert Kohls Family}
August	09	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	{Elaine & Dave Schroeder ~ Charlie Schmiesing ~ Living & Deceased Members of the Karl & Blanche Stechschulte Family}
August	09	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	{Dick & Dolores Schroeder ~ Kathy Hoffman ~ Irv & Sharon Schroeder ~ Richard & Phyllis Fuerst}

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Servers

August	04	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	NO MASS
August	05	Wednesday	8:00 a.m. Mass	NO MASS
August	06	Thursday	8:00 a.m. Mass	NO MASS
August	07	Friday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Braden Stechschulte
August	08	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Jacob Kamphaus, Savannah Kamphaus
August	09	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Matt Morman, Drew Schroeder, Madalyn Schroeder
August	09	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Mitchell Schroeder, Mariah Schroeder, Kira Schroeder

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Lectors

August	08	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Isabella Wilson
August	09	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Dan Maag
August	09	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Brian Schroeder

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Eucharistic Ministers

August	08	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Ken & Connie Kruse, Marilyn Siefker, Karyn Kamphaus, Mary Kay Koch
August	09	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Doug Langhals, Jason Brown, Kate Blue, Judy Schroeder, Gib Kaufman
August	09	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Kelly Honse, Sue Schroeder, Cheryl Ellerbrock, Anne Schroeder, Hannah Warren

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Ushers

August	08	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Mike Kohls, Brent Glass, Denny Meuleman, Bonnie Doty
August	09	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Dave Koch, Jon Diller, Matt Langhals, Griffin Langhals
August	09	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Ken Rieman, Dwain Schroeder, Issac Barto, Logan Rieman

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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 26th

Adult ~ 127	**$ 10,173.00**
Children's ~ 14	**17.80**
	10,190.80
Other Income	**6,273.00**
Total Income	**$ 16,463.80**
Expense	**$ 59,914.13**

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300 Club Winner ~ August 1st ~ Bob Kissell ~ Ticket #130 ~ $100
Special 300 Club Winner ~ August 1st ~ Larry Tabler ~ Ticket #14 ~ $150

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St. Rita's Medical Center ~ Lucy Morman ~ Judy Eversole

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Baylor Mae, daughter of Logan & Carlee Schroeder, 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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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.

She shall be called woman is back! Season 3 begins Saturday **Sept 12th**. Invite your friends and we'll see you there.

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.

Preschool Sunday School ~ Registrations can be found at the St. Anthony Church entrances. Please complete the form and return it with the $15 fee to the parish office no later than August 28, 2026. Thank you.

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.

Special Prayer Event for Priests ~ Come say a Rosary with us for our Priests. **Monday August 3rd**, at 7:30 pm. 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

Fatima USA 2026 ~ The Spiritual Center of Maria Stein will commemorate Our Lady's apparition and message at Fatima on **Friday, August 14th** at 7:30pm. Father Ethan Moore will celebrate the mass. There will also be confessions, a candlelight Rosary and procession through the woods. Please bring your own lawn chairs for seating. Come join for this Fatima celebration.

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~ 2026 Festival Information ~

This is our big weekend! Pray that we are blessed with good weather and a safe and enjoyable weekend for all. Thank you to all those people who help put the festival together every year and to all those willing to help in any way. A party this big takes many hands to prepare. God bless you all.

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.**

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.

Monday ~ Festival clean-up will be **Monday, August 3rd at 8:00 a.m. If you can help even an hour, please come. All help is greatly appreciated!!!**

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! *****

Blessings and Braids ~ New at the St. Anthony Festival hosted by Avery Birnesser. Avery will be brading girls' hair at the festival from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday afternoon. Her table will be located by the kids games. Donations will be accepted for the Class of 2027 and St. Anthony Parish.

Doughlicious ~ The donuts will be here on Saturday and Sunday. Thank you to Mitch and Wendy Schroeder and their family for sharing this special treat!

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Springs in the Desert **~** A Catholic infertility ministry, is hosting monthly meetings to accompany women struggling with infertility and loss. We offer a place of respite and solidarity- a place to acknowledge the pain and complex emotions associated with infertility. Our next meeting will be held **Thursday, August 6th** at 7:30 pm in the St. Joseph, Fort Jennings church basement. All women of the parish & surrounding parishes are invited to join us. You do not need to have attended any previous meetings - new faces are welcome at any time! For more information, contact Laura Tenwalde at (419) 303-5752. It is our honor to walk with you!

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!

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!

Rosary For the Safety and Unity of Our Nation ~ 2nd Monday of the month thru October at 7:30 p.m. St. Rita's Rosary Walk, 620 E. Blake, Ottawa (Glandorf). The next one will be **August 10th**.

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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,

This Weekend's Gospel talks about feeding "The Five Thousand" which in a way, is a reminder that this is Festival Weekend. I don't think that we will feed five thousand this weekend, but we will definitely try. Jesus had heard that John The Baptist was dead and He withdrew to a deserted place to be alone, but The Crowds heard of this and followed after Him. Jesus' Heart was moved with Pity for them and He Cured The Sick among them. As Evening approached, His Disciples told Him to dismiss the crowds so they could go and buy food for themselves. Jesus told them that "There is no need for them to go away, Give them some food Yourselves". I'm Sure that Jesus' Disciples looked at Him like "Are you Serious, there Is No Way with Five Loaves and Two Fish that we can possibly feed all these People!." My guess is that Jesus might have given them "The Look" and said "Bring me the Food." He Blessed it, and had them distribute it to the people with Plenty of Leftovers to collect.

Time and Time again, Jesus does The Impossible and tells Us that We can do The Same. The Key is having The Faith to Believe that with the Holy Spirit as Our Guide and with Prayers to Our Father asking for His Help, We Can Do what Jesus asks us.....To follow in His Footsteps and Feed, Heal, and Lead His People when they Go Astray so that their Faith Allows them to Do God's Work no matter how Impossible it May Seem.

As we Celebrate Our Festival this Weekend, Let Us remember that we are Welcoming God's People into Our Community of Faith. May We be Good Disciples and Offer God's People His Welcome and His Hospitality.

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