SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA
A MEMBER OF ST. GEORGE DEANERY
22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 30, 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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Relationships live in a careful balance.
If a person changes, the balance is altered requiring a shift in the relationship.
In today's gospel Jesus announced a change and Peter resisted.
Sometimes, those we count on for support may actually get in the way.
Jesus told Peter: "You are an obstacle to me."

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Mass Schedule

September 01	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	Weekday~ {Len Kruse (K of C}
September 02	Wednesday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Weekday ~ {Cletus Schumacher}
September 03	Thursday	8:00 a.m. Mass	St. Gregory the Great ~ {Larry Schroeder ~ Frances Schroeder ~ Frank & Bernice Schroeder ~ The Clem Schroeder Family}
September 03	Thursday	**2:00 p.m. Mass**	The Meadows of Ottawa ~ {For The Parish}
September 04	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}
September 05	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Rosary
September 05	Saturday	3:00 – 3:30 p.m.	**No Confessions**
September 05	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	{Darren Langhals}
September 06	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	{Marie & Wilfred Niese ~ Jenny Roberts ~ Mike Niese }
September 06	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	{Norm Kohls ~ Virgil & Virginia Hoffman ~ Kathy Hoffman}

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Servers

September 01	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	Alton Kiene
September 05	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Garrett Siefker, Lillian Siefker, Walker Sudlow
September 06	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Colin Langhals, Braden Stechschulte, Carter Troyer
September 06	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Avery Birnesser, Adrian Birnesser, Tanner Barto

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Lectors

September 05	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Marge Tabler
September 06	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Ann Selhorst
September 06	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Karl Schroeder

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Eucharistic Ministers

September 05	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Ken & Connie Kruse, Karyn Kamphaus, Marilyn Siefker, Alesha Siefker
September 06	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Doug Langhals, Diana Kaufman, Judy Schroeder, Lisa Langhals, Alton Kiene
September 06	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Kelly Honse, Hannah Warren, Nathan Schroeder, Wendi Wenzinger, Sarah Barto

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Ushers

September 05	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Mike Kohls, Brent Glass, Denny Meuleman, Bonnie Doty
September 06	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Dave Koch, Jon Diller, Matt Langhals, Griffin Langhals
September 06	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Ken Rieman, Dwain Schroeder, Issac Barto, Logan Rieman

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Parish Activities

September 01 K of C Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.
Rosary @ 7:10 p.m.
September 02 Finance Meeting @ 5:30 p.m.
September 03 Baptism Classes @ 6:30 p.m.
September 06 Pre School Bible School @ 8:00 a.m.
September 08 Rosary Guild @ 1:00 p.m.
September 12 TMIY @ 6:10 a.m.
September 12 SHE @ 8:00 a.m.

For The Week of August 23rd

Adult ~ 133	**$ 6,485.25**
Children's ~ 22	**36.00**
	6,521.25
Income	**4,700.42**
Total Income	**$ 11,221.67**
Expense	**$ 42,569.89**

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300 Club Winner ~ August 29th ~ Neil & Faith Stechschulte ~ Ticket #1 ~ $100

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Marriage Bans III ~ Amy Vorst & Nick Buckland

Best wishes to Amy & Nick who will be married on Saturday, September 5th, here at St Anthony's. May the Lord bless you both with a lifetime of happiness together!

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World Day of Prayer ~ is on September 1st. Resources are available at USCCB.org/environment.

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, September 1st** at 7:30 p.m. in the church basement with the Rosary being recited at 7:10 p.m.

Finance Committee ~ Finance Committee will be meeting **Wednesday, September 2nd**, at 5:30 p.m. in the rectory.

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.

Rosary Guild ~ The Rosary Guild will be meeting on **Tuesday, September 8th** at **1:00 p.m.** in the church basement. If you have any questions please call Mary Kay Koch at 419-236-9966.

TMIY ~ Will be meeting on **Saturday, September 12th**, at 6:10 a.m. in the church basement.
*TMIY will be praying the rosary in church on **September 2nd** at 7:30 p.m.*

She Shall Be Called Woman ~ Season Three begins **Saturday, September 12th** at 8:00 a.m. in the church basement. Invite your friends and we'll see you there.

Annual Catholic Appeal ~ This fall, 20 Diocese of Toledo seminarians are preparing for the priesthood, including nine men beginning formation — the Diocese's largest single-year increase in more than 20 years! Their education and formation is made possible in part through the Annual Catholic Appeal. Your gifts help prepare the priests who will one day celebrate the sacraments, preach the Gospel and serve parishes throughout the Diocese of Toledo. Learn more at https://www.acatoledo.org. Thank you for supporting the Annual Catholic Appeal and the future of our Church!

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, September 3rd** at 7:30 p.m. 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!

Catholic Road Trips ~ **join both, or just 1....Registration ends Sept.3** ...amazing faith-filled and fun.... *combining Catholic traditions & prayer with nature, history, culture & community!* **1 - Autumn Along the Ohio River is October 22-23**. Highlights include: The Gardens of St. Patricks with their life-sized bronze statues of the Stations of the Cross, Mass at the parish church, the Land of Pres. Grant, 2 Underground Railroad homes and their unique stories, the Museum of the classic movie "White Christmas" & Rosemary Clooney, and more. **2 - Advent in Indiana is Thursday, December 17**. Highlights include: Mass at and Tour of the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on the campus of the University of Notre Dame, and the LIVE performance of *Derek Hough & Dance for the Holidays* (of *Dancing with the Stars* fame), with supper at an Amish Grand Buffet. We leave from Ottawa Walmart, and we pray and have fun on the bus too! For complete details, contact the Organizer & Host - Diane Utrup, Glandorf, OH at 419-306-5588 or letsgotravelclub2@gmail.com.

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***Off The Streets* ~ 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. WHEN**: First Saturday of the Month, 9-10 am.** The next one is **September 5th.** 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.**

Holy Family Radio Drive ~ This **September 9th thru the 11th**, Holy Family Radio invites you to join their annual Spirit Drive. The theme this year is "Your Gift. Our Mission. His Glory." This three-day appeal supports all 4 of Holy Family Radio's radio stations that bring Catholic teaching into homes and hearts every day through faith-filled programming for the whole family. Your generosity helps keep this mission on the air, reaching souls near and far. Please consider a gift during these three days of enduring impact. Call 888-287-0655 or visit holyfamilyradio.fm.

Casino Bus Trip ~ Sponsored by Fort Jennings American Legion Auxiliary. **Sunday, October 25th**, Firekeepers Casino. Depart Fort Jennings American Legion @ 8:00 a.m. and return at approximately 6:00 p.m. $45 per person (must be paid to reserve your seat). Each person will receive $20.00 in free slot play, plus an additional $5.00 in points to be used towards food/drink. To reserve your seat contact (text or call) Tricia Halker @ 419-615-9588.

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********CCD HIGHLIGHTS********

***CCD Registration Fees* ~** Will be collected after all weekend Masses on **September 5th and 6th** in the Church basement near the Sycamore Entrance. Fee amounts are listed on the registration.

***CCD Classes* ~** Begin **September 13th** from 9:15-10:15a.m. at the St. Anthony school.

7th and 8th grade parents are invited to attend the 1st class to learn about the layout of materials for Theology of the Body.

*******CCD ~ We are in need of an 8th grade Catechist.*******

CCD Registration QR Code

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Save the Date: September 27th after the 10:30 a.m. Mass for a luncheon for the recognition of Father David's 25th Anniversary of His Priesthood. More information will follow.

A Note from Father David.....

Dear St. Anthony Family,

Jesus began discussing with His Disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the wrath of The Elders, Priests and Scribes eventually being Killed, and then Rising from The Dead in Three Days. Peter was not Happy with what Jesus had said and took Jesus aside and began to rebuke Him about what He had said, and Jesus responded: "Get Behind Me Satan, You are not thinking as God does, but as Human beings do." Peter's Anger is understandable because he knew that Jesus would be taken from them and he could not accept the Truth that these things needed to Happen in order for Jesus to Complete His Mission of Saving Us from our Sinfulness.

Jesus gives us The Difficult Truth that in order for Us to truly Follow Him, We must Deny Ourselves, "Take Up our Crosses, and Follow Him." One thought that Always comes to mind when I hear this quote is that God must believe in me much more than I believe in my own abilities, because Sometimes Those Crosses He gives me are much larger than I can carry. I think all of us can relate to this feeling of being able to handle what we're given. But in Faith, we know that God promises Us that He will provide Us with everything we need to Carry The Cross we're Given if we only Believe and Trust in Him who Saves Us.

May each of Us find the Strength we need to carry The Crosses we're given, knowing that Nothing is Impossible with God at Our Sides.

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

Falcon News

St. Anthony School Core Values

The St. Anthony faculty worked over the last year to narrow down the core values we hope to demonstrate and instill in our students. Our school's core values—Serve, Excel, Respect, Virtue, Inclusion, Catholicity, and Empower—guide who we are and how we live out our faith each day. They call us to serve others with kindness, strive for excellence, treat everyone with dignity, grow in virtue, welcome all as family, live our Catholic faith, and use our God-given gifts to make a difference. Together, these values shape a caring, faith-filled community where every student and adult is encouraged to grow, belong, and thrive. Our monthly Golden Falcon winners will be the students we see living these values and we can't wait to see who they will be!

Calendar of Events

September 7 - NO SCHOOL
September 9 - MAP Reading Test
September 11 - MAP Science Test, Hot Lunch

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