SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA
A MEMBER OF ST. GEORGE DEANERY
22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 31, 2025

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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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Family life well lived confirms the words of Jesus in today's gospel, "Those who humble themselves will be exalted." Commitment, intimacy, loyalty and love are the rewards of humble service and care for one another.

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Mass Schedule

September 02	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	**No Mass**
September 03	Wednesday	8:00 a.m. Mass	St. Gregory the Great ~ {Pete Siefker}
September 04	Thursday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Weekday ~ {Cletus Schumacher}
September 05	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	Friday		***First Friday Exposition & Adoration After Mass Until Noon***
September 06	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Rosary
September 06	Saturday	3:00 – 3:30 p.m.	**No Confessions**
September 06	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Vigil ~ {Norm Maag}
September 07	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Sunday ~ {Wilfred Niese ~ Marie Niese ~ Jenny Roberts ~ Elaine & Dave Schroeder ~ Darren Langhals}
September 07	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Sunday ~ {George Ellerbrock ~ Kathy Hoffman ~ Diane Meyer ~ Gib & Delores Meyer}

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Servers

September 02	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	**No Mass**
September 06	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Garrett Siefker, Lillian Siefker, Walker Sudlow
September 07	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Matt Morman, Ethan Basinger, Drew Schroeder
September 07	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Natalie Goubeaux, Kennedy Siefker, Joel Vennekotter

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Lectors

September 06	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Gary Hermiller
September 07	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Judy Schroeder
September 07	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Lynn Downing

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Eucharistic Ministers

September 06	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Lauren Birkemeier, Beth Birkemeier, Denny Ricker, Mary Kay Koch, Rose Schnipke
September 07	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Marilyn Hoffman, Marilyn Birkemeier, Gib Kaufman, Dan Maag, Doug Langhals
September 07	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Sue Schroeder, Lisa Meuleman, Jenna Goubeaux, Nathan Schroeder, Cheryl Ellerbrock

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Ushers

September 06	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Cody Wagner, Gary Selhorst, Bill Koch, Bryant Blue
September 07	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Jason Koch, Dave Schroeder Jr., Adam Siefker, Andy Stechschulte
September 07	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Joey Warnecke, Matt McCauley, Darren Siefker, Mark Selhorst

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St. Rita's Medical Center ~ Tom Meyer

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Parish Activities

September 2 **K of C Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.**
Rosary @ 7:10 p.m.
September 4 **Baptism Classes @ 6:30 p.m.**
September 7 **Pre School Bible School @ 8:00 a.m.**
September 11 **Blood Drive @ Good Shephard Church**
September 11 **2nd Grade Parent Meeting For First Reconciliation @ 7:00 p.m. in church**
September 14 **Celebration of Ben's Deacon Ordination after 10:30 Mass**

For The Week of August 24th

Adult ~ 147	**$ 12,952.00**
Children's ~ 16	**17.00**
	12,969.00
Other Income	**24,935.74**
Total Income	**$ 37,904.74**
Total Expenses	**$ 55,510.28**

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300 Club Winner ~ August 30th ~ Robert Kissell ~ Ticket #256 ~ $100.00

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Marriage Bans I ~ Haley Radabaugh & Riley Schumacher
Marriage Bans II ~ Rebecca Maenle & Peter Palko
Marriage Bans III ~ Taylor Ellerbrock & Travis Sutter

Best wishes to Taylor & Travis who will be married on Saturday, September 6th, here at St Anthony's.
May the Lord bless you both with a lifetime of happiness together!

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Parish Office ~ The parish office will be closed **Monday, September 1st**, in observance of Labor Day.
That Man Is You ~ TMIY will be praying the Rosary **Wednesday, September 3rd** at 7:00 p.m. in the church.
The Word Among Us ~ The Word Among Us for September is available at the entrances of the church.
Rite of Confirmation ~ **Will be celebrated May 9, 2026 at the 4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Anthony's.**
Ferns ~ There are 3 hanging fern baskets on the back porch of the Rectory. Please help yourself.

OCIA ~ (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) If you are considering becoming Catholic, please call the office to express your interest or email Father David at davritch@aol.com. Classes will be starting in September or October.

K of C ~ The K of C will be meeting on **Tuesday, September 2nd** at 7:30 p.m. in the church basement with the Rosary being recited at 7:10 p.m.

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 4th**, 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.

First Friday Devotions ~ First Friday Devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be celebrated **Friday, September 5th**, after 8:00 a.m. Mass till noon. Father David will lead us in praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy after 11:30 a.m., followed by Benediction.

Preschool Bible School Registration ~ https://forms.gle/mMff9n4PX9f1kwqY9 Classes will be starting **September 7th** and go through April. The class will be during the 8:00 a.m. Mass on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month. Classes are in the church basement. The cost is $17 per child. This is for any child age 3 ½ by September 1st, 2025 and fully potty trained through kindergarten.

St. Anthony Youth Ministry: Ignite, Fan into Flame ~ Will take place on **Wednesday, September 10th** at 7:30 p.m. in the Church Rectory. Thank you, Renee Leopold, for coming out to speak! Our next speaker will be Father Dave! Please contact Nate Schroeder, 419-969-4894, if you feel called to be a guest speaker or have any questions.

St. Anthony Red Cross Blood Drives ~ St. Anthony's next blood drive will be **Thursday, September 11th** at the Church of The Good Shepherd from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. If interested in donating, contact the American Red Cross at 800-733-2767 or call Marge Tabler at 419-659-5190. You can also go online to make your appointment.

She Shall Be Called Women ~ Have you felt the Holy Spirit calling you to something more? Come with us on an exciting, transformative journey. SHE (She shall be called woman) is coming to St. Anthony's! ALL women are welcome, especially those seeking to be truly seen, known, and loved as they grow in their relationship with the Lord. SHE consists of 9 weekly sessions with video presentation from inspirational speakers followed by small group discussion. Refreshments will be provided. No weekly commitment. Please, come when you can. Sessions will be held on Saturday mornings from 8:00 to 9:15 a.m. While these sessions will normally be in the church basement the very first session on **September 13th** will be in the school. For any questions, please feel free to reach out to Faith Stechschulte, Breanne Windau, Megan Brodwolf, Val Pingle, Courtney Rieman, Amber Schroeder, or Erica Siefker. We hope to see YOU there!

Celebration ~ You are invited to Ben Schroeder's ordination at the Cathedral, **Saturday, September 13th.** Afterwards, there will be sandwiches, cookies, and punch at a reception at the school next to the cathedral. The next day, **Sunday, September 14th**, will be Ben's Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Anthony's in Columbus Grove. It will be at the 10:30 Mass with a luncheon in the church basement afterward.

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Springs in the Desert, a Catholic Infertility Ministry ~ Our next meeting will be held **Thursday, September 4th** at 7:30 p.m. in the St. Joseph, Fort Jennings church basement. On **October 2nd** we will be having Edward Luersman, MA, LPCC who is the owner of Blessed Are They Grief Counseling and he will be speaking during our regularly scheduled meeting. Contact Laura Tenwalde at (419)303-5752 or Wendy Schimmoeller at (419)236-0522 if questions.

Furniture Donation Drop Off ~ First Saturday of the month between 9-11 a.m. Donate new and lightly used furniture and household goods. Benefits Off the Streets, Toledo, helping homeless families. They accept dressers, dining chairs, small dining tables (no glass), end tables, night stands, coffee tables, microwaves, sofas (no sectionals or sleepers) chairs, lamps, sauce pans, utensils, toasters, cookie sheets, vacuums and coffee makers. Drop off at 1205 East 2nd St. Ottawa, Ohio. Enter Gate 5 and follow the "furniture drop off" signs.

Volunteers Needed for the Putnam County Thrift Store ~ To help prepare metal for recycling. The money generated by the recycling of these materials goes to our "Choice Food Pantry Mission". The next opportunity for you to volunteer is on **September 6th** from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Our warehouse is located on the Putnam County Fairgrounds. Enter through gate #5 and proceed south. As you pass the first warehouse, you will see a sign pointing to the alley on your right. Turn right and proceed down the alley until you see two large roll-off containers on your left. Our garage door is between the roll-off containers. If you have a portable drill/driver, it would be a good tool for you to bring. Any questions, please contact Tim Macke at 419-969-0211 or macketim@gmail.com.

Holy Family Radio Spirit Drive **- September 10-12!** Tune into the Truth on Holy Family Radio - 94.9FM Lima/Ada, 88.9FM Glandorf, 90.9FM Fostoria! Deacon Jeff Compton is inviting you to make your donation during our 3 day live on-air pledge drive. Make a pledge by calling 1-888-287-0655 or visit holyfamilyradio.fm.

Would you spend a **holy hour of Adoration** in the presence of the Eucharist during Holy Family Radio's Fall Spirit Drive, **September 10 - 12,** from 12:00 - 6:00 pm. Adoration is in the Glandorf Parish Center. Enter through the Holy Family Radio Station entrance, 103 N. Main Street, Glandorf, OH. Please call (419) 386-2400 to sign up.

Christ the King Center ~ Will be sponsoring a 2nd Presentation on "Peter, do you love me?" John 21:15. Presented by Karen Homan, Founder of Do Good In His Name Ministry. It will be **Thursday, September 11th** at 6:30 p.m. at the Ottawa K of C Hall, 10760 Rd. H, Ottawa. contact@christthekingcenter.org or 419-890-3724 for more information.

SonDay Funday ~ Is a fun day for all to come together to celebrate the Son of God while enjoying fellowship and friends! It will be **September 21st** from 11:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at St. John's Parish Center (109 N. Main Street, Glandorf, Ohio). Games - Food - Inflatables - Saint Parade - Reverse Raffle Fun for all ages!

Pilgrimage to Poland ~ Join Fr. Randy Giesige and walk in the footsteps of St. John Paul II, St. Faustina Kowalska and St. Maximilian Kolbe. Besides visiting many beautiful churches we will visit Auschwitz Concentration Camp and the Wieliczka Salt Mines. Dates are May 4 – May 15, 2026. There is an information gathering on **Wednesday, September 3rd or Monday, September 15** at 6:30 p.m. at Leipsic St. Mary Parish Life Center, 320 State St. Leipsic or call 419-863-9555 or email rpgiesige@gmail.com for more information. Space is limited.

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

CCD Registration Link: https://forms.gle/ffNdfVea3QVcZ8eg9

Paper copies will be located at the Church entrances. Payment is due at the first class, **September 7th**. We will be meeting in the St. Anthony Gym. CCD is between Masses ~ 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.

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A Note from Father David.....

Dear St. Anthony Family,

School has started and Summer is almost over. But there is reason for excitement. We have a New Principal, a new Stem Teacher and lots of improvements in our School Building. God has Certainly Blessed us in so many ways.

This Year is known as "The year of Hope". It has been proclaimed by The Pope and calls us all to be people of Hope in all that we do and in how we Minister to Others. In my discussions with Bishop Daniel earlier this week, we decided that we should find a date for Him to Come to Columbus Grove so that He can Bless and Dedicate our Grotto in the name of "Our Lady of Hope". Bishop Thomas hopes to promote this along with Our Celebration of "The Jubilee Year of Hope".

This week's Gospel gives us Advice on how to be seated at Banquets and special occasions. Instead of boldly taking seats near the front of the Hall, risking that The Host might ask us to move down for an important Guest, we should be Humble and move Lower in hopes that The Host will see us and ask us to move forward at The Envy of Our Friends.

He also asks us to invite The Poor, The Blind, The Crippled, and The Lame, so that those who could not repay us will insure our Rewards in Heaven.

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

Falcon News

St. Anthony Students are excited for the updates to the school. These updates include a new library and STEM space and new desks and chairs for K-3 students. We are so thankful to all those who support the school and allow for continuous improvements that enhance the educational experience for our students!

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."
— Dr. Seuss

3rd graders in their new desks and chairs.

7th and 8th graders enjoying a good book in the new library.

5th graders working in the STEM space to create their names in 3D

Calendar of Events

- **September 1 - NO SCHOOL**
- **September 8 - 2 Hour Delay;** Falcon Spirit Day
- **September 11** - Reconciliation Meeting - 7 pm
- **September 15** - Falcon Spirit Day
- **September 18** - 1st Quarter Midterm
- **September 22** - Falcon Spirit Day
- **September 26** - School Picture Day

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