SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA
A MEMBER OF ST. GEORGE DEANERY
23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 6, 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 key word in today's gospel is "listen."
We cannot change another person; not alone, not with others and not with a whole Church.
All we can do is state our position and "if he listens to you" then he/she can take the steps necessary to change themselves.
Change comes from within.

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Mass Schedule

September 08	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	**No Mass**
September 09	Wednesday	8:00 a.m. Mass	St. Peter Claver ~ {Marianne Schimmoeller ~ Gary Verhoff ~ Nancy Fortman}
September 10	Thursday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Weekday ~ {For The Parish}
September 11	Friday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Weekday ~ {Richard & Pauline Elwer}
September 12	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Rosary
September 12	Saturday	3:00 – 3:30 p.m.	Confessions
September 12	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	{Norm Maag}
September 13	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	{Leo & Gloria Wrasman ~ Living & Deceased Members of the Karl & Blanche Stechschulte Family}
September 13	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	{Bill & Luella Schumaker ~ Gib Meyer ~ Anne Heitmeyer}

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Servers

September 08	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	**No Mass**
September 12	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Jacob Kamphaus, Savannah Kamphaus, Chase Parker
September 13	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Matt Morman, Drew Schroeder, Madalyn Schroeder
September 13	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Hannah Brodwolf, Jacob Brodwolf, Robby Schnipke

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Lectors

September 12	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Gretchen Staley
September 13	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Ron Teders
September 13	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Sue Schroeder

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Eucharistic Ministers

September 12	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Marge Tabler, Lindsay Peck, Deb Siefker, Rose Schnipke, Denny Ricker
September 13	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Marilyn Hoffman, Jason Brown, Kate Blue, Gib Kaufman, Dan Maag
September 13	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Bob Maag, Lynn Downing, Cheryl Ellerbrock, Bruce Stephens, Alton Kiene

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Ushers

September 12	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Cody Wagner, Gary Selhorst, Bill Koch, Bryant Blue
September 13	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Jason Koch, Dave Schroeder Jr, Adam Siefker, Andy Stechschulte
September 13	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Joey Warnecke, Matt McCauley, Darren Siefker, Mark Selhorst

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Parish Activities

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 30th

Adult ~ 124	**$ 6,522.00**
Children's ~ 12	**21.00**
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Other Income	**33.00**
Total Income	**$ 6,576.00**
Expense	**$ 54,372.50**

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300 Club Winner ~ September 5th ~ Mike Morman ~ Ticket #18 ~ $100

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The St. Anthony Parish family extends our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Pat Vorst who died on Saturday, August 29th. Mass of Resurrection was celebrated for Pat on Wednesday, September 2nd here at St. Anthony's. May our prayers and the grace of God see you through this difficult time and may Our Lord welcome Pat into His Kingdom for eternity.

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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.

Parish Office ~ The parish office will be closed **Monday, September 7th**, in observance of Labor Day.

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.

St. Anthony's Website & Video ~ Please call the parish office if you would like to help record the Masses or with any questions.

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 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.

She Shall Be Called Woman ~ This upcoming weekend, **September 12th**, we are excited to welcome new and returning women for the 1st She session of the Love Unveiled season! This week we will be challenged to show the world what it is to be God's beloved by recognizing his love and the challenges we face to fully accept his love. Doors open at 8 with the session beginning at 8:15. Hope to see you there!

K of C Pork Chop Dinner ~ The K of C is sponsoring a Pork Chop Dinner on **Saturday**, **October 24th** after the 4:00 p.m. Mass. Cost is $12.00, Dine In or Carry Out. The menu is: 1 inch Smoked Pork Chop, Baked Potato, Applesauce, Roll and Cookie. If you would like tickets please contact Lee Bogart at 419-659-2402 or Ken Kruse at 419-230-3990 or you can purchase them at the church rectory. Tickets can also be purchased at the door.

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!

Liturgical living ~ is the practice of aligning your family's daily rhythms, home environment, and traditions with the seasons and feast days of the Catholic liturgical calendar. Bring faith beyond church on Sunday, bringing rhythm of the Mass into the "domestic church" (your home) through hands-on, sensory experiences like food, art, prayer, and celebration. If you would like to receive a bi-monthly liturgical living bag please contact Jenna Goubeaux at selhorst.25@gmail.com with your name and how many kids you have. These activities can be done with the whole family, but some are geared towards under 12.

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.

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Parish Mission **~** Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church at 307 N Locust Street, Ottawa is having a two-night program on **September 13th** from 6:30-9:00 pm & **September 14th** from 6:30-9:00 pm. Join us for formative talks, prayer, music, and discipleship tools as we rediscover Christ's call to live as His disciples. More information on bulletin boards.

The 2026 TDCCW Fall Conference **~** will be held on **Wednesday, September 23rd**, at the Sorrowful Mother Shrine, 4106 St. Rt. 269, Bellevue, OH 44811. Registration opens at 8:30 a.m., and the Conference begins at 9:00 a.m. and will close at 3:00 p.m. Br. Daryl Charron, Shrine Director, is scheduled to speak about his time in Vietnam and Laos, and about the Rosary. The day also includes time for confession and Mass at 11:00 a.m. There will be time to tour the Shrine grounds and visit the shop. A basket raffle will be held, and the funds raised will be donated to the diocesan seminarians. Registration for the Conference is due **September 15** via email to Sue Hopkins at sueh1757@gmail.com. The cost is $30 per person which includes a continental breakfast and lunch, and is payable at the door. Checks may be made payable to Toledo Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. Questions and registration may also be directed to Rita Borgelt at hrborgelt@bright.net or 419-796-9168.

Christ The King Center **~** Special Prayer Event on **Thursday, September 24th** on the Beatification of Bishop Fulton J Sheen. Can't make it to St. Louis or Peoria, IL, Come & Pray with Us. Watch Beatification pre Mass at 2:30 p.m. - Mass at 3:00 p.m. – 2nd class relic. Free Bishop Sheen Prayer Cards! Open Dawn to dusk. Christ the King Center, 620 E. Blake St. Ottawa. "The greatest love story of all time is contained in a tiny white Host" Bishop Fulton J Sheen.

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 this weekend **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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A Note from Father David.....

Dear St. Anthony Family,

In this week's Gospel, Jesus is Laying the Groundwork for Reconciling differences between "You and Your Brother" as well as anyone else who we feel has done us wrong. At first, we are told to take our differences to Our Brother or whoever has wronged us. If He or She does not listen or respond to what's been said then we are told to find two witnesses to testify to "The Facts". If they still do not mend the rift, we are told to take the situation to The Church and if there is still no reconciliation, then we are called to "Let it Go" and move on. This doesn't mean that we are not open to reconciling if the person has a change of heart, but it does tell us to "Get on with Our Life".

Our Lives experience many differences and sometimes very difficult hurts that are hard to bear, At times it causes us to "Ignore each other", give each other "The Silent Treatment", and lose friends and family members. God tells us to try to work things out but there comes a point where we Damage our own lives and relationships and need to Forgive and Forget so we can give ourselves new strength to concentrate on The Good, The Loving, and The Many Caring People in Our Lives that keep Us Grounded.

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

Falcon News

Spotlighting Preschool

Our youngest Falcons are taught by Mrs. Mindy Unverferth and Mrs. Cheryl Ellerbrock. Both of them have been in their preschool roles for 8 years! Once again, our preschool class is full with 24 students. These students just finished their first full week of classes this week and are adjusting so well to their new friends, routines, teachers, and time together learning.

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.