SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA
A MEMBER OF ST. GEORGE DEANERY
24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 13, 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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Unable to forgive another, means we are holding onto a past wrong and hoping for a better past. That is not going to happen. We must move on with our life by accepting we were unjustly treated and it will not be corrected. We aren't condoning the injustice. We just don't let it control our lives any longer. Forgiveness is critical to living a healthy life in the present.

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Mass Schedule

September 15	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	Our Lady of Sorrows ~ {Cindy Irwin}
September 16	Wednesday	8:00 a.m. Mass	St. Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop ~ {For The Parish}
September 17	Thursday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Weekday ~ {Larry Schroeder ~ Frank & Bernice Schroeder ~ Frances Schroeder ~ The Clem Schroeder Family}
September 18	Friday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Weekday ~ {Ed & Jeanette Morman}
September 19	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Rosary
September 19	Saturday	3:00 – 3:30 p.m.	Confessions
September 19	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	{Virgil & Marilyn Kohls ~ Melinda Utendorf ~ Rachael Jay ~ Jim & Phyllis Verhoff}
September 20	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	{Tom & Janice Stechschulte ~ Pat Vorst}
September 20	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	{Richard & Phyllis Fuerst ~ Wanda Kiene ~ Darren Langhals ~ John, Nathan & Grant Siefker ~ Benjamen Maglinte & Maglinte Family ~ Karl Hoffman & Hoffman Family}

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Servers

September 15	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	Jerry Dickman
September 19	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Mariah Schroeder, Kira Schroeder, Tucker Wilson
September 20	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Troy Kaufman, Neil Kaufman, Andy Kaufman
September 20	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Bryce Pingle, Brynn Pingle, Kennedy Siefker

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Lectors

September 19	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Lauren Birkemeier
September 20	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Judy Schroeder
September 20	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Hannah Warren

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Eucharistic Ministers

September 19	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Mary Kay Koch, Beth Birkemeier, Karyn Kamphaus, Alesha Siefker, Lindsay Peck
September 20	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Doug Langhals, Diana Kaufman, Dan Maag, Lisa Langhals, Marilyn Birkemeier
September 20	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Jenna Goubeaux, Anne Schroeder, Wendi Wenzinger, Sue Schroeder, Nathan Schroeder, Alton Kiene-Choir

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Ushers

September 19	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Mike Recker, Tyler Recker, Tim Reimund, Aaron Siefker
September 20	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Craig Kaufman, Len Kaufman, Carl Warnecke, Gib Kaufman
September 20	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Al Schroeder, Dale Schroeder, Roger Wenzinger, Mike Brodwolf

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Parish Activities

September 20 Pre School Bible School @ 8:00 a.m.
September 24 Parent Meeting for 1st Reconciliation @ 6:00 p.m

For The Week of September 6th

Adult ~ 124	**$ 7,646.00**
Children's ~ 21	**34.00**
	7,680.00
Other Income	**8,941.00**
Total Income	**$ 16,621.00**
Expense	**$ 26,060.23**

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300 Club Winner ~ September 12th ~ Tom Fuerst ~ Ticket #181 ~ $100

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The St. Anthony Parish family extends our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Connie Best who died on Friday, September 4th. Mass of Resurrection was celebrated for Connie on Saturday, September 12th here at St. Anthony's. May our prayers and the grace of God see you through this difficult time and may Our Lord welcome Connie into His Kingdom for eternity.

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Jett Thomas, son of Clayton & Breanne Windau, 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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St. Rita's Medical Center ~ Donna Adkins ~ Thomas Kahle

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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. Please call the parish office to make your reservations.

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.

Pat Birnesser ~ Pat has been transferred to the Bluffton Mennonite home. Her new address is: Mennonite Home Communities of Ohio, 410 W. Elm St., Bluffton, OH 45817.

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!

Choir Season Is Back! ~ Practice will begin **Wednesday, September 16th** at 7:00 p.m. Practices will be every Wednesday, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Anyone interested in joining? Please come to the practice on **Wednesday, September 30th** at 7:30 p.m. If you have any questions please call Rachael Hermiller at 419-235-3069.

TMIY ~ Will be meeting on **Saturday, September 19th**. This year we begin at Year 1 of the program. That Man is You! honestly addresses the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, especially those relating to their roles as husbands and fathers. The program harmonizes current social and medical science with the teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of man fully alive! If you have never been to a TMIY session this would be the perfect time to start. The doors will open at 6:10 for breakfast, at 6:30am there will be a video presentation and discussion about the information presented, and the session will conclude at 7:30am.

She Shall Be Called Woman ~ Will be meeting on **September 19th**, at 8:00 a.m. in the church basement. Join us for the second session of She titled "Surrendered". Although we know it is important to surrender our lives to God, it is difficult to let go and trust Him. In this session, we will examine areas that we can deepen our trust in His faithfulness. 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.

Miscarriage and Infant Loss Memorial Mass every October ~ Did you or someone you love lose a child through miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant death? Come receive spiritual consolation at the annual St. Catherine's Embrace Memorial Mass. All are welcome at this special Mass, whether your loss was recent or years ago. Those outside Putnam County are also warmly invited. This Mass will fulfill the regular Sunday obligation as well. This year's Mass will be held on **Sunday, October 11th** at 1:30 p.m. at St. Anthony of Padua, *512 West Sycamore Street, Columbus Grove, Ohio 45830*. St Catherine's Embrace is looking for readers, altar servers and Eucharistic ministers for this Mass. Can you help? Reach out to the parish office at 419-659-2263. Thank You!

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.

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Lunch in the Park **~**The Ottawa Senior Citizens Association will be sponsoring *Lunch in the Park* on **Thursday, September 17th** at 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Ottawa Senior Citizen Center at 1035 East Third Street in Ottawa. Lunch choices are: Vegetable Soup, Ham & Bean Soup, Pulled Pork Sandwich Platter, homemade Pie and drinks. Dine in or carry out. Carry outs are available by calling 419-523-5593.

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.

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.

The Son Day Funday **~** Join us on **Sunday, September 27, 2026,** from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at St. John's Parish Center! This fun-filled day is a wonderful opportunity for our parish family and community to come together, celebrate the Son of God, and enjoy fellowship with friends. There will be games, delicious food, a reverse raffle, and fun for all ages! Deacon Don's famous turtle soup will be served, along with other food and drinks provided by the OG Jaycees and 1820 Brewerks. Bring your family and friends and join us for an afternoon of faith, fun, food, and fellowship!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter **~** On Saturday, **October 17th**, at St. John XXIII Parish in Perrysburg.
This one-day retreat, "God Chose You for Me: Couples Who Pray Together, Stay Together," is open to all married couples throughout the Diocese of Toledo. It will be a day filled with prayer, reflection, meaningful conversation, and practical encouragement for couples looking to grow together in their faith and marriage. If interested please contact Jeff & Brenda Myers at 260-484-1664. application@wwme-ni.org. Cost is $100 per couple (includes lunch).

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

CCD Classes **~** Will be this **Sunday**, **September 13th** from 9:15-10:15 a.m. in the St. Anthony school. The next CCD class will be **Sunday, September 20th** from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.

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

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A Note from Deacon Ben.....

Dear St. Anthony Family,

Three weeks ago in the Gospel, Peter gets an "attaboy" when he claims that Jesus is "the Christ, the Son of the living God." A week later in the Gospel Jesus calls him "Satan" for his lack of understanding. This week, it seems that Peter is trying to get another "attaboy." At that time rabbis taught that three was enough times to forgive someone for a transgression. So, Peter was trying to be extra generous in forgiving double the amount plus one. But as before, Jesus challenges Peter to go further and have the mind of God when dealing with forgiveness and sin.

It is helpful for me to see that Peter struggled as I do now when it comes to my own faith life. Jesus does not just give up on Peter or us, even when we fail. We are not supposed to give up or be satisfied with where we are currently at in our relationship with God, but to be constantly in a state of conversion. We need to attempt to have the mind of God in all aspects of our lives especially when it comes to forgiveness.

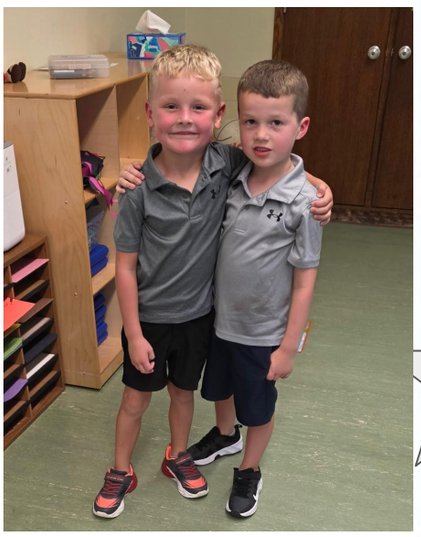
St. Anthony of Padua, Pray for us!

Love, Deacon Ben

Falcon News

Spotlighting Preschool

Our kindergarten class is 15 students strong and taught by Mrs. Rachel Brickner who is also new to St. Anthony School this year. Together they are learning so much and adjusting well to a full day schedule of learning, play, friendships, lunch time, recess, and more. They are always excited to get visits from their 6th grade buddies who help them with special projects, games, and fun activities together.



Calendar of Events

September 14 - Hot Sandwich Day
September 15 - MAP Math Test
September 17 - 1st Quarter Mid-term

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