SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA
A MEMBER OF ST. GEORGE DEANERY
THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS
SEPTEMBER 14, 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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Parents are like that shepherd in today's gospel
for they don't give up and can't rest if one of their children has wandered away.
A parent's persistent love provides a glimpse of the unconditional love for each of us by God, Our Father.
A parent is a window to the Divine.

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Mass Schedule

September 16	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	St. Cornelius & Cyprian ~ {Wanda Kiene ~ John Kahle}
September 17	Wednesday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Weekday ~ {Larry Schroeder ~ Frank & Bernice Schroeder ~ Frances Schroeder ~ The Clem Schroeder Family}
September 18	Thursday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Weekday ~ {For The Parish}
September 19	Friday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Weekday ~ {Rose Mary Kiene Latta}
September 20	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Rosary
September 20	Saturday	3:00 – 3:30 p.m.	**No Confessions**
September 20	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	{Dan Verhoff ~ Richard & Angela Knott ~ George Ellerbrock ~ Bruce Nemire}
September 21	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	{Ladonna Bryan ~ Tom & Janice Stechschulte ~ Wanda Kiene ~ Darren Langhals ~ John Siefker ~ Nathan Siefker ~ Grant Siefker ~ Joyce Schroeder}
September 21	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	{Deceased Members of the Neuendorf & Plumadore Families}

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Servers

September 16	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	Bev Baxter
September 20	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Lylah Wilson, Tucker Wilson, Bryce Pingle
September 21	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Sarah Kamphaus, Alexa Kamphaus, 1 Volunteer
September 21	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Avery Birnesser, Adrian Birnesser, Sophie Ellerbrock

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Lectors

September 20	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Marge Tabler
September 21	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Ron Teders
September 21	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Karl Schroeder

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Eucharistic Ministers

September 20	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Pat Birnesser, Rose Schnipke, Deb Siefker, Beth Birkemeier, Denny Ricker
September 21	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Marilyn Hoffman, Doug Langhals, Marilyn Birkemeier, Gib Kaufman, Rose Ellerbrock
September 21	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Jenna Goubeaux, Lynn Downing, Cheryl Ellerbrock, Nathan Schroeder, Bruce Stephens, Alton Kiene (choir)

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Ushers

September 20	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Doug Roof, Don Stechschulte, Rob Verhoff, Mya Verhoff
September 21	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Eric Dunn, Ron Hoffman, Joyce Seyer, Joe Morman
September 21	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Dave Ellerbrock, Terry Giesige, Duane Vorst, Pat Vorst

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St. Rita's Medical Center ~ Phyllis Fuerst ~ Carolyn Maag ~ Marge Roth

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Parish Activities		***For The Week of September 7th***	
September 14	**Celebration of Ben's Deacon Ordination After 10:30 Mass**	**Adult ~ 145**	**$ 7,437.00**
		Children's ~ 14	**13.70**
September 15	**Adoration & Benediction @ 6:30 p.m. with Deacon Ben Schroeder**		**7,450.70**
		Income	**7,774.00**
September 21	**Pre School Bible School @ 8:00 a.m.**	**Total Income**	**$ 15,224.70**
September 24	**Youth Ministry @ 7:30 p.m.**	**Total Expense**	**$ 34,402.98**

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300 Club Winner ~ September 13th ~ Mark & Marge Schroeder ~ Ticket #20 ~ $100.00

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Marriage Bans III ~ Haley Radabaugh & Riley Schumacher

Best wishes to Haley & Riley who will be married on Saturday, September 20th, here at St Anthony's. May the Lord bless you both with a lifetime of happiness together!

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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.

Missing a Container? ~ Please check out the counter in the kitchen of the church hall. There are containers from the festival that might belong to you. There are 2- (9 x 13) glass dishes, 1 metal one, 1 red tupperware lid (that's been there for quite a while) and one round, light green container with handles. Also, if you have been missing a 9 x 13 glass dish for quite a while, we have those in the back kitchen. If you have lost one in the last few years, call Marge at 419-659-5190. They have been increasing over the years. Whenever you donate a dessert for festival or funeral meal, it really helps if you have your name on it. Mailing labels work great!

SHE ~ Our first SHE session was all about how we, as women, see ourselves through the lens of the Father instead of how culture influences our self-image and identity. What a blessing for our Parish to have had such an attendance. We continue our next SHE session **September 27th** with the topic of "Putting on the mind of Christ."

Just a reminder, we will not be having SHE September 20th to allow women in our parish the opportunity to join Ottawa SPPS's Women's Welcome that weekend for spiritual renewal, nourishment, and transformation. For more information on SHE or SPPS's Women's Welcome, contact Faith Stechschulte at 419-615-8214 or email faith.steck@yahoo.com.

Celebration ~ **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 followed with a luncheon in the church basement afterward.

Interested in Joining the Choir? ~ Practices are every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Choir is open to all high school students as well as adults. Our first practice will be **Wednesday, September 17th.** The first Mass we will sing at will be September 21st at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Come join us!

Festival Wrap-Up Meeting ~ The 2025 parish festival wrap-up meeting will be held **Wednesday, September 17th** at 7:30 p.m. in the church basement.

That Man Is You ~ Will begin on **September 20th**. The doors open at 6:10 a.m. for breakfast. At 6:30 a.m. the presentation begins. At 7:00 a.m. there is a group discussion, and the session concludes at 7:30 a.m.

K of C Pork Chop Dinner ~ The K of C is sponsoring a Pork Chop Dinner on **Saturday**, **October 25th** after the 4:00 p.m. Mass. Cost is $12.00, Dine In or Carry Out. The menu is: 1" Smoked Pork Chop, Baked Potato, Applesauce, Roll and Cookie. Pre-sale tickets can be purchased from a K of C Member or at the rectory office.

Engaged Couples Conference ~ St. Anthony's Engaged Couples Conference will be held **Saturday, March 7, 2026** from 8:30 a.m. until Mass at 4:00 p.m. Cost of the day is $50.00 per couple. Any couples interested, please call the parish office at 419-659-2263.

Payment can be dropped off or mailed to the parish office or can be made the morning of the conference.

Soup & Pie Day ~The Ottawa Senior Citizens Association will be sponsoring *Soup & Pie Day* on **Thursday, September 18th,** 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: Beef Vegetable Soup or Bean with Ham Soup, Fruity Chicken Salad Tray, Pulled BBQ Pork Tray, pies and drinks. Dine in or carry out. Carry outs are available by calling 419-523-5593.

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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!

Keep Kids Safe Online ~ Join Ben Tracy, a leading online safety speaker and ultramarathon runner. He will be at Sts. Peter & Paul church on **Wednesday, September 24th** at 7:00 p.m. He will talk about: Online Safety, Cyberbullying, Digital Citizenship, Online Predators, Mental Health & Social Media and Artificial Intelligence.

Breakfast at Landeck St. John the Baptist Church ~ On **Sunday, September 28th** from 9:00 a.m. - noon in the Landeck Church Basement. Meal: sausage, pancakes, eggs, burritos, toast, coffee and juice. Free Will Offering.

Christ The King Center Family Day **~ Sunday, September 28th** - 2:00 pm till Dusk, 620 E. Blake St., Ottawa OH. Parking assist provided. 2:00 p.m.- Fishing Derby - Bible Bingo – Face Painting – Chalk Drawing - Outdoor Games – Prizes – Drawings, 4:00 p.m. outdoor Mass under the tent, 5:00 p.m. Dinner - sample some Do Good Rest. Food - grab a brat, hot dog, salads, desserts, ice cream. Some seating available or bring your lawn chairs, 6:15 p.m. Rosary, 7:00 p.m. sunset and campfire. Any questions contact@christthekingcenter.org.

Pro-Life Harvest Dance ~ At St. Michael the Archangel, 750 Bright Rd, Findlay, OH. This is for young adults ages 18 thru 30. When: **Saturday, October 4th** from 7:00 – 11:00 p.m. Cost: $12, cash only (proceeds to benefit the Women's Resource Center). Music: fast songs, pop, country, rock. Country casual dress. Contact Madison Bowerman at madisonbowerman18@gmail.com with any questions. Light snacks and drinks will be provided.

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 **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.

Join Father Chris Mileski of Shelby and Plymouth on a Pilgrimage to France ~ Embark on an experience of a lifetime as we journey through Northern France visiting places that are tied to the Eucharist, attending daily Mass, and experiencing the Rescue Project **March 2-13, 2026.** We would love to have you join us! Flights are out of Detroit. For more details email Kari at kowens@stmaryshelby.org or visit catholicfaithjourneys.com/france2026/

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

CCD Classes ~ Will be this **Sunday, September 14th** from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. Please meet in the gym. The next CCD class will be **Sunday, September 21st** from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.

Rite of Confirmation will be celebrated May 9, 2026 at the 4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Anthony's.

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A Note from Father David.....

Dear St. Anthony Family,

This Weekend we Celebrate The Feast of The Exultation of The Cross. This Feast Celebrates The Discovery and placement of "The Remnants of The True Cross of Jesus Christ" which was placed in The Church of The Holy Sepulcher on Mount Calvary and is Venerated to this day.

Perhaps the most Memorable part of this Gospel tends to show up in many places, even Football Games! "For God so Loved the World that He gave His Only Son, so that Everyone who believes in Him may have Eternal Life." This Line gets lots of notice as John: 3:16, which serves as a tool for Evangelization. This Weekend we also Celebrate the Ordination of Our Own Ben Schroeder as a Permanent Deacon by Bishop Daniel Thomas this morning (Saturday) at Rosary Cathedral in Toledo. Please Join Us for Ben's First Mass (Tomorrow) at 10:30 Mass with a Luncheon and Celebration to follow in the Church basement. My personal excitement at Ben's Ordination gives thanks to God for his willingness to Serve as a Deacon in God's Church. Our new front steps are progressing well and should be finished soon. May God continue to Bless Us with Good People and Bountiful Harvests.

St. Anthony of Padua, Pray for Us!

Love, Fr. David

Falcon News

From our youngest to our oldest Falcons, time to be creative through art is a special time of the day. We love to see the students engaged and challenged as they create their works of art. Mrs. Honse, our art and religion teacher, also offers an after school Art Club to our older grades who meet monthly for extra time to grow as artist.

Playdough in Preschool

Textured Landscapes

Weaving in Art Club

St. Catherine of Bologna is the patron saint of artists. She was an Italian nun who excelled at painting, and was also known for her writing of poetry and spiritual guides.

Calendar of Events

September 15 - Falcon Spirit Day
September 18 - 1st Quarter Midterm & MAP ELA Test
September 22 - Falcon Spirit Day & Jr High Service Project
September 23 - MAP Science Test
September 25 - 5th Grade Field Trip
September 26 - School Picture Day & Hot Lunch
September 29 - Hot Sloppy Joe Sandwich Day
October 2 - Jr High Field Trip

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