SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA
A MEMBER OF ST. GEORGE DEANERY
25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 20, 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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Today Jesus is saying to us: "Why are you idle? Go into my vineyard."
Family, where "the last will be first," is the "vineyard" entrusted to us in today's gospel.
Successful families are constructed by "laborers," who work hard on family relationships, and not by couch potatoes.

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Mass Schedule

September 22	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	Weekday ~ {Len Kruse}
September 23	Wednesday	8:00 a.m. Mass	St. Pius of Pietrelcina ~ {Larry Schroeder ~ Frances Schroeder ~ Frank & Bernice Schroeder ~ The Clem Schroeder Family}
September 24	Thursday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Weekday ~ {For The Parish}
September 25	Friday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Weekday ~ {Lucy Morman}
September 26	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Rosary
September 26	Saturday	3:00 – 3:30 p.m.	Confessions
September 26	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	{Nick Schroeder ~ Nancy Schroeder-Sparks ~ Max Schroeder ~ Kali Crego ~ Richard & Angela Knott ~ Grant Siefker ~ Elmer & Armella Kerner ~ Bill & Peg Myers ~ Len & Ruth Kruse ~ Norbert & Lorene Fuerst}
September 27	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	{Charlie Schmiesing}
September 27	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	{Elmer, Audrey & Susie Vorst ~ Pat Vorst ~ Pat Morman ~ Mike Warnecke ~ Dan Kleman ~ Earl Kleman ~ Tom Buettner ~ Elmer & Kathie Langhals ~ Jerry & Paula Stechschulte}

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Servers

September 22	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	Roger Wenzinger
September 26	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Brennen Langhals, Caelan Langhals, Ethan Basinger
September 27	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Alexa Kamphaus, Ethan Brown, Tanner Barto
September 27	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Natalie Goubeaux, Joel Vennekotter, Leah Vennekotter

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Lectors

September 26	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Marge Tabler
September 27	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Dan Maag
September 27	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Courtney Rieman

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Eucharistic Ministers

September 26	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Ken & Connie Kruse, Denny Ricker, Marilyn Siefker, Deb Siefker
September 27	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Marilyn Hoffman, Jason Brown, Kate Blue, Gib Kaufman, Judy Schroeder
September 27	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Lynn Downing, Anne Schroeder, Karl Schroeder, Cheryl Ellerbrock, Bob Maag

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Ushers

September 26	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Doug Roof, Don Stechschulte, Rob Verhoff, Mya Verhoff
September 27	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Eric Dunn, Ron Hoffman, Joyce Seyer, Joe Morman
September 27	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Dave Ellerbrock, Terry Giesige, Tayte Langhals, Caleb Stechschulte

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Parish Activities			***For The Week of September 13th***		
September	**20**	**Pre School Bible School @ 8:00 a.m.**	**Adult ~ 133**	**$**	**5,909.00**
September	**21**	**Benediction & Adoration @ 7:00 p.m.**	**Children's ~ 13**		**16.91**
September	**24**	**Parent Meeting for 1st Reconcilition**			**5,925.91**
		@ 6:00 p.m	**Other Income**		**72,855.51**
September	**27**	**Luncheon Father David after 10:30 Mass**	**Total Income**	**$**	**78,781.42**
			Expense	**$**	**44,108.51**

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300 Club Winner ~ September 19th ~ Emma Warniment ~ Ticket #234 ~ $100

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Klaira Rae, daughter of Kolt & Kelli (Vorst)Shough, 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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Marriage Bans I ~ Hanna Warnecke & Jacob Scavinski

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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 come & join us-no reservations needed!

Festival Wrap-Up Meeting ~ Scheduled for **Wednesday, October 7th** at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement.

Perpetuate The Gift ~ Please help support our retired diocesan priests. Our priests have given their lives in service to us and our parish, and we are most grateful! Please offer your gratitude for those who faithfully served the Diocese of Toledo by donating to the Perpetuate The Gift Appeal. Your gift enables them to cover their daily living costs which continue to rise. Envelopes are available at the entrances of the church and can be placed in the parish collection. Please make checks out to Perpetuate The Gift. Thank You!

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.

Benediction & Adoration ~ Will be on Monday, September 21st at 7:00 p.m. at church.

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

St. Anthony Youth Ministry: Ignite, Fan into Flame ~ Will take place on **Wednesday, September 23rd** at 7:30 p.m. in the Church Rectory. Please contact Nate Schroeder, 419-969-4894, with any questions.

Choir Season Is Back! ~ Practices will be every Wednesday, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. **Anyone interested in joining?** Please come to 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 26th**. 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. Saturday the 26th will be Session 3: The 4 Leadership Roles of Men.

She Shall Be Called Woman ~ Join us this week Sept 26th for session three "Living Sacrifice". Because God created women with the special gift of bringing life into the world, this week we are challenged to truly appreciate the feminine body. Doors open at 8 for light refreshments and fellowship with the program starting at 8:15. We hope to see you there!

Pat Birnesser ~ has recently moved to the Mennonite Memorial Home in Bluffton. As she begins this new chapter, a friendly visit or a note from her church family would be appreciated and remind Pat that she is loved and thought of often. Pat's new address is: Mennonite Memorial Home, 410 W. Elm Street, Bluffton, OH 45817, Room #112. Please continue to keep Pat in your prayers. Thank you to everyone who has supported us, prayed for us, checked in on us, and loved our family through these past several months. We are incredibly grateful, Tony and Kim Birnesser

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!

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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.

Purse Bingo **~** Purse Bingo will be held on **Saturday, November 7, 2026**, at St. Anthony School Gym. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and bingo begins at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are $40 each (buy 7, get the 8th free). Reserved seating is available for everyone. The evening includes 20 bingo games plus 5 extra purses, raffle items, 50/50, and heavy hors d'oeuvres and drinks. This event is a fundraiser to benefit St. Anthony of Padua School. Tickets are limited to 300. To purchase, please visit our St.Anthony Purse Bingo Page or email Stephanie Jesko at s.jesko86@gmail.com or you may text 419-494-9534.

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.

Protection of Children and Young People ~ The Dioceses of Toledo remains committed to ensuring the protection of children and providing a safe environment for all young people. If you have any knowledge of abuse that has been committed by a cleric or by any personnel of the Catholic Church, you are urged to report the abuse to your local police department, Children Services and the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at 419-214-4880 or by mail at 1933 Spielbusch Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43604.

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!

Walk With Us for Vocations **~** You're invited to join the Diocese of Toledo's Walk for Vocations, **September 27–October 1**. Walk one mile, one day, or the entire pilgrimage alongside Msgr. Tad Oxley, Fr. David Kidd, and Fr. Joseph Mominee as they journey more than 70 miles in prayer for an increase in vocations to the diocesan priesthood. Whether you walk or pray from home, your participation makes a difference. ***Each step a prayer for more priests.***

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

CCD Classes **~** Will be this **Sunday**, **September 20th** from 9:15-10:15 a.m. in the St. Anthony school. The next CCD class will be **Sunday, September 27th** 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 Father David.....

Dear St. Anthony Family,

Jesus told His Disciples another Parable about a Landowner who got up early to go looking for People to work in his Vineyard. Because there was so much work to be done, he went out several times looking for more workers. He last went out at 5:00 PM just an hour before the end of the Day and hired his last Laborers. He told his Foreman to pay each worker the usual daily wage as agreed upon, starting with the Last and Ending with The First. When the workers who worked the Longest were paid, they complained that they worked all day in the hot sun and thought they would get paid more than the workers who had only worked for one hour. The Land Owner told the man complaining that He was not cheated, but was paid the agreed to wage and as the Owner, he has "The Right" to do as he Wishes, even if he chooses to be "Generous". The Landowner showed Compassion to those who could not find work and helped them to care for their Family's needs.

In this Parable, Jesus is actually "The Land Owner". He gives "The Workers" an example of how to show Compassion to those who are less fortunate. Even though the situation might seem "Unfair", to the other Laborers, it was "A Blessing" to those who were hired at the end of the day. We are all called to show and "Live Out" this kind of compassion in a "Sometimes Harsh and Uncaring World". We are called to follow Jesus, Showing His Love and Compassion to those less fortunate, giving others the example of how to be Kind, Loving, and showing our support for those who are Less Fortunate.

We live in a World where many people often complain about something being "Unfair" and yet our Judgement does not always consider "The Rest of The Story". We try to think as God thinks and ask The Holy Spirit to guide us and Lead Us, as we deal with the Difficulties of Life and His People.

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

Falcon News

Spotlighting First Grade

Our first graders are taught by Mrs. Paige Miller. After learning several classic fables, our first graders took part in the Fables Olympics. Students competed in fun, hands-on challenges that connected directly to the stories and lessons. From teamwork and perseverance to honest, patience, and problem-solving, our students were learning, laughing, and putting their fable knowledge into action. The Fables Olympics was a GOLD medal success!

Calendar of Events

September 22 - 5th Grade Field Trip
September 24 - MAP ELA Test, Reconciliation Parent Mtg
September 25 - Picture Day, Golden Falcon Awards

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