SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA
A MEMBER OF ST. GEORGE DEANERY
26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 27, 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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In today's gospel Jesus asked, "What is your opinion?"
Why do we think our opinion is dogma or fact?
An opinion is only how we perceive a situation or how we feel comfortable doing something.
Don't argue over or become divided by "your opinion."

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Mass Schedule

September	29	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	St. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels ~ {Ivy Roethlisberger ~ The Roethlisberger Family}
September	30	Wednesday	8:00 a.m. Mass	St. Jerome ~ {For The Parish}
October	01	Thursday	8:00 a.m. Mass	St. Therese of the Child Jesus ~ {Cindy Irwin}
October	02	Friday	8:00 a.m. Mass	The Holy Guardian Angels ~ {The Koch & Ellerbrock Families ~ Joe Koch ~ 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}
October	03	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Rosary
October	03	Saturday	3:00 – 3:30 p.m.	Confessions
October	03	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	{Len & Ruth Kruse}
October	04	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	{Larry Schroeder ~ Frank & Bernice Schroeder ~ Frances Schroeder ~ The Clem Schroeder Family}
October	04	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	{Pat Vorst (KofC)}

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Servers

September	29	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	Alton Kiene
October	03	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Garrett Siefker, Lillian Siefker, Walker Sudlow
October	04	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Alex Meyer, Josie Meyer, Tyler Recker
October	04	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Avery Birnesser, Adrian Birnesser, Tanner Barto

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Lectors

October	03	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Nicole Wilson
October	04	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Ann Selhorst
October	04	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Lynn Downing

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Eucharistic Ministers

October	03	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Rose Schnipke, Karyn Kamphaus, Marge Tabler, Lauren Birkemeier, Beth Birkemeier
October	04	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Doug Langhals, Diana Kaufman, Judy Schroeder, Lisa Langhals, Marilyn Birkemeier
October	04	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Hannah Warren, Lisa Meuleman, Nathan Schroeder, Bob Maag, Sarah Barto, Alton Kiene-choir

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Ushers

October	03	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Mike Kohls, Brent Glass, Denny Meuleman, Bonnie Doty
October	04	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Dave Koch, Jon Diller, Matt Langhals, Griffin Langhals
October	04	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Ken Rieman, Dwain Schroeder, Isaac Barto, Logan Rieman

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Parish Activities

September 27 Luncheon Father David after 10:30 Mass
October 06 K of C Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.
Rosary @ 7:10 p.m.
October 07 Youth Ministry @ 7:30 p.m.
October 07 Festival Wrap-up Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
October 11 Preschool Bible School @ 8:00 a.m.
October 11 Miscarriage or Infant Death Memorial Mass @ 1:30 p.m.

For The Week of September 20th

Adult ~ 131	**$ 6,619.00**
Children's ~ 20	**29.00**
	6,648.00
Other Income	**1,615.44**
Total Income	**$ 8,263.44**
Expense	**$ 11,693.60**

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300 Club Winner ~ September 26th ~ Todd & Jennifer Pingle ~ Ticket #127 ~ $100

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Audrey Karen, daughter of Ethan & Cassandra Blankemeyer, and Riggin Alvin, son of Andrew & Taylor Schroeder, were 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 II ~ Hanna Warnecke & Jacob Scavinski

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St. Rita's Medical Center ~ Tom Kahle

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Come Celebrate Father David's 25th Anniversary of His Priesthood. The luncheon will be this Sunday, September 27th after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Come and join us!

The Word Among Us ~ The Word Among Us for October is available at the entrances of the church.

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!

Lector Workbooks ~ The 2027 Lector workbooks can be picked up in the Sacristy. Please check your name off when you pick up your workbook. 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.

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

Pre School Bible School ~ There are 4 spots left in Preschool Sunday School.

TMIY ~ Will be meeting on **Saturday, October 3rd**, at 6:10 a.m. in the church basement. The topic is: The Four Leadership Roles of Men.

She Shall Be Called Woman ~ Session four will be held on **Saturday, October 3rd** with doors opening at 8:00 a.m., session stating at 8:15. This week's session titled "Strength Beneath the Veil" focuses on feminine strength as a unique and mighty image which is needed in a world that is under attack. Remember weeks do not build on each other, so it is never too late to say yes to that Saturday morning alarm and start your weekend off with faith and fellowship.

K of C Trash Pickup ~The K of C will hold their Fall Adopt-A-Highway Trash Pickup on **Tuesday, October 6th,** at 6:00 p.m. weather permitting. Please meet at the school bus garage parking lot on State Route 12, east of Columbus Grove. Please contact Gary Hermiller at 419-642-2645 with any questions. Thank You!

K of C ~ The K of C will be meeting on **Tuesday, October 6th** at 7:30 p.m. in the church basement with the Rosary being recited at 7:10 p.m.

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

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

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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!

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.

Springs in the Desert, a Catholic Infertility Ministry ~ Our next meeting will be held **Thursday, October 1st** at 7:30 p.m. in the St. Joseph, Fort Jennings church basement. All women are invited to join us. For more information, contact Laura Tenwalde at (419) 303-5752. It is our honor to walk with you!

Accepting Donations of Furniture and Household Items - Ottawa Dropoff Location – For the non-profit organization, Off the Streets Findlay. New and slightly-used furniture household item donations help LOCAL homeless families transition into homes. **WHEN:** First Saturday of the Month, 9-10 am. Next one is **Saturday, October 3, 2026. WHERE:** 1206 E. 2nd St, Ottawa (Former WeatherSeal building by Putnam Co. Fairgrounds). Gate 5, then follow the signs. What is accepted: New and slightly-used furniture and household goods, such as dressers, dining chairs, small dining tables (no glass tops), end tables, coffee tables, nightstands, lamps, microwaves, regular sofas, chairs, vacuums, and coffee makers. NOTE: mirrors, mattresses, entertainment centers or sleeper sofas are NOT accepted. Most currently needed: couches, coffee tables and TV stands.

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

CCD Classes ~ Will be this **Sunday**, **September 27th** from 9:15-10:15 a.m. in the St. Anthony school. The next CCD class will be **Sunday, October 4th** 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,

This week's Gospel reading tells the Story of Two Son's. Their Father came to them asking them to Go Work in His Vineyard. His First Son said, "No I will Not", But afterwards changed his mind and went, probably because he felt bad for refusing his Father and Not showing Respect. Going next to The Second Son, The Father asked the same question. The Second Son answered "Yes Sir", but did not go. Jesus asked the People "Which of The Two Sons did his Father's Will?" The People answered "The First". Jesus then went on to tell them that "Tax Collectors and Prostitutes are entering The Kingdom of God Before You, because they did not believe in him".

God calls us to believe in Him at all times, even when we doubt or are tired or frustrated. Great Sinners are welcomed into Heaven before others because of their Belief In a God who forgives those who fall, but eventually find God's Truth, and commit themselves to Him completely. May we work Daily at Eliminating All Doubts and Find in Ourselves The Trust that never Fails to Seek, To Find, and to Believe in God Totally and without Reservation.

Last May, I gathered with Other Priests Celebrating The "Special Anniversaries" of Our Priesthood. I was Ordained a Priest on June 9th 2001 by Bishop James Hoffman and will never forget this "Holy Day". God willing I will Celebrate 50 years as a Priest in 2051 at 94! But Honestly, I doubt I will be around at that time. I will always Pray For and Remember The Parishes I've served and Especially The People I've had The Pleasure of Loving. I am glad that this Ordination Anniversary fell within my Pastorate Here at St. Anthony of Padua and Thank You for The Love and Acceptance you've given me. We have done some Great Things Together, and I Hope to do so much more before my time has Expired. I Promise to Always Pray for You and Love You, and ask for Your Prayers and Forgiveness for any Failings I have, Knowing that With God and His Holy Spirit, I will Always do His Will.

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

Falcon News

Spotlighting Second Grade

Our second graders are taught by Miss Alyssa Gerten. They have been learning all about animal biodiversity and habitats. During their unit, they enjoyed a hands-on activity where they made bird feeders. To wrap up their learning each student designed their own unique animal, creating a habitat for it, and sharing interesting information about their creation. Students had the opportunity to walk around the classroom, visit their classmates' creations, and learn all about the amazing new animals they invented!

Calendar of Events

October 1 - Jr. High Field Trip
October 5 - Hot Sandwich Day
October 7 - School Advisory Council

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