SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA
A MEMBER OF ST. GEORGE DEANERY
29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 18, 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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Jesus was exasperated when he scolded: "Why do you put me to the test?" It is natural for children to test parents; this is how they learn and how we teach limits, rules and values. Be like Jesus in today's gospel; He was firm, honest and direct.

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Mass Schedule

October	20	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	Weekday ~ {Pat Vorst (K of C)}
October	21	Wednesday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Weekday ~ {Art Aguirre ~ Maria Aguirre}
October	22	Thursday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Weekday ~ {For The Parish}
October	23	Friday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Weekday ~ {Living & Deceased Members of the Philip & Margaret Ellerbrock Family}
October	24	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Rosary
October	24	Saturday	3:00 – 3:30 p.m.	Confessions
October	24	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	{Al & Pauline Osterhage ~ Grant Siefker ~ Joe Blankemeyer Tom Knott ~ Richard & Angela Knott ~ Len & Ruth Kruse}
October	25	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	{Elmer & Kathie Langhals ~ Jerry & Paula Stechschulte ~ Leo & Gloria Wrasman}
October	25	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	{Elmer, Audrey, Susie & Pat Vorst ~ Kathy Hoffman ~ Dan Kleman ~ Earl Kleman ~ Tom Buettner ~ Living & Deceased Members of the Eugene & Shirley Maag Family}

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Servers

October	20	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	Alton Kiene
October	24	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Brennen Langhals, Caelan Langhals, Ethan Basinger
October	25	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Troy Kaufman, Neil Kaufman, Andy Kaufman
October	25	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Natalie Goubeaux, Joel Vennekotter, Leah Vennekotter

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Lectors

October	24	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Marge Tabler
October	25	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Dan Maag
October	25	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Karl Schroeder

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Eucharistic Ministers

October	24	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Denny Ricker, Rose Schnipke, Karyn Kamphaus, Deb Siefker, Marilyn Siefker
October	25	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Marilyn Hoffman, Jason Brown, Kate Blue, Gib Kaufman, Judy Schroeder
October	25	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Lisa Meuleman, Bob Maag, Wendi Wenzinger, Hannah Warren, Sarah Barto

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Ushers

October	24	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Doug Roof, Don Stechschulte, Rob Verhoff, Mya Verhoff
October	25	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Eric Dunn, Ron Hoffman, Joyce Seyer, Joe Morman
October	25	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Dave Ellerbrock, Terry Giesige, Tayte Langhals, Caleb Stechschulte

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Parish Activities

October	**18**	**Preschool Bible School @ 8:00 a.m.**
October	**18**	**Servers Training @ 11:30 a.m.**
October	**19**	**Adoration & Benediction @ 7:00 p.m.**
October	**21**	**Youth Ministry @ 7:30 p.m.**
October	**24**	**K of C Pork Dinner after 4:00 p.m. Mass**

For The Week of October 11th

Adult ~ 132	**$ 8,018.00**
Children's ~ 18	**27.00**
	8,045.00
Other Income	**212.00**
Total Income	**$ 8,257.00**
Expense	**$ 41,056.75**

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300 Club Winner ~ October 17th ~ Ann & Gary Selhorst ~ Ticket #3 ~ $100

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Mason Dean, son of Kody & Emily Griffith, 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 ~ Lauren Diehl & Trevor Taylor

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Parish Office ~ The Parish office will be closed **Friday, October 23rd**.

World Mission Sunday ~ Is this **Sunday, October 18th**. Gifts to the missions last year formed 41% of seminarians worldwide, built 751 new churches, trained 843,785 missionary catechists and much more. Please contribute to this year's campaign. Envelopes are available at the entrances of the church.

Adoration & Benediction ~ Deacon Ben Schroeder will be having Adoration & Benediction in the church on **Monday**, **October 19th** at 7:00 p.m.

St. Anthony Youth Ministry: Ignite, Fan into Flame ~ Will take place on **Wednesday, October 21st** at 7:30 p.m. in the Church Rectory. Please contact Nate Schroeder, 419-969-4894, with any questions.

TMIY ~ Will be meeting on **Saturday, October 24th**, at 6:10 a.m. in the church basement. The topic is: Developing Integrity of Action.

She Shall Be Called Woman ~ We will not be having SHE this weekend **October 24th**. If your heart feels drawn, please consider attending SPPS Women's welcome this weekend. SHE will pick back up on **Saturday, October 31st**.

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.

Adopt a 2nd Grade Family ~ St. Anthony Parishioners are invited to "adopt" a second-grade family by covering the cost of their 2nd Grade Retreat in preparing them for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and 1st Holy Communion. The retreat fee is $50 per student. The $50 sponsorship covers the student's retreat fee of $20 and $30 for a gift bag worth $200, which includes a beautiful large wooden crucifix! We have 21 students in need of a sponsor. Thank you for your consideration and sponsorship. If you would like to sponsor a 2nd grader, please contact the parish office by **November 1st.**

Baptism Classes ~ The next Baptism class (required for first time parents or encouraged for new parents who have not taken the class in the past 5 years) will be held on **Thursday, November 5th**, at 6:30 p.m. in the church basement. Please call Tom & Karyn Kamphaus at 419-615-8737 or the parish office at 419-659-2263 to register.

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.

Engaged Couples Conference ~ St. Anthony's Engaged Couples Conference will be held **Saturday, March 6th** 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.

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Connections for Autism and Other Disabilities Annual Fundraiser ~ Join us **Saturday, October 24,** at the Miller City Sportsman's Club for the 3rd Annual Fundraiser benefiting Connections for Autism and Other Disabilities, a local 501(c)(3) nonprofit serving individuals and families in rural Northwest Ohio. Tickets are $50 per person, may be purchased online or at the door, and include a meal and drinks throughout the evening. The evening will feature live music, silent auction items, raffles, Queen of Hearts, and more. Proceeds support our family resource bags, grants for families, and efforts to expand access to providers and services for those with developmental and learning disabilities throughout rural Northwest Ohio. To purchase tickets, donate, or sponsor the event in any way, visit www.connectionsforautismnwohio.org or contact Amber Niese at 567-825-1262.

Just by a Thread ~ Is the theme for SPPS's Women's Welcome Weekend retreat this year being held on **October 24th** from 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. and **October 25th** from 7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Sign up using the QR code! Any questions contact Faith Stechschulte 419-615-8214.

Columbus Grove Volunteer Fire Department Annual Hog Roast ~ Will be on **Sunday, October 25,** beginning at **11:00 a.m.** until sold out at the East Side Station, 209 E. Sycamore St. Drive-thru and pickup will be available. Enjoy BBQ pulled pork, baked beans, and potato salad, with meals available by donation**.** We will also have our Whole Hog Sausage Sale, with bulk sausage, patties, and links available in 1-lb. packages for $5 each. All proceeds support the Columbus Grove Volunteer Fire Department. We hope you'll stop by after church, grab lunch, and support your local volunteer firefighters!

Catholic Road DAY Trips ~ Join both, or just 1. **Registration ends October, 30th -** Amazing faith-filled and fun, *combining Catholic traditions & prayer with nature, history, culture & community!* 1) Ft. Wayne & *A Drummer Boy Christmas* on Thursday, December, 10th. Highlights: Tours of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception of Ft. Wayne and it's museum, Mass, the Botanical Conservatory including their Christmas displays, and performance of For King & Country at the Coliseum. 2) HOLY Toledo on Monday, January 18th, 2027. Highlights: Tour our Diocese Cathedral - renovations are being completed now, Mass at our 1st Cathedral: St. Francis de Sales Church, Tony Packo's Museum, Holy Toledo historian/tour guide joins us on our bus, with an upscale supper in the historic Oliver House. Departing from Ottawa Walmart. We pray & have fun on the bus too! For complete details, contact your Host, Diane Utrup, Glandorf at 419-306-5588 or LetsGoTravelAdventureClub@gmail.com.

Date Night With Fr. Nathan Cromly ~ For married and engaged couples Fr. Nathan is coming to Putnam County on **Saturday, November 14th** from 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. at the Kalida K of C Hall. This is his 5th year doing a Date night event here. There will be heavy hors d'oeuvres, beer, wine, soft drinks, and music throughout the evening. Cost is $80 per couple. To register visit the registration page: saintjohninstitute.org/sji-events.

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

CCD Classes ~ Will be this **Sunday**, **October 18th** from 9:15-10:15 a.m. in the St. Anthony school. There will be **no** CCD class on **Sunday, October 25th**.

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

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A Note from Father David.....

Dear St. Anthony Family,

This Weekend around The World, We Celebrate World Mission Sunday. Our Church has been a Missionary Church since its beginning. Jesus Himself was a Missionary, Spreading God's Word wherever He went. Even though we don't see Ourselves in this way, We are also called to be Missionaries in Our Communities and even in Our Own Families. By Teaching our own Children "The Ways of The Faith", we communicate the belief that we are responsible not only for Ourselves, but for all God's People, showing them The Love of God and letting them Witness it in Us. Envelopes for this Annual Collection are available at the entrances of The Church.

In this Week's Gospel, The Pharisees are once again trying to "Entrap Jesus in His Speech". They ask Jesus a question about whether it is Lawful to Pay the Census tax to Caesar or Not. Jesus told them to show Him The Coin that Pays the Tax and asks who's Image is on The Coin and who's Inscription. They answered "Caesar's", and He dismissed them saying: "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar", Disarming them and ruining their Plot.

Many Thanks to those who brought their Families and helped me in a time of need. May God Bless You for your Kindness and Missionary Spirit.

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

Falcon News

Fire Safety Day

October is National Fire Prevention month and our preschool - 3rd graders were recently had a great time learning safety tips, getting to spray the fire hose, and exploring the fire truck. We are grateful for our local firefighters and the time they took to make fire education fun, hands-on, and memorable for our students! May God continue to protect them all as they serve our community and keep us safe.

Calendar of Events

October 20-23 - DC Trip
October 22 - 6th Grade Service Trip
October 23 - NO SCHOOL
October 26 - Grade Cards Home

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