SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA
A MEMBER OF ST. GEORGE DEANERY
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 7, 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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Like John the Baptist, every parent "prepares the way of the Lord" in the hearts of their children. Advent is a good time to ask; "Do I help or hinder my children to know Jesus?"

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Mass Schedule

December 08	Monday	**8:00 a.m. Mass**	Immaculate Conception ~ {Frank & Bernice Schroeder ~ Larry Schroeder ~Frances Schroeder ~ The Clem Schroeder Family}
December 08	Monday	**7:00 p.m. Mass**	Immaculate Conception ~ {Ruth Kruse ~ Living & Deceased Members of the Eugene & Shirley Maag Family ~ Living & Deceased Members of the Bill & Marilyn Schroeder Family}
December 09	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	Advent Weekday ~ {Deceased Members of the Robert Kohls Family}
December 10	Wednesday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Advent Weekday ~ {Rose Mary Kiene Latta}
December 11	Thursday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Advent Weekday ~ {Thomas Gerdeman}
December 11	Thursday	**2:00 p.m. Mass**	Meadows of Ottawa ~ {For The Parish}
December 12	Friday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Our Lady of Guadalupe ~ {Frank & Bernice Schroeder ~ Larry Schroeder ~ Frances Schroeder ~ The Clem Schroeder Family}
December 13	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Rosary
December 13	Saturday	3:00 – 3:30 p.m.	Confessions
December 13	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	{Richard & Angela Knott ~ Virgil & Virgina Hoffman ~ Norm Kohls ~ Joe Morman ~ Dick & Dolores Schroeder ~ Dick Pohl ~ Living & Deceased Members of the Pohl & Nadler Families ~ Joe Koch ~ The Koch & Ellerbrock Families ~ George Ellerbrock ~ Living & Deceased Members of the Siefker & Schulte Families}
December 14	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	{Karl & Blanche Stechschulte ~ Dennis,Wayne & Ryan Stechschulte ~ Wanda Kiene ~ Darren Langhals ~ John, Nathan & Grant Siefker ~ Frank Miller}
December 14	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	{Living & Deceased Members of the Teodocia Maglinte Family ~ Living & Deceased Members of the Karl Hoffman Family ~ Living & Deceased Members of the Joseph DeJohn Family ~ Living & Deceased Members of the Lawrence Hoffman Family ~ Elmer, Audrey & Susie Vorst}

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Servers

December 08	Monday	**8:00 a.m. Mass**	School Mass
December 08	Monday	**7:00 p.m. Mass**	Matt Morman, Walker Sudlow
December 09	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	Roger Wenzinger
December 13	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Lylah Wilson, Tucker Wilson, Bryce Pingle
December 14	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Sarah Kamphaus, Alexa Kamphaus, Ethan Brown
December 14	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Ava Schroeder, Carter Troyer, Robby Schnipke

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Lectors

December 08	Monday	**8:00 a.m. Mass**	School Mass
December 08	Monday	**7:00 p.m. Mass**	Ann Selhorst
December 13	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Gretchen Staley
December 14	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Diana Johnson
December 14	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Courtney Rieman

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Eucharistic Ministers

December 08	Monday	**8:00 a.m. Mass**	School Mass
December 08	Monday	**7:00 p.m. Mass**	Deacon Ben Schroeder, Doug Langhals, Karyn Kamphaus, Pat Birnesser, Diana Kaufman
December 13	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Beth Birkemeier, Lauren Birkemeier, Mary Kay Koch, Karyn Kamphaus, Denny Ricker
December 14	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Gib Kaufman, Diana Kaufman, Rose Ellerbrock, Jason Brown, Marilyn Hoffman
December 14	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Wendi Wenzinger, Karl Schroeder, Jenna Goubeaux, Cheryl Ellerbrock, Nathan Schroeder, Alton Kiene-Choir

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Ushers

December 08	Monday	**8:00 a.m. Mass**	School Mass
December 08	Monday	**7:00 p.m. Mass**	Carl Warnecke, Joey Warnecke, 2 Volunteers
December 13	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Doug Roof, Don Stechschulte, Rob Verhoff, Mya Verhoff
December 14	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Eric Dunn, Ron Hoffman, Joyce Seyer, Joe Morman
December 14	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Dave Ellerbrock, Terry Giesige, Duane Vorst, Pat Vorst

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Parish Activities

December 07 **Pre School Bible School @ 8:00 a.m.**
December 17 **Youth Ministry @ 7:30 p.m.**

For The Week of November 30th

Adult ~ 147	**$ 8,390.00**
Children's ~ 23	**27.04**
	8,417.04
Other Income	**3,972.50**
Total Income	**$ 12,389.54**
Total Expense	**$ 19,158.20**

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300 Club Winner ~ December 6th ~Ron Hoffman ~ Ticket #275 ~ $100.00
Holiday 300 Club Winner ~ December 6th ~Alton Kiene ~ Ticket #52 ~ $100.00

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Marriage Bans II ~ Brooke Klausing & Devin Ricker

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Lord's Pantry ~ St. Anthony's donated **950 lbs** of food, paper products and other items along with **$727** in cash to the Lord's Pantry. Thank you so much for sharing with those who are in need.

Thank You ~ To our 2nd grade Retreat Sponsors. The 2nd graders enjoyed the Dragon Slayers Retreat!
Thank You ~ To our Angel Tree Sponsors. Your kindness and generosity will bring smiles this Christmas season!

Thank You ~ To those who participated in the baby bottle collection for Heartbeat of Lima & Putnam County! The total collected from the St. Anthony Parish and School was **$2,206.63**! Way to go! Your support in this way is a tremendous help to their ministry, allowing them to continue serving moms, dads, and babies with the essentials they need to choose LIFE and to thrive as a family!

The generosity for all of these events was greatly appreciated. Thank You St. Anthony Parish!

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Christmas Addresses ~ It is time again to remember our parish family that we do not often see because they live elsewhere or they are confined to their home. If you would like to send them a Christmas card or a friendly note, a list of addresses is available at the entrances of the church.

Volunteers for Christmas Masses ~ A sign-up sheet for Servers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Ushers for our Christmas Masses is on the table in the back of church. The Mass times for Christmas Eve are 4:00 and 6:30 p.m. The Mass on Christmas Day is at 10:00 a.m. Please sign up by **December 14th** so the bulletin can be prepared. Thank you for participating in our Christmas celebration.

Christmas Flower Fund ~ If you would like to make a donation to our Christmas Flower Fund in memory of your deceased loved ones, feel free to put their names on the envelope you will find in your contribution envelope packet. We will publish the list after Christmas. Thank you!

K of C ~ Will be leading the Rosary before all weekend Masses during Advent**.**

That Man Is You ~ TMIY will be meeting on **Saturday, December 13th**, at 6:10 a.m. in the church basement. The topic is: The Witness of the Apostolic Fathers.

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Penance Services ~ Area Penance Services for this Advent Season are as follows:

Tuesday, December 9th	**St. John's the Baptist, Glandorf**	**4:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.**
Wednesday, December 10th	**St. Michael, Kalida**	**4:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.**
Wednesday, December 17th	**Holy Family, New Cleveland**	**7:00 p.m. ****
Monday, December 22nd	**Sts. Peter & Paul, Ottawa**	**4:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.**

****Indicates Father David will be Hearing Confessions at that Service**

St. Anthony of Padua "Days of Grace" Confession Times
I will stay Until everyone is finished (Not Saturdays)
Every Saturday in December, except for Dec. 20th, 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.
Tuesday, December 9th, after 6:30 p.m. Mass
Wednesday, December 10th, After 8:00 a.m. Mass
Friday, December 12th, After 8:00 a.m. Mass, And at 2:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 16th, After 6:30 p.m. Mass
Thursday, December 18th, After 8:00 a.m. Mass, And at 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, December 21st, After 10:30 a.m. Mass
Monday, December 22nd, 6:00 p.m. Till 8:00 p.m.

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***Leipsic St. Mary Parish Mission* ~** Featuring professional comedian, radio host & speaker Josh Harris. Three nights, **December 8th thru December 10th** beginning at 7:30 p.m., St. Mary's Parish, 318 State Street, Leipsic, Ohio.

***The Serra Club of Lima Area* ~** exists to promote and support vocations to priesthood and religious life, will be meeting **Thursday, December 11th,** at Lima Central Catholic High School. Mass will begin at 5:45PM followed by dinner and a program. This month's program will be feature Deacon Doyle & Lois Erford and Deacon Matt & Nancy Kettinger as a panel discussing "Deacons and Their Wives - It's a Team Effort." If interested in attending, please respond to Kathy at 419-303-0339 no later than Tuesday, December 9th.

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

CCD Classes ~ There will be CCD this **Sunday, December 7th** from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. The next CCD class will be **Sunday, December 14th** 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,

As we Celebrate The Second Sunday of Advent, we begin to think more seriously about what we can do to "Increase Our Holiness" by being Reconciled and having Our Sins Forgiven and spending time with God at Mass, In Quiet Reflection, and in giving Alms and working to help those who have less, by being Generous and Kind. Our Gospel concentrates on The Arrival of John The Baptist who came to Call All Sinners to Repent and have their Sins Forgiven. John also was not afraid to "Tell the Truth" and challenged Sadducees and Pharisees to change their ways and change their lives lest they be condemned for their sins of Malice, Greed, and Poor treatment of God's People.

John then noted that while he Baptizes with Water, The One (Jesus) who follows after him will Baptize with The Holy Spirit and with Fire. Advent calls us to Prepare for The Birth of Our Savior and Redeemer. We are also called to be Truthful with Others and especially Ourselves. As we make Our Way through Advent Let us make sure that we leave time for Jesus. It can be easy to spend so much time Preparing, Cooking, and Baking that we can forget whose Birthday it is! May we find ourselves growing in Faith, Growing in Knowledge, and Growing in the Love of Our God and His Children.

St. Anthony of Padua, Pray for Us!

Fr. David

Falcon News

Careers in STEM

The 7th and 8th graders enjoyed an exciting visit today from a special guest speaker representing the Lima Memorial Hospital Laboratory. Sam Schroeder, a proud St. Anthony alumnus and the current Lab Director, shared his expertise with our students. He brought in a variety of real specimens—including an umbilical cord, eyeballs, a gallbladder, gallstones, and more—for students to observe up close. They also had the opportunity to blood type a sample and learn about the many fascinating careers available in laboratory science. It was an engaging and educational experience for everyone!

Calendar of Events

December 8 - Holy Day of Obligation Mass, Hot Sandwich
December 9 - Parent Guild Lunch
December 15-18 - Gym closed for team practices
December 17 - Christmas Program
December 19 - Golden Falcon Awards, last day of school
December 22 - January 2 - NO SCHOOL

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