SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA
A MEMBER OF ST. GEORGE DEANERY
THE HOLY FAMILY
DECEMBER 28, 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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Happy New Year!

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Mass Schedule

December	30	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	**No Mass**
December	31	Wednesday	**5:00 p.m. Mass**	7th Day Within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord ~ {Wilfred Warnecke ~ Karl & Todd Kiene ~ Ruth Kruse ~ Lilly Kruse ~ Jerry & Dorothy Goedde}
January	01	Thursday	**9:00 a.m. Mass**	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God ~ {Wanda Kiene ~ Darren Langhals ~ John, Nathan & Grant Siefker}
January	02	Friday	8:00 a.m. Mass	**No Mass**
January	03	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Rosary
January	03	Saturday	3:00 – 3:30 p.m.	Confessions
January	03	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	{Amos, Helen, Ivan, & Ron Verhoff ~ Alice Palte ~ Mary Ann Schroeder (CLC)}
January	04	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	{Darren Langhals ~ Frank Miller}
January	04	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	{George Wyant ~ Robert Gerding ~ Rob Gerding ~ Karl & Betty Schumacher}

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Servers

December	30	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	**No Mass**
December	31	Wednesday	**5:00 p.m. Mass**	Ethan Brown, Easton Stechschulte
January	01	Thursday	**9:00 a.m. Mas**s	Matt Morman, Jacob Kamphaus, Savannah Kamphaus
January	03	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Bryce Pingle, Brynn Pingle, Tanner Barto
January	04	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Troy Kaufman, Neil Kaufman, Andy Kaufman
January	04	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Avery Birnesser, Adrian Birnesser, Sophie Ellerbrock

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Lectors

December	31	Wednesday	**5:00 p.m. Mass**	Diana Johnson
January	01	Thursday	**9:00 a.m. Mas**s	Ann Selhorst
January	03	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Gretchen Staley
January	04	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Ann Selhorst
January	04	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Jacob Leopold

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Eucharistic Ministers

December	31	Wednesday	**5:00 p.m. Mass**	Rose Schnipke, Connie & Ken Kruse, Beth Birkemeier, Anne Schroeder
January	01	Thursday	**9:00 a.m. Mass**	Diana Kaufman, Marilyn Birkemeier, Kate Blue, Deacon Ben Schroeder, Marge Tabler
January	03	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Bill Schroeder, Lindsay Peck, Karyn Kamphaus, Ken & Connie Kruse
January	04	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Doug Langhals, Dan Maag, Diana Kaufman, Judy Schroeder, Marilyn Birkemeier
January	04	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Kelly Honse, Karl Schroeder, Hannah Warren, Nathan Schroeder, Wendi Wenzinger

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Ushers

December	31	Wednesday	**5:00 p.m. Mass**	Dwain Schroeder, Dale Schroeder, 2 Volunteers
January	01	Thursday	**9:00 a.m. Mas**s	Joyce Seyer, 3 Volunteers
January	03	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Mass	Mike Recker, Tyler Recker, Tim Reimund, Aaron Siefker
January	04	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Craig Kaufman, Len Kaufman, Carl Warnecke, Gib Kaufman
January	04	Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Al Schroeder, Dale Schroeder, Roger Wenzinger, Mike Brodwolf

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Parish Activities		***For The Week of December 21st***	
January 04	**Pre School Bible School @ 8:00 a.m.**	**Adult ~ 177**	**$ 8,665.28**
January 06	**K of C Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.**	**Children's ~ 19**	**20.00**
	Rosary @ 7:10 p.m.		**8,685.28**
January 07	**Youth Ministry @ 7:30 p.m.**	**Other Income**	**1,312.00**
January 13	**Rosary Guild @ 10:30 a.m.**	**Total Income**	**$ 9,997.28**
		Total Expense	**$ 13,179.74**

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Parish Office ~ The parish office will be closed **Thursday, January 1st** and **Friday, January 2nd** in observance of the New Year.

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

2025 Retirement Fund for Religious ~ Our aging religious need your help. They have dedicated their lives to service and caring for those in need usually for little to no pay. Your donation is crucial to provide critical support for their essential care, medicine and daily needs. Please give what you can. Envelopes are available at the entrances of the church or you can use the envelope provided in your contribution envelopes.

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

That Man Is You ~ TMIY will be praying the Rosary **Wednesday, January 7th** at 7:00 p.m. in the church.

SHE ~ Next season of SHE, Shall be Called Woman, starts **January 10th**.

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

Rosary Guild ~ The Rosary Guild will be meeting on **Tuesday, January 13th** at 10:30 a.m. in the church basement. If you have any questions please call Mary Kay Koch at 419-236-9966.

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.

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K of C Beef & Chicken ~ If you are planning to use beef or chicken for your family parties, consider purchasing your supplies from our K of C. Below are the updated prices of the items available.

	Beef	**Chicken**
Case of 24 cans ~ 28 ozs.	**$ 220.00**	**$ 184.00**
1/2 Case (12 Cans) ~ 28 ozs.	**112.00**	**94.00**
Price Per 28 oz. Can	**9.50**	**8.50**
Case of 24 Cans ~ 14.5 ozs.	**124.00**	**109.00**
1/2 Case (12 Cans) ~ 14.5 ozs.	**65.00**	**58.00**
Price Per 14.5 oz. can	**6.00**	**5.00**

Call Dave Ellerbrock at 419-659-5833, Dan Maag at 419-615-2148, Gary Hermiller at 419-642-2645 or Len Kaufman at 419-659-6153 to place your order.

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Bibles ~ Do you need a special gift, for that special occasion, for that special person? Consider giving them the gift that will keep on giving ~ The American Bible-Catholic Family Life Edition. We have bibles in white or navy. We also have special wedding bibles. The cost is $45.00. If interested, contact the parish office at 419-659-2263.

Your Blood Is Needed ~ I'm sure that you are tired of hearing this BUT blood is always in demand. Sometimes it's needed for people who have been in accidents or have a medical issue and need blood on a regular basis. Think about if someone in your family was in need but there wasn't the right blood type on hand. Perhaps you've been told in the past that you aren't able to donate, things have changed over the years. One way to find out is to make an appointment at our next blood drive being held at the American Legion on **Tuesday, December 30th** from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Contact Callie Pingle at 419-230-2850 or Jade Roeder at 419-234-2302. These high school girls are sponsoring this important event.

The Serra Club of Lima Area ~ Which exists to promote and support vocations to priesthood and religious life, will be meeting **Thursday, January 8th** at Lima Central Catholic High School. Mass will begin at 5:45pm followed by dinner and a program. This month's speaker will be Fr. Jeff Walker, pastor of Delphos St. John, Spencerville St. Patrick and Landeck St. John. His topic is "College Campus Ministry - Helping our Young Adults Grow in Faith." Persons who have an interest in this topic or the mission of the Serra Club are welcome to attend as guests. If interested in attending, please respond to Kathy at 419-303-0339 no later than Tuesday, January 6.

Celebrating The Sanctity of Marriage ~ On **Sunday, February 15th** at St. Gerard Church, Lima. Mass will be at 3:30 p.m. followed by Dinner at 5:00 p.m. in the St. Gerard Church Hall. Dance begins at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are $40 a couple. Cash Bar. **RSVP by January 26th**. Contact Marilyn at 567-204-4745 to purchase your ticket.

The 23rd Msgr. Jerome E. Schmit Youth Foundation Dinner ~ Featuring **Tim Berta,** survivor of the 2007 Bluffton University baseball bus crash and author of Fielder's Choice: Honoring Fallen Teammates from Bluffton University - will be held on **Thursday, February 19th** at the Pinnacle in Maumee. This foundation benefits the CYO Athletic program, the Youth, Young Adult & Campus Ministry programs, and the Catholic Club, as well as providing 12 partial scholarships to metro-Toledo area Catholic high schools annually. Tickets are $60 each and may be ordered through the Catholic Club website (www.CatholicClub.org). Please email MSYFinfo@gmail.com with questions. Sponsorship packages are also available.

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

CCD Classes ~ There will be **no** CCD class this **Sunday, December 28th.** The next CCD Class will be **Sunday, January 4th** from 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.

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A Note from Father David……

Dear St. Anthony Family,

Just a Few Days Ago, We Celebrated the Birth of Jesus Our Lord. We gathered with Family and Friends and enjoyed great food, great conversation, and celebrated Our Families as we looked to The Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph to give us The Example of How to become "Holy Families".

As we raise Our Children and try to make good examples for Our Children to Follow, we look to Jesus, Mary, and Joseph for guidance to create Our Own Holy Families. Some may respond that "Our Families are far from Holy", But we must understand that we are all Examples of "The Process" to Holiness. Holy doesn't mean we or our families are Perfect. Striving to become a Holy Family is doing the hard work of Teaching, Learning, and Modeling "The Traits" of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

A judge once said that building a Holy Family requires us to "Make Sure" that Our Family Structure is built not to become a Courtroom, but to become a Confessional. If we follow the Example of The Holy Family, we find ourselves Encouraging, Forgiving, Understanding, Guiding, Building Up, and Never Putting Down. May we follow more closely the examples given by Jesus' Family as we work to keep our own families "Holy".

St. Anthony of Padua, Pray for Us!

Love, Fr. David

Falcon News

Merry Christmas

Our Falcons have been able to have a little fun during the month of December with special themed days helping to brighten our spirits and spread joy.

Calendar of Events

December 22 - January 2 - NO SCHOOL
January 5 - Welcome back to School
January 9 - End of 2nd Quarter
January 12 - Hot sandwich
January 16 - Hot lunch, report cards home

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