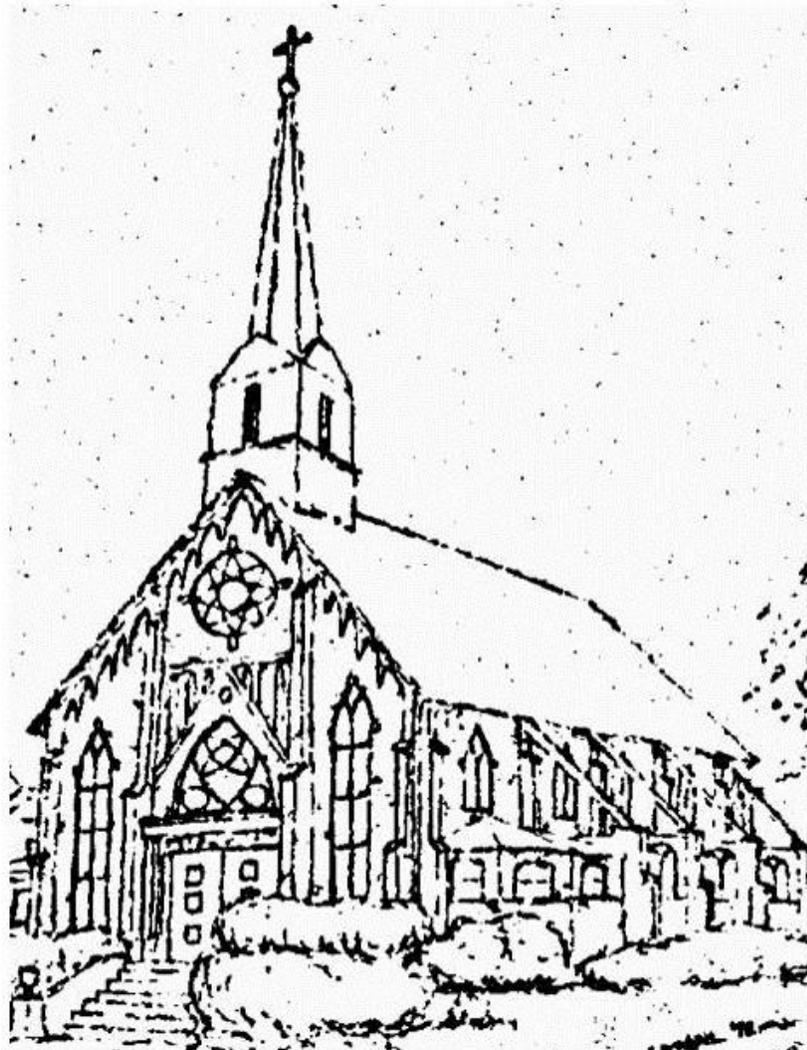


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Check us out on Facebook!

Prayer Requests

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| Kim Bazant | Carol Buckman |
| Caleb Clausen | Mike Curran |
| Shirley Cole | Katelyn DeRycke |
| Ron DeBrock | Abby Hahne |
| Gerald Foes | Reta Johnson |
| Lauren & Walter Hasbrook | Marissa Jean Marquis |
| Elaine Kelm | Ray & Alice Morman |
| Jim Moran | Ernie Salzmman |
| Shena Salzmman Redmond | Don Younggren |

Visits to the Sick

If you or a family member needs the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, it's up to the family to contact the pastor, whether in the hospital, another healthcare institution, or home-bound. If you need to be added to the Home-bound list and would like a visit with Holy Communion, please contact the pastor.

Please pray for our Seminarian,
Daniel Delgado Acosta
If you'd like to write him a letter his seminary
address is:

St. Mary's University
700 Terrace Heights Box # 1566
Winona, MN. 55987

St Patrick's gardeners will meet
Thursday Oct 23 at 9am for fall
garden work. Morning only. Any
able-bodied workers are
welcome! For info call Linda
Wright or Nancy Anderson.

"Brunch With Us - St. Anthony's Parish Center,
Atkinson, IL. Sunday, November 4, 2018
9:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. Free Will Offering. Menu -
Scrambled Eggs, French Toast, Sausage,
Ham, Fruit, Cinnamon Rolls, Cheese Potatoes, Salad,
Chicken, Dessert, & more".

Please consider offering
Mass intentions for loved
ones, sick or suffering, or
special intentions. We are
again very low on
intentions, especially for
week days. Please contact
Mary Jo at [309.241.7751](tel:309.241.7751).

Catechism of the Catholic Church – 29th Sunday Ordinary Time cycle B
162 Faith is an entirely free gift that God makes to man. We can lose this
priceless gift, as St. Paul indicated to St. Timothy: "Wage the good warfare,
holding faith and a good conscience. By rejecting conscience, certain persons
have made shipwreck of their faith." 44 To live, grow and persevere in the faith
until the end we must nourish it with the word of God; we must beg the Lord to
increase our faith; 45 it must be "working through charity," abounding in hope,
and rooted in the faith of the Church. 46

Parish Survey Results

Thank you to all who filled out a survey so far. We've had 20 parishioners respond. Again, the purpose, to encourage more involvement in the various needs of the parish and community life. You can still fill out a survey if you've not done so, online or by using the paper copies in the back of church.

One area a few parishioners wished for our parish was more participation in greeting of visitors. As always, an open and sharing community requires every member to be welcoming to all they meet. Every Christian encounter is best 1 on 1. In the parish church it can be done in various ways. It was mentioned that some parishes have lectors offer an opening welcome at the start of every Mass. Another is to have a dedicated ministry of volunteers scheduled at every Mass to give a direct 1 on 1 welcome to visitors and attending parishioners. Ushers are always encouraged to not only help assist parishioners in seating, and taking up the collections, but also welcome all newcomers. Not enough people responded to our survey to make a schedule of greeters. Instead, the lectors have been asked to offer an opening welcome.

Scheduling for Lectors, EMHCs and Ushers will continue on a rotating schedule. A few parishioners expressed interest in helping and they will be slowly added. No one offered to help with schedules. It's always up to individuals if they have a conflict on a weekend, to find someone else to take their place in a rotation. If you wish to change your preference for a weekend Mass different than what you are currently on, please drop a note or email the parish's email address. We can't make changes on a schedule cycle (2 or 3 month) based on an individual's vacation or travel needs.

As to services to the community, we had a good response. At this time, no new parish-based ministry is planned. Parishioners are always encouraged to go out and visit their neighbors who are unable to get around, at home or in care facilities; to share their faith with others, especially those who've fallen away; and to volunteer for community needs.

For faith development, several parishioners expressed interest in a Bible study groups and an adult book club. As was the case with the book club that reviewed *Divine Renovation* by Father James Mallon, its always a great thing for Christians to get together and study and share their faith. If a group wishes to continue or start up and needs some ideas for books, please contact the pastor.

One parishioner has agreed to help with the Facebook page.

Quite a few offered to help with an annual St Patrick's Party near March 17th. Always a good thing to celebrate our patron. Also, a good response to the idea of a monthly parish social in the hall. If anyone wishes to offer some thoughts as to how that would look and lead organizing it, please contact the pastor.

Over time the results will be looked at again when a new need comes up in the parish or becomes more urgent.