



St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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September 13, 2020 — Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary

A Message from Fr. Tom Donovan:



“If my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? Seven times?” (Matthew 18: 21) Ancient rabbis, taking the example of the prophets, observed that the Lord would forgive the enemies of Israel three times before punishing them. As a consequence, one might surmise that it should never be necessary to

forgive more than three times. Indeed, if one were to forgive more than three times, then does one unwittingly become an ‘enabler’ to the sinner’s sin? Do we forgive our spouse every time they leave their socks on the floor or fail to wash the dishes they leave in the sink? Maybe we are enabling that behavior by not confronting it, and thus we are complicit in the unrest that weighs against the peace in the household? Jesus busts this reasoning by saying that we should not simply forgive seven times (already twice as generous as what the rabbis taught), but we should forgive seven times seventy times. So, 490 times? Do we tolerate socks on the floor and the dishes in the sink daily for sixteen months (490 days) before saying anything?

The key to this question is to realize that true forgiveness is so much greater than mere tolerance. Forgiveness recognizes the seriousness of sin while offering a ‘way back’ for the sinner. Authentic forgiveness presumes and rightfully expects conversion of the sinner from their ways. Forgiveness will also deliver some kind of ‘cost’ to the one who is offended by sin. Maybe it is not a financial ‘cost’ as often those costs cannot be avoided when property is damaged or a payback is necessary to satisfy justice. But the forgiving party is ‘on’ to put aside the hurt and the offense and to welcome the sinner back as a brother or sister in Christ. This can be the hardest part of forgiveness, sometimes taking years to achieve. But to trivialize that process or short-circuit it with ‘tolerance’ where the offended party simply lives in an ‘uneasy peace’ with the sinner... who is the one that is harmed? Not the sinner, but the one who needs to forgive.

A trope in the press is to put a family who has been victimized by crime in front of the camera to tell their ‘feelings’ at the time of the conviction or sentencing or execution of a criminal—perhaps a murderer. The fundamental question is, does the punishment of the sinner really bring peace to a victim’s family? Normally it does... to an extent. The streets are safer with a criminal in jail. The process of justice under law is vindicated. Maybe the family has the impression that the criminal will be subjected to the horrible weight of divine retribution. In any case, the truth of the crime has been exposed to public scrutiny and society has rightfully condemned it—not unlike brining an issue “before the church” in the previous week’s Gospel. But if we rest at the condemnation of the sinner and do not seek reconciliation, then that satisfaction is only passing. Society typically forgets and marginalizes the sinner as he or she sits in prison, exacting its vengeance day by day as the sentence lingers. Time may heal some wounds for the victim or the victim’s family, but the experience of the trauma remains and sometimes grows as the years wear on, deepening the sense of loss and victimization and preventing final healing.

The cost of forgiveness comes by the way of suffering with the sinner. When a victim can come to terms with their loss in love, and then find the heart to extend that love to their perpetrator, then true forgiveness is possible. When a spouse can see those socks and those dishes and come to terms with this annoyance in love for their spouse, then forgiveness is possible. When the Lord God of the universe can look upon the world he created, see it mired in sin and disobedience, and then embrace it with his perfect love, then redemption of the entire world is possible. In the case of the criminal, the spouse, and the world, the only thing that can undermine that forgiveness is the lack of repentance... but that is on the sinner, not the ‘forgiver’.

Last week Paul reminded us that the only debt we should have between ourselves is the debt of love. We should not owe or hold over each other the just desserts of justice or vengeance. When we offer forgiveness to each other... true forgiveness... it is a restoration of love between God’s people. And so how often should we love each other? Let’s not be stingy. More than three times... more than seven times... even more than seven times seventy times. We should not limit the opportunities to allow works of love to restore our fallen world.

Take 2: Because of funerals last week, I was not able to get away for my annual retreat, therefore I will try again this week. The parish office remains open during regular hours and can reach me as might be necessary. Our Deacon Candidate, Dennis Holbrook will offer Communion Services on Tuesday and Thursday morning. There will be no Mass on Monday or Friday. St. Dominic School will have a Communion Service on Wednesday.

— Regular Mass Times —

Saturday: 4:00, 6:30 pm
Sunday: 8:00, 10:30 am
M, Tu, Th: 7:30 am
W (school): 8:30 am
F (St. Vincent): 10:15 am
Holy Days: as announced

— Sacrament of Reconciliation —

Saturday: 5:00-6:00 pm and other times by appointment

— Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament —

Tuesday: after Mass until noon, except when a funeral is scheduled



Mass Intentions

Mon., September 14, 2020

7:30 a.m. NO MASS

Tues., September 15, 2020

7:30 a.m. Communion Service

Wed., September 16, 2020

—at St. Dominic School

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Thurs., September 17, 2020

7:30 a.m. Communion Service

Fri., September 18, 2020

7:30 a.m. NO MASS

Sat., September 19, 2020

4:00 p.m. William Hays+

6:30 p.m. Parish Intentions

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun., September 20, 2020

8:00 a.m. Carlene Crawford+

10:30 a.m. Eric Weiman+

4:00 p.m. Clarence Genenbacher+

— Parish Office Hours —

Monday-Friday

8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Bulletin Deadline: Monday, Noon

St. Dominic School

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A Message from Mrs. Carol Frericks—Principal

St. Teresa of Calcutta — Our Holy Hero

During the month of September, our third grade class, along with their teacher Mrs. Meg Benner, lead our morning meetings and help us learn about the holy moments in St. Teresa's life, especially when she shared God's love with others. St. Teresa, who is also known as Mother Teresa of Calcutta, once said, speaking on behalf of the entire order of Loreto Sisters, "My vocation is to belong to Jesus ... The work is the fruit of my love and my love is expressed in my work ... Prayer in action is love in action." Our third graders have already helped our school notice that St. Teresa experienced many holy moments by putting her self interests aside and loving others unconditionally. As a result, we recognized the Fruit of the Holy Spirit that was most evident in St. Teresa's life was love. As Mother Teresa stated, "Love cannot remain by itself — it has no meaning. Love has to be put into action, and that action is service. The most terrible poverty is loneliness, and the feeling of being unloved." Mother Teresa constantly told her sisters that the best way to serve God is to do the next *loving* thing. St. Teresa of Calcutta is our Holy Hero for the month of September! We are also learning how to pray the Act of Love prayer below.

Act of Love Prayer

O my God, I love you above all things,
with my whole heart and soul,
because you are all good and worthy of all my love.
I love my neighbor as myself for the love of you.
I forgive all who have injured me and
I ask pardon of all whom I have injured.
Amen.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Monday, September 14th

Fall Picture Day at St. Dominic

Wednesday, September 16th

School Mass 8:30 a.m.—6th Grade Leaders

Saturday, September 19th

Holy Moments Mass 6:30 p.m. —3rd Grade

Wednesday, September 23rd

School Mass 8:30 a.m.—5th Grade

Thursday, September 24th

PTO Skate Night at Scotties Fun Spot

Wednesday, September 30th

School Mass 8:30 a.m.—4th Grade

Muffins with Mom 7:35-8:05 a.m.





Upcoming Events

St. Anthony Men's Society Drive Through Only Chicken Dinner-September 20

St. Anthony Men's Society Drive Through Only Chicken Dinner



Sunday, September 20th, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m..

Menu is 1/2 Chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, applesauce, homemade roll and dessert.

Cost is \$12.

Breaking Bread Books

Breaking Bread books are in the gathering space of the church. Each family should take one for their use to take home and bring with them each Sunday. The Pray Together Books went through the end of August so we will be going back to the Breaking Bread books.

PSR Classes

Begin Sunday, September 13, 9:00-10:15 a.m.



PSR: PSR will begin on Sunday, Sept. 13th, 9:00-10:15 a.m.

Pastoral Council

In October each year we have Pastoral Council elections. During the next few weeks we will help you understand more about the Pastoral Council so that you may be thinking if this is a ministry you might be interested in.

Qualifications for Membership: The membership is composed of parishioners who are willing to share their spiritual gifts and human talents in service. Just as the Council represents all the people of the parish in all stages of life, each member represents and is concerned for every person in the parish community.

Council members are chosen from parishioners who:

- a. Demonstrate that their faith is alive and active by regular participation in Sunday worship.
- b. Hold the Eucharist and other sacraments as essential to their faith thus showing their desire for spiritual growth.
- c. Are genuinely committed to the pastoral welfare of the parish.
- d. Are knowledgeable about the life of the parish and relate well to people by listening and sincerely taking into account the ideas and opinions of others.
- e. Are willing to give priority time and energy to the work of the Council.
- f. Are a regular supporter of the parish through service activities or financial support or a combination of both.

— Parish Data —

PARISH CALENDAR	
<u>Monday, September 14</u>	
7:30 a.m.	Men's Society Meeting
<u>Tuesday, September 15</u>	
7:00 p.m.	Finance Council Meeting
<u>Wednesday, September 16</u>	
<u>Thursday, September 17</u>	
<u>Friday, September 18</u>	
<u>Saturday, September 19</u>	
4:00 p.m.	Mass
6:30 p.m.	Mass (Holy Moments Mass)
<u>Sunday, September 20</u>	
8:00 a.m.	Mass
9:00-10:15 a.m.	PSR
10:30 a.m.	Mass
4:00 p.m.	Mass (outside)
<i>As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace (1 Pt 4:10).</i>	

WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING		
Week 10	September 5/6	Total Year-to-Date
Loose Collection	\$ 168.00	\$ 1,705.61
Weekly Envelopes	\$10,638.00	\$102,610.00
Electronic Deposits	\$ 0.00	\$8,490.00
Totals	\$ 10,806.00	\$112,805.61
Budget Goal	\$13,000.00	\$130,000.00
Difference	(\$- 2,194.00)	(\$ -17,194.39)
Counters: Monday, September 14, 2020: Bill Anderson Norma Weiman		
DEBT/ACCRUED DEFICITS		
Unpaid Diocesan Liabilities from FY 2018-19:	\$51,396.24	
Unpaid Diocesan Liabilities from FY 2019-20:	\$52,302.36	
ANNUAL CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL 2020-21		
Assessment (FY 2020-21):	\$84,218.00	
Pledged as of September 1, 2020	\$0.00	
Residual (due June 30, 2021)	TBA	

Parish Ministry Schedule - Sat-Sun, Sept. 19 & 20, 2020

	Saturday, 4:00 PM	Saturday, 6:30 PM	Sunday, 8:00 AM	Sunday, 10:30 AM
Key Minister/ Sacristan				
Lector	Mary Courty	School Students	Michael Kinder	Debra Woodworth
Usher	Bill Anderson Dan Reichert	Chris Ehrhardt Christopher Ehrhardt	Jerry Dreier Mark Frericks	Larry Weiman Mark Wellman
Servers	Emma Jennings	Noah & Adam Benz	Liam Johnson	Meredith Eversman
Greeters/ Gift Bearers				
Rosary	Pat Holbrook	Earl Boone	Melanie Longenecker	Janice E. Pohlman

In charity, please remember in your prayers: All Caregivers, The Shut-Ins of our Parish, Military Members and their families, Albert Huber Barbara Boone Neva Nelson Mike Hildebrand Tanner Scranton Florence Griesbaum Susan Bauer Jackie Schieferdecker Marjorie Benz Tony Engels Paul Obert Kathy Neuser Sandy Brinkman Cathy Watson Ed Terstriep Don Talken Lynn Rakers
Also please remember in your prayers those who have died in 2020: Margie Niekamp Betty Lentz Clarence Genenbacher Ray Thompson Rollie Thomas Kay Orbals Ron Fischer Bob Krutmeier

Nursing Care Patients

IL Veterans Home

Jim Freiburg
Michael Hildebrand
Albert Huber
Paul Stupasky

Good Samaritan Home

Barbara Boone

SUNSET

Beverly Andrews

Bickford Cottages

Joanne Greving



A volunteer to **Team Leader for a Funeral Dinner Team**. For more information contact Tawny Benz 222-5996.

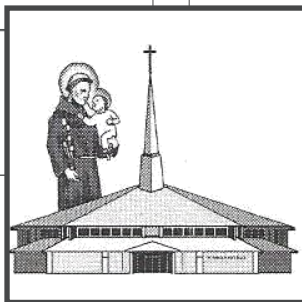


Weekday Mass Schedule: The weekday Masses (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday) are 7:30 a.m. at St. Anthony Church. The Wednesday Masses will be 8:30 a.m. at St. Dominic School.

Grief Share Cancelled

It has been decided that it is best to cancel Grief Share until further notice.

SEPTEMBER GROCERY ITEMS:
Toilet Paper & Laundry Detergent
The Ladies of Charity & Catholic Charities
Thank you!



THANK YOU from the picnic committee to everyone who donated to the non-picnic picnic. The picnic committee gave the church a check for \$14,000!!

THE BLANKET PROJECT is a ministry of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. St. Anthony parish has a group of women who meet once a month to make blankets for the poor. They are in need of someone to chair this group. For more information please contact Connie Maas, 217-224-0055 or the parish office, 222-5996.

The following **Protecting God's Children** sessions have been scheduled at Blessed Sacrament Parish in Quincy:
Monday, September 14th All sessions are 6:00-9:00 p.m. All sessions are held in the Leo Amen Room (cafeteria) at Blessed Sacrament School, 1117 South 7th Street. Access to the school is via the alley (south) side entrance. Please call 222-2759 (Blessed Sacrament parish office) to register for any of these sessions.

St. Dominic School has an immediate opening for a day-care worker for our Before and After Care program. Those who are interested in applying, please contact Mrs. Carol Frericks, principal, St. Dominic School of St. Anthony of Padua Parish, 4100 Columbus Road, Quincy, IL 62305 at the school office 217-224-0041. This daycare worker position is a 10-15 hour per week position with times varying from 6:30 - 8:00 a.m. and 2:30-5:45 p.m. Duties include supervising play and homework with students before and after school in grades Pre-school-8th who are enrolled in the program.

St. Francis Solanus is seeking to hire a part-time cook covering the hours from 11:00 to 1:00 every day. This person will be helping in the kitchen to prepare food and serve meals. If interested, please call the school office 217-222-4077 or send a resume to lshepard@stfrancissolanus.com.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of
Ronald Fischer
Eternal Rest Grant to him O Lord,
and let Perpetual Light shine upon him.



AUTOMATIC DONATIONS to the CHURCH
This might be a good time to consider making your monthly donation to the church through "AUTO DONATIONS". This can be done through the parish office. This is the perfect way **NOT** to forget to make that monthly contribution. The transfer is done on the last Friday of each month.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of
Robert Krutmeier
Eternal Rest Grant to him O Lord,
and let Perpetual Light shine upon him.

Deacon Harry will resume regularly scheduled Baptism Training at 6:30pm on the first Thursday of the months of November, February, and May. He will accommodate persons whose schedules conflict with these dates. You may contact him directly (217) 224-1160 or call the parish office (217) 222-5996.



Safe Environment Program

TO REPORT ALLEGATIONS OF SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR BY CLERGY— EVEN IF IT IS IN THE PAST—INDIVIDUALS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CALL **THE DIOCESAN CHILD ABUSE REPORTING AND INVESTIGATION NUMBER (217)321-1155.**

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Birthright Bakeless Bake Sale

The unfortunate cancellation of the 2020 KC BBQ due to COVID-19 has prevented Birthright from having our annual bake sale, which normally brings in a generous amount of money that helps supply the needs of local mothers and their babies. Since we were unable to raise the money this year, we are asking families to consider making a donation to Birthright in the amount they would normally spend at our bake sale, (or any bake sale!) Bakers can also donate what they would have normally spent on time and ingredients for baking for us. Birthright would not be possible without the generosity of our wonderful community and we are so very thankful! If you would like to donate to our Bakeless Bake Sale, please mark your donation specifically for Birthright & drop off your donation at your parish office (and I will be happy to pick it up) or You are also welcome to mail it to Birthright at PO Box 407, Quincy IL 62306. Thank you for helping local women and their babies in need!

Patty Adams

Catholic Charities Food Pantry Worker position needed.

The position will average 24 hours per week. Applicants must be able to lift 50 lbs. and be able to drive a box truck (no special license needed). For more information please contact Erika Sutton at 217-222-0958.

St. Francis Solanus has an anticipated PE/Health position for the 2020-2021 academic school year. If interested, send resume, cover letter and recommendations to Lori Shepard at St. Francis Solanus, 1720 College, Quincy, Illinois, 62301, or e-mail lshepard@stfrancissolanus.com. Candidates must have an Illinois license and experience is preferred.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN WORKING IN THE ST. PETER SCHOOL AFTERNOON DAY CARE? St. Peter School is looking to hire 2 adult day care workers for our afternoon program. Those who are interested in applying please contact Mrs. Loretta Goehl, Day Care Coordinator, at tomnrets71@comcast.net or 217-779-1429. This is a 10-15 hour per week position with times varying from 2:30-5:45 p.m. Duties include supervising/working with students after school in grades Preschool-8th who are enrolled in the program.