



St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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December 6, 2020 –Second Sunday of Advent (B)

A Message from Father Tom Donovan

— Regular Mass Times —
Saturday: 4:00, 6:30 pm
Sunday: 8:00, 10:30 am
M, Tu, Th, F: 7:30 am
W (school) 8:30 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



Mon., December 7, 2020

7:30 a.m. Marge Niekamp+
Vigil Mass
 4:00 p.m. Betty Lentz

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Tues., December 8, 2020

7:30 a.m. Betty Maas+
 9:00 a.m. **-at St. Dominic**
 Rose Mary Benz+
 6:30 p.m. Rosie Goerlich+

Wed., December 9, 2020

-at St. Dominic School
 8:30 a.m. Katie Kroeter+

Thurs., December 10, 2020

7:30 a.m. Randy Brinkman+

Fri., December 11, 2020

7:30 a.m. Evelyn Genenbacher+

Sat., December 12, 2020

4:00 p.m. Joyce Taute+
 6:30 p.m. Parish Intentions
Third Sunday of Advent

Sun., December 13, 2020

8:00 a.m. Leona mast+
 10:30 a.m. Paul & Eadie Edwards+

— Parish Office Hours —
Monday-Friday
8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
 Bulletin Deadline: Monday, Noon

The **Second Sunday of Advent** always features **John the Baptist**, the strange figure of the desert, the son of a Temple high priest who went his own way in life, rather than follow in his father's footsteps. We hear the message of "comfort" for the people who have long-sought the Lord's deliverance. Perhaps we see ourselves those in need of mercy this Advent as well?

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is normally a holy day of obligation, but this obligation, as the Sunday obligation, has been dispensed by the Diocese of Springfield and Bishop Paprocki during the time of COVID. Nonetheless, for those who would like to go to Mass for the Solemnity, we will run with a more-or-less normal holy day schedule, with a vigil Mass at 4:00 pm on Monday, December 7, and then Masses at 7:30am and 6:30pm at St. Anthony Church and Mass at 9:00 am at St. Dominic School. All are invited to attend, taking into precaution the normal considerations of protecting one's health.

Christmas Masses: We are taking signups for Christmas Masses in order to make sure that we keep our crowds within the limits of the best practices for protecting our parishioners' health.

- The first Mass on **Christmas Eve** will be at **4pm**. We will fill the church to its capacity and then close the doors. Please, please, please... because many of the people we might expect at that Mass will not have read a bulletin or otherwise been to church perhaps over the year, we are asking our regular parishioners to please stay away from this Mass so that we can maximize our seating for these guests and, I pray, inspire them to greater and more frequent attendance by not having to turn them away on this special Solemnity.
- The **6pm Mass for Christmas Eve** is now full, and will not be published/advertised further.
- The **8pm Mass for Christmas Eve** is about half full.
- The **Midnight Mass at Christmas** is about half full.
- The **9am Mass of Christmas** is about half full.

I anticipate that the 8pm Mass will fill up during this coming week, and so I am announcing that we will have a **7pm Mass at St. Dominic on Christmas Eve**, on top of the previously published schedule. We will be setting out a sign-up sheet for that Mass this weekend and inviting parishioners to consider coming to that Mass. If you wish to change your signup time or to signup for a Christmas Mass during the week, we ask that you call the parish office during regular business hours. Your timely registration at one of the Christmas Masses helps us tremendously in being able to plan the times and numbers of Masses we need. Thank you for your cooperation!

The Annual Sausage/Pancake Breakfast will take place next Sunday, December 13 as a drive-thru starting at 7:30am. Thank you to all who have placed meat orders—despite the challenges of this year, meat sales have been very brisk.

Looking for Christmas Gift Cards? Don't forget the **Gene Grawe Fund** which is open in the St. Peter's vestibule during the week. In addition to providing support for individual school families, purchasers of cards who might not have a child or grandchild in school may designate the parish/school itself as a direct beneficiary of funds from Gene Grawe card purchases. For your convenience, we would be happy to place an order for your cards through the parish office during regular business hours, for delivery 1-2 days later.

Staff Bonuses: Each year the parish gives its parish and school staff a small bonus to celebrate the Christmas season. Because this year has been an exceptional year with its challenges and sacrifices, and because our staff—all of our parish and school staff—has worked with such devotion under extremely difficult circumstances during 2020, I would like to invite our parishioners to consider helping to make that envelope expressing our appreciation a bit more... substantial this year. From now until next Sunday, December 13, we will be accepting donations in the parish office in a special envelope marked "Staff Christmas" which will be used to provide a special additional bonus for our teachers, school staff, and parish staff for their outstanding work this year. I know that some families have had a very difficult year, perhaps even facing unemployment or significant health issues—do not feel obligated in any way to go beyond your means for this special project. Please take care of yourselves and your families. I also know that many families like to offer gifts directly to their children's own classroom teachers—this is not intended to undermine this either. Any funds received from this appeal will be divided *pro rata* among parish and school staff members according to the proportions they share in regular bonuses, which is primarily differentiated between full-time and part-time status. I, Fr. Tom, am not a beneficiary of any of the generosity from this offering, other than being able to tell our staff and teachers, on behalf of an especially-grateful parish, that their work has been appreciated this year. Thank you for your consideration of this request, and please join me in applauding the outstanding efforts of our staff this year!

St. Dominic School

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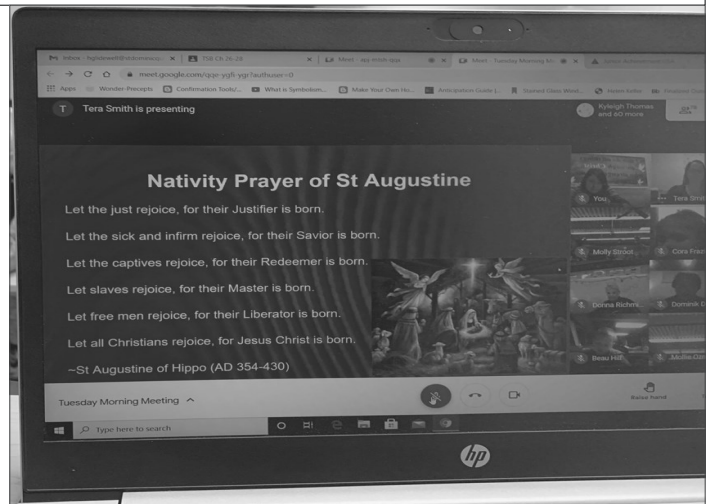
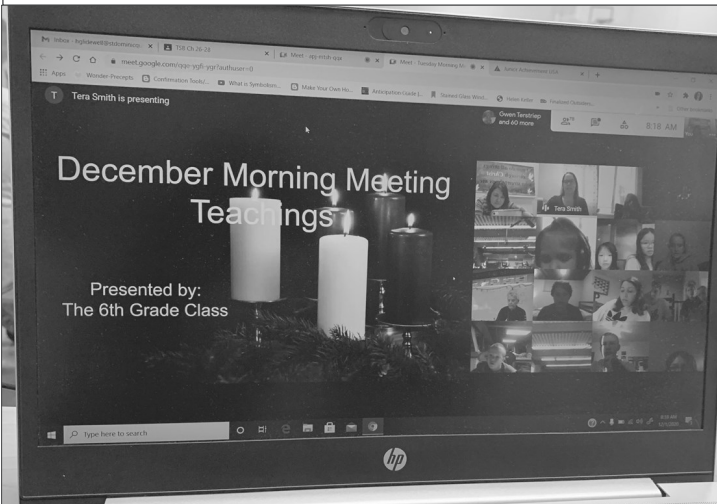
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A Message from Mrs. Carol Frericks—Principal

December Holy Heroes for Prayer, Patience, Perseverance

During the month of December, our sixth grade class along with their teacher, Mrs. Tera Smith, will lead morning meeting to help us learn about how our Holy Heroes, St. Monica and her son, St. Augustine, demonstrated holy moments of prayer, patience and perseverance. The first week of Advent helps us focus on how to give hope. The virtue of hope is a response to our desire for happiness, which God has placed in our hearts. St. Monica and St. Augustine showed us how to live with hope and perseverance in their hearts while praying for the conversion of others in their family. This mother and son Holy Hero team will help us learn how to live our lives as Christians who are patiently waiting for our Messiah to come. Our Bible verse is “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.” John 3:16-17.



During our Remote Learning time for K-8 students, our sixth grade class can lead our entire school remotely through Google Meeting for our morning meeting at 8:20 each morning. All classes log on at 8:15 a.m. each day.

Return to In-Person Learning

As we endure this brief period of remote learning until we return to in-person learning on Monday, December 7th, please rest and recover so we can all return to school together. From all of the reports of COVID to date, our quarantine cases should be completed during the first few days of December. However, if a member of your family has contracted the virus during this remote learning time, please let us know if he/she will be absent from in-person or remote learning and when his/her quarantine will end. We are very hopeful that we can all return to school in-person and symptom free on Monday, December 7th.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Tuesday, December 8th

Feast of the Immaculate Conception
9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Dominic School - 7th grade

Wednesday, December 9th

QND Placement Test for 8th Grade

Wednesday, December 16th

8:30a.m. Mass at St. Dominic School - 6th grade

Thursday, December 17th

Papa John's Pizza Night

Saturday, December 19th

6:30 p.m. Holy Moments Mass at
St. Anthony Church for 6th grade
leaders





Upcoming Events

St. Anthony Men's Society Drive Through Pancake and Sausage Breakfast **December 13, 2020** **7:30 a.m.-noon**



St. Anthony Men's Society invites you to their Drive Through Pancake & Sausage Breakfast on Sunday, December 13th, 7:30 a.m.-noon. Cost is \$8 per person. They are also having an advanced order meat sale: Sausage, chops, ribs, and cooked links in 5 lb packages. For advanced meet orders call 217-257-2108 no later than December 6th.

Christmas Eve & Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, 4pm. Mass at St. Anthony. *We are asking our regular parishioners to PLEASE not come to this Mass.* This Mass appears to have the most 'casual guests' who are not normally with us through the rest of the year and will not be aware of our new schedule. We want to be able to welcome and accommodate these guests as best we can. There will be no special children's program at this Mass, as has been our tradition in the past. When the Church (and parish hall basement) is full, we will likely have to turn people away or redirect them to an alternate Mass, perhaps at St. Dominic's or another church in town.

Christmas Eve 6:00pm and 8:00pm, Mass at St. Anthony. Note these new times for 2020. ***These Masses will be by reservation only*** and will not be advertised or published publicly so that those who have reservations will be able to be assured of their places. We ask our regular parishioners who wish to attend these Masses to sign up with the most reasonable number they can give us (*please do not reserve any more than you need*). Signups will be available in person in the church vestibule starting at NOON on Saturday, November 28. When these Masses are full, further signups will be declined. If both Masses fill up, we will either add a 10pm Mass at St. Anthony's or an additional Mass at St. Dominic's during this evening.

Christmas Eve—7pm at St. Dominic's. Starting this weekend, there is a new addition to our schedule due to reservations filling out for 6pm and 8pm at St. Anthony. Please reserve your seat for this Mass in the vestibule at Church over the weekend or by calling the parish office during the week.

Christmas Day: Midnight and 9:00 am. ***We will also ask for reservations for these Masses.*** If they fill up, we will add an additional Mass on either Christmas Day or Christmas Evening. As long as these Masses do not fill up, we will advertise them as

Christmas Cards for Nursing Home Residents



Please remember the members of our parish who are in a nursing home this Christmas by giving them a Christmas card (or it can be a letter or a note). It is more important this year than ever before due to COVID-19, as most residents are unable to see family members during this difficult time. Receiving a card during these times is one way to bring some joy to them. They also enjoy home-made cards/letters/photos from the school children. It means so much to them to know that our parish family is thinking of them.

Boxes will be in middle entrance of Church for each nursing home starting the weekend of November 28th/November 29th thru the weekend of December 19th/20th. Please drop the cards/letters in the boxes and mark on each envelope the name of the resident. If you are not able to bring your cards to Church to put in the drop boxes, please mail your cards directly to the residents.

Advent Giving Tree



It's time! This year, along with Birthright, we will be including as recipients our parishioners in area nursing homes to let them know their St. Anthony family has them in hearts and prayers. Please take as many angels as you'd like and return the items, with angels attached, by December 13 as we will be delivering everything that week. Gift bags are welcome but please no wrapping paper.

— Parish Data —

PARISH CALENDAR	
<u>Monday, December 7</u>	
<u>Tuesday, December 8</u>	
<u>Wednesday, December 9</u>	
<u>Thursday, December 10</u>	
<u>Friday, December 11</u>	
<u>Saturday, December 12</u>	
4:00 p.m.	Mass
6:30 p.m.	Mass
<u>Sunday, December 13</u>	
8:00 a.m.	Mass
9:15-10:15 a.m.	PSR
10:30 a.m.	Mass
7:30 a.m. -Noon	Drive Through Pancake & Sausage Breakfast
<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 22	November 28/29	Total Year-to-Date
Loose Collection	\$ 142.00	\$ 3,655.37
Weekly Envelopes	\$13,430.00	\$219,646.25
Electronic Deposits	\$0.00	\$17,480.00
Totals	\$13,572.00	\$240,781.62
Budget Goal	\$13,000.00	\$286,000.00
Difference	(\$572.00)	(\$ -45,218.38)

Counters: Monday, Monday December 7th:
Jan Obert, Nancy Speckhart, Jackie Marold

DEBT/ACCRUED DEFICITS	
Unpaid Diocesan Liabilities from FY 2018-20: (Oct 31, 2020)	\$89,198.60
Debt Reduction Envelopes Cumulative Collected November, 2020	\$4,785.00

ANNUAL CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL 2020-21	
Assessment (FY 2020-21):	\$84,218.00
Pledged as of September 1, 2020 (Reported Monthly Starting November)	\$0.00
Residual (due June 30, 2021)	TBA

Parish Ministry Schedule - Sat.& Sun., December 12 & 13, 2020

	Saturday, 4:00 PM	Saturday, 6:30 PM	Sunday, 8:00 AM	Sunday, 10:30 AM
Key Minister/ Sacristan				
Lector	Kathy Gehrt	George Benz	Mike Hummel	Kim Peters
Usher	James Lohman Richard Reichert Mike Zanger	Tom Boone David Vonderheide Kent Wellman	Ken Peter Dan Terwelp Andrew Veile	Diane Dittmer Greg Dittmer Jeremy Rose
Servers	Andrew Steinkoenig	Noah & Adam Benz	Liam Johnson	Aubrey & Ava Wellman
Greeters/ Gift Bearers				
Rosary	Norma Weiman	Earl Boone	Giny Baker	Chris Heintz

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, Dennis Meyer

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 Ray Stupavsky Terry Weills

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St. Anthony of Padua Church,

Nursing Care Patients

IL Veterans Home

Jim Freiburg
Michael Hildebrand
Albert Huber
Paul Stupasky

Good Samaritan Home

Barbara Boone

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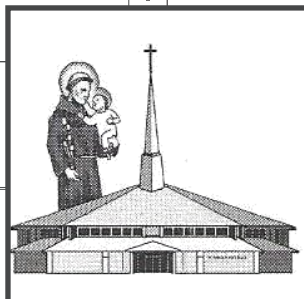
Beverly Andrews

Bickford Cottages

Joanne Greving

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 Preschool-8th who are enrolled in the

The Annual St. Anthony Ladies Christmas Dinner has been cancelled this year to help keep everyone safe.



We are in need of a **server for Tuesday morning Mass at 7:30 a.m.**

A volunteer to be **Team Leader for a Funeral Dinner Team.** For more information contact Tawny Benz 222-5996. Responsibilities include setting the menu, shop

for supplies, and call volunteers. Tawny or Bonnie Grist will train anyone interested.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: In order to be published in the bulletin the donations for the flowers to decorate the church at Christmas will need to be sent in by December 13th. Thank you.

Protecting God's Children ONLINE: During the Covid-19, you have the opportunity to complete this one time training online. For more information please contact the parish office 222-5996 or email bulletin@stanthonypadua.org and we will email the instructions to you.



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



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Virginia Vahle**
Eternal Rest Grant to her O Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine upon her.



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

COLLECTING SOCKS & UNDERWEAR From now until Christmas, our parish will once again be collecting new socks and underwear for the needy. Red totes will be located in the Church



vestibule for drop-off. All sizes are needed for men, women, boys and girls. All donations will stay local and support our parish, school and Ladies of Charity. Thank you holy people for your generosity! Please call Dennis Holbrook with any questions, 257-4384.

Merry Christmas



DECEMBER GROCERY ITEMS:
Soup & Crackers
The Ladies of Charity & Catholic Charities
Thank you!



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.**

GENE GRAWE FUND Don't forget to purchase your gift cards at the Gene Grawe fund. The Grawe Fund office is located in St. Peter's Church Lobby and is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 7:30 am to 5 pm. Thursday 7:30 am to 7 pm and Saturday 9-1.

A Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my hear. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who advertises on our bulletin. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

If you are looking for a service please take a look at those who are supporting our parish by advertising on the bulletin cover.

Christmas Midnight Mass Choir

If you would like to sing at the Christmas Midnight Mass on December 24th, please join us in rehearsal on Thursday evenings from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at St. Anthony's Church on December 10 and 17th. For more information, contact Mecki Kosin at mecki@travelhouseofquincy.com, or call 217-779-0152.

