



# St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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## December 13, 2020—Third Sunday of Advent (B)

### A Message from Father Tom Donovan



The “rose” weekends of Advent and Lent, I think, serve as ‘reality checks’ for the preparation seasons before Christmas and Easter. In Lent, the Fourth Sunday in Rose, “Laetare Sunday,” falls at just past the half-way point to encourage the faithful to keep up with their fasting and penance and prayer, perhaps started with zeal on Ash Wednesday, but flagging after several weeks. It serves as an encouragement to re-invigorate those resolutions which have fallen by the wayside, so that

one can complete Lent well. The Advent season is much shorter, and its penitential character is somewhat different, but this Third Week of Advent is a milestone in our preparations. Christmas will be here in just two weeks. Have he heard the voice of the prophets and taken comfort in our God who loves us and desires to save us? Are we even more hungry for the gifts of salvation given at Christmas? Has the example of the Blessed Virgin inspired us to being ever-more perfect in our “yes” to God? Are we ready for Christmas, both in history and at the end of time?

I look at these Rose weekends not as simply ‘marking time’, though. Rose is a sign that even as we wait, the Lord is here among us now. Even as we wait, the Kingdom is here in our midst. Even as we struggle to find unity and reconciliation with God and neighbor, the Holy Spirit is given to make us holy. The red of Advent Rose is not the flashy-red of Pentecost. It is not the zealous red of martyr’s blood. It is not the bloody red of victim and sacrifice. It is a modest, humble red... a softer red... a nuanced red. The Holy Spirit lurks behind the season in subtle, almost inaudible, invisible ways. The Holy Spirit is veiled in the mystery of a Virgin who bore a child, the Eternal Word of God, while hidden in a stable. The Holy Spirit labors quietly to bring to perfection and satisfaction those who cry out from their own ‘poverty of spirit’ and need for God. The Third Sunday of Advent is, if you will, a ‘small Pentecost’ right in the middle of Advent, but without the all drama. God draws near his people through the seemingly-mundane events of everyday life. So we wear the rose vestments and light the rose candles displaying the more restrained hues of red to honor God’s simplicity and humility. We proclaim “Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice!” It is a small Pentecost to reveal the Lord presently in our midst, even as we long for his final coming.

Joyfully receive this outpouring of the Spirit at this unexpected time in our preparations! Embrace the Word, laboring to be revealed in his Holy People through the power and invitation of the Spirit. In this we prepare well for the coming of our Lord at Christmas.

Update of Christmas Masses: Mass at Christmas Eve at 6pm and 8pm at St. Anthony Church is now officially ‘full’ and will not be advertised in our Christmas Masses. Those who are signed up will have seats available to them for those celebrations. Our “public” Mass Schedule as of now stands:

- Christmas Eve: 4:00 pm St. Anthony
- 7:00 pm St. Dominic
- Christmas Day: Midnight, St. Anthony
- 9:00 am St. Anthony

If any of these Mass times should full up, they will be taken off the public schedule and another Mass will be added to accommodate those who wish to celebrate Christmas with us.

If you have been taking advantage of our parish-wide subscription to FORMED, you have probably noticed their daily series, *The Road to Bethlehem* with Dr. Tim Gray. Each day in less than 5 minutes, Dr. Gray provides a short orientation to the day, the celebration of the saints, and the reading of the scriptures. There is also a children’s advent series featuring the animated character “Brother Francis”. You can watch this series on your computer or smart phone. To get involved with formed, go to <http://signup.formed.org> and simply enter our Zip code (62305) and select our parish: St. Anthony of Padua (Quincy).

FORMED

### Daily Reflections and Enrichment for Advent

Sign up at [FORMED.org/advent](http://FORMED.org/advent)



#### — 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



### Mass Intentions

#### Mon., December 14, 2020

7:30 a.m. Pat Dieker+

#### Tues., December 15, 2020

7:30 a.m. Roger K. Boone+

#### Wed., December 16, 2020

-at St. Dominic School

8:30 a.m. Dee Siebers+

#### Thurs., December 17, 2020

9:00 a.m. Joe Grawe+

#### Fri., December 18, 2020

7:30 a.m. Betty Kamphaus+

#### Sat., December 19, 2020

4:00 p.m. Katie Kroeter+

6:30 p.m. Timothy Haley+

#### Fourth Sunday of Advent

#### Sun., December 20, 2020

8:00 a.m. Parish Intentions

10:30 a.m. Greg Wellman+

#### — Parish Office Hours —

Monday-Friday

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

Bulletin Deadline: Monday, Noon

# St. Dominic School

4100 Columbus Road — Quincy, Illinois 62305

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## A Message from Mrs. Carol Frericks—Principal

### Advent Prepares Our School Family For Christmas

During the month of December, we have embraced traditional themes for each week of Advent. Every week, we pray and prepare for ways to recognize the mercy that is present through the grace of God, to both give grace and receive it. During the first week, we prayed and prepared for ways to **give hope** and open our hearts to what is holy. The second week we focused on **sharing peace** with those around us. Next week we will pray and practice how to **bring joy** to others — the joy that comes from God who graces us with every good thing and His unconditional love. As we prepare during the last week before Christmas, we will learn how to **live love**. Love, or charity, is the third and greatest virtue after faith and hope. As we move into the Christmas season, to **live love** is to embrace the example that Jesus gave us. It is to keep in mind those who need us and to go a step beyond our duty — to choose love for them and of them, above and beyond our own interests. Jesus, thank you for the gift of love you are to our school family!



During our Advent journey, we celebrated an important Feast Day—The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. We remembered that Mary was created perfect and sinless. Mary also had free will. She said YES to the will of God and became the Mother of Jesus. We are so thankful to celebrate Mass at school!



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**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 6<sup>th</sup> grade leaders

**December 21st — January 1st**

Christmas Break — No School





# 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 at this hour. 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 6:00 p.m. Reservations are closed.

Christmas Eve 7:00 p.m. (This is a new Mass added to be held at St. Dominic School) Reservations are needed and sign up sheet is in the vestibule of the church.

Christmas Eve 8:00 p.m. Reservations are closed.

Midnight Mass Reservations are needed and sign up sheet is in the vestibule of the church.

Christmas Day 9:00 a.m Reservations are needed and sign up sheet is in the vestibule of the church.

**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 14</u>	7:30 p.m. Men's Society Meeting
<u>Tuesday, December 15</u>	7:00 p.m. Finance Council Meeting
<u>Wednesday, December 16</u>	
<u>Thursday, December 17</u>	
<u>Friday, December 17</u>	
<u>Saturday, December 18</u>	4:00 p.m. Mass 6:30 p.m. Mass (Holy Moments Mass)
<u>Sunday, December 19</u>	8:00 a.m. Mass 9:15-10:15 a.m. PSR 10:30 a.m. Mass
<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 23	December 5/6	Total Year-to-Date
Loose Collection	\$ 166.00	\$ 3,821.37
Weekly Envelopes	\$11,595.00	\$231,241.25
Electronic Deposits	\$0.00	\$17,480.00
Totals	\$11,761.00	\$252,542.62
Budget Goal	\$13,000.00	\$299,000.00
Difference	(\$-1,239.00)	(\$ -46,457.38)

Counters: Monday, December 14, 2020:  
Carol Vogel   Vickie Arnold   Rita Goerlich

DEBT/ACCRUED DEFICITS	
Unpaid Diocesan Liabilities from FY 2018-20: (Oct 31, 2020)	\$89,198.60
Debt Reduction Envelopes Cumulative Collected November, 2020	\$5,922.00

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 19 & 20, 2020

	Saturday, 4:00 PM	Saturday, 6:30 PM	Sunday, 8:00 AM	Sunday, 10:30 AM
<b>Key Minister/ Sacristan</b>				
<b>Lector</b>	Janice Zanger	School Children	Cathy Carpenter	Sharon Phillips
<b>Usher</b>	James Lohman Richard Reichert Mike Zanger	Tom Boone David Vonderheide Kent Wellman	Ken Peter Dan Terwelp Andrew Veile	Diane Dittmer Greg Dittmer Jeremy Rose
<b>Servers</b>	Brennan & Ryan Venvertloh	Braden & Lydia Brown	Lily Florea	Joe Warning
<b>Greeters/ Gift Bearers</b>				
<b>Rosary</b>	Carol Vogel	Carolyn Waterkotte	Jerry & Trudy Dreier	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 Don Talken Virginia Vahle Ed Terstriep

**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

**St. Dominic School has an immediate opening for a daycare 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

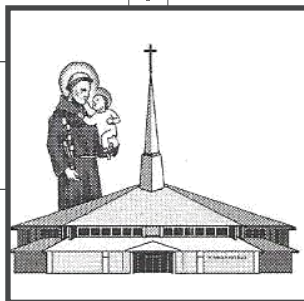
**The Annual St. Anthony Ladies Christmas Dinner** has been cancelled this year to help keep everyone safe.



We are in need of a **server for Monday morning Mass at 7:30 a.m.** Please call Paul Soebbing ,217-653-3571, for more information.

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.



**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.

**Postponement of January Session of GriefShare:** After serious consideration we have decided to postpone the GriefShare session which was to start January 7th. We plan to reschedule later in 2021 just as soon as it is judged safe to do so. This was a hard choice as each team member knows of persons struggling with grief and that there are others who we do not know who are looking forward to this session. We want to protect our participants and our devoted team. In the meantime, please reach out to team members. Our community is blessed with a wealth of counseling services if you feel the need for help. You are also welcome to contact Deacon Harry, Cindy Cramer, Jim Liesen or other team members with questions and for resources. While we are not counselors we can give you ideas on resources that are available. Thank you.

**Need help at Christmas Eve, Christmas, and New Year's Masses:**

- Dec. 24th: 6:00 p.m. need ushers  
7:00 p.m. at St. Dominic need a server and ushers  
8:00 p.m. need ushers
  - Dec. 25th: Midnight need ushers  
9:00 a.m. need a server
  - Dec. 31st: 4:00 p.m. need a lector and ushers
  - Jan. 1st : 9:00 a.m. need a lector and ushers
- If you are able to help in any of these ministries please contact the office 222-5996.

Thank you to all of those who are fulfilling these ministries in order to make our celebration of Christmas and New Year's special.

**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.



**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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**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 heart. 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 17th. For more information, contact Mecki Kosin at mecki@travelhouseofquincy.com, or call 217-779-0152.

**Knights of Columbus Special Christmas Eve TV Mass**

The Knights of Columbus will be having a special TV Mass on Christmas Eve at 4:30 p.m.

**DECEMBER GROCERY ITEMS:**

**Soup & Crackers**

**The Ladies of Charity & Catholic Charities**

**Thank you!**

*Third Sunday of Advent*

