



St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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May 16, 2021 — The Ascension of the Lord

A Message from Fr. Tom Donovan:

Pope St. Leo the Great (400-461) wrote in an Ascension homily: "With all due solemnity we are commemorating that day on which our poor human nature was carried up, in Christ, above all the hosts of heaven... it is upon this ordered structure of divine acts that we have been established, so that the grace of God may show itself still more marvelous when, in spite of the withdrawal from men's sight of everything that is rightly felt to command their reverence, faith does not fail, hope is not shaken, charity does not grow cold. [...] And so our Redeemer's visible presence has passed into the sacraments. Our faith is nobler and stronger because sight has been replaced by a doctrine whose authority is accepted by believing hearts, enlightened from on high... for while his glorified body retained the same nature, the faith of those who believed in him was now summoned to heights where, as the Father's equal, the only-begotten Son is reached not by physical grasping, but by spiritual discernment."



Pope Leo's insight about "Christ's visible presence [being] passed into the sacraments" brings into focus what we are celebrating today. It is fairly easy to see how the people responded to our Lord when he was walking the earth, teaching at the synagogue, and debating with the scribes and the Pharisees. There is a historical account of these deeds given in scripture. For the people of Jesus' own historical time, "hearing was believing". Did his preaching match up with what was understood about God and his kingdom, about the "Bread of Life" and the commandment to love God and love your neighbor? Some people believed while he walked the earth. Others didn't and walked away. Some, like Saul, opposed this 'innovation' in the faith handed down to him from the forefathers.

In our own day, we tend not to believe because of what we hear—hearing tends to have a secondary sensory importance in our thinking. We instead tend to believe what we see for ourselves. Thus arguments are minimized into sound bites. Sound is used to appeal to emotion and self-interest with a song or jingle... or relegated background music we might find in an elevator. We are less apt to engage and critique what we hear in this day and age, preferring to see the report and examine the situation for ourselves.

But would we really be in a more privileged age if we saw the Lord walking from village to village and even performing signs? I bet there would still be those who doubt or who would oppose him, even if they saw him in the flesh. Because of the faith called forth by the sacramental order, our age is not any less privileged than those who witnessed with eye and ear. We still have to see and hear and make a choice to believe and then make the choice to follow. This is the essence of discipleship.... hearing, seeing, following, doing.

As the Lord passes out of our sight and the ages and generations grow more distant from the historical events of our Lord's visible presence among us, faith now requires deeper commitment and greater openness to believing in that which cannot be seen. We are told in the story of "Doubting Thomas" (John 20:29) that this is a 'blessed' privilege to have this new kind of faith. Even so, it is hard for a mind formed by the natural order to make this 'leap of faith'. That's where the sacraments come into play. When we receive the sacraments of the Church in our day, we encounter a visible sign—a laying on of hands, an anointing with oil, elements appearing as bread and wine—all speaking to our human nature, perceptions, and experience. The Eucharist is a meal. Baptism is a washing. Ordination is a commissioning for ministry. The sacraments form and train us to look for the deeper spiritual reality of God truly in our midst. Participation in the sacraments builds the supernatural gift of faith within us, enlightening the eye and emboldening the spirit. Is our faith ever perfect in this world? No, but our faith becomes more perfect as we learn to accept God's graces with greater humility, discipline, freedom, and holy desire. Yes, the Lord has passed from our sight, but through the sacraments, the invitation to "follow me" is evermore urgent and evermore exalted. Now the path of discipleship leads not only to the cross and resurrection, but to hope in an eternal glory of the Kingdom which lies beyond our sight.

— 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 funeral



Mass
Intentions

Mon., May 17, 2021

7:30 a.m. Ed Ortbal+

Tues., May 18, 2021

7:30 a.m. Frank & Theresa Klausert+

Wed., May 19, 2021

-at St. Dominic School

8:30 a.m. Rollie Thomas+

6:30 p.m. 8th grade Graduation Mass
Graduates

Thurs., May 20, 2021

7:30 a.m. Betty Baker+

Fri., May 21, 2021

7:30 a.m. Debra Howell+

Sat., May 22, 2021

4:00 p.m. Joan Dreyer+

6:30 p.m. Parish Intentions

Pentecost Sunday

Sun., May 23, 2021

8:00 a.m. Terry Weills+

10:30 a.m. Jason Kasparie+

— Parish Office Hours —

Monday-Friday

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

Bulletin Deadline: Monday, Noon

St. Dominic School

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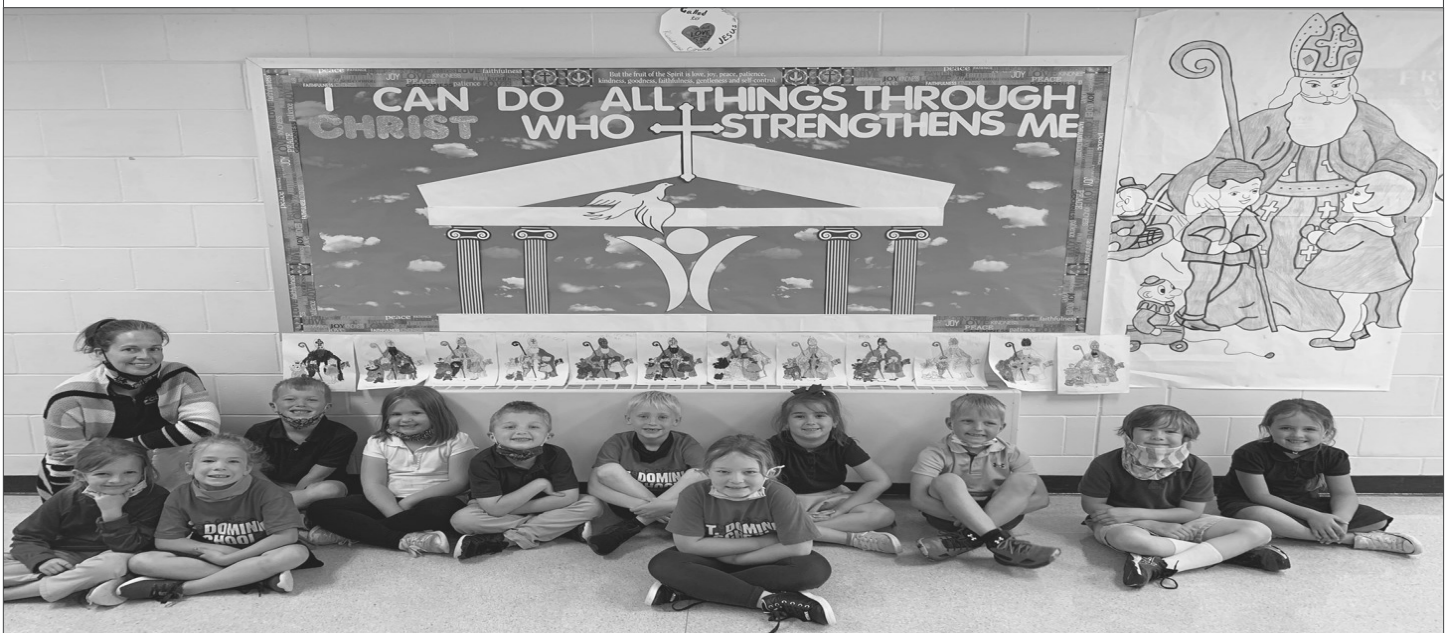
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A Message from Mrs. Carol Frericks—Principal

Kindergarten Holy Hero-St. Nicholas

During the month of May, our Kindergarten class along with their teacher, Mrs. Leah Waters, lead the morning meeting and teach our school about the Holy Moments in the life of St. Nicholas. During the meeting, we say the following prayer. “God of joy and cheer, we thank you for your servant, the good Bishop Nicholas. In loving the poor, he showed us your kindness; in caring for your young, he revealed your love. Make us thoughtful without need of reward so that we, too, may be good followers of Jesus.” We are also learning to recite the following Bible verse, “Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path” Psalm 119:105. As the youngest students leading the morning meeting this year, they are demonstrating the Fruit of the Holy Spirit – Self Control. All year long, this Kindergarten class has been watching and learning from the older students leading morning meeting. As they learned to pray more, study the Bible and draw closer to God, they developed the ability to use their own self-control.



2021 Annual School Fund Drive Update

Thanks so much to all of our generous parishioners and school families who have participated in the 2021 St. Dominic School Annual Fund Drive! At this time, we have received **215 cards**, which amounts to a total of **\$33,625.00** along with many gifts of prayer, time, and talent. We are **well over half-way** to our goal of \$40,000.00 by May 1st, 2021. **THANK YOU SO MUCH** for your ongoing stewardship and amazing support for our parish mission, which is to provide Catholic education at our parish school — St. Dominic Catholic School of St. Anthony of Padua Parish. Next week we will report our final amounts for this annual campaign and post all the memorials and special honors.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Saturday, May 15th

6:30 p.m. Holy Moments Mass for Kindergarten

Tuesday, May 18th

Preschool 4-Year-Old Graduation—Last Day

Wednesday, May 19th

8:30 a.m. School Mass led by 5th Grade

10:00 a.m. 8th Grade Honors Ceremony & Luncheon

6:30 p.m. Graduation at St. Anthony Church

Thursday, May 20th

Papa John's Pizza Night and PTO Family Fund Night

Friday, May 21st

Preschool 3-Year-Old Last Day

Tuesday, May 25th

School Picnic

Wednesday, May 26th LAST DAY

8:30 a.m. School Mass led by 7th Grade

11:30 a.m. Dismissal





Upcoming Events

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Each year the Pastor of each parish in the Diocese of Springfield is allowed to nominate a lady from the parish for the Woman of Distinction Award. The recipient of the Award is announced at the Mother/Daughter Banquet each year. We are happy to announce that the 2020 Woman of Distinction Award (was delayed because of Covid) is in memory of Sharon Maas (Melvin) and the 2021 Woman of Distinction Award goes to Bonnie Grist. Congratulations and thank you for all you do for St. Anthony Parish.



They will be honored June 5th at the Women of Distinction Award Celebration during a Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield.



2021 Commitment Card



Each parish family should have received a Stewardship Packet in the mail. In that packet was a ministry catalog and commitment card for the family and one for the children in the family. Commitment cards are to be completed and either mailed to the parish office in the enclosed envelope, put in the collection basket at church or brought to the parish office. These were due on April 25th. Thank you to everyone who has already sent theirs in to the office. If you haven't returned yours please do so on the near future.

Parish Office Hours for the Summer

Beginning June 1st the parish office will close at noon each day. The summer hours will be Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-Noon.

Mark your calendars!!!!

2021 Junefest, Sunday, June 6th

Junefest begins with Mass at 1:00 p.m. in the school gym. 2:00 -2:15 is the opening ceremony. 50/50 drawing will take place at the end of the event which is 8:00 p.m. There will be a car show, corn hole tournament, food, drinks, games and activities, basket raffle and more.

St. Anthony Church Picnic, Saturday, July 17th

Mass at 4:00 p.m. Picnic begins at 5 p.m.-midnight

Raffle (\$2000 in prizes), Silent Auction, Basket Raffle, Live Music by Hearsay, Air-conditioned Bingo, Country Store, Kiddieland with Crafts, Games and Rides. Fun and Food for the whole family!!!

— Parish Data —

PARISH CALENDAR	
<u>Monday, May 17</u> 6:30 p.m.	We Care
<u>Tuesday, May 18</u> 7:00 p.m.	Finance Council
<u>Wednesday, May 19</u> 6:30 p.m.	St. Dominic 8th Grade Graduation Mass
<u>Thursday, May 20</u> 6:00 p.m.	Grief Share
<u>Friday, May 21</u>	
<u>Saturday, May 22</u> 4:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Mass Mass
<u>Sunday, May 23</u> 8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Mass 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 45	May 8/9	Total Year-to-Date
Loose Collection	\$ 413.25	\$ 10,249.23
Weekly Envelopes	\$ 12,556.00	\$472,962.73
Electronic Deposits	\$ 0.00	\$44,855.00
Totals	\$12,969.25	\$528,066.96
Budget Goal	\$13,000.00	\$585,000.00
Difference	(\$ -30.75)	(\$ -56,933.04)
Counters: Monday, May 17, 2021: Dana Lugering Dorothy Parn Mary Koch		
DEBT/ACCRUED DEFICITS		
Unpaid Diocesan Liabilities from FY 2018-20:	-calculating- (this has not been updated recently)	
Debt Reduction Envelopes Cumulative Collected May, 2021	\$ 1,732.00	
ANNUAL CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL 2020-21		
Assessment (FY 2020-21):	\$84,218.00	
Received as of May 5, 2021 (Reported irregularly by the diocese)	\$21,699.00	
Residual (due June 30, 2021)	\$62,519.00	

Parish Ministry Schedule - Sat.& Sun., May 22 & 23

	Saturday, 4:00 PM	Saturday 6:30 PM	Sunday, 8:00 AM	Sunday, 10:30 AM
Key Minister/ Sacristan	Dorothy Parn		David & Carmel Akins	Jan Barnard
Lector	Evonne Keppner	Dennis Holbrook	Jim Obert	Debra Woodworth
Usher	Wayne Emerick Tom Grawe Randy Huber Jack Kuhlman	George Benz RJ Boone David Vonderheide Kent Wellman	Fred Witte Jerry Dreier Rod Davis Richard Foster	Craig Schafer Rick Schafer Larry Weiman Mark Wellman
Servers	Emma Jennings	Noah & Adam Benz	St. Pius IX Servers	Aubrey & Ava Wellman
Greeters/ Gift Bearers	Dana & Rose Lugering Family	Carolyn Waterkotte	Dan & Sharon Terwelp	Todd & Tera Smith Family
Rosary Leader	Pat Holbrook	Trisha Mathews	Steve Jansen	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, Tony Engels, Kathy Neuser, Cathy Watson, Dennis Meyer, Jessica Huber, Bernice Neisen, James Ponsot, Kent Wellman, Mark Frericks

Also please remember in your prayers those who have died in 2021: Mryon Koch, Jim Freiburg, Sandy Brinkman, Ruth Deters, Margie Benz, Valmont "Bunny" Disseler

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Nursing Care Patients

IL Veterans Home

Michael Hildebrand
Albert Huber
Paul Stupasky

Good Samaritan Home

Barbara Boone

SUNSET

Beverly Andrews
James Ponsot

Bickford Cottages

Joanne Greving

Quincy Church Ladies: All Quincy church women (all ages) are invited to the Wed. May 19 Deanery Meeting at St. Mary's Church and Parish Hall, Rt. 107, in Pittsfield-parking and easy access for all. Please consult the posted flyer for details, beginning with 9:00 am Mass. This is our first meeting for a while and we look forward to Quincy ladies joining us!

Pittsfield is part of the Quincy Deanery and hosting this event (which meets 3 times a year). Because Quincy has not been active for several years, Pittsfield has been members of Jacksonville Deanery, but are hoping to reignite our Quincy Deanery Ladies Group. Each parish altar society/women's group is to be a member of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women and active in their Deanery. It's a very enjoyable event which connects local church women in Faith, service and friendship. No obligations-just come and experience. A delicious luncheon will be served by Pittsfield Altar Society and we would appreciate a signup sheet to be posted by the flyer for an approximate number attending. Please let me know this by May 14-17. All are welcome even if not signed up, but this gives us a ballpark figure on food amounts. We have a great program aligned for you so please join us!! For any questions please call Angela Lipcamon 217-285-5483.

Blessed Sacrament Church is sponsoring a Blood Drive on Tuesday, May 18th in the Gathering Space. The first appointment will begin at 9:00 am and the last appointment will begin at 2:00 pm. For an appointment please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org

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.

Blessed Sacrament will be hosting the Protecting God's Children Program on Monday, May 17 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. All sessions will be held in the Leo Amen Room (cafeteria) of Blessed Sacrament School, 1117 South 7th Street. Access to the school is via the alley (South) side entrance. Due to COVID -19 restrictions it is absolutely necessary for anyone wishing to attend one of these sessions to call 217-222-2759 (parish office) to reserve a seat.

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St. Anthony Parish welcomes
Nolan Ray Buss
son of
Devin and Heather Buss
who was baptized May 8, 2021
into the Catholic faith.



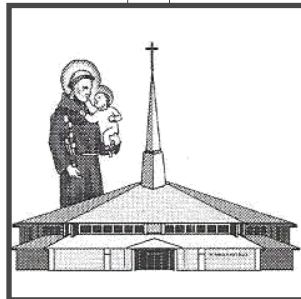
St. Anthony Parish welcomes
Grace Mae Wiemelt
daughter of
Nicholas and Amber Wiemelt
who was baptized May 8, 2021
into the Catholic faith.

Women's Saints Study, Tuesday, June 1 at 7:00 p.m. Women of all ages. Please join us for an introductory meeting at the St. Francis Parish Hall. Appetizers provided. All are welcome to join in this community striving for virtue while looking to the example of great saints. St. Elizabeth of the Trinity will be the focus of our first book study. We will meet the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. RSVP is welcome. Bring a friend! Karen Weiman 217-242-5513 or Kelli Lunt 217-617-1566.

JUNEFEST RAFFLE BASKETS If you would like to donate a basket to the raffle personally or from a business please drop off your items to the St. Dominic School office by Friday May 28th. If you have any questions please contact Ashley Fischer, 217-257-2096.

Memorial Day Mass will be held at the cemetery Chapel on Monday, May 31st, at 9:00 a.m. Please remember to wear a mask and social distance. Bring your own chair if possible. St. Peter Church is hosting. In case of rain the service will be held at St. Peter Church.

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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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The St. Francis Parish Picnic will be held this year on Saturday, June 12th from 5:00-12:00. Live music will be presented from the Heidelberg German Band and Blacktop South. The Quincy Notre Dame Mega Raffle Drawing will also take place. Come on out with your friends and family.

MAY GROCERY ITEMS:
Laundry Detergent & Dish Detergent
The Ladies of Charity & Catholic Charities
Thank you!

WELCOME! Whether you are a longtime resident or newly arrived to the parish, we thank God for you. If you are not registered or if your information has changed, please let us know by returning the information below either by placing it in the collection basket, dropping off at the parish office, calling or emailing the parish office 222-5996, secretary@stanthonypadua.org

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Email: _____

Job Opening – St. Dominic School

St. Dominic School is accepting applications for a part-time Physical Education teaching position for the 2021-2022 school year. Qualified applicants should hold an Illinois Professional Educator License. Responsibilities will include teaching Physical Education 2 days per week for Grades PreK-8. Qualified applicants should send a cover letter, resume, and references to Mrs. Carol Frericks, St. Dominic School of St. Anthony of Padua Parish, 4100 Columbus Road, Quincy, IL 62305. Please contact the school for additional information by calling 217-224-0041.

ROSARY BEFORE MASS Did you know that we say the Rosary together before every weekend Mass here at St. Anthony? Please join us a few minutes earlier each week to pray the Rosary, especially during the month of May in honor of our Mother Mary.



Fr. Tom and St. Anthony Church will soon return to celebrating Mass at a local nursing home each week. We are looking at having Mass at 10am on Thursdays at Good Samaritan Home. It would be helpful to have volunteers available to assist with the setup of Mass and the transport of residents each week when this ministry resumes in the coming months. Those interested in helping are encouraged to call the parish office: 222-5996.