



St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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December 5, 2021 — Second Sunday of Advent (C)

A Message from Fr. Tom Donovan:



Each year on the **Second Sunday of Advent**, we hear about **John the Baptist**. While we are often caught up with the strangeness of John as a person, the important thing to hear is his message and respond. John offers a baptism for the forgiveness of sins and calls us to repentance in anticipation of the coming of the Lord.

John was the last in the line of Old Testament prophets; he was the miracle-son of the temple priest Zechariah, as we hear in the first chapter of the Gospel of Luke. The priestly class was entrusted with the job of begging reconciliation of God for humanity by the way of animal sacrifices. But rather than being associated with priestly class of the temple and the worship taking place there, as would be expected of the son of a priest (especially one whose birth was such a special grace from God to elderly parents), John turned his back on the temple and was found out in the wilderness, promoting a new ritual to be performed outside the temple precincts: baptism. Christians reading these scriptures won't find this so unusual, as baptism is recognized as a sacrament, but the Jewish people would find this novel and strange, perhaps even offensive!

As I said last weekend, Advent gives us the opportunity to look to the past (the coming of Christ in history), the present (the coming of Christ in mystery), and the future (the coming of Christ in glory). In recognizing these arrivals ('advents') of our God, we find ourselves invited to worship his Body... in the memory of the infant, in the mystery of his sacramental Real Presence, in his coming in glory. John the Baptist, in anticipating Christian Baptism, is preparing the world to receive the Mystical Body of Christ... the Christ we worship on the altar along with the Mystical Body which is identified with the Church of our own age. What is the defining mark of those who have been baptized? Those who have been baptized participate in the life of the Holy Trinity through sanctifying grace—the grace of justification which incorporates one into Christ and his Church. Therefore, to know Christ requires us to know something of the Church. Thankfully, the Church is more than a social or governance structure for Christ and his people. The Church is the living body of Christ, proclaiming Glad Tidings, release to captives, healing for the sick, and forgiveness for the sinner. In proclaiming a baptism of repentance, John anticipates the ministry of the Church as well as the person of Christ. —

We welcome **Fr. Zach Edgar**, the Catholic chaplain at the Illinois Veterans' Home, who is going to be with us Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday for a **mini-parish mission** on "The Urgency of Mary". Each evening will start with a silent Eucharistic Holy Hour from 5:30-6:30 pm. Confessions will be available each evening during this time. Fr. Edgar will then present a talk from 6:30 to about 7:00pm each evening. Please join us as we meditate on role and example of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the plan for our salvation this Advent and Christmas season.



Wednesday, December 8 is the Solemnity of the **Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be at 4:00 pm on Tuesday, December 7 at St. Anthony (with adoration and the parish mission talk to follow). Mass on Wednesday will be at 7:30am at St. Anthony, 9:00am at St. Dominic's with the school community, and at 6:30pm at St. Anthony. The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception commemorates the special privilege afforded to Mary, that from the very moment of her conception, she was preserved from sin by the power of the

Cross of her son. Not only do we recognize that she was a stainless vessel to carry the savior of the world, but as one without sin, without concupiscence, her "yes" in response to God's invitation was so perfect as to allow the Divine Word to become flesh to dwell with us all.

— Mass Times —

Saturday: 4:00, 6:30 pm
Sunday: 8:00, 10:30 am
M, Tu, Th, F: 7:30 am
W. at St. Dominic School 8:30 am
Th. at Good Samaritan 10:00 am
Holy Days: as announced
When on vacation visit: www.masstimes.org

— Sacrament of Reconciliation —

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

— Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament —

Tuesday: after Mass until noon



Mass Intentions

Mon., Dec. 6, 2021

7:30 a.m. Donald Talken+

Tues., Dec. 7, 2021

7:30 a.m. Randy Brinkman+

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Vigil Mass

4:00 p.m. Alvera Haxel+

Wed., Dec. 8, 2021

7:30 a.m. Mick Ehrhardt+

-at St. Dominic School:

9:00 a.m. Rosie Goerlich+

6:30 p.m. Ray Stupavsky+

Thurs., Dec. 9, 2021

7:30 a.m. Mary Lou Anderson+

-at Good Samaritan:

10:00 a.m. Betty Lentz+

Fri., Dec. 10, 2021

8:30 a.m. Elizabeth McColetz+

Second Sunday of Advent

Sat., Dec. 11, 2021

4:00 p.m. Ruth Deters+

6:30 p.m. Parish Intentions

Sun., Dec. 12, 2021

8:00 a.m. Leona Mast+

10:30 a.m. Bernie Weiman+

Perpetual Prayer Candle for

Special Intentions

Week of Dec. 4-10

Doris Hildebrand

— Parish Office Hours —

Monday-Friday

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

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A Message from Mrs. Carol Frericks—Principal

Sharing the Joy and Peace of Christmas with Cards

As our school learns about how to be Disciples of Christ, we take on challenges to serve and experience Holy Moments by doing what God calls us to do for others. This week we enjoyed making Christmas cards for several groups that requested our service, including Wee Care and Senator Tracy's Homemade for the Holidays Card Drive for Seniors. We also send cards to our QND alumni at Christmas time. Sharing the joy of the birth of Jesus, our Savior and King, helps our students and others experience what God has done for us by giving His only son to us. Spending a little time making a nicely colored card with a thoughtful message brings peace to our students and others by warming their heart and raising their spirits as an act of kindness. It our hope that sharing the joy and peace of Christmas by making these sweet little cards becomes a true Christmas gift to others. We experienced many Holy Moments by making the cards at school.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Tuesday, December 7th

6:30 p.m. Kindergarten Christmas at QND

7:00 p.m. Parish Council Christmas Party at
St. Anthony Parish Hall

Wednesday, December 8th

9:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception School Mass
led by 4th Grade

7:00 p.m. PTO Meeting

Thursday, December 9th

1:30 & 6:30 p.m. Christmas Music Program

Friday, December 10th

Cancer Fund Raiser Out-of-Dress-Code \$1.00



Upcoming Events

St. Anthony Parish Mission

December 5, 6, and 7



The Urgency of Mary-Humility, Charity, Faith, Detachment, Fidelity is the theme of St. Anthony Parish Mission on Sunday, Dec. 5, Monday, Dec. 6, Tuesday, Dec. 7 by Fr. Zach Edgar, Illinois Veterans Home Chaplain. Each evening will begin with Holy Hour of Adoration with confessions each night 5:30 –6:30 p.m. followed by Scripture and Homily 6:30-7:00 p.m.

Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

Sunday, December 12, 7:30 a.m.– noon



Mark your calendars for the Pancake & Sausage Breakfast on Sunday, Dec. 12th, 7:30 a.m.-noon. Dine in or carry out. Adults \$10, Children \$5, (under 5 free).

St. Anthony Ladies Bake Sale at the Pancake & Sausage Breakfast



The ladies of the parish will having a bake sale during the pancake & sausage breakfast. Please bring your baked items packaged ready to sell either Saturday, Dec. 11th, 8:00 –11:00 a.m. or the morning of the breakfast.

Christmas and New Year Mass Schedule



The schedule for the masses during Christmas and the first of the New Year are as follows:

Friday, December 24th: 4:00 p.m.; 6:30 p.m.; Midnight

Saturday, December 25th: 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, December 26th: 8:00 a.m.; 10:30 a.m.; and 4:00 p.m.

Friday, December 31st: 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 1st: 4:00 p.m.; 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 2nd: 8:00 a.m.; 10:30 a.m.

Christmas Cards for those in Nursing Homes

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). Since COVID-19 is still with us, it is important to remember the members of our church family residing in nursing homes, as visits from friends/family are not always allowed. Receiving a card during these times is one way to bring some joy to them. They also like home-made cards/letters/photos from the school children. It means so much to them to know their parish family is thinking of them. Boxes will be in middle entrance of Church for each nursing home starting the weekend of November 20th/21st thru the weekend of December 18th/19th. Please drop the cards/letters/photos in the boxes, and mark on each envelope the name of the resident.

— Parish Data —

PARISH CALENDAR	
<u>Sunday, Dec. 5</u> 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.	Parish Mission
<u>Monday, Dec. 6</u> 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.	Parish Mission
<u>Tuesday, Dec. 7</u> 4:00 p.m. 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass Parish Mission Pastoral Council Meeting
<u>Wednesday, Dec. 8</u> <i>Feast of the Immaculate Conception</i> 7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 6:30	Mass Mass at St. Dominic School Mass
<u>Thursday, Dec. 9</u> 6:30-7:30 p.m. 7:00-8:30 p.m.	Choir Practice Midnight Choir Practice
<u>Friday, Dec. 10</u> 5:00 p.m.	Butchering for Pancake & Sausage Breakfast
<u>Saturday, Dec. 11</u> 4:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Mass Mass
<u>Sunday, Dec. 12</u> 8:00 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 22	Nov. 27/28	Total Year-to-Date
Loose Collection	\$ 954.74	\$ 14,531.20
Weekly Envelopes	\$ 8,820.00	\$ 220,600.04
Electronic Deposits (monthly)	\$ 5,065.00	\$ 24,360.00
Total, Nov. 27/28, 2021	\$ 14,839.74	\$ 259,491.24
Budget Goal (to be recalculated soon!)	\$13,000.00	\$ 286,000.00
Difference	\$1,839.74	(\$ -26,508.76)
Counters: Monday, Dec. 6, 2021: Dennis Hildebrand Mary Courty Michelle Ehrhardt Parish Community Tithe (PCT) for July to Diocese: \$10,927.00 Parish Community Tithe (PCT) for August to Diocese: \$5318.00		
DEBT/ACCRUED DEFICITS		
Unpaid Diocesan Liabilities from FY 2018-21: (updated to reflect late payments posted at the end of FY2020-21)	ACSA 2018-19: \$13,798.24 ACSA 2019-20: \$52,302.36 <u>ACSA 2020-21: \$58,905.82</u> Total: \$125,006.42	
Debt Reduction Envelopes Thank you! —>	Cumulative, 11/28 \$10,946.00 FY 2020-21: \$39,749.00	
Parish Community Tithe (PCT) News:		
We are waiting on our most recent statement from the Diocese which includes out most recent debt reduction payments. These numbers will be updated when the new data becomes available. Thank you for your generosity to St. Anthony Parish and St. Dominic School!		

Parish Ministry Schedule - Sat.& Sun., December 11 & 12

	Saturday, 4:00 PM	Saturday, 6:30 PM	Sunday, 8:00 AM	Sunday, 10:30 AM
Key Minister/ Sacristan	Jr. & Jackie Dreyer		Gene & Rita Goerlich	
Lector	Janice Zanger	Janet Bick	Mike Baker	Norman Rodriguez
Usher	Bill Anderson Roger Benz Tawny Benz Jr. Dreyer	Kurtis Fischer Denis Hagerbaumer George Huber Elmer Maas	Jerry Dreier Rod Davis Richard Foster Mark Frericks	Diane Dittmer Greg Dittmer Larry Weiman Mark Wellman
Servers	Nevan Drew	Helen Mathews Trisha Mathews	Pius IX Altar Servers	Joe Warning Calvin Breckenkamp
Greeters/ Gift Bearers	Dorothy Parn	William & Ann Dixon	Mike Genenbacher Family	Andrew Veile
Rosary Leader	Tawny Benz	Roger Terstriep	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, Tony Engels, Cathy Watson, Dennis Meyer, Jessica Huber, James Ponsot, Mary Gehrt, Winnie Huber, Gerald S. Maas

Also please remember in your prayers those who have died in 2021: Cheryl Whitaker, Myron Koch, Jim Freiburg, Sandy Brinkman, Ruth Deters, Margie Benz, Valmont "Bunny" Disseler, Katie Neuser, Mary Wellman, April Rohn, Kent Wellman, Nancy Brooks, Jim Holtman, Alvera Haxel, Bill Deters, Brian Vahlkamp, Bruce Prindle

Nursing Care Patients

IL Veterans Home

Michael Hildebrand
Albert Huber
Paul Stupasky
Jim Ponsot

Good Samaritan Home

Trudy Stupavsky
Bill Wellman

Barry Community Care Center

Barbara Boone

Bickford Cottages

Joanne Greving

SUNSET

Beverly Andrews

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 12th. Thank you.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of
Bruce Prindle
Eternal Rest Grant to him O Lord,
and let Perpetual Light
shine on him.

If you are a Lector or Mass Server we need your help with our Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Christmas and New Year Liturgies. Thank you to those who have already signed up to help with these Masses. We are still in need of a Lector at the Dec. 8th 4:00 p.m. Mass and the 6:30 p.m. Mass; Dec. 25th 9:00 a.m. Mass.

Servers we still need your help at the following Masses: Dec. 8th 4:00 p.m. Mass; Dec. 25th 9:00 a.m. Mass; Jan. 1 at the 6:30 p.m. Mass.

Please call the parish office 222-5996 or email bulletin@stanthonypadua.org if you are able to help at any of these Masses.

Memorial Mass pictures and candles are in the parish office for those who still need to pick them up. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

ADORATION FOR PRIESTS: There will be an hour of Adoration followed by Benediction at St. Bridgid Church, 706 N. Main, Liberty, Illinois, Sunday 12/12/2021 from 3 to 4 p.m. Please come and pray for your Priest.

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.

ADVENT GIVING TREE It's time! The gifts will benefit Birthright, our area nursing home residents as well as the Veteran's Home. Please return the items, with angels attached, by December 19th as we will be delivering everything that week. Gift bags are welcome but please no wrapping paper.

A Word of Thanks-to Servers and Parents: Servers, thank you for your willingness to serve our parish community. Your role is very important to the Mass. The following are guidelines to provide consistency and help you feel comfortable as you serve. Family-your support is essential, encouraging participation in mass, attending training and transporting to mass. Also, thank you for not only reminding your daughter and/or son of serving dates but also helping them to remember to find a sub if their child cannot serve. There are times when there are no youth servers in mass so please do not assume that someone will be there to cover as that is not always the case. Thank you so much!

Men's Society Christmas Party All men of the parish are invited to the Men's society annual Christmas Party on December 13th at 7 pm in parish hall. (Note that the time is different from monthly meetings)

HELP NEEDED: Help is needed on December 10, 2021 for the butchering of hogs. We will start around 5 pm. Questions call Jr (217-779-0029) or Jackie Dreyer (217-222-8049).

Veterans of the United States Armed Forces book: During our recent Veterans Day program at St. Dominic School of St. Anthony of Padua Parish, we presented a book listing Veterans from our parish and school, from the Civil War to the present day. There are copies on the table by the church door if you would like one for your family. Thank you to all our Veterans for your bravery, service and sacrifice.

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.**

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Butterfly Support ministers are available to help prepare funerals. They have already had a request. This is particularly helpful if you do not have immediate family or family close by. You may contact a minister directly or call the office (222-5996). The Butterfly Support minister will provide copies of your plan to share with others including your funeral home of choice. We are very thankful for our Butterfly Ministers who are willing to provide this additional valuable service.

Crusader Volleyball will begin on December 6th at St. Peter's school gym with practices/tryouts. The 7th grade Crusader volleyball will go 4:30-6 pm and the 8th-grade team will practice 6-7:30 pm. Our coaches are Janet Kroencke for the 7th-grade team- thekroenckes@yahoo.com and the 8th grade will be coached by Jason Liendecker – jasonleindecker@yahoo.com. Tryouts will be conducted if more than 12 student-athletes show up at each level. Practice times and days may vary due to the heavy use of the St. Peter's gym. Games will begin in early January.

The Quincy Deanery Council of Catholic Women The Quincy Deanery Council of Catholic Women will have their first meeting on Friday, December 10, 2021 from 8:30 am - approx. 2:00 pm. at St. Francis Solanus Church, 1721 College Ave., Quincy, IL, across from Quincy University. Registration will be from 8:30-9:00 am in Solanus Hall, which is attached to the church (please enter through the north parking lot entrance), followed by the Holy Rosary and 9:30 am Mass, induction of officers and meeting to follow in Solanus Hall. The Ladies of St. Francis will be providing a nice luncheon. This is a celebration event to reinstate the Quincy Deanery Council of Catholic Women, under the direction of Our Lady of Good Counsel. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend! **Please see flyer and signup sheet, posted in your church or gathering space. Please sign up by Friday, Dec. 3 if possible, so we have an approximate luncheon count.... however late registrants are welcome.** -Angela Lipcamon, Deanery Pres.