



St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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September 18, 2022 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Message from Fr. Tom Donovan:



The Greek word for “steward” or “manager” in this week’s gospel is “*oikonomos*” from where we also get the word “economy” or “economist”. The subject of the parable certainly knows how to use the value of the things he manages in order to provide for himself as he sees the master preparing to dismiss him. Modern-day managers know all-too-well how important it is for an employee to empty out his or her desk and turn in their keys right away and to leave the property when being dismissed. But the master in this story is a permissive one... perhaps on purpose?

The steward-“economist” knows the value of all of the master’s property and he further knows the price of the debts for all the master’s debtors. He quickly schemes how he can make for a ‘soft landing’ for himself by ingratiating the master’s debtors to him! We clearly see the ethical shortcut and the devious game being played

here as he cuts the debtors bills and rewrites them a discount. We question why Jesus would praise this *criminal* behavior. I would suggest we turn away from such a harsh judgment against the steward and consider that the master may have allowed this behavior as a gracious gesture to the steward. Is this not unlike God’s posture towards us? Someday won’t we be turning our ‘accounting books’ to see how our stewardship of the goods we have been entrusted with measures up? While salvation is not found in good works, we certainly may be unprepared and unprovided for if we cling to the seduction of wealth and the worldly power it holds.

We have greatly endowed with worldly riches by God’s gracious bounty... our nourishment, our homes, our livelihoods, and perhaps even some sense of long-term financial security. If we do not know how to be good stewards in the wise use of these earthly goods, using them for trade and commerce and most importantly giving them away in charity for those in need, then how can we be ready to accept the even greater gift of the heavenly goods God wills to give us in his Kingdom? Do we know the worldly price of everything without understanding transcendent value? The steward knew how to extract the greatest value from these goods by sharing the master’s wealth with fellow debtors. Should we not do the same? This is yet another way that we learn to “live the Year of Jubilee from the Lord” by proclaiming good news to captives, forgiving debts, and restoring the dispossessed to their heritage. If we are unable to live this graciously with our fellow human beings, then perhaps we are not ready for the jubilee God sets before us?

This coming week, I will be away for the Diocese of Springfield **Priest Convocation** on Tuesday and Wednesday. Fr. Don will have the Mass at St. Dominic on Wednesday and there will be a communion service (followed by adoration as usual) on Tuesday.

Starting this week on Tuesday, September 20, we will be running a program called **Surviving Divorce**. This is a time set aside for those who are seeking healing and recovering from a breakup in their marriage. Evenings start at 6:30pm each Tuesday and run for 12 weeks.

Starting on Wednesday, September 28 and running until the week before Thanksgiving, we will offer the **Wisdom: God’s Vision for Life** scripture study course by Jeff Cavins & Ascension Press. You may remember that we started this course in 2020 just before the onset of COVID. We will start the course over from the beginning. There is a book/journal available for the course which is recommended but not totally necessary... if you would like us to order one, please call the parish office at (217) 222-5996. There is no cost, but donations will be accepted. This course will focus on the “wisdom literature” of the bible, including the book of Wisdom, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and

Sirach. All are invited! We will also have **Mass on Wednesday evening** at St. Anthony’s during the duration of the course. All are welcome for Mass, whether taking the course or not!

It’s time to be thinking about welcoming new Catholics! Last year we welcomed eight new Catholics to the Church through the Easter sacraments... some were welcomed at Easter, others at celebrated at various times through the year. The typical time to prepare our new Catholics for the sacraments is for the Easter Vigil. We hope to begin a cohort for the **Order of Christian Initiation of Adults** soon to start the preparations! We already have one Candidate who has expressed his interest and we would love to have a good-sized group to share the experience of discovering the Faith! An organizational meeting will take place Monday, October 3 at 7pm. For more information or to let us know you are coming, please call the parish office at (217) 222-5996.

— 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., September 19, 2022

7:30 a.m. Shawn Foster+

Tues., September 20, 2022

7:30 a.m. Communion Service

Wed., September 21, 2022

- at St. Dominic School
8:30 a.m. Bill Koch+

Thurs., September 22, 2022

7:30 a.m. Mary Wellman+
- at Good Samaritan
10:00 a.m. Tom Mock+

Fri., September 23, 2022

7:30 a.m. Kent Wellman+

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat., September 24, 2022

4:00 p.m. For the protection of unborn lives in danger of abortion & for healing of those who have been affected by abortion.

6:30 p.m. Barb Kuhn

Sun., September 25, 2022

8:00 a.m. Bradley Hildebrand+
10:30 a.m. Parish Intentions
Perpetual Prayer Candle for Special Intentions

Week of September 17-23

The Joe Mast Family
Jim Zanger

— 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

Sharing God's Love By Making Cards With Buddies



Mrs. O'Neal and the 4th-grade class serve as buddies for Mrs. Klauser's Preschool four-year-old class. This week the Preschool class helped the 4th-grade class learn how to share God's love and mercy through the Corporal Works of Mercy by making cards for the imprisoned people in our area. Deacon Harry will help to deliver the cards to the prisoners. The buddy program at St. Dominic School provides students with the opportunity to lead and serve by doing works of mercy for others.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sunday, September 18

11:00a.m. – 1:00p.m. St. Anthony Chicken

Tuesday, September 20

7:00 p.m. Finance Council Meeting

Wednesday, September 21

8:30 a.m. School Mass

6:00 p.m. PTO Meeting

Thursday, September 22

PTO Fund Raiser Ends

Friday, September 23

School Spirit Day

7:30-8:30 a.m. PTO Muffins for Mom

Saturday, September 24

6:30 p.m. Holy Moments Mass 4th Grade



Upcoming Events

St. Anthony Men's Society Chicken Dinner

September 18th, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.



Mark your calendars for the St. Anthony Men's Society Dine In or Carry Out (No Drive Through) Chicken Dinner on Sunday, September 18th, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

1/4 Chicken Meal \$11

1/2 Chicken Meal \$14

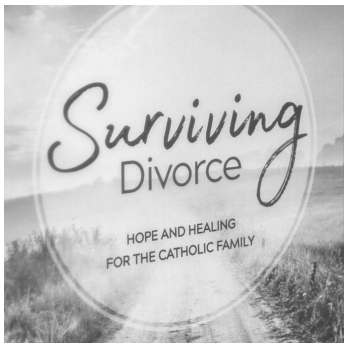
Children's Meal \$7

All meals include mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, dessert, and drink.

Ladies of the parish we will be needing pies donated for the chicken dinner.

Surviving Divorce

Tuesday, September 20, 2022



Are you or do you know someone who is struggling from divorce?

St. Anthony Church is sponsoring the program "Surviving Divorce" Hope and Healing for the Catholic Family by Rose Sweet through Ascension Press. Ms. Sweet has developed a twelve week program covering various topics such as "getting your bearings, finding strength and help, getting through your anger, dealing with depression, learning to forgive, dealing with your family". The second half of the program are topics are "handling money wisely, learning to let go, seeing God in romance, deciding about dating, loving all church teachings and finding love that lasts". The program includes personal testimonies of Catholic men and women who have experienced the trials of a broken marriage, workbook, video and refreshments during group sharing. The team leaders invite you to join us on Tuesday, September 20, 2022, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at St. Anthony's for the first session. Please leave your name and phone number at the parish office, 217-222-5996.

Wisdom

Begins September 28th, 6:30 p.m.



We will be restarting the study of the Wisdom from the beginning on Wednesday, September 28th at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall. This will run for 8 weeks. What is "Wisdom Literature"? Wisdom Literature comes from the Old Testament books of Job, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs, Wisdom, and Sirach.... some would also include the Psalms. The program we will be running was put together by Jeff Cavins and Thomas Smith and is called "Wisdom: God's Vision for Life". All are invited. This faith formation program utilizes short, 25 minute videos along with group discussion following the videos. Bring a friend! Please call the parish office at 222-5996 if you plan to attend. If you were not able to participate in 2020 and would like to now, please let the office know by Sept. 12th so that we can order a book for you.

St. Anthony Ladies Society Fall Craft/Vendor Show

October 8th, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.



If you are interested in being a vendor at our craft/vendor show on Saturday, October 8th, at St. Anthony Parish Hall please contact Janet Bick (rjbick@comcast.net or 217-430-7256) or Tawny Benz (rtbenz77@gmail.com or 217-257-0847). Booth space (10'x10') is \$25. You may furnish your own tables or rent 8' tables for \$5 each.

— Parish Data —

PARISH CALENDAR	
<u>Sunday, September 18</u>	
11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Chicken Dinner
<u>Monday, September 19</u>	
<u>Tuesday, September 20</u>	
6:30 p.m.	Surviving Divorce
7:00 p.m.	Finance Council
<u>Wednesday, September 21</u>	
8:30 a.m.	Mass at St. Dominic School
11:30 a.m.	Merry Widows Lunch at Sprouts
<u>Thursday, September 22</u>	
6:00 p.m.	Grief Share
<u>Friday, September 23</u>	
<u>Saturday, September 24</u>	
4:00 p.m.	Mass
6:30 p.m.	Mass (Holy Moments-4th grade)
<u>Sunday, September 25</u>	
8:00 a.m.	Mass
9:10 -10:20 a.m.	Sacramental Preparation Class
9:00-10:15 a.m.	Family of Faith
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 11	Sept. 10/11	Total Year-to-Date
Loose Collection	\$ 576.36	\$ 7,219.11
Weekly Envelopes	\$ 6,885.00	\$ 98,965.50
Electronic Deposits	\$ 0.00	\$ 10,276.00
Total, Sept. 3/4, 2022	\$ 7,461.36	\$ 116,460.61
Budget Goal <i>(we need no less than this to stay out of deficit spending for the year!)</i>	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 143,000.00
Difference	(-\$ 5,538.64)	(-\$ 26,539.39)
Counters: Monday, September 19, 2022 Dennis Hildebrand Mary Courty Michelle Ehrhardt		
DEBT/ACCRUED DEFICITS		
Unpaid Diocesan Liabilities from FY 2020-21: (this total is updated periodically, approximately monthly, as funds are sent and posted by the Diocese of Springfield)	\$55,064.82	
Debt Reduction Envelopes Thank you! —>	Cumulative, 9/11 \$4,616.00	
Parish Community Tithe (PCT) News:		
GREAT NEWS: As we end our fiscal year, I am pleased to announce that we retired our 2019 ACSA debt! Presently the only past obligation we owe comes from the 2020 ACSA. We have been paying our Parish Tithe “as we go” this year and the generosity of a special donor has helped us overcome the ‘offering’ deficit listed above of nearly \$40,000. We count on your support, now more than ever, to insure we don’t fall behind again and that we continue to maintain our ministries and facilities at St. Anthony Church & St. Dominic School.		

Parish Ministry Schedule - Sat.& Sun., September 24 & 25				
	Saturday, 4:00 PM	Saturday, 6:30 PM	Sunday, 8:00 AM	Sunday, 10:30 AM
Key Minister/	Mary Courty		Dan Reichert	Rich Rakers
Lector	Mary Courty	Angie Dean	Mike Hummel	Marlene Rose
Usher	Bill Anderson Jr. Dreyer Tom Grawe Mike Zanger	George Benz Jay Peter Ron Reichert Ted Vahle	Jerry Grawe Anthony Haley Michael Hummel Matt Kasparie	Diane Dittmer Greg Dittmer Larry Weiman Mark Wellman
Servers	Kamryn Pritchett	The Mathews Family	Pius IX Servers	Ava & Audrey Wellman
Greeters/ Gift Bearers	Dorothy Parn	Ted Vahle Family	Joe Dreyer Family	Ken & Jean Klauser
Rosary Leader	Tawny Benz	Trisha Mathews	Giny Baker	Rich & Alice Rakers

In charity, please remember in your prayers: All Caregivers, The Shut-Ins of our Parish, Military Members and their families, Albert Huber, Neva Nelson, Mike Hildebrand, Tanner Scranton, Florence Griesbaum, Jackie Schieferdecker, Cathy Watson, Dennis Meyer, James Ponsot, Mary Gehrt, Winnie Huber, Gerald S. Maas, Mark Frericks

Also please remember in your prayers those who have died in 2022: Melvin Maas, Anthony Engels, Alta Hildebrand, Frank Baumgartner, Susan Bauer, Robert Brown, Vince Dreier, Barbara Boone, Jay Wellman, Michelle Stull

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Nursing Care Patients

IL Veterans Home

Michael Hildebrand
Albert Huber
Paul Stupasky
Jim Ponsot

Good Samaritan Home

Bill Wellman

SUNSET

Beverly Andrews

Bickford Cottages

Joanne Greving

Junefest & St. Anthony Picnic 2023! It is time to start planning and in order to do this we need chairpersons! If you are interested or have any questions please contact Jackie Dreyer 217-222-8049.

Area Wide Catholic Schools Mass All are welcome to attend the Area Wide Mass on Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2022, at 9:30 am in the QND gym. Staff and students from the 4 Catholic grade schools in Quincy, St. Mary's in Mt. Sterling and QND will gather with family and friends to celebrate the Eucharist and the gift of Catholic education.

Assumptions will be selling a selection of Catholic Bibles & books, Baptismal & Confirmation gifts, and sacramental items on Sat., Oct. 8 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at St. Rose Parish Hall located at 715 Chestnut. There will also be some items for Advent in case they are not be able to have an Advent/Christmas sale. Call the store before Oct. 1st at (309) 833-1979 for special requests of in-stock items during business hours (Tues through Sat -10 am to 4 pm).

SEPTEMBER GROCERY ITEMS

Toilet Paper and Laundry Detergent

The Ladies of Charity & Catholic Charities Thank You



WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP OUR CHURCH by volunteering to be a Money Counter? For more information please call the parish office at 217-222-5996 or email secretary@stanthonypadua.org.

Moms of all ages... St Francis invites you to meet on the 1st and 3rd Tues. mornings of the month from September through May. If you have young children, bring them! Moms will share conversation, time of prayer & scripture formation while forming and strengthening friendships. Join us at the Parish Center from 9-10:30. Contact Sarah Venvertloh at 217-577-6490 for questions.

EMPOWERING GOD'S CHILDREN For more information please contact the parish office 222-5996 or email bulletin@stanthonypadua.org and we will email the instructions to you.

St. Anthony of Padua Church,



HELP IS NEEDED to cut grass in the St. Anthony cemetery. Please contact the parish office 222-5996 or one of the following people:

Mike Hummel 217-430-3873

Joe Dreyer 217-242-1161

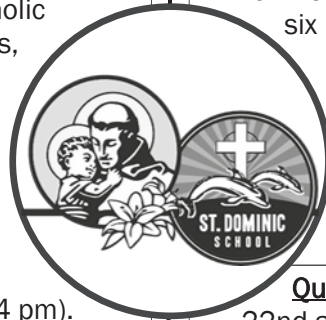
Mark Frericks 217-653-8157

Dave Bockhold 217-656-3877

Ladies of the Parish it's time again to put on your apron and get ready to bake! We will be holding bake sales at the Chicken Dinner on September 18th and at the St. Anthony Ladies Fall Craft and Vendor Show on October 8th! The proceeds from the Ladies Craft and Vendor Show will defray the costs of the St. Dominic 8th graders trip to Washington, D.C. in October. All baked goods will be appreciated! If you have any questions please contact the parish office 222-5996.

Stop Illinois from becoming Midwest's Abortion Hub

The August 7, 2022 Catholic Times contained an article on a grassroots effort to stop Illinois from becoming known as the Midwest's abortion hub. Catholics in all six Illinois dioceses are asked to join the campaign to Pray & Fast every Friday on Bread and Water for the State of Illinois. The Quincy Deanery of Catholic Council of Women has provided a packet of flyers and prayer cards to help spread the word. They are in the gathering space of church. Please take one.



Quincy Holy Family Fest, will be held on October 22nd at the Knights of Columbus on South 36th Street with check-in at 8:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m. The Holy Family Fest is a program of the Apostolate for Family Consecration (AFC) designed to create an environment unlike any other where families, in the midst of a fun family experience, receive the inspiration, healing, and tools they need to take their relationship with Christ to the next level. Transformed by His grace, families leave with the strength and joy needed to spread the good news of His love and peace to the world. The Quincy Holy Family Fest is a mini version of the AFC Family Fest. The annual Holy Family Fests in Steubenville, Ohio are six nights. The Quincy Holy Family fest will last one day and will be hosted right here in Quincy, IL hosted by Quincy families, with the support of the AFC. Questions? Contact us at quincyholysfamilyfest@gmail.com or text/call 217-257-08916. Cost is \$40 per family.



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 Marriage Course at St. Peter

Navigate married life together in this 7-week course to strengthen your relationship. Sessions will be held each Sunday evening in the St. Peter School cafeteria starting September 25th – November 13th (*note- no meeting on October 16th*) from 5:30 pm – 7pm. Childcare is available. RSVP here (so we can order books): <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0c4da9a822a02-themarriage1> or call Betty McDonnell at 217-653-3003. The cost is \$10 and will include a book for each person.

2022 Life Chain Sunday, October 2, 2:30-3:30 p.m.
South Side of Broadway between 14th & 18th Streets, Quincy, IL Right to Life supporters will again join with pro-lifers in over 1400 other U.S. cities in a nationwide observance of the sanctity of life at the 2022 Life Chain. Life Chain is a peaceful and respectful public witness by pro-life Americans standing for one hour praying silently for our nation and for an end to abortion. (Those not able to stand for one hour may bring lawn chairs) Please join the pro-life community in making a visual statement of pro-life solidarity. YOUR participation is crucial. Pick up your sign at the SW corner of 16th and Broadway between 2:00 and 2:30 pm. The National Life Chain signs are provided for each participant by the Right to Life of Adams County

The QND Extravaganza, “Roaring 20’s”. will be held on Friday, November 18, 2022 at the Ambiance, 5225 Kochs Lane. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. with dinner at 7:00 p.m. Ticket price per person is \$65 and includes bid number for online silent auctions, buffet dinner, beer, wine, and soda. Online bidding for silent auction items starts on Wed., Nov. 16th at 5:00 p.m. There will be live auctions the night of the event. Separate raffle ticket for \$3,000 cash or \$4,000 tuition credit to QND or an area Catholic Grade school are \$50 each. Event tickets are available at Extravaganza 2022 (ejoinme.org). Raffle tickets are available at the online address or the Gene Grawe office in St. Peter Church, 2600 Maine Street.



St. Joseph, Quincy, (1435 E. 1500 St., by the airport) **Fall Vendor Blender and Craft Show**

October 1st from 9AM to 2PM Concessions available
10 X 10 space is \$25.00 (\$5.00 to rent a table)
Call Jolinn to reserve a table at 217- 430 -7003

“We are throwing things back in time with this year’s pom camp. Come perform in “Throwback” colors and music with QND Pommers at halftime of a QND Football Game!” Girls in Pre-School-8th grade (Ages 3 and up) Friday, Sept. 23 from 5:45 p.m.-halftime (Check in QND gym at 5:30 p.m.) Varsity game starts at 7; Parents pick girls up in gym after half-time. \$30 includes t-shirt, pizza, snack and admission to game. For questions contact Jennifer Duesterhaus at 217-316-2046.