



St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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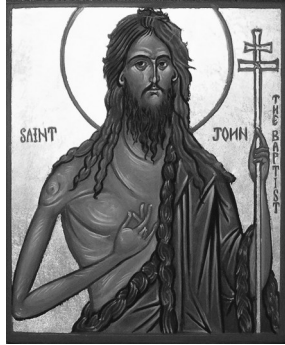
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December 4, 2022

Second Sunday of Advent (Year A)

A Message from Fr. Tom Donovan:

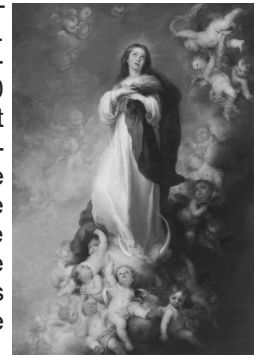


God called John the Baptist to proclaim a message of repentance in anticipation of the coming of the Kingdom: "prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths!" (Matthew 3:3) There should be nothing in or around us that would slow or prevent the coming of God in our midst. Those who are filled with the fruit of self-righteousness are fit to be cut and thrown into the fire!

Advent is not a penitential season in the same way that Lent is, however the words of the Baptist underscore the importance of being fully prepared for the spiritual fruits of the Christmas season. Grace is just waiting to flow into our lives! What do we do, perhaps unwittingly, to block it? This is not a season to cower in fear or to languish in indifference. The coming of the Kingdom is meant for us... today. Thousands received a baptism of repentance in the

Jordan at the hands of John. We have received a baptism in the Spirit through Jesus. This baptism is renewed by his grace through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This sacrament is available at regular times in the parish, as well as on Sunday, December 15 at 4pm at St. Francis Church where we will gather as a larger community to celebrate God's mercy through this sacrament. The words of redemption are not simply a historical event to commemorate, but a reality of the Incarnate God to be lived. Make sure to make a good confession part of your Christmas preparations this year!

Thursday, December 8 is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is a holy day of obligation. Masses will be at 4:00 pm on Wednesday, December 7 at St. Anthony. Mass on Wednesday will be at 7:30am at St. Anthony, 8:30 am 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.



We are looking forward to next weekend's **Pancake and Sausage Breakfast**, here at the church hall on Sunday, December 11, from 7:00 am to noon. Adults: \$12, children \$6, children under 5 are free. As you know we also have a meat sale from the fresh meat butchered for this breakfast. In order to be assured your order, orders need to be in by 5pm on Monday, December 5, as orders after this time will not be accepted. We thank you for your support and for helping us get the word out to our friends and neighbors about this event. We also thank those who have taken time to help set up, serve, clean, and staff this event. Thank you!



Thank you to all who contributed to the Staff Christmas collection. We collected nearly \$2500 to distribute to our lay parish staff to thank them for the wonderful job that they do for us all year round! Your support means a lot to them and I receive many words of thanks from them, which I want to relay to everyone, here. Thank you!

We will be on a compressed bulletin schedule over the next few weeks due to the Christmas and New Year's holidays. If you have messages for the bulletin, please provide information to the parish office by at least Friday, a full week before the desired publication date. Please note that the parish office will be on shortened hours, as announced, before Christmas, and on half-day hours in the week between Christmas and New Year's.

Looking ahead to Christmas and New Year's, those holy day Masses fall on a Sunday, so the easiest way to remember our holiday schedule is to simply remember our regular Sunday Mass schedule, and then add a Midnight Mass on Christmas.



— 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., December 5, 2022

7:30 a.m. Donald Talken+

Tues., December 6, 2022

7:30 a.m. Ralph Steinkamp+

Wed., December 7, 2022

—at St. Dominic School

8:30 a.m. Katie Kroeter+

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

(Wed) 4:00 p.m. Vince Dreier+

Thurs., December 8, 2022

7:30 a.m. Micki Stull+

—at St. Dominic School

8:30 a.m. Rollie Thomas+

—at Good Samaritan Home

10:00 a.m. Virginia Vahle+

6:30 p.m. Mary Lou Anderson+

Fri., December 9, 2022

7:30 a.m. John & Elaine Will+

Third Sunday of Advent

Sat., December 10, 2022

4:00 p.m. Parish Intentions

6:30 p.m. Barb Kuhn+

Sun., December 11, 2022

8:00 a.m. Leona Mast+

10:30 a.m. Bernie Weiman+

**Perpetual Prayer Candle
for Special Intentions**

Week of December 3-9

For all of the sick in our parish

— 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

Second Grade Leaders of Spiritual Work of Mercy



During the month of December, the second grade class along with their teacher, Mrs. Whitney Hoffer, will lead the daily Morning Meeting for our school. They will teach us about the Spiritual Work of Mercy — Bear Wrongs Patiently. To bear a wrong patiently is not to agree with it. This spiritual work is directed inward for one's own spiritual benefit. It is like a virtue so we will learn how to increase this quality.

Christmas Program Tuesday, December 6th

On Tuesday, December 6, St. Dominic School will perform the Christmas Musical Program at 1:30 and 6:30 p.m. Parents, families, and parishioners are welcome to attend the 1:30 p.m. dress rehearsal, especially family members and parishioners who prefer not to travel in the evening, or for those who want to attend with a smaller crowd, and for those whose work schedules do not allow them to attend the evening performance. Given that all students have an active role in the performance, student attendance is expected at both performances. Many students have specific roles with certain instruments, solos, speaking parts, and small group singing. Thank you, parents, for your support so the children can give glory to God at Christmas time.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sunday, December 4

9:00-10:15 Families of Faith

Monday, December 5

6:30 p.m. PMO Band Christmas Concert @QND

Tuesday, December 6

1:30 and 6:30 p.m. Christmas Program

Wednesday, December 7

8:30 a.m. School Mass

6:00 p.m. PTO Meeting

Thursday, December 8 Feast of Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 a.m. School Mass

4:00 –8:00 p.m. Culver's Cares Night

Friday, December 9

Spirit and Logo Shirt Day



Upcoming Events

St. Anthony Men's Society Pancake & Sausage Breakfast Sunday, December 11, 2022, 7 a.m.-noon



The Pancake & Sausage Breakfast sponsored by the Men's Society will be Sunday, Dec. 11th, 7 a.m.-noon. Adults \$12, Children \$6 (under 5 free). Dine in or carry out.

Advance meat orders:

Sausage, Chops or Ribs 5 lbs—\$25

Cooked links 5lbs-\$30 (Precooked weight)

Call orders to 217-257-2108.

To guarantee your meat order, please place it by 5 p.m. December 5th.

Orders after Dec. 5th will not be accepted.

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. 10th, 8:00 –11:00 a.m. or the morning of the breakfast.

St. Anthony Ladies Christmas Party

Sunday, December 4th, after 10:30 a.m. Mass



Ladies of the Parish save the date for the Ladies Christmas Party which will be held Sunday, December 4th in the Parish Hall. **THIS date is a change from a previous published date.** We will begin after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Following dinner Deacon Harry will be making a presentation on the Eucharist. This year instead of bringing gifts, we are asking for the ladies of the parish to give a gift to the kitchen in the form of a free will offering. We will do the shopping. We have a wish list to buy items! All ladies of the parish are welcome.

Please call Alice Rakers at 217-222-4798 to make your reservations.

St. Anthony Men's Christmas Party

Monday, December 12, 7:00 p.m.



All men of the parish are invited to the Men's Society Annual Christmas Party on December 12th at 7 pm in the parish hall. (Note that the time is different from monthly meetings.) Feel free to bring a snack to share.

Christmas Cards for those in the 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). 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 1st thru the weekend of December 17th/18th. Please drop the cards/letters/ photos in the boxes, and mark on each envelope the name of the resident.

— Parish Data —

PARISH CALENDAR	
<u>Monday, December 5</u> 7:00 p.m.	RCIA
<u>Tuesday, December 6</u> 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Surviving Divorce St. Dominic School Christmas Program
<u>Wednesday, December 7</u> 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass (Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary) St. Dominic PTO Meeting
<u>Thursday, December 8</u>	<i>Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary</i> 7:30 a.m. Mass at St. Anthony 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Dominic 10:00 a.m. Mass at Good Samaritan Home 6:30 p.m. Mass at St. Anthony 4:00-8:00 p.m. Culver's Cares Night for St. Dominic School
<u>Friday, December 9</u> 5:00 p.m.	Will begin butchering for Pancake and Sausage Breakfast
<u>Saturday, December 10</u> 4:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Mass Mass
<u>Sunday, December 11</u> 7:00 a.m.-noon 8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Pancake & Sausage Breakfast 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 22	Nov. 26/27	Total Year-to-Date
Loose Collection	\$ 564.25	\$ 15,186.84
Weekly Envelopes	\$ 7,510.00	\$ 197,647.17
Electronic Deposits	\$ 0.00	\$ 20,652.00
Total, Nov. 26/27, 2022	\$ 8,074.25	\$ 233,486.01
Budget Goal <i>(we need no less than this to stay out of deficit spending for the year!)</i>	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 286,000.00
Difference	(\$ 4,925.75)	(- \$ 52,513.99)
Counters: Monday, December 5, 2022 Carol Vogel Rita Goerlich Vickie Arnold		
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)		\$44,549.82
Debt Reduction Envelopes <i>Thank you! —></i>		Cumulative, 11/27 \$7,967.00
Parish Community Tithe (PCT) News:		
In today's Gospel reading John the Baptist warns his listeners: "Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!" The Church's yearly Advent herald is a call to repentance. The season of Advent urges us to be open to a conversion of heart. Christian stewards heed this call daily, and take the need for conversion in their lives seriously. As a family of faith, do we hear this call to conversion amidst the massive holiday spending? The increase in credit card debt? The urge to buy things that are not necessary? The incivility on the roadways during the holidays? Are there patterns in our own lives that need to be converted?		

Parish Ministry Schedule - Sat.& Sun., December 10 & 11				
	Saturday, 4:00 PM	Saturday, 6:30 PM	Sunday, 8:00 AM	Sunday, 10:30 AM
Key Minister/	Jr. & Jackie Dreyer		Gene & Rita Goerlich	Jan Barnard
Lector (JS #864)	Bill Anderson	Trisha Mathews	Mike Hummel	Janice E. Pohlman
Usher	Roger Benz Tawny Benz Jr. Dreyer Tom Grawe	Kurt Fischer Denis Hagerbaumer George Huber Elmer Maas	Mark Frericks Mike Genenbacher Gene Goerlich Jerry Grawe	Pete Pohlman Rich Rakers Craig Schafer Rick Schafer
Servers	Pius IX Altar Servers	The Mathews Family	Elaina Weiman Abraham Venvertloh	Gabby Fischer Volunteer
Greeters/ Gift Bearers	Dorothy Parn	Elmer & Jeanne Maas	Mike & Giny Baker	Dale & Jenny Hilgenbrinck
Rosary Leader	Tawny Benz	Earl Boone	Mary Koch	David & Janice McCleary Family

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, Charles Helmer, George "Butch" Goehl

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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
Ruth Schmelzle

Bickford Cottages

Joanne Greving
Mary Gehrt

St. Vincent

Lois Wand

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.

ADVENT GIVING TREE It's time! The gifts will benefit Birthright this year. This is their main source of supplies for the year. Please return the items, with angels attached, by December 18th as we will be delivering everything that week. Gift bags are welcome but please no wrapping paper. Once again thank-you and God bless you for your generosity.

HELP NEEDED: Help is needed on December 9, 2022 for the butchering of hogs. We will start around 5 pm. Questions call Jr (217-779-0029) or Jackie Dreyer (217-222-8049).

Postage Stamp Shower for the Parish & School Offices The cost of postage stamps will be going up in January. If you so wish, while you are at the post office purchasing stamps for your Christmas cards, to pick some up for the Parish & School offices, it would be greatly appreciated. If you get some, please feel free to drop them by the Parish office or put them in the collection basket. If you will give us your name, we will see that you get credit for them for contribution report. Thank you!

Sacramental Prep for First Reconciliation will begin in February for our students! Any second graders who are not enrolled in a Catholic school will have classes between Sunday Masses. Please contact Miss Glidewell at hglidewell@stdominicquincy.org for more information.

DECEMBER GROCERY ITEMS

Soup and Crackers

The Ladies of Charity & Catholic Charities Thank You

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.

Lectors and Mass Servers for the upcoming Masses:

We are still needing **servers** for the following Masses: Dec. 7th, 4:00 p.m.; Dec. 25, 10:30 a.m.; Dec. 31, 4:00 p.m.; We have one server for the following Masses but would appreciate another server : Dec. 24, 4:00 p.m.; Jan. 1, 10:30 a.m.

We are still needing a **lector** for the following Masses: Dec. 7, 4:00 p.m.; Jan. 1, 8:00 a.m.
Please call the parish office 217-222-5996 to volunteer.
Thank you for sharing your time and talent in these min-

Please pray for the repose of the soul of
Charles Helmer

Eternal Rest Grant to him O Lord
and let Perpetual Light shine upon him.
May he rest in peace. Amen



St. Anthony Parish welcomes
Amelia Louise and Julia Katherine
daughters of
Joshua and Erin Thompson
who were baptized November 26, 2022
into the Catholic faith.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of
George "Butch" Goehl
Eternal Rest Grant to him O Lord
and let Perpetual Light shine upon
him.

May he rest in peace. Amen



COLLECTING SOCKS & UNDERWEAR

From now until Christmas, our parish will once again be collecting new socks and underwear for the needy. 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 ques-



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 11th. 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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Adoration Chapel at Church of St. Peter is looking for

more Adorers! Hours available are:

Wednesday: 9:00 –10:00 p.m. Saturday: 11 a.m. –noon, 3-4 p.m., 5-6 p.m. on the 4th week of the month. Thank you for your consideration for taking an hour of quiet in the Adoration Chapel. Please contact Mary Voorhis 217-653-3127 or call/text Gina Wolf 217-257-9966.

Assumptions Catholic Store at St. Rose December 10

Assumptions (Catholic Store) will be at St. Rose of Lima Parish Hall, 715 Chestnut, Quincy, selling Advent candles and wreaths; small nativity items; religious art, sacramentals and other items that make beautiful affordable Christmas gifts from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm on Saturday, December 10, 2022. Cash or Checks Only. No credit/debit cards. Handicap accessible. Enter from parking lot on north side. Call at least a week before to request any particular in-stock items to be brought to the sale at (309) 833-1979. Store hours are 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, Tuesday through Saturday.

SNOW REMOVAL at St. Anthony's:

We would like to thank Elmer Maas for volunteering many years for taking care of the snow removal at St. Anthony's. Elmer will no longer be taking this on so we will be taking bids for snow removal in the next few weeks. Please call the parish office for more information 217-222-5996.



Midnight Mass Choir: If you want to sing with us at Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve, please come to rehearsals on Thursdays at 6 PM. We will meet December 8, 15, and if necessary 22. We need all voices, Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass. For more information, contact Mecki at 217.779.0152, or mecki@travelhouseofquincy.com

Perpetual Prayer Candle We have a Perpetual Prayer Candle by the Sacred Heart picture in church. The candle will burn 24 hours 7 days per week. There will be a small sign by the candle indicating the prayer intention(s) for the week as well as be posted in the bulletin. There may be more than one intention each week. The week will run Saturday through Friday. You may request prayer intentions for a week by contacting the parish office. A donation of \$10 is appreciated for each intention for a week.