



# St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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**January 8, 2023 The Epiphany of the Lord**

## A Message from Fr. Tom Donovan:



One of the 'memes' of the season reminds us that "wise men still seek him". This is to say, there is wisdom in seeking the Lord and giving one's reverence when he is found. I have often spoken on this feast how it is one that is particularly relevant to our own day and age, which holds such as limited view of what knowledge and wisdom is all about. In our post-renaissance, thoroughly-scientific world, there is a not-so-subtle bias that the only wisdom and the only knowledge which is

legitimate is that which can be demonstrated empirically... that is, through measurement and experimentation. Indeed, the technological wonders of our age are predicated on learning the mysteries of physics and chemistry and biology. Efforts to understand the world in faith, comparatively, seem to many as insufficient and unconvincing. How can one prove the existence of God? How do we make sense of miracles which purport to suspend the laws of the 'real' universe? Might God and the religions which propose to worship him simply be productions of our own minds, comforting us in our suffering, reassuring us in the face of death, and exercising power and authority to exert control over society? The failure of the Church to communicate the faith convincingly by helping Christians to live lives of holiness in harmony with the teachings of Christ certainly undermine the effort to be a credible participant in the marketplace of ideas.

A fundamental question before us is the nature of knowledge and human ability to perceive truth. In centuries gone by, truth would be held as 'absolute'. You believed in God because the Church, in witness to the works and teaching of Christ and often recognized an authority in the civil order, said that you had to. Thus, often 'faith' was an easy choice, because holding the faith was supported by 'polite society' and it affirmed one's goodness and self-regard. Of course, there are other times when holding to the faith could win a person persecution and even martyrdom. This faith was hard-won and precious—it could not be explained by an appeal to simple logic, but it had the merit of the witness to someone willing to give his or her life. The Church has known both extremes from age to age. Indeed, Christianity is often stronger following periods of challenge and persecution.

Much of our Catholic faith is perennially founded in the idea that truth is an objective reality... it is real whether you believe it or not, it is true regardless of what you think, and the final resolution of doubt and disbelief will come when God finally reveals all at the end of the age. This ultimately brings us to making a 'bet'... is it all true or not? Will I bet my life on it and 'win' all that faith purports to give— eternal life? Or is it just as well to go some other way because religion seems to be a dead-end fantasy? This conundrum and the potential solutions to it are eloquently simulated by "Pascal's Wager", which helps evaluate the potential gains and losses from the proposition of faith... but the wager—the 'bet'—is not 'faith' in itself. Faith is not the 'bet' for or against God, but it is something deeper... it is pursuit of things that are true, reverencing them when they are found.

The modern age rejects the proposal that anything is 'absolute'. proclaiming that 'truth is in the eyes of the beholder'. "I think, therefore I am", concluded Rene Descartes. I can thus only know the world as true insofar that I can perceive and measure it and judge it. My parents, the good religious sisters who taught us in school, and the accidental providences in my life have lead me to believe in God. Because the faith been good for me and explains the 'gaps' in my existence, I therefore believe. Fair enough. But the subjective order of truth is being challenged in our day by the unbounded mischief inherent in of having no objective foundation for reality. For example, it is by assuming to one's experiential self the weight of the burden of 'truth' that one can reject the biological reality of their creation and say that subjective experience leads one to conclude that "I might have been born a male, but I believe I am really a woman." Or that "love, is love, is love" and therefore my view of marriage can reject standards rooted in biological reality or appealing to so-called 'traditional' family life or social orders. How much easier it is to bend religious faith to fit one's needs or predilections, rather than to seek that which is truly good and righteous and true! But the inability to establish a reasonable, perennial basis for the truth ultimately breeds extreme individualism, fighting between factional groups, and eventually complete confusion, not unlike what was experienced in language and society at the Tower of Babel in Genesis (11: 1-9).

The essence of today's feast is very modern, yet as ancient as the first men and women who looked up at the stars and wondered about the universe. The wise men we remember this week-end travelled for months from their foreign kingdom and did not set out with preconceived notions of what they were going to find... they were simply seeking the truth revealed in the natural phenomenon they observed. When they arrived at their physical destination, they saw the spiritual object of their search. Somewhere along the way they came to believe... and that lead them to worship. My short column cannot address the reasonableness of faith as discerned by the certainty of truth, but that is our on-going quest as we continue to worship and continue to grow in study and prayer.

### — 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](http://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., January 9, 2023

7:30 a.m. James Zanger+

### Tues., January 10, 2023

7:30 a.m. Sr. Bernice Hartke+

### Wed., January 11, 2023

-at St. Dominic School

8:30 a.m. Deceased members of the Schutte/Schwartz families

### Thurs., January 12, 2023

7:30 a.m. Rosie Benz+

-at Good Samaritan

10:00 a.m. Robert & Mary Lohman+

### Fri., January 13, 2023

7:30 a.m. Charles Helmer+

### Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

### Sat., January 15, 2023

4:00 p.m. Pat Schutte+

6:30 p.m. Parish Intentions

### Sun., January 16, 2023

8:00 a.m. Susan Bauer+

10:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Tim & Leona Mast Family

**Perpetual Prayer Candle for Special Intentions**

Week of January 7-13

**Jim Holtman Family**

### — Parish Office Hours —

**Monday-Friday**

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

Bulletin Deadline: Monday, Noon

# St. Dominic School

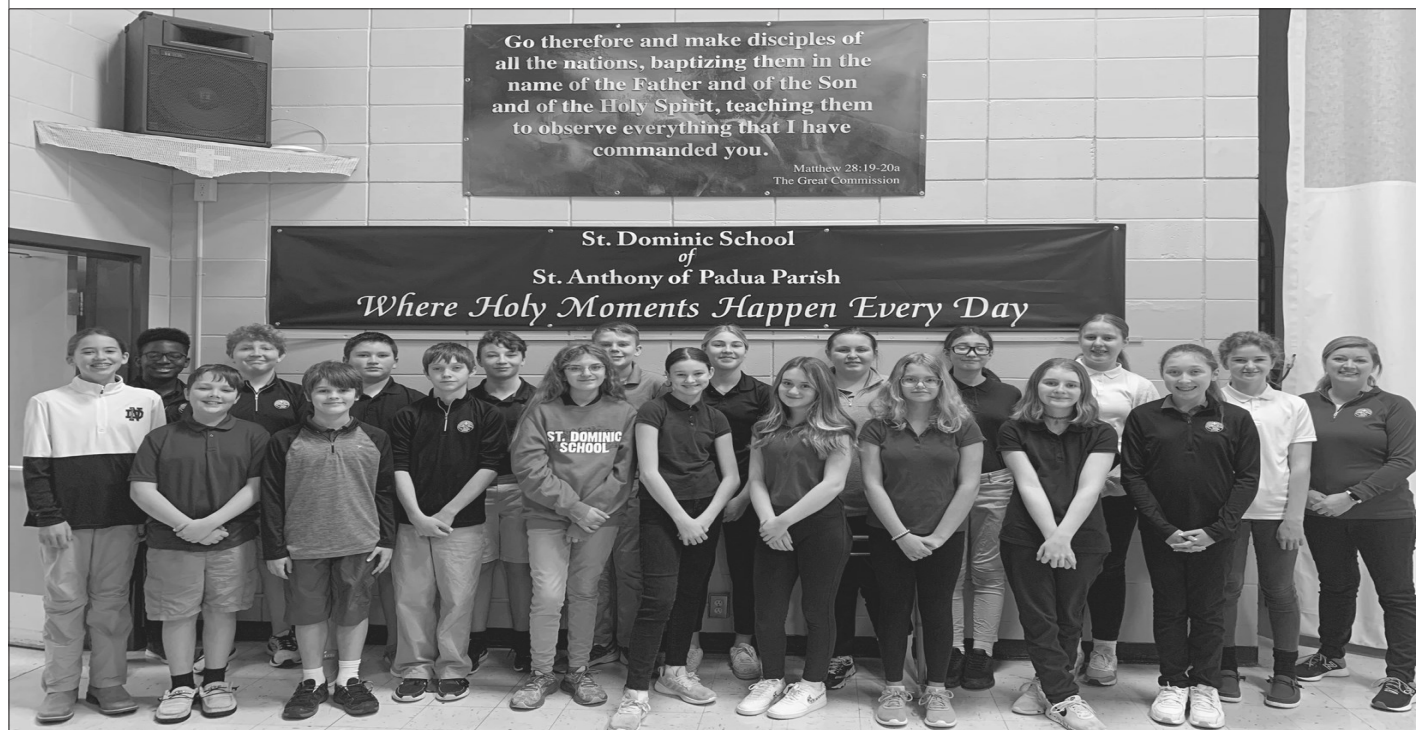
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## A Message from Mrs. Carol Frericks—Principal

### 7th Grade Leaders Teach Us How to Pray



During the month of January, our 7th grade students along with their teacher, Mrs. Holly Kasparie, will be teaching the whole school about the Spiritual Work of Mercy — Pray for the Living and the Dead. They prayed for us, “May God make your year a happy one! Not by shielding us from all sorrows and pain, but by strengthening us to bear it, as it comes; Not by making our path easy, but by making us sturdy to travel the path ... God’s love, peace, hope, and joy to us for the year ahead.”

### Empower Illinois — Invest In Kids Act

Thanks to the Invest In Kids Act, Illinois tax payers can be donors to St. Dominic School through Empower Illinois. Donors receive a 75% tax credit for the amount of their gift for school tuition assistance. Donors can QUADRUPE the impact of their donation and it allows them to be in charge of their Illinois income tax dollars as a donation to St. Dominic School. Visit the [empowerillinois.org](http://empowerillinois.org) website or call 800-616-7606 for more information. School families can make a reservation for a 2023-2024 Empower Illinois tuition scholarship on **January 18, 2023**. Families must complete the reservation form that opens on the [empowerillinois.org](http://empowerillinois.org) website at 6:30 p.m. before the submission time at 7:00 p.m.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**Sunday, January 8, 2023**

9:00-10:15 a.m. Families of Faith

**Tuesday, January 10**

6:30 p.m. School Board Meeting

**Wednesday, January 11**

8:30 a.m. School Mass

**Thursday, January 12**

6:00 p.m. Annual Fund Drive-Stuff Envelopes

**Friday, January 13**

School Spirit Shirt Day

**Monday, January 16 No School**

Martin Luther King Day

**Tuesday, January 17**

7:00 p.m. Finance Council Meeting



# Upcoming Events

## Parish Office Hours



*Beginning January 2nd the parish office will begin new hours:* Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

## Grief Share

**6:00 p.m.**



St. Anthony's GriefShare begins a new round of sessions January 5th, at 6:00 PM in the Fr. Irenaeus Kimminau Parish Center. GriefShare is a Biblically based program that helps persons who have had a love one pass away. GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside of you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. Each meeting includes a video presentation with experts and folks who have had their own losses and share their experiences. There are small group discussions where you can share or just listen and a workbook that guides you and helps you track your progress. Non-parish members are also welcome. There is no cost as GriefShare is provided at St. Anthony's by parishioners through their We Care donations. To register or for questions call the parish office, Jim Liesen at (217) 577-6664 or Deacon Harry or Cindy Cramer at (217) 224-1160. Thank you.

## 2023 Calendars



The 2023 Calendars are in the vestibule of church. Please feel free to take one.

## Yearly Contribution Statements



If you are needing a contribution statement for 2022 from St. Anthony Church please contact the parish office, 222-5996, to request a statement. These will only be printed upon request. Just let us know if you would like your statement mailed, emailed, or have it ready for you to pick up from the parish office.

# Wise Men Seek Him Still





# — Parish Data —

| PARISH CALENDAR   |                                  |
|---|----------------------------------|
| <u>Monday, January 9</u><br>7:30 p.m.   | Men's Society Meeting            |
| <u>Tuesday, January 10</u>  |                                  |
| <u>Wednesday, January 11</u>  |                                  |
| <u>Thursday, January 12</u><br>6:00 -8:00 p.m.  | Grief Share                      |
| <u>Friday, January 13</u>   |                                  |
| <u>Saturday, January 14</u><br>4:00 p.m.<br>6:30 p.m.   | Mass<br>Mass                     |
| <u>Sunday, January 15</u><br>8:00 a.m.<br>9:00-10:20 a.m.<br>10:30 a.m.   | Mass<br>Sacramental Prep<br>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 27   | Dec. 31/Jan. 1 | Total Year-to-Date |
| Loose Collection  | \$ 734.25      | \$ 19,518.72       |
| Weekly Envelopes  | \$ 13,195.00   | \$ 256,937.17      |
| Electronic Deposits   | \$ 5,523.00    | \$ 31,698.00       |
| Total, Dec. 31, /Jan. 1   | \$ 19,452.25   | \$ 308,153.89      |
| Budget Goal<br><i>(we need no less than this to stay out of deficit spending for the year!)</i> | \$ 13,000.00   | \$ 351,000.00      |
| Difference  | \$6,452.25     | (-\$ 42,846.61)    |

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| Counters: Monday, January 9, 2023<br>Diana Dietrich Anna Benz Craig Kroeter |  |  |
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| DEBT/ACCRUED DEFICITS   |                             |
|---|-----------------------------|
| Unpaid Diocesan Liabilities<br>from FY 2020-21: (this total is updated<br>periodically, approximately monthly, as funds are<br>sent and posted by the Diocese of Springfield) | \$44, 549.82                |
| Debt Reduction Envelopes<br>Thank you! —>   | Cumulative, 1/1 \$10,553.00 |

| Parish Community Tithe (PCT) News:  |
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| Thank you for your support of<br>St. Anthony Church and St. Dominic School! |

| Parish Ministry Schedule - Sat.& Sun., January 14 & 15 |   |   |   |   |
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|  | 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   | Mark Levins   | Trisha Mathews  | Michael Kinder  | Janice E. Pohlman   |
| Usher  | Randy Huber<br>Jack Kuhlman<br>James Lohman<br>Bob Maas | George Benz<br>Jay Peter<br>Ron Reichert<br>Ted Vahle | Anthony Haley<br>Michael Hummel<br>Matt Kasparie<br>Mark Neisen | Ken Klauser<br>Brian Koch<br>David McCleary<br>Pete Pohlman |
| Servers  | Volunteers  | Helen Mathews<br>Rozalyn Brass                        | Abraham Venvertloh<br>Addson Weiman                             | Gabby Fischer<br>Volunteer                                  |
| Greeters/<br>Gift Bearers                              | Dorothy Parn  | William & Ann Dixon                                   | Mike Genenbacher<br>Family                                      | Ken & Jean Klauser  |
| Rosary Leader  | Norma Weiman  | Melanie Longenecker                                   | 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, Connie Deters

**Also please remember in your prayers those who have died in 2023:**

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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.

**Sacramental Preparation 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](mailto:hglidewell@stdominicquincy.org) for more information.

Dear St. Anthony Parishioners,  
Thank you so much for your amazing kindness and generosity to the St. Dominic Staff at Christmas time. We love to serve as teachers for the children of God at St. Dominic School of St. Anthony of Padua Parish. We are so blessed to have a wonderful parish that appreciates and supports the ministry of our Catholic school. Your ongoing stewardship helps us to build our community of faith for the future. May God continue to bless your awesome stewardship.  
May God surround you with His love and mercy,  
St. Dominic School Staff

**QND Music Trivia Night** will be held on Saturday, January 21, 2023 in St. Peter School gym. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the trivia begins at 7 p.m. Tables of 8 are \$100. Bring your own refreshments and snacks. Must be 21 to participate.

Call or text Jill Steinkamp at 217-257-2253 or email [jsteinkamp@quincynotredame.org](mailto:jsteinkamp@quincynotredame.org). All proceeds will benefit the QND Music Department. Registration deadline is January 14. Registration forms may be emailed or mailed with payment to QND Music Department, 1400 S. 11th Street, Quincy, IL 62301. A link to get a registration form can be found on the QND Music Trivia Night Facebook page.



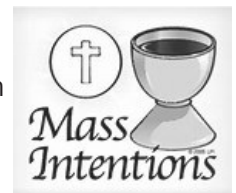
**Automatic Donations-** Now is the time of year to sign up for automatic donations especially if you are going to warmer weather for the winter. For more information please contact the parish office at 217-222-5996.

**JANUARY GROCERY ITEMS**

Dish Detergent, Toilet Paper,  
Laundry Detergent

The Ladies of Charity & Catholic Charities  
Thank You

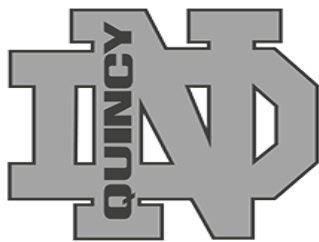
**MASS INTENTIONS:** If you would like to schedule a Mass for a loved one you may do so by coming in or calling the parish office. The offering is \$10 per Mass.



"Thanks so much to all my fellow parishioners that remember and keep me in your prayers. You made my Christmas very happy with all of the beautiful cards.  
Special thanks to "We Care" for the unique and attractive cork Christmas trees.

I was delighted with the beautiful wreath from St. Dominic's students. Many thanks to them.

Mary Gehrt



**The Annual QND Pancake and Sausage Breakfast** will be Sunday, January 8th from 8:30am-12:30pm in the QND cafeteria. The cost is \$9.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. (Children under 5 eat free). All proceeds benefit the Catholic Heart Work Camp trip this summer.

**EMPOWERING GOD'S CHILDREN** For more information please contact the parish office 222-5996 or email [bulletin@stanthonypadua.org](mailto: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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**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.

**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. If you would like to lead the Rosary before Mass please contact the parish office to be put on the schedule.

**We need your help in updating the prayer list in the bulletin.** If your family member is on the prayer list in the bulletin and is ready to be removed from the list or if you have a family member that needs to be added please let the office know.

**Butterfly Support ministers are available to help pre-plan funerals.** 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.

**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.