



St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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May 14, 2023 Sixth Sunday of Easter

✠ Alleluia ✠ Alleluia ✠ Alleluia ✠

— 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., May 15, 2023

7:30 a.m. Frank Baumgartner+

Tues., May 16, 2023

7:30 a.m. Charlie Akins+

Wed., May 17, 2023

—at St. Dominic School

8:30 a.m. No Mass

6:30 p.m. Eighth Grade Graduates

Thurs., May 18, 2023

7:30 a.m. Aborted Children+

—at Good Samaritan

10:30 a.m. Alta Hildebrand+

Fri., May 19, 2023

7:30 a.m. Susan Bauer+

The Ascension of the Lord

Sat., May 20, 2023

4:00 p.m. Joan Dryer+

6:30 p.m. Francis Gehrt+

Sun., May 21, 2023

8:00 a.m. Norman Schmelzle+

10:30 a.m. Parish Intentions

Perpetual Prayer Candle

for Special Intentions

Week of May 13-19

Paul & Kay Smith

Success of the Right to Life Movement

Tom Lepper

— Parish Office Hours —

Monday-Friday

8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

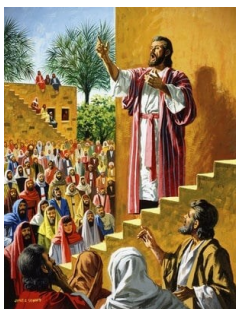
Bulletin Deadline: Monday, Noon

Today's lesson comes from the First Letter of St. Peter, where he says, *"Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but do it with gentleness and reverence, keeping your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who defame your good conduct in Christ may themselves be put to shame. It is better to suffer for doing good, if that be the will of God, than for doing evil."* (1 Peter 3: 15-17)

Peter exhorts his Christian followers, professing faith in the Risen Lord, to look at their own spiritual journeys, and to be ready to reach out to share and explain the faith to others. Their proclamation of the faith must be done with reverence and humility towards one's audience, and it must be done with confidence, knowledge, and conviction. If someone were to come to your door this afternoon, asking you to explain or defend your faith, would you be ready to respond?



When Catholics are unable to explain their faith, they become vulnerable to alternate message. Some will back away from the fullness of the faith, agreeing that "as long as we believe and are 'nice' to each other, we all worship the same God and so it really doesn't matter." This is when the Catholic faith loses its distinctive uniqueness, rooted in the person and the reality of Jesus Christ in Word and Sacrament. From here, the faith often devolves into a mildly "therapeutic moralistic deism"—a term coined by sociologists with respect to interviews with some 3000 teenagers around the year 2000 about their perceptions of religion. "Therapeutic moralistic deism" recognizes God in creation and promotes a generic 'niceness' taught by most world religion. God does not hold many expectations of people and is mostly distant, unless called on to solve a problem. This kind of Christianity is toothless. It lacks the fire and the glory of seeking *holiness* in one's life. When "therapeutic moralistic deism" is the extent of religious faith, faith risks becoming a mere 'hobby' or 'pastime' or 'tradition', where the church has no more impact in people's lives than to simply be a place where 'nice' people gather for like-minded social gatherings. For those whose spiritual life has been desolated by following this brand of 'beige Christianity', one often hears the complaint that they "are not being fed"... faith is not relevant to their lives, and they perceive, rightly, that there needs to be something more. These moments are prime opportunities for charismatic speakers to sweep them off their feet, leading them in to a path that perhaps doesn't actually solve their desolations or dissatisfactions, but leads them into a 'faith' that is centered on themselves and their own little world and needs. A mildly moralistic Jesus who 'fills in the gaps' of our needs is, after all, much easier to accept than one who demands that his followers change their lives by repentance, self-denial, and radical holiness.



Peter is someone to a community that may very well ask its members to give their lives for what they believe, and so Peter wants them to know exactly what they believe in! If we have come to believe in Jesus as the "way and the truth and the life", then we need to be able to proclaim and witness to this truth with confidence and vigor. Proclaiming the faith with zeal, we witness to the fact that our faith is not a mere social convention or manifestation of mass hysteria or a 'nice', inoffensive security blanket. We are called to be holy. We are called to be salt of the earth and light for the world. We are called to take up our crosses and follow our savior... the authentic Catholic faith requires a spiritual 'toughness' that is always advancing the proclamation of Jesus Christ as Lord, even in adversity. But at the same time, it also has the grace to nurture the seeds of faith in others with reverence and patience and charity.

The greatest threat to 21st century Catholicism is not the attacks from outside. It is not the threat of martyrdom or social exclusion or political persecution. The most dangerous threat to the Church is a growing spirit of indifference to Jesus—the "real Jesus" who loves us with the fierce courage that endured the Cross. The 'real Jesus' who is not a 'mere symbol', but the living reality of God's presence in our midst. Peter's preaching is relevant to us today. Indifference can only flourish when faith grows irrelevant in everyday life. Indeed, an irrelevant faith is a foolish, useless faith. But, if we truly believe that Jesus came into this world to deliver a message of salvation to all people, it makes all the difference in the world what we believe—for our own good and that of all we might have the chance, in God's providence, to meet. Are you able to give reasons for why you believe?

St. Dominic School

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A Message from Mrs. Carol Frericks—Principal

Kindergarten Leaders of Self-Control

During the month of May, the Kindergarten class along with their teacher, Mrs. Mollie Ozment, and teacher aides, Mrs. Teri Struck and Mrs. Haley Conroy, served as leaders of Morning Assembly. They helped us learn about the Corporal Work of Mercy—Feed the Hungry, while demonstrating and teaching the entire school about the Fruit of the Holy Spirit—Self-Control. Kindergarten students are great leaders!



M.A.G.I.C. Match Sponsors for 2022-2023

The M.A.G.I.C. Match Program (Making A Generous Incentive Commitment) is a unique relationship between our school and a local business or individual. The program provides opportunities to make a positive impact in the lives of children while increasing your name recognition to a large, appreciative audience. This year, donations to the M.A.G.I.C. Match Program were used to support our class field trips.

Thanks So Much For Your Generosity!

Ag Supply

Dale & Karla Wiewel

R. W. Reichert Trucking Service, LLC

Duker & Haugh Funeral Home

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Monday, May 15

Kindergarten & 8th Grade Field Trip

Tuesday, May 16

11:15 a.m. 5th Grade Field Trip to Vet's Home

7:00 p.m. Finance Council Meeting

Wednesday, May 17

No School Mass

10:00 a.m. Honors Ceremony

6:30 p.m. 8th Grade Graduation

Friday, May 19

Out-of-Dress-Code Day

Saturday, May 20

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

Thursday, May 25 Last Day of School

11:30 a.m. Dismissal



Upcoming Events

Junefest

June 3rd, 4:00 p.m.-Midnight



Junefest will be held at St. Dominic School beginning with Mass at 4:00 p.m. at St. Dominic School (No 4 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. Mass at St. Anthony this day. The 6:30 p.m. Mass will be held on Sunday, June 4th at St. Anthony.) Junefest will begin immediately following Mass with food, drinks, games, Youth talent performances, Live Band "Hearsay" 7:30-11:30, raffle (\$2000 in cash prizes), 50/50, Silent Auction (will end at 11 p.m.), basket raffle, and more. There will be a Game Town for Kids (\$10 wristbands) featuring crafts, Volleyball, Gaga Ball, Ring Toss, Plinko, Wall Ball, Train Ride and more. Other featured events will be BINGO, Poker, Chuck-a-Luck, Bag Long Toss 50', Dunk Booth, Football Toss, Basketball Shoot, and Fast Pitch Game.

Please make sure to pick up your Junefest envelope and return it to the parish office or put in the collection basket. Also please do not forget your bingo, silent auction and basket raffle items. They can be dropped off in the back of church or the parish office.

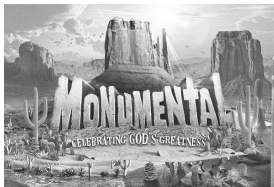
HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADUATES OF ST. ANTHONY PARISH



We would like to honor our St. Anthony Parish high school and college 2023 graduates by placing their names, high school and college or university you are graduating from and degree in the bulletin. We have the names of our parishioners who will be graduating from QND but want to include ALL graduates. Please either drop your information in the collection or call the parish office (217-222-5996) by May 28 to be included in the June 4th bulletin

St. Anthony of Padua Vacation Bible School

June 11, 12, 13 5:30-8 p.m.



Mark your calendars: **St. Anthony of Padua Vacation Bible School 2023**

Come and join us to celebrate God's greatness. This year at St. Anthony's we will have a meal to begin our evenings. Each meal is kid friendly so we hope they come with a "monumental" appetite each night! This VBS program is a wonderful way to help your children explore God's Word in new ways and learn that they can trust Jesus throughout their lives. The **FREE program** is for students going into preschool, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade. Our older students are always welcome to come back and help.

St. Anthony Church Picnic

Saturday, July 15, 5:00 p.m.-Midnight

The St. Anthony Picnic will begin after the 4:00 p.m. Mass. (There will be no 6:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday but instead it will be on Sunday, July 16th, at 6:30 p.m). Come and enjoy food and drinks, Live music by "Southern Rail" (7:30-11:30 p.m.), Bingo in air condition, country store, Kiddieland with crafts, games, basket raffle, Silent Auction, Raffle (\$2,000) in cash prizes, and fun for the whole family!

— Parish Data —

PARISH CALENDAR	
<u>Sunday, May 14</u> <u>Monday, May 15</u> 6:30 p.m.	Happy Mother's Day We Care
<u>Tuesday, May 16</u> 7:00 p.m.	Finance Council
<u>Wednesday, May 17</u> 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	St. Dominic 8th grade Awards Ceremony Merry Widows meet at Sprouts St. Dominic 8th Grade Graduation Mass Prayer Shawl Ministry
<u>Thursday, May 18</u>	
<u>Friday, May 19</u>	
<u>Saturday, May 20</u> 4:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Mass Mass (Holy Moments)
<u>Sunday, May 21</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		
<u>Week 45</u>	<u>May 6/7</u>	<u>Total Year-to-Date</u>
Loose Collection	\$ 789.26	\$ 35,303.78
Weekly Envelopes	\$ 12,395.00	\$ 433,762.29
Electronic Deposits	\$ 0.00	\$ 55,675.00
Total, May 6/7	\$ 13,184.26	\$ 524,741.07
Budget Goal <i>(we need no less than this to stay out of deficit spending for the year!)</i>	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 585,000.00
Difference	\$184.26	(-\$ 60,258.93)

Counters: Monday, May 15, 2023		
Dana Lugerling Dorothy Parn Mary Koch		

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)	\$38,192.82
Debt Reduction Envelopes <i>Thank you! —></i>	Cumulative, 5/7 \$18,207.00

Parish Community Tithe (PCT) News:
Thank you for your support of St. Anthony Church and St. Dominic School!
Contribution Statements (for tax purposes) are available on request at the parish office. Please call (217) 222-5996.

Parish Ministry Schedule - Sat.& Sun., May 20 & 21				
	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	David Keck	Jim Obert	Marlene Rose
Usher	Richard Reichert Mike Zanger Bill Anderson Jr. Dreyer	George Benz Jay Peter Ron Reichert Ted Vahle	Mike Hummel Matt Kasparie Mark Neisen Matt Weiman	Rich Rakers Craig Schafer Rick Schafer Larry Weiman
Servers	Pius IX Altar Servers	The Benz Family	Addison Weiman Luke Weiman	Calvin Breckenkamp Volunteer
Greeters/ Gift Bearers	Mary Koch	Elmer & Jeanne Maas	Mike & Kay Hummel	Mark & Cindy Wellman
Rosary Leader	Carol Vogel	Melanie Longenecker	Giny Baker	Chris Heintz
<p>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, Cindy Barner</p> <p>Also please remember in your prayers those who have died in 2023: Gary Henderson, Sharon Holthaus, David Genenbacher, Bill Wellman, Lois Wand, Vicki Arnold</p>				

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Nursing Care Patients

IL Veterans Home

Michael Hildebrand
Albert Huber
Paul Stupasky
Jim Ponsot

Bickford Cottages

Joanne Greving
SUNSET
Beverly Andrews

Bradford Villa

Ruth Schmelzle

Teacher Opening at St. Dominic School

Would you enjoy sharing our Catholic faith and love for learning with children? St. Dominic School is accepting applications for a seventh-grade teaching position for the 2023-2024 school year. Qualified applicants should hold an Illinois Professional Educator License. Responsibilities include teaching a seventh-grade homeroom class in language arts and religion, and 6th-7th-8th-grade Math according to the philosophy of St. Dominic School of St. Anthony of Padua Parish and the Diocese of Springfield. Qualified and enthusiastic applicants should send a cover letter, resume, and references to Mrs. Carol Frericks, Principal, St. Dominic School of St. Anthony of Padua Parish, 4100 Columbus Road, Quincy, IL 62305 or call 217-224-0041.



Baptism Training for Parents Having a Child Baptized will be offered Monday, May 22nd at 6:30 p.m. in the parish center. Please call the parish office (217-222-5996) to register or Deacon Harry at 217-224-1160 if you have questions. Godparents are not required to attend the training but they are welcome to attend.

The Roman Catholic Cemetery Association is looking for seasonal grounds help. If interested please talk to the Superintendent at Calvary Cemetery. The office number is (217) 223-3390.

Care Net Baby Bottle Fund Raiser Care Net Pregnancy Center is holding a baby bottle Fundraiser to support the FREE services they offer to young women who are expecting a baby. We will have the baby bottles in the gathering space of the church next week. Please consider taking a Baby Bottle from the basket and save you loose change. Please return the bottles on Sunday, June 18, Father's Day. Thank you for your support!

QUINCY GIVING BLOOD DRIVE sponsored by the Knights of Columbus will be held in Fr. McGivney Hall, 700 S. 36th Street, on Wednesday, May 24th, 7a.m-7 p.m. For an appointment call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org. You can save up to 15 minutes when you donate blood by using RapidPass! Visit RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass for more information.



Adoration
of the
Blessed Sacrament



St. Peter Adoration Chapel

Open Hours:

Tuesday 10 to 11 am on the 1st, 3rd, 5th weeks of the month, 11 am to noon, 1 to 2 pm, 2 to 3 pm, 4 to 5 pm, 10 to 11 pm, 11 pm to midnight
Wednesday Midnight to 1 am, 1 to 2 am, 2 to 3 am, 3 to 4 am, 4 to 5 am, 7 to 8 am, 8 to 9 am, 10 to 11 am on the 1st week of the month.
Friday 1 to 2 pm on the 1,2,3,5 weeks of the month
Saturday 1 to 2 am, 2 to 3 am, 3 to 4 pm on the 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th week of the month, 5 to 6 pm on the 4th week of the month
Please call Mary Voorhis at 217-653-3127 or call or text Gina Wolf at 217-257-9966 with questions or to fill an hour. We absolutely would love to have you be an Adorer with our group! We always have room on our sub list also if that fits your schedule better.

MAY GROCERY ITEMS

Laundry Detergent & Dish Detergent
The Ladies of Charity & Catholic Charities
Thank You

WE ARE IN NEED OF SACRISTANS! Sacristans ready the sacristy as well as the materials and items needed for Mass. After Mass, they help clean the sacred vessels and assist with securing the church building. They let the office know when consumable supplies need to be ordered. Sacristans are schedule by the month and choose the Mass that they would like to be scheduled for. We need more for every Mass but especially 10:30 a.m. on Sunday. For more information or to volunteer please call the parish office 217-222-5996.

EMPOWER ILLINOIS scholarship program: Donate to students, receive a 75% Illinois tax credit. For more information please contact the parish office 222-5996 or email 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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The Mega Raffle is Back! This could be YOUR year to win MEGA MONEY! The "Everybody Wins" Mega Raffle is back, and tickets are on sale now. Only 4,000 tickets will be sold for your chance to win \$100,000, \$25,000, \$15,000, or 37 more cash prizes. Proceeds benefit the QCES Foundation, QND Foundation, and Quincy's five Catholic Schools. More information, including how to get your tickets, can be found at QuincyMegaRaffle.org. We have tickets in the parish office for sale.

Mega Raffle Update Thank you to all who have purchased Mega Raffle tickets to date. This fundraiser has raised more than \$2.1 million since it began, and it directly impacts our students, schools, and foundations. We need your help to sell our remaining tickets to ensure the greatest impact this year! If you haven't purchased, please do so through your school, parish office, a school family, or at QuincyMegaRaffle.org. Ticket sales end Thursday, May 18, and our drawing will be held Friday, May 19 live on KICK FM at 8:35 am. Thank you for your continued support of our schools and foundations!

Teacher Aide Opening-St. Peter School Applicants should have experience working with young children. Responsibilities include working one on one with children, assisting the teacher with instructions and supervision. Send a cover letter, resume and references to Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh, St. Peter School, 2500 Maine Street, Quincy, IL 62301.

White House Men's and Women's Annual Retreat Seeking God

"Come away by yourselves to a deserted (quiet place) and I will give you rest" Mark 6:31.
Join the Men of our Parish signing up for the 2023 Annual SILENT Retreat at the White House Retreat Center in St. Louis: starting Monday, September 25, 12:00 PM ending Thursday, September 28, 12:00 PM. The retreat experience at the White House is a powerful one. RE-CHARGE YOUR SPIRITUAL BATTERIES: No one plans to push God aside, but sometimes in the craziness of life that is what happens. Ask any man or woman who has ever made a retreat at the White House and they will volunteer that "NEVER HAVE THEY BEEN MORE AT PEACE WITH THEIR SOUL AND THEIR GOD." Call or email your name and phone # for your reservation NOW. John Venegoni at 217-430-2234 jvenegoni6808@comcast.net. Deadline is August 10, 2023.
THE WOMEN'S WHITE HOUSE ANNUAL SILENT RETREAT STARTS Monday, October 2nd ending Thursday, October 5. Call or email your name and phone # for your reservation NOW. Debra Schulte at 217-430-5144 dschulte2424@gmail.com Deadline is August 12, 2023.

Mark your calendar: St. Francis Church will be holding their Parish Picnic on Saturday, June 10, 2023 from 5:00 p.m. -Midnight. The Heidelberg Band will play from 5:30-7:30 p.m. and The Gentlemen will take the stage from 7:30 p.m.-11:30p.m.