

# St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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### September 3, 2023 Twenty-Second Week of Ordinary Time

### A Message from Fr. Tom Donovan:



As school gets back into session for St. Dominic's and for all of the other schools our children attend, we also get our Religious Education programs up and running for the season as well. Traditionally, we have reckoned our Religious Education offerings for our young people in two 'tracks'... one belonging to our Catholic School, where religious education is part of the daily curriculum, and then the other belonging to "CCD" or "PSR", and more recently "Families of pot enrolled in our Catholic grade school attend a standalone

Faith", where young people who are not enrolled in our Catholic grade school attend a standalone religious education program offered by the church.

In recent years, not only in Quincy, but all over the country, church leaders and finding the delivery of religious education more and more difficult, especially in the context of providing a quality program for those not involved in our Catholics Schools. For sure, there has always been issues finding sufficient, properly trained volunteers, setting dates and seasons that work for the most families, for dealing with the, ahem, "energy" of students in their classrooms, where perhaps discipline is not as strict as it is in school, or where the motivation of earning grades is lacking, inspiring lapses in attention and performance. We will always have these problems, but there is something more that we are now dealing with.

In recent years we have also found that families and young people, holding to the (perenniallywrong) attitude that "after Confirmation, religious education is finished", perceive themselves as being "graduated" from the obligation of attending religious education programming because the "obligation" of receiving the sacraments is completed after third grade Confirmation and First Communion. All too often this attutide snowballs into casual attitudes about the obligation to participate in Sunday worship due to all of the other activities that are part of school and family life. The effort to bless our children with sacramental graces earlier in their lives with the intention of inspiring ongoing religious development (not as mere students obligated to years in the classroom, but as Christians embracing the life-long horizon of growth as stewards of the great gifts they have received) is being short-circuited by this premature departure from religious education.

And besides leaving formal religious training, it is also alarming that—both from our Catholic School families, as well as our public school families—that probably only around 20% of our families regularly attend Mass on Sunday. Sunday Mass attendance is, of course, a serious obligation. To be blunt, it is a sin to miss Mass on Sunday. But even more than just being a sin, there is an even more alarming evil that slides into our attitude about the faith when our families miss Mass frequently. In short, our teachers, our catechists, our clergy instruct our children that "Mass is important", and then when they look to their parents they see another example and another path. Thus many young people experience competing opinions: "this is important" and "this is not important". If a family does not follow up with a good example for the children, taking not only the religious education of their children seriously, but even more so the essential, minimal obligation that we have as Christians to worship and to form our lives around the Eucharist, then we are lost as a people of faith, our efforts at religious education risk being in vain, and our children will need to be completely re-evangelized if they are to take their rightful place among God's people.

We have a big problem. Perhaps I have not been assertive enough in talking about this, and so we are going to start here and now: In this year of Eucharistic Revival we are being reminded and challenged to form our lives of the truth that the Eucharist and its work of Divine Worship is very source and summit of all that we do... either we are a Eucharistic people, or we are nothing. In order to worship "in Spirit and Truth", we must know the faith. If we do not know the faith, then we can expect people to say "I don't get anything out of Mass... why should I be here?"

I urge all of our families to make a renewed effort in this school year to focus ourselves back on what is essential in our lives as Catholics. Families... commit yourselves to coming to Mass each and every weekend without fail, and help your children to learn to prioritize their faith over sports leagues, weekend trips, or the temptation to simply surrender to being "tired". Parents, grow your faith that you may teach and be a good example to your children... the best way to start is by reviewing your experience at Sunday Mass with a discussion of the readings you hear and how they apply in your lives as a family. Learn to spot and identify and give thanks for the "Holy Moments" that take place every day of our lives. Hearts lacking in gratitude, days that pass by in confusion and indifference leaving bodies and spirits exhausted... none of this is what being a "Eucharistic People" is about. The Lord wants better for us.

The Church is hardly perfect, and faithfulness in the discipline of worship and formation can be hard, but as we work together to create a family of families, the Church is better to welcome the stranger and embrace the sinner, to heal the brokenhearted and rejoice with the victorious— to be a sign of God's love, here in this world and in everlasting life.

- 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



Mon., September 4, 2023 7:30 a.m. Kent Wellman +

Tues., September 5, 20237:30 a.m.Katie Kroeter+

Wed., September 6, 2023 - at St. Dominic School 8:30 a.m. Paul & Eadie Edwards+

Thurs., September 7, 2023 7:30 a.m. Richard Venvertloh + -at Good Samaritan 10:30 a.m. John & Elaine Will+

Fri., September 8, 2023 7:30 a.m. Otha Howell +

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Sat., September 9, 2023

4:00 p.m. Elmo, Marge, Patrick & Chris McClain+
6:30 p.m. Parish Intentions
Sun. September 10, 2023
8:00 a.m. Elizabeth Mock+
10:30 a.m. Robert & Rita Hummel+

> Perpetual Prayer Candle for Special Intentions Week of Sept. 2-8 Katie Kroeter

- Parish Office Hours -Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Bulletin Deadline: Monday, Noon

# **St. Dominic School**

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A Message from Mrs. Carol Frericks—Principal

# St. Dominic School Buddy Program



Our school utilizes the buddy system to build a sense of security and belonging through relationships and encouragement. For this purpose, these buddy groups work on various projects together, as well as play games and read with each other. The student buddy program is comprised of the following classes that have been paired together: Preschool and 4th Grade, Kindergarten and 8th Grade, 1st Grade and 6th Grade, 2nd Grade and 5th Grade, and 3rd Grade and 7th Grade. Eighth-grade students at St. Dominic School have many opportunities to practice selfless acts of service and participate in faith-based activities. Each day at Morning Meeting, our eighth-grade students sit next to kindergarten students to model how to participate and encourage their participation. We notice the way these younger students look up to the older ones as holy moments of kindness. When students begin to see ordinary moments as an opportunity to collaborate with God, Holy Moments happen every day at St. Dominic School.

## 2023-2024 NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATORY POLICY

School admits students of any race, color, sex or national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate based on race, color, sex, or national and ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarships and loan programs, and athletic and school administered programs. Our schools do reserve all their rights as religious entities in accord with the teachings of the Catholic Church, the protections of the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, and the Illinois Religious Freedom Restoration Act 775 ILCS 35/."

September 3, 2023



You Are Invited		Thursday, September 7th, 7:00 p.m.					
	the parish to attend	Deacon Dennis Holbrook will be sharing a presentation of "The Sign of the Cross" in the parish hall on Thursday, September 7th at 7:00 p.m. All parishioners are invited to attend. Following the presentation the ladies will hold their regular meeting. All ladies are invited to stay for our meeting.					
<b>PSR</b> and Families of l	Faith		Sunday, September 10th				
	will begin	PSR and Families of Faith: Faith formation classes for our K-8 public school families will begin on September 10th! A letter with registration was sent to families in July. If you did not receive the letter, please email hglidewell@stdominicquincy.org. See you soon!					
Lector Training and	Review	Sunday, Septemb	er 10th & 11th after all Masses				
		II be a short lector training after all N one who would like to be a lector.	lasses on Sept. 11 & 12 for all present				
Save the Date! St. An	nthony Men's	s Society Chicken Dinner	September 17, 2023				
Sicken Dinne	Dinner o All mea <u>We will</u>	k your calendars for the St. Anthony Men's Society Dine In or Carry Out Chicken her on Sunday, September 17th, 11:00 a.m1:00 p.m. 1/4 Chicken Meal (white) \$12 1/4 Chicken Meal (dark) \$12 1/2 Chicken Meal \$16 Chicken Strips \$8 Children's Meal (wing or drumstick) \$8 heals include 3 sides, homemade dinner rolls, dessert, and drink. will be taking credit cards this year but there will be a 3% convenience fee. Ladies of the parish we will be needing pies donated for the chicken dinner.					
St. Anthony Ladies S	ociety Fall C	raft/Vendor Show	October 7th, 9:00 a.m2:00 p.m.				
	7th, at St. 430-7256	0					
FORME	ED!	scribed to in order to provide all our documentaries, talks, e-books, daily terials available in the Church today Church. To sign up, go to http://sig and select St. Anthony Church. Aft	esource which St. Anthony Parish has sub- parishioners with some of the best movies, y programs and devotionals, and other ma- y. Some call it the "Netflix" of the Catholic nup.formed.org, enter our zip code 62305 er entering your email address, you will nds of items which you can access on your her devices.				
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## - Parish Data -

	PARISH CALENDAR	2	WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING			
			<u>Week 9</u>	August 26/27	Total Year-to-Date	
Monday, Septen	nber 4 Labor Day Parish Offic	e Closed	Loose Collection	\$ 832.80	\$ 7,133.78	
Tuesday, Septer	No School		Weekly Envelopes	\$ 7,807.00	\$ 77,224.45	
6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Surviving D Pastoral Co		Electronic Deposits	\$ 6,103.00	\$ 18,129.00	
-		uncii	Total, August 26/27	\$ 14,742.80	\$ 102,487.23	
grad		al Meeting for 3rd Church	Budget Goal (we need no less than this to stay out of deficit spending for the yearl)	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 117,000.00	
6:30 p.m.	St. Dominic	PTO Meeting	Difference	\$ 1,742.80	\$ (-14,512.77	
<u>Thursday, Septe</u> 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Grief Share Ladies Soci	ety Meeting	Counters: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 Dana Lugering Jack Kuhlman			
Friday, September 8			DEBT/ACCRUED DEFICITS			
<u>This will be for a would like to b</u> Saturday, Septe	<u>mber 9</u>	sses this weekend. tor and anyone who	Unpaid Diocesan Liab from FY 2020-21: (this periodically, approximately monthly	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) <b>\$28,623.</b> <b>as of June 30, 20</b>		
4:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Mass Mass		Debt Reduction Envelopes Thank you!> FY 2023-24: \$ :		023-24: \$ 2,777.8	
<u>Sunday, Septem</u> 8:00 a.m.	<u>iber 10</u> Mass			munity Tithe (PCT	) News	
10:30 a.m. Mass			Our Total Parish Tithe for 2022-2023: \$79,157			
As each one ho good ste	as received a gift, use it to wards of God's varied grad	serve one another as ce (1 Pt 4:10).		you for your support on hurch and St. Dominic		
	Parish Ministry	Schedule - Sat.&	Sun., September 9	8 & 10, 2023		
	Saturday, 4:00 PM	Saturday, 6:30 PM	I Sunday, 8:00 Al	M Sunda	ay, 10:30 PM	
Key Minister/	Mary Courty		Dan Reichert	Rich Rakers	Rich Rakers	
Lector	Mary Courty	Angie Dean	Mike Baker	Debra Woo	Debra Woodworth	
Usher	Tom Grawe Randy Huber Jack Kuhlman James Lohman	Ron Reichert Ted Vahle Georg Benz R.J. Boone	Matt Kasparie Mark Neisen Dan Terwelp Luke Weiman	Ken Klauser Brian Koch	Frank Arnold Ken Klauser Brian Koch David McCleary	
Servers	Volunteers	The Benz Family	Abraham & Gus Venvertloh	Madison &	Madison & Emma McCleary	
Greeters/ Gift Bearers	Dana & Rose Lugering	RJ & Marilyn Boone	Leon & Kay Lent	tz Kenny & Je	Kenny & Jean Klayser	
	Carol Vogel	Melanie Longenecke	er Giny Baker	David & Jani	David & Janice McCleary Family	

Bill Wellman, Lois Wand, Vicki Arnold, Mark Wellman, Paul Stupasky, Joanne Greving, Suzanne Willer

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### **Nursing Care Patients**

IL Veterans Home Michael Hildebrand Albert Huber Jim Ponsot Bickford Cottages Rita Terstriep Mary Gerht

Bradford Villa Ruth Schmelzle

Sunset Beverly Andrews

Date Change to sign up for the Diocesan Year of the Eucharist and the 100th Anniversary of the transfer of the See city from Alton to Springfield being held Saturday, October 28 at the BOS Center in Springfield. Each parish is allotted so many tickets. Please contact the parish office if you would like to reserve a ticket by <u>September 15th</u> or for more information. Tickets are free.

Church Cleaning Schedule for Thursday September 7th, 6:00 PM "GROUP C: Jackie Dreyer, Theresa Bockhold, Joyce Hildebrand, Betty Kasparie, Dana Wittler, Carol Vogel, Lou Ann Weills, Penny Weiman & girls, Pat Steinkamp, Cindy Cramer, Julie Reichert, Julie Peter & girls, Bea Hermsmeier, Anna Benz, Anna Dixon, Yvonne Campbell, Olivia Powell, and Michelle Deege, Marilyn Boone Thank you

SEPTEMBER GROCERY ITEMS Toilet Paper & Laundry Detergent The Ladies of Charity & Catholic Charities Thank You

<u>CHURCH KEYS</u> If you have rented the hall or the quilt room for an event and still have the keys please return them to the parish office. If you are not able to get them here between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. you may deposit them in the white box on the outside of the parish hall. There are many outstanding keys and we do need to have them returned.



St. Anthony Parish welcomes Nadia Elizabeth O'Brien daughter of Katie Elizabeth O'Brien who was baptized August 26, 2023 into the Catholic faith.



St. Anthony Parish welcomes James Miles Genenbacher son of Tad and Deadra (Weerts) Genenbacher who was baptized August 27, 2023 into the Catholic faith. St. Anthony of Padua Church,

**Parish Registration** If you are new to St. Anthony Church or have been coming for a while, please register with our parish. Registering is important to ensure you will receive infrequent emails from the parish email and envelopes to support our parish. It is also important to establish your parish should you be asked to be a godparent or sponsor for Confirmation. Many parishes require a letter from your parish stating that you are registered, contributing, and regularly attending Mass. Please contact our office or place a note in the collection basket with your name and contact information. We will then send you a registration form by mail or email. join us and get involved with our St. Anthony Parish.

**HOSPITAL MINISTRY** Lay Eucharistic Ministers are asked to consider expanding their ministry by providing Holy Eucharist to Catholic patients at Blessing Hospital. Eucharistic Ministers usually volunteer monthly for at least two shifts (about 2 hours each). They visit patients, pray with them, distribute communion and make priest referrals for those in need. *Our requirements have recently* 

changed and a Covid vaccination is no longer required for volunteers at Blessing Hospital. If you are interested in learning more, please contact your pastor or call Prudence Bickhaus Martin at Blessing Volunteer Services, 223-8400, ext. 6825.

> Butterfly Support ministers are available to help pre-plan funerals. They have already had a re-

quest. 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.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Suzanne Willer Eternal Rest Grant to her O Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine on her.



You are Invited to Women's Saints Study! Women of all ages: Join us this Tuesday, September 5, at 7 p.m. in the St. Francis parish center for a presentation on 'A pilgrim People' by Hope Glidewell! Following her presentation, we will begin our new book-Mother Angelica's Guide to the Spiritual Life. Come for the presentation only, or stay for the entire evening! Open to all parishes.



Safe Environment Program

To report all 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) 321-1156

### St. Anthony of Padua Church, Quincy, September 3, 2023

Quincy Discount Travel: Experience Italy!!! Florence, Assisi, Rome with Father John Doctor and Dr. Padraic Rohan, June 9-20, 2024. Join us for more details, wine and cheese on Wednesday, September 13th at 5:30 p.m. Contact Jennifer to RSVP. Call 217-228-1122 or email jennifer@4discounttravel.com

**SEPTEMBERFEST!** Blessed Sacrament Church will be holding their Septemberfest on Saturday, September 9th, 5:30-11 p.m. There will be food, drinks, games, bounce houses, bags tournament, silent auction and live band. Bring your family and friends for a great evening!

**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.

**EMPOWER ILLINOIS** scholarship program: Donate for students in need, receive a 75% Illinois tax credit. For more information please contact the parish office 222-5996 or email bulle-tin@stanthonypadua.org and we will email the instructions to



### YOU CAN HELP MAKE QUINCY A SAFE HAVEN FOR THE UNBORN

A new grassroots effort is underway to limit abortion at the local level. The federal "Comstock Act" prohibits mailing and receiving abortion-inducing drugs and paraphernalia. A proposed ordinance would call for the lawful enforcement of the Comstock Act in Quincy, thus making our city a safer-haven for the unborn. Because of Quincy's location on the Missouri border, our community is vulnerable to possible efforts on part of the abortion industry to establish clinics or even deploy a mobile



abortion van. Let's tell them "not in our town!" **Right to Life of Adams County**'s website has more information about this ordinance, contact information for your public officials, and a link to an online petition: **https://rtlac.org** 

Petition signers do not have to be residents of Quincy to support a safe haven for unborn babies. Petitions will also be available at Church this week and next. Spread the word and thank you for your support!

**MOVING???** If you are moving, please call the parish office 222-5996 to give us your new address. We get charged for any returned mailings.

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