

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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September 17, 2023 Twenty-Fourth Week of Ordinary Time

A Message from Fr. Tom Donovan:

 Mass Times – 4:00, 6:30 pm Saturday: 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 as announced Holy Days: 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 18, 2023 7:30 a.m. Tom Mock+

Tues.. September 19, 2023 7:30 a.m. Communion Service There will be Adoration

Wed., September 20, 2023 - at St. Dominic School 8:30 a.m. Leroy Venvertloh

Thurs., September 21, 2023

7:30 a.m. Communion Service -at Good Samaritan 10:30 a.m. Communion Service

Fri., September 22, 2023 7:30 a.m. No Mass

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sat., September 23, 2023 4:00 p.m. Vince Dreier+ 6:30 p.m. Jack Terford+ Sun., September 24, 2023 8:00 a.m. Norman Schmelzle+ 10:30 a.m. Parish Intentions

Perpetual Prayer Candle for Special Intentions Week of Sept. 16-22 **Eric Weiman** Success of Sanctuary Cities for the Unborn Efforts

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

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must I forgive? Seven times?" (Matthew 18: 21) Ancient rabbis, taking the example of the prophets, observed that God would forgive the enemies of Israel three times before punishing them. As a consequence one might surmise, if it is good enough for God, it would be good enough for us to forgive three times, and no more. three times, then might one unwittingly become an 'enabler' to the sinner's sin? Do we forgive our spouse every time they

leave their socks on the floor or fail to wash the dishes they leave in the sink? Maybe we are enabling that behavior by not confronting it, and thus we are complicit the unrest that weighs against the peace in the household? Jesus busts this reasoning by saying that we should not simply forgive seven times (already one more than twice as generous as what the rabbis taught), but we should forgive seven times seventy times. So, 490 times it is? Do we keep track of how many days (490) that there are socks on the floor and the dishes in the sink and then file for divorce?

The key understanding what Jesus is trying to teach us is to realize that true forgiveness is so much greater than mere tolerance. Forgiveness recognizes the seriousness of sin while offering a 'way back' for the sinner. Authentic forgiveness presumes and rightfully expects conversion of the sinner from their ways.

But forgiveness will also incur some kind of 'cost' the one who is offended by sin. Maybe it is not a financial 'cost' as often those costs cannot be avoided when property is damaged or a a payback is necessary to satisfy justice. But the forgiving party is 'on' to put aside the hurt and the offense and to welcome the sinner back as a brother or sister in Christ, without a debt of justice existing between offender and offended. This can be the hardest part of forgiveness, sometimes taking years to achieve. To trivialize that process or short-circuit it with 'tolerance' where the offended party simply lives in an 'uneasy peace' with the sinner... who is the one that will be harmed? Not the sinner, but the one who still needs to forgive.

A trope in the press is to put a family who has been victimized by crime in front of the camera to tell their 'feelings' at the time of the conviction or sentencing or execution of a criminal-perhaps a murderer. The fundamental question is, does the punishment of the sinner really bring peace to a victim's family? Normally it does... to an extent. The streets are safer with a criminal in jail. The process of justice under law is vindicated. Maybe the family takes satisfaction out of knowing that the criminal will be subjected to a harsh existence and, at its end, the horrible weight of divine retribution. In any case, the truth of the crime has been exposed to public scrutiny and society has rightfully condemned it- not unlike brining an issue "before the church" in the previous week's Gospel.

But if we are satisfied with condemnation of the sinner and do not seek reform and reconciliation, then that satisfaction is only passing. Society typically forgets and marginalizes the offender as he or she sits in prison, exacting vengeance day by day as the sentence lingers. Time may heal some wounds for the victim or the victim's family, but the experience of the trauma remains and sometimes grows as the years wear on, deepening the sense of loss and victimization and preventing final healing.

The cost of forgiveness comes by way of suffering with the sinner. Last week Paul reminded us that the only debt we should have between ourselves is the debt of love. We should not hold over each other the just desserts of justice or vengeance. When we offer forgiveness to each other... true forgiveness... it is a restoration of love between God's people. When a victim of sin or crime can come to terms with their loss in love, and then take the heroic move to extend that love to their perpetrator, then true forgiveness is possible. When a spouse can see those socks and those dishes and come to terms with this annoyance in love for their spouse, then forgiveness is possible. When the Lord God of the universe can look upon the world he created, see it mired in sin and disobedience, and then embrace it with his perfect love, then redemption of the entire world is possible. This is the pattern of love. In the case of the criminal, the spouse, and the world, the only thing that can undermine that forgiveness is the lack of repentance... but that is on the sinner, not the 'forgiver'.

And so how often should we love each other? Let's not be stingy. More than three times... more than seven times... even more than seven times seventy times. We should not limit the opportunities to allow works of love to restore our fallen world

St. Dominic School

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A Message from Mrs. Carol Frericks—Principal

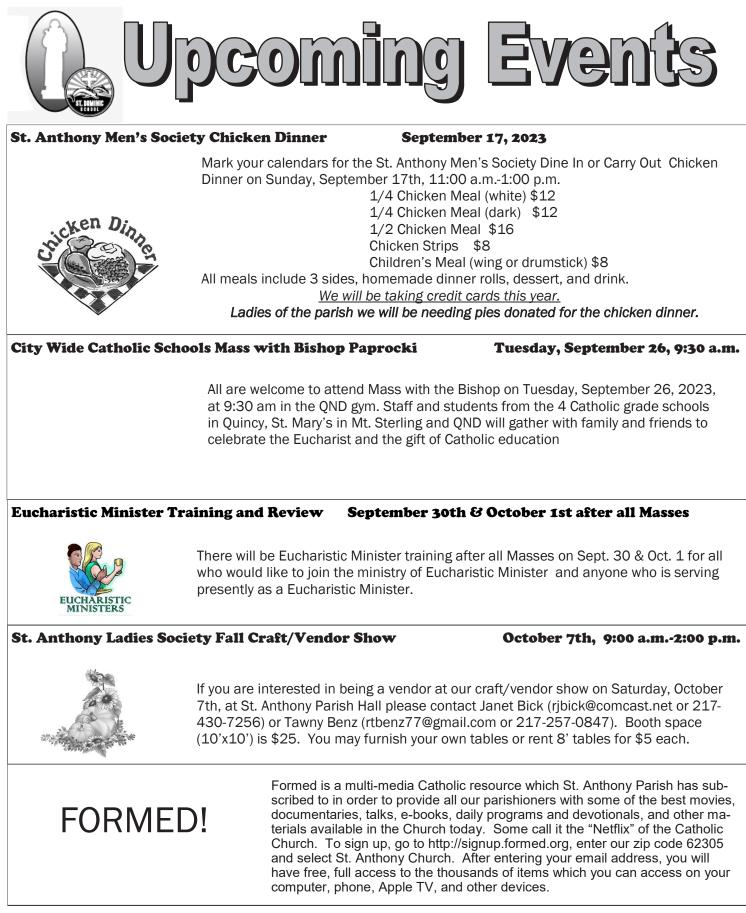
Please Join Us for Eucharistic Adoration

During this school year, we will learn about the Sacraments of the Catholic Church and Eucharistic Adoration. Father Tom held our first Eucharistic Adoration for this year on Wednesday, September 6. Throughout the school year, we will provide Eucharistic Adoration for faith formation approximately once per month. The Eucharist will be exposed at school on the following Wednesdays following School Mass from 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 12:35-2:35 p.m. with Benediction at 2:35 p.m. Please join us at school for Eucharistic Adoration on October 11, November 15, January 17, February 21, March 20, and May 1st.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Wednesday, September 20 8:30 a.m. School Mass Friday, September 22 School Spirit Shirt or Logo Day Monday, September 25 6-8 p.m. Quincy Catholic Schools Board Meeting Tuesday, September 26 9:30 a.m. City-Wide Mass at QND 12:15 p.m. Grade 7&8 Eucharistic Miracles Fair September 17, 2023



– Parish Data –

	PARISH	H CALENDAR		WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING						
There will be Eucharistic Minister training offer all Massac				Week 11	<u>Septemb</u>	eptember 9/10		Total Year-to-Date		
<u>There will be Eucharistic Minister training after all Mass</u> <u>September 30th and October 1st. This will be for all wh</u> <u>presently a Eucharistic Minister and anyone who would</u> be a Eucharistic Minister.			l be for all who are	Loose Collection	\$	921.50	\$	8,748.78		
			<u>ne who would like to</u>	Weekly Envelopes	\$7	,585.00	\$	95,074.45		
				Electronic Deposits	\$	0.00	\$	18,129.00		
<u>Sunday, September 17</u> 11:00 a.m1:00 p.m.		Chicken Dinner in Parish Hall		Total, September 9/10	\$8	3,506.50	\$	121,952.23		
<u>Monday. September 18</u> 6:30 p.m.		We Care		Budget Goal (we need no less than this to stay out of deficit spending for the yearl)	\$ 13	\$ 13,000.00		143,000.00		
<u>Tuesday, September 19</u> 6:30 p.m.		Surviving Divorce		Difference	\$ (-4	,493.50)	\$	(-21,047.77		
<u>Wednesday, September 20</u> 11:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.		Merry Widows at Sprouts Prayer Shawl Ministry		Counters: Monday, September 18, 2023 Nancy Speckhart Melanie Longenecker Jan Obert						
Thursday, September 21 6:00 p.m.		Grief Share		DEBT/	DEBT/ACCRUED DEFICITS					
Friday, September 22				Unpaid Diocesan Liab from FY 2020-21: (this	total is update	updated \$28,623.82				
Saturday, September 23 4:00 p.m.		Mass		periodically, approximately month sent and posted by the Diocese of	the Diocese of Springfield)					
6:30 p.m.		Mass		Debt Reduction Envel Than	n Envelopes <i>Thank you!</i> —> FY 2023-24: \$ 3,688.8					
Sunday, September 24 8:00 a.m.		Mass		Parish Com	munity Ti	the (PCT)	New	/s:		
10:30 a.m.		Mass		Our Total Parish Tithe for 2022-2023: \$79,157						
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).				Thank you for your support of St. Anthony Church and St. Dominic School!						
	Parish	Ministry	Schedule - Sat.&	Sun., September 2	3 & 24,	2023				
	Saturday	, 4:00 PM	Saturday, 6:30 PM	M Sunday, 8:00 A	M	Sunda	y, 10	:30 PM		
Key Minister/	Mary Courty			Dan Reichert	Ric	Rich Rakers				
Lector	Jackie Dreyer		Trisha Mathews	Michelle Kasparie	Kin	Kim Peters				
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	Ker Bria	Frank Arnold Ken Klauser Brian Koch David McCleary				
Servers	Kamryn & Matt Pritchett		The Benz Family	Abraham & Gus Venvertloh	s Em	Emma McCleary Lizzy Smith				
	Dorothy Parn		Elmer & Jeanne Ma			Troy & Kim Peters				
Greeters/ Gift Bearers			1			David & Janice McCleary				

Also please remember in your prayers those who have died in 2023: Gary Henderson, Sharon Holthaus, David Genenbacher, Bill Wellman, Lois Wand, Vicki Arnold, Mark Wellman, Paul Stupasky, Joanne Greving, Suzanne Willer, Rita Terstriep

September 17, 2023

St. Anthony of Padua Church,

Nursing Care Patients

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

t Beverly Andrews
Bradford Villa

Ruth Schmelzle

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.

The Diocesan Eucharistic Congress will include nationally recognized Catholic speakers, adoration, confession, and Mass. For details, speaker bios, and schedule-visit dio.org/revival-bos.



Keynote: Dr. Scott Hahn



Order of St. Benedict

Sr. M. Karolyn Nunes, FSGM Sisters of St. Francis of the Matryr St. George



Fr. Chase Hilgenbrinck Diocese of Peoria, II

Funeral Dinner Ministry

Would you like to help with Funeral Dinners or bring in a dish for a funeral dinner??

If so, please contact the Tawny Benz at 217-257-0847 or Lou Ann Weills at 217-257-9190. You may also call the parish office 217-222-5996.

<u>Prayer Shawl Ministry</u> will meet Wed., Sept. 20th, in the Quilter Room at 6:30 p.m. If you like to knit, crochet, quilt, sew or tie fleece this group is for you. We make shawls and lap robes for those who are ill, homebound, in hospitals, nursing homes, in the military or who just need to know that the St. Anthony Church Family is praying for them in their time of need. New members are always welcome! Call Jan Barnard at 217-224-7487.



Congratulations to **Ryan and Laci (Porter) Hildebrand** who were joined in the Sacrament of Matrimony Saturday, September, 9, 2023

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



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Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women 95th Annual Convention, "Christ is Alive:" Wed., Sept. 27, 8:00 a. m. – 4:30 p.m.: Sacred Heart High School West Campus, Springfield, IL. Cathy Becker, the key-note speaker, will address

"New Maps for a New Landscape." Cathy will guide participants to look at the changing landscape of people involved in our faith, find the fixed landmarks, and how to chart a new map with new routes to bring

people back to the faith, engage new seekers of the faith and find hope in our Catholic Faith. Cathy has come to us with much education and experience such as having a Masters of Arts in Pastoral Studies and is currently the Director of Faith Formation at St. Agnes. Bishop Thomas John Paprocki will be the main celebrant of the Mass at St. Agnes Church at 11:00 a.m. The collection for mass

will be divided between two local agencies helping the unborn-"First Step Women's Center" and "Two Hearts Springfield". Registration is \$50 which includes morning refreshments and lunch. There will be a Silent Auction to support the Seminarian Fund. This is a great connection for the women in our diocese. There will also be a queen "chandelier" quilt raffle. Please plan to attend if possible. Forms will be in your parish lobby and you may register through your parish or find the registration via the following link: <u>https://dio.org/wp-content/</u>

uploads/2023/07/SDCCW-2023-Convention-

<u>Registration-Form.pdf</u> Any questions, please contact Janet Zimmerman: <u>Janetzim14@yahoo.com</u> or 217-494-4743, or Angela Lipcamon, Quincy Deanery Pres.



Happy 40th Wedding Anniversary to Dale and Jennifer Hilgenbrinck! May God bless you with many more years together.



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

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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

Quincy Notre Dame Pom Eras Camp - Taylor Swift Theme

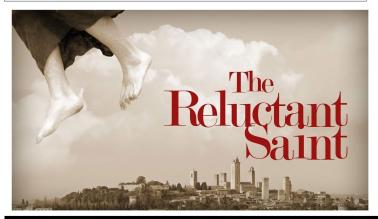
Friday, Sept 29th 5:45-End of Halftime <u>Who</u>: Girls in Preschool - 8th Grade. (Ages 3 and up) <u>When</u>: Check in @ 5:15-5:45 in the QND Lobby <u>Where</u>: QND Gym, 10th and Jackson <u>Cost</u>: \$30 - includes t shirt, pizza & snack, and admission into the game TO GUARANTEE T-shirt size register by Friday Sept. 22nd

- extra tshirts will be available

<u>Questions</u>: Contact Coach Jennifer Duesterhaus at <u>qndpomcoaches@gmail.com</u>

Pre-registration not required but recommended .

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 bulletin@stanthonypadua.org and we will email the instructions to you.



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!

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The Reluctant Saint: The Story of St. Joseph Cupertino

This film portrays the life of St. Joseph of Cupertino, the humble Franciscan friar who literally rose to sainthood. In the impoverished village of seventeenth century Cupertino, Italy, Joseph's peasant mother convinces the reluctant abbot to accept her son into the monastery. With the support of the kindly local bishop who sees in him a great deal more than others do, and by a series of miraculous incidents, the simple but pious Joseph is ordained a priest.

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