



St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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December 3, 2023 First Sunday of Advent

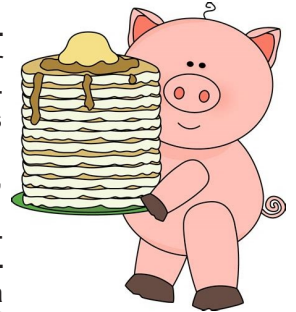
A Message from Fr. Tom Donovan:



While the entire existence of the **Season of Advent** is ordered toward a fruitful celebration of Christmas, the spiritual patterns and postures of the Advent season point to a deeper anticipation for deliverance written in human heart. Mark proclaims, *"In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers of*

the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory!" (Mark 13:23-26) The Lord who is yet to come, the one who we commemorate as the gentle baby of the manger in Bethlehem, is the Son of Man who reveals God's mercy and deliverance over the calamity and catastrophe that still envelops the world. As if under the cover of darkness he slips across enemy lines, barely noticed by the powers of the world, but on the day of his revelation, the stars and heavens themselves will announce his coming through signs and wonders. The Christ Child was, and again will be, a consolation to those who believe and the beginning of the end to those who would oppose him. His is the paradox of power in weakness, of speechless wisdom, and of humble kingship. As the Season of Advent unfolds, we take time to become comfortable once again with the mystery of God's revelation in human flesh, confident that his return is at hand. May this Advent prepare us well for the worthy and joyous celebration of **Christmas 2023!**

We are looking forward to next weekend's **Pancake and Sausage Breakfast**, here at the church hall on Sunday, December 10, from 7:00 am to noon. Adults: \$12, children \$6, children under 5 are free. 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!



Wednesday, December 8 is the Solemnity of the **Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be at 4:00 pm on Tuesday, December 7 at St. Anthony, Wednesday at 7:30 am at St. Anthony, 9:00 am at St. Dominic, and 6:30 pm 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 would be preserved from sin by the grace and mercy of her son. It is through the divine grace that dwelt in her with a perfection never before seen in the human race, that without reservation or concupiscence she was able to say 'yes' to God's plan to share our human nature and redeem it, as if from the 'inside-out'. Thus, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is a preeminent celebration of Advent and ultimately, the Incarnation. Through Mary's yes, the old order passes away and the people of God learn a 'new song'... a new pattern, a new rhythm of living in the grace of God. We are no longer separated; we are no longer orphans. We are brothers and sisters in Christ by the generous gift he gives of himself: "Sing to the Lord a new Song, for He has done marvelous deeds!" (Psalm 98)

Looking for Christmas Gift Cards? Don't forget the **Gene Grawe Fund** which is open in the St. Peter's vestibule during the week. In addition to providing support for individual school families, purchasers of cards who might not have a school student may designate the parish itself as a direct beneficiary of funds from Gene Grawe card purchases. For your convenience, we would be happy to place an order for your cards through the parish office during regular business hours, for delivery 1-2 days later.

— 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

Except when funeral



Mass
Intentions

Mon., December 4, 2023

7:30 a.m. Lois Wand+

Tues., December 5, 2023

7:30 a.m. Roger K. Boone+

Wed., December 6, 2023

—at St. Dominic School

8:30 a.m. Barbara Boone+

Thurs., December 7, 2023

7:30 a.m. Mary Lou Anderson+

—at Good Samaritan

10:30 a.m. Thomas Mock+

4:00 p.m. Parish Intentions

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Fri., December 8, 2023

7:30 a.m. Rosie Goerlich+

—at St. Dominic School

8:30 a.m. Leroy Venvertloh+

6:30 p.m. Sharon Maas+

Second Sunday of Advent

Sat., December 9, 2023

4:00 p.m. Parish Intentions

6:30 p.m. Jack Terford+

Sun., December 10, 2023

8:00 a.m. Leona Mast+

10:30 a.m. Bernie Weiman+

Perpetual Prayer Candle
for Special Intentions

Week of December 2-8

Pregnant Mothers

— 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



Upcoming Events

St. Anthony Men's Society Pancake & Sausage Breakfast Sunday, December 10, 7 a.m.-noon

The Pancake & Sausage Breakfast sponsored by the Men's Society will be Sunday, Dec. 10th, 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)

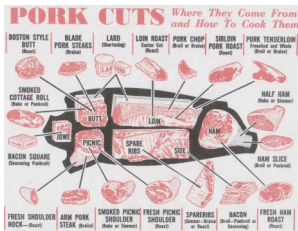
Call orders to 217-257-2108.

To guarantee your meat order, please place it from November 1st-December 1st..

Any orders after December 1st depend on availability.

Need help butchering for Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

Friday, December 8, 5:00 p.m.



We will be needing help with butchering on Friday, December 8th, for the Pancake and Sausage Breakfast. Help is needed at about 5:00 p.m. Questions call Jr (217-779-0029) or Jackie Dreyer (217-222-8049).

Help is also needed the day of the breakfast.

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. 9th, 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. or the morning of the breakfast.

St. Anthony Ladies Christmas Party

Sunday, December 3rd, after 10:30 a.m. Mass



ALL Ladies of the Parish save the date for the Ladies Christmas Party which will be held **Sunday, December 3rd** in the Parish Hall. We will begin after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Please call Alice Rakers at 217-222-4798 to make your reservations. There will be a free will donation for the meal. We will be collecting items to give to residents in the Veterans Home for Christmas. Please bring one or more item unwrapped or cash to the dinner. We will also have a box set up in the back of church or you may bring items to the office during regular hours. Items could include: lotions, hand soap, hair combs or brushes, adult coloring books, word search books, 2024 wall calendar, throw blanket, liquid body wash, gripper socks/socks, snacks, seasonal wall/door hangings, etc.

St. Anthony Men's Christmas Party

Monday, December 11, 7:00 p.m.



All men of the parish are invited to the Men's Society Annual Christmas Party on December 11th at 7 pm in the parish hall. (Note that the time is different from monthly meetings.) Feel free to bring a snack to share.

— Parish Data —


PARISH CALENDAR	
<u>Monday, December 4</u> 6:30 p.m.	Quincy Catholic Schools Board Meeting
<u>Tuesday, December 5</u> 6:30 p.m.	Parish Council
<u>Wednesday, December 6</u> 6:30 p.m.	St. Dominic School PTO Meeting
<u>Thursday, December 7</u> 4:00 p.m. 6:00-7:30 p.m.	Vigil Mass for Holy Day Choir Practice for Midnight Mass
<u>Friday, December 8</u> 7:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	<i>Feast of the Immaculate Conceptions</i> Mass Mass at St. Dominic Butchering for Pancake and Sausage Breakfast Mass at St. Dominic
<u>Saturday, December 9</u> 4:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Mass Mass
<u>Sunday, December 10</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. 25/26	Total Year-to-Date
Loose Collection	\$ 601.30	\$ 15,948.08
Weekly Envelopes	\$ 7,230.00	\$ 186,450.79
Electronic Deposits	\$ 6,013.00	\$ 36,168.00
Total, Nov. 25/26	\$ 13,844.30	\$ 238,566.87
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	\$ 844.30	\$ (-47,433.13)

Counters: Monday, November 27, 2023
Dana Lugering Dorothy Parn Mary Koch

DEBT/ACCRUED DEFICITS	
Unpaid Diocesan Liabilities from FY 2020-21: (this total is updated periodically, as funds are sent and posted to our account by the Diocese of Springfield)	\$22,891.00 as of October 3, 2023
Debt Reduction Envelopes Thank you! —>	FY 2023-24: \$ 7,056.82

Parish Community Tithe (PCT) News:



Please consider helping with Empower Illinois donations, which provide a 75% Illinois Tax Credit before the end of 2023. We have students qualified for nearly \$10,000 in need-based scholarships. Thank you!

Parish Ministry Schedule - Sat.& Sun., December 9 & 10, 2023				
	Saturday, 4:00 PM	Saturday, 6:30 p.m.	Sunday, 8:00 AM	Sunday, 10:30 PM
Key Minister/	Jr. & Jackie Dreyer		Gene & Rita Goerlich	Rich Rakers
Lector	Mark Levins	David Keck	Jim Obert	Kim Peters
Usher	Tom Grawe Randy Huber Jack Kuhlman James Lohman	George Huber Elmer Maas Ron Reichert Ted Vahle	Anthony Haley Mike Hummel Matt Kasparie Mark Neisen	Ken Klauser Brian Koch David McCleary Rich Rakers
Servers	Volunteers	The Benz Family	Owen Potter Elaina Weiman	Calvin Breckenkamp Zain Schutte
Greeters/ Gift Bearers	Dorothy Parn	William & Ann Dixon	Bob & Dorothy Haley	David & Janice McCleary
Rosary Leader	Tawny Benz	Earl Boone	Jerry & Trudy Dreier	Chris Heintz

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, Connie Deters, Cindy Barner, Leon Lentz, Rosie Meyer, Norma Hildebrand

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, Mark Frericks, Janis Foreman

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Nursing Care Patients

IL Veterans Home

Michael Hildebrand
Albert Huber
Jim Ponsot
Verne Hagstrom

Bickford Cottages

Mary Gerht

Sunset

Beverly Andrews

St. Vincent

Fr. Irenaeus Kimminau

Bradford Villa

Ruth Schmelzle

You are invited! Fr. Kolbe Wolniakowski, OSB, a Benedictine Monk and Priest of Saint Meinrad Archabbey, will offer an Advent Parish Mission at St. Peter Catholic Church in Quincy, IL from Sunday, December 3-Tuesday, December 5. This Parish Mission will focus on the Eucharist as part of our National Eucharistic Revival. His Parish Mission will begin with the homily during all Masses on Sunday, December 3 and will continue with Parish Mission Conferences at 6:30pm on both December 4 and 5. Fr. Kolbe's Sunday homily will be recorded and posted to our Parish social media accounts if you are unable to attend for Mass. We hope to see you!

ADVENT GIVING TREE It's time! The Advent Giving Tree will be in church next weekend, November 18 & 19. The gifts will benefit Birthright this year. This is their main source of supplies for the year. Please return the items, with tag you take off the tree attached, by December 17th as we will be delivering everything that week. Gift bags and wrapping the gifts is optional. There will be a large wrapped box for baby care items such as diaper, wipes, etc. Once again thank-you and God bless you for your generosity.



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 Deacon Dennis Holbrook with any questions, 217-257-4384.



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DECEMBER GROCERY ITEMS

Soup & Crackers

**The Ladies of Charity & Catholic Charities
Thank You**



Join our PTO in this season of Thanksgiving by showing gratitude to those who make a huge difference in our children's lives...our teachers! Our teachers at St. Dominic School are truly some of the best! We've created a "Thank a Teacher" effort where you can help support one or more teachers by purchasing an item(s) off of their Amazon Wishlist. These items will help students have a fun year and allow our teachers to get supplies they need for their classrooms. You can find their lists on the attached Excel sheet or on their Teacher Pages on our school website here: www.stdominicquincy.org/page/teacher-pages



Christmas Cards for those in 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 December 3rd thru the weekend of December 16/17th. Please drop the cards/letters/photos in the boxes, and mark on each envelope the name of the resident.

St. Anthony Parish welcomes

Madison Inez Rivera

daughter of

Meagan Inez Goodwin

who was baptized November 26, 2023
into the Catholic faith.



ROSARY BEFORE MASS LEADERS NEEDED: Did you know that we say the Rosary together before every weekend Mass here at St. Anthony? When we pray the rosary before Mass, doing a whole set of mysteries, the prayer can slow us down, calm our hearts, and enable us to rest in God's presence. It draws us deeper to God. When we pray the Rosary before Mass we have a leader. We are in need of more leaders for all Mass times. If you feel called to this ministry please contact Alice Rakers at 217 222-4798 or call the parish office at 217-222-5996.



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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St. Peter's Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study Topic: "Jesus: the Way, the Truth, and the Life". When: Every Tuesday starting January 16th – March 19th Time: 8:30 am–9:00 am - social, study will start at 9:00 am and end by 10:30 am. If interested in joining this study, please contact Gina Bergman at 217-430-6080 or g.bergman@cospq.org by **December 15th** so we can order materials. Cost will be \$29.95 (book, study guide and online access). Please also contact Gina by December 15th if you need childcare with the number of children and their ages.



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 12th. Thank you.



Thank you to everyone who advertises on our bulletin. Please support these businesses when you can.

DECEMBER "GROUP B" CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE Saturday, December 9 at 8:00 AM

(note this month we are cleaning the 2nd Saturday)
Tawny Benz, Trudy Dreier, Peggy Deverger, Rita Goerlich, Debie Henthorn, Ann Wilson, Kathye Niekamp, Kim Stupavsky, Kristine Doane, Carrie Potter, Janet Bick, Kay Lentz
THANK YOU LADIES!

St. Anthony Ladies Society is having a RADA Cutlery Fundraiser through December 12th. You may shop online by logging into RADA Cutlery Fundraising Store. You will get a screen that is "What Fundraising Group Do You Want to Support?" Only type in the 62305 Zip Code box. (Do not fill in any of the other boxes.) Click Search. The next screen will show St. Anthony Ladies Society, Quincy IL at the top. Click on that you and you will be ready to shop. You can order and pay online and your order will be shipped directly to you. If you would rather shop from a catalog and have us send in your order for you please contact Janet Bick, 217-430-7256 or rjbick@comcast.net or Tawny Benz 217-257-0847 or rtbenz77@gmail.com or pick up a catalog in the back of church. We will also have catalogs at the Ladies Christmas Party and at the bake sale table at the pancake and sausage breakfast.

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