



St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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December 10, 2023 Second Sunday of Advent

A Message from Fr. Tom Donovan:

"It's the most wonderful time of the year..." St. Anthony Pancake and Sausage Breakfast weekend! We invite you to join us on Sunday from 7:00 am to 12 noon for pancakes and the best whole-hog sausage around... \$12 for adults, \$6 for kids. Thank you to all who, once again, have made this event a smashing success!



Next weekend we will be celebrating **Forty Hours of Eucharistic Adoration**

in continued observance of the Eucharistic Renewal. Forty Hours is a traditional observance of continuous adoration of the Blessed Sacrament— an echo of what takes place in monasteries and perpetual adoration chapels around the world, where the Eucharist is worshipped day and night. For us, this is an opportunity as a parish family to come together in the late part of the Advent Season to re-focus on the glory of God's self-gift, his presence given in history and mystery, in anticipation of his coming in glory.

We will begin on Friday evening at 4pm with a Mass in honor of the Blessed Sacrament, finishing with solemn exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at the end of Mass. Adoration will continue through the night and into the next day until the Saturday Masses at 4:00 pm and 6:30 pm, and then through the second night until



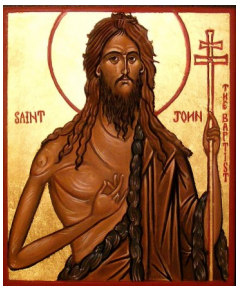
the Sunday Masses at 8:00 am and 10:30 am. At noon on Sunday, there will be a solemn reposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

In order to make this celebration a success, I am asking as many parishioner families and households as possible to consider taking an hour. Our hope is to have people from two separate households present throughout the entire time of adoration, such that as one begins on the hour, and the other on the half hour for an hour-long stay. Having two separate families present insures that people are coming in and out through the hours and backing each other up in the event of emergencies. (The church may not be unattended when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed!) Signup sheets are in the church vestibule this weekend and will be in the parish office during the week (office hours: 8:00am to 1pm each day).

Next weekend, Sunday, December 17, the priests of the Quincy area will gather at St. Francis Solanus Church at 2:00 pm to offer the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**. Our school children will have an opportunity to celebrate the sacrament this week on Tuesday. Additional times will be published in next week's bulletin for the week of December 17 at St. Anthony's. While Advent is not of the same penitential nature as Lent, a good celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a worthy practice in anticipation of Christmas, and in the spirit being 'awake' and ready for the coming of the Lord. - - -



God called **John the Baptist** to proclaim a message of repentance in anticipation of the coming of the Kingdom: "prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths!" (Matthew 3:3) Nothing should stand in the way of God's grace in our lives! Those who are filled with the fruit of self-righteousness will be cut and thrown into the fire! Are there habits or sins that, perhaps unwittingly, block God's path into our hearts? This is not a season to cower in fear or to languish in indifference. The coming of the Kingdom is meant for us, today. Thousands received a baptism of repentance in the Jordan at the hands of John. We have received a baptism in the Spirit through Jesus. Our baptism sets us free from sin, and is regularly renewed



by divine grace through celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

— 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 11, 2023

7:30 a.m. Vicki Arnold+

Tues., December 12, 2023

7:30 a.m. Gene Dietrich+

Wed., December 13, 2023

-at St. Dominic School

8:30 a.m. Katie Kroeter+

Thurs., December 14, 2023

7:30 a.m. Mary Lou Anderson+

-at Good Samaritan

10:30 a.m. Paul Stupasky+

Fri., December 15, 2023

7:30 a.m. No Mass

Mass in Honor of the Holy Eucharist:
and opening of Forty Hours:

4:00 p.m. Coletta Maas+

Third Sunday of Advent

Sat., December 16, 2023

4:00 p.m. Parish Intentions

6:30 p.m. Jack Terford+

Sun., December 17, 2023

8:00 a.m. Joe Grawe+

10:30 a.m. Paul & Kay Smith+

Noon Benediction

Perpetual Prayer Candle
for Special Intentions
Week of December 9-15
Gene Dietrich Family

— Parish Office Hours —

Monday-Friday

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

Bulletin Deadline: Monday, Noon

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A Message from Mrs. Carol Frericks—Principal

Second Grade Leaders Teach About Eucharist Miracles



During the month of December, our second-grade class along with their teacher, Mrs. Hoffer, lead our Morning Assemblies for grades K-8. This month the second-grade class will teach us about the Eucharistic miracles recognized by our Catholic Church. Every time we attend Mass, something wonderful occurs. In the words of the *Credo of the People of God*: "...This mysterious change is very appropriately called by the Church *transubstantiation*." We look forward to learning about these Eucharistic miracles.

PTO Thank A Teacher Project

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 their Teacher Pages on our school website www.stdominicquincy.org. Thank you for being a blessing to our teachers, and teachers, you are always a blessing to our school family. We appreciate you!

-St. Dominic PTO

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Monday, December 4

6:30 p.m. PMO Band and Choir Concert @QND
6-8 p.m. Quincy Catholic Schools Board Meeting

Tuesday, December 5

6:00 p.m. Piano Recital
6:00 p.m. Kindergarten Christmas with Santa @ QND
7:00 p.m. Pastoral Council Meeting @ St. Anthony

Wednesday, December 6

8:30 a.m. School Mass
10:30 a.m. PreK-4 year-old Christmas Program
3:15 p.m. Faculty Meeting
6:00 p.m. PTO Meeting

Thursday, December 7

9:00 a.m. QCES Videography at St. Dominic School

Friday, December 8

Feast of Immaculate Conception
8:30 a.m. School Mass



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.

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.

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.

GriefShare

Begins Thursday, January 4, 2024



The next session of GriefShare will begin Thursday, January 4th, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. If you are interested in attending please contact the parish office 217-222-5996.

Advent Giving Tree Update

All items must be in church by Sunday, December 17



Many thanks to all who have taken an "ornament" from the tree. Those who took a larger item ornament, can contact Paula Thoele, 217-779-7995. If you did not get to take an ornament, it's not too late! You can donate any sort of baby item(s). Remember, all gifts need donated by next weekend, December 17. Thank you for your generosity!

Forty Hours of Devotion


Friday, December 15 through Sunday, December 17



In observance of the Eucharistic Revival Year, St. Anthony of Padua Parish is hosting the Forty Hours Devotion from Friday, December 15 through Sunday, December 17 at St. Anthony Church. We invite you to be part of this time of Eucharistic Renewal in the midst of final preparations for Christmas. The Church will be open for adoration throughout this time, pausing only for Masses. We are asking for two parties (individuals or families) to be present in the church at all times as "official adorers" and we expect to still need help to fill all of the hours. If you are willing to participate in this way, a listing of available hours will be available at www.stanthonypadua.org starting on Monday, December 12. Please call the St. Anthony Parish Office (217) 222-5996 to sign up for one of these hours. Even if you are not an 'official adorer', all are welcome to spend some time before our Eucharistic Lord.

— Parish Data —

PARISH CALENDAR	
<u>Monday, December 11</u> 7:00 p.m.	Men's Society Christmas Party
<u>Tuesday, December 12</u>	
<u>Wednesday, December 13</u>	The Parish Office will close at 11:00 a.m. today.
<u>Thursday, December 14</u> 6:00-7:30 p.m.	Choir Practice for Midnight Mass
<u>Friday, December 15</u> 4:00 p.m.	Mass to begin 40 Holy Hours
<u>Saturday, December 16</u> 4:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Mass Mass
<u>Sunday, December 17</u> 8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Noon 2:00 p.m.	Mass Mass Benediction to end 40 Holy Hours City wide Confessions at St. Francis
<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 23	Dec. 2/3	Total Year-to-Date
Loose Collection	\$ 800.85	\$ 16,748.93
Weekly Envelopes	\$ 10,259.00	\$ 196,709.79
Electronic Deposits	\$ 0.00	\$ 36,168.00
Total, Dec. 2/3	\$ 11,059.85	\$ 249,626.72
Budget Goal <small>(we need no less than this to stay out of deficit spending for the year!)</small>	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 299,000.00
Difference	-\$ 1,940.15	\$ (-49,373.28)
Counters: Monday, December 11, 2023 Dana Lugering Jack Kuhlman		
DEBT/ACCRUED DEFICITS		
Unpaid Diocesan Liabilities from FY 2020-21: <small>(this total is updated periodically, as funds are sent and posted to our account by the Diocese of Springfield)</small>		\$22,891.00 as of October 3, 2023
Debt Reduction Envelopes <i>Thank you! —></i>		FY 2023-24: \$ 7,311.82
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 16 & 17, 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	Tawny Benz	George Benz	Mike Hummel	Marlene Rose
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 Mathews Family	Pius IX Altar Servers	Alexander Wellman Gabby Fischer
Greeters/ Gift Bearers	Pat Vaughn	Elmer & Jeanne Maas	Mike & Kay Hummel	Troy & Kim Peters
Rosary Leader	Norma Weiman	Trisha Mathews	Steve Jansen	David & Janice McCleary

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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St. Anthony of Padua Church,

Nursing Care Patients

IL Veterans Home

Michael Hildebrand
Albert Huber
Jim Ponsot
Verne Hagstrom
Bradford Villa
Ruth Schmelzle

Bickford Cottages

Mary Gerht
Sunset
Beverly Andrews
St. Vincent
Fr. Irenaeus Kimminau
Good Samaritan
Wayne & Judy Emerick



We Want Your Input!

Quincy Catholic Schools are embarking on a comprehensive strategic planning process that will set the future direction for the next three-five years. Your feedback is important to us! We are asking all parents, faculty, staff, and friends to share their insights on our schools. The survey can be accessed at <https://bit.ly/QCSsurvey> and will be available until December 12,

2024 Calendar Raffle Knights of Columbus

Looking for stocking stuffers? The Knights of Columbus raffle calendars make great Christmas gifts with 366 chances to win cash in 2024. A chance to win cash every day in 2024 for only \$25 per calendar. Pick some up at the bar or call John Veith at 653-0258 or Mike Schlipmann at 653-9318 for more details or to purchase your 2024 raffle calendar. Your purchase will help support the KofC charities which includes our Catholic Schools, Ladies of Charity, Birthright and many others.

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.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS will be 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. through the end of the year except the following days:

- Wednesday, December 13th the office closes at 11:30 a.m
- December 25, 26, 27 the office is closed.
- January 1, 2, 3 the office is closed



DECEMBER GROCERY ITEMS

Soup & Crackers

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

Catholics Returning Home

St. Francis Solanus Parish will offer a six-week series entitled "Catholics Returning Home" beginning Wednesday, January 3, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall, located on the north side of the church at 17 th and College Avenue. It will run for six consecutive Wednesday evenings and will conclude on February 7. The sessions are for non-practicing Catholics who are seeking answers to questions about returning to the Church. If you know someone who has left the Church, please invite them to join us. For more information, call Deacon Wayne Zimmerman, 217-430-7792.

Catholic Children's Home Collection will take place on Dec. 23rd & 24th weekend Masses. In Bishop Paprocki's letter he asks us to generously contribute to this special Christmas collection. In Bishop's words "The mission of the Catholic Children's Home is to be a beacon of hope for thousands of children in need of a safe harbor and a place to call home." "The holiday season is a particularly difficult time for these youths as many of them are without a family. Those who have a family often lack the special care they need. Please keep these children in your prayers throughout this holy season of Advent and Christmas. With your help, the Catholic Children's Home can continue to serve the needs of these children in the name of Jesus Christ, as it has since 1879."

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.



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.

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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.



Advent Word Study

Agape: "Love"



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The word "love" is one of the sloppiest words in our language, as it primarily refers to a feeling that happens to a person. In the New Testament, "love" refers to a way of treating people that was defined by Jesus himself: seeking the well-being of others regardless of their response.

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