



St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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December 17, 2023 Third Sunday of Advent

A Message from Fr. Tom Donovan:

As we quickly approach **Christmas Day**, final preparations are being made to celebrate with family and friends. For your convenience, here are the Christmas and New Year holiday Mass times for ourselves and our neighboring parishes.

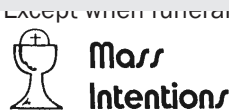
Because Christmas and New Year's falls on a Monday, please note that there are two separate obligations—one for Sunday, which can be fulfilled anytime on Saturday or on Sunday, and one for Christmas, which can be fulfilled anytime after 4pm on Sunday and then on Monday. Indeed, while it is ideal to attend Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent on Saturday or early Sunday, one may legitimately fulfill their Sunday obligation by attending Mass on Christmas Eve at 4:00 pm or 6:30 pm, and then fulfill the Christmas Obligation by attending a second Mass on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. The only catch is that you may not “double dip”—the obligation is fulfilled by two separate Mass attendances for Sunday and for Christmas. January 1, the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.



— 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., December 18, 2023

7:30 a.m. Ron Vogel+

Tues., December 19, 2023

7:30 a.m. Timothy Haley+

Wed., December 20, 2023

-at St. Dominic School
 8:30 a.m. Mick Ehrhardt+

Thurs., December 21, 2023

7:30 a.m. Richard Venvertloh+
 -at Good Samaritan

10:00 a.m. Lois Wand+

Fri., December 22, 2023

7:30 a.m. Jerry Grist+

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sat., December 23, 2023

4:00 p.m. Kathleen, Edmund & Woodford Baugher+
 6:30 p.m. Elmer & Coletta Maas+

Sun., December 24, 2023

8:00 a.m. Susan Bauer+
 10:30 a.m. Deceased Members of Fred Willer Family+

Perpetual Prayer Candle for Special Intentions
 Week of December 16-22
Special Intention

— Parish Office Hours —

Monday-Friday

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

Bulletin Deadline: Monday, Noon

Parish	Christmas Eve	Christmas Day	Mary, Mother of God (New Year's)
St. Anthony Church 2223 St. Anthony Road	4:00 pm 6:30 pm	Midnight 9:00 am	9:00 am
Blessed Sacrament Church 1119 South 7th Street	4:00 pm 5:30 pm 11:00 pm	9:00 am	9:00 am
Church of St. Peter 2600 Maine Street	4:00 pm 6:00 pm 8:00 pm	8:00 am 10:00 am	6:00 pm (eve) 9:00 am
St. Francis Solanus Church 1721 College Avenue	4:00 pm 6:00 pm 10:00 pm	Midnight 9:00 am	5:30 pm (eve) 9:00 am
St. Rose Church (Traditional Latin Mass) 1009 North 8th Street	-	Midnight (sung Mass) 9:30 am (low Mass) 11:00 am (sung Mass)	TBA
St. Edward, Mendon, St. Brigid, Liberty, St. Joseph, Fowler	4:30 pm (Fowler) 4:30 pm (Mendon) 7:00 pm (Liberty)	Midnight (Mendon) 8:00 am (Fowler) 8:00 am (Liberty)	TBA
Holy Family Church Hannibal, MO	4:00 pm 7:00 pm	9:00 am	4:00 pm (Eve) 9:00 am



Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation:

- Today (Sunday) at 2:00 pm at St. Francis Solanus Church. This is the best bet as all of the priests of the Quincy area will gather and we will hear until all are finished.
- Thursday, December 21 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm
- Saturday 12/24 from 3:00pm to 3:45pm and 5:00pm to 6:15pm (the ending times will have to be 'strict' due to our regular Saturday Mass times.)

St. Dominic School

4100 Columbus Road — Quincy, Illinois 62305

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A Message from Mrs. Carol Frericks—Principal

Little Dolphins Christmas Program for Preschool 4-Year-Old Class



On Wednesday, December 6, our Little Dolphins Preschool 4-year-old class performed their annual Christmas program for their parents, siblings, and grandparents at St. Dominic School. Special thanks to Mrs. Nan Wood for teaching the students to sing some traditional carols including Go Tell It on the Mountain, Jingle Bells, and We Wish You a Merry Christmas. Special thanks to Miss Hope Glidewell for accompanying the students on the piano. Families of the Little Dolphins also enjoyed some audience participation sing along songs, story time, and refreshments. Merry Christmas to our St. Dominic School Family!

Mrs. Wood's Christmas Piano Recital



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Saturday, December 16

6:30 p.m. Holy Moments Mass — Grade 2

40 Hour Devotion at St. Anthony Church

Sunday, December 17

40 Hour Devotion at St. Anthony Church

Tuesday, December 19

11:30 a.m. Faculty Christmas Luncheon by PTO

7:00 p.m. Finance Council Meeting

Wednesday, December 20

8:30 a.m. School Mass

11:30 a.m. Early Dismissal

Thursday, December 21 — Wednesday, January 3

Christmas Break — School Office Closed

Wednesday, January 3

8:00 a.m. Faculty In-Service

Thursday, January 4

Students return to school after Christmas Break



Upcoming Events

Olive Wood Handcrafted Religious Items

Saturday & Sunday, December 16 & 17



This weekend the Holy Land Arts will be selling their olive wood handcrafted religious items after all Masses. With the hostilities worsening in the Holy Land and due to lack of Christian pilgrims, unemployment rate increased to almost 70%. Ward Qum-sieh is one of the few Christians that took the responsibility of helping Christians of the Holy Land market their hand crafts in the United States. Many Christian Palestinians have responded by fleeing the Holy Land. And, it is conceivable that all Christians could leave. However, the absence of a living Christian community is very dangerous for the Holy sites such as the Nativity Church in Bethlehem. By buying these engraved pieces of art, you help strengthen the Christian presence in the city of Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus Christ, and the surrounding areas. Proceeds go to the Christian families (the artisans) who have been working hard since ages in this type of tourism related hand carvings. Purchasing one of these unique items will help prevent Christians from leaving the Holy Land and build new hope in keeping the Christian culture alive.

Parish Office Hours for the Holidays



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

- December 25, 26, 27 the office is closed.
- January 1, 2, 3 the office is closed

2023 Contribution Statements



If you are needing a contribution statement for 2023 from St. Anthony Church please contact the parish office, 222-5996, to request a statement. We can either mail or email your statement. These will only be printed upon request.

2024 Calendars



The 2024 Calendars are in the vestibule of church. Please feel free to take one.

GriefShare


Begins Thursday, January 4, 2024



St. Anthony's GriefShare begins a new round of sessions **January 4th, at 6:00 PM** at the Parish Center. GriefShare is a Biblically-based program that helps persons who have had a love one pass away. GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside of you so you don't have to go through the grieving process alone. Each meeting includes a video presentation and small group discussions where you can share or just listen. Non-parish members are also welcome. There is no cost as GriefShare is provided at St. Anthony's by parishioners through their We Care donations. If you are interested in attending please contact the parish office 217-222-5996.

— Parish Data —

PARISH CALENDAR	
<u>Sunday, December 17</u> Noon 2:00 p.m.	Benediction City wide Confessions at St. Francis Church
<u>Monday, December 18</u> 6:30 p.m.	We Care
<u>Tuesday, December 19</u>	
<u>Wednesday, December 20</u> 11:30 a.m.	Merry Widows Lunch at Sprouts
<u>Thursday, December 21</u> 6:00-7:30 p.m.	Choir Practice for Midnight Mass
<u>Friday, December 22</u>	
<u>Saturday, December 23</u> 4:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Mass Mass
<u>Sunday, December 24</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		
Week 24	Dec. 9/10	Total Year-to-Date
Loose Collection	\$ 780.63	\$ 16,748.93
Weekly Envelopes	\$ 13,135.00	\$ 196,709.79
Electronic Deposits	\$ 0.00	\$ 36,168.00
Total, Dec. 9/10	\$ 13,915.63	\$ 263,542.35
Budget Goal <i>(we need no less than this to stay out of deficit spending for the year!)</i>	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 312,000.00
Difference	\$ 915.63	\$ (-48,457.65)
Counters: Monday, December 18, 2023 Diana Dietrich Anna Benz Kelly Weiman		
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:		
 <p>Talk to your tax advisor about tax-advantaged ways to support your parish.</p>		

Parish Ministry Schedule - Sat.& Sun., December 23 & 24, 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	Janice Zanger	Trisha Mathews	Michelle Kasparie	Debbie Woodworth
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	Rozalyn Brass Helen Mathews	Abraham & Gus Venvertloh	Madison & Emma McCleary
Greeters/ Gift Bearers	Jr. & Jackie Dreyer	Ted Vahle Family	Leon & Kay Lentz	Daren & Andrea Sims Family
Rosary Leader	Carol Vogel	Melanie Longenecker	Mary Koch	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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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

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. *We also have these in the parish office to sell.* Your purchase will help support the KofC charities which includes our Catholic Schools, Ladies of Charity, Birthright and many others.



THANK YOU to everyone who helped make the Pancake and Sausage Breakfast a huge success. We appreciate everyone who bought meat, attended and helped butcher and worked at the breakfast.

St. Anthony Men's Society



THANK YOU to all the ladies who brought baked items for the Bake Sale at the Pancake and Sausage Breakfast. We appreciate you sharing your time and talent.

St. Anthony Ladies Society

Ministry Schedule for Christmas Eve and Christmas

December 24th:	4:00 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
Lector:	Tawny Benz	Angie Dean
Servers:	Volunteers	Gabby Fischer
Rosary Leader :	Dorothy Parn	Volunteer

December 25th:	Midnight	9:00 a.m.
Lector:	Debra Woodworth	Jackie Dreyer
Servers:	Pius IX Altar Servers	Volunteers
Rosary Leader		Rich & Alice Rakers

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help make our liturgy special for Christmas!



DECEMBER GROCERY ITEMS

Soup & Crackers

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



St. Anthony Parish welcomes

Augie Louis Bartolomucci

son of

Tony & Raiven (Willing) Bartolomucci
who was baptized December 10, 2023
into the Catholic faith.



St. Anthony Parish welcomes

Bennett Alan Bartolomucci

son of

Tony & Raiven (Willing) Bartolomucci
who was baptized December 10, 2023

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."



THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to the Staff Christmas collection. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



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.



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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*Thank
you !!!*

Thank you for the many gifts of The Advent Giving Tree benefiting Birthright! May God bless each of you for your generosity! It is so heartwarming to see the support given by St. Anthony's families to Birthright's cause of saving the unborn by assisting the mothers! May you have a Blessed Christmas and New Year!

Paula T., Trisha M., & Carrie P. of the St. Anthony's We Care Society

The Annual QND Pancake and Sausage Breakfast will be



Sunday, January 7th from 8:30am-12:30pm in the QND cafeteria. The cost is \$9.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. (Children under 5 eat free). All proceeds benefit the Catholic Heart Workcamp trip this summer.

*THANK
you*

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

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

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.



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