



St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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IV Advent & Christmas - December 23-24 & 25, 2023

A Message from Fr. Tom Donovan:

On behalf of the entire St. Anthony parish and St. Dominic school staff, I wish a **Blessed Christmas to parishioners, families, and visitors!** We are pleased that you join us for worship this day; may the sacred mysteries we celebrate this Christmas season renew in us the joy of God's redemptive love and inspire us to live more perfectly as witnesses to the Kingdom of God, revealed in our midst.

I ask those who have been away from the Church or from our parish to re-introduce themselves and make the rewarding effort to re-engage the faith. As a parish community we are diminished when family and friends, graduates of our Catholic schools, and those who once walked with us have been away. I and our parish staff stand by to assist you in reconciling old wounds, examining and correcting irregular marriage situations where possible, explaining the sometimes-confusing and challenging teachings of our faith, and to reveal how the Catholic faith can be relevant and enriching to daily life. If you have been away from the regular practice of the faith, I hope that we can help you find your place as an active member of this worshiping community. Blessed Christmas to you and yours, and welcome! —



Tis the Season for that 'someone special' to pop the question and present a ring. If during this holiday season you find yourself engaged to be married and hope to be married at St. Anthony Church, we ask that you contact the parish as soon as possible to begin marriage preparations. The Church expects at least six months of preparation before a proposed wedding date. Please call Fr. Tom Donovan at (217) 214-6090. For more information about getting married in the Catholic Church and some of the details about the preparation program and other services provided by the Diocese of Springfield, please go to: <https://dio.org/family-life/marriage-prep/>. —

Contributions for Tax Year 2023 need to be in the parish office by the close of business (1:00 pm) on December 29 or in contribution envelopes received at Mass on December 30 & 31. Parishioners' 2023 contribution statements available upon request in mid-to-late January. Thanks to all our parishioners and friends who contribute so generously to our Church and School. —

Parish Office Hours for the week of December 25 — January 5: please note the changes in regular office hours (and the daily Mass schedule) during the holiday season. Outside of office hours, please leave a message on our voicemail system and we will return your call as soon as we can.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
December 25 9 am Mass office closed	26 No Mass office closed	27 St. D: No Mass office closed	28 open: 8am-1pm	29 open: 8am-1pm
January 1 9 am Mass office closed	2 office closed	3 St. D: No Mass office closed	4 School Resumes open: 8am-3pm	5 open: 8am-3pm

CORRECTION

January 1 is the Solemnity of Mary under the title "Mother of God". As the first day of the civil new year, it is also a wonderful time to invoke God's graces on the coming year of grace. While not a holy day of obligation this year because it falls on Monday, we welcome you to join us for Mass at 9:00 am on Jan 1.

— 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

Christmas Eve, December 24, 2023

4:00 p.m. Parish Intentions
6:30 p.m. The David Brown Family

Christmas, December 25, 2023

Midnight Paul Wensing &
Dr. Robert Wensing+
9:00 a.m. Moenning & Maas
Families+

Tues., December 26, 2023

No Mass

Wed., December 27, 2023

-at St. Dominic School

No Mass

Thurs., December 28, 2023

7:30 a.m. Steve Schwartz+

-at Good Samaritan

10:00 a.m. Jay & Joy Wellman+

Fri., December 29, 2023

7:30 a.m. Larry Costigan+

The Holy Family

Sat., December 30, 2023

4:00 p.m. Mary Wellman, Greg Wellman, Ray & Clare Wellman +

6:30 p.m. Parish Intentions

Sun., December 31, 2023

8:00 a.m. Timothy Haley+

10:30 a.m. Eric Weiman+

**Perpetual Prayer Candle
for Special Intentions**

Week of December 23-29

Paul & Kay Smith

— Parish Office Hours —

Monday-Friday

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

Bulletin Deadline: Monday, Noon

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS IN MEMORY OF

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Arnold, Jr. Patrick Bauer, Jared Bauer, Ryan and Amy Bauer Lisa Baugher	Vickie Sue Arnold Susan Bauer	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Hollensteiner	Jim, Louis, Terry Mast, John, AnnaMae & Brian Hollensteiner
Mr. & Mrs. Roger Benz	Katie, Edmund & Woody Baugher, Tom Venvertloh Edward F. & Rose Mary Benz, Ralph & Kevin Cummings, John & Joe Wand, Leo Benz	Mrs. Clara Holtman	Jim Holtman, Elmer & Clara Holt- man, Leonard & Clara Ehrhardt
Mr. & Mrs. George Benz Mr. & Mrs. Dave Bockhold	Edward & Rose Mary Benz George & Betty Bockhold, Bob & Dolly Genenbacher, Gwendolyn Theresa Bockhold, Ellison Rose Bockhold	Mr. & Mrs. Johnnie Leithoff	Meyer-Liethoff Family, Dick, Pat, Judy, Al, Frericks-Horton Families
Mr. & Mrs. Earl Boone	Marvin & Barbara Boone, Bob & Vivian Stephens	Mr. & Mrs. Dana Lugering	Roger K. Boone, Deceased member of the Walter Lugering Family
Mrs. Rosalyn Boone Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Boone	Roger K. Boone Marvin & Barb Boone, Russell & Esther Sherman, Catherine Scherman	Mrs. Marjorie Mast Mrs. Nadine Messmer	Joe Mast, Barb Mast Jacob L. Messmer, Jacob A. Messmer, Tony & Lucille Frericks,
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Bunte	Paul & Edith Edwards, Robert & Virginia Bunte	Mr. & Mrs. Frank Meyer	Bob Frericks, Mark Frericks
Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Campbell	Grace Schell, Richard & Dolores Obert	Mr. & Mrs. Mark Neisen	Tony & Lucille Frericks Family, Clarence & Elaine Meyer Family,
Mr. & Mrs. Clive Courty	Bob & Betty Zanger, Jim & Donnie Zanger, David & Easton Zanger, Gen & Ray Courty, Patty & Don Flinn	Mr. & Mrs. Wesley Neisen	Clem & Clara Frericks Family Wilfrid & Virginia Huber, Earl & Rosemary Neisen
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Cramer	Carl & Margaret Spettngel, Mary & Clyde Musholt, Carlene & Bill Wavering, Ruth Moore, Margie & Wayne Harcharick, Art & Edna Haxel, Harry M. Cramer, Harry N. & Ethel Cramer, Frank Cook, Jr.	Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Niekamp Mr. & Mrs. James Obert	Rich & Marge Niekamp, Wilfrid & Virginia Huber, Earl & Rosemary Neisen, Charles & Rose Petitgout, Charlotte Niekamp
Mr. & Mrs. Rodney Davis Mr. & Mrs. Cliff Deverger	Ed & Ruth Stupasky Bill & Mary Lou Wellman, Kent Wellman	Mr. & Mrs. Richard Rakers Mr. & Mrs. Dan Reichert Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Schutte	Charlotte Dawn Niekamp Rich & Dolores Obert, Joe & Ruth Scherer Patrick Rakers Joe Grawe
Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Dietrich Mrs. Joan Dietrich	Ray Dietrich Euene Dietrich, George & Frances Benz, Roger & Mary Ohnemus, William & Henretta Benz, Eleanor Ehrhardt	Mrs. Connie Schutte	Gary Fritz, Colette O'Brien, Dorothy Schutte
Mr. & Mrs. Greg Dittmer	The Dittmer Family, The Maas Family	Mr. & Mrs. Todd Smith	Bert & Virgil Dietrich, Pat Schutte, Anton Hutmacher Family, Virginia Dietrich, Jim Hildebrand
Ms. Kristine Doane Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Dreier	Jamie Doane, Bill Hays Vince Dreier, Ray & Rita Dreier, Russ & Mary Spilker	Mr. & Mrs. Paul Soebbing	Paul & Kay Smith, Paul & Virginia Windoffer, Abrey & Elizabeth Smith, Jenelle Davidson, Tom & Mary Fesler
Mrs. Karla Duesterhaus Mrs. Karen Fischer	Jim Duesterhaus Ron Fischer, Fischer Family, Matilda Echternkamp, C.D. Echternkamp, Denver Echternkamp	Mr. & Mrs. Dan Terwelp	Milton Deitrich Family, Hubert Soebbing Family Deceased members Ehrhardt, Grawe, Patterson & Terwelp Families
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Foster	R. Shawn Foster, Rose Petti, Alfred Petti, Gina McNamee	Mr. & Mrs. Randy Terwelp Mrs. Dee Thomas	Edward Benz, Rose Mary Benz Rollie Thomas Family, Grieving Family
Sue Frericks	Mark Frericks, Virg & Rosalie Obert, April Rohn	Mr. & Mrs. James Thomas	Leonard & Charlotte Waterkotte, Tom Waterkotte, Rollie Thomas
Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Goerlich	Mr. & Mrs. James Clanton, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Goerlich	Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Trowbridge	Robert Lentz, Betty Lentz, Ed- ward Lentz, Janice Trowbridge
Mr. & Mrs. Greg Goodwin Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Grawe	Deb Goodwin Howell Bert & Eleanor Willer, Gilbert & Leona Grawe, Mark Grawe	Mrs. Patricia Vaughn Mrs. Carol Vogel	LeRoy Vaughn Ron Vogel, Mathias & Esther Obert
Mr. & Mrs. Joe Hagstrom Mrs. & Mrs. Robert Haley	Mary Paul, Veronica Hagstrom Timothy Haley, Gene & Mary Ann Grawe, Joe Grawe, Roger Grawe	Carolyn Waterkotte	Thomas Waterkotte, Brian Vahlkamp
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Hildebrand	Janet Hildebrand, Brad Hildebrand	Mrs. Lou Ann Weills	Terry Weills, Eugene & Mary Pie- per, Ronnie Pieper
		Mrs. Norma Weiman	Bernie Weiman, Erick Weiman, Mark Wellman
		Mr. Kenneth Wellman	Ray & Clara Wellman, Mary & Greg Wellman
		Mr. & Mrs. Robert Wellman	Bill & Betty Fischer, Henry & Marilyn Hickey, Cheryl Fischer, Jeremy Wheeldon, Dave Boden
		Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Wilson Mr. & Mrs. Richard Wand	Ray & Trudy Stupasky Joe & Dorothy Dietrich, Walter & Rose Wand
		Mr. & Mrs. Mike Zanger	Blake Genenbacher, Bob & Betty Zanger, Jim Zanger, Sr. Donnie, David & Easton Zanger
		Mr. & Mrs. Gary Zellerman	Joe & ZFlorence Zellerman, Jim Zellerman, Jennifer Klingele, Matt Fulmer
		Mr. & Mrs. Robert Zimmerman	Don & Rosie Goerlich, Lester & Mary Zimmerman



Upcoming Events

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

Ministry Schedule for Christmas Eve and Christmas



December 24th: **4:00 p.m.** **6:30 p.m**

Lector: Tawny Benz Angie Dean
Servers: The Benz Family Gabby Fischer
Rosary Leader : Dorothy Parn Volunteer

December 25th: **Midnight** **9:00 a.m.**

Lector: Debra Woodworth Jackie Dreyer
Servers: Pius IX Altar Servers The Weiman Family
Rosary Leader Rich & Alice Rakers

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

2024 Calendars



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

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.

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 24</u>	<i>Christmas Eve</i>
4:00 p.m.	Mass
6:30 p.m.	Mass
<u>Monday, December 25</u>	<i>Merry Christmas</i>
Midnight	Mass
9:00 a.m.	Mass
<u>Tuesday, December 26</u>	Parish Office Closed
<u>Wednesday, December 27</u>	Parish Office Closed
<u>Thursday, December 28</u>	
<u>Friday, December 29</u>	
<u>Saturday, December 30</u>	
4:00 p.m.	Mass
6:30 p.m.	Mass
<u>Sunday, December 31</u>	
8:00 a.m.	Mass
10:30 a.m.	Mass
<u>Monday, January 1</u>	<i>Happy New Year</i>
9:00 a.m.	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. 2/3	\$ 13,915.63	\$ 249,626.72
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 for regular weekend collection: Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2023
Nancy Speckhart Melanie Longenecker Jan Obert
Christmas collection Counters: Tuesday, December 26, 2023
Anna Benz Bill Anderson Lou Ann Weills

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: \$ 7,311.82

Parish Community Tithe (PCT) News:	
	Talk with your tax advisor about tax-advantaged ways to support your parish.

Parish Ministry Schedule - Sat.& Sun., December 30 & 31, 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	Jackie Dreyer	George Benz	Mike Baker	Bret Shevlin
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	Elaina & Luke Weiman	Connor Earnst Lizzy Smith
Greeters/ Gift Bearers	Carol Vogel	Carolyn Waterkotte	Mark & Bernice Neisen	Todd & Tera Smith Family
Rosary Leader	Tawny Benz	Earl Boone	Giny Baker	David & Janice McCleary Family

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

December 24, 2023

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 calendars 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 for your support.

Liturgical Ministry

Anyone interested in being a part of St. Anthony Liturgical Ministry serving as a Lector, Altar Server, Sacristan or Rosary Leader? Please contact the Parish office for more information at 217-222-5996.

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.

Automatic Donations- Now is the time of year to sign up for automatic donations especially if you are going to warmer weather for the winter. For more information please contact the parish office at 222-5996.



Thank you for your donation of 16 bags of food. We appreciate your interest in and support of our ministry to the needy of our area.

God Bless You!
Ladies of Charity



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

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 17th 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.

New to the Parish? WELCOME!

To register as a parishioner of St. Anthony Parish, please contact the parish office at 217-222-5996.

Christmas Blessings to all!



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

St. Anthony of Padua Church, Quincy, December 24, 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."

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.

Donations for Christmas Flowers



Mr. & Mrs. Timothy O'Neal
Mr. & Mrs. Allen French
Mrs. & Mrs. Paul Schrecke
Mr. John Bange
Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Veile
Mr. & Mrs. Tony Huber
Ms. Diana Dietrich
Ms. Jessica Bliven
Mr. & Mrs. Johnathan Thoele
Mrs. Shirley Wittland
Ms. Mary Catherine Bange
Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Weiman
Mrs. Bonnie Grist

Formed.org is "Netflix for Catholics". Our parish has a subscription to "Formed" so that parishioners can receive Catholic multimedia presentations on their computer or mobile device by simply identifying themselves as parishioners when they sign up for a Formed account. Thousands of videos and audio presentations are available on-demand. Each week we present a "pick of the week" which is meant to enrich your faith journey. Check out the site by entering [formed.org](https://www.formed.org) into your web browser.

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The 12 Days of Christmas

We are excited to announce our series of FORMED Now! Christmas and New Year special episodes. In these episodes, professors from the Augustine Institute Graduate School will lead us in reflections throughout the season.

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