



# St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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## ***Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 13-14, 2024***

### **A Message from Fr. Tom Donovan:**

A recent statistic reports that some 60 million adults in the United States suffer from the effects of depression in a given year... that's almost 20% of the US population! In 2022, approximately 83.4 million prescriptions, in excess of \$17 billion, were written for antidepressants in the United States. There are more prescriptions written for antidepressants in the United States than for any other class of prescription medication.



My remarks are certainly not intended to criticize or question the needs and intentions of the many people who benefit from these prescription drugs. They can and do work miracles, changing lives. There is a clear medical basis for their use to balance the delicate neurochemistry affecting mood and behavior. For the most part, the experience of depression is not something that can be controlled by an individual suffering from its effects, for nobody who has experienced depression or anxiety enjoys it.

But I think that as a nation, we need to reflect on how high rates of depression and other mood disorders perhaps says something about our pursuit of happiness and, even more importantly, our need for joy. Does our faith have insight on human nature to help us understand how to promote greater mental health and resilience?

Virtue theory flowing even from pre-Christian philosophers such as Aristotle, would begin by explaining that happiness is the emotional response due to good luck, pleasure, or fortune... one is happy to have an ice cream cone, or to see one's true love, or to have a winning ticket. The opposite of happiness is *sadness*. By contrast, joy is a more enduring sense of happiness... one recalls that day when they got married (hopefully) with joy, even when encountering temporary sadness due to difficulties in the relationship itself or by the other circumstances in life. The Christian journey has many ups and downs, but is crowned by the eternal joy of heaven. The opposite of joy is *sorrow*. A rich or powerful person may have great happiness, but be completely lacking in joy, sorrowful over emptiness or pain in their lives. The greatest pain of hell will be the hopeless sorrow of losing heaven. Joy helps a person endure hardship, trial, and need when happiness is lacking.

And so the question stands, why are we so rich, yet so sad, as a nation? How much pain and suffering might be avoided by a little more love and understanding... a little more forgiveness and harmony in the world... for our children, for our family, for our neighbors, for ourselves? The human person oppressed by sin (whether on the 'giving' side or the 'receiving' side) experiences sadness which tends towards sorrow when the weight of the sin blocks him or her from a living relationship with the Creator.

That's why God revealed himself in Christ: to show his love to a fallen world... to reveal that God is love... to explain that God's way leads to total self-emptying love which holds nothing back. Sin is the opposite of love. That's why the Sacrament of Reconciliation is so necessary to set right not only the evil done by sin, but to restore God's gift of sanctifying grace received in baptism. This gift is offered in unending abundance, if we but approach in faith and renewed love.

Today's gospel takes us to the beginning of the public ministry of Jesus. Once again, John the Baptist announces the Good News, "Behold the Lamb of God!" In a world that was desperate for light, hungry for something new, and searching for joy, John's proclamation is intended to focus attention on God's profound love for his people, inviting them to live in this love. By living as disciples united in the love of Christ, a new, different kind of joy is possible. "We have found the Messiah!" We are no longer alone! We no longer live simply for ourselves, as the source and inspiration of joy within ourselves --we have found the wellspring of all that is good and holy, of all that gives meaning and hope in a world that is often shrouded in darkness. "We have seen the Lord!"

#### — 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](http://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., January 15, 2024**

7:30 a.m. Bill Koch+

#### **Tues., January 16, 2024**

7:30 a.m. Susan Bauer+

#### **Wed., January 17, 2024**

—at St. Dominic School

8:30 a.m. Paul & Kay Smith+

#### **Thurs., January 18, 2024**

7:30 a.m. Harold Parn+

—at Good Samaritan

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

#### **Fri., January 19, 2024**

7:30 a.m. Barbara Boone+

#### *Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

#### **Sat., January 20, 2024**

4:00 p.m. David Zanger+

6:30 p.m. Parish Intentions

#### **Sun., January 21, 2024**

8:00 a.m. Ladies of the Parish

10:30 a.m. Mark Wellman+

**Perpetual Prayer Candle  
for Special Intentions**

**Week of January 13-19**

#### — Parish Office Hours —

**Monday-Friday**

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

Bulletin Deadline: Monday, Noon

# St. Dominic School

4100 Columbus Road — Quincy, Illinois 62305

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cfrericks@stdominicquincy.org



A Message from Mrs. Carol Frericks—Principal

## Seventh-Grade Class Leads Morning Assembly



During the month of January, the seventh-grade class, along with their teacher, Mrs. Jennifer Dyer, will lead morning assembly each day. The class will teach our school about one of the Catholic Sacraments of Healing—Anointing of the Sick. Through this sacrament, Christians experience God's grace to help heal people who may be suffering physically and/or spiritually. The class will also teach our school about one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit – Gentleness. This month, we will cultivate gentleness by describing how it reflects the character of Christ and enables us to live out our faith in practical ways. The fruit of the Spirit is the blessing of living a life collaborating with God. We are thankful for our seventh-grade role models!

ST. DOMINIC PTO IS HOSTING

# BINGO FOR BOOKS

**JANUARY 18TH**  
5:30PM-7:30PM

Every time you win BINGO, you get to choose a free book to take home!  
We will have books for ALL ages, even adults!  
Bake sale snacks and hot cocoa available to help support the  
8th grade Washington D.C. trip.

**FREE EVENT! COME AND GO AS YOU CAN!**  
ST. DOMINIC GYMNASIUM

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**Monday, January 15**

Martin Luther King Day—No School

**Tuesday, January 16**

7:00 p.m. Finance Council Meeting

**Wednesday, January 17**

8:30 a.m. School Mass

**Thursday, January 18**

5:30-7:30 p.m. PTO Bingo for Books

**Friday, January 19**

Spirit and Logo Shirt Day

**Monday, January 22**

9:00-11:30 a.m. 7th-Grade Wild About QND Trip

**Tuesday, January 23**

6:30 p.m. Marketing Committee Meeting

**Saturday, January 27**

6:30 p.m. 7th-Grade Holy Moments Mass



# Upcoming Events

## 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.

## Friend of Catholic Education Dinner

**Saturday, February 3, 6:00 p.m.**



QUINCY CATHOLIC  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

The QCES Foundation is honored to present the Chuck and Becky Scholz Family with the Friend of Catholic Education Award. This recognition will be celebrated at the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Friend of Catholic Education Dinner on Saturday, February 3 at 6 pm at the Atrium on 3<sup>rd</sup>. Tickets are \$100 and can be purchased at [ticketstripe.com/FOCEDinner2024](https://www.ticketstripe.com/FOCEDinner2024) or by mailing a check to the QCES Foundation at 1721 College Ave, Quincy, IL 62301. For more information, please contact Sara Reuschel at [director@quincycatholicschools.org](mailto:director@quincycatholicschools.org) or call (217) 779-3157.

### 2024 St. Anthony Parish Council

**Chairman:** Jon Thoele

Ryne Kirlin	Kristie Stegeman	Deb Woodward
Craig Shafer	Paula Thoele	John Wellman
Brian Fox	Greg Andrews	David McCleary
Elise Sutter (also represents the PTO)		
Elmer Maas represents Men's Society		
Vicki Wittland represents the Ladies' Society		
Kim Peters represents Stewardship		
Hope Glidewell-Faith, Family & Formation		
Carol Frericks-Principal	Deacon Harry Cramer	
Fr. Tom Donovan		

**Meetings are the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.**

### 2024 St. Anthony Finance Council


**Chairman:** Dan Reichert

R.J. Boone	Vicki Wittland
Anna Benz	Brian Fox
Clint Sutter	Lou Ann Weils
Carol Frericks-Principal	
Deacon Harry Cramer	
Fr. Tom Donovan	



## — Parish Data —

PARISH CALENDAR	
<b>Monday, January 15</b>	
6:30 p.m.	No School We Care
<b>Tuesday, January 16</b>	
7:00 p.m.	Finance Council
<b>Wednesday, January 17</b>	
11:30 a.m.	Merry Widows at Sprout's
<b>Thursday, January 18</b>	
9:30-11:30 a.m.	Eucharistic Adoration at St. Dominic School
12:35-2:35 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration at St. Dominic School followed by Benediction
2:35 p.m.	
5:30-7:30 p.m.	St. Dominic School "Bingo for Books"
6:00-8:00 p.m.	Grief Share
<b>Friday, January 19</b>	
<b>Saturday, January 20</b>	
4:00 p.m.	Mass
6:30 p.m.	Mass
<b>Sunday, January 21</b>	
8:00 a.m.	Mass
9:00-10:15 a.m.	Families of Faith
10:30 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 27	Jan. 6/7	Total Year-to-Date
Loose Collection	\$ 680.63	\$ 18,095.86
Weekly Envelopes	\$ 9,485.00	\$ 218,204.79
Electronic Deposits	\$ 0.00	\$ 36,168.00
Total, Dec. 30/31	\$ 10,165.63	\$ 272,468.65
Budget Goal <i>(we need no less than this to stay out of deficit spending for the year!)</i>	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 351,000.00
Difference	(\$ -2834.37)	\$ (-78,531.35)
Money Counters : January 15, 2024 Dana Lugerling 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)		<b>\$ 19,548.00</b> as of December 29, 2023
Debt Reduction Envelopes <i>Thank you! —&gt;</i>		FY 2023-24: \$ 8,501.82
Parish Community Tithe (PCT) News		
		Talk with your tax advisor about tax-advantaged ways to support your parish.

Parish Ministry Schedule - Sat.& Sun., January 20 & 21, 2024				
	Saturday, 4:00 PM	Saturday, 6:30 p.m.	Sunday, 8:00 AM	Sunday, 10:30 PM
Key Minister/	Mary Courty		Dan Reichert	Rich Rakers
Lector	Mary Courty	David Keck	Jim Obert	Jowana Campos
Usher	Bill Anderson Roger Benz Tawny Benz Jr Dreyer	George Benz RJ Boone Dan Boone Ryan Boone	Jerry Dreier Dan Terwelp Luke Weiman Matt Weiman	Craig Schafer Rick Schafer Larry Weiman Kurt Fischer
Servers	Volunteers	Rozalyn Brass Helen Mathews	Abraham & Gus Vemvertloh	Zain Schutte Gabby Fischer
Greeters/ Gift Bearers	Pat Vaughn	William & Ann Dixon	Lou Ann Weills	Cindy Wellman
Rosary Leader	Dorothy Parn	Earl Boone	Mary Koch	Rich & Alice Rakers

**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 2024:** Ronald Zanger

January 14, 2024

St. Anthony of Padua Church, Quincy

**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**

The Knights of Columbus want to thank everyone who participated in our 2024 Calendar Raffle and wish you good luck. There are still raffle calendars for sale with 366 chances to win cash in 2024 for only \$25 per calendar. Call John Veith at 653-0258 or Mike Schlipmann at 653-0075 for more details or to purchase your 2024 raffle calendar. We do have chances in the parish office to sell. Your purchase will help support the KofC charities which includes our Catholic Schools, coats for kids and food pantries. Thanks for your support.

**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.



**The ornaments removed from the Memorial trees** are available to be picked up. These can be found in the main vestibule. Family members of anyone who was either baptized in 2023 or whose funeral was performed at St Anthony prior to October 1st should pick these up. They are for you to keep. Thank you.



**JANUARY GROCERY ITEMS**  
Dish Detergent, Toilet Paper,  
Laundry Detergent  
The Ladies of Charity &  
Catholic Charities  
Thank You



Prayer Shawl Ministry does not meet in January or February.

**ST PETER ADORATION CHAPEL** has the following hours open for adoration:

Wed: 1 am, 2 am, 3 am  
Thurs.: Midnight (week 2), 1 am (weeks 2,4,5)  
Fri.: 1 am, 11 pm  
Sat.: Midnight (week 1), 1 am, 2 am, 8 am (weeks 1,3)  
Ask a friend to join you in taking an hour or share the time slot!  
Please call Mary Voorhis 217 653 3127 or call or text Gina Wolf at 217 257 9966 with questions.

**NOTICE FROM ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL**

The administration of St. Francis Solanus School prohibits anyone from going door-to-door asking for money for St. Francis Solanus School, or a group within the school. Do not give anyone cash or checks coming to your home or business. Please contact the school at 217-222-4077, or Julie Radel,

[jradel@stfrancissolanusschool.com](mailto:jradel@stfrancissolanusschool.com), if you have given money to someone at your door stating that he/she was collecting money on behalf of a group at St. Francis Solanus School.

Please pray for the repose of  
the soul of

**Ronald Zanger**

Eternal Rest

Grant to him, O Lord,  
and let Perpetual Light shine on him.



**IMMEDIATE TEACHER AIDE OPENING**

Would you like to work in a supportive, caring, environment with great students and teachers? St. Peter School has an immediate opening for a teacher aide. Duties include assisting teachers and students in grades 4, 5 & 6 from 8:00-12:00 Monday -Friday. If you are interested or know of someone who may be interested send a resume along with two or more references to Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh at either 2500 Maine Street, Quincy, IL 62301 or [c.venvertloh@cospq.org](mailto:c.venvertloh@cospq.org).

St. Anthony Parish welcomes  
**Lincoln Charlie Riley**  
son of  
**Cody and Amber (Wellman) Riley**  
who was baptized January 7, 2024  
into the Catholic faith.



**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, January 14, 2024



**Calvary Cemetery** is seeking a motivated and detail-oriented individual to serve (full-time) as an Assistant Groundskeeper. In this role, you will play a crucial part in supporting the maintenance team to ensure the cemetery grounds are kept in optimal condition, providing a tranquil environment for families and visitors.

If you are enthusiastic about contributing to the upkeep of a peaceful and well-cared-for final resting place, we invite you to apply for the Assistant Groundskeeper position at Calvary Cemetery. Join us in preserving a place of solace and reflection for our community. Please call the Quincy Calvary Cemetery Office at 217-223-3390 to inquire on the position or Mike Hummel at 217-430-3873.

### **Save the Date for Blessed Sacrament's BATTLE OF THE PADDLE!!**

February 24, 2024

McGivney Hall-Knights of Columbus

Doors Open at 5 pm-Auctions starts at 6 pm

Bring ALL of your friends

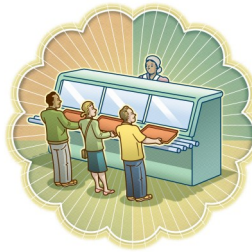
**MOVING???** If you are moving, please call the parish office 222-5996 to give us your new address. We get charged for any returned newsletters or mailings.

**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.

### **New to the Parish? WELCOME!**

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

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St. Dominic School has an immediate opening for a part-time cafeteria worker. Duties include preparing/serving school lunch and cleaning/sanitizing the cafeteria. Please contact Carol Fre-  
ricks, principal, at 217-224-0041

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### **God's Doorkeeper: St. André of Montreal**

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