



St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church


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Fourth Sunday of Lent - March 9-10, 2024

A Message from Fr. Tom Donovan:

Intr. 5.  *Rejoice Jerusalem: and come together all who love her. Rejoice with joy, you that have been in sorrow, that you may exult and be filled with consolation!*

The Fourth Sunday of Lent, "Laetare Sunday" lies just beyond the half-way point of the forty days of Lent. It is not merely a marker of time, but this Sunday is also meant to be a day of encouragement, for the celebration of Easter draws near! Even while we intensify our fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, more perfectly denying ourselves in imitation of the suffering Christ, the glory of the resurrection shines through us!

Today we hear a reading from the Second Book of Chronicles. These are perhaps the saddest of days in the history of God's people, when they were swallowed up in darkness and despair. The temple had been burned and looted. Those who survived the sword were taken to Babylon in chains. The prophets announced a curse over the nation until the people had "made up their lost Sabbaths" and returned to worship of the one, true God, forsaking their worldliness. Seventy years would pass, dooming this generation and the next to a time of purification through trials and tribulations.

Many have commented over the centuries that the God of the Old Testament and the God of the New Testament almost seem to be different Gods... in the Old Testament we frequently hear of people receiving their comeuppance after offending God or going against his ways. This is drawn in stark contrast to the divine love and mercy so frequently expressed by our Lord, Jesus Christ. What do we make of these differences?

Divine chastisement is not simply the response of a God who has been offended or who resorts to be throwing some kind of divine temper-tantrum when his people go astray. God is not simply resorting to some kind of system of "karma" where in order to balance accounts good things come to those who have had bad happen to them and bad things happen to those who have received good. Typically divine chastisement comes as part of an effort to communicate Divine Love to those who have distanced themselves from God and his ways, in order to get their attention and then to draw them back. The effects of that chastisement can be severe, but the result of this 'tough love' is to turn at least a remnant of the people back.

Consider the Prodigal Son who rebelled against the father, selling his inheritance to live a dissolute life. Finding himself separated, isolated, demeaned, and dishonored, the son resolved to turn back to the father, even if only to be a servant in the household that household which was once his legacy. Sometimes it takes hitting "rock bottom" to realize the need for change. It can be a rough ride on the way down. It can be humiliating to realize the indignity of being found at that 'bottom', but that experience can be transformative if we let it. God's chastisement is hardly easy or enjoyable, but after making that choice to turn away from our own self-destruction, we often have so much to be thankful for when we look back. Our sins, even the darkest experiences of life, can draw us closer to God. It is unfortunate to bear the temporary suffering of those moments, but only through that difficulty, sometimes, we learn a greater love for God.

Coupled with the heartbreaking story of God's people going into exile, the Church also gives us the famous passage from the Gospel of John: ***For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish, but might have eternal life. For God did not send his son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved in him.***

Lent is a time for penance but also a time for a kind of rejoicing. Sin has exiled us from our natural state of happiness and holiness, but our exile need not be eternal. Even God's chastisement is illuminated by Divine Love. Our God aches to draw us to himself, out of the darkness of our own doing and back into his marvelous light. We may undergo our own times of tribulation and exile, but hope comes through the Blood of the Savior who walked the full distance of god-forsakenness to gather his people and bring them back in the Joy of the Resurrection. Such power in the words of John 3:16! It is the 'mission statement' of our savior!

— 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., March 11, 2024

7:30 a.m. Sharon Holthaus+

Tues., March 12, 2024

7:30 a.m. Anton Hutmacher Family+

Wed., March 13, 2024

-at St. Dominic School

8:30 a.m. Paul & Kay Smith+
6:00 p.m. David Brown+

Thurs., March 14, 2024

7:30 a.m. Bill Koch+
-at Good Samaritan
10:00 a.m. Donald Talken+

Fri., March 15, 2024

7:30 a.m. Pat Schutte+

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sat., March 16, 2024

4:00 p.m. Parish Intentions
6:30 p.m. Bill Wellman+

Sun., March 17, 2024

8:00 a.m. Martha Koettters+
10:30 a.m. Mark Wellman+
Perpetual Prayer Candle
for Special Intentions
Week of March 9-15
Lorraine Loseman

— 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

Right To Life Posters – My Mom Chose Me



In February, Right to Life of Adams County organization sponsored its 40th annual poster contest and our St. Dominic School students in Grades 3-8 participated again this year. Many of our students' parents remember participating in this same contest and helping create a pro-life culture in our Catholic school. The purpose of the contest remains the same as in past years – to encourage the development of pro-life values in our youth. This activity provides an opportunity for parents and teachers to discuss the sanctity of life with students. At St. Dominic School, we provide these opportunities to integrate Art and Religion, elevate the creative gifts in students, and orient topics to praise God and give thanks to Him.



St. Dominic

4100 Columbus Rd.

Kindergarten Round-Up

**Wednesday,
March 13**
1:00–2:30 pm
RSVP (217) 224-0041



 For More Information
stdominicquincy.org

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Monday, March 11

3:00 p.m. St. Dominic School Running Club Begins

Tuesday, March 12

3:00 p.m. Running Club

Wednesday, March 13

8:30 a.m. School Mass

1:00 – 2:30 p.m. Kindergarten Round-Up

3:15 p.m. Faculty Meeting

6:30 p.m. School Board Meeting

Thursday, March 14

8:45 a.m. – 12 p.m. 8th Grade JA Career Fair

3:00 p.m. Running Club

Friday, March 15

Third Quarter Ends

Spirit and Logo Shirt Day

4:30 – 7:00 p.m. Fish Fry at St. Dominic

Monday, March 18 - Spring Picture Day



Upcoming Events

St. Dominic and St. Anthony Fish Fries

4:30-7:00 p.m.



Mark your calendar for the upcoming St. Anthony/St. Dominic Lenten Fish Fries.

St. Dominic: March 15 **St. Anthony:** March 22

Catfish Plate (Whole or Fillet) includes 3 sides, drink & dessert\$14

Walleye Plate (includes 3 sides, drink & dessert).....\$14

Child's Plate (includes 1 pc of walleye, 2 sides, drink & dessert).....\$ 8

Fish Sandwich, Fries & Drink \$ 8

Homemade Dessert

Carry outs available: St. Dominic enter through EAST driveway

St. Anthony enter SOUTH basement entrance

Families of St. Dominic School & St. Anthony Parish We Need Your Help for Desserts

We need your help providing pies, cakes & dessert for the fish fries. Last names schedule:

H-O St. Dominic March 15 P-Z St. Anthony March 22

*We also will need help at each of the Fish Fries. You may sign up at
on Sign Up Genius on the active link on our website.*

St. Anthony Ladies Society Spring Craft/Vendor Event

April 13, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.



St. Anthony Ladies Society will be hosting a Spring Craft/Vendor Event on Saturday, April 13th, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at the Father Irenaeus Hall (formerly called St. Anthony hall). Plan a day of shopping and lunch with a friend! Vendors will be selling many homemade items including jewelry, purses, table runners, embroidered towels, wreaths, baby blankets, t-shirts, tumblers, lighted glass florals, wooden cutting boards, ceramics, rosaries, gifts for Sacraments, home décor, wood signs, Young Living oils, dips and dessert mixes, beaded pens, key chains, kitchen accessories, and much more. The students from St. Dominic School will be holding a free will offering bake sale to support their future trip to Washington, D. C.

The Ladies Society will be selling home made cinnamon rolls, walking tacos & chips, maid rite & chips, tea, water, coffee,

The Quilters will be selling chances for a quilt that will be giving away at the picnic in July.

If you would like to help vendors carry in their items before the event or carry out afterwards please let us know. Anyone wanting more information contact Janet Bick or Tawny Benz at the parish office 217-222-5996 or email rjbick@comcast.net or rtbenz77@gmail.com.

Vacation Bible School

June 9, 10, 11, 2024

Mark your calendars for St. Anthony Vacation Bible School June 9, 10, 11.

Junefest

Saturday, June 1, 2024

Mark your calendar for Junefest - June 1. The band will be Raised on Radio.

St. Anthony Picnic


Saturday, July 20, 2024

Mark your calendar for St. Anthony Picnic -July 20. The band will be Eleven.

Help Needed: Help needed to run the lunch stand at St Anthony Picnic from 9-12.
Chairperson for Horse Poop Bingo

— Parish Data —

PARISH CALENDAR	
<u>Monday, March 11</u> 7:00 p.m.	St. Anthony Men's Society Meeting
<u>Tuesday, March 12</u> 6:30-8:30 p.m.	Surviving Divorce
<u>Wednesday, March 13</u> 5:30 pm 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross Mass St. Dominic School Board Meeting
<u>Thursday, March 14</u> 6:00-8:00 p.m.	Grief Share
<u>Friday, March 15</u> 4:30-7:00 p.m.	St. Dominic Fish Fry
<u>Saturday, March 16</u> 4:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Mass Mass (Holy Moments)
<u>Sunday, March 17</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 35	Mar. 2/3	Total Year-to-Date
Loose Collection	\$ 706.35	\$ 23,389.39
Weekly Envelopes	\$ 11,210.00	\$ 298,471.79
Electronic Deposits	\$ 0.00	\$ 48,419.00
Total, Mar. 2/3	\$ 11,916.35	\$ 370,280.18
Budget Goal <i>(we need no less than this to stay out of deficit spending for the year!)</i>	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 455,000.00
Difference	(\$ -1,083.65)	\$ (-84,719.82)
Money Counters : Monday, March 11, 2024 Dennis Hildebrand Mary Courty Michelle Erhardt		
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)		\$ 19,548.00 as of December 29, 2023
Debt Reduction Envelopes <i>Thank you! —></i>		FY 2023-24: \$ 8,826.82
Parish Community Tithe (PCT) News		
		Talk with your tax advisor about tax-advantaged ways to support your parish.

Parish Ministry Schedule - Sat.& Sun., March 16 & 17, 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	Bill Anderson	Trisha Mathews	Mary Koch	Marlene Rose
Usher	Roger Benz Tawny Benz Richard Reichert	Chris Ehrhardt Christopher Ehrhardt George Huber Elmer Maas	Gene Goerlich Jerry Grawe Anthony Haley Mike Hummel	Brian Koch David McCleary Rich Rakers Larry Weiman
Servers	Gabby Fischer Rafael or Xavier Torres	Rozalyn Brass Marial Mathews	Abraham & Gus Venvertloh	The Pius IX Altar Servers
Greeters/ Gift Bearers	Carol Vogel	Ted Vahle Family	Gene & Rita Goerlich	Todd & Tera Smith Family
Rosary Leader	Dorothy Parn	Trisha Mathews	Mary Koch	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, 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, Earl Huber.

Also please remember in your prayers those who have died in 2024: Ronald Zanger, Judy Emerick, Donna Andrews, Curtis Boone, Florence Griesbaum

March 10, 2024

Nursing Care Patients

IL Veterans Home

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

Bickford Cottages

Mary Gerht
St. Vincent
Fr. Irenaeus Kimminau
Good Samaritan
Wayne Emerick
Earl Huber

Mark your Calendars to help with cutting up potatoes the Thursday mornings before the St. Anthony fish fries beginning at 9:00 a.m. (March 21) Many hands make light work.



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 Frericks, principal, at 217-224-0041 to apply for this position.

Volunteers needed for Meals on Wheels

The Meals on Wheels program is urgently seeking volunteers for drivers to deliver meals to homebound senior citizens in Quincy for weekday and Saturday lunchtime delivery. Meals are picked up at the Quincy Senior Center between 10:30-11 a.m. A route usually takes no longer than an hour of your time. Contact katelyn Holt 217-592-3653 or katelynholtwcian.org

Please pray for the repose of the soul of
Curtis Boone
Eternal Rest Grant to him O Lord,
and let Perpetual Light shine on him.



2024 Catholic Cemetery Clean-up: Calvary, St. Boniface & St. Peter's: March 11-15: Everything must be off of the graves by Sunday, March 10. You may leave the shepherd's hooks, but everything else, please remove. Mark you flowers with the name on the stone and your contact number, in weatherproof ink, if possible.

CRS RICE BOWL Through the CRS Rice Bowl, families are able to help others across the globe overcome hardships like hunger. Through Lenten alms, we can help make the world a better place. Please take a rice bowl from the back of church and return with your donation on Easter Sunday.

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Another opportunity to show your commitment to QND!

The students of QND thank you for your support on Commitment Weekend! For those parishioners who missed the opportunity to make their pledge or gift to QND. You can place your contribution in the collection basket or they can be mailed to QND, PO Box 1014, Quincy, IL 62306. Contributions benefit the 47th Fund Drive, which bridges the gap between the cost to educate and the tuition charged to families. To learn more about QND, visit www.quincynotredame.org. Thank you

Safe Environment Audit: Each year in May the Diocese of Springfield audits each parish making sure they are compliant with the safe environment guidelines. All volunteers are to have completed safe environment training and a background check. The safe environment training previously was an in person training titled Protecting God's Children. This is now called *Empowering God's Children* and is completed online. The background check is also done online and only needs to be completed once unless a person's address changes. In the next few weeks you may receive an email from the parish office with the information attached to complete the background check if your previous background check was expired or complete *Empowering God's Children* if you had not had *Protecting God's Children*. If you have any questions please let us know. Thank you in advance for taking care of this.

St. Rose Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner
Sunday March 17th. 11:00am - 6:00pm. Drive Thru Only. Serving Corned Beef & Cabbage OR German Sausage & Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes, and Apple or Cherry Pie. Can also have ½ beef & ½ pork. \$13 per Meal. St. Rose of Lima Parish Hall, 715 Chestnut, Quincy IL. Enter through alley off of 8th Street. Order from your car!

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.



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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Quincy Deanery Council of Catholic Woman's Spring Meeting and Lunch

will be held Wednesday, April 3rd at St. Mary's Church in Pittsfield. Registration is in the parish hall 7:45-8:30 am with Mass at 8:30 am. Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary will follow mass, During this time confessions will be offered by Fr. Mark Schulte and Fr. Aaron Kuhn. 10 a.m. is breakfast followed by meeting and luncheon. There will be a silent auction to support Pro-Life Ministries, a Share Table (bring items you no longer want, but others may love, and a Charity collection (bring women & children's socks, soaps & shampoo) A donation of \$6 to help cover the lunch will be collected at registration. A sign up sheet is in the back of church.

Shrine of St. Patrick St. Patrick's Day Dinner will be held Sunday, March 17th, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Roast Beef dinner, roll, dessert, drink. Adults \$12, Children 6-12 \$7, Children under 6 Free. Sunday Mass will be celebrated at the Shrine at 9 a.m. on March 17th.

There will be a bake sale, silent auction, 50/50 raffle, Irish music, cake walk, kids games and a 2024 special pictorial cancellation envelope. The Leprechaun 5K Run/Walk registration begins at 10:15



Choir Practice Schedule For Good Friday and Easter Vigil

If you are interested in singing with our choir on Good Friday, 29 April, and Easter Vigil, 30 April, please come to all rehearsals. Rehearsals are on Thursdays from 7 – 9 PM at Church. Dates are: March: 7, 14, 21, and if needed 28 after Holy Thursday service. I really need you to be at ALL rehearsals, as we will sing some of our music a-capella (no accompaniment). For more information please call me at work 217.222.0515 – or on my cell 217.779.0152, or send me an email Mecki@travelhouseofquincy.com Hope to see you on March 7!



MARCH GROCERY ITEMS
Toilet Paper, Laundry & Dish Detergents
The Ladies of Charity & Catholic Charities
Thank You

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 or you may pick it up in the office. These will only be printed upon request.

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