



St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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Divine Mercy Sunday - April 7, 2024

A Message from Fr. Tom Donovan:

✠ Alleluia ✠ Alleluia ✠ Alleluia ✠



Since 2001, the Second Sunday, or 'octave' day, of Easter has been observed as "Divine Mercy Sunday". On this day, we reflect on the glory of God's mercy in the full light of the resurrection. God's mercy is not something we earn by way of our confessions or our Lenten disciplines or anything else taking place in us, but rather it comes when we are least deserving, least able to help ourselves, when we are otherwise lost to the darkness of our fallen nature. Divine Mercy is simply there for our asking, which demands a spiritual posture of extraordinary faith and trust in our Risen Lord—again, Mercy is neither earned nor owed to us for our works, but rather comes to us in complete humility, sincere contrition, and complete trust in the Risen Christ. From our experience of God's Mercy, we are called to share mercy with others.

Congratulations to our St. Dominic School Third Grade and St. Anthony PSR students who received the sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion this weekend (Saturday) at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield. In addition to their "First Communion" on Saturday, we welcome our young people and their families to the parish celebration of their "Second Communion" at our 10:30am Mass this weekend.

For most of us who attended Catholic grade schools and religious education programs, the 'restored' ordering of the sacraments in recent years can still be a puzzle. Before the reforms of Pope Pius X in the early 20th century, Confirmation typically took place in about second or third grade, with First Holy Communion typically being celebrated in about 8th grade or a young person's teenage years. Through the early reception of Holy Communion, Pope Pius X wanted our young people to build on their inherent child-like innocence and closeness to God, maintaining purity of soul in the midst of the dangers and seductions of the age. As a concession to the practical wisdom of religious educators who understand that families often need encouragement to keep their children active in religious education programs in anticipation of sacramental celebrations, rather than having both Confirmation and First Communion at an early age, the order of the two sacraments were swapped, placing First Communion around 2nd grade and Confirmation often into the teenage years, and keeping children in the classrooms through Confirmation.

In our own day, the need for life-long religious education remains the same, and should be a hallmark of the journey of faith in each Catholic family. Bishop Paprocki, using Pope Pius X's rationale, believes that the graces of Confirmation are so very important, even at the young age of 3rd grade. And he is right. On the practical level however, this new discipline clashes with the attitude that confirmation often represents a 'graduation' from the need for formal religious formation. Bishop Paprocki argues that religious education should not end with the reception of the sacraments, but it should be a *starting point* for life-long catechesis and divine worship. I fear we are failing on that front as recent years have shown an absolute decimation of participation in our religious education offerings after our young people receive the sacraments.

Like weekly Mass attendance, part of being a Catholic and part of the formation we wish to offer our children is the discipline and encouragement to grow in the faith as a life-long pursuit. A third-grade faith is good for a third grader, but if one stops their formation at that young age, their faith will not grow with them, and it will become a 'childish' thing that only makes sense to the third-grade mind. Ours is a faith with so much intellectual and spiritual depth, that it is an absolute disservice to deny our young people the opportunity to grow into the fullness of that tradition. This is not a problem particular to our own time and age... we have seen it before when Catholics 'finish' with faith formation at 8th grade or the end of high school, or even at the end of seminary... we priests also need to be constantly growing, exploring the faith as it reveals itself to us in every season of life.

I invite our First Communion and Confirmation families celebrating this weekend to resolve to help their children to continue to grow in the faith, first and foremost through faithful Sunday Mass attendance, by participation in age-appropriate religious formation through their school or the parish religious education program, and then by living and talking about the faith in the household. Our young people have received a precious gift this weekend in being privileged to celebrate these sacraments at such a young and impressionable age. Let's make the most of helping them to take their rightful places in the life of the Church!



— 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., April 8, 2024

7:30 a.m. Suzanne Willer+

Tues., April 9, 2024

7:30 a.m. Carol Bolte+

Wed., April 10, 2024

—at St. Dominic School

8:30 a.m. Paul & Kay Smith+
6:00 p.m. Rita Terstriep+

Thurs., April 11, 2024

7:30 a.m. Vicki Arnold+
—at Good Samaritan
10:00 a.m. Paul Stupasky+

Fri., April 12, 2024

7:30 a.m. Evelyn Dietrich+

Sat., April 13, 2024

4:00 p.m. Timothy Haley+
6:30 p.m. Parish Intentions

Sun., April 14, 2024

8:00 a.m. Earl & Marian Schmidt +
10:30 a.m. Robert & Rita Hummel+

Perpetual Prayer Candle
for Special Intentions

Week of April 6-12

For those who received their
First Communion and Confirmation

— 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

First-Grade Leaders Teach Sacrament of Matrimony



During the month of April, the first-grade class, along with their teacher, Mrs. Tera Smith, will lead Morning Assembly each day. The class will teach our school about one of the Catholic Sacraments of Vocation – Matrimony. Through this sacrament, Christians are called to dedicate their lives both in communion with God and by loving service to others. Matrimony is the only sacrament whereby the ministers of the sacrament are the couple themselves. The man and the woman join their hands and their lives, giving their consent, and exchanging vows and rings. The wedding rings symbolize their vows of loving self-sacrifice, in imitation of Christ's love for the Church. The first-grade class will also teach us about the Fruit of the Holy Spirit—Love, which is the type of love God desires through the power of the Holy Spirit.

2024 Annual School Fund Drive Update

Thanks so much to all of our generous parishioners and school families who have participated in the 2024 St. Dominic School Annual Fund Drive! As of March 19, 2024, we have received 140 pledge cards, which amounts to a total of **30,080.00** and is **75% of our goal of \$40,000** along with many gifts of prayer, time, and talent. Some of the gifts have been given in honor or memory of a special intention. All special intentions will be listed in a bulletin at the end of May. **THANK YOU SO MUCH** for all of your genuine stewardship and amazing support of our parish mission to provide Catholic education at our parish school St. Dominic School of St. Anthony of Padua Parish, where Holy Moments happen every day.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Saturday, April 6

11:00 a.m. First Communion/Confirmation at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

Sunday, April 7

10:30 a.m. Mass First Communion/Confirmation Celebration after Mass

Monday, April 8

7:30 a.m. 6th-grade Field Trip to Biz Town
1-10:30 a.m. 4th-grade Field Trip to QND

Tuesday, April 9

9:45 a.m. 1st-Grade Library Field Trip

Wednesday, April 10

8:30 a.m. School Mass
12:30 p.m. 5th-grade Vets Home Field Trip

3:15 p.m. Faculty Meeting

6:30 p.m. School Board Meeting

Friday, April 12

Spirit or Logo Shirt Day



Upcoming Events

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.

Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday, April 7, 2:00 p.m.



Please plan to join us on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7, at 2:00 PM at St. Anthony Church. The Holy Hour will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confession, and Rosaries. At 3:00 PM we will recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction will follow. Plan to join us afterwards in the Quilt Room for Divine Mercy Sunday Sundaes at about 3:30 PM!

St. Anthony Ladies Society Roast Beef Dinner

Sunday, April 28, 11 a.m-1 p.m.



St. Anthony Ladies Society Roast Beef Dinner will be *eat in or carry out* on Sunday, April 28th, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

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	
Monday, April 8 7:30 p.m.	Men's Society Meeting
Tuesday, April 9 6:30-8:30 p.m.	Surviving Divorce
Wednesday, April 10 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Mass St. Dominic School Board Meeting
Thursday, April 11	
Friday, April 12	
Saturday, April 13 9 a.m.-2 p.m.	St. Anthony Craft/Vendor Spring Show
4:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Mass Mass
Sunday, April 14 8:00 a.m. 9:00-10:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Mass Families of Faith 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 39	Mar. 30/31	Total Year-to-Date
Loose Collection	\$ 1,389.50	\$ 27,082.87
Weekly Envelopes	\$ 11,065.00	\$ 335,374.79
Electronic Deposits	\$ 0.00	\$ 48,419.00
Total, Mar. 30/31	\$ 12,454.50	\$ 410,876.66
Budget Goal <small>(we need no less than this to stay out of deficit spending for the year!)</small>	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 507,000.00
Difference	(\$ -545.50)	\$ (-96,123.34)
Money Counters : Monday, April 8, 2024 Carol Vogel Michelle Ehrhardt Rita Goerlich		

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>	\$ 19,548.00 as of December 29, 2023
Debt Reduction Envelopes <i>Thank you!</i> —>	FY 2023-24: \$ 8,926.82

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

Parish Ministry Schedule - Sat.& Sun., April 13 & 14, 2024

	Saturday, 4:00 PM	Saturday, 6:30 p.m.	Sunday, 8:00 AM	Sunday, 10:30 AM
Key Minister/	Jr. & Jackie Dreyer		Gene & Rita Goerlich	Rich Rakers
Lector	Mary Courty	Janet Bick	Jim Obert	Dale Hilgenbrinck
Usher	Bill Anderson Jr. Dreyer Tom Grawe Mike Zanger	George Benz Tom Boone Ron Reichert Ted Vahle	Jerry Dreier Matt Kasparie Mark Neisen Dan Terwelp	Frank Arnold Craig Schafer Rick Schafer Kurt Fischer
Servers	Gabby Fischer Volunteer	The Benz Family	Pius IX Altar Servers	Zain Schutte Lizzy Smith
Greeters/ Gift Bearers	Mary Koch	William & Ann Dixon	Leon & Kay Lentz	Cindy Wellman
Rosary Leader	Norma Weiman	Melanie Longenecker	Jerry & Trudy Dreier	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, 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, Erika Jurrens Hutchison

Also please remember in your prayers those who have died in 2024: Ronald Zanger, Judy Emerick, Donna Andrews, Curtis Boone, Florence Griesbaum, R. J. Boone, John Feeney, Earl Huber

Nursing Care Patients

IL Veterans Home

Michael Hildebrand
Albert Huber
Jim Ponsot
Verne Hagstrom

Bickford Cottages

Mary Gerht
Wayne Emerick
St. Vincent
Fr. Irenaeus Kimminau
Bradford Villa
Ruth Schmelzle

Teacher Opening at St. Dominic School

Would you enjoy sharing our Catholic faith and love for learning with children? St. Dominic School is accepting applications for a full-time Preschool teaching position for the 2024-2025 school year. Qualified applicants should hold an Illinois Professional Educator License. with an Endorsement in Early Childhood Education preferred. Responsibilities include teaching a full-day Preschool 4-year-old class according to the philosophy of St. Dominic School of St. Anthony of Padua Parish and the Diocese of Springfield. Qualified and enthusiastic applicants should send a cover letter, resume, and references to Mrs. Carol Frericks, Principal, St. Dominic School of St. Anthony of Padua Parish, 4100 Columbus Road, Quincy, IL 62305 or call the school office at 217-224-0041.

Fr. Tom Donovan and the Travel House of Quincy announce a tour to Germany, September 15—29, 2024. Destinations include Nurnberg, Dresden, Berlin, Erfurt, and Frankfurt. Trip cost, complete with airfare, motor coach accommodations from Quincy to the airport and throughout Germany, double occupancy rooms, and breakfast and dinner daily is \$4059. See the flier next week! For more information, call Mecki at the Travel House: (217) 222-0515

The Mega Raffle is Back!
It could be YOUR year to win MEGA MONEY! The "Everybody Wins" Mega Raffle is in its 13th year and tickets are on sale now. Only 4,000 tickets will be sold. Tickets must be turned in by May 3 to be eligible for the Early Bird drawing of \$25,000 on May 17. The \$100,000, \$25,000, \$15,000, and 37 more cash prizes will be drawn on May 31. Proceeds benefit the QCES Foundation, QND Foundation, and Quincy's five Catholic Schools. More information, including how to get your tickets, can be found at QuincyMegaRaffle.org.

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



St. Anthony Ladies Society is having their Mother/Daughter Banquet on Sunday, May 5th, after the 10:30 a.m. Mass in the Parish Hall. Free will offering. For reservations please call Alice Rakers at 217-222-4798.



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.



Illinois March for Life will be held Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at the Illinois State Capitol Building, 401 S. 2nd, Springfield, Il. The Rally begins at Noon at the Capitol and the March around the Capitol begins at 1:00 p.m. **Great News!!** Right to Life of Adams County has reserved a Great River Bus Lines (Goodwin Tours) motorcoach to transport participants to and from the March. (will not include attending Catholic, Lutheran, or Orthodox religious services.) Bus transportation is \$15 per person (bring your own bag lunch. or bus transportation plus furnished box lunch-\$25 per person. Call/text Lyn Schlipmann (217-653-0075) as soon as possible, for more information and to reserve your spot on the bus. Reservations requested by April 10, but will be accepted until the bus is full. Let's do all we can to swell the crowd at the Illinois March for Life! Go to <https://illinoismarchforlife.org> for more information, (including registration for religious services (available to those traveling in other vehicles). Please note—the bus riders will not be visiting legislators—just attending the rally and the March.



For more Information:

2024 Great River TEC Dates:

- TEC 344: April 20-22, 2024
- TEC 345: June 8-10, 2024
- TEC 346: July 27-29, 2024
- TEC 347: November 2-4, 2024



CRS RICE BOWL

Please return your Rice Bowl Contribution by April 14.
Thank you.



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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Blessed Sacrament Parish Trivia Night, Friday, April 19, at 6:30 p.m. Teams up to 8 people \$120. General Trivia. BYO food and drinks, Childcare available. Benefiting St. Antoine in Haiti. Call the parish office for more information or to register, 217-222-2759.



APRIL GROCERY ITEMS
Toilet Paper, Shampoo
The Ladies of Charity & Catholic Charities
Thank You

Farewell to David Apaza

For twelve years We Care, on behalf of St. Anthony Parish, has sponsored a young man in Bolivia through Unbound. This began when he was 5 years old and he will soon be 18. Our sponsorship has made it possible for him to attend school and helped his family improve their quality of life. David is now leaving the program as he has finished high school, joined the military and hopes to later attend college. His family has also been able to improve their situation. They are very grateful to the people of our parish, Please see the bulletin board for pictures and a final correspondence.

St. Francis Solanus Business Manager Position Available

Position Overview: The Parish Business Manager will oversee the financial management, human resources, and day-to-day business operations of the parish.

Desired qualifications include: Proven experience in Business Administration, Finance or a related field; strong interpersonal and communication skills and a commitment to the parish's mission; experience with QuickBooks, Excel, HR and payroll preferred. Applicants may send a resume and cover letter to Sue Holbrook, sholbrook@stfrancissolanus.com or to: Parish Office, 1721 College Ave., Quincy, IL., 62301.

Pancake & Sausage Breakfast, Sunday, April 21, after the 7 and 9 a.m. Masses in the St. Francis Solanus Parish Center. This fundraiser will help the 7th Grade cover the cost of their 8th Grade trip to Washington, D.C. in October 2024. Our class will be traveling with St. Dominic School 8th Grade class.

Blessed Sacrament's Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

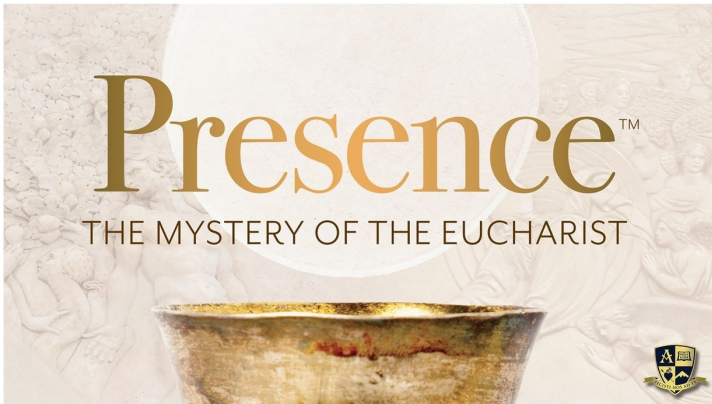
Sunday, April 14, 9am to 12:30pm
Seating in School Cafeteria or Church Gathering Space
\$10/adult, \$5/kids 5-12, Free under age 5,
Family price of \$25

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