



St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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April 27, 2025 Divine Mercy Sunday

A Message from Fr. Tom Donovan:



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.

The Divine Mercy visionary was St. Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938), who was a simple, uneducated, Polish nun, living at about the same time and not that far from the home of a young Karol Wojtya, who would later be St. Pope John Paul II. Sr. Faustina, at the command of her spiritual director, Fr. Michał Sopoćko (1988-1975, who himself is being examined as a potential candidate for sainthood) wrote over 600 pages in her spiritual diary, recounting her journey in prayer and the responses that she received, teaching her and the world about the glory of Divine Mercy. Embedded in these writings are the devotional tools that many recognize: the Divine Mercy Chaplet, the image of Christ with streams of light pouring out of his Sacred Heart, the call to devote the Second Sunday of Easter as a uniquely-privileged day for sacramental Confession and other devout works of faith and mercy. The diary itself, widely available in English translation, is a rewarding read in and of itself, and is presently under consideration in a petition to name Faustina a "doctor of the Church".

We observed this week the passing of Pope Francis, the 266th successor of St. Peter as the Bishop of Rome and the Vicar of Christ. Funeral rites took place all through the week in Rome, culminating in his funeral Mass in St. Peter's Square and interment at the Basilica of St. Mary Major on Saturday. What follows is nine days, officially, of mourning, followed by the election of a new pope sometime, probably during the 2nd week of May.

Our modern popes, each in their own way, would at first glance appear to be products of a carefully-honed and curated media image, not unlike our politicians. Indeed, a modern pope is not only a spiritual leader and witness to the gospel, but also has the added responsibility (and cross) of being a public figure appearing in news interviews, being the subject of commentary and public criticism, and being manipulated for the purposes of advancing media narratives. With the passing of Pope Francis, his earthly work and concerns are now surrendered to the long view of history, and we as a Church have the duty to pray for him and his successor... this is our debt of thanks that we owe to our pope and pastor.

If we are to understand Pope Francis on his own terms outside of the media bubble that surrounded him in life and now in death, I believe that the two concerns that most animated his ministry were those of "mercy" and "evangelization". Much can be said about these themes, but what is most important, in his memory, is that we practice mercy and that we live lives of invitation, proclamation, witness, and evangelization in the great truth that Christ has risen from the dead.

*O God, eternal shepherd, who govern your flock with unfailing care,
grant in your boundless fatherly love a pastor for your Church
who will please you by his holiness and to us show watchful care.*

*Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.*



— Mass Times —

Saturday: 4:00, 6:30 pm

Sunday: 8:00, 10:30 am

M, Tu, Th, at St. Anthony: 7:30 am

W. at St. Dominic School 8:30 am

Th. at Good Samaritan 10:00 am

F. at St. Dominic School 8:15 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 a funeral is scheduled



Mass Intentions

Mon., April 28, 2025

7:30 a.m. Bill Koch+

Tues., April 29, 2025

7:30 a.m. Fr. Ireneaus+

Wed., April 30, 2025

—at St. Dominic School

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

—at St. Anthony Church

6:00 p.m. Maurice Dreyer, Sr.+

Thurs., May 1, 2025

7:30 a.m. Gene Dietrich +

10:00 a.m. Florence Griesbaum+

Friday, May 2, 2025

8:15 a.m. Roger Hummel+

Saturday, May 3, 2025

4:00 p.m. Parish Intentions

6:30 p.m. Paul & Eadie Edwards+

Sunday, May 4, 2025

8:00 a.m. Clarence & Evelyn

Genenbacher+

10:30 a.m. Robert & Rita Hummel+

Perpetual Prayer Candle

Week of April 26-May 2

Favorable Weather

for the Planting Season

— 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

Seventh Grade Performs Stations of the Cross



On Wednesday, April 16, our seventh-grade students prayed and performed the Stations with Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Since Mary was present during the first Way of the Cross with Jesus, this performance of the Stations attempted to present that viewpoint. The seventh-grade students presented for our entire school, Kindergarten through eighth-grade students and staff, so we could see and listen through Mary's eyes what Jesus was going through on the way to Calvary. During the performance we all repeated, "We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world."

Come join us!

2025 ST. DOMINIC JUNE FEST

FOOD & DRINKS **ENTERTAINMENT**
GAMES **LIVE BAND "SOUTHERN RAIL"**
BINGO **KIDDELAND** **BASKET RAFFLE** ...AND MORE!

SATURDAY, JUNE 7TH, 2025 • 5PM-11:30PM

EVENT BEGINS WITH MASS AT 4:00 IN SCHOOL GYM - OPENING CEREMONY AT 5:00

Featured Events:
Live Band SOUTHERN RAIL, Kiddieland, Food & Drinks, BINGO, Poker, Chuck-a-Luck, Football Toss, Basketball Shoot, Fast Pitch Game, Conchise Tournament, Raffle (\$2,000 in cash prizes), Basket Raffle, 50/50, Silent Auction

Kiddieland - Wristbands \$10
Games, Crafts, Bounce House, Tattoos, Volleyball, Gaga Ball, Train Ride...and more!

Entertainment:
Live Band SOUTHERN RAIL from 7:00pm-11:00pm
Basket Raffle (winners announced at 10:00), Cash Raffle - \$2,000 in cash prizes (winners announced at 11:00), 50/50 and Silent Auction (winners announced at 11:00pm)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Tuesday, April 29

7:00 PM 2025-26 Washington DC Parent Meeting

Wednesday, April 30

8:30 AM School Mass

3:15 PM Faculty Meeting

6:00 PM PTO Meeting

6:30 PM Gene Grawe Fund Announcement

Friday, May 2

Spirit Shirt Day

8:15 AM Quiet School Mass

Save The Date

JUNEFEST 2025 — June 7, 5:00 - 11:30 PM



Upcoming Events

Divine Mercy Sunday

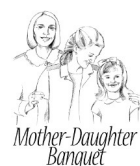
Sunday, April 27th, 2:00 p.m.



Please plan to join us on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27, 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 Chaplet of Divine Mercy 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 Mother/Daughter Banquet

Sunday, May 4, after 10:30 a.m. Mass



St. Anthony Ladies Society is having their Mother/Daughter Banquet on Sunday, May 4th, after the 10:30 a.m. Mass in the Parish Hall. This is for all ladies of the parish and you may bring your mother or mother in law, if that is possible or your daughter or daughter-in-law, or a special woman in your life. We want everyone to feel welcome. Whoever you bring does not have to be a member of St. Anthony's. The Ladies Society will be providing the meat, mashed potatoes and gravy. All attending should bring a covered dish or dessert. For reservations please call Alice Rakers at 217-222-4798.

May Crowning

Sunday, May 4, after 10:30 a.m. Mass



May Crowning will take place Sunday, May 4, after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Please join us to honor our Blessed Mother as May is the month devoted to Mary. We will gather outside by the Blessed Virgin Mary statue. All children are invited to remain in church after Mass to participate in the procession. It would be especially lovely if 1st Communicants would wear their 1st Communion Day attire to lead the procession. We will have flowers for the ceremony. Vases will remain thru May if anyone wants to bring flowers from their gardens as they become available.

Everybody Wins Mega Raffle!



Support our schools! The *Everybody Wins* Mega Raffle is the ONLY fundraiser that supports ALL K-12 Catholic education in Quincy. To keep our schools strong, **we need YOU - our parish family** - to help us sell tickets! As a way of saying thanks, for every 5 tickets you sell, you'll be entered to win \$4,000 in tuition credit or \$3,000 cash. Every ticket sold makes a difference—let's make this year a success! Tickets are available in the back of church, school office, or at the front entrance of QND. www.quincywinsmegaraffle.org Make sure that you check the box for St. Dominic School to receive the \$10.

Mark Your Calendar!



May 4, after 4 p.m. Mass: Reception for Fr. Tom's 20 year anniversary of his ordination
 June 7, 5 p.m. – midnight: Junefest at St. Dominic School
 June 9-11: Vacation Bible School
 July 19: St. Anthony Parish Picnic

— Parish Data —

PARISH CALENDAR	
Monday, April 28 6:30 p.m.	Butterfly Ministry
Tuesday, April 29 6:30 p.m.	St. Dominic School Marketing Meeting
Wednesday, April 30 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Mass at St. Anthony St. Dominic PTO
Thursday, May 1 6:00-8:00 p.m.	GriefShare
Friday, May 2	
Saturday, May 3 4:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Mass Mass
Sunday, May 4 8:00 a.m. 9:00 – 10:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Mass Families of Faith (Quilt Room) Mass May Crowning after Mass Mother /Daughter Banquet follows May Crowning
<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 42	April 19/20	Total Year-to-Date
Loose Collection	\$ 1,080.00	\$ 36,843.37
Weekly Envelopes	\$ 11,255.00	\$ 431,485.34
Electronic Deposits	\$ 0.00	\$ 57,193.00
Total, April 19/20	\$ 12,335.00	\$ 525,521.71
Budget Goal <i>(we need no less than this to stay out of deficit spending for the year!)</i>	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 546,000.00
Difference	(\$ - 665.00)	(\$ -20,478.29)

Money Counters : Tuesday, April 28, 2025 Carol Vogel Michelle Ehrhardt Rita Goerlich		
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Suggested Tithing Chart							
Per hour	Per year	2% per week	4% per week	6% per week	8% per week	10% per week	12% per week
\$15	\$30,000	\$12	\$24	\$36	\$48	\$60	\$72
\$20	\$40,000	\$16	\$32	\$48	\$64	\$80	\$96
\$25	\$50,000	\$20	\$40	\$60	\$80	\$100	\$120
\$30	\$60,000	\$24	\$48	\$72	\$96	\$120	\$144
\$35	\$70,000	\$28	\$56	\$84	\$112	\$140	\$168
\$40	\$80,000	\$32	\$64	\$96	\$138	\$160	\$192
\$45	\$90,000	\$36	\$72	\$108	\$144	\$180	\$216
\$50	\$100,000	\$40	\$80	\$120	\$160	\$200	\$240

Approximated based on 40 hour-work week and 2,000 hour work-year.
Thank you for reviewing and considering your parish tithe each year.

Parish Ministry Schedule - Sat.& Sun., May 3 & 4, 2025				
	Saturday, 4:00 PM	Saturday, 6:30 PM	Sunday, 8:00 AM	Sunday, 10:30 AM
Key Minister/	Roger & Tawny Benz		Dan Reichert	
Lector	Mary Courty	Trisha Mathews	Mary Koch	Kim Peters
Usher	Jr. Dreyer Tom Grawe Randy Huber Jack Kuhlman	Ted Vahle George Benz Dan Boone Ryan Boone	Gene Goerlich Jerry Grawe Anthony Haley Michael Hummel	David McCleary Craig Schafer Rick Schafer Larry Weiman
Servers	Gus & Abraham Venvertloh	The Benz Family	Zain Schutte Liam Johnson	Gabby & Sam Fischer
Greeters/ Gift Bearers	Jr. & Jackie Dreyer	Marilyn Boone	Mike Genenbacher Family	Andrew Veile
Rosary Leader	Volunteer	Earl Boone	Steve Jansen	Alice Rakers
In charity, please remember in your prayers: All Caregivers, The Shut-Ins of our Parish, Military Members and their families, Mike Hildebrand, Jackie Schieferdecker, Dennis Meyer, James Ponsot, Mary Gehrt, Winnie Huber, Cindy Barner, Also please remember in your prayers those who have died in 2025: Eric Fischer, Dorothy Parn, Ruth Schmelzle, Rich Rakers				

April 27, 2025

Nursing Care Patients

IL Veterans Home

Michael Hildebrand
Jim Ponsot
Verne Hagstrom

Bickford Cottages

Mary Gehrt
Sunset
Richard Blickhan

Gene Grawe Fund: Please join us Wednesday April 30th for a short informational meeting & announcement of the distributions for the 2025-26 school year for the Gene Grawe Fund. We'll be meeting 6:30 at St Dominic School. All are welcome & encouraged to attend to learn more how you can help families pay for Catholic School tuition & to help the Catholic Schools of our parish & QND.



If you would like to volunteer to help mow St. Anthony Cemetery this summer please call the parish office 217-222-5996. Your help would very much be appreciated.

Save the Date! Father Tom will have been ordained a priest on May 28th for 20 years. We will be celebrating his Ordination Anniversary on **Saturday, May 24th, after the 4:00 p.m.** Mass in the parish hall. Please plan to come help him celebrate!

St. Peter and St. Francis are working together to bring another Totus Tuus Camp to our area this summer!! Totus Tuus is a week filled with fun and faith! The Evening Camp runs from Sunday, June 15th through Thursday, June 19th this year from 6:30 pm – 8:15 pm at St. Francis School. Teens who are entering 7th – 12th grade in the fall of 2025 are welcome to attend. The Day Camp will take place Monday, June 16th – Friday, June 20st from 9:00 am until 2:30 pm. This camp is for students entering 1st grade through 6th grades this fall. The cost of the camp is \$25 a child or \$60 for 3 or more siblings. All area youth are welcome! To sign up please, use this link: <https://dio.org/totus-tuus-camper-registration/>. Text Grant at 217-602-9293 for more information. Thank you!

Register Here



Please pray for the repose of the soul of
Ruth Schmelzle
Eternal Rest Grant to her O Lord,
and let Perpetual Light shine on her.

St. Anthony of Padua Church, Quincy



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

Church Cleaning Schedule for Thursday May 1st, 4:00 PM "GROUP C: Jackie Dreyer, Theresa Bockhold, Joyce Hildebrand, Betty Kasparie, Dana Wittler, Carol Vogel, Lou Ann Weills, Penny Weiman & girls, Pat Steinkamp, Cindy Cramer, Julie Reichert, Julie Peter & girls, Bea Hermsmeier, Anna Benz, Anna Dixon, Yvonne Campbell, Olivia Powell, Michelle Deege, & Marilyn Boone
Thank you Ladies!

Join us for **Ladies Night Out—Surrender**, Wednesday, April 30th at 7pm at St Peter Church. Kristina Radley from Wentzville returns to share her faith, humor and love for Jesus with us. The evening will include Kristina's message, adoration, music, desserts and fellowship. All are welcome!



Please join us for a wonderful evening of faith and fellowship! Sign up is not required but helpful for planning. Use the code to sign up:

New Church Envelopes- When you receive your next packet of envelopes they will look different than what you are used to be receiving. We had the opportunity to make a switch in companies and will be saving money by doing so.



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Laundry Detergent & Dish Detergent
The Ladies of Charity & Catholic Charities
Thank You

First Grade Teacher Opening—We are hiring! Come and be part of an outstanding and committed staff!

St. Peter School is accepting applications for full-time teaching position in grade 1 for the 2025-2026 school year. Applicants must hold an active Illinois teaching license. Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume, and three letters of reference via email to c.venvertloh@cospq.org or by mail to **Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh, Principal, St. Peter School, 2500 Maine Street, Quincy, IL 62301**. For inquiries, please contact the school office at **217-223-1120**. St. Peter School wages are based on years of experience and education ranging from \$33,000 to \$70,000 depending upon education and experience. More specific information will be provided upon request." A summary of benefits can be found at <https://dio.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Benefits-Flyer-1.pdf>



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

Experience the Peace of Adoration as a Family! St. Francis Solanus Parish invites everyone in the Quincy Catholic community to a Family Eucharistic Adoration on **Monday, April 28th at 5:45 PM.**

Join us for a brief witness talk by Jillian Gerasimek, who will share insights on how to pray during Adoration and her personal experiences. Following the talk, we will spend 30 minutes in prayer accompanied by music.

Stay afterwards for a reception! Sign up to bring something using the link or the QR code below: www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054DACAB22A0F5C34-56305917-reception#/ Direct questions about this event to Grant Willson, DRE, St. Francis Solanus Parish: gwilson@stfrancissolanus.com or 217-222-4077.



Welcome to all visitors to St. Anthony Parish! If you are searching for a place to call home please consider becoming a member of our parish family. It is very simple to sign up. Just call the parish office (217-222-5996) and indicate that you would like to join our parish and a registration form will be sent to you or emailed to you.

RAIDER CHALLENGE 23rd Annual

Support QND Cross Country Team

5K Run/Walk & 10K Run

June 14, 2025
Start Time: 7am @ QND, 1400 S. 11th, Quincy, IL

Registration ends June 9 at 7pm

Race Sign Up
<https://runsignup.com/Race/IL/Quincy/RaiderChallenge>

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Divine Mercy | Trailer

Renowned speaker and author Fr. Michael Gaitley tells the dramatic history of God's love and mercy as interwoven through the transformative message of St. Faustina, the miraculous appearance of Mary at Fatima, the witness of Maximilian Kolbe, and the world-changing papacy of Pope St. John Paul II.

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