



St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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August 24, 2025 - Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time - C

A Message from Fr. Tom Donovan:



"Lord, will only a few people be saved?" (Lk 13:23) I imagine this question might have been asked by someone concerned about his or her own salvation and worried that the price might be too high.

On the other hand, I imagine that this question might have been asked by someone who felt really good about themselves and wanted to be affirmed that they were counted among "the few".

What does the questioner had in mind?

Sometimes internet-theologians and others use this as a trick question to figure out the supposed 'orthodoxy' of their respondent. "Oh... the world is so bad and

so few people come to church that only a very slight few might be saved!" This might be the desired response of those who think that God's love is limited to a very special few.

On the other hand others who believe that there is much license to be had in their Christian journey might say, "God is merciful and there are very few who will be so selfish as to lose God's love forever." In this camp, many use the "Hitler argument," pointing out that even he could have been saved if he had repentance in his heart at the time of his death. After all, Jesus did tell the criminal on the cross beside him, "today you will be with me in paradise." Heaven is all but guaranteed because God's love is so expansive.

Still others, on hearing the news of an execution or the demise of a notorious criminal are all too happy to proclaim, 'let him burn in hell!' for they are only getting what they deserve!

The answers that people give to these questions betray quite a bit about the attitude of the one answering rather than shed much light on this mystery of God and his kingdom. I think the right attitude about this question is to take the approach of Hans Urs von Balthasar, who instead asked, "*Dare We Hope that All Men are Saved?*" Some people (who have probably not read him) have accused Balthasar of being a proponent of "universal salvation", that is, that God in his mercy would never want anyone to be lost and that the likelihood is that hell is all but empty (which seems contrary to Scripture). But this is not how I read him. Balthasar suggests that we should be full of hope for salvation, but we also need to be aware that there is a real and serious threat that one can be 'lost'. God will do in his time whatever it is that will fulfil his plan and his will, and so the best position, perhaps, is to simply pray that I 'may be in that number when the Saints come marching in!'

But, I think the insight of Balthasar and the challenge to us on listening to this Gospel is to ask, "which side do I take on this question when it comes to my own faith and my own salvation?" Do I have enough faith in the mercy of God first of all for myself, that if I place my trust in him, I might be saved? Or do I instead trust myself and my own strength and ability to resist sin, perhaps finding it a hard, if not impossible task, to avoid damnation? I think the Lord is trying to remind us on one hand how impossible it is to 'be perfect as he is perfect', but on the other hand, how much we wish to aid those who come to him in humility and trust. Can I hope that God's love is such that even I have a chance to join him in paradise? How do I respond to that invitation? Do I engage in tiresome, worrisome work trying to 'earn' the kingdom, or do I completely trust in his mercy? Maybe some combination of work, responding to his grace that flows to us each and every day of our lives, and trust in knowing that he will provide what is needed?

After answering this question, I think it is also important to examine our own hearts in how deeply we are concerned about the salvation of others? Do I make a point to be concerned about family and others we meet, that they are leading a life pleasing to God and compatible with the Gospel? Do we pray for the conversion of sinners and deliverance of those on a pathway leading to hell? "*Dare we hope that all might be saved?*" Dare we hope that nobody is beyond salvation? Dare we hope that even our enemies, or offenders, our bullies, those who have harmed us... dare we hope, *for their own good as well as ours*, that God's mercy is great enough that they might not be lost to the fires of hell? Our answer to this question says a lot about what we believe about God, doesn't it?

— 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 8:30 am

Th. at Good Samaritan 10:00 am

F. at St. Dominic 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., August 25, 2025

7:30 a.m. Donna Andrews+

Tues., August 26, 2025

7:30 a.m. Fr. Ireneaus +

Wed., August 27, 2025

-at St. Dominic School

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

Thurs., August 28, 2025

7:30 a.m. Richard T. McDonald +

-at Good Samaritan

10:00 a.m. Florence Griesbaum +

Friday, August 29, 2025

-at St. Dominic School

8:15 a.m. Roger Hummel+

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, August 30, 2025

4:00 p.m. Parish Intentions

6:30 p.m. Tina Gooding+

Sunday, August 31, 2025

8:00 a.m. Gerald Geising +

10:30 a.m. Paul & Eadie Edwards+

Perpetual Prayer Candle

Week of August 23-29

Judd Andrew Stroh

— 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

Blessings for the New School Year



On Sunday, August 17, our annual Back to School Mass provided many blessing for the new school year. Families gathered together for Sunday Mass at 4:00 PM in St. Dominic School. Again this year, we are reminded that Catholic education begins with Sunday Mass as a source of grace and spiritual nourishment, helping families grow in faith and deepen their relationship with God. During the closing of the Mass celebration, Fr. Tom provided blessings for the students and their backpacks, giving each student a blessed “anchor of hope” to attach to their backpack. He blessed the teachers with wisdom, patience, and strength to guide students, acknowledging the Holy Spirit as the source of all these gifts. Fr. Tom led the entire St. Dominic School family as we all recited the Bible verse below for the first time together this year.



Hope does not disappoint us,



because God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Romans 5:5



Upcoming Events

Save the Date! St. Anthony Men's Society Chicken Dinner

September 21, 2025



Mark your calendars for the St. Anthony Men's Society Dine In or Carry Out Chicken Dinner on Sunday, September 15th, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

1/4 Chicken Meal (white) \$12

1/4 Chicken Meal (dark) \$12

1/2 Chicken Meal \$16

Chicken Strips \$8

Children's Meal (wing or drumstick) \$8

All meals include 3 sides, homemade dinner rolls, dessert, and drink.

Ladies of the parish we will be needing pies donated for the chicken dinner.

Families of Faith

Register now, Begins Sunday, September 7th

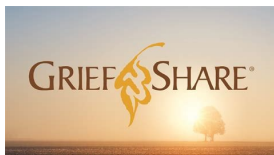


Families of Faith starts Sunday, September 7th!

If you are a public or homeschooling family, catechesis for your family begins Sunday, September 7th, 9:15-10:00 a.m. This year's focus is all about prayer. Please contact Hope at hglidewell@stdominicquincy.org or call the parish office to register.

GriefShare

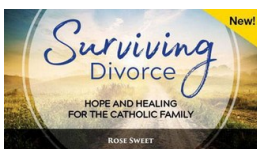
Begins Thursday, August 14



GriefShare returns with a new round of sessions starting August 14, 2025 at 6:00pm in St. Anthony's Parish Hall. For persons experiencing grief following the loss of a loved one... this thirteen-week program features biblical, Christ-centered information focusing on grief topics. Each session offers a video presentation featuring nationally-respected grief experts and persons sharing their stories of life after the loss of a loved one. We then have small group discussion about what was viewed and share experiences. Past participants have related the information and follow-up discussions were very helpful. The third part of GriefShare is the participants' guidebook providing opportunities for support between meetings. A GriefShare grief support group is confidential. Please join us. Questions: Call Jim Liesen 217-577-6664 or Cindy or Deacon Harry Cramer 217-224-1160.

Surviving Divorce

September 18th-November 24th, 6:30 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament



St. Anthony and Blessed Sacrament are joining together to offer "Surviving Divorce" at Blessed Sacrament beginning September 8th through November 24th at 6:30 p.m. Nancy Weede will be the facilitator for this program. For more information please contact the parish office 217-222-5996.

St. Anthony Ladies Society Fall Craft/Vendor Show

Saturday, October 4, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.



If you are interested in being a vendor at our craft/vendor show on Saturday, October 4th, at St. Anthony Parish Hall please contact Janet Bick (rjbick@comcast.net or 217-430-7256) or Tawny Benz (rtbenz77@gmail.com or 217-257-0847). Booth space (10'x10') is \$25. You may furnish your own tables or rent 8' tables for \$5 each.

— Parish Data —

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, August 25
6:30 p.m. Butterfly Ministry Meeting

Tuesday, August 26

Wednesday, August 27
6:00 p.m. St. Dominic PTO Meeting

Thursday, August 28
6:00 p.m. Grief Share

Friday, August 29

Saturday, August 30
4:00 p.m. Mass
6:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, August 31
8:00 a.m. Mass
10:30 a.m. Mass
(QND Music Dept. will be selling Candy Bars after all Masses this weekend.)

**Pray with our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV
the monthly intention for August 2025:**

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.



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).

WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING

Week 7	August 16/17	Total Year-to-Date
Loose Collection	\$ 700.00	\$ 5,514.95
Weekly Envelopes	\$ 8,404.00	\$ 62,233.00
Electronic Deposits	\$ 0.00	\$ 7,229.00
Total, August 16/17	\$ 9,104.00	\$ 74,976.95
Budget Goal (we need no less than this to stay out of deficit spending for the year!)	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 91,000.00
Difference	(-3,896.00)	(-16,023.05)

Money Counters : Monday, August 25, 2025
Dennis Hildebrand Mary Courty Michelle Ehrhardt

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., August 30 & 31, 2025

	Saturday, 4:00 PM	Saturday, 6:30 PM	Sunday, 8:00 AM	Sunday, 10:30 AM
Key Minister/	Jr. & Jackie Dreyer		Gene & Rita Goerlich	Pat & Amanda Veile
Lector	Tawny Benz	Trisha Mathews	Michelle Kasparie	Deb Woodworth
Usher	Jr. Dreyer Jack Kuhlman James Lohman Dan Reichert	Ron Reichert Ted Vahle George Benz Jason Benz	Richard Foster Mike Genenbacher Gene Goerlich Jerry Grawe	Frank Arnold Craig Schafer Rick Schafer Kurtis Fischer
Servers	Gus & Abraham Venvertloh	Rozalyn Brass Brooklyn Deege	Luke & Addison Weiman	Andie Kirlin Connor Earnst
Greeters/ Gift Bearers	Dana & Rose Lugering Family	Marilyn Boone	Gene & Rita Goerlich	Kenny & Jean Klauser
Rosary Leader	Carol Vogel	The Mathews Family	Giny Baker	Chris Heintz

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, Winnie Huber, Cindy Barner, Tom Ness

Also please remember in your prayers those who have died in 2025: Eric Fischer, Dorothy Parn, Ruth Schmelzle, Rich Rakers, Rosalyn Boone, Bob Maas, Mary Gehrt, Brother Earl Benz, Annette Goehl, James Ponsot

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Nursing Care Patients

IL Veterans Home

Michael Hildebrand
Verne Hagstrom
Good Samaritan
Marcia Hays
Dick Wand

Sunset Assisted Living

Richard Blickhan

Adams Pointe-

N. Adams Arbor

Rose Cherry
Mt. Sterling Health & Rehab.
Jowanna Campos



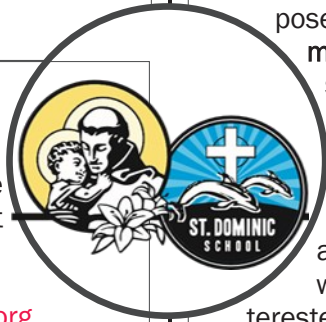
Have you been married 50+ years? Time to celebrate!

On September 21 at 2 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield, all couples married 50 years or more are invited to attend a special Mass honoring their marriage vocation! The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Thomas John Paprocki. A reception will follow after Mass. Please register for the Mass by going to dio.org/events and clicking on the Sept 21st Mass. The reception will showcase all photos submitted last year. Due to the number of couples attending, please only submit photos if you did not do so last year. Any questions? Call Ruth Staab at 217-698-8500.



The Quincy Catholic Crusader

boys basketball program is looking for a head coach for our 8th-grade team. If anyone is interested, please reach out to either QND coach Greg Alt-mix (217-430-9878) or Crusader Athletic Director Eric Orne- athletics@quincynotredame.org



Welcome
**Seth & Maria Leonard
Carson, Piper, & Olive**
to St. Anthony Parish Family!

**Afternoon Day Care Helpers Needed for
2025-2026 School Year**

St. Peter school is hiring daycare workers to supervise students varying from K-8th grade during the St. Peter School after school program from 2:30–5:00 Monday-Friday. Applicants must love children and enjoy supervising and working closely with them. Rate of pay = minimum wage. If you are interested or know of someone who may be interested send a resume along with 2-3 letters of recommendation to Mrs. Loretta Goehl at 2500 Maine Street, Quincy, IL 62301 or tomnrets71@comcast.net

Opportunity to Volunteer & Participate Quincy SPIRIT (Special People In Religious Instruction Today) is reaching out to see if anyone is interested in becoming a volunteer with the Quincy Spirit group. Come be a part of a rewarding experience. We also want to extend an invitation to any person with special needs in our community who would enjoy attending as a participant. At Quincy SPIRIT meetings we focus on giving participants a deeper faith understanding and knowledge of the Catholic faith. We truly just want to share Jesus' love. Participants can be in grade school through adulthood and the group meets the third Tuesday of every month from September to May at Blessed Sacrament Church gathering room from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. For more information contact Pam Frericks at (217) 242-3620 or p.frericks3620@gmail.com or Blessed Sacrament Parish Office at (217) 222-2759.

Experience the Men's Leadership Summit in Edwardsville Join men from across the diocese on Saturday, October 18th at St. Boniface Church in Edwardsville (110 N Buchanan St) for a Men's Leadership Summit featuring John Edwards, host of Just a Guy in the Pew. The purpose of this summit is to bring **single and married men** together to support one another, get inspired by their faith, gain or enhance leadership skills, and discuss best practices in men's ministry. John is a dynamic, inspirational speaker and spiritual leader. His background and down-to-earth, practical approach appeals to sons, fathers, brothers, and friends who are Just a guy in the pew and to those interested in men's ministry. Visit the [Men's Leadership Summit event page](#) to watch the John's powerful story and to register. Cost is \$30 which includes materials and a catered lunch. Questions? Contact Gracie at (217) 321-1124, or email gortiz@dio.org.



AUGUST GROCERY ITEMS
Cereal, Liquid Dishwashing Soap
The Ladies of Charity & Catholic Charities
Thank You

Do you feel the call to serve your parish by helping with weekend liturgy? Have you thought about serving as an usher, lector, Eucharistic minister, Mass server, greeter, Rosary leader, or sacristan? Please think about how you may serve and give it prayerful consideration. If you are interested or would like more information please call us in the parish office 217-222-5996 and we will be glad to help 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

ST. ANTHONY
OF PADUA CATHOLIC CHURCH



Join in the *Summer* DATE NIGHT CHALLENGE!

Join the Challenge and go on one date per month this summer to transform your marriage!

Here's how it works!



- At the beginning of June, July, and August, we'll share a fun date night challenge to experience with your spouse in each month.
- Send a picture of yourselves on your date to tsmith@stdominicquincy.org or scan the QR code. Please also include your first and last names and your phone number.
- Each date submitted will be an entry to win a \$50 gift card to the Gene Grawe Fund!

***Regular date nights have been proven to elevate marital happiness so be sure to take advantage of this fun way to connect with each other!**

August Challenge!

Do something sporty
(like pickleball or putt putt)
or cook a meal together
at home!

Conversation Starters:

- #1 - What is a new hobby that we could do together?
- #2 - What do you think God is doing in our relationship right now?



**Open to unmarried and engaged couples.*



Celebrate with us...

Blessed Sacrament Troop 1 Centennial Celebration

Schedule of Events

3:00pm - Open House
4:00pm - Celebration Mass
5:30pm - Celebration Dinner
7:00pm - Program and Closing Campfire

\$20 per person if attending dinner,
\$10 for children 10 & younger.

Please RSVP by 9-5-2025

email: troop1quincyil@gmail.com

phone: Kelly Baker (217) 779-5302

9 - 20 - 2025

Machinists Lodge - Quincy Illinois
2929 N 5th St, Quincy, IL 62305



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.

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The Confessions of Saint Augustine

Actor Leonardo DeFilippis captures the poetry and passion of Saint Augustine of Hippo (AD 354-430) in a performance that is accessible and deeply moving. The play is astonishingly relevant for our own times. Augustine struggled with promiscuity, fathered a child out-of-wedlock and dabbled in a "new age" style cult. Be inspired by his relentless pursuit of Truth and encouraged by the prayerful perseverance of his faithful mother, Saint Monica.

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