



# St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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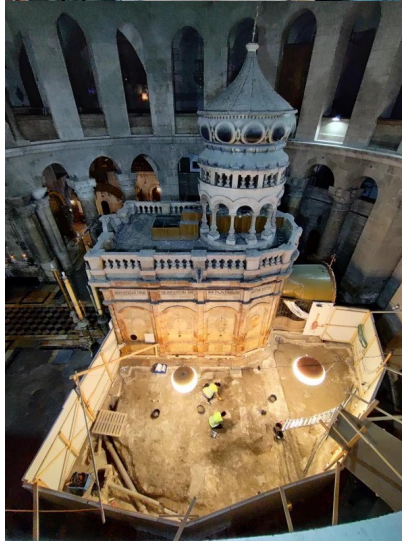
**September 14, 2025 - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross - C**

## A Message from Fr. Tom Donovan:



Yet another Sunday Solemnity this week, as we pause to observe the Feast in honor of the Most Holy Cross of Jesus. This feast originates from the fourth century when the Roman Emperor Constantine, who had not already converted to Christianity, was fending off a rival for the imperial throne. Out of desperation or perhaps curiosity, he prayed to the Christian God, upon which he received a sign in the sky, in the shape of a cross with the words, "IN HOC SIGNO VINCES", or "in this sign you shall be victorious". Constantine won decisively in battle over Maxentius and in thanksgiving, he commanded that the sign of the cross be emblazoned on the standards and the shields of the Roman legions. Shortly afterwards, Christianity would be come accepted in Roman society, ending persecutions for a time and allowing the Christian faithful to have favor in civil society for a first time in history.

Shortly afterwards, Constantine's mother, the 80-year old Empress Helena journeyed to Jerusalem to explore and recover Christian artifacts for veneration. In year 135, Emperor Hadrian had Golgotha razed in order to suppress Christian pilgrimages, erecting a temple to Aphrodite, the goddess of love, beauty, pleasure, and fertility. Ironically, this temple successfully marked and protected the location of Golgotha and the nearby tomb for about two centuries. St. Helena ordered the site excavated, where three crosses were found buried along with the *titulus* (the placard) written by Pilate in Latin, Greek, and Hebrew that [this was] "the King of the Jews". It is said that, in order to determine which was the true cross, miracles were reported by individuals touching the true cross—a man was raised from the dead and a woman cured of disease. Shortly thereafter, the pagan temple was destroyed and Constantine commissioned two churches, elements of which continue to stand today. Indeed, just in the last year, excavations under the *edicule*, the small building-within-the-building over the tomb of Jesus discovered a first century tomb consistent with the accounts of scripture. This had



been the first such excavation in more than 500 years, accounting to the ongoing tensions between Orthodox, Armenian, and Catholic custodians of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

Today's feast is inexorably associated with historical realities of the times and places of Jesus' passion and death, along with the history of exploration, discovery, and faith from those who would come afterwards. For the universal Church, this feast exercises the Christian sensibility that, rather than an instrument and symbol of shame... an instrument of torture and execution for our Lord... it is the very sign of hope and life, rooted in Divine Mercy. Last week, our Gospel asked if we were willing to 'carry our cross' in order to be a true disciple of Christ (Lk 14: 25-33), this week we reflect on what our faithful embrace of the cross costs... and the victory it brings.



This week I'll be joining the priests of the diocese for our annual convocation. This year we will be at the new headquarters of the Augustine Institute in O'Fallon, MO. You may already be familiar with the Augustine Institute as the sponsors of Formed, whose programming is featured each week on the last page inside the bulletin.

During the week, there will be no scheduled Masses or activities in St. Anthony Church, as we are going to use this as an opportunity to steam clean the carpet. Mass at St. Dominic will take place as usual on Wednesday, but not Friday. In the event of emergencies requiring the ministry of a Catholic priest, please contact the parish office, preferably during business hours. Use the emergency line after hours, only if necessary. Alternatively, please use the chaplaincy at Blessing Hospital to assist in calling a priest to the hospital. I will be back next weekend.

### — 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](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 a funeral is scheduled



## Mass Intentions

Mon., September 15, 2025

No Mass

Tues., September 16, 2025

No Mass

No Adoration

Wed., September 17, 2025

-at St. Dominic School

8:30 a.m. Vicki Arnold+

Thurs., September 18, 2025

No Mass

-at Good Samaritan

No Mass

Friday, September 19, 2025

-at St. Dominic School

No Mass

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 20, 2025

4:00 p.m. Shawn Folster+

6:30 p.m. Parish Intentions

Sunday, September 21, 2025

8:00 a.m. Carlene Crawford +

10:30 a.m. Eric Weiman+

### Perpetual Prayer Candle

Week of September 13-19

Eric Weiman

Gene & Mary Ann Grawe Family

2 Special Granddaughters

### — Parish Office Hours —

Monday-Friday

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

Bulletin Deadline: Monday, Noon



# St. Dominic School

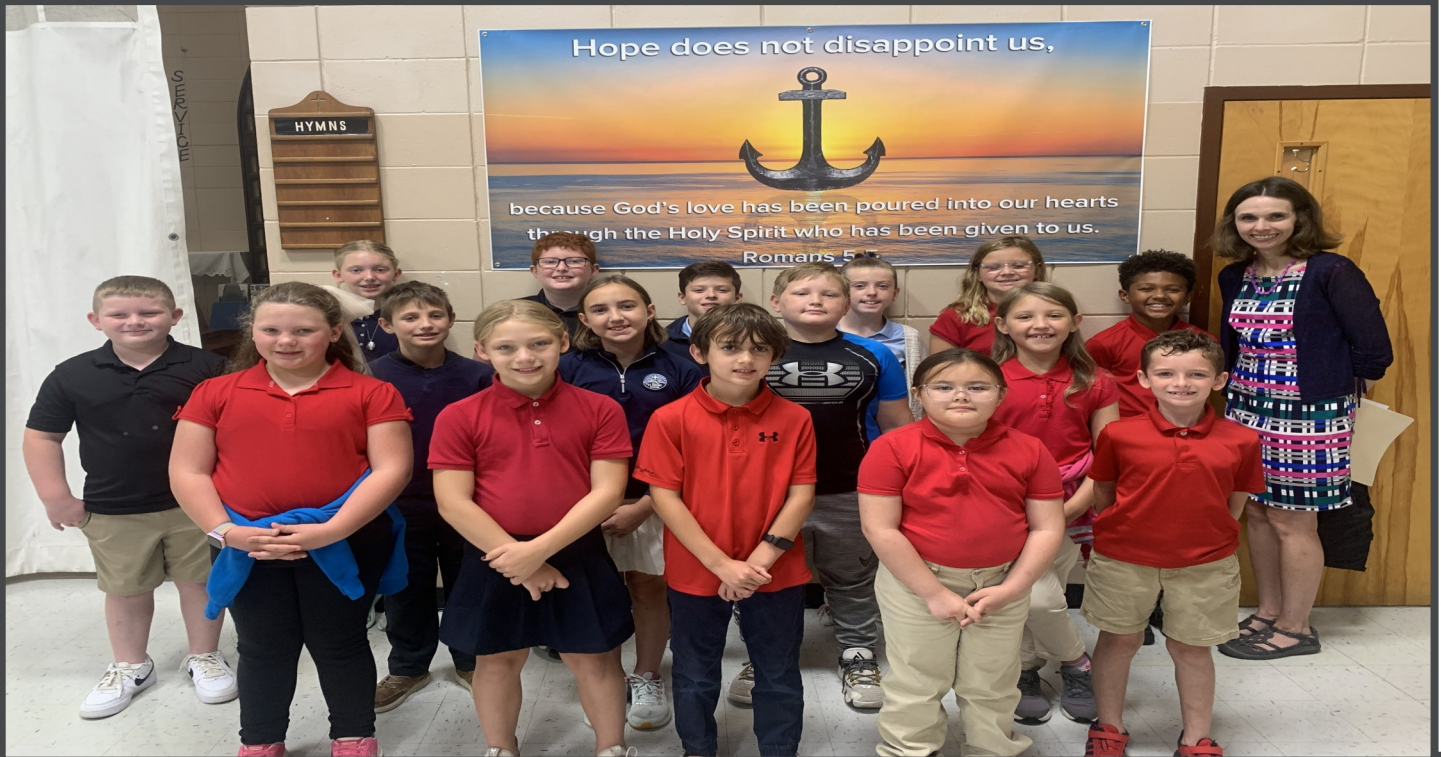
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A Message from Mrs. Carol Frericks—Principal

## Fourth Grade Leaders Teach About Joy and Justice



During the month of September, our fourth-grade leaders have been teaching about the Fruit of the Holy Spirit—Joy and the virtue of each week, including justice and honesty. Mrs. Katie O'Neal provides a lesson each day from one of the following resources, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the Bible, or the lives of the Saints. In addition, we listen to Sister Mary Bethany, a Dominican Sister of Mary Mother of the Eucharist, who provides the Daily Virtue lesson on our new Catholic Hallow mobile app. St. Mary Bethany taught us the meaning of justice, which is to give to each, beginning with God, what is due to them. She told us the life story of Saint Katherine Drexel, who was a religious sister, and educator. In 1891, she founded the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, a religious congregation serving the poor as a missionary for Native Americans, opening many missions and schools.

## Mark Your Calendar

**Monday, September 15**

Fall Picture Day

**Tuesday, September 16**

**Wednesday, September 17**

8:30 AM School Mass

1:20-1:40 PM QND Reads to K-3 Students

**Thursday, September 18**

8:30 AM Grade 4 Field Trip to Fair Grounds

5:00-7:00 PM PTO Mighty Machines Night

**Friday, September 19**

8:15 AM Quiet School Mass

Spirit Shirt Day

First Quarter Midterm Distributed

**PTO Save the Date**

**Thursday, September 18**

5:00-7:00 PM Mighty Machines Night



# 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 21st, 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](mailto:hglidewell@stdominicquincy.org) or call the parish office to register.

## Mighty Machine Night at. St. Dominic School

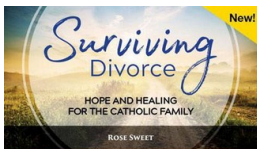
**Thursday, September 18, 5:00-7:00 p.m.**



Thursday, September 18th, 5:00-7:00 p.m. the Mighty Machines will be taking over St. Dominic School grounds at 4100 Columbus Road! There will be a lot of large machinery to explore and learn about. Everyone is welcome as this event is open to the public.

## 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.**



The Ladies of St. Anthony will be holding their Fall Craft/Vendor show on Saturday, October 4th, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. in St. Anthony Parish Hall. We invite you to come and shop for your fall décor or begin Christmas shopping! There will be many vendors with homemade items. The ladies will be serving lunch so bring a friend for a shopping trip and enjoy lunch together.



# — Parish Data —

PARISH CALENDAR	
<b>Monday, September 15</b> 6:30 a.m.	We Care
<b>Tuesday, September 16</b>	
<b>Wednesday, September 17</b> 11:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Merry Widows Lunch at Sprouts Prayer Shawl Ministry meets
<b>Thursday, September 18</b> 5:00-7:00 p.m.  6:00 p.m.	Mighty Machine Night at St. Dominic School Grief Share
<b>Friday, September 19</b>	
<b>Saturday, September 20</b> 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Mass Mass
<b>Sunday, September 21</b> 8:00 a.m. 9:00-10:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Mass Families of Faith Mass Men's Society Chicken Dinner
<b>Pray with our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV</b> <b>the monthly intention for September 2025:</b>  <i>Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis,</i> <i>we might experience our interdependence</i> <i>with all creatures who are loved by God and</i> <i>worthy of love and respect.</i>	
	
<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 10	September 6 /7	Total Year-to-Date					
Loose Collection	\$ 701.06	\$ 8,243.04					
Weekly Envelopes	\$ 11,306.00	\$ 93,300.00					
Electronic Deposits	\$ 0.00	\$ 14,458.00					
Total, Sept. 6/7	\$ 12,007.06	\$ 116,001.04					
Budget Goal <i>(we need no less than this to stay out of deficit spending for the year!)</i>	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 130,000.00					
Difference	(\$ - 992.94)	(\$ -13,998.96)					
Money Counters : Monday, September 15, 2025 Nancy Speckhart Melanie Longenecker Jan Obert							
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., September 20 & 21, 2025				
	Saturday, 4:00 PM	Saturday, 6:30 PM	Sunday, 8:00 AM	Sunday, 10:30 AM
<b>Key Minister/</b>	Roger & Tawny Benz		Dan Reichert	Pat & Amanda Veile
<b>Lector</b>	Mark Levins	George Benz	Mary Koch	Jen Dyer
<b>Usher</b>	Bill Anderson Tom Grawe Randy Huber Mike Zanger	Dan Boone Ryan Boone Tom Boone George Dreyer	Anthony Haley Mike Hummel Matt Kasparie Mark Neisen	Diane Dittmer Greg Dittmer Ken Klauser Brian Koch
<b>Servers</b>	Gabby & Sam Fischer	Rozalyn Brass Brooklyn Deege	Pius IX Altar Servers	Thomas Dyer Andi Kirlin
<b>Greeters/ Gift Bearers</b>	Carol Vogel	Ted Vahle Family	Kay Lentz	Darren & Andrea Sims Family
<b>Rosary Leader</b>	Volunteer	The Mathews Family	Steve Jansen	Chris Heintz
<b>In charity, please remember in your prayers:</b> 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 <b>Also please remember in your prayers those who have died in 2025:</b> 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

**2025 Life Chain** Sunday, October 5, 2:30 pm-3:30 pm  
South Side of Broadway between 14th & 18th Streets,  
Quincy, IL

Right to Life supporters will again join with pro-lifers in hundreds of other U.S. cities in a nationwide observance of the sanctity of life at the 2025 Life Chain. Life Chain is a peaceful and respectful public witness by pro-life Americans standing for one hour praying silently for our nation and for an end to abortion. (Those not able to stand for one hour may bring lawn chairs) Please join the pro-life community in making a visual statement of pro-life solidarity. YOUR participation is crucial.

Pick up your sign at the SW corner of 16th and Broadway between 2:00 and 2:30 pm. The National Life Chain signs are provided for each participant by the Right to Life of Adams County.



St. Anthony Parish welcomes  
**Josephine Ann Bartolomucci**  
daughter of

**Tony and Raiven Willing Bartolomucci**  
who was baptized August 31, 2025  
into the Catholic faith.

**Great River Quest** Inviting all 13-15 year olds! Great River Quest has a retreat happening on Dec 12-13, 2025(6p-6p). It's a fast paced 24 hour retreat aimed at helping youth to examine their relationship to God, self, and others in their lives. You get to make new friends and get to know the ones you come with better, all while having lots of fun! Please contact Caroline Wiewel 217-430-6086/[questcoordinator@greatrivertec.org](mailto:questcoordinator@greatrivertec.org) for questions or fill out an app online at [www.greatrivertec.org/quest](http://www.greatrivertec.org/quest)



**SEPTEMBER GROCERY ITEMS**  
Toilet Paper and Laundry Detergent  
The Ladies of Charity & Catholic Charities  
Thank You

**St. Francis Solanus Parish in Quincy is seeking a part-time Business Manager.** You will manage parish finances, budgeting and financial reporting and help contribute to the long-term sustainability and growth of the parish through your experience in business administration, finance or a related field. MUST have experience with QuickBooks, Excel, HR and payroll. Qualified candidates may send a resume and cover letter to Fr. Steven Arisman at [sarisman@stfrancissolanus.com](mailto:sarisman@stfrancissolanus.com) or to the parish office, 1721 College Ave., Quincy, IL. 62301.

**Area Wide Mass at QND Gym:** All are welcome to attend the Area Wide Mass on Tuesday, September 23, 2025, at 9:30 am in the QND gym. Staff and students from the 4 Catholic grade schools in Quincy, St. Mary's in Mt. Sterling and QND will gather with family and friends to celebrate the Eucharist and the gift of Catholic education with Bishop Paprocki.

**Respect Life Dinner, Tuesday, October 7, 2025**

The 2025 annual Respect Life Dinner will feature Kristina Churchman, a training specialist for Justice for All, based in Kansas City. She engages college students in conversations about abortion on their campuses nation-wide, and changes hearts and minds.

Please invite your family, friends, and church members to join you and fellow pro-lifers for a motivating evening.

Date: Tuesday, October 7, 2025

Time: Doors open, 5:30 p.m.: Dinner, 6:00 p.m.;

Guest speaker, following dinner

Location: Holiday Inn, 4821 Oak Street, Quincy

Price: \$25 per person;

\$40, 2 persons;

\$150, table of 8

By reservation only; no tickets available at the door. Reservations must be made by Tuesday, September 30. Call or text Lyn Schlipmann, 217-653-0075 for reservations and information.

You are invited to hear the speaker at approximately 7:00 p.m. if you are unable to attend the dinner.

**Quincy Catholic Schools is seeking a half-time Business**

**Manager** to support financial operations, budget planning, and HR functions. The ideal candidate will be detail-oriented, mission-driven, and experienced with QuickBooks, FACTS, and financial reporting. Please check QCES website for more detailed information. Salary range is \$17,000-\$22,000, with paid-time-off benefits. To apply, send a cover letter, resume, and references to [dcgill@quincycatholicschools.org](mailto:dcgill@quincycatholicschools.org) or call 217-222-2898 for more information.



**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**

**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

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** New Members are Welcome to join us! Prayer Shawl will meet, Wed., Sept. 17th at 1 p.m. in the quilt room across from the parish office. If you like to knit, crochet, quilt, sew, or tie fleece please join us in making shawls for those who are ill, homebound, in hospitals, nursing homes, military or just need to know that the St. Anthony church family is thinking of them and praying for them in their time of need.

We meet monthly Sept.-May. Some people prefer to make shawls at home. Before work is begun we pray that God will bless our work. Each shawl is blessed by Father Tom and a prayer and greeting is attached.

If you know of someone who would benefit from a prayer shawl contact the parish office with the name, phone number and address. We will deliver or you may pick one up to deliver personally. If you have any questions please call Jan Barnard at 217-224-7487.

**Aloha! Quincy Notre Dame Pom Football Camp - "Dancing in the Islands"** Friday, Sept 26th - Check in at 5:30PM and Camp 5:45PM to the End of Varsity Football Halftime  
Who: Girls in Preschool - 8th Grade. (Ages 3 and up)  
Where: QND Gym, 10th and Jackson  
Cost: \$35 - includes t shirt, pizza & snack, and admission into the game

TO GUARANTEE T-shirt size Register by Saturday, Sept 20th - extra t shirts will be available the night of camp but cannot guarantee size and quantity.

Questions: Contact Coach Jennifer Duesterhaus at qndpomcoaches@gmail.com

Pre-registration not required but recommended .

**PLEASE join us for Quincy's Second Annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children Memorial Service.**

**Event:** National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children

**When:** Saturday, September 13, 2024, 1:00 pm

**Where:** Knights of Columbus grounds, outdoors near the entrance to the main building, 700 S. 36th Street, Quincy

Sponsored by: Right to Life of Adams County

Please bring a lawn chair. More Info: Jean Cook, 430-6967



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**The Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

The Seven Sorrows of Mary is a traditional Catholic devotion featuring meditations on sorrowful episodes in the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Join us in prayer as we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows.

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