



St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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September 28, 2025-Twentieth Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time- C

A Message from Fr. Tom Donovan:



QUINCY CATHOLIC
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

some uncertainty about what all of this means. Indeed, by-laws and corporate structures and organizational details tend to be rather abstract and aspirational, compared to tangible things like buildings, books, and computers. Further, when there are gaps in understanding, there is a tendency towards gossip and speculation to fill in the gaps, with each iteration of the discussion tending to become further removed from reality. I wanted to take this short space to explain the significance of this event and explain where the Quincy Catholic Schools effort is going from here.

The Quincy Catholic Schools effort traces its roots to the "Leadership Team" that was formed shortly after the school and parish reorganization of 2004. Everyone understands how traumatic those years were, and there was a commitment among the parishes and pastors of the schools to work together for the common benefit of Catholic Education in Quincy. Part of this was driven by the reality that in those early years a foundation had been established, the Quincy Catholic Elementary Schools Foundation, a separate entity with its own board and by-laws as a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, to provide tuition assistance, and requiring the schools to work together for distribution of those funds and at the same time to provide for common efforts in marketing on part of its director. This job was held for many years by Dr. Paul Rittoff, who had an office at St. Anthony's and did this work, which included public visibility for the Mega Raffle and the annual "Friends of Catholic Education" banquet, but also included the behind-the-scenes work of allotting funding for scholarships to students and families, soliciting gifts and bequests for the foundation, and running the marketing efforts for our four schools, among other things.

This loose association of pastors, principals, laypeople, QND, and QCESF was charged with, among other things, setting the common tuition rate for all of our schools, as had been agreed as a practice flowing from the 'reorganization years'. This tended to be a perennial mess as the needs of each of the schools were different, there was a desire to keep prices down to encourage enrollment, parishes tended to represent their financial position as better than it really was (in order not to have the perception that they were threatened with weakness and closure) and each parish had somewhat different financial needs and accounting practices, making the process a bit opaque and arbitrary. Indeed, each parish and school sometimes had to put the good-faith efforts of this committee in jeopardy, as each parish and school had to act in their own best interests. This which sometimes lead to bitter arguments about tuition rates, our complicated reimbursement plan for when families & students crossed parish lines, and the way that some families would play one school against another in a 'race to the bottom' when standards or expectations for everything from Mass attendance to grading standards to lunchroom menus to sports participation was in question.

Indeed, our own St. Dominic School, I believe, was headed towards a crisis as I arrived in 2016, as our accounting practices were inadequate to show how backwards we had become with our revenue and expenditures cycles. This Leadership Committee did not have the ability to oversee or prevent this decline, just to observe it from afar, leading to the persistent rumors that one or another school in this community was "heading toward closure". There was never anything unethical or missing or anything like that with our accounting... we simply did not have a system that was reporting the information we needed in order to make good management decisions. There is a whole story to tell here, but in the context of this short space, I'll have to save it for later. Suffice it to say, in the years after my arrival, the finance council and school administration took drastic measures to cut expenses and align expenditures with their proper reporting periods (tuition received was spent in the year it was intended, not when it was received!). With an increase in enrollment and other revenues over the course of many years now, we made it through and are in fairly good health right now.

Back to QCS... shortly before COVID, Msgr. Enlow, as dean, gathered the local pastors, recognizing that the health of Quincy Notre Dame High School depended on the health of not only St. Peter's School, but all of our local Catholic Schools. As part of the Leadership Committee, this group regularly reviewed enrollment and financial trends in our schools. We recognized that if even one of our schools were to get into trouble or fail, then the student population at QND might fall to a level which could call into question their ability to carry on as they have done. With a view to keeping QND healthy, the pastors agreed to enter into a study of how we might do a better job of running our schools as a system. We had heard of the Kankakee "Bishop McNamara" Catholic Schools system as a model which had proven a difficult path to follow, but one that was beginning to flourish, despite having declining demographics and the complications not unlike our situation with several distressed small schools coming together to do something... amazing.

From the onset, working through those years, and COVID, the committee continued to meet to explore possibilities for the future, and to get a better handle on our demographics, our finances, our projections, and the core of what we are about as Catholic Schools in the first place, which is that they are a place to "form the next generation of disciples for Jesus Christ". In this we discovered that we had the ability to serve just as many students, increase our offerings, provide for an administrative layer which would take a lot of the administrative burdens off the pastors and principals (which had grown much heavier in recent years as parishes like ours cut down hour and salaries of personnel for the purpose of mere survival), but it would require us to redistribute our students across several schools in the famous (or infamous?) "facilities plan" that was proposed last year. The main source of

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— 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., September 29, 2025

7:30 a.m. Robert & Mary Lohman+

Tues., September 30, 2025

7:30 a.m. Fr. Ireneaus+

Wed., October 1, 2025

-at St. Dominic School

8:30 a.m. Donald Talken+

Thurs., October 2, 2025

7:30 a.m. Susan Bauer+

-at Good Samaritan

10:00 a.m. Abe Huber+

Friday, October 3, 2025

-at St. Dominic School

NO Mass

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, October 4, 2025

4:00 p.m. Parish Intentions

6:30 p.m. Tina Gooding+

Sunday, October 5, 2025

8:00 a.m. Robert Genenbacher+

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

Perpetual Prayer Candle

Week of September 27-October 3

For All Priests on Priesthood Sunday

— 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

Fourth Grade Leaders At Morning Assembly



Our St. Dominic School mission statement claims, that St. Dominic School is a dedicated Catholic school community promoting spiritual growth and academic excellence while challenging students to use their talents to lead and serve. During the month of September, our fourth-grade students had the opportunity to lead and serve our school during our Morning Assemblies. Mrs. Katie O'Neal, fourth-grade teacher, provided the daily Scripture reading and reflection to begin each day with prayer. Then, she provided her students with leadership roles and shared the microphone so her students could lead our students in grades kindergarten through eighth-grade in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, the birthday celebration song, and the Bible Verse for the 2025-2026 school year, which is Romans 5:5 (below). The fourth-grade class also provided a lesson on the Fruit of the Holy Spirit for this month, which is the fruit of JOY.



A Message from Fr. Tom Donovan (continued):

our savings would come from optimizing our classroom staffing so that more of our classes were closer to full. This would be facilitated by having all of each grade in one building, rather than spread out across the community. Savings from this reorganization would have put us in the position to expand other services. This proposal was roundly rejected by our community, and thus the facilities plan has been shelved. This is not to say that we will not need to revisit it in the future—all our schools are in old, maintenance-intensive buildings, and the problems of small classes in certain places remains an inefficiency in our current model. While we may need to look at alternatives in the future, but nobody wants to push a proposal that is unacceptable to our families at this time.

During the process of examination and discernment, we transitioned from the old "Leadership Team" to a "board of specified jurisdiction" for these cooperative efforts. What does "specified jurisdiction" mean? Under our current system of parishes and schools, pastors are responsible for the full legal and ecclesial authority to operate each school, with accountability directly to the bishop. As we continued our studies, this 'board of specified jurisdiction' was formed under the supervision of the bishop and the pastors as a lay board who could assume certain responsibilities delegated to them in the 'jurisdictional' acts of governing and operating the schools. The terms of this overarching organization are rather loose, meaning that there could be a great amount of authority given over where we would suppress our schools as independent entities and let the board do everything, OR less authority could be given, where the schools maintain their independence from each other, but we agree to work together in certain, limited areas. We have taken the second of these two paths, keeping our schools independent, but committed to working together. The board who has been seated to do this work is now formally coming into legal and canonical existence in their own right as more than an advisory board.

The pastors, at the advice of their Pastoral and Finance Councils and School Boards have decided to be narrow and specific about the tasks to be entrusted to a system of common governance and oversight: The place where we need the most help right now is in the business operations of our schools. Most of our pastors do not have formal business training. They have very good practical experience from running their parishes and the support provided by the diocese and by lay advisors, but the business part of running parishes is not why we got into being priests. By working together with a 'central office', we hope to be able to efficiently deliver the business functions that are necessary to run a modern school. Principals will no longer need to be responsible for entering and monitoring tuition charges, payroll and human resources services that are presently duplicated in each parish can be centralized into one office, budgeting can be done in a way that does not encourage parishes to be less-than-forthright about difficulties they may be in, payables out of all the schools can be collected in one business office which can manage contracts and agreements about copiers, trash, lunches, supplies, maintenance, and so on. We all know that a century ago, under the diligent ministry of our religious sisters all of this was not necessary, but we don't live in those simple days anymore. (Believe it or not, back a century ago, it wasn't actually that 'simple', either!) In short, by standing up QCES, we will have an infrastructure to which we can entrust the work of helping manage these aspects of our schools. Most of the work now will be "behind-the-scenes"... not hidden, just working quietly in the background, not attracting visibility or interest. These are the nuts-and-bolts details of daily business processes that, when they are working correctly, can be simply taken for granted.

One of the frequent questions that is asked is, how is adding a layer of administration going to save us money? Simply stated, it is not. Reorganizing the facilities would have saved us money to allow us to redistribute resources, but the system we are putting into place right now does not. In many ways, what we are doing now simply restores some of the business capability which has been given up by not hiring positions, especially at St. Anthony and St. Dominic, in recent years to keep the school afloat. Locally, Carol Frericks does a lot of work which is not on the job description for principal and I as pastor am doing a lot of business work that I should lay aside in favor of priestly work. I need to get the pastor's responsibilities for the business aspects of our school under control for that someday when a successor comes in who likely does not have that aptitude or know-how to do these business functions. I do not want us to lose the massive gains we have made in recent years, nor do I want to burn out my successor with the expectation of being able to do this kind of work routinely.

The hard part is now going to be the next step, which is devising the actual "participation agreement", which will outline the specific tasks that will be delegated to QCES from the participating parishes and how the parishes will fund this work. This is going to be a most difficult process of discernment, trust, and cooperation among the pastors and the 'board of specified jurisdiction'. We will do our best to keep you informed of the progress of these negotiations and what that will mean for our school communities. Keep asking the good questions of me and the QCES team. It is my hope and expectation that the hard work we have been doing over more than six years will bear fruit to keep our schools stable and healthy. The important part is that these efforts should not change how we deliver education and minister to families through the work of our dedicated teachers and school staff. That is what our system is known for and what we are all trying to preserve for future generations of disciples.



Upcoming Events

Sip and Socialize

September 28, 2025 1:00-3:00 p.m.



Come join us at *Spirit Knob Winery* for an afternoon of fun and fellowship enjoying the beautiful fall weather together! There will be live music, outdoor games, prizes! Bring your own snacks. Drinks available for purchase. Bring lawn chairs. Adults only please.
RSVP to Tera Smith at 573-719-1272 (call or text) or scan QR code:



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.

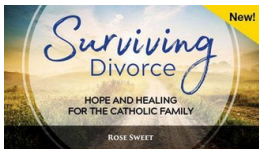
Stewardship Opportunities!



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.

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.

Dates for your Calendar



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| October 4th, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. | St. Anthony Ladies Society Craft/Vendor Show |
| October 6th, 7 p.m. | Ladies Society Meeting |
| October 13, 7:30 p.m. | Men’s Society Meeting |
| October 19, after 10:30 a.m, Mass | Diamond Dinner (for parishioners 75 and older-if you didn’t get an invitation in the mail please let the office know.) |
| December 7, after 10:30 a.m. Mass | St. Anthony Ladies Christmas Party |
| December 14, 7 a.m.-noon | Men’s Society Pancake & Sausage Breakfast |

— Parish Data —

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, September 29

Tuesday, September 30

Wednesday, October 1

Thursday, October 2

6:00 p.m.

Grief Share

Friday, October 3

Saturday, October 4

9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

4:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

St. Anthony Ladies Craft Show

Mass

Mass

Sunday, October 5

8:00 a.m.

9:00-10:15 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Mass

Families of Faith

Mass

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

*Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis,
we might experience our interdependence
with all creatures who are loved by God and
worthy of love and respect.*



*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 12	September 20/21	Total Year-to-Date
Loose Collection	\$ 977.25	\$ 10,395.29
Weekly Envelopes	\$ 8,800.87	\$ 112,550.87
Electronic Deposits	\$ 0.00	\$ 14,458.00
Total, Sept. 20/21	\$ 9,778.12	\$ 137,404.16
Budget Goal <small>(we need no less than this to stay out of deficit spending for the year!)</small>	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 156,000.00
Difference	(\$ - 3,221.88)	(\$ -18,595.84)

Money Counters : Monday, September 29, 2025

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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., October 4 & 5 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	Jackie Dreyer	George Benz	Jim Obert	Marlene Rose
Usher	Jr. Dreyer Jack Kuhlman Tom Grawe Randy Huber	Joe Dreyer Chris Ehrhardt Christopher Ehrhardt Denis Hagerbaumer	Dan Terwelp Luke Weiman Matt Weiman Jerry Dreier	David McCleary Craig Schafer Rick Schafer Larry Weiman
Servers	Gabby Fischer Madeline Lowe	The Mathews Family	Pius IX Altar Servers	Connor Earnst Andi Kirlin
Greeters/ Gift Bearers	Dana & Rose Lugering Family	Earl & Debbie Boone	Dan & Sharon Terwelp	Andrew Veile
Rosary Leader	Mike Zanger	The Mathews Family	Mary Koch	The McCleary Family

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,
Roselyn Boone, Bob Maas, Mary Gehrt, Brother Earl Benz, Annette Goehl, James Ponsot, Kent Mast, Dick Wand

Nursing Care Patients

IL Veterans Home

Michael Hildebrand

Verne Hagstrom

Good Samaritan

Marcia Hays

Sunset Assisted Living

Richard Blickhan

Adams Pointe-

N. Adams Arbor

Rose Cherry

Mt. Sterling Health &

Rehab.

Jowanna Campos

Quincy Health Care &

Senior Living

Mary Bange

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.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of
Dick Wand

Eternal Rest Grant to him O Lord,
and let Perpetual Light
shine on him.

Church Cleaning Schedule for

Saturday, October 4, 8:00 a.m. "GROUP D"

Joan Dietrich, Dianna Dietrich, Carmel Akins, Nita Niekamp, Jan Barnard, Mary Courty, Debbie Davis, Sharon Terwelp, Bonnie Grist, Bernice Neisen, Margie Terwelp, Joan Brinkman, Debby Boone, Katie Klauser & girls

Thank you ladies!



OCTOBER GROCERY ITEMS

Canned Meals, Pasta Sauce, Rice Mixes
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 or to the parish office, 1721 College Ave., Quincy, IL. 62301.

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.



Thank you to everyone who helped with, attended, and donated desserts to the Men's Society Chicken Dinner. Together we have made this another successful event for our parish.

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 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

Come Pray the Rosary with Us!

On Saturday, October 11th at 12:00 noon, we invite you, your family and friends to join us for a public Rosary Rally. Together we will turn to Our Blessed Mother, asking her to intercede for peace in our hearts, our families, our Church, and our world.

This special gathering is part of a nationwide effort, with thousands of Catholics across the country praying the Rosary at the same time. What a beautiful way to witness our faith and to surround our community with prayer!

We will gather on the south lawn of the St. Francis rectory by the grotto. Please bring your rosary, lawn chair, and a joyful heart. Let's come together in faith, friendship, and love of Our Lady. For more information, contact Mike Holbrook at 217-653-5555 for further information or Mike Zanger.

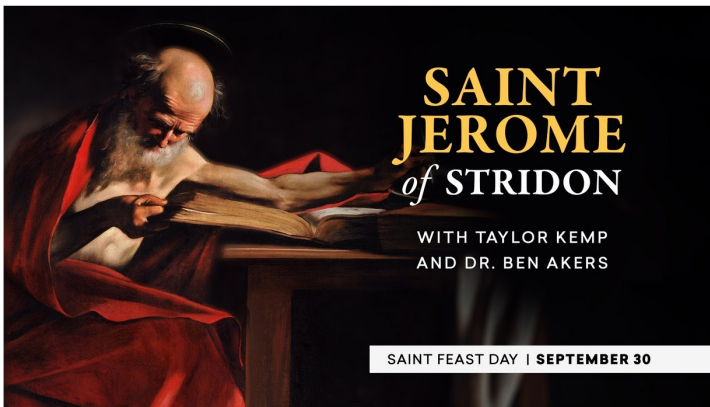
Chess Club : Attention any K-8 students interested in playing chess! Quincy Catholic Chess Club starts on October 7 at 6:30pm at St. Peter's Cafeteria. No cost to join. Don't know how to play chess? We will teach you! We meet on Tuesday evenings. More information: contact Chris Gill at fishgills1208@gmail.com

St. Francis Card Party Thursday, Oct. 2nd at 11:00 am at the St. Francis Parish Center.

Menu: Ham, au gratin potatoes, green beans, and rolls
Spice cake for desert. Jan Smith and her crew will prepare the meal. Call Pat Winking at 217-257-0416 for reservations. Please call at least 5 days in advance.

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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