



St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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November 23, 2025 – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

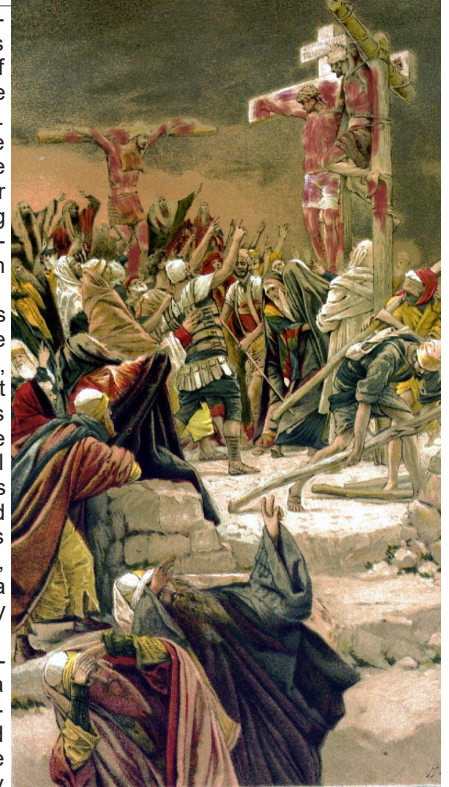
A Message from Fr. Tom Donovan:

The “Acts of Pilate”, sometimes called the “Gospel of Nicodemus”, is a 4th century non-canonical gospel that gives tradition the name “Dismas” (or “Dimas”) for the good thief who was crucified alongside Jesus. (Trivia extra credit: the thief on his left that rebuked Jesus was named “Gestas”. We also get the name “Longinus” as the soldier with the spear from this source as well.) The Acts of Pilate were written by the Christian community in response to another 4th century document of Roman origin which was circulating that called into question the historical events of the crucifixion and resurrection in an attempt to justify the persecution of Christians in Roman lands.

This apocryphal writing is not accepted by the Church as an authentic gospel. Some parts of the document follow the official accounts from the Gospels very closely. Other parts, however are complete fabrications which, I think, in the best light should be seen as “fan fiction” trying to fill in the gaps and extend this most important story of our salvation. The second part of the account features Christ’s descent into hell and subsequent encounters with Adam and the prophets and patriarchs as he prepares to lead them out of hell and into heaven. As I read it, it feels sort of like reading Dante’s *Divine Comedy*. While the details of *Inferno*, for instance, have no direct basis in revealed scripture, it does have a logic and pious perspective which may be useful for study and devotional reading.

What strikes me about the account of Dismas in this document is the story of him, who ‘carried the countenance of a thief’ already being in heaven when Christ arrived with Adam. Dismas’s testimony to the events of the Crucifixion and the Lord’s promise to admit him to Paradise inspired the patriarchs present to proclaim, “Blessed be thou, Almighty God, the Father of everlasting goodness and the Father of mercies who has shown us such favor to those who were sinners against him, and has brought them to the glory of Paradise, and has placed them amidst thy large and spiritual provisions, in a spiritual and holy life. Amen.”

While Dismas may have continued to bear the scars of the cross and the scowl of a criminal, the words and testimony on his lips conveyed the most sublime mystery of God’s love and mercy and providence. Even he, a petty criminal, was worthy of divine love, and the works of God’s mercy poured out upon him would be the source of great rejoicing. Dare we hope that all can be saved by the great mercy and love of God? Is it too much to consider that the most pathetic, evil, perverse, degenerate, anti-social criminals, who seem, only by accident, to bear the image and likeness of God, may also have a place in the Kingdom? Jesus warns it is a ‘narrow gate’ leading to eternal life (Mt 7:13). How could there be any room for those who have fallen away so notoriously? The only answer that makes any sense is that God’s transformative love is that great.



As we approach the end of the year, here are a couple of reminders on opportunities and tax-advantaged methods for charitable giving to St. Anthony Church, St. Dominic School, the Quincy Catholic Schools Foundation, Quincy Notre Dame High School, and other charities



1. **Donation of appreciated stock:** Stock that has gone up in value can be donated at full face value for a charitable deduction, with the secondary advantage of not incurring capital gains tax when donated directly to a charity.

2. **Qualified Charitable Distributions** can be made to charities, providing another tax-advantaged contribution at the full market value of the transferred securities without the usual tax on the proceeds. These transfers need to be initiated with one’s broker or custodian, such that the funds are transferred directly from them to the charity. Your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) can also be made to a charitable organization under this plan. Please consult with your broker or financial

planner for more details on eligibility and limitations on these programs. We greatly appreciate the gifts that come from planned giving in this manner!

We also ask you to consider a gift when you **review your estate plan and will**. While cash gifts are always needed and accepted, your estate could be a wonderful way to provide a trust or legacy fund for parish operations, scholarships, maintenance, seminarians, or other intentions. Thank you for your consideration!

For next year, 2026 (when taxes will be due in April 2027), the ‘One Big Beautiful Bill Act’ is reinstating a \$1,000 (single) / \$2000 (married filing jointly) ‘above the line’ deduction for charitable contributions which can be made by those who do not itemize. For those who do itemize their charitable deductions, next year there will be a new floor of 0.5% of one’s adjusted gross income (AGI) which must be exceeded before contributions are deductible. Because there are other limits and details, we ask you to consult with your financial or tax advisor for the details in your individual case.

— 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., November 24, 2025

7:30 a.m. Vickie Arnold+

Tues., November 25, 2025

7:30 a.m. Fr. Ireneaus+

Wed., November 26, 2025

—at St. Dominic School

No Mass

Thurs., November 27, 2025

9:00 a.m. Donna Andrews+

Friday, November 28, 2025

—at St. Dominic School

No Mass

First Sunday of Advent

Saturday, November 29, 2025

4:00 p.m. Andy Cherry+

6:30 p.m. Rich Rakers+

Sunday, November 30, 2025

8:00 a.m. Parish Intentions

10:30 a.m. Bernie Weiman+

Perpetual Prayer Candle

Week of November 22-28

Kristopher Schrecke

— 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

Fifth Grade Students Enjoy Their Service Project With Veterans



When St. Dominic School students are in fifth grade, they get to be buddies with a Veteran at the Illinois Veterans Home in Quincy. The fifth-grade class along with their teacher, Mrs. Joann Ellerman, participate in this service project every year to thank Veterans for their service and patriotism for our country. This year, during the week of Veterans Day, our fifth-grade class demonstrated their patriotism by honoring their buddies with a visit and showcasing all of their buddies on a poster at our Veterans Day program at school. These fifth-grade students also visit their buddies once per month to share an activity with them as a corporal work of mercy by visiting the sick. When our students give their time to serve others, especially their Veteran buddies at the Veterans Home, we all enjoy this experience as Holy Moments of GENTLENESS at St. Dominic School, where Holy Moments happen every day!

Mark Your Calendar

Sunday, November 23

10:30 AM Holy Moments Mass — Grade 5

Tuesday, November 25

6:00-8:00 PM PTO Scotties Fun Night

7:00 PM Discipleship Meeting

Wednesday, November 26

No School — Thanksgiving Break

Thursday, November 27

No School — Thanksgiving Day

Friday, November 28

No School — Thanksgiving Break

Sunday, November 30

Advent Begins





Upcoming Events

St. Anthony Men's Society Pancake & Sausage Breakfast Sunday, December 14, 2025, 7 a.m.-noon



The Pancake & Sausage Breakfast sponsored by the Men's Society will be Sunday, Dec. 14th, 7 a.m.-noon. Adults \$14, Children \$7 (under 5 free). Dine in or carry out.

Advance meat orders:

Link & Bulk Sausage, Ribs and Chops 5 lbs—\$25

Cooked links (Precooked weight) 5lbs-\$30

Call orders to 217-257-2108.

Orders will be taken from November 1st-December 1st or until 2000 lbs. are sold!

HELP IS NEEDED! We will be needing help with butchering on Friday, December 12th, beginning at 5 pm for the Pancake and Sausage Breakfast. Questions call Jr (217-779-0029) or Jackie Dreyer (217-222-8049). Help is also needed the day of the breakfast.

St. Anthony Ladies Bake Sale at the Pancake & Sausage Breakfast



The ladies of the parish will having a bake sale during the pancake & sausage breakfast.

Please mark this on your calendar and be thinking about what goodies you are going to be baking!

Brightening our Parishioners in Nursing Homes Christmas!



Christmas Cards for those in Nursing Homes Please remember the members of our parish who are in a nursing home this Christmas by giving them a Christmas card (or it can be a letter or a note). Receiving a card during these times is one way to bring some joy to them. They also like home-made cards/letters/photos from the school children. It means so much to them to know their parish family is thinking of them. Boxes will be in middle entrance of Church for each nursing home November 29/30 thru the weekend of December 20/21. Please drop the cards/letters/photos in the boxes, and mark on each envelope the name of the resident.

St. Anthony Ladies Christmas Party

Sunday, December 7th, after 10:30 a.m. Mass



ALL Ladies of the Parish save the date for the Ladies Christmas Party which will be held Sunday, December 7th in the Parish Hall. We will begin after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Please call Alice Rakers at 217-222-4798 to make your reservations. The Ladies Society will be providing fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy. We are asking that all attending bring a side dish and/or a dessert. This year we will be helping a parish family with some financial needs and will be taking up a free-will donation for them at the dinner.

St. Anthony Men's Christmas Party

Monday, December 8th, after 6:30 p.m. Mass

The Men's Society Christmas party is December 8th after the 6:30 pm mass. All men are invited. There will be a short meeting and snacks.

Dates for your Calendar



November 22 & 23

November 25, 9:00 a.m.

December 7, after 10:30 a.m. Mass

December 8

December 8, after 6:30 p.m.

December 12, 5:00 p.m.

December 14, 7 a.m.-noon

Holy Land Arts will be selling items after all Masses

Thanksgiving Mass

St. Anthony Ladies Christmas Party

Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day

Masses 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. at St. Dominic, and 6:30 p.m.)

Men's Society Christmas Party

Butchering for the Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

Men's Society Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

— Parish Data —

PARISH CALENDAR	
<u>Monday, November 24</u>	
<u>Tuesday, November 25</u>	
7:00 p.m.	Finance Council Meeting
<u>Wednesday, November 26</u>	
	Parish Office is Closed St. Dominic's-No School
<u>Thursday, November 27</u>	
	<i>Happy Thanksgiving</i> Parish Office is Closed St. Dominic's-No School
<u>Friday, November 28</u>	
	Parish Office is Closed St. Dominic's-No School
First Sunday in Advent Activity:	
Complimentary Mercantile Coffee/LOTUS & Sweets after all Mass	
<u>Saturday, November 29</u>	
4:00 p.m.	Mass
6:30 p.m.	Mass
<u>Sunday, November 30</u>	
8:00 a.m.	Mass
10:30 a.m.	Mass
Someone will be available to take blood pressures after all Masses	
Pray with our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV the monthly intention for November 2025: <i>Let us pray that those who are struggling</i> <i>with suicidal thoughts might find the support,</i> <i>care, and love they need in their community,</i> <i>and be open to the beauty of life.</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 20	November 15/16	Total Year-to-Date					
Loose Collection	\$ 925.25	\$ 18,211.34					
Weekly Envelopes	\$ 9,291.00	\$ 192,577.22					
Electronic Deposits	\$ 0.00	\$ 28,166.00					
Total, November 15/16	\$ 10,216.25	\$ 238,954.56					
Budget Goal <i>(we need no less than this to stay out of deficit spending for the year!)</i>	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 260,000.00					
Difference	(\$ - 2,783.75)	(\$ -21,045.44)					
Money Counters : Monday, November 24, 2025 Dana Lugering Pat Bauer Mary Koch							
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., November 29 & 30, 2025				
	Saturday, 4:00 PM	Saturday, 6:30 PM	Sunday, 8:00 AM	Sunday, 10:30 AM
Key Minister/	Roger & Tawny Benz		Dan Reichert	Pat & Amanda Veile
Lector	Janice Zanger	Trisha Mathews	Carol Frericks	Kim Peters
Usher	Bill Anderson Roger Benz Tawny Benz Mike Zanger	George Huber Elmer Maas Ron Reichert Ted Vahle	Rod Davis Grady Bockhold Richard Foster Mike Genenbacher	Frank Arnold Diane Dittmer Greg Dittmer Kurtis Fischer
Servers	Volunteers	The Benz Family	Lizzy Smith Lucas Smith	Gabby Fischer Timmy Obert
Greeters/ Gift Bearers	Carol Vogel	William & Ann Dixon	Mike Genenbacher Family	Troy & Kim Peters
Rosary Leader	Mike Zanger	Earl Boone	Mary Koch	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, Winnie Huber, Cindy Barner, Tom Ness, Brian Dittmer, Jim Brinkman 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, Kent Mast, Dick Wand, Leo Dietrich				

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Nursing Care Patients

IL Veterans Home

Michael Hildebrand

Verne Hagstrom

Good Samaritan

Marcia Hays

Sunset Assisted Living

Richard Blickhan

Curtis Creek

Sally McCarl

Adams Pointe-

N. Adams Arbor

Rose Cherry

Mt. Sterling Health &

Rehab.

Jowanna Campos

Quincy Health Care &

Senior Living

Mary Bange

COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS!

Did you know that 82 % of non-churchgoing individuals would consider attending a church service if personally invited? A 2025 survey found 47% of U.S. adults claim a connection to the Catholic faith. Of these adults, they are more likely to attend Mass if invited, even if they don't regularly practice their faith. A pew survey found only 29% of U.S. Catholics attend Mass weekly or more. If they are simply in a period of lapsed attendance, perhaps this Advent season an invitation to our upcoming "Come Home for Christmas !" activities will be the factor that brings them home. Be watching the bulletin for upcoming activities during Advent.

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.

Memorial Candles and Pictures from the Memorial Mass

We will keep all pictures displayed through the month of November and we will have the pictures (and the candles if you didn't take yours) in the parish office after that time for you to pick up. The office hours are Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-1:00 p.m.



NOVEMBER GROCERY ITEMS

Any Non-perishable Item

The Ladies of Charity & Catholic Charities

Thank You

St. Anthony Family Christmas Tree Several years ago we decorated a Christmas tree in the parish hall with an ornament representing a parish family, donated by that family. These are put up each year on that tree. If you are new to the parish in the past few years, feel free to bring an ornament in to the parish office to represent your family and we will make sure that it is put on the tree.



Quincy Catholic Charities would like to thank you for all you do. We know you serve, donate and use your talents to leave a positive impact in our communities and beyond. Whatever you do is noticed. We would like to extend our gratitude to each of you in this season of Thanksgiving. Quincy Catholic Charities is keenly aware of the needs of our communities and know that no one can do it alone. It takes each of us to make a difference and you do make that difference! May you have a blessed Thanksgiving and give to yourself a moment to be thankful for all you have and all you are to one another.

QND Immediate Job Opening

Quincy Notre Dame High School is seeking qualified candidates for a Maintenance/Groundskeeper position. Qualified candidates should submit a cover letter, resume and two letters of reference by Friday, December 5, to QND Principal Mark McDowell at mmcdowell@qndhs.org. Compensation is based on skill set and related experience and ranges from \$17-\$22 per hour. More specific information will be provided upon request. QND Employee Benefits: Paid Time Off, Paid Paternal Leave, Health Insurance, Dental Insurance, Eye Insurance, Basic Life Insurance. Voluntary Life Insurance, and 403B Plan.



I would like to thank all those individuals who sent prayers, a card, letter or said a few kind words during my illness this past year. I would especially like to thank the "We Care" committee who are the greatest....we are so blessed!

God Bless You All!

Dale Hilgenbrinck



Tri-State Area Ultreya will be meeting after the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, November 22nd in St. Anthony Parish Hall. All Cursillo members are invited to attend. It would be great to see a large showing of our St. Anthony parishioners attending. Snacks will be provided.



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

**Choir Practice Schedule For
Christmas Eve Midnight Mass**

If you are interested in singing with our choir at Midnight on Christmas Eve, December 24, please come to all rehearsals. Rehearsals are on Thursdays from 5:30-7 PM at Church.

Dates for the rehearsals are: December 4, 11 and 18
I really need you to be at ALL rehearsals, as we will sing some of our music acapella (no accompaniment).
For more information, please call me at work 217.222.0515 - or on my cell 217.779.0152, or send me an email Mecki@travelhouseofquincy.com

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.

The Knights of Columbus "2026 Calendar Raffle" is in progress which helps support many local charitable causes such as QND, Ladies of Charity and Birthright. Please consider purchasing a raffle calendar for \$25. A winner everyday of the year with over \$24,000 in cash prizes. And they make Great Christmas Gifts.

The raffle calendars are available at the K of C east building during business hours or by calling Mike Schlipmann at 217-653-9318 or John Veith at 217-653-0258.

Part Time, Non-Public Title I Tutor Position Open at St. Francis School Hourly rate-\$30 per hour. Funding: Title 1 Grant. Must have a valid Professional Educator License teaching certificate. Must successfully pass a background check that is satisfactory to the Quincy Public Schools Board of Education.

Contact Kim Dinkheller, Director of Teaching and Learning 217-223-8700, ext.2262 for more information.



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