



St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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November 30, 2025 –First Sunday of Advent (A)

A Message from Fr. Tom Donovan:



Happy Thanksgiving! To all of our family and friends gathered from near and far, we wish you safe travels and we look forward to seeing you again for Christmas. Looking ahead, on Monday, December 8th, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Mass will be at 7:30am and 6:30pm at St. Anthony's. Mass will also be at St. Dominic's at 8:30am. On Christmas, we have Mass at 4:00 & 6:30pm on Christmas Eve and Midnight and 9:00am on Christmas Day. New Year's Day (Mary, Mother of God) will have Mass at 4:00pm on Dec 31 and 9:00am on New Year's Day.



As we begin "Year A" of the three-year readings cycle, we once again encounter the **Gospel of St. Matthew**. Unlike the other Gospel writers, Matthew wrote for a mostly-Jewish audience, trying to show how Jesus is the fulfillment of all of Israel's hopes and dreams. With special emphasis on the prophets and other figures from the Old Testament, Matthew 'connects the dots' to show us how God, in the fullness of time, had prepared the world for its Redeemer. The message from Matthew is particularly well-suited to the posture of Advent, where we take a moment in the stillness before the holiday to contemplate how God still loves us and how we still thirst for our Redeemer. "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel. Ransom captive Israel!" **We** are the latter-day Israel. **We** long for a redeemer to lead us from the darkness of sin in to new life. And so we rejoice at the Good News of this season, that God's redemptive mission shines on those in need from our own day and time.

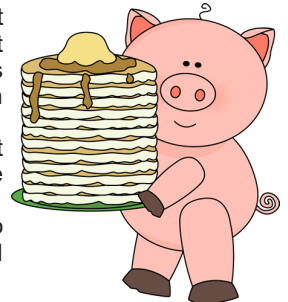


This weekend we will have a **special collection for our parish and school staff**. Each year we give a small seasonal gratuity to each of our staff members—about 30 total—who work in our parish office and at St. Dominic School. Over the last few years, we have invited parishioners who would like to make a contribution to this fund to do so with a special collection. A special envelope will be available in church, and we will accept contributions through Monday, December 8 at the parish office. We have an exceptional team of parish and school staff bring life and vitality to St. Anthony Church and St. Dominic School each and every day of the year. Please join me in applauding their outstanding efforts and sending thanks for all they do! Thank you!

Sunday, December 14 is our famous Pancake and Sausage Breakfast at St. Anthony's! Adults \$14, Children \$7, and under 5 is free! Credit cards will be accepted. We also have bulk sausage available until it is sold out (which usually happens before the breakfast!) For information call Bill Anderson: 217-257-2108.

We will need help with butchering on Friday, December 12, starting at 5pm, and help with the breakfast itself. For more information, please call Junior (779-0029) or Jackie Dreyer (222-8049).

Proceeds from the pancake breakfast go to the Men's Society who provide so much of the maintenance work on our church and school facilities. Thank you for your support of their work and ministry.



As a reminder, the season is upon us for the announcements of engagements, as well as gatherings of family for other celebrations such as the baptism of a new baby. We ask that if you are expecting to have a celebration during 2026 at St. Anthony's, that the parties involved please contact the parish office at (217) 222-5996 to set dates and to do all the necessary pre-sacramental formation and preparation. The Diocese of Springfield requires at least six months of preparation for marriage. Baptisms require attendance at a baptismal class. For adult children of parishioners (typically those graduated from school and living in their own home elsewhere) we need to receive permission from their own pastor where they live in order to celebrate the sacraments here. (They are registered at a parish and attending Mass where they live, right?) We congratulate our growing families who have sacramental celebrations coming up in 2026!



— 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., December 1, 2025

7:30 a.m. Bill Koch+

Tues., December 2, 2025

7:30 a.m. Jean Powers+

Wed., December 3, 2025

—at St. Dominic School

8:30 a.m. Kent Wellman+

Thurs., December 4, 2025

7:30 a.m. Richard Venvertloh+

—at Good Samaritan

10:00 a.m. Jim Duesterhaus &

Jim Bates+

Friday, December 5, 2025

—at St. Dominic School

8:15 a.m. Barb Boone+

Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 6, 2025

4:00 p.m. Joe Genenbacher+

6:30 p.m. Parish Intentions

Sunday, December 7, 2025

8:00 a.m. Paul & Kay Smith+

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

Perpetual Prayer Candle

Week of November 29-December 5

Kristopher Schrecke

— Parish Office Hours —

Monday-Friday

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

Bulletin Deadline: Monday, Noon

St. Dominic School

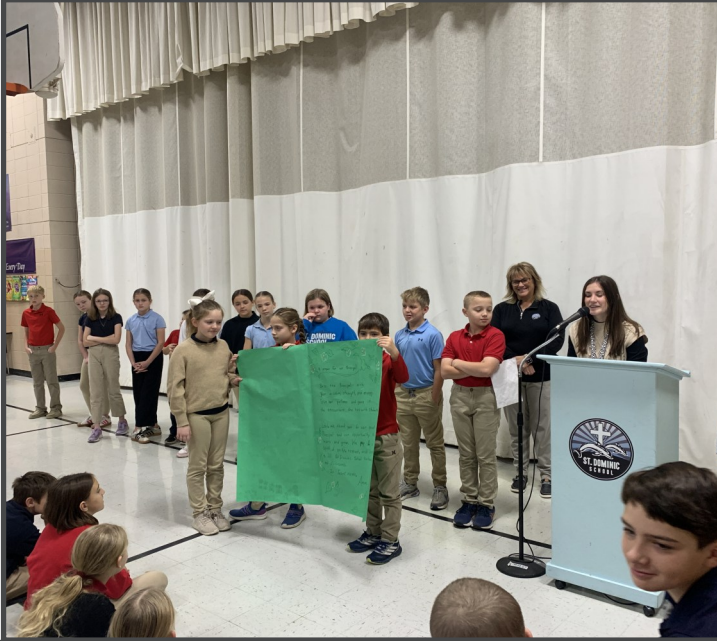
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A Message from Mrs. Carol Frericks—Principal

We Give Thanks For Our Faith



At Thanksgiving, we are filled with gratitude for the gift of our faith, the blessings of our St. Dominic School family, and the opportunity to teach children about our faith. This Thanksgiving, as we gather with family and friends around the table, please take a moment to give thanks for the blessing of faith, hope, and love that God has entrusted to us, and consider how we can preserve and pass on those blessings to the next generation. We are grateful that our school families are creating homes where prayer includes giving thanks to God - it's a spiritual act of stewardship, gratitude, and love. We give thanks to the Lord for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever (Psalm 136). May God give all of us this grace.





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



Dec. 6:	Feast of St. Nicholas! After 4:00 p.m. Mass meet in the Fr. Irenaeus Hall-main floor.
Dec. 7, after 10:30 a.m. Mass	St. Anthony Ladies Christmas Party
Dec. 8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day Masses 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. at St. Dominic, & 6:30 p.m.)
Dec. 8, after 6:30 p.m.	Men's Society Christmas Party
Dec. 12, 5:00 p.m.	Butchering for the Pancake & Sausage Breakfast
Dec. 13, after 4 & 6:30 p.m. Masses	Feast of St. Lucy, Scavenger Hunt of Lights!
Dec. 14, 7 a.m.-noon	Men's Society Pancake & Sausage Breakfast
Dec. 21 after 10:30 a.m Mass	Countdown to Christmas! Specialty Drink served

— Parish Data —

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, December 1

Tuesday, December 2

7:00 p.m.

Pastoral Council Meeting

Wednesday, December 3

Thursday, December 4

5:30-7:00 p.m.

Choir Practice for Christmas

Friday, December 5

Second Sunday in Advent Activity: Feast of St. Nicholas!

What's in Santa's Bag? After 4 p.m. Mass meet in Fr. Irenaeus Hall main floor for a phot opportunity, fun Bible game, prizes & light meal.

Saturday, December 6

4:00 p.m.

Mass

6:30 p.m.

Mass

Sunday, December 7

8:00 a.m.

Mass

10:30 a.m.

Mass

After 10:30 a.m. Mass

St. Anthony Ladies Society

Christmas Party

After 10:30 a.m. Mass

St. Anthony Ladies Christmas Party

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

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.



WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING

Week 21	November 22/23	Total Year-to-Date
Loose Collection	\$ 925.50	\$ 19,136.84
Weekly Envelopes	\$ 14,282.00	\$ 206,859.22
Electronic Deposits	\$ 0.00	\$ 28,166.00
Total, November 15/16	\$ 15,207.50	\$ 254,162.06
Budget Goal (we need no less than this to stay out of deficit spending for the year!)	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 273,000.00
Difference	\$ 2,207.50	(\$ -18,837.94)

Money Counters : Monday, December 1, 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., December 6 & 7, 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	Mark Levins	Janet Bick	Mary Koch	Deb Woodworth
Usher	Jr. Dreyer Tom Grawe Randy Huber Jack Kuhlman	Jason Benz George Benz Dan Boone Ryan Boone	Gene Goerlich Jerry Grawe Anthony Haley Mike Hummel	Ken Klauser Brian Koch David McCleary Larry Weiman
Servers	Gabby Fischer Madeline Lowe	The Mathews Family	Zain & Kolbie Schutte	Alex & Andrew Wellman
Greeters/ Gift Bearers	Jr. & Jackie Dreyer	Elmer & Jeanne Maas	Gene & Rita Goerlich	Daren & Andrea Sims Family
Rosary Leader	Roger & Tawny Benz	Melanie Longenecker	Jerry & Trudy Dreier	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, 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, Mark Sherwood

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

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.

St. Peter Job Opening - Director of Liturgy and Music

St. Peter's Church is looking for a Full Time or Part time - Director of Liturgy and Music. This person will oversee all aspects of the parish's liturgical life. Qualifications requested are a professional who holds specialized credentials in music and has a thorough understanding of Roman Catholic liturgy, serves the parish as principal musician, organist/pianist, and choir director. This person of faith is responsible for the technology in the church and effective planning, coordination, and execution of both the rituals and music for the parish liturgies. Salary ranges from \$20,000 to \$40,000. Please send resume along with 2 references to St. Peter Parish Office, 2600 Maine Street, Quincy IL, 62301 or email k.smith@cospq.org.



ADVENT GIVING TREE It's time! The Advent Giving Tree is ready for you to take a tag(s). The gifts will benefit Birthright. This is their main source of supplies for the year. The WCU matching fund will be a part of every gift card that is donated. Please return the items, with the tag you take off the tree attached, by December 14th as we will be delivering everything that week. Gift bags and wrapping the gifts is optional. There will be a large wrapped box for baby care items such as diaper, wipes, etc. Once

again thank-you and God bless you for your generosity.



MEMORIAL DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS

FLOWERS: In order to be published in the bulletin, the donations for the flowers to decorate the church at Christmas will need to be sent in by December 19th.

DECEMBER "GROUP B" CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 6 at 8:00 AM

Tawny Benz, Trudy Dreier, Peggy Deverger, Rita Goerlich, Debie Henthorn, Ann Wilson, Kathye Niekamp, Kim Stupavsky, Kristine Doane, Carrie Potter, Janet Bick, Kay Lentz
THANK YOU LADIES!

Memorial Candles and Pictures from the Memorial Mass

We have the pictures and the candles (if you didn't take yours already) in the parish office for you to pick up. The office hours are Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-1:00 p.m.



DECEMBER GROCERY ITEMS

Soup & Crackers

The Ladies of Charity & Catholic Charities

Thank You

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.

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 Meki@travelhouseofquincy.com



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

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



Join us at St Peter Parish as we host an ADVENT MISSION on November 30, December 1 and 2 starting at 6 PM in the church. ***"THEY THAT HOPE"*** with Sister Clementia Toalson, FSGM. Call 217-222-3155 for more information



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.

Quincy Catholic Charities Food Pantry needs your help to serve our communities. 1 + 1 = 2 Or it can mean so much more when we partner together!! Please consider purchasing a 5,10, 25\$ or more gift card when you purchase Gene Grawe Fund cards at the St Peter's church location. Cards for Niemann Foods, HyVee, Walmart, or VISA will be used to purchase needed items. To make it very simple for you, these cards you purchase are then left at the office to be donated to the Quincy Catholic Charities Food Pantry. When the Pantry receives cash or gift cards they can purchase the items needed to provide nutritious assistance. Win Win! Your student receives the funds through the Gene Grawe Fund program and the Pantry can make the donation go farther by purchasing needed items in bulk at a cheaper rate offered by our grocery partners.

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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