



St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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December 7, 2025 – Second Sunday of Advent (A)

A Message from Fr. Tom Donovan:



God called John the Baptist to proclaim a message of repentance in anticipation of the coming of the Kingdom: "prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths!" (Matthew 3:3) There should be nothing in or around us that would slow or prevent the coming of God in our midst. Those who are filled with the fruit of self-righteousness are fit to be cut and thrown into the fire!

Advent is not a penitential season in the same way that Lent is, however the words of the Baptist underscore the importance of being fully prepared for the spiritual fruits of the Christmas season. Grace is just waiting to flow into our lives! What do we do, perhaps unwittingly, to block it? This is not a season to cower in fear or to languish in indifference. The coming of the Kingdom is meant for us... today. Thousands received a baptism of repentance in the Jordan at the hands of John. We have received a baptism in the Spirit through Jesus. This baptism is renewed by his grace through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This sacrament is available at regular times in the parish, as well as on Sunday, December 15 at 4pm at St. Francis Church where we will gather as a larger community to celebrate God's mercy through this sacrament. The words of redemption are not simply a historical event to commemorate, but a reality of the Incarnate God to be lived. Make sure to make a good confession part of your Christmas preparations this year!

Monday, December 8 is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is a holy day of obligation. Masses on Monday will be at 7:30am at St. Anthony, 8:30 am at St. Dominic's with the school community, and at 6:30pm at St. Anthony. There will be no Sunday evening vigil Mass. The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception commemorates the special privilege afforded to Mary, that from the very moment of her conception, she was preserved from sin by the power of the Cross of her son. Not only do we recognize that she was a stainless vessel to carry the savior of the world, but as one without sin, without concupiscence, her "yes" in response to God's invitation was so perfect as to allow the Divine Word to become flesh to dwell with us all.



We are looking forward to next weekend's **Pancake and Sausage Breakfast**, here at the church hall on Sunday, December 14, from 7:00 am to noon. Adults: \$14, children \$7, children under 5 are free. As you know we also have a meat sale from the fresh meat butchered for this breakfast. (The deadline for pre-orders has passed, but we may have 'extras' available as we approach the breakfast date.) We

are looking for help with butchering on Friday, December 12 at 5:00 pm, and with kitchen/dining help on Sunday morning. We thank you for your support and for helping us get the word out to our friends and neighbors about this event. We also thank those who have taken time to help set up, serve, clean, and staff this event. Thank you!

Thank you to all who contributed to the **Staff Christmas collection**. We collected nearly \$2800 to distribute to our lay parish staff to thank them for the wonderful job that they do for us all year round! Your support means a lot to them and I receive many words of thanks from them, which I want to relay to everyone, here. Thank you!

We will be on a **compressed bulletin schedule** over the next few weeks due to the Christmas and New Year's holidays. If you have messages for the bulletin, please provide information to the parish office by at least Friday, a full week before the desired publication date. Please note that the parish office will be on shortened hours, as announced, before Christmas, and on half-day hours between Christmas and New Year's.

— 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

Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mon., December 8, 2025

7:30 a.m. Rosie Goerlich+
 8:30 a.m. Parish Intentions
 6:30 p.m. Leo Dietrich+

Tues., December 9, 2025

7:30 a.m. Bob Maas+

Wed., December 10, 2025

—at St. Dominic School

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

Thurs., December 11, 2025

7:30 a.m. Bill Koch+

—at Good Samaritan

10:00 a.m. Robert & Mary Lohman+

Friday, December 12, 2025

—at St. Dominic School

8:15 a.m. Gerald Maas+

Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 13, 2025

4:00 p.m. Easton Zanger+
 6:30 p.m. Parish Intentions

Sunday, December 14, 2025

8:00 a.m. Leona Mast+
 10:30 a.m. Paul & Eadie Edwards+

Perpetual Prayer Candle

Week of December 6-12
 Father Darren Zehnle

— 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

Second Grade Leaders Teach About Kindness



During the month of December, our second-grade leaders, along with their teacher, Miss Paige Cegas, will be teaching our K-8 students about the Fruit of the Holy Spirit — kindness, and the virtue for each week, including prayerfulness, humility, and kindness. During Morning Assembly, Miss Cegas will present the daily Scripture reading and reflection, and provide a lesson each day from the Catechism of the Catholic Church, lives of the Saints, or the Daily Virtue lesson by Sr. Mary Bethany on the Hallow mobile app. These second-grade leaders will assist Miss Cegas by leading the Pledge of Allegiance, singing the Birthday Cha-Cha-Cha song, reading the lunch menu, and reciting our Bible Verse for all K- 8 students.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, December 8

Feast of Immaculate Conception

8:30 AM School Mass

4:00-8:00 PM Culver's Cares Night

Tuesday, December 9

11:00 AM Pastors and Principals Meeting

Wednesday, December 10

8:30 AM School Mass

10:00 AM Preschool Christmas Program

2:00 PM DARE Graduation

3:15 PM Faculty Meeting

Friday, November 12

Spirit Shirt Day

8:15 AM Quiet School Mass

11:15 AM 8th Grade Service Project-Horizons

DONATE WHILE YOU DINE

Visit Culver's on December 8th from 4-8 pm and 10% of your purchase will be donated to St. Dominic School!

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Quincy, IL**

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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.

There will be an abundance of homemade noodles for sale as well as other goodies. 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 8 *Feast of the Immaculate Conception*
 7:30 a.m. Mass at St. Anthony
 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Dominic School
 6:30 a.m. Mass at St. Anthony
 After 6:30 p.m. Mass Men's Society Christmas Party
Tuesday, December 9
 6:30 p.m. St. Dominic School Board
Wednesday, December 10
Thursday, December 11
 5:30-7:00 p.m. Choir Practice for Christmas-
Friday, December 12
 5:00 p.m. Butcher

Third Sunday in Advent Activity: Feast of St. Lucy, Scavenger Hunt of Lights! After Saturday 4 & 6:30 pm masses. Grab your Scavenger Hunt list as you leave Mass! Snack provided & you will be entered for a drawing to win a prize if you participate!

Saturday, December 13
 4:00 p.m. Mass
 6:30 p.m. Mass
Sunday, December 14
 7:00 a.m.-noon Men's Society Pancake & Sausage Breakfast
 8:00 a.m. Mass
 10:30 a.m. Mass

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 22	November 29/30	Total Year-to-Date
Loose Collection	\$ 530.00	\$ 19,666.84
Weekly Envelopes	\$ 7,160.00	\$ 214,019.22
Electronic Deposits	\$ 6,979.00	\$ 35,145.00
Total, November 29/30	\$ 14,669.00	\$ 268,831.06
Budget Goal <i>(we need no less than this to stay out of deficit spending for the year!)</i>	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 286,000.00
Difference	\$ 1,669.00	(\$ -17,168.94)

Money Counters : Monday, December 8, 2025
 Dana Lugerling Jack Kuhlman

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 13 & 14, 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	Angie Dean	Mike Baker	Marlene Rose
Usher	Jr. Dreyer Tom Grawe Jack Kuhlman Mike Zanger	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	Gus & Abraham Venvertloh	The Benz Family	Jesse Adams Lucas Smith	Andi Kirlin Connor Earnst
Greeters/ Gift Bearers	Dana & Rose Lugerling Family	Ted Vahle Family	Bob & Dorothy Haley	Clint & Elise Sutter Family
Rosary Leader	Carol Vogel	Earl Boone	Steve Jansen	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, 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.

Pastoral Council Nominations

Candidates for the parish council must be over the age of 18 and a St. Anthony parish member who is a regular supporter of the parish through service activities or financial support or a combination of both and also have taken Protecting God's Children or Empowering God's Children and have completed a background check as required by the Diocese of Springfield. Any active and contributing parish member over 18 may nominate his or herself. If you nominate a person other than yourself, please contact that person to ask if they are willing to accept the nomination. The nomination ballots are in the pews this weekend and next. Please turn in nomination ballots in the collection basket or to the parish office by December 14th. If you have questions about serving on the parish council please feel free to contact the parish office 217-222-5996..

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 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

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. Thank you.

COLLECTING SOCKS & UNDERWEAR

From now until Christmas, our parish will once again be collecting new socks and underwear for the needy. Totes will be located in the Church vestibule for drop-off. All sizes are needed for men, women, boys and girls. All donations will stay local and support our parish, school and Ladies of Charity. Thank you holy people for your generosity! Please call Deacon Dennis Holbrook with any questions, 217-257-4384.

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

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



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.



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.

Quincy Catholic Charities is seeking a part-time Office Assistant. The hours for this position are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:30-4:30, with some flexibility to determine the set schedule. Interested candidates can apply on Indeed. For additional information you may reach out to Kevin Williams, Area Director at Williams_qcc@cc.dio.org.

MARY

What Is the Immaculate Conception?

Dr. Tim Gray & Dr. John Sehorn

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Join Drs Tim Gray and John Sehorn as they examine Mary under her title of the Immaculate Conception. This dogma of the Catholic faith, promulgated in 1854 by Pope Pius IX, speaks of Mary's conception and what it means to the Church.

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