



# St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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## December 28, 2025 –The Holy Family (A)

### A Message from Fr. Tom Donovan: 2025 Year in Review

*As a parish family, we have a lot to be thankful for in 2025. Here are just a few of them, in no particular order...*

— 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., December 29, 2025

7:30 a.m. Mark Hughes+

Tues., December 30, 2025

7:30 a.m. Fr. Ireneaus+

Wed., December 31, 2025

4:00 p.m. Eric Wellman+

New Year's Day

Thurs., January 1, 2026

9:00 a.m. Sean Glidewell+

Friday, January 2, 2026

No Mass

The Epiphany

Saturday, January 3, 2026

4:00 p.m. Richard Venvertloh+

6:30 p.m. Ron Zanger+

Sunday, January 4, 2026

8:00 a.m. Bill & Mary Lou Wellman+

10:30 a.m. Parish Intentions

**Perpetual Prayer Candle**

Week of December 27-January 2

Eric Weiman

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**Habemus Papam!** Pope Leo XIV was elected the 267th Pope on May 8 in the conclave following the death of Pope Francis. Originally from Chicago, Robert Prevost had been a priest of the Order of St. Augustine (OSA), and a missionary bishop in Peru. As an American, Leo XIV was considered a 'dark horse' candidate among the cardinal-electors. In the early months of his



pontificate, Pope Leo has been noted for appointing bishops to a number of notable dioceses across the world, as well as canonizing Saints Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati, and taking his first apostolic visit to Turkey and Lebanon.

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**Memento mori:** Pope Leo's election followed the death of Pope Francis at the age of 88 on the Monday after Easter. Pope Francis had been elected in 2013 on the vacancy of the Holy See following the Pontificate of Pope Benedict XVI.



Pope Francis had spent 38 days in the hospital in the weeks before his death, drawing the prayers of the entire Church during that time of convalescence. Francis was noted for this 'sober and humble style, founded on missionary openness, apostolic courage, and mercy'. He was entombed in the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome, after ceremonies witnessed by thousands in St. Peter Square and around the world by television/internet.

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QUINCY CATHOLIC  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

**Quincy Catholic Elementary Schools** continued to make progress during 2025, with the approval of by-laws by the local boards as well as Bishop Paprocki. (An explanation of the significance of this milestone can be seen on our parish website in the Bulletin archives for September 28, 2025.) These bylaws provide a foundation for continuing cooperative efforts among the sponsoring parishes in the work of providing Catholic Education for our families. In the coming year, QCES hopes to affirm a 'participation agreement' outlining the financial and operational responsibilities of the participating parishes. The mission of the Quincy Catholic Elementary Schools is to "form the next generation of Catholic disciples of Christ, in communion with families and parishes, through spiritual growth and academic excellence."

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**St. Dominic School** continues to work everyday to fulfill the Catholic Education mission of St. Anthony Church in large ways and small. In recent years, I have mentioned the Washington, DC trip for our eighth grade class. Another event that is a right-of-passage for our eighth graders is a presentation prepared by our students, which encourages our students to integrate the teaching of the faith with the secular disciplines that they learn as part of their educational program. These presentations are audited by judge-



Adam Benz speaks before classmates and his audience on 'intelligent design'.

### Parish Office Hours: December 29—January 2, 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
December 29	30	31	January 1	2
open: 8am-1pm	open: 8am-1pm	Mass 4 pm office closed	Mass 9 am office closed	office closed

### — Parish Office Hours —

Monday-Friday

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

Bulletin Deadline: Monday, Noon

es, which the last two years have included representatives from the Office for Catholic Education from the Diocese of Springfield. We are proud of our students as they learn to integrate the lessons from faith.

Join in the **Summer DATE NIGHT CHALLENGE!**

Join the Challenge and go on one date per month this summer to transform your marriage!

*Here's how it works!*

- At the beginning of June, July, and August, we'll have a fun date night challenge to experience with your spouse in each month.
- Send a picture of yourselves on your date to [sarah@diocesofspringfield.org](mailto:sarah@diocesofspringfield.org) or scan the QR code. Please also include your first and last names and your phone number.
- Each date submitted will be on entry to win a \$50 gift card to the Gene Grosse Fund.

*\*Regular date nights have been proven to elevate marital happiness so be sure to take advantage of this fun way to connect with each other!*

**July Challenge!**  
Recreate your first date (go out somewhere) or have a fun date night at home and build a bucket list together!

**Conversation Starters:**  
#1- What is a tradition that we have that is very meaningful to you?  
#2- If you could have a meal with any 3 people, who would they be and why?

*\*Open to married and engaged!*



**5 Thanks to special sponsorship from the Tracy Family Foundation, St. Anthony Church** has been participating in a couples enrichment program, established to promote healthy family life for spouses and children. Our events this year included a Valentine's Day gathering at the Knights of Columbus, summertime Date-Night Challenges, and visits to the Spirit Knob Winery. In the coming year, we hope to offer additional programming geared toward encouraging communication and fun for our couples and families as they walk the path of Christian discipleship.

**6 Pope Francis opened the Holy Doors** in Rome on Christmas Day of 2024, inaugurating a Jubilee Year for the Church in 2025, dedicated to the renewal of the Church as "Pilgrims of Hope." The concept of



"Jubilee" has its origins in Leviticus 25, where the people of God are called to a special year of reconciliation, pilgrimage, and coming home. In addition to pilgrimages to Rome and other holy sites throughout the world, Catholics have been encour-

aged to take advantage of the indulgences granted as an expression of mercy and renewal while on pilgrimage and in a renewed effort to perform acts of charity and mercy.

**7 St. Carlo Acutis** was canonized as the first "millennial saint". St. Carlo was born in 1991, and was known for his innovative use of technology to promote Catholic teaching, and in particular to showcase Eucharistic miracles. A website providing more information about St. Carlo can be found at <http://www.carloacutis.com>, while the website founded by St. Carlo, containing the informational panels on the Eucharistic miracles, can be found at <https://www.miracolieucaristici.org>. St. Carlo died at age 15 following a brief battle with Leukemia, and is entombed in Assisi. A petition can be found on his website, asking that St. Carlo be designated the patron saint of internet users.



Students at St. Dominic School had the opportunity to dress as a saint for a day, and so in line with this new saint, rather than dressing in formal religious robes and attire, a large number figured out that a soccer jersey and shorts would suffice to remember a patron saint from their own age in St. Carlo Acutis.

**8** Earlier in the year, parishioners came out to have their photos taken for a **new parish pictorial directory**. It has been a long wait through production delays however, we are happy to announce that the publication is at the printer and those who had their picture taken should be receiving their directories early in 2026.

**9** Each year for the last several years, I have mentioned in this space the ongoing preparations for the "Centennial Campaign" promoted by the Diocese of Springfield. In honor of the 100th anniversary of the translation of the diocese to Springfield from Alton, Bishop Paprocki has asked all parishes to consider their needs with respect to debt repayment, capital improvements, and ministry capacity, looking into the 21st century. We have, happily, managed to pay off all of our debt, so we are in the next phases, considering our facilities and ministry abilities.

To the end of enhancing our ministerial offerings, a small group of young (and young-at-heart) couples have formed something of a revival of our stewardship committee of a few years back, remaining focused not so much on fundraising and financial development, so much as visioning our life as a parish and school, and the ministries that will flow from them. As a parish, before all else, we are called to be missionary disciples of the Good News, which is facilitated by buildings and ministries, but finds its genesis in the interpersonal relationships we have as a parish family. We invite those who not with us to "come and see". We invite those who have fallen away to "come home for Christmas". We try to provide meaningful moments of engagement through prayer and liturgy and all of the other things we do as a parish. After the first of the year, this group is asking to 'take the temperature' of our parish and the needs of our parishioners, and they have published a survey which we will ask our parishioners to respond to. Your thoughtful participation is encouraged and welcomed.

While the work of ministry is most important, we have also found that we are facing some engineering challenges with our 40 year old church building. In order to save money at the time of building some 'shortcuts' were authorized which now, forty years later, are resulting in concerns over the longevity and structural soundness of the building. Our engineers are not concerned about catastrophic failure under normal loads and conditions, so we need not be concerned about occupancy of the building. But as the church ages, we are expecting that we will have some great concerns about the longevity of the building to be able to serve the parish community, as well as the price and severity of ongoing maintenance that will be required to keep it safe and serviceable. We do have a plan to take down the steeple in order to save stress on the walls, but this plan has not yet been implanted as we work down the list of possibilities and options to address our challenges in a comprehensive matter. Nothing will be done until we have fully briefed the parish community, but be watching for more details to come in early 2026, along with an appeal for your help.

**10** As we end 2025, **we remember those who have gone forth from this world** unto the glory of God's kingdom.

During this year and especially recently, we have encountered the death of a number of our diocesan priests in the passing of Fr. Joe Ring and Fr. Daren Zehnle.

We also recall this year the death of Br. Earl Benz, son of the parish and a Franciscan brother for 70 years. He was most recently living in retirement in Manitowoc, WI. He very kindly remembered us each year in a Christmas card he would write to me, wishing us all happiness and good health. May our prayers be with him and all the faithful departed, that they may rest in peace



Br. Earl Benz



# Upcoming Events

## Mass Schedule for New Year's Eve and Day



Christmas Mass Schedule

December 31st: Mass at 4:00 p.m.  
January 1st: Mass at 9:00 a.m.

## Ministry Schedule for New Year's Masses



**December 31st: 4:00 p.m.**  
Lector: Mary Koch  
Servers: Sam Fischer, Lucas Smith  
Rosary Leader : Volunteer

**January 1st: 9:00 a.m.**  
Lector: Trisha Mathews  
Servers: The Mathews Family  
Rosary Leader Jerry & Trudy Dreier  
Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help make our liturgy special the New Year!

## Parish Office Hours for the Holidays



PARISH OFFICE HOURS will be 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. through the end of the year except the following days:

- December 31 the office is closed.
- January 1 & 2 the office is closed

## 2026 Calendars



The 2026 Calendars are in the vestibule of church. Please feel free to take one.

## 2025 Contribution Statements



If you are needing a contribution statement for 2025 from St. Anthony Church please contact the parish office, 222-5996, to request a statement. We can either mail or email your statement. These will only be printed upon request.

## Dates for your Calendar



Dec. 26  
Dec. 28, after 10:30 a.m. Mass

Dec. 31  
Jan. 1 & 2  
Jan. 4, after 10:30 a.m. Mass  
Jan. 29, 6:00 p.m.

Parish Office will be closed  
Thank you Santa! Santa will be dropping by after the 10:30 Mass, there will be Bingo & prizes as well as a light meal  
Parish Office will be closed  
Parish Office will be closed  
Patriotic Rosary will be said after the 10:30 a.m. Mass  
Grief Share begins



## — Parish Data —

### PARISH CALENDAR

**Monday, December 29**

**Tuesday, December 30**

**Wednesday, December 31** *New Year's Eve*  
4:00 p.m. Mass

**Thursday, January 1** *Happy New Year!*  
9:00 a.m. Mass

**Friday, January 2**  
No Mass

**Saturday, January 3**  
4:00 p.m. Mass  
6:30 p.m. Mass

**Sunday, January 4**  
8:00 a.m. Mass  
10:30 a.m. Mass  
After 10:30 a.m. Mass  
No Families of Faith  
Patriotic Rosary will be prayed for our country!

**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 25	December 20/21	Total Year-to-Date
Loose Collection	\$ 1,085.00	\$ 22,703.84
Weekly Envelopes	\$ 12,217.00	\$ 255,666.22
Electronic Deposits	\$ 6,979.00	\$ 42,124.00
<b>Total, December 20/21</b>	<b>\$ 20,281.00</b>	<b>\$ 320,494.06</b>
Budget Goal <i>(we need no less than this to stay out of deficit spending for the year!)</i>	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 325,000.00
<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$ 7,281.00</b>	<b>(\$ -4,505.94)</b>

Money Counters : Monday, December 29, 2025: Carol Vogel, Michelle Ehrhardt, Rita Goerlich, Bill Anderson, Norma Weiman, Lou Ann Weills

### 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. January 3 & 4, 2026

	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>	Bill Anderson	Trisha Mathews	Michelle Kasparie	Marlene Rose
<b>Usher</b>	Bill Anderson Roger Benz Tawny Benz Jr. Dreyer	Tom Boone George Dreyer Joe Dreyer Denis Hagerbaumer	Matt Kasparie Mark Neisen Dan Reichert Dan Terwelp	Frank Arnold Craig Schafer Rick Schafer Kurt Fischer
<b>Servers</b>	Madeline Lowe Abraham Venvertloh	Rozalyn Brass Brooklyn Deege	Zain & Kolbie Schutte	Connor Earnst Andi Kirlin
<b>Greeters/ Gift Bearers</b>	Jr. & Jackie Dreyer	Marilyn Boone	Mark & Bernice Neisen	Tom & Deb Woodworth
<b>Rosary Leader</b>	Carol Vogel	Earl Boone	Steve Jansen	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

**Memorials & Donations for Christmas Flowers**

Mrs. Susan Cray

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Meyer

Mr. & Mrs. Jim Obert

Mrs. Joan Dietrich

Larry Cray

Anthony Frericks Family,

Clarence Meyer Family,

Clem Frericks Family

The Obert Family

Gene Dietrich, Leo Dietrich,

George & Francis Benz

**Thank you Santa!** Please join us on December 28th after the 10:30 Mass (around 11:30 a.m.) in the St. Anthony Parish Hall (upstairs)! Santa will join us around noon! We will eat a light meal, play bingo, have a craft, and visit with Santa! This will be an opportunity for kids to tell him thank you for their presents! You may take photos of your child/children with Santa, too!

Please RSVP to let us know you can make it. (Use the QR code or link below to register!) We can't wait to celebrate with you during the Christmas season!



<https://docs.google.com/forms/>

**Church Cleaning Schedule for Thursday January 8th, 6:00 PM "GROUP C:** Jackie Dreyer, Theresa Bockhold, Betty Kasparie, Dana Wittler, Carol Vogel, Lou Ann Weills, Penny Weiman & girls, Pat Steinkamp, Cindy Cramer, Julie Reichert, Bea Hermsmeier, Anna Benz, Yvonne Campbell, Michelle Deege & girls, and Marilyn Boone *Thank you Ladies!*

**Liturgical Ministry**

Anyone interested in being a part of St. Anthony Liturgical Ministry serving as a Lector, Altar Server, Usher, Sacristan or Rosary Leader? Please contact the Parish office for more information at 217-222-5996.

**Blessed Sacrament Church** is seeking to fill the role of **full time Parish Secretary** to support the daily operations of our parish. This position is open for **immediate hire**. The role is ideal for someone who enjoys working with people, has strong administrative skills, and is comfortable using technology and databases to keep parish life running smoothly. For more information please contact Audreana Derhake at 217.222.2759 or [faithformation@blessedscs.org](mailto:faithformation@blessedscs.org)

**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@cosppq.org](mailto:k.smith@cosppq.org).

**World Marriage Day** On Sunday,

February 8, 2026, at Noon

(12:00 pm), at the Cathedral

Basilica of St. Louis, 4431 Lindell Blvd., St.

Louis, MO, Fr. Chris Martin will celebrate

Mass for World Marriage Day. A reception,

sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter,

will follow in Boland Hall. All married couples

are invited to attend and celebrate the gift of marriage.

World Marriage Day honors husband and wife as the foundation of the family – the basic unit of society.



**Perpetual Prayer Candle Envelope in your new packet.**

We have a Perpetual Prayer Candle by the Sacred Heart picture in church. The candle will burn 24 hours 7 days per week. There will be a small sign by the candle indicating the prayer intention(s) for the week as well as be posted in the bulletin. There may be more than one intention each week but no more than three.

The week will run Saturday through Friday. You may request prayer intentions for a week by contacting the parish office. A donation of \$10 is appreciated for each intention for a week.

**If you would like to have an intention for a week please indicate on the back of the envelope your Perpetual Prayer Candle Intention and the Date of the week you would like the intention to be remembered.**

**Memorial Candles and Pictures from the Memorial Mass**

We have the pictures and candles in the parish office for you to pick up. The office hours are Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-1:00 p.m.



**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](mailto: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.

**The Annual QND Pancake and Sausage Breakfast** will be Sunday, January 11th from 8:30am-12:30pm in the QND cafeteria. The cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. (Children under 5 eat free). All proceeds benefit the Catholic Heart Workcamp trip this summer.

**QND Winter Cheer Camp** The QND Cheerleaders will be hosting their annual winter camp for ages 3 through 8th grade on January 17th. Check in starts at 5:30. Camp is \$35 and includes t-shirt, pizza, snacks and admission to the game. Campers will perform at half time of the Varsity basketball game. Use the link to register by January 14th to guarantee t-shirt size. Walk ins are welcome. Questions contact QND-Cheer@QuincyNotreDame.org



### **JANUARY GROCERY ITEMS**

**Dish Detergent, Toilet Paper, Laundry Detergent**  
The Ladies of Charity & Catholic Charities  
Thank You

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