



St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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January 4, 2026 –The Epiphany (A)

A Message from Fr. Tom Donovan:



Epiphany is historically the “Twelfth day of Christmas,” when in days gone by gifts were given not so much on Christmas Day, but upon this feast that follows Christmas. The feast continues to be celebrated on January 6 in the Eastern Churches, but the Roman Church has moved Epiphany’s observance to the first Sunday after New Year’s Day. There is a Mass formula for the “Second Sunday of

Christmas” which is virtually never used, except in the few places that keep Epiphany on its ‘real’ day.

Perhaps you have heard of the explanation of the song, the Twelve Days of Christmas and the meanings of all the gifts? The song and its symbolism are meant, as so many long-preserved customs, to teach the faith as its story is told and retold through the years. There are probably a few different variations to these explanations, but here is one that sounds as plausible as any:

The **First Day of Christmas** talks about the single **partridge in a pear tree**, around which the entire song revolves, trope after trope. The single partridge represents the singular unity of God found in three persons, Father and Son and Spirit.

The **Second Day of Christmas**, the two **turtle doves** represent the two beloved stories of scripture, the Old Testament the New Testament.

The **Third Day of Christmas**, presents three **French hens**, which could be Trinitarian for the Father, Son, and Spirit, but are more often reckoned as the theological virtues of faith, hope, and charity.

The **Fourth Day of Christmas**, honors the **four gospels**, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John with four calling-birds, proclaiming the good news.

The **Fifth Day of Christmas** refers to the first five books of the bible known as the Pentateuch: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy, which glimmer with the beauty and dignity of **five gold rings**.

The **Sixth Day of Christmas** returns to the ‘bird’ theme with **six geese-a-laying**, which is commonly reckoned as the six days of creation before the seventh of God’s rest.

The **Seventh Day of Christmas** offers **seven swans a-swimming**, reminding us of the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, knowledge, understanding, counsel, fortitude, piety, and fear of the Lord.

The **Eighth Day of Christmas** presents **eight maids a-milking**, calling to mind the **eight Beatitudes of Jesus**: Blessed are 1) the poor in spirit, 2) those who mourn, 3) the meek, 4) those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, 5) the merciful, 6) the pure in heart, 7) the peacemakers, and 8) those who are persecuted.

The **Ninth Day of Christmas**, my true love sent to me **nine ladies dancing**, which are the nine **fruits of the Holy Spirit**: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

The **Tenth Day of Christmas** and the **ten lords a-leaping** refer to the Ten Commandments.

The **Eleventh Day of Christmas** reminds us of the **eleven faithful apostles of Christ**: Simon Peter, Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James the Greater, James the Lesser, and Simon.

The **Twelfth Day of Christmas** is punctuated by twelve drummers drumming, referring to the twelve articles of faith recited in the Apostle’s Creed.

A continued Blessed Christmas to you and to your family in this holy season. We look to next weekend’s celebration of the Baptism of the Lord to round out the Christmas celebration recalling the waters of our rebirth in the Spirit.

— 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., January 5, 2025

7:30 a.m. Gerald Maas+

Tues., January 6, 2025

7:30 a.m. Bob Maas+

Wed., January 7, 2025

—at St. Dominic School

8:30 a.m. Jan Siebers+

Thurs., January 8, 2026

7:30 a.m. Rosalyn Boone+

—at Good Samaritan Home

10:00 a.m. Sr. Bernice Hartke+

Friday, January 9, 2026

—at St. Dominic School

8:15 a.m. Sharon Maas+

The Baptism of the Lord

Saturday, January 10, 2026

4:00 p.m. Parish Intentions

6:30 p.m. Patricia Walters+

Sunday, January 11, 2026

8:00 a.m. Norma Hildebrand+

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

Perpetual Prayer Candle

Week of January 3-9

Joan Cook

— 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

Blessings from Christmas to Epiphany



Special thanks to Leon Obert, Jon Dabney, and Mike Hummel for this beautiful Christmas Nativity display. Christmas is the perfect time to thank God for His love and gifts in our lives; He shared His only Son with us. The Bible states God loved the world so much He gave His only Son, Jesus, demonstrating His profound love for us (John 3:16). At St. Dominic School, we realize how blessed we are to receive the gift of your family as members of our St. Dominic School family. We also realize how blessed we are to receive your loving support and gifts as our parish. Within our school community, we witness God's love by noticing the holy moments that happen every day. These moments are blessings and signs of His love, which are visible when we share our God-given gifts as brothers and sisters in Christ. This year during Advent, we prepared to celebrate the birth of Jesus, by thanking God and sharing His love with those around us. When children are kind to one another, they share God's love and gifts with others and experience holy moments. Let's all celebrate God's blessings of love and gifts during this special time of the year, from the Christmas Nativity to the Feast of the Epiphany. May Jesus continue to bless your family with good health, happiness, and holy moments every day of the coming year. Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year from the St. Dominic School staff!

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, January 5

Teacher In-Service – No School

Tuesday, January 6

School Resumes

7:00 PM Pastoral Council

Wednesday, January 7

8:30 AM School Mass

9:30 AM -2:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration

3:15 PM Faculty Meeting

Thursday, January 8

3-4 PM Brownies

Friday, January 9

Spirit Shirt Day

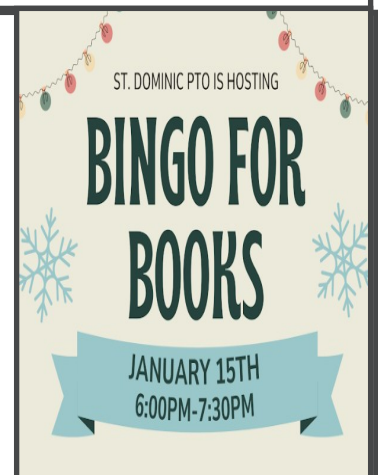
8:15 AM Quiet School Mass

2nd Quarter Report Cards Distributed

Save the Date

January 15 6:00-7:30 PM

PTO Bingo for Books

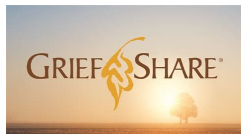




Upcoming Events

GriefShare

Begins January 29, 6:00 p.m.



GriefShare returns with a new round of sessions starting January 29, 2026 at 6:00pm in St. Anthony's Parish Hall. For persons experiencing grief following the loss of a loved one... this thirteen-week program features biblical, Christ-centered information focusing on grief topics. Each session offers a video presentation featuring nationally-respected grief experts and persons sharing their stories of life after the loss of a loved one. We then have small group discussion about what was viewed and share experiences. Past participants have related the information and follow-up discussions were very helpful. The third part of GriefShare is the participants' guidebook providing opportunities for support between meetings. A GriefShare grief support group is confidential. Please join us. Questions: Call Jim Liesen 217-577-6664 or Cindy or Deacon Harry Cramer 217-224-1160.

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



Jan. 4, after 10:30 a.m. Mass
 Jan. 17, 5:00-7:30 p.m.
 Jan. 29, 6:00 p.m.
 Feb. 18
 Feb. 20
 Feb. 27
 March 6
 March 13
 March 14
 March 15 (10:30 a.m. Mass)

Patriotic Rosary will be said after the 10:30 a.m. Mass
 Jumping into January Date Night with Childcare
 Grief Share begins
 Ash Wednesday
 Fish Fry at St. Dominic
 Fish Fry at St. Anthony
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 Fish Fry at St. Anthony
 First Communion/ Confirmation in Springfield
 Second Communion at St. Anthony




— Parish Data —

PARISH CALENDAR	
<u>Monday, January 5</u>	
<u>Tuesday, January 6</u>	
7:00 p.m.	School Resumes Pastoral Council Meeting
<u>Wednesday, January 7</u>	
<u>Thursday, January 8</u>	
<u>Friday, January 9</u>	
<u>Saturday, January 10</u>	
4:00 p.m.	Mass
6:30 p.m.	Mass
<u>Sunday, January 12</u>	
8:00 a.m.	Mass
9:00-10:15 a.m.	Families of Faith
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 26	December 27/28	Total Year-to-Date	
Loose Collection	\$ 1,041.71	\$ 23,745.55	
Weekly Envelopes	\$11,018.00	\$ 266,684.22	
Holy Day (Christmas)	\$11,983.51	\$11,983.51	
Electronic Deposits	\$0.00	\$ 42,124.00	
Totals	\$24,043.22	\$ 344,537.28	
Budget Goal	\$13,000.00	\$ 338,000.00	
Difference	\$11,043.22	\$6,537.28	

Money Counters : Monday, January 5, 2026
Dana Lugering Patrick 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. January 10 & 11, 2026				
	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	Janet Bick	Carol Frericks	Kim Peters
Usher	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
Servers	Timmy Obert Volunteer	Rozalyn Brass Brooklyn Deege	Pius IX Altar Servers	Connor Earnst Gabby Fischer
Greeters/ Gift Bearers	Carol Vogel	William & Ann Dixon	Dan & Sharon Terwelp	Frank Arnold
Rosary Leader	Mike Zanger	The Mathews Family	Giny Baker	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

January 4, 2026

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

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.

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**

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.



St. Anthony Parish welcomes

Lakeyn Jean Mast

daughter of

Michael and Lauryn Sheurman Mast
who was baptized December 28, 2025
into the Catholic faith.

A "Come Home for Christmas!" Thank You

What a wonderfully blessed Advent season we had here at St. Anthony Church! Other than crazy snowy Thanksgiving weekend weather forcing us to cancel the coffee truck, the other events to include: a Christmas photo/game time, St. Lucy's scavenger light hunt, Hebrew's coffee/cocoa, and a finale with last week's "Thank you, Santa" with Santa himself...were all well attended and much fun! A huge thank you to Santa himself, photographer Marilyn Rossiter, Sue Obert Frericks for preparing the hot dogs-twice!, all who helped serve food and clean up, and the office staff. Also, a thank you to those who made donations,,,DOT Foods, the Tangerine Bowl, Freddie's, TCBY & Culver's. Thank you for helping put this together, Tera & St. Anthony's Communion whose mission is marriage & family relationship renewal and parish fellowship!

The Parish office will be back to regular hours this week which are 8:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.



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

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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.

Jumping into January
A Date Night with Childcare!

Start the new year by investing in what matters most — your relationship. Enjoy an evening designed for connection, warmth, and intentional time together.
This is date number 1 of a 3 month series to help you prioritize your marriage in 2026!

After checking in, head out together and enjoy a romantic date night of your choice. Your Date Night Kit will include everything you need to spark meaningful conversation and connection.



Free Childcare!

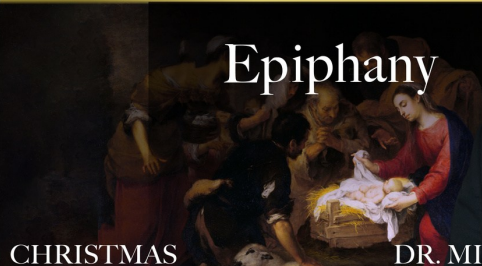
Registration Required!
January 17, 2026
5:00–7:30 p.m.



Gem City Gymnastics Center

- Check in even if you don't have children!
- Drop off your children if needed
- Pick up your Date Night Kit and head out together on a romantic date night

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CHRISTMAS



Epiphany

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