



# St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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## January 11, 2026 –The Baptism of the Lord(A)

### A Message from Fr. Tom Donovan:



Have you ever met anyone *famous*... perhaps receiving the opportunity to shake a hand in a reception line after a concert or performance? Perhaps having a program or baseball autographed before the big ball game? Maybe you had a chance encounter in an airport or restaurant while travelling? Of course, some people are more famous than others, and for different reasons.

I remember my first November at St. Anthony's when someone came to the sacristy to tell me that we had a Medal of Honor recipient, Colonel Roger Donlon, in the congregation that night. I learned that he was the first Medal of Honor recipient of the Vietnam War, who re-

ceived the Medal for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity, above and beyond the call of duty, while commanding a special forces unit. That evening however, he blended in with everyone else, and when I asked if anyone sitting next to him had introduced themselves to strangers or shaken his hand, nobody responded. But when he was identified, he was rightfully given a warm round of applause from those gathered that night. Incidentally, I believe it was also the same night the Oscar Meyer Wiener-mobile also appeared at St. Anthony's, which everyone identified easily and got a good laugh over. After Mass, I did take the opportunity to shake hands with both guests (our war hero and the wiener-mobile driver) and to thank them for coming and being with us.

Encountering those who are famous leaves an impression on us. We marvel at the prodigious talent they have. We honor how they stepped up in their role to change history. We identify their connection with causes and movements which are influential over all of society. We appreciate how they entertain us. For sure there may be more impactful people in our lives who will never be famous—our teachers, our parents, our mentors, our benefactors—but there is always a thrill to encounter a 'celebrated' person...a 'celebrity'...whose reputation precedes them.

The Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord signals the fulfillment of the Christmas Season. In this celebration, we commemorate that the Lord who took our flesh and lived our life, did not reject the cleansing baptism of John. Our Lord did not see it as something beneath him or under his dignity, as rightfully he might have. Jesus did not need to receive a baptism for the forgiveness of sins. John knew this and protested against Jesus coming into the waters, but at the command of the Lord, John relented. Thus Jesus brought his own fame and his holiness, his reputation and celebrity into the wilderness where John was preaching and received baptism... not to be cleansed by the experience as everyone was, but to cleanse the waters of baptism themselves, that they might not only be a sign of cleansing and forgiveness, but that the Spirit itself might dwell in those waters. Thus, everyone who receives the sign of baptism might have a sharing of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. In that encounter, all who are baptized are transformed.

The greatest power of fame and celebrity is the ability to change our lives. When we might have met a great athlete in our youth, might it have inspired better sportsmanship? When we heard a wonderful musician on the radio or on stage, might we have been inspired to imitate their craftsmanship by pulling down a guitar and working through the chords? Don't politicians attempt influence people by bringing stars to their campaigns and rallies? When we meet someone who is particularly saintly, does it not inspire us to greater holiness. In the Baptism of the Lord, St. Augustine reminds us that in the Sacrament of Baptism, it is not the priest or the deacon who baptizes, but *Christ himself* who baptizes. We have a moment where we encounter Christ through sacramental signs and mysteries, but that encounter is no less real. It is this brush with 'fame' at the beginning of our Christian journey that is meant to be a memorable, watershed moment—a brush with immortality where we get to keep a piece of that by the grace by invitation of the one who made the waters themselves holy.



#### — 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., January 12, 2025

7:30 a.m. Rose Mary Benz+

#### Tues., January 13, 2025

7:30 a.m. Leo Dietrich+

#### Wed., January 14, 2025

-at St. Dominic School

8:30 a.m. John & Elaine Will+

#### Thurs., January 15, 2026

7:30 a.m. Susan Bauer+

-at Good Samaritan Home

10:00 a.m. Fr. Ireneaus+

#### Friday, January 16, 2026

-at St. Dominic School

8:15 a.m. Florence Griesbaum+

#### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Saturday, January 17, 2026

4:00 p.m. David Zanger+

6:30 p.m. Parish Intentions

#### Sunday, January 18, 2026

8:00 a.m. Norm & Ruth Schmelze+

10:30 a.m. Mary Lou Wellman+

#### Perpetual Prayer Candle

Week of January 10-16

Jordan Holtmeyer

#### — 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

## PTO Provides Renovations for Faculty Room



On January 5, 2026, our school faculty was blessed with a surprise renovation for the faculty room provided by our amazing PTO and volunteers. Our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) showed their appreciation for our teachers and created a comfortable, relaxing, and functional space for staff to recharge during the school day. Over the Christmas break, volunteers provided fresh paint, new decorations and plants, and reorganized storage areas to create a lovely inviting atmosphere. PTO stocked our pantries with snacks, coffee bars items, updated storage units, new trash disposals, and supplies for quiet planning periods. This PTO renovation project shows their amazing commitment to supporting our school's educators, which all of our teachers and staff sincerely appreciate. Our PTO volunteers are a blessing!

### Mark Your Calendar

**Monday, January 12**

6:00 PM Provisional Advisory Board Meeting

**Tuesday, January 13**

1:00 PM Principals Meeting

6:30 PM School Board Meeting

**Wednesday, January 14**

8:30 AM School Mass

12:30 PM Grade 5 Vet's Home Field Trip

3:15 PM Faculty Meeting

**Thursday, January 15**

6:00-7:30 PM PTO Bingo For Books

**Friday, January 16**

Spirit Shirt Day

8:15 AM Quiet School Mass

**Monday, January 19—No School MLK Day**

ST. DOMINIC PTO IS HOSTING

# BINGO FOR BOOKS

**JANUARY 15TH**  
6:00PM-7:30PM

**FREE EVENT!**

Every time you win BINGO, you get to choose a free book to take home.

We will have books for ALL ages, even adults! Bake sale snacks and hot cocoa will be available to help support the 8th grade Washington D.C. trip.

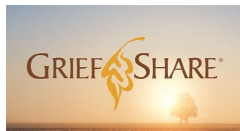
COME AND GO AS YOU CAN!  
ST. DOMINIC GYMNASIUM



# 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.

**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

## Help is needed! Fish Fries, Chairs for Junefest and St. Anthony Picnic

We are in need of help for the upcoming fish fries, and also chairs for the Junefest and St Anthony picnic.

**Save the dates:** Junefest June 6, 2026 and St Anthony Picnic July 18th, 2026

Please contact Jr Dreyer 217-779-0029 or Jackie Dreyer 217-222-8049.



## Dates for your Calendar

|                            |                                                |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Jan. 17, 5:00-7:30 p.m.    | Jumping into January Date Night with Childcare |
| Jan. 29, 6:00 p.m.         | Grief Share begins                             |
| Feb. 18                    | Ash Wednesday                                  |
| Feb. 20                    | Fish Fry at St. Dominic                        |
| Feb. 27                    | Fish Fry at St. Anthony                        |
| March 6                    | Fish Fry at St. Dominic                        |
| March 13                   | Fish Fry at St. Anthony                        |
| March 14                   | First Communion/ Confirmation in Springfield   |
| March 15 (10:30 a.m. Mass) | Second Communion at St. Anthony                |



## — Parish Data —

### PARISH CALENDAR

|                                                                                |                                          |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| <b><u>Monday, January 12</u></b><br>7:30 p.m.                                  | Men's Society Meeting                    |
| <b><u>Tuesday, January 13</u></b><br>6:30 a.m.                                 | School Board Meeting                     |
| <b><u>Wednesday, January 14</u></b>                                            |                                          |
| <b><u>Thursday, January 15</u></b><br>6:00-7:30 p.m.                           | Bingo for Books at<br>St. Dominic School |
| <b><u>Friday, January 16</u></b>                                               |                                          |
| <b><u>Saturday, January 17</u></b><br>4:00 p.m.<br>6:30 p.m.                   | Mass<br>Mass                             |
| <b><u>Sunday, January 18</u></b><br>8:00 a.m.<br>9:00-10:15 a.m.<br>10:30 a.m. | Mass<br>Families of Faith<br>Mass        |

**Pray with our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV  
the monthly intention for January 2026:**

*Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be  
nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in  
our communities, helping us to build a more fra-  
ternal and missionary Church.*



### WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING

| <u>Week 27</u>               | <u>January 3/4</u> | <u>Total Year-to-Date</u> |
|------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| Loose Collection             | \$ 1,779.00        | \$ 25,524.55              |
| Weekly Envelopes             | \$28,095.00        | \$ 294,779.22             |
| Holy Day (Solemnity of Mary) | \$1,374.00         | \$1,374.00                |
| Electronic Deposits          | \$0.00             | \$ 42,124.00              |
| Totals                       | \$31,248.00        | \$ 375,785.28             |
| Budget Goal                  | \$13,000.00        | \$ 351,000.00             |
| Difference                   | <b>\$18,248.00</b> | <b>\$24,785.28</b>        |

**Money Counters : Monday, January 12, 2026**

Michelle Ehrhardt Mary Courty

### Suggested Tithing Chart

| Per<br>hour | Per<br>year | 2%<br>per week | 4%<br>per week | 6%<br>per week | 8%<br>per week | 10%<br>per week | 12%<br>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 17 & 18, 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>                     | Mark Levins                                             | Angie Dean                                                    | Mike Baker                                                  | Deb Woodworth                                                 |
| <b>Usher</b>                      | Bill Anderson<br>Roger Benz<br>Tawny Benz<br>Jr. Dreyer | Tom Boone<br>George Dreyer<br>Joe Dreyer<br>Denis Hagerbaumer | Matt Kasparie<br>Mark Neisen<br>Dan Reichert<br>Dan Terwelp | Frank Arnold<br>Craig Schafer<br>Rick Schafer<br>Kurt Fischer |
| <b>Servers</b>                    | Volunteers                                              | The Benz Family                                               | Jesse Adams<br>Lizzy Smith                                  | Madison & Emma McCleary                                       |
| <b>Greeters/<br/>Gift Bearers</b> | Pat Vaughn                                              | Elmer & Jeannie Maas                                          | Lou Ann Weills                                              | Greg & Diane Dittmer                                          |
| <b>Rosary Leader</b>              | Volunteer                                               | Melanie Longenecker                                           | 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, Jim Brinkman

**Also please remember in your prayers those who have died in 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

**Pancake & Sausage Breakfast**

The Rock: Men of St. Peter Church is hosting a pancake and sausage breakfast on Sunday, January 25th, from 8 AM until 12:30 PM. The breakfast will be located in the cafeteria in the lower level of the church building. Cost is \$12 for adults/children 13 and older, \$5 for children ages 5 to 12 years old, and children under 5 years are free.

**Thank you! Thank you!**

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the **Giving Tree!** Everyone was very generous!

Thank you to everyone who donated to the **Staff Christmas** bonuses! Your generosity is greatly appreciated! Many thanks to everyone who brought cards for those parishioners who are in nursing homes. Your greetings brightened their holidays!

Thank you to our decorating committee for making our church so beautiful for Christmas and throughout the year. Thank you to our musicians and those singing in the choir for giving of their time to make our Christmas liturgies special. Thank you to all of those who volunteered to lector or serve as an altar server for all of our Christmas Masses! We appreciate everything everyone has done to make our Christmas at St. Anthony so special.

**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.



**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



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



**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.

**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.

**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.



Welcome  
**Jonathan and Connie Sibbing**  
to our St. Anthony Parish Family!

**Automatic Donations-** Now is the time of year to sign up for automatic donations especially if you are going to warmer weather for the winter. For more information please contact the parish office at 222-5996.

**MOVING???** If you are moving, please call the parish office 217-222-5996 to give us your new address. *We have found that the contact information we have for several people is not correct.*

**NEW PHONE NUMBER?** If you have dropped your land-line or have a new cell number in the past year please call us or email us at [secretary@stanthonypadua.org](mailto:secretary@stanthonypadua.org).

**NEW EMAIL ADDRESS?** If you have a new email address please email or call us with your new address.



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