



St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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February 8, 2026 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

A Message from Fr. Tom Donovan:

— 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



Mon., February 9, 2026

7:30 a.m. Bill Koch+

Tues., February 10, 2026

7:30 a.m. Vickie Arnold+

Wed., February 11, 2026

—at St. Dominic School
8:30 a.m. Richard Wand+

Thurs., February 12, 2026

7:30 a.m. Torres Family+
—at Good Samaritan Home
10:00 a.m. Robert & Mary Ellen Lohman+

Friday, February 13, 2026

—at St. Dominic School
8:15 a.m. Mary Wellman+

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, February 14, 2026

4:00 p.m. Roger Grawe+
6:30 p.m. Parish Intentions

Sunday, February 15, 2026

8:00 a.m. Susan Bauer+
10:30 a.m. D.J. Venvertloh+

Perpetual Prayer Candle

Week of February 7-13

Jake Messmer

Mark Frericks & April Rohn

Patsy Christen

— Parish Office Hours —

Monday-Friday

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

Bulletin Deadline: Monday, Noon

Isaiah speaks to Israel, calling them to a new observance of the Law. Indeed, not simply to the letter of the Law, but the *Mitzvahs* (good deeds done out of religious duty) which spread the charity of the Law to others. In giving bread to the poor and providing shelter for the homeless, we are not only observing the Law for our own salvation, but all the more, we mystically become God's hand of deliverance and mercy which is being shown to the one who receives! By answering the cries for help, we become like the dawn for those who are walking in the valley of darkness, leading those in need to safety. When we restrain our gossip and ill-speech and accusation of others, the gloom of the accuser, who night and day curses us before God, is cast out of our midst!



Indeed, as our psalm proclaims, "the just man is a light in the darkness to the upright!" Religion forms and trains and instructs us in virtue. The choice to live a virtuous life is presented to men and women of each day and age and in every circumstance of life and living. It is that response which is salvific: it is a response to grace.

In these weeks of reading the opening chapters of Matthew, we encounter a Jesus who lays claim to teaching and interpreting the Law, not as an ordinary scribe or rabbi, nor as someone exploiting the Law for his own gain, but as one who speaks with *authority*, that is, from the very essence of his being. He has a personal familiarity with the Law that expands it and raises it up, rather than limiting or circumscribing it. He teaches the Law, but not simply for the sake of the Law or for even the sake of moral excellence. He invites his listeners to hear the Law as an encounter with very heart of Divine Love. Listeners are challenged to hear the Law in a way that perhaps they have not heard it before. It is a pathway to Love, not merely a guardrail for discipline or a tool for social acceptance or advancement.

And so when the Law is lived, when the law is practiced, it reveals the love and mercy of God in the world. And so this weekend's Gospel calls for those who have encountered the Law in this way to make a choice. Be salt. Be light. Don't keep the blessing of the Law hidden within you. You have something that the world needs. Indeed, the just man is a light in the darkness to the upright. How does God care for the poor and the downtrod? Through your hands. How does he raise up the poor in spirit? Through your prayers. How does he bring about peace and justice? Through your righteousness. It is not a matter of one's own strength and excellence to bring about good, but instead of being open to God's power flowing through each of us to be a light in the darkness and to be salt when all else is tasteless.

Christianity 'looks like' something. It is not an abstraction of good feelings and well-wishes. It means rolling up one's sleeves and working in the mud. That is the very fulfillment of the mystery of the Incarnation and the celebration of Christmas, that now God appears before us, not as a God who retreats to his heaven, unable and unwilling to mix it up with this dark, ugly world. He enters the world on its own terms to raise it up and help it become holy. When we are asked, what must I do to be a better Christian, we look to the example and person of Jesus. What did he do? How did he do it? Why did he do it. It looks like something. Love looks like the cross. Sacrifice looks like his body and blood poured out as nourishment. His Word is spirit and life. The journey is a day-by-day walk "up to Jerusalem" where death and resurrection await. Mercy is healing the sick, raising the dead, forgiving the sinner. Prayer is days in the desert battling Satan himself under the protection of the angels who will not let one's foot strike a stone. Moral responsibility is the Good Samaritan who takes care of his neighbor. Wisdom is sitting with the children. Heaven is the King's Banquet where all are dressed in their finery. The Law is an abstraction for what can be good; we are the living instances of God's goodness in the world. Don't hide your light under a bushel basket or throw it on the ground to be trampled. To the glory of God, your Father, be salt! Be light!

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A Message from Mrs. Carol Frericks—Principal

Children's Candlemas Celebration for Feast of the Presentation



On Friday, January 30, 2026, our preschool through eighth-grade buddies presented a Children's Candlemas Celebration for our school. The prayer service was a celebration for the feast of the Presentation of Jesus, which is also called the feast of Candlemas. Our students celebrated with all the children of the world to ask God to bless us and help us walk in the light of Jesus Christ. We said prayers of thanksgiving to God for sending us His light to help us see in so many different ways. We reenacted when Mary and Joseph took the child Jesus on their journey to present him in the temple with Simeon and Anna. When we give thanks and spread the light of Jesus' love, we serve God as disciples. When our students lead and serve sharing the light of Christ, we all experience holy moments of LOVE at St. Dominic School.

ST. DOMINIC'S FRY-DAYS

February 20
March 6
March 20

4:30pm - 7:00pm

Carry-outs available;
enter through EAST driveway

ST. ANTHONY'S FRY-DAYS

February 27
March 13
March 27

4:30pm - 7:00pm

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SOUTH basement entrance

Please sign up for your Fish Fry service hours using this QR Code. Thank you for sharing your time and talents in support of our parish and Catholic school events.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Monday, February 9

9:00AM-12:30PM Grade 8 Visits QND

Tuesday, February 10

1:00 PM Principals and Pastors Meeting

6:30 PM School Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 11

8:30 AM School Mass

9:30 AM—2:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration

12:30 Grade 5 Field Trip Vet's Home

3:15 PM Faculty Meeting

Thursday, February 12

3:00 PM Girl Scouts—Brownies

6:00-7:30PM PTO Family Fitness Fun Night

Friday, February 13

No School

Quincy Catholic Schools Diocesan Teacher Retreat

Monday, February 16

No School — Presidents Day



Upcoming Events

Parish Life Survey As a parish community, we are called to grow together in faith, service, and discipleship. Our newly-recommissioned Discipleship Committee has created a survey opportunity for parishioners to reflect honestly on our parish life—both the areas where we are doing well and the areas where we have room to grow. Your feedback will help us recognize our strengths and identify where additional care, resources, or support may be needed.

As the Discipleship Committee, our goal is to give parishioners a meaningful voice in shaping the ministry and mission of our parish. We want to know what you value, what helps you feel connected to our parish, and what you hope to see more of in the future. By building on what we already do well and listening openly to one another, we can continue to grow together as a vibrant and welcoming parish community. We would like for each adult parishioner to complete the survey. This means in a household with spouses, that each spouse will take a separate survey. To take the survey, please use this QR code to submit it electronically. You can also take the survey by using a printed copy that will be available after Mass. You can return it next weekend in a basket that will be in the vestibule. Both electronic and paper copies will be anonymous, so please complete them with honest, constructive feedback.



Please complete the survey by Sunday, February 15th. If you have any questions after Mass, members of the Discipleship Committee will be available to talk with you. Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts and for being an active part of our parish's life and mission.



St. Anthony Ladies Society will be hosting a Spring Craft/Vendor Event

on Saturday, March 21, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at the Father Irenaeus Hall (formerly called St. Anthony hall). There will also be a bake sale and homemade cinnamon rolls as well as lunch. If you would like to help vendors carry in their items before the event or carry out afterwards please let us know. We are happy to report that all of our vendor spaces are filled? Anyone who would like to help the day of the craft show (helping in the kitchen, working at the raffle table, tearing down and resetting up the hall after the event, etc.) please contact Janet Bick (rjbick@comcast.net or 217-430-7256) or Tawny Benz (at rtbenz77@gmail.com or 217-257-0847)



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FISH FRIES

- ON THE MENU -

Catfish Plate (Whole or Fillet).....\$15.00
(includes 3 sides, drink, & dessert)

Walleye Plate.....\$15.00
(includes 3 sides, drink, & dessert)

Child's Plate.....\$8.00
(includes 1 pc. of walleye, 2 sides, drink, & dessert)

Fish Sandwich, Fries, & Drink.....\$8.00

• HOMEMADE DESSERT •

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Help is needed! Fish Fries

We are in need of help for the upcoming fish fries. **Ladies of the Parish We Need Your Help for Desserts** We need your help providing pies, cakes & dessert for the fish fries. Last names schedule:
A-G St. Dominic Feb. 20 A-G St. Anthony Mar 13
H-O St. Anthony Feb. 27 H-O St. Dominic Mar. 20
P-Z St. Dominic Mar. 6 P-Z St. Anthony Mar. 27

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

Save the dates for Vacation Bible School: June 22,23, & 24th at St. Anthony's!

— Parish Data —

PARISH CALENDAR	
Monday, February 9 7:30 p.m.	Men's Society Meeting
Tuesday, February 10 6:30 p.m.	St. Dominic School Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 11	
Thursday, February 12 6:00 p.m. 6:00-7:30 p.m.	GriefShare Family Fitness Night at St. Dominic School
Friday, February 13	NO School-Faculty Retreat in Springfield
Saturday, February 14 4:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Mass Mass
Sunday, February 15 8:00 a.m. 9:00-10:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Mass Families of Faith Mass

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

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.



WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING		
Week 30	January 24/25	Total Year-to-Date
Loose Collection	\$ 500.00	\$ 27,917.80
Weekly Envelopes	\$ 8,960.00	\$ 320,544.22
Electronic Deposits	\$ 0.00	\$ 42,124.00
Total, January 24/25	\$ 9,460.00	\$ 403,943.53
Budget Goal <small>(we need no less than this to stay out of deficit spending for the year!)</small>	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 390,000.00
Difference	(\$ 3,540.00)	\$ 13,943.53

Money Counters : Monday February 2, 2026
 Nancy Speckhart Melanie Longenecker Jan Obert

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. February 14 & 15, 2026

	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	Bill Anderson	Janet Bick	Carol Frericks	Kim Peters
Usher	Bill Anderson Tom Grawe Jack Kuhlman Mike Zanger	Chris Ehrhardt Christopher Ehrhardt George Huber Elmer Maas	Jerry Dreier Rod Davis Luke Weiman Matt Weiman	Diane Dittmer Greg Dittmer Ken Klauser Brian Koch
Servers	Morgan Venvertloh Madeline Lowe	The Benz Family	Lucas Smith Jesse Adams	Connor Earnst Andi Kirlin
Greeters/ Gift Bearers	Jr. & Jackie Dreyer	Marilyn Boone	Mike & Giny Baker	Troy & Kim Peters
Rosary Leader	Volunteer	Earl Boone	Mary Koch	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, Jim Brinkman

Also please remember in your prayers those who have died in 2026:

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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

Save the dates:

Junefest: June 6, 2026 and
St Anthony Picnic; July 18th, 2026
We are in need of Chairpersons for both events.
Please contact Jr Dreyer 217-779-0029
or Jackie Dreyer 217-222-8049.

QND Open House, Sunday, Feb. 22nd

1-2 p.m. will be informational presentations & discussions in cafeteria for parents while any student that attends can visit with current QND students in the library.

2-3 p.m. is open for tours of the school & teachers will be available in the classrooms. Families can explore on their own or be included in a QND student-guided tour. For more information contact Natalie Genenbacher at ngenenbacher@qndhs.org or 217-223-2479 ext. 326.



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.

St. Brigid Trivia Night! Saturday, Feb. 28 at St. Brigid Catholic Church at 6:30 pm. Trivia Night to support the Catholic Heart Work Camp trip in June. If trivia is not your game, come to enjoy the supper before. Meal is served at 4 pm, for a free will donation. To register your team contact Jeanne Cramsey 217-653-3962. \$20 per individual or \$160 per table (max 8 people)

Quincy Catholic Chess Club: Calling all chess players! Quincy Catholic Chess Club is hosting a chess tournament at St. Peter's cafeteria on Feb. 21. Anyone K-8 is welcome to attend. Cost is \$10 per child. Starts at 8:00am and should conclude by 12:30pm. To register or ask questions, please contact Chris Gill at fishgills1208@gmail.com. Deadline to register is February 17.

St. Thomas Parish: Deacon Dennis Holbrook once again will be coming to St. Thomas Parish Hall, Camp Point on Monday, March 9th at 6:30 p.m. This time he will speak on "The Sign of the Cross". All are invited to attend.

QND Coaching Opportunity

Quincy Notre Dame High School is seeking a qualified candidate for an **Assistant Girls Volleyball Coach** for the 2026-27 school year. To receive full consideration, interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume and three letters of reference by Friday, February 20, to QND Athletic Director Bill Connell at bconnell@qndhs.org.

Volunteers needed at Ladies of Charity

Ladies of Charity is looking for volunteers for both our Thrift Store (24 & Elm) and our Center (4th&State). Most volunteers are women but men are also invited to assist us with some of the heavy lifting jobs. We are particularly looking for volunteers who can work the cash registers at our Thrift Store but other opportunities also exist at both the Thrift Store and the Center. Volunteers typically donate 2 to 5 hours of their time per week. Please call/text either Kathy Obert at (703)786-4788 or Brenda Ehrhardt at (217) 257-8832 to learn more.



College Scholarship Available to Girls Graduating High School in 2026

The Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic women is offering a \$2000 College Scholarship to Girls Graduating in 2026 from either Quincy Notre Dame, public school or home school. Application must be in by April 15th. See your parish office to pick up the application

St. Anthony Vacation Bible School will be needing new coordinators in 2027. If you are interested and want to know more now is the time to volunteer to work with the present coordinator! Please call Penny Weiman at 217-430-0391 for more information.



FEBRUARY GROCERY ITEMS
Tuna and Macaroni & Cheese
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

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Blessed Sacrament Scouts Ash Wednesday Fish Fry

Feb. 18th, 4-7 p.m. in Blessed Sacrament School Cafeteria. Dine in, carry out, curbside pickup. Cash, check or card.

Catfish or walleye dinner with 3 sides, dessert, drink \$14
Mac & Cheese with applesauce, dessert, drink \$7

EQUIP: Quincy Holy Family Fest. Saturday, March 7th, 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. at Quincy Notre Dame. For more information or to register use the QR code or go to quincyholyfamilyfest.com.

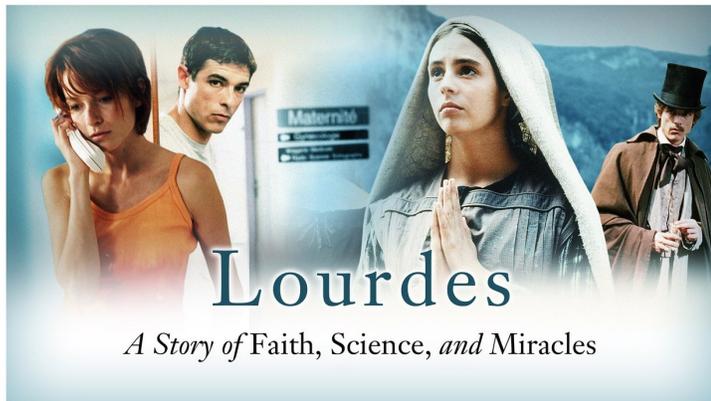


Welcome to all visitors to St. Anthony Parish!

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.

St. Peter School Teacher Openings for the 2026-2027

School Year St. Peter School is accepting applications for full-time teaching positions for the 2026-2027 school year. We have a 4th grade position as well as a 7/8 grade Science/Religion/Reading position open. Applicants must hold an active Illinois teaching license and demonstrate enthusiasm and dedication to student success. As a Catholic school, we seek educators who are committed to fostering both academic excellence and spiritual growth in a faith-filled environment that supports the values of our Catholic tradition. Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume, and three letters of reference via email to c.venvertloh@cospg.org or by mail to **Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh, Principal, St. Peter School, 2500 Maine Street, Quincy, IL 62301**. For inquiries, please contact the school office at **217-223-1120**. St. Peter School wages are based on years of experience and education ranging from \$33,000 to \$70,000 depending upon education and experience. More specific information will be provided upon request. A summary of benefits can be found at <https://dio.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/2026-Benefits-Flyer-2.pdf>.



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