



# St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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## February 15, 2026 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

### A Message from Fr. Tom Donovan:



In today's Gospel, Jesus is telling us that the 'letter of the Law' is not enough. We need to be looking deeper. Indeed, Jesus has come to make sure that not a single dot or dash is forgotten from the Word of God. God's Word will be fulfilled in an even grater way than the simple literal or even a moral telling can convey to us. Do we have anger in our hearts? Be careful! You may be liable to sin as one who commits murder. Do you have list? Be careful! You may be liable to sin as one who commits adultery. These are hard words— and perhaps

even discouraging words for those who simply want to draw simplistic lines around what is 'good' and what is 'bad'. There is no room for compromise in the Lord's words, for we are called to be not just 'good', but to be 'holy'.

The Scriptures are not a minimalist rulebook for Christian living, but it is the beginning of a life-consuming adventure and pursuit of transformation from what we are to what we are called to be. "We speak God's wisdom, mysterious, hidden, which God pre-determined before the ages for our glory..." (1 Cor 2: 7)

— 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., February 16, 2026  
7:30 a.m. Jim Hildebrand+

Tues., February 17, 2026  
7:30 a.m. Roy & Irene Klausert+

Ash Wednesday  
Wed., February 18, 2026  
7:30 a.m. Parish Intentions  
-at St. Dominic School  
8:30 a.m. Rosalyn Boone+  
6:30 p.m. Bill Koch+

Thurs., February 19, 2026  
7:30 a.m. Dorothy Young Spencer+  
-at Good Samaritan Home  
10:00 a.m. Judy Emerick+

Friday, February 20, 2026  
-at St. Dominic School  
8:15 a.m. Barbara Boone+

First Sunday of Lent  
Saturday, February 21, 2026  
4:00 p.m. Blake Genenbacher+  
6:30 p.m. Vickie Arnold+

Sunday, February 22, 2026  
8:00 a.m. Dolly Genenbacher+  
10:30 a.m. Parish Intentions  
**Perpetual Prayer Candle**  
Week of February 14-20  
Mary & Leroy Venvertloh  
Frericks & Meyer Families  
Paul & Kay Smith

— Parish Office Hours —  
Monday-Friday  
8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
Bulletin Deadline: Monday, Noon

**Lenten Regulations:** The Season of Lent begins this year on **Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026** and will end just prior to the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, **April 2, 2026**, when the Paschal Triduum begins. Lent is the principal penitential season in the Church year. All Christian Faithful are urged to develop and maintain a program of self-denial, prayer, and the performance of deeds of charity and mercy (including giving of alms), *in addition to* the following *minimal* Lenten disciplines:

- **ABSTINENCE – Everyone 14 years of age and over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.**
  - While abstinence is not required under the age of 14, it is laudable that parents teach children abstinence and other suitable acts penance as a way to learn and understand the true spirit of the Lenten season.
- **FAST – Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 is required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.** On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is permitted. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to each person's needs, but together these two should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed.
  - Over age 59, it is laudable to follow the discipline of fasting on these days, but one should not scruple about modifying or breaking the fast at this age when matters of health and well-being come into question.
  - Under age 59, when pregnant or nursing, performing significant manual labor, or suffering from a serious illness (a chronic illness such as diabetes or hypoglycemia, or a more immediate illness where fasting would not be healthy,) it may be morally impossible to follow this precept, and so it would not be binding.
- **To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.** "Seriously sinful" is a moral theologian's code word for "mortal sin," given a person acting with knowledge, freedom, and choice. 'Accidents' are not necessarily mortal sins, but may perhaps be a sign that one is not taking one's Lenten disciplines seriously enough, which may be a separate issue for one's conscience.

Masses on **Ash Wednesday** will be at **7:30 am** at St. Anthony Church, **8:30 am** at St. Dominic School, and at **6:30 pm** at St. Anthony Church.

Each Wednesday during Lent (after Ash Wednesday), in addition to Mass at St. Dominic School, there will be a **6:00 pm Mass** at St. Anthony Church, with **Stations of the Cross beginning at 5:30 pm**.

**It's Fish Fry season!** Our first Fish Fry will be this Friday evening, **February 20** starting at 4:30 pm at St. Dominic School. Full details are on our "Coming Events" page.

# St. Dominic School

4100 Columbus Road — Quincy, Illinois 62305

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cfrericks@stdominicquincy.org



A Message from Mrs. Carol Frericks—Principal

## Seventh Grade Leaders Teach About Generosity



During the month of February, our seventh-grade leaders, along with their teacher, Mrs. Jennifer Dyer, are teaching our K-8 students about the Fruit of the Holy Spirit — GENEROSITY, and the virtue for each week, including trustworthiness, courtesy, and self-control. During Morning Assembly, Mrs. Dyer presents the daily Scripture reading, and student leaders read the reflection and prayer. Then, Mrs. Dyer or student leaders provide a lesson 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. We have learned that GENEROSITY is the giving of oneself in a willing and cheerful manner for the good of others. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we can give our life to God by saying “Yes, Lord, I will do Your will.” When we love God more than anything else, we can be generous with others.

### Mark Your Calendar

**Monday, February 16**

No School — Presidents Day

**Tuesday, February 17**

Pre K-7 Mardi Gras Provided by Grade 8

7:00 PM Finance Council Meeting

**Wednesday, February 18**

**Ash Wednesday**

8:30 AM School Mass

Lent Prayer Buddies Begins

**Thursday, February 19**

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM TFF Principals Meeting

**Friday, February 20**

Spirit Shirt Day

8:15 AM Quiet School Mass

4:00-7:00PM St. Dominic Fish Fry

### 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

Carry-outs available; enter  
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.





# Upcoming Events

**ST. ANTHONY PARISH • ST. DOMINIC SCHOOL**

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Quincy, IL 62305

**2026**

4100 Columbus Rd.  
Quincy, IL 62305

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## FISH FRIES

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- 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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March 6  
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4:30pm - 7:00pm

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enter through EAST driveway

**ST. ANTHONY'S FRY-DAYS**

February 27  
March 13  
March 27

4:30pm - 7:00pm

Carry-outs available; enter  
SOUTH basement entrance

**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.

You may also sign up to help at either St. Dominic or St. Anthony Fish Fries by going to the sign-up using the QR code.

**Trusting Jesus in a Wild World** will be the theme for this year's **St. Anthony Vacation Bible School**. Mark your calendars for June 22, 23, 24! More information will be sent out later.

**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.

**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.

**Spring CRAFT SHOW**

**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)

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES**  
**February 18th**

Masses on Ash Wednesday  
**7:30 am** at St. Anthony Church,  
**8:30 am** at St. Dominic School,  
**6:30 pm** at St. Anthony Church.

**WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT**

Each Wednesday during Lent (after Ash Wednesday), in addition to Mass at St. Dominic School, there will be a **6:00 pm Mass** at St. Anthony Church, with **Stations of the Cross** beginning at 5:30 pm.

*The Season of Lent*

# — Parish Data —

PARISH CALENDAR	
<b>Monday, February 16</b> 6:30 p.m.	We Care
<b>Tuesday, February 17</b> 7:00 p.m.	Finance Council Meeting
<b>Wednesday, February 18</b> 7:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	<b>Ash Wednesday</b> Mass at St. Anthony Mass at St. Dominic Merry Widows Lunch at Sprouts
6:30 p.m. <b>Thursday, February 19</b> 6:00 p.m.	Mass at St. Anthony GriefShare
<b>Friday, February 20</b> 4:30–7:00 p.m.	Fish Fry at St. Dominic School
<b>Saturday, February 21</b> 4:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Mass Mass
<b>Sunday, February 22</b> 8:00 a.m. 9:00-10:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Mass Families of Faith Mass (Holy Moments)

**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 31	February 7/8	Total Year-to-Date
Loose Collection	\$ 1,136.00	\$ 29,053.80
Weekly Envelopes	\$ 9,206.00	\$ 329,750.22
Electronic Deposits	\$ 7,954.00	\$ 50,078.00
<b>Total, February 7/8</b>	<b>\$ 18,296.00</b>	<b>\$ 422,239.53</b>
<b>Budget Goal</b> <small>(we need no less than this to stay out of deficit spending for the year!)</small>	<b>\$ 13,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 403,000.00</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$ 5,296.00</b>	<b>\$ 19,239.53</b>
<b>Money Counters : Tuesday, February 17, 2026</b> Bill Anderson Lou Ann Weils		

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 21 & 22, 2026

	Saturday, 4:00 PM	Saturday, 6:30 PM	Sunday, 8:00 AM	Sunday, 10:30 AM
<b>Key Minister/</b>	Jr. & Jackie Dreyer		Gene & Rita Goerlich	Pat & Amanda Veile
<b>Lector</b>	Janice Zanger	Angie Dean	Michelle Kasparie	Carol Frericks
<b>Usher</b>	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
<b>Servers</b>	Timmy Obert Volunteer	The Mathews Family	Luke & Addison Weiman	Alex & Alaina Wellman
<b>Greeters/ Gift Bearers</b>	Dana & Rose Lugering Family	William & Ann Dixon	Rod & Debbie Davis	Daren & Andrea Sims Family
<b>Rosary Leader</b>	Roger & Tawny Benz	The Mathews Family	Jerry & Trudy Dreier	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, Jim Brinkman

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

February 15, 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

**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. 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](mailto: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](mailto:bconnell@qndhs.org).

**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 [nngenbacher@qndhs.org](mailto:nngenbacher@qndhs.org) or 217-223-2479 ext. 326.

**St. Francis Spring Card Party**

Where: St. Francis Parish Center

When: Thursday, March 5th

Time: 11:00-3:00 (doors open at 10:30)

Cost: \$13 (includes lunch)

**Singles Late 50s and Above:** Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for a life-changing RENEW weekend retreat at the Pallottine Retreat Center (30 min from downtown St. Louis), on April 10-12, 2026. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Visit [www.RenewRetreats.org](http://www.RenewRetreats.org), e-mail [renewretreat.stl@gmail.com](mailto:renewretreat.stl@gmail.com), or call (314) 703-1002 for details.



**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.



**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.



**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**

## St. Anthony of Padua Church, Quincy, February 15, 2026

### 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](http://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](mailto: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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### What Catholics Believe About Lent: Fasting, Ashes, and 40 Days Explained

Join Fr. Scott Bailey, a priest in the Archdiocese of Denver, as he answers some of the Internet's most asked questions about Lent. What is Lent? Why is it 40 days long? Or even, what should I give up for Lent? Find out in this episode of What Catholics Believe.

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