



# St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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## February 22, 2026 – First Sunday of Lent (A)

### A Message from Fr. Tom Donovan:



The First Sunday of Lent presents Jesus' temptation by Satan. The Gospel is intended to be the counterpoint to the first reading, which is the story of the temptation and fall of Adam and Eve in the garden. St. Paul, commenting on them both, reflects on the mystery: "For just as through the disobedience of the one [Adam] man the many were made sinners, so, through the obedience of the one [Jesus], the many will be made righteous."

What was Satan offering? Bread? But Jesus had multiplied bread to feed 5,000. Power and glory? But Jesus would explain that his Kingdom was "not of this world". Personal safety? Meaningless to one willing to humbly accept crucifixion. Perhaps Jesus had no need for the goods that Satan was offering, but nonetheless, as fully human, like us in all ways but sin, he still had biological and social and even spiritual needs to be satisfied.

The Gospel accounts of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, are read in turn during the three year readings cycle. They are meant to impress upon us during these first weeks of Lent, that the temptation of the Lord was not a mere superficial test. These temptations strike at the very heart of what it means to trust the Father and to have faith. This is the same faith that in the recent weeks of studying the Beatitudes, takes us beyond the mere letter of the Law into living the spirit and fullness of every word that comes forth from the mouth of God. It is a faith that prepares us for the mystery of the Cross.

Jesus' victory in the desert is not only an example, but it is a beginning. He is the New Adam, rewrites humanity's story through new-found obedience. Where the first man fell in a garden of abundance, the New Man stands firm in the desert of deprivation. Where the first reached out to grasp, the second opens his hands in surrender. Triumph is not merely personal— Christ fights Satan as one of us and for us.

This means when we struggle with temptation—the pull of comfort, the lure of recognition, the fear of suffering—we do not stand alone. Christ has already entered the wilderness and faced the adversary. Because he has conquered, we participate in his victory. Lent is not a gloomy season of self-denial for its own sake, but it is a time of training and a sharing of Christ's own forty days in the desert, that his obedience may take root in us through fasting, prayer, and almsgiving.

The desert should not frighten us. It is the place where illusions fall away and faith is purified. It is where we learn that, with Jesus, our deepest need is not bread or power or spectacle, but communion with the Father. When we fall, his victory is our hope and his obedience is our pathway back. Christ's victory over temptation is not merely his story— it is the promise of ours.

**Lenten Regulations:** The Season of Lent began 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.
- **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.
- **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.

#### — 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 23, 2026

7:30 a.m. Abe Huber+

#### Tues., February 24, 2026

7:30 a.m. Jean Powers+

#### Wed., February 25, 2026

-at St. Dominic School

8:30 a.m. Curtis Boone+

6:00 p.m. Richard Wand+

#### Thurs., February 26, 2026

7:30 a.m. No Mass

-at Good Samaritan Home

10:00 a.m. No Mass

#### Friday, February 27, 2026

-at St. Dominic School

8:15 a.m. No Mass

#### *Second Sunday of Lent*

#### Saturday, February 28, 2026

4:00 p.m. Curtis Boone+

6:30 p.m. Parish Intentions

#### Sunday, March 1, 2026

8:00 a.m. Robert & Rita Hummel+

10:30 a.m. Harold & Dorothy Parn+

Perpetual Prayer Candle

Week of February 21-27

The Thomas Family

The Frericks & Kamphaus Family

#### — 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

## Holy Moments of Generosity



On Thursday, February 12, our seventh-grade leaders performed a skit during Morning Assembly to demonstrate courtesy at school. These students showed how to greet others with eye contact and kind words by being courteous, which means treating other people with respect and recognizing that all are made in God's image and likeness. It means allowing God to soften our hearts and for us to look up noticing those around us with His kind and merciful gaze. When we witness or receive a courteous gesture from another person, something simple, yet profound, takes place within us. We feel seen and respected by that person who extended courtesy, kindness, and generosity. These encounters create a sense of belonging and holy moments of living the Gospel call to "do unto others as you would have them do to you" (Matthew 7:12). When we look up and greet others with courtesy, we experience holy moments of GENEROSITY at St. Dominic School, where Holy Moments happen every day!

### Mark Your Calendar

**Sunday, February 22**

10:30 AM Holy Moments Mass—Grade 7

1:00-3:00 PM QND Open House

**Tuesday, February 24**

12:30-2:30 PM Grade 8 Field Trip to QC Theatre

7:00 PM Discipleship Meeting

**Wednesday, February 25**

8:30 AM School Mass

6:00 PM PTO Meeting

**Thursday, February 26**

3:00 PM Girl Scouts — Daisies

**Friday, February 27**

Out-of-Dress Code Day

8:15 AM Quiet School Mass

4:30-7:00PM St. Anthony Fish Fry



Congratulations to Matt and Mandy Wand for joining our parish and to their children Abram, Luke, Joel, and Ellie on receiving the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, February 15, 2026.



# Upcoming Events

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

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## 2026 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 •

ST. DOMINIC'S FRY-DAYS	ST. ANTHONY'S FRY-DAYS
February 20 March 6 March 20 4:30pm - 7:00pm Carry-outs available; enter through EAST driveway	February 27 March 13 March 27 4:30pm - 7:00pm Carry-outs available; enter SOUTH basement entrance

**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)

**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.

**We also will need help at each of the Fish Fries.**  
*Help is also needed to cut up potatoes on the Thursday before each fish fry.*

*1:30 p.m. on the Thursday before St. Dominic fish fries.  
9:00 a.m. on the Thursday before St. Anthony fish fries*

**Working at the parish events such as our fish fries is a great way to meet fellow parishioners and help your parish at the same time! Please use the QR code at the left to sign up or go to the St. Anthony website [www.stanthonypadua.org](http://www.stanthonypadua.org) where you will find fish fry information. Click on that and you will be able to sign up.**

**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.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS & MASSES**  
**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 23</b> 6:30 p.m.	Butterfly Support Group
<b>Tuesday, February 24</b>	
<b>Wednesday, February 25</b> 8:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Mass at St. Dominic Mass at St. Anthony
<b>Thursday, February 26</b> 6:00 p.m. 5:30-7:00 p.m.	GriefShare Choir Practice
<b>Friday, February 27</b> 4:30–7:00 p.m.	Fish Fry at St. Anthony
<b>Saturday, February 28</b> 4:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Mass Mass
<b>Sunday, March 1</b> 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 32	February 14/15	Total Year-to-Date
Loose Collection	\$ 1,083.00	\$ 30,136.80
Weekly Envelopes	\$ 9,023.00	\$ 338,773.22
Electronic Deposits	\$ 0.00	\$ 50,078.00
<b>Total, February 7/8</b>	<b>\$ 10,106.00</b>	<b>\$ 432,345.53</b>
Budget Goal <i>(we need no less than this to stay out of deficit spending for the year!)</i>	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 416,000.00
<b>Difference</b>	<b>(\$ 2,894.00)</b>	<b>\$ 16,345.53</b>
<b>Money Counters : Monday, February 23, 2026</b> 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. February 28 & March 1, 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>	Mark Levins	Dave Keck	Jim Obert	Deb Woodworth
<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>	Madeline Lowe Volunteer	Rozalyn Brass Brooklyn Deege	Zain & Kolbie Schutte	Pius IX Altar Servers
<b>Greeters/ Gift Bearers</b>	Mary Koch	Elmer & Jeanne Maas	kristine Doane Family	Clint & Elise Sutter Family
<b>Rosary Leader</b>	Carol Vogel	Melanie Longenecker	Steve Jansen	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:**

February 22, 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

**The Pictorial Directories are here!!**

If you and your family had their picture taken for the directory you may pick up your free directory after Masses this weekend or at the parish office 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday-Friday.

**ST. DOMINIC SCHOOL PRESCHOOL  
TEACHER AIDE POSITION OPENING:**

We are accepting applications for a part-time preschool teacher aide position in our Little Dolphins Preschool Program for the 2026-2027 school year. If you are interested in serving as a preschool teacher aide from 8:00 AM to 1:30 PM on school days, please contact Mrs. Carol Frericks at [cfrericks@stdominicquincy.org](mailto:cfrericks@stdominicquincy.org) or call the school office at 217-224-0041 for an application and the job description. St. Dominic School part-time hourly wages range from \$15.00 to \$17.00 per hour. A summary of benefits can be found at <https://dio.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Benefits-Flyer-1.pdf>.

**St. Peter Lenten Mission March 8, 9, 10**

“Passion & Presence: Living Your Eucharistic Identity Through the Paschal Mystery” hosted by Sister M Clementia. Begins with Adoration at 6 p.m. on Sunday, March 8. Sister will begin at 7 p.m. all three nights. All are welcome.

St. Anthony Parish welcomes

**Abram David Wand**

**Luke Thomas Wand**

**Joel Matthew Wand**

**Ellie Kay Wand**

children of

**Matthew and Amanda Darnell Wand**

who were baptized February 15, 2026

into the Catholic faith.



**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.



**FEBRUARY GROCERY ITEMS**

**Tuna and Macaroni & Cheese**

**The Ladies of Charity & Catholic Charities**

**Thank You**



**Quincy Catholic Charities** is announcing their annual fundraising event . **Murder at the Disco!** Dinner and entertainment on Saturday March 14 from 5-10 PM. Town and Country Inn and Suites. Buy your tickets with the QR code below or at [CC.DIO.ORG](http://CC.DIO.ORG)



**Volunteers needed at Ladies of Charity**

Ladies of Charity is looking for volunteers for both our Thrift Store (24 & Elm) and our Center (4<sup>th</sup>&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.



**Choir Practice Schedule For Good Friday and Easter Vigil**

If you are interested in singing with our choir on Good Friday, April 3, and Easter Vigil, April 4, please come to all rehearsals. Rehearsals are on Thursdays from 5:30 - 7 PM at Church. Dates are: February 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26, and after Holy Thursday services, if needed. I really need you to be at ALL rehearsals, as we will sing some of our music acapella (no accompaniment). For more information please call me at work 217.222.0515 – or on my cell 217.779.0152 or send me an email [Mec-ki@travelhouseofquincy.com](mailto:Mec-ki@travelhouseofquincy.com) Hope to see you on 26 February!



**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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**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.

**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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