



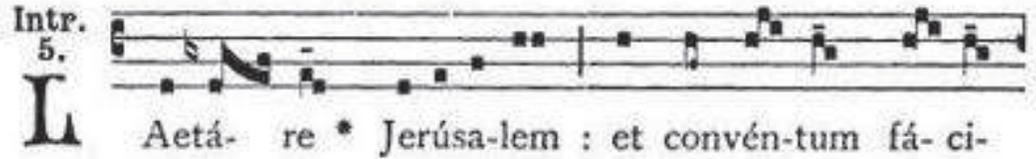
St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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March 15, 2026—Fourth Sunday of Lent (A)

A Message from Fr. Tom Donovan:



The **Fourth Sunday of Lent**, *Laetare Sunday*, gains its title from the proper Entrance Antiphon (also called the Introit) that belongs to the Mass: “Rejoice, O Jerusalem, and gather together all you that love her...” The modestly-festive nature of the weekend compared to the other weekends of Lent is a reminder, first, that Lent is now more than half over. Secondly, it is a reminder that, even in this season of penance, we have much to rejoice in, for the victory over sin and death is already won. The completion (and perhaps even the intensification) of our Lenten disciplines is simply an opportunity to further strengthen our minds and hearts to recognize and embrace God’s graces anew at Eastertime. Renewing our commitment to keeping the entire length of the Lenten fast will also help us to sustain our Easter celebration over the entirety of the fifty days that follow Easter Sunday.

The **Man Born Blind** is presented to us from the Gospel of John this week, the second of the “Lenten Tryptic”. The man born blind represents all who are burdened by the weight of human frailty imposed by our nature as created beings. The man had never had the ability to see, and thus was sidelined from work, family, even the practice of the faith. Jesus’ intervention is not exactly ‘healing’ or ‘repair’, for the man had never had sight before... it is instead a new creative act of God’s will and generosity... to enlighten the man’s eyes and mind where before had only been darkness. This enlightenment reminds us that our encounters with God are ultimately transformative, revealing new gifts and abilities where they had not been before. Such encounters are not simply restorative or evocative of latent abilities that are simply dormant, but a transformation of the life and receptivity of the human heart to the light of God’s presence.



St. Anthony of Padua Church and St. Dominic School announces an opening for a new position which I am tentatively calling: “Director of Parish Outreach and Engagement”. This job and ministry, reporting to the pastor, is intended to expand our Stewardship, Mission, and Ministry outreach efforts to our parishioners, taking charge of activities such as *Communio*, youth ministry, the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA), Vacation Bible School (VBS), liturgical ministry training and scheduling, the organization and support of small faith-sharing groups, as well as coordinating more formal programming for adult religious formation. This role may be available to assist in religious education ministries at St. Dominic School and with the parish-based Families of Faith programming, but is formally separate from these efforts. Finally, the employee would be a liaison for our upcoming Centennial Campaign, receiving guidance from and providing assistance to our professional Campaign directors. This will be a half-time to full-time position, and the applicant should be an active, participating member of St. Anthony parish. Expected salary range will be \$20-45k depending on part-time or full-time status, and will also include for FT employees, eligibility for diocesan benefits, summarized here: <https://dio.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Benefits-Flyer-1.pdf>. Please provide a letter of interest as well as a resume to the parish office. The application window will close on April 1 or when the position is filled. For further information, please contact the parish office at (217) 222-5996.

A word of thanks: It has been brought to my attention by those who enter data for our collections that a number of families have in recent months increased their donations to our weekly collections... taking a step in Stewardship, as we might have expressed it in previous years. Upon examining the records, I can confirm that this effect is true and, if you notice from our weekly collection data in the bulletin, we are making some progress towards staying close to our weekly goals. I simply wanted to take an opportunity to offer a word of thanks... it has been noticed... and it makes a difference! Thank you!



The Secular Carmelites will host Eucharistic Adoration at St. Anthony Church for the intention of our area parish priests. (Thanks!) This is an event that rotates through all of our parish churches on a monthly basis. Please join us for adoration today, Sunday, March 15 at 3:00pm.

— 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., March 16, 2026

7:30 a.m. Leroy Vaughn+

Tues., March 17, 2026

7:30 a.m. Patrick & Rich Rakers+

Wed., March 18, 2026

-at St. Dominic School
8:30 a.m. Gerald Maas+
6:00 p.m. Joe Grawe+

Thurs., March 19, 2026

7:30 a.m. Br. Earl Benz+
-at Good Samaritan Home
10:00 a.m. Clarence Genenbacher+

Friday, March 20, 2026

-at St. Dominic School
8:15 a.m. Mark Sherwood+

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 21, 2026

4:00 p.m. Ann Goehl+
6:30 p.m. Parish Intentions

Sunday, March 22, 2026

8:00 a.m. Tim Mast+
10:30 a.m. Kent Mast+

Perpetual Prayer Candle

Week of March 14-20
Special Intentions
R.J. Boone

— 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

Right to Life Poster Contest 2026 - Be Kind - Be Pro-Life



During February 2026, Right to Life of Adams County sponsored its 42nd annual poster contest. Our St. Dominic School students in Grades 3 - 8 participated again this year. The theme for the poster and essay contests was Be Kind Be Pro-Life. Many students' parents remember participating in this same contest and helping create a pro-life culture in our Catholic school. The purpose of the contest remains the same as in past years – to encourage the development of pro-life values in our youth. This activity provides an opportunity for parents and teachers to discuss the sanctity of life with students. At St. Dominic, we integrate Art and Religion, elevate the creative gifts of students, and orient topics to praise God. Thank you to our students and their parents for your involvement in the Right to Life Poster Contest for 2026.

Mark Your Calendar

Wednesday, March 18

8:30 AM School Mass

10:30AM-1:15PM Grade 8 Field Trip to QU

3:15 PM Faculty Meeting

Thursday, March 19

6:00-8:00 PM PTO Scotties Glow Night

Friday, March 20

8:15 AM Quiet School Mass

3rd Quarter Report Cards Sent Home

4:30-7:00PM St. Dominic School Fish Fry

Sunday, March 22

10:30 AM Holy Moments Mass Grade 3

Family Faith Night

Sponsored by St. Dominic PTO



Hear a Bible story and make a Resurrection Garden with your family!

MARCH 23RD

6:00PM

\$10/FAMILY

BRING YOUR PREVIOUS POTS FROM LAST YEAR FOR A \$5 DISCOUNT!

Bring a picnic dinner to share with your family! Our school Book Fair will be open that evening, too.

PLEASE RSVP BY MARCH 16TH WITH THE LINK ATTACHED.



Upcoming Events

ST. ANTHONY PARISH • ST. DOMINIC SCHOOL

2223 St. Anthony Rd. Quincy, IL 62305

4100 Columbus Rd. Quincy, IL 62305

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:
H-O St. Dominic Mar. 20 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 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 where you will find fish fry information. Click on that and you will be able to sign up.



Navigating Us Retreat for All Married Couples

We are thrilled to bring this nationally proven program (formerly *Adventures in Marriage*) to Quincy. It has helped thousands of couples strengthen their connection, and we're honored to offer something with such a strong track record of impact.

Navigating US is a fun, highly interactive retreat designed to help couples build deeper connection, stronger communication, and practical skills you can use immediately. Whether your marriage is thriving or you've simply felt stuck in a few old patterns, this weekend is about strengthening what you already have - not fixing what's "wrong."

This is for ALL married couples! **We know you're busy.** But this retreat doesn't require you to be gone all weekend! *Your Marriage is the foundation that supports everything else.* Giving it one intentional weekend can bless your family for years to come. Limited to 25 couples across all 3 parishes April 10-12 at Town & Country Inn & Suites \$50 per couple (must be present for all sessions) A block of rooms are held for \$129 if you want to make a weekend of it. Use QR code for reg. & info



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	
Monday, March 16	
Tuesday, March 17	
Wednesday, March 18	
8:30 a.m.	Mass at St. Dominic
11:00 a.m.	Merry Widows lunch at Sprouts
6:00 p.m.	Mass at St. Anthony
Thursday, March 19	
6:00 p.m.	GriefShare
5:30-7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
Friday, March 20	
4:30-7:00 p.m.	Fish Fry at St. Dominic
Saturday, March 21	
4:00 p.m.	Mass
6:30 p.m.	Mass
9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	St. Anthony Ladies Spring Craft/vendor Event
Sunday, March 22	
8:00 a.m.	Mass
9:00-10:15 a.m.	Families of Faith
10:30 a.m.	Mass (Holy Moments)

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

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING		
Week 35	March 7/8	Total Year-to-Date
Loose Collection	\$ 896.50	\$ 33,559.88
Weekly Envelopes	\$ 11,633.00	\$ 372,048.22
Electronic Deposits	\$ 0.00	\$ 58,032.00
Total, March 7/8	\$ 12,529.50	\$ 476,998.01
Budget Goal <small>(we need no less than this to stay out of deficit spending for the year!)</small>	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 455,000.00
Difference	(\$ 470.50)	\$ 21,998.01
Money Counters : Monday, March 16, 2026 Diana Harpole Anna Benz Kelly Weiman		

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., March 21 & 22, 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	Tawny Benz	Angie Dean	Jim Obert	Carol Frericks
Usher	Roger Benz Tawny Benz Jr. Dreyer Tom Grawe	Jason Benz George Benz Ron Reichert Ted Vahle	Grady Bockhold Richard Foster Mike Genenbacher Gene Goerlich	David McCleary Craig Schafer Rick Schafer Kurt Fischer
Servers	Timmy Obert Madeline Lowe	Rozalyn Brass Brooklyn Deege	Lucas Smith Jesse Adams	Alex & Andrew Wellman
Greeters/ Gift Bearers	Jr. & Jackie Dreyer	Earl & Debbie Boone	Gene & Rita Goerlich	Tom & Deb Woodworth
Rosary Leader	Mike Zanger	Melanie Longenecker	Jerry & Trudy Dreier	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:

March 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

**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 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>.

Another opportunity to show your commitment to QND! The students of QND thank you for your support on Commitment Week-end! For those parishioners who missed the opportunity to make their pledge or gift to QND, You can place your contribution in the collection basket or they can be mailed to QND, PO Box 1014, Quincy, IL 62306. Contributions benefit the 49th Fund Drive, which bridges the gap between the cost to educate and the tuition charged to families. To learn more about QND, visit QuincyNotreDame.org Scan the QR codes to give to QND. Thank you for your consideration!



The Pictorial Directories are here!!

If you and your family had their picture taken for the directory you may pick at the parish office 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday-Friday.

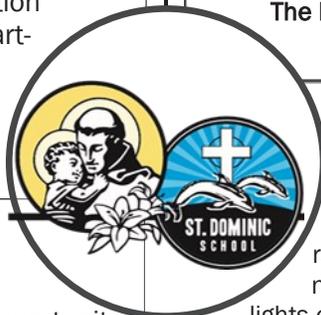
Trusting Jesus in a Wild World will be the theme for this year's **St. Anthony Vacation Bible School**. Mark your calendars for June 22, 23, 24! More information will be sent out later.

St. Anthony Cemetery We have been very fortunate to have had wonderful volunteers mowing and trimming our cemetery through the years. It has been very difficult to find volunteers in the past couple of years. As spring and summer are quickly approaching we have had to make the decision to hire someone to do the mowing and trimming of the cemetery to keep it looking nice. If you are interested in placing a bid for the mowing and trimming of the cemetery providing your own equipment you may send your bid to the parish office by **March 20, 2026**. For questions please call the parish office at 217-222-5996.



Welcome
Matt and Mandy Wand
& children **Abram, Luke, Joel, and Ellie**
to our St. Anthony Parish Family!

MARCH GROCERY ITEMS
Toilet Paper, Laundry & Dish Detergent
The Ladies of Charity & Catholic Charities
Thank You



Travel to Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, through Switzerland, and on to Milan, Padua, and Florence, with all roads leading to Rome. Fr. Tom Donovan and the Travel House of Quincy are hosting a tour departing from Quincy on May 18 and returning June 2. We will immerse ourselves in the natural beauty of the Alps, indulge in culinary delights of fine dining, and we expect to greet Pope Leo XIV from St. Peter's Square at his Sunday audience. Per-person, double occupancy is \$6,398, single occupancy \$7,490. A \$500 deposit is due by March 1. For more information: Mecki Kosin at the Travel House of Quincy: (217) 222-0515.

St. Rose Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner.

Tuesday, March 17th. Serving 11 am-6 pm. Drive Thru Only. Serving Corned Beef & Cabbage OR German Sausage & Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes, and Apple or Cherry Pie. Can also have 1/2 beef & 1/2 pork. \$15 per Meal. St. Rose of Lima Parish Hall, 715 Chestnut, Quincy IL. Enter through alley off of 8th Street. Order from your car!



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



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, March 15, 2026



The QND Music Department will present **Spring Show 2026: The Elements**, on **March 19 & 20 at 7:00 p.m. and March 21 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.** All shows will be held in the Mary Ellen Orr Auditorium at John Wood Community College. The Concert Chorale, Mixed Chorus, Men's and Women's Glee, Jazz Ensemble and Mixed Nuts Comedy Ensemble will entertain. Also featured will be specialty acts presented by our talented QND students. Ticket prices are \$15 for adults and \$5 for students. Tickets are on sale now at the Gene Grawe Fund office, at Quincy Notre Dame, and online at www.quincynotredame.org

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.

Card Shower for Bob & Dorothy Haley

As many of you may know, Bob & Dorothy Haley (St. Anthony parishioners) lost their home and all of their belongings in a house fire.

If you would like to help support Bob & Dorothy please feel free to put a card with a donation in the collection basket with their name on it, drop it by the parish office 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. Monday through Friday, or drop off at the Gene Grawe office.

Attention All Women of the Parish

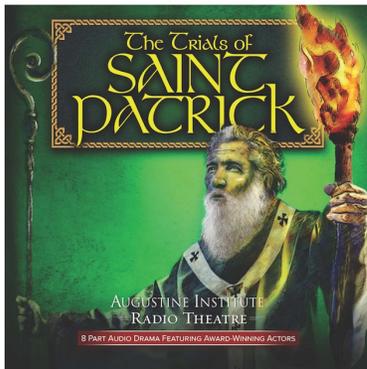
You are invited to The Quincy Deanery Council of Catholic Women's Spring Gathering on Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at St Thomas Parish in Camp Point IL. Theme: "Building Catholic Culture" -Father Scott Snider; Tri-Parishes Pastor

7:45 am-8:15 am: Registration; Cost \$10

8:15 am: Mass followed by Adoration and the rosary

10:00 am: Light Breakfast, program and speaker, lunch and FUN. Ends approximately 2:30pm Please register so we know how many for lunch.

You can register by using the QRC or use the sign-up sheet at church. Questions, contact Susan Asher QDCCW, President 217-653-5074.



The Trials of Saint Patrick

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