



St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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March 29, 2026—Palm Sunday (A)

A Message from Fr. Tom Donovan:



HOLY WEEK

Holy Week is a commemoration of the events that took place in Jerusalem nearly 2000 years ago. But its reality... the impact of those events echo into our own day. Our Lord Jesus Christ did not simply come into our world to mount a magical rescue mission. He fell in the dirt, was spat upon by his persecutors, and bled for our salvation. He entered into the reality of temptation and death, bearing on his own shoulders the weight of sin belonging to his people. His was not

a mission of distance and imputed (declared) justification, but rather of personal engagement and accompaniment with his people through their sufferings.

Our Lord does not stand above his people as if distant and untouched, unmoved by the sorrow of their sufferings. He knows the very depths of God-forsakenness... the abandonment and betrayal, being ignored and desecrated upon the cross. He does not simply entrust us with an instruction manual for salvation (as important as scriptures are), but he is found within the living tradition of a visible Church. This Church witnesses to his Real Presence in the Breaking of the Bread, now and until the consummation of the earth. His presence is partially realized through the hands and hearts of those who bear the name "Christian". It is found in the continuing prayer of the Church and sacrifice of her Savior unto God the Father. It is found in the signs of divine protection and intervention which are great and small among those who profess the name of Christ.

Holy Week services and activities will be held at the following times:

Palm Sunday — Masses are at their regular times. Confessions will be heard at Blessed Sacrament Church (1119 S. 7th Street) at 2pm until all are heard.

Chrism Mass — Tuesday, April 4 at 6:30 pm at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. This is the annual Mass celebrated by Bishop Paprocki to bless and consecrate the new oils to be used in sacramental celebrations. At this Mass, all the priests of the diocese gather to re-affirm their ordination promises before the bishop and before the gathered diocesan Church. All are encouraged to attend.

Wednesday of Holy Week — After Stations of the Cross at 5:30 pm and the regular 6:00 pm Mass, confessions will be held until all are heard. This will conclude the Wednesday evening Masses for this year until June/summer.

Holy Thursday — No Mass can be celebrated in the morning, therefore there will be no 7:30 am Mass, nor Mass at Good Samaritan Home. The Three Days ("Triduum") of the Lord's Passion, Death, and Resurrection begin with the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper. Mass at 6:30 pm, with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament taking place afterwards.

Good Friday — Mass is not be celebrated on this day. Confessions will be heard at 4pm until all are heard. The liturgy of the Passion and Death of the Lord, with the proclamation of St. John's Passion, General Intercessions, the Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion will be observed at 6:30 pm.

Holy Saturday — A final opportunity for confessions will be available starting at 4:00 pm in the church until all are heard. *There is no 4:00 pm or 6:30 pm Saturday night Mass on Holy Saturday at St. Anthony, or anywhere else*, as the evening liturgy may not begin until after the sun has left the sky and night has begun.

The Great Easter Vigil begins after nightfall. At 8:00 pm, the Church gathers around a bonfire to light the Easter Candle and proclaim anew the Resurrection of our Lord. After the proclamation of the Word and renewal of Baptismal Vows, the Church gathers for the first Eucharist of the Resurrection. For those who have not been to this celebration in some time, especially if they have little children, be advised that this celebration will last probably a bit longer than a regular Sunday Mass, at an hour and a half or more.

Easter Sunday — The whole Church throughout the world gathers to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord. Mass times at St. Anthony's are the usual Sunday times: 8:00 am and 10:30 am. The Triduum ends on the evening of Easter Sunday.

After Easter Sunday, the celebration of the Resurrection continues 50 full days, with the first eight days of Easter being a privileged 'octave', ending in the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday the weekend after Easter. Each Sunday invites us to repeat the celebration of Easter Sunday with through and including the great Feast of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. As important as Lent has been to the spiritual nourishment of the faithful, the Easter Season presents its own opportunities to encounter the grace and mercy of our Lord.

— 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 30, 2026

7:30 a.m. Britni Wilson+

Tues., March 31, 2026

7:30 a.m. Ralph & Josephine
Griesbaum+

Wed., April 1, 2026

—at St. Dominic School

8:30 a.m. Richard Venvertloh+

6:00 p.m. Jan Siebers+

Thurs., April 2, 2026 Holy Thursday

6:30 p.m. Joan Cook+

Friday, April 3, 2026 Good Friday

6:30 p.m. Good Friday Service

Easter Vigil

Saturday, April 4, 2026

8:00 p.m. Joe Grawe+

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 5, 2026

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

10:30 a.m. Parish Intentions

Perpetual Prayer Candle

Week of March 28-April 3

Mark Frericks & April Rohn

Paul & Kay Smith

Safe Travels

— 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

Seventh Grade Performs Stations of the Cross



On Friday, March 20, our seventh-grade students prayed and performed the Stations with Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Mary made the first Way of the Cross. This performance of the Stations attempted to present Mary's viewpoint. The seventh-grade students presented for our entire school so we could see and listen through Mary's eyes what Jesus was going through on the way to Calvary. During the performance we all repeated, "We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world."

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, March 30 - Monday, April 6

No School — Spring/Easter Break

Tuesday, April 7 School Resumes

7:00 PM Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, April 8

8:30 AM School Mass

3:15 PM Faculty Meeting

6:00 PM 7th Grade DC Trip Meeting

Thursday, April 9

3:00—4:00PM Brownies

Friday, April 10

8:30 AM School Mass

Spirit Shirt Day

6:30-8:00 PM PTO Spring Fling Dance

2026 Annual School Fund Drive Update

Thanks so much to all of our generous parishioners and school families who have participated in the 2026 St. Dominic School Annual Fund Drive! As of March 1, 2026, we have received 139 pledge cards, which amounts to a total of **\$32,385 and is 65% of our goal of \$50,000** along with many gifts of prayer, time, and talent. Some of the gifts have been given in honor or memory of a special intention. All special intentions will be listed in a bulletin at the end of May. **THANK YOU SO MUCH** for all of your genuine stewardship and amazing support of our parish mission to provide Catholic education at our parish school St. Dominic School of St. Anthony of Padua Parish, where Holy Moments happen every day. May God bless your family abundantly for your generosity.



Upcoming Events

Director of Parish Outreach and Engagement Position



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.

Navigating Us Retreat for All Married Couples

April 10-12

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

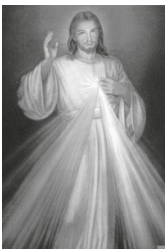
\$50 per couple (must be present for all sessions)

A block of rooms are held for \$129 if you want to make a weekend of it. Use QR code for reg. & info



Divine Mercy Sunday

April 12, 2:00 p.m.



Please plan to join us on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12 at 2:00 PM at St. Anthony Church. The Holy Hour will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confession, and Rosaries. At 3:00 PM we will recite the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction will follow. Plan to join us afterwards in the Quilt Room for Divine Mercy Sunday Sundaes at about 3:30 PM!

— Parish Data —

PARISH CALENDAR	
No School-Spring Break all Week	
Monday, March 30	
Tuesday, March 31	
Wednesday, April 1 6:00 p.m.	Mass
Thursday, April 2 6:30 p.m.	Holy Thursday Mass
Friday, April 3 3:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Parish Office Closed Stations of the Cross Good Friday Service
<i>Easter Vigil</i>	
Saturday, April 4 8:00 p.m.	Mass
<i>Easter Sunday</i>	
Sunday, April 5 8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Mass Mass

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 37	March 21/22	Total Year-to-Date
Loose Collection	\$ 1,135.00	\$ 35,611.93
Weekly Envelopes	\$ 7,800.00	\$ 395,233.22
Electronic Deposits	\$ 0.00	\$ 58,032.00
Total, March 21/22	\$ 8,935.00	\$ 502,235.06
Budget Goal <i>(we need no less than this to stay out of deficit spending for the year!)</i>	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 481,000.00
Difference	(\$ 4,065.00)	\$ 21,235.06

Money Counters : Monday, March 30, 2026
Carol Vogel Michelle Ehrhardt Rita Goerlich

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., April 4/5, 2026

	Easter Vigil 8 PM	Sunday, 8:00 AM	Sunday, 10:30 AM
Key Minister/		Gene & Rita Goerlich	Pat & Amanda Veile
Lector	Angie Dean, _____	Mike Baker	Deb Woodworth
Usher	Volunteers	Jerry Grawe Anthony Haley Mike Hummel Matt Kasparie	Frank Arnold Diane Dittmer Greg Dittmer Kurtis Fischer
Servers	Pius IX Altar Servers	Thomas & Anthony Dyer	Sam Fischer, Volunteer
Greeters/ Gift Bearers	Elmer & Jeanne Maas	Mike & Kay Hummel	Greg & Diane Dittmer
Rosary Leader		Giny Baker	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:

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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 &

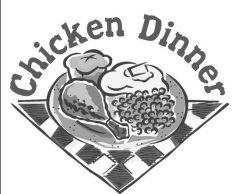
Senior Living

Mary Bange

**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>.

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 31, 2026**. For questions please call the parish office at 217-222-5996.



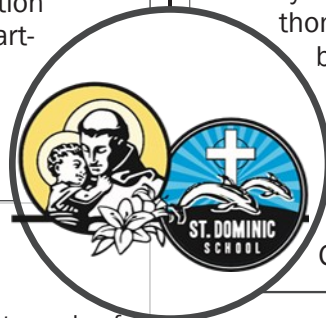
St. Francis Holy Name Palm Sunday

Chicken Dinner

This Sunday, March 29 in the St. Francis Parish Center.

Serving fresh, hot fried chicken from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Also on the menu is

mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, cole slaw and homemade desserts from the Ladies of St. Francis. Dine-in, carry-out or drive through. Adults \$13, children 12-6 \$7 and anyone under 5 is free. Please join us!



Spring Craft Show Raffle Winners

Primrose Plant-Julie Wort
Lottery Tickets-JoAnn Witte
Petit Fours-Karen Disseler
Cross-Angie Wellman

Dish Cloths & Towels-Roger Benz
African Daisy-Margie Mast

*Thank you to everyone for supporting the
St. Anthony Ladies Society!*

Baby Bottle Blitz The kick-off for the Baby bottle Blitz will be Mother's Day, May 10th and will run through Father's day, June 14th. The baby bottles will be in the back of church on Mother's Day. Fill your bottle with spare change, paper money, and even checks! All money supports Care Net. Care Net offers free and confidential services to women, men, and their families who are dealing with an unplanned or crisis pregnancy.

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.

APRIL GROCERY ITEMS

Toilet Paper, Shampoo
The Ladies of Charity & Catholic Charities
Thank You



APRIL "GROUP B" CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 4: 8:00AM Tawny Benz, Trudy Dreier, Peggy Deverger, Rita Goerlich, Debi Henthorn, Ann Wilson, Kathy Niekamp, Kim Stupavsky, Kristine Doane, Carrie Potter, Janet Bick, Kay Lentz
THANK YOU LADIES!

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.



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

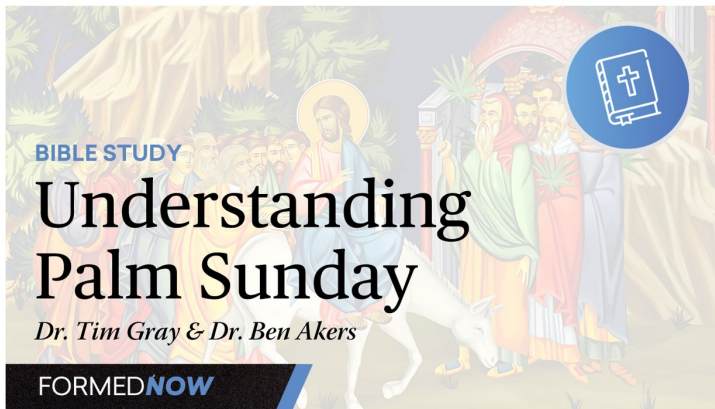
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Volunteers needed at Ladies of Charity Ladies of Charity is looking for volunteers for both our Thrift Store (24 & Elm) and our Center (4th&State). Most volunteers are women but men are also invited to assist us with some of the heavy lifting jobs. 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.

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@cospq.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>.



BIBLE STUDY

Understanding Palm Sunday

Dr. Tim Gray & Dr. Ben Akers

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Understanding Palm Sunday

Focusing on the Biblical account of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Ben Akers break open the meaning of why Jesus rode on a donkey, the significance of the palm branches and the singing of Hosanna, and how this event launched Holy Week and the redemption of the world.

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