



# St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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**April 12, 2026—Divine Mercy Sunday (A)**

## A Message from Fr. Tom Donovan:



“Mercy” conjures up different ideas to different people. Sometimes we think of mercy as that gift we receive when we deserve worse... the police officer writes a warning after a traffic violation as an act of mercy... after being several months late on rent, the landlord forgives the debt out of mercy... the teacher let students earn extra credit after a difficult exam out of mercy for the students. These are typical ways we think of mercy. In each of these examples the ‘wheels of justice’ being slowed or halted before finding retribution upon the guilty. Our contemporary understanding of “mercy” often sees mercy as the interruption of justice. Of course, when justice is interrupted, this means that worldly mercy results in making “winners” and “losers”. The governor granting clemency to a condemned inmate means ‘mercy’ for the inmate, but it might feel like ‘injustice’ to the victim’s family. A student who studied hard and got an “A” on the exam feels cheated that someone who scored lower also gets an “A” in the class because of the availability of extra credit. In our human experience, ‘mercy’ and ‘justice’ as humans practice them often find themselves at odds with each other.

This is not so in the heart and mind of God. Justice and mercy are complimentary in a way that perhaps does not make sense to us, and may even seem mysterious on consideration. The union of justice and mercy are not mere practices of ‘equity’. When Jesus looked to the robber next to him on the cross and said “surely, today you will be with me in paradise”, he was not ‘settling a score’ with the injustice of the world. He was not being merely sentimental. Jesus was not criticizing ‘the system’ that had put him and his neighbor on those crosses. He was not simply ignoring the crime that had put that man on his cross. In extending his mercy, he recognized the man’s call for help, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom,” and responding out of love... a love that was intended to restore and heal and console and protect, all at the same time. It was the reward not only of faith, but more importantly of the trust that the good thief had placed in Jesus on that fateful day. He had no body else to rely on. He had no further strength. There was not a balance “good” that he could point to, mitigating the punishment that was due to him. As I have said before, Divine Mercy comes to us in those moments when we are least lovable, most lost in the darkness of sin and death, desperate for deliverance, and unable to help ourselves. Did mercy deliver the thief from the cross? No. He would die beside Jesus. But the outcome of his suffering, the weight of the sins that demanded his death, the confusion of the day, and the desperation of his state would not be unheard or unredeemed by a loving God, who himself had been put to the test. Placing his fate in the hands of our Lord, he received the promise of paradise. This is the Easter Mystery, brought into focus for all of us who carry the cross of disease, of sin, of separation and loss, of confusion, and of darkness. Divine Love is there for the asking, if we but recognize our participation with the cross of Christ in our own lives. In doing so, we take a step in faith to believe more deeply, and to have greater trust in the plan of God for our lives, for our deaths, and for our participation in those crosses which we bear. Divine love shares our sufferings, and then transforms them by the same divine power that raised Jesus from the dead.

The mysteries revealed to St. Faustina Kowalska nearly a century ago and remembered under the title “Divine Mercy Sunday”, grant greater access to the truths that Christians have meditated upon for centuries when considering the love of the crucified and risen Christ. It is not a love that exists outside of us or our plane of existence, but it is a mystery that enters into our lives through the very mystery of the Incarnation. Christ took on our flesh to raise it up and provide it with new life, healing, restoration, and mercy. In this world we can be amazed that we are found worthy of the blessing of Divine Mercy in our lives, but more than anything Divine Mercy is an invitation to greater faith in God, whose essence is love, and whose favor falls with special grace on those who are most unlovable as the world would measure... granting his most special favor on those in the most need of his mercy. “Jesus, I trust in You!”

### — 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., April 13, 2026

7:30 a.m. Timothy Haley+

### Tues., April 14, 2026

7:30 a.m. Vicki Arnold+

### Wed., April 15, 2026

-at St. Dominic School

8:30 a.m. Barbara Boone+

### Thurs., April 16, 2026

7:30 a.m. Orville Nieders+

-Good Samaritan Home

10:00 a.m. John & Elaine Will+

### Friday, April 17, 2026

-at St. Dominic School

8:15 a.m. Joan Cook+

### Third Sunday of Easter

### Saturday, April 18, 2026

4:00 p.m. Albert Mettemeyer+

6:30 p.m. Rich Rakers+

### Sunday, April 19, 2026

8:00 a.m. Dolly Genenbacher+

10:30 a.m. Parish Intentions

### Perpetual Prayer Candle

Week of April 11-17

### Deceased Members of Frank & Anna

Venverloh Family

Keith Keller

Joe Mast Family

### — Parish Office Hours —

Monday-Friday

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

Bulletin Deadline: Monday, Noon

# St. Dominic School

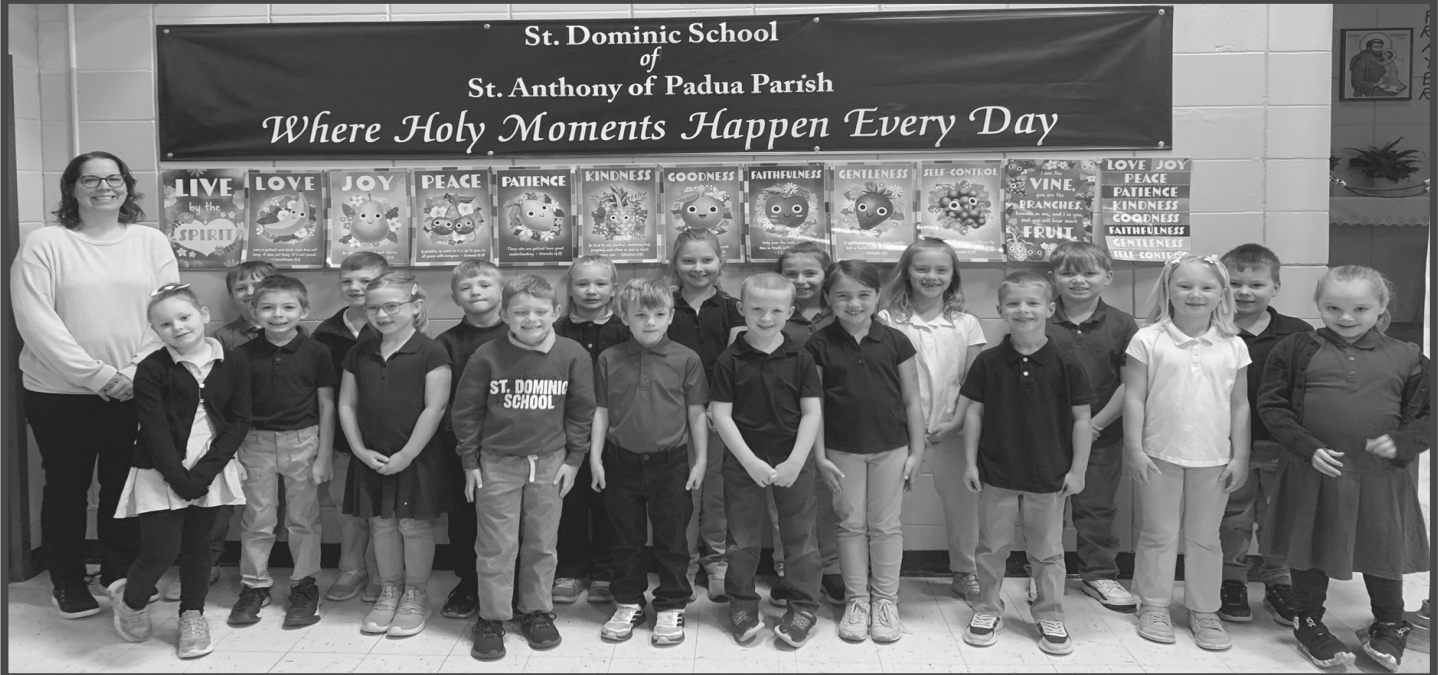
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A Message from Mrs. Carol Frericks—Principal

## First Grade Leaders Teach About Faithfulness



During the month of April, our first-grade leaders, along with their teacher, Mrs. Tera Smith, are teaching our K-8 students about the Fruit of the Holy Spirit — FAITHFULNESS, and the virtue for each week, including gratitude, prayerfulness, and fortitude. During Morning Assembly, Mrs. Smith reads the daily Scripture reading and the reflection with a special prayer for students to repeat. We have learned that FAITHFULNESS means to be faith-filled and to be consistent. The Holy Spirit makes us able to bring our faith into every moment of our day. The Holy Spirit makes us able to live faithful to God in everything we do.

### Mark Your Calendar

**Monday, April 13**

Happy Birthday, Father Tom!

9-10:30 AM Grade 4 Fine Arts Day at QND

**Tuesday, April 14**

Olympic Day at QND Grades 5-8 (Rain Date 4/16)

6:30 PM School Board Meeting

**Wednesday, April 15**

8:30 AM School Mass

3:15 PM Faculty Meeting

6:00 PM Piano Recital

**Thursday, April 16**

1:00 PM Principals Meeting

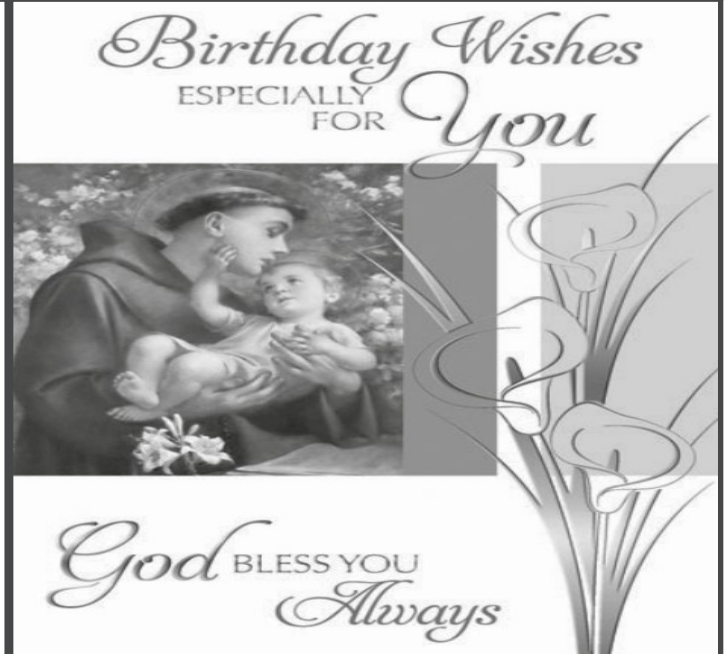
7:00 PM Finance Council

**Friday, April 17**

Spirit Shirt Day

8:15 AM Quiet School Mass

7-9:00 PM QCES Grades 7-8 Spring Dance at QND





# Upcoming Events

**Divine Mercy Sunday**

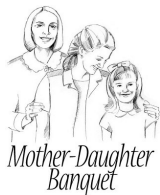
**April 12, 2:00 p.m.**



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!

**St. Anthony Ladies Society Mother/Daughter Banquet**

**Sunday, April 26, after 10:30 a.m. Mass**



St. Anthony Ladies Society is having their Mother/Daughter Banquet on Sunday, April 26, after the 10:30 a.m. Mass in the Parish Hall. This is for all ladies of the parish and you may bring your mother or mother in law, if that is possible or your daughter or daughter-in-law, or a special woman in your life. We want everyone to feel welcome. Whoever you bring does not have to be a member of St. Anthony's. The Ladies Society will be providing fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy. All attending should bring a covered dish or dessert. For reservations please call Alice Rakers at 217-222-4798.

**May Crowning**

**Sunday, May 3, after 10:30 a.m. Mass**



May Crowning will take place Sunday, May 3, after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Please join us to honor our Blessed Mother as May is the month devoted to Mary. We will gather outside by the Blessed Virgin Mary statue. All children are invited to remain in church after Mass to participate in the procession. It would be especially lovely if 1st Communicants would wear their 1st Communion Day attire to lead the procession as this is the same day as the 2nd Communion Mass and reception. We will have flowers for the ceremony. Vases will remain thru May if anyone wants to bring flowers from their gardens as they become available.

**Easter Flowers 2026 – Memorials**

Mrs. Nadine Messmer	Tony Frericks Family, Jake Messmer Family	M/M Joe Hagstrom Mrs. Dee Thomas Mrs. Susan Frericks	Veronica Hagstrom, Bob & Mary Paul Rollie Thomas Family, Greving Family Mark Frericks, April Rohn, Virgil & Rosalie Obert
M/M Todd Smith	Kay & Paul Smith, Jenelle Davidson, Paul & Virginia Windoffer, Aubrey & Elizabeth Smith, Tom & Marianne Fesler	Deacon/Mrs. Harry Cramer	Joan Cook, Edna & Art Haxel, Harry M. Cramer, Harry N & Ethel Cramer, Carl & Margaret Spettengel Deb(Goodwin) Howell, Jean Goodwin, Don & Myrna Wikson
M/M Wesley Neisen	Wilfred & Virginia Huber, Earl & Rosemary Neisen, Rich & Marge Nickamp, Charles & Rose Petitgout, Charlotte Nickamp	M/M Greg Goodwin	Robert & Rita Hummel, Roger Hummel, Cecil & Ella Mae Myers Richard & Elaine Pierce
M/M Paul Hildebrand	Norma, Alan, & Brad Hildebrand	M/M Mike Hummel	Roger & Rosalyn Boone
M/M Dan Reichert	Joe Grawe	M/M James Altenhein	Don Wittland
M/M Dennis Dietrich	Ray & Evelyn Dietrich	M/M Todd Johnson	The Heintz & Guymon Families
Mrs. Gerianne Fuller	Eugene & Rosene Lehner	Mrs. Shirley Wittland	Edward & Rose Mary Benz
Mr. Patrick Bauer, Ryan & Amy Bauer, Jared Bauer	Susan Bauer	M/M Chris Heintz	Leonard & Charlotte Waterkotte, Tom Waterkotte, Rollie Thomas
Mrs. Norma Weiman	Bernie & Eric Weiman, Mark Wellman	M/M Randy Terwelp	Ray & Evelyn Dietrich
M/M Anthony Hilgenbrinck	Tom Eickeleschutte, Bob & Mary Hilgenbrinck, Mary Huckstep, JoAnn Wietholder	M/M James Thomas	Joe Mast, Barb Mast Fred & Esther Willer, Freddy John Willer
M/M Robert Wellman	Henry & Marilyn Hickey, Betty & Bill Fischer, Cheryl, Eric, & Bill Fischer	Ms. Laurie Dietrich	DeVerger & Wellman Families
M/M Jay Frericks	Jeane & Brown Frericks, D.J. Venvertloh, Dr. Kirk Kvitle, Nor-	Mrs. Marjorie Mast	Jerry Allensworth & Family
man Weber		M/M Charles Rose	Rich & Delores Obert, Grace Schell Wilfrid & Virginia Huber, Earl & Rosemary Neisen
M/M Johnnie Leithoff	Meyer-Frericks Family, Leithoff – Horton Families, Meyer Siblings	M/M Cliff Deverger	LeRoy Vaughn
M/M Daniel Terwelp	Deceased members of the Ehrhardt, Grawe, Patterson & Terwelp Families	Ms. Debbie Allensworth	Anthony Frericks Family, Clarence Meyer Family
		M/M Gerald Campbell	
		M/M Mark Neisen	
		Mrs. Pat Vaughn	
		M/M Frank Meyer	

# — Parish Data —

PARISH CALENDAR	
<u>Monday, April 13</u> 7:00 p.m.	Men's Society Meeting
<u>Tuesday, April 14</u> 6:00 p.m.	St. Dominic School Board
<u>Wednesday, April 15</u> 11:00 a.m.	Merry Widows lunch at Sprouts
<u>Thursday, April 16</u> 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	GriefShare Finance Council
<u>Friday, April 17</u>	
<u>Saturday, April 18</u> 4:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Mass Mass
<u>Sunday, April 19</u> 8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Mass Mass (Holy Moments) Eighth grade leave today for Washington, D.C. trip

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

**Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.**



WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING		
Week 39	April 4/5	Total Year-to-Date
Loose Collection	\$ 1,592.61	\$ 38,240.93
Weekly Envelopes	\$ 17,063.00	\$ 419,978.22
Electronic Deposits	\$ 7,979.00	\$ 66,011.00
<b>Total, April 4/5</b>	<b>\$ 26,634.61</b>	<b>\$ 537,588.06</b>
Budget Goal <i>(we need no less than this to stay out of deficit spending for the year!)</i>	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 507,000.00
<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$ 13,634.61</b>	<b>\$ 30,588.06</b>

**Money Counters : Monday, April 13, 2026**  
Dana Lugerling 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., April 18 & 19, 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	George Benz	Michelle Kasparie	Carol Frericks
<b>Usher</b>	Bill Anderson Jr.Dreyer Jack Kuhlman Mike Zanger	Dan Boone Ryan Boone Tom Boone George Dreyer	Jerry Grawe Anthony Haley Mike Hummel Matt Kasparie	Frank Arnold Diane Dittmer Greg Dittmer Kurtis Fischer
<b>Servers</b>	Timmy Obert Sam Fischer	The Benz Family	Luke & Addison Weiman	Alex & Andrew Wellman
<b>Greeters/ Gift Bearers</b>	Carol Vogel	Carolyn Waterkotte	Mark & Bernice Neisen	Kenny & Jean Klauser
<b>Rosary Leader</b>	Roger & Tawny Benz	The Mathews Family	Jerry & Trudy Dreier	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:**

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](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>.

**Everybody Wins Mega Raffle!**

**Support our schools!** The *Everybody Wins Mega Raffle* is the ONLY fundraiser that supports ALL K-12 Catholic education in Quincy. To keep our schools strong, **we need YOU - our parish family** - to help us sell tickets! As a way of saying thanks, for every 5 tickets you sell, you'll be entered to win \$4,000 in tuition credit or \$3,000 cash. Every ticket sold makes a difference—let's make this year a success! Tickets are available in the parish office, school office, or at the front entrance of QND. [www.QuincyMegaRaffle.org](http://www.QuincyMegaRaffle.org) Make sure that you check the box for St. Dominic School to receive the \$10.



St. Anthony Parish welcomes

**Theodore Richard Obert**

son of

**Timothy and Ashley Holt Obert**

who was baptized April 6, 2026  
into the Catholic faith.

**To all the volunteer who keep St. Anthony running, we thank you** and an **important question:** Are you compliant with Safe Environment?

Per the U.S. Bishops, all parish volunteers are **required** to be compliant with the Safe Environment policies. It is critical that you check your status now. We are audited in May and need to be compliant. If you are not up to date, the steps needed. To check you status and get up to date, go to Catholic Mutual

Group's website at [springfieldil.cmgconnect.org/](http://springfieldil.cmgconnect.org/) and click **Sign In**. (If you don't have an account yet, fill out the fields under **Register for a New Account**.) Once logged in, your dashboard will show the required training. Click **Start** to begin. Next print, complete, and email the DCFS CANTS Form to [safeenvironment@dio.org](mailto:safeenvironment@dio.org). You can also get a copy of this form from the parish office. Finally, submit your background check information. Once you account is certified by the Diocese (this may take up to 2 weeks), you will receive an email from [webmaster@cmgconnect.org](mailto:webmaster@cmgconnect.org).

You may get an email from us to let you know if your background check has expired but please follow the steps above to check yourself. For any questions or help you may email Janet at [bulletin@stanthonypadua.org](mailto:bulletin@stanthonypadua.org) or call the parish office on Tuesday or Friday, 8 am-1 pm. Janet will also help you on those days if you don't have access to a computer or need help, Just let her know you are coming into the office ahead of time.

**Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic  
Women Save the Date**

The Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's 97th Convention is Thursday, September 3rd. Morning Rosary and Mass will be at St. Anthony of Padua Church in Quincy, IL followed by the Convention at the Ambiance in Quincy, IL. Teresa Tomeo will be the featured speaker. More information and registration forms are in the back of church or available in the office. Make sure you get your registration in early as this convention is for all of the women in the Diocese. No reservations will be taken after 300.



**Easter Flower Donations**

- Mr. John Bange
- M/M Daniel Ellwood
- M/M Kurtis Fischer
- M/M Gene Goerlich
- M/M Seth Leonard
- Mrs. Barbara Couch
- M/M Trevor Friye
- M/M Matt Weiman



**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, April 12, 2026

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** will meet Wednesday, April 22nd, at 1:00 p.m. in the Quilt Room. If you like to knit, crochet, quilt, sew or tie fleece this group is for you. We make shawls and lap robes for those who are ill, homebound, in hospitals, nursing homes, in the military or who just need to know that the St. Anthony Church Family is praying for them in their time of need. Some members prefer to make shawls at home. We pray at the beginning of each meeting for God to bless the hands of those making & receiving these items. Father blesses each shawl and a prayer & greeting is attached. New members are always welcome! Call Jan Barnard at 217-224-7487.

### **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. Dominic PTO Garage Sale**

If you'll be doing some Spring Cleaning over break, save your treasures and donate them to our PTO Garage Sale on May 29th! This event is a great fundraiser for our PTO and allows us to do many fun activities for our school family! We accept items ranging from clothes, books, furniture, toys, home decor...whatever clean items you need out of the house, we'd love them! You can drop off items the day of the event. Most items will be free will donation, but our PTO will price larger items that are donated. If you have clothes to donate and would love to help save us some time organizing, you can sort your clothing by size, which would be so helpful for us! :)

**Drop Off-7 am-noon on May 29. Sale is Noon-6 pm**

We appreciate your support! -St. Dominic PTO



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### **Divine Mercy | Trailer**

Renowned speaker and author Fr. Michael Gaitley tells the dramatic history of God's love and mercy as interwoven through the transformative message of St. Faustina, the miraculous appearance of Mary at Fatima, the witness of Maximilian Kolbe, and the world-changing papacy of Pope St. John Paul II.

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