



St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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April 26, 2026—Fourth Sunday of Easter (A)

A Message from Fr. Tom Donovan:



Safe Environment Training & Background Check

We are up for our annual review of the parish and school's compliance with national "Safe Environment" standards promulgated by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. As the pastor, I am personally responsible to the bishop to report progress in making sure that our volunteers have been trained and that they have been screened as a matter of safety awareness around children. We count on our volunteers to make our parish and school work,

and I want to get this requirement cleared as efficiently and peacefully as possible, so we can get on with the work and ministry we need to do. I am asking your help to make sure that we are not only following the letter, but most importantly the spirit of what these requirements are all about. I also want to be sure that our volunteers understand the reasoning for this request.

The goal of "safe environment" programming is to be sure that our parish and school is a 'hardened target' against those who would wish to harm any of our members, but most importantly our children. The training that we expect volunteers to have is 1) focused on promoting an environment of awareness.... To be aware of 'blind spots' in our facilities, to be aware of out-of-the-ordinary behavior, and to set up a network of mutual vigilance and accountability. A community that is aware is a community that is prepared. 2) The training communicates to each person the importance of reporting anything that looks strange... either to people in charge of the events we are having, to me, to the hotline in Springfield, or even to the police. The training is much more streamlined than in prior years, but it is important to communicate across our parish, both to the volunteers who are actively involved in environments that share with children and vulnerable individuals, as well as for all of our parishioners. I hope that there is nobody who would object to these two very reasonable goals of "Safe Environment" training.

Next, there is an expectation that our volunteers take the one time Empowering Children training and complete a background check (all done online)... for many people this seems like an onerous requirement, and I understand. I am asking you to do it anyway. Essentially this is a screening against databases of offenders, who should not be in a position of trust in our parish activities and events, and certainly not doing ministry and volunteer work in the name of the parish or the Church. The screening is taken solely for this reason and results are kept confidentially, with private and individual communication where questions or difficulties might be encountered. We are up against a particular deadline this year, as in past years the diocese, in recognizing the importance of this screening, has underwritten the costs of this process. Starting in May, that burden will be shifted to the parishes. I would like to have all necessary screenings possible completed before this date! It saves us the screening fees, and it moves us towards timely compliance with these requirements.

I have heard a lot of arguments against the requests that I am making here. I agree... the scandals of past years, particularly where clergy were involved, should not fall upon the decent, innocent people of the Church. Indeed, the Church has been slow and in a stunning list of examples, has been found lacking in transparency on this problem. We can only do what we can do now: bishops are under extreme scrutiny with their personnel decisions, candidates for clergy are thoroughly screened and evaluated before service to the Church, there is a thorough review process when problems arise. To 'complete the circle', we need to have everyone on board to do what they can, in the places where they see and hear things in the wide-ranging ministries of the Church, make a difference. This is for everyone... maintenance, liturgical ministries, quilters, prayer groups, musicians, cooks, mowers, money takers, church and school volunteers of every sort. All employees are also fingerprinted. Please see the message on page 5, and visit springfieldil.cmgconnect.org/ to confirm your compliance. If you need additional help, please call the parish office. I thank you for your attentiveness to this matter, and I am expecting to see 100% of our volunteers counted-in for promoting a safer environment for our young people.

— 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., April 27, 2026

7:30 a.m. Susan Bauer+

Tues., April 28, 2026

7:30 a.m. Bill Koch+

Wed., April 29, 2026

-at St. Dominic School

8:30 a.m. Maurice Dreyer, Sr.+

Thurs., April 30, 2026

7:30 a.m. Earl Huber+

-Good Samaritan Home

10:00 a.m. Judy Emerick+

Friday, May 1, 2026

-at St. Dominic School

8:15 a.m. Rich Rakers+

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, May 2, 2026

4:00 p.m. Parish Intentions

6:30 p.m. Paul & Edith Edwards+

Sunday, May 3, 2026

8:00 a.m. Tim & Leona Mast+

10:30 a.m. Robert & Rita Hummel+

Perpetual Prayer Candle

Week of April 25-May 1

Paul & Kay Smith

Andrew Cherry

Vogel & Obert Families

— 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

Blessing Our Eighth Grade Class Trip To Washington DC



Mark Your Calendar

Monday, April 27

9:15-10:45AM Grade 4 Quincy Art Center Field Trip

4:00-8:00PM Culver's Cares Night

Tuesday, April 28

7:30AM-5:00PM Grade 6 Biztown Field Trip

7:00PM Discipleship Ministry Meeting

Wednesday, April 29

8:30 AM School Mass

3:15 PM Pop Up Art Class

6:30 PM First Communion/Confirmation Practice

Thursday, April 30

8:30AM-3:30PM Grade 5 Springfield/Lincoln Trip

Friday, May 1

Spirit Shirt Day

6:45-7:45AM Volunteer Breakfast

8:30AM Quiet School Mass

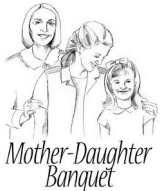
Fr. Tom Has Mass at St. Patrick's in Washington





Upcoming Events

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.

St. Dominic PTO Garage Sale **Friday, May 9th**



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

Junefest **Saturday, June 6**



Come join us at Junefest, Saturday, June 6th at St. Dominic School. The evening begins with Mass at 4 pm in the school followed by the opening ceremony at 5 pm. There will be food, drinks, entertainment, and games. New this year will be the Foam DJ Party from 5:30-7:30 pm for all ages! with a DJ afterwards. Basket Raffle, Cash Raffle, Bingo, Cornhole Tournament, Silent Auction, Football Toss, Kiddieland and more.

Raffle Tickets: Each parish family has an envelope in the back of church with raffle tickets and a letter on how you may help make Junefest a huge success. Please pick up your envelope in order that save money and not have to mail these

Mark Your Calendar: St. Anthony Church Picnic on Saturday, July 18th!


— Parish Data —

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, April 27	6:30 p.m.	Butterfly Support
Tuesday, April 28		
Wednesday, April 29	6:30 p.m.	First Communion/ Confirmation Practice
Thursday, April 30		
Friday, May 1		
Saturday, May 2	11:00 a.m.	First Communion/ Confirmation at the Cathedral in Springfield
	4:00 p.m.	Mass
	6:30 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, May 3	8:00 a.m.	Mass
	10:30 a.m.	Mass (First Communion/ Confirmation 2nd Mass)
Following 10:30 a.m. Mass will be the May Crowning and then the reception for the First Communicants/ Confirmandi		

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 41	April 18/19	Total Year-to-Date
Loose Collection	\$ 1,101.00	\$ 40,254.43
Weekly Envelopes	\$ 11,647.00	\$ 440,076.22
Electronic Deposits	\$ 0.00	\$ 66,011.00
Total, April 18/19	\$ 12,748.00	\$ 559,699.56
Budget Goal <small>(we need no less than this to stay out of deficit spending for the year!)</small>	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 533,000.00
Difference	(\$ -252.00)	\$ 26,699.56

Money Counters : Monday, April 27, 2026
Dana Lugering Jack Kuhlman

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., May 2 & 3, 2026

	Saturday, 4:00 PM	Saturday, 6:30 PM	Sunday, 8:00 AM	Sunday, 10:30 AM
Key Minister/	Roger & Tawny Benz		Dan Reichert	
Lector	Bill Anderson	Angie Dean	Carol Frericks	Kim Peters
Usher	Bill Anderson Tom Grawe Jack Kuhlman Mike Zanger	Joe Dreyer Chris Ehrhardt Christopher Ehrhardt Denis Hagerbaumer	Jerry Dreier Mark Neisen Dan Reichert Dan Terwelp	Ken Klauser Brian Koch David McCleary Craig Schafer
Servers	Volunteers	Brooklyn Deege Rozalyn Brass	Zain & Kolbie Schutte	Connor Earnst Andrew Wellman
Greeters/ Gift Bearers	Mary Koch	Marilyn Boone	Lou Ann Weills	Troy & Kim Peters
Rosary Leader	Volunteer	The Mathews Family	Giny Baker	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:

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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 cfreericks@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/>



**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.

If you or a family member is admitted to Blessing Hospital

make sure you tell them when you register for any procedure not only that you are Catholic, but that you belong to St. Anthony Church. They have a new computer system and that information did not transfer. This allows everyone to better care for your spiritual needs while in the hospital. When priests visit the hospital they pull a list and will be able to see any of their parishioners who are hospitalized so they can make sure to visit them. This can only happen if you list St. Anthony as your parish.

Welcome

**Gregory & Christine Fisk
Cody & Meredith Kessler
& children Piper, Emmett, & Lainey**
to our St. Anthony Parish Family!



St. Anthony Parish welcomes
Janine Elizabeth Roberts

daughter of

Zachary & Hailey Peters Roberts
who was baptized April 19, 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, each parish is required to insure all volunteers are **knowledgeable and 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 springfield-il.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. 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.

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 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.

MAY GROCERY ITEMS

Laundry Detergent & Dish Detergent
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

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You are invited to Women's Prayer Breakfast sponsored by Blessed Sacrament CCW featuring **Sister M. Clementia Toalson, FSGM on Saturday, May 9th.** Join us for a beautiful morning of prayer, encouragement, and fellowship with women of our parish and community. Breakfast will be catered by Thyme Square. We will begin with Mass at 8:30 a.m. followed by breakfast. 10:15 a.m. Speaker. Registration deadline is April 30, 2026. Registration forms are in the back of church or the parish office at St. Anthony.



Needing help in several ministries

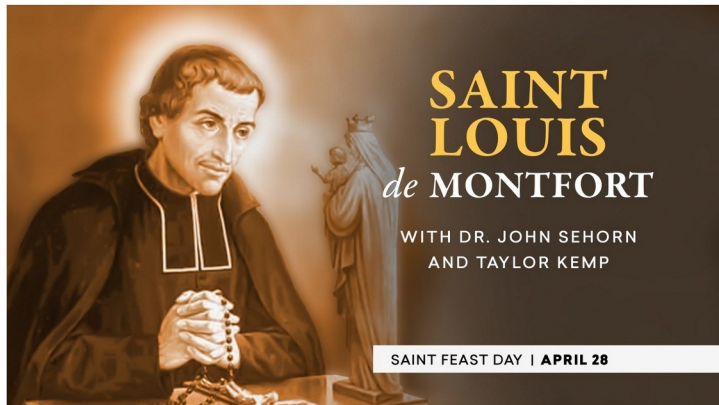
We are in need of volunteers in several ministries here at St. Anthony. If you would be interested in sharing of your time and talent in any of these please contact the parish office for more information 217-222-5996. Leading Rosary, Ushers (especially 4 p.m. Mass), and Money counters (Monday mornings).

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 Make sure that you check the box for St. Dominic School to receive the \$10.

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. Louis de Montfort | Catholic Saints

Dr. John Sehorn joins Taylor Kemp to discuss the life of St. Louis de Montfort. Born in western France, St. Louis had a great love for Mary and the Rosary. His work *True Devotion to Mary* helps Catholics grow in their relationship with Jesus through his Mother, Mary.

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