



St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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May 3, 2026—Fifth Sunday of Easter (A)

A Message from Fr. Tom Donovan:



Today's Gospel (John 14) breaks into the narrative at the Last Supper, where Jesus explains rather cryptically that he is 'going somewhere'...to "a place" where he will gather this followers together again. Thomas, always remembered as 'the doubter', immediately asks where this place is and how they can know the way. Jesus famously tells them, "I am the way, the truth and the life," and that no one comes to the Father, except through him.

Jesus calls us to have faith in him. Knowing Jesus leads us to the Father. Because of the Son, the Father and the Holy Spirit need not be an unknowable mystery to us, for Jesus shows us the way... he *is*—the way to the Father.

In our day, our knowledge of God is mediated through encounters with the Word and celebrations of the Sacraments— not unlike the Emmaus experience where the disciples came to know Jesus personally and intensely in the 'Breaking of the Bread'. We use language describing the sacraments as celebrations of "sacred mysteries" or the "mystery of faith". "Mysteries" are truths that recede 'beyond the veil' of our understanding and comprehension. As we come to know the mystery of God, we do not exhaust that knowledge—we do not ever completely and forevermore comprehend God as he is, for we always will have more to discover.

St. Augustine described God as 'ever ancient' and 'ever new'. God always remains a 'mystery' to be discovered and revealed. Indeed, when we think that we understand all that we can know about God, that's usually when we discover that we really don't know anything at all... maybe there is something more to learn, or maybe what we have before us in our thoughts and prayers is not really God, but merely a projection of our own thoughts and desires. Consider St. Thomas Aquinas, arguably the most learned theologian who ever tried to describe the nature of God. His *Summa Theologica*, now some 750 years old, remains standard reading for seminarians, theologians, and people of faith world-wide. As amazing as his insights were that were captured in written words and ideas, upon receiving the grace of a private revelation of God near the end of his life, he spoke of his prodigious work saying, "all I have written, it is as straw." The mystery of God could not be captured or contained in all of his life's work. St. Thomas' love was not found in books or formulations of faith, but in God himself. He understood the power of 'mystery'. For us, the mysteries of the faith are not only there for the sake of being solved as a puzzle, but they help us to find the "the Way" to the Father.

Our limited minds, underdeveloped hearts, and immature spirits, and clumsy use of words, language, and theology are still privileged by grace to receive the revelation of God—as Paul says, we hold a treasure in earthen vessels (2 Cor 4:7). While we can never grasp the fullness of the reality of God in this world, we look forward to when we shall see him face-to-face. Until then, clues lie all around us, inviting us to greater faith. It is the beauty of creation, the love of the family, the order of logic and reason, the providence of impossible chance, the security of things with remain constant in this world and the hope of things that change. Like good detectives, Christians see and interpret the clues, that we might come to a greater realization of truth in God.

In the coming weeks, students from our Catholic schools and Quincy Notre Dame High School, as well as students from QU and other universities will be finishing exams and graduating. The greatest gift that students can receive from their teachers is the love of a good mystery... in trying to understand the disciplines of science, the arts, and our role in society. Over these all, we are presented with the greatest mystery as we seek participation in the divine mystery of faith. Jesus challenges all of us to embrace the challenge of seeing the world differently—as an inexhaustible mystery. He pledges to walk with us and to show us the way, if we but follow him.

— 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., May 4, 2026

7:30 a.m. No Mass

Tues., May 5, 2026

7:30 a.m. Gene Dietrich Family+

Wed., May 6, 2026

-at St. Dominic School

8:30 a.m. Shirley Maas+

Thurs., May 7, 2026

7:30 a.m. Greg Wellman+

-Good Samaritan Home

10:00 a.m. Mary Jo Boone+

Friday, May 8, 2026

-at St. Dominic School

8:15 a.m. Joan Cook+

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, May 9, 2026

4:00 p.m. Ann Goehl+

6:30 p.m. Parish Intentions

Sunday, May 10, 2026

8:00 a.m. Mary Lou Wellman+

10:30 a.m. Albert Huber+

Perpetual Prayer Candle

Week of May 2-8

Mark Frericks & April Rohn

Deceased members of Zanger & Courty 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

Kindergarten Says Goodbye To Eighth Grade Buddies



During May, our kindergarten and eighth grade buddies spend time together on a field trip to St. Anthony Church to plant flower pots and, then, enjoy bowling together at Tangerine. Our school utilizes the buddy system to build a sense of security and belonging through relationships and encouragement. For this purpose, kindergarten and eighth are paired up to work on various projects together as well as play games and read with each other throughout the year. Students at St. Dominic School, all remember their eighth grade buddy with fond memories. On Wednesday, May 13, our kindergarten students will participate in our Graduation Honors Ceremony, and say goodbye to their eighth grade buddy on graduation day.

First Communion and Confirmation



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, May 2

11:00 AM Confirmation and First Holy Communion
at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

Sunday, May 3

10:30 AM Mass for Second Holy Communion
and Reception at St. Anthony Church

Monday, May 4

Teacher Appreciation Week Begins - May 4-8

Tuesday, May 5

1:00 PM Principals Meeting

6:00 PM Provisional Advisory Board Meeting

7:00 PM Pastoral Council Meeting

Wednesday, May 6

8:30 AM School Mass

11:30 AM Dismissal—Teacher In-Service

Thursday, May 7

11:00 AM Principals and Pastors Meeting

Friday, May 8 Out of Dress Code Day

8:15 AM Quiet School Mass



Upcoming Events

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.

Baby Bottle Blitz

Begins May 10th



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.

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

We appreciate your support! -St. Dominic PTO

Junefest

June 6th



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. **Please click on the QR code to the left or go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0E4AA9A828A7F85-63677176-junefest> to sign up to help.** 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.**

GriefShare "Surviving the Holidays"

Thursday, May 7th, 6:00 p.m.

GriefShare to Offer "Surviving the Holidays": St. Anthony's GriefShare team will offer "Surviving the Holidays" on Thursday, May 7th at 6:00 PM in the Quilters Room in the parish center. Light refreshments will be served. **The session is open to anyone who has had a loved one pass away. Previously attendance at GriefShare is not required.** The session will include the "Surviving the Holidays" video followed by a small group discussion. Attendees are welcome to participate in the sharing just listen; no one is required to talk. This popular session provides valuable suggestions on managing holidays without their loved one/s. The discussion session gives attendees time to share concerns and ideas as well as ask questions on "surviving" holidays. This is a good way to experience GriefShare to see if GriefShare might help you in your grief. For questions, contact Jim Liesen or Deacon Harry or Cindy Cramer. Reservations are not required, but if a person knows they are attending, they may call the office so that we have an idea of how many to expect. Blessings, Deacon Harry

— Parish Data —

PARISH CALENDAR	
Monday, May 4	
Tuesday, May 5 7:00 p.m.	Pastoral Council
Wednesday, May 6	
Thursday, May 7 6:00 p.m.	GriefShare "Surviving the Holidays"
Friday, May 8	
Saturday, May 9 4:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Mass Mass
Sunday, May 10 8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Mass Mass

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

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to not wasting food, and to insure that everyone has access to quality food.



WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING		
Week 42	April 25/26	Total Year-to-Date
Loose Collection	\$ 1,148.50	\$ 41,402.43
Weekly Envelopes	\$ 7,477.00	\$ 447,553.22
Electronic Deposits	\$ 7,979.00	\$ 73,990.00
Total, April 25/26	\$ 16,604.50	\$ 576,304.06
Budget Goal <i>(we need no less than this to stay out of deficit spending for the year!)</i>	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 546,000.00
Difference	\$ 3,604.50	\$ 30,304.06
Money Counters : Monday, May 4, 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., May 9 & 10, 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	Jackie Dreyer	Angie Dean	Mike Hummel	Deb Woodworth
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	Timmy Obert Madeline Lowe	The Benz Family	Luke & Addison Weiman	Sam Fischer, Thomas Dyer
Greeters/ Gift Bearers	Jr. & Jackie Dreyer	William & Ann Dixon	Josh & Carrie Potter	Daren & Andrea Sims
Rosary Leader	Mike Zanger	Melanie Longenecker	Mary Koch	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:

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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>.



Heart Check for Tim April 13th, 2017 Timothy Haley, age 26, died from an unknown heart issue while playing cards with friends. It was identified as a Fatal Ventricular Arrhythmia due to Cardimegaly with hypertrophy. His family and friends are hosting a benefit "Heart check for Tim" on Saturday, May 9th from 10 am-8pm at the K of C grounds. This event will honor Timothy with a Wiffle ball tournament, silent auction, basket raffle, food and cash bar. This event is to raise awareness for unknown heart conditions and provide free on-site heart screenings for high school students by QMG. Our goal is to help prevent one family from going through the pain of losing a loved one as we have. Part of the proceeds raised will go to the Tim Haley Fund with the Quincy Medical Group Foundation. That helps families who have children diagnosed with a heart condition that needs medical care outside of our local community, for the expenses that come with travel. The other part of the proceeds will go to the Timothy L Haley Scholarship Fund. Scholarships have been established at both Quincy Notre Dame & John Wood Community College. We hope to see you Saturday, May 9th. Any questions about the benefit please contact Matt Witte 217-257-9636.



St. Anthony Parish welcomes
Lucia Marie Peat
daughter of
Richard & Dayja Oenning Peat
who was baptized April 26, 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 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. 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.

QND Drama Club Performance The QND Drama Club proudly presents the comedy "Clue - High School Edition" on Friday, May 8, and Saturday, May 9. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., show begins at 7:00 p.m., at JWCC Mary Ellen Orr Auditorium. Tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students and can be purchased at the Gene Grawe office, QND, or at QuincyNotre-Dame.org.



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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Church Cleaning Schedule for Thursday May 7th, 6:00 PM "GROUP C: Jackie Dreyer, Theresa Bockhold, Betty Kasparie, Dana Wittler, Carol Vogel, Lou Ann Weills, Penny Weiman & girls, Pat Steinkamp, Cindy Cramer, Julie Reichert, Bea Hermsmeier, Anna Benz, Yvonne Campbell, Michelle Deege & girls, and Marilyn Boone
Thank you Ladies!



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.



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