



St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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May 17, 2026—The Ascension of the Lord (A)

A Message from Fr. Tom Donovan:



Hail the Day that sees Him Rise!
This weekend in the Province of Chicago, we celebrate the Ascension on this Seventh Sunday of Easter. The Ascension is not an abstract recital of doctrine. The Ascension is not simply a shared mystical experience on part of the disciples, lacking meaning or importance in our contemporary experience of faith. The prayers of this Mass remind us of the importance of this mystery in the life of Christians today: where the Head has gone before in glory, the Body is called to follow in hope (collect). He ascended, not to distance himself from our lowly state, but that we, his members, might be confident in following where he, our Head and Founder, has gone before

(preface). The feast bids us to look forward that we may know that the final destiny of the human person lies in the glory of heaven. We also are reminded that, despite going to heaven to sit at the right hand of God the Father, our Lord's promise to remain with us establishes a new 'sacramental economy' entrusted to the Church from age to age.

Only a few people could witness Jesus in his human body as he preached and taught and healed and travelled across the small parcel of land he inhabited for the thirty-three years as he lived among us. But now, we encounter his True Body and Blood in our own time and place through the mystery of the Eucharist. We need not travel half-way across the world in order to encounter the one who, himself, baptizes and heals, forgives and makes holy. Through the presence of the Holy Spirit who continues to reveal God the Father and God the Son in the Body of the Church, we are not 'unlucky' for having been born in these later days. We can know God through the revelation of Scripture and the Sacred Tradition of the Apostolic Witness.

— 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 18, 2026

7:30 am To be announced

Tues., May 19, 2026

No Mass but there will be Adoration

Wed., May 20, 2026

-at St. Dominic School

8:30 a.m. Barbara Boone+

Thurs., May 21, 2026

No Mass

-Good Samaritan Home

No Mass

Friday, May 22, 2026

No Mass

Pentecost Sunday

Saturday, May 23, 2026

4:00 p.m. Richard Venvertloh+

6:30 p.m. Terry Weills+

Sunday, May 24, 2026

8:00 a.m. Norma Hildebrand+

10:30 a.m. Parish Intentions

Perpetual Prayer Candle

Week of 16-22

All 2026 Graduates



Congratulations to the **St. Dominic School Class of 2026** and **Quincy Notre Dame High School Class of 2026**, both of whom had celebrations over the last week for their graduates and in acknowledgement of their accomplishments. We congratulate our parishioners and their families of other schools and high schools and colleges who have completed their programs and prepare to apply their knowledge and skills to the

future that lies ahead. May the God who has begun these good things in you bring them to completion!



Announcement: We welcome Tera Smith to the parish staff as our new "Coordinator of Parish Engagement". This is a new position which is different from a traditional DRE or "Director of Religious Education"-type position, in that Tera is going to help us as a parish to encourage parishioners to become more involved in parish ministries and activities, in on-going adult formation programming, and to be involved in other stewardship/discipleship initiatives in the coming years. She is well-known to our community as wife and mother, and our First Grade teacher at St. Dominic's over the last several years. She will begin in the parish office on July 1.

— Parish Office Hours —

Monday-Friday

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

Bulletin Deadline: Monday, Noon



I will be on vacation this week. Please note the changes in the daily Mass schedule to the left. Next weekend, Pentecost Sunday, Fr. Don will be joined by Fr. Dominic Rankin, who will be home from studies at Catholic University of America in Washington DC. Please call the office staff to arrange for ministry needs during my absence.

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A Message from Mrs. Carol Frericks—Principal

Congratulations on Confirmation and First Holy Communion



On Saturday, May 2, 2026, Catholic students from St. Dominic School and St. Anthony of Padua Parish celebrated Confirmation and First Holy Communion at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield. The Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki, ninth Bishop of the Diocese of Springfield, presided over the Mass and Confirmation ceremony. Thanks so much to our catechists and parents who prepared our students for these Catholic sacraments. On Sunday, May 3, Catholic students from St. Dominic School and St. Anthony of Padua Parish celebrated their Second Holy Communion at 10:30 AM Mass and were recognized on receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. Congratulations to these holy children of God and their families! Following the Sunday Mass, these children and their families enjoyed a lovely reception in Father Irenaeus Parish Hall, which was provided by the St. Anthony Ladies' Society.



Upcoming Events

St. Dominic PTO Garage Sale

Friday, May 29th



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

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. **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.*

Safe Environment

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.

Thank you to everyone who has been taking care of making sure their background check, etc. has been updated. If you have time please email bulletin@stanthonypadua.org

St. Anthony Picnic

July 18, 2026




Mark your calendars for the St. Anthony Picnic on July 18, 2026 beginning with Mass at 4:00 p.m. (No 6:30 p.m. Mass that day but will have a 4:00 p.m. Mass on Sunday, July 19th). More information will be coming in future bulletins.

— Parish Data —

PARISH CALENDAR	
Monday, May 18	
Tuesday, May 19	
Wednesday, May 20 11:00 a.m.	Merry Widows lunch at Sprouts
1:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl meet
Thursday, May 21	
Friday, May 22	
Saturday, May 23	
4:00 p.m.	Mass
6:30 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, May 24	
8:00 a.m.	Mass
10:30 a.m.	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 44	May 9/10	Total Year-to-Date
Loose Collection	\$ 1,138.00	\$ 43,584.68
Weekly Envelopes	\$ 7,539.00	\$ 466,422.22
Electronic Deposits	\$ 0.00	\$ 73,990.00
Total, May 2/3	\$ 8,677.00	\$ 597,355.31
Budget Goal <i>(we need no less than this to stay out of deficit spending for the year!)</i>	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 572,000.00
Difference	(\$ 4,323.00)	\$ 25,345.31

Money Counters : Monday, May 18, 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., May 23 & 24, 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	Janice Zanger	Trisha Mathews	Mary Koch	Marlene Rose
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	Morgan Venvertloh Volunteer	The Mathews Family	Jessie Adams Lucas Smith	Emma & Madison McCleary
Greeters/ Gift Bearers	Dana & Rose Lugering	Ted Vahle Family	Barb Couch	Cindy Wellman
Rosary Leader	Carol Vogel	The Mathews Family	Steve Jansen	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

Lauren Scharmer



League of St. Clare

SAVE THE DATE!

Women from the League of St. Clare at St. Francis Solanus Parish invite you to join us.

Formation Pillar:

“Learning to Love like Mary”

Sunday, May 17th
St. Francis Church
7:00-8:15pm



Everybody Wins Mega Raffle!

All Tickets have been Sold!!!

— On **May 20th at 8:35 AM**, the Early Bird winner of the will be announced. The overall Mega Raffle Drawing will be announced on **May 29th at 8:35 AM** from QND. Announcements will be made via live stream on the QCS and QND Facebook pages. We encourage all interested parties to like and follow both pages.

**Called and Courageous Women’s Conference
In Springfield**

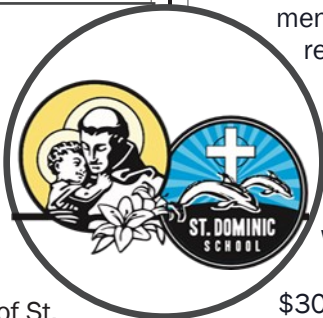
What is preventing you from trusting God more deeply?

Life is full of highs and lows, and it can be hard to see where God is in the middle of it all. At this year’s Catholic Women’s Conference, discover how to trust God in the messy, real moments of everyday life. Learn how your emotions influence your spiritual life and how to challenge the lies that lead to self-criticism, comparison, and discouragement. You’ll leave with practical tools to learn how to recognize God in your daily life, grow in prayer, and live with greater confidence in your identity as a beloved daughter of God. No matter what your season of life – single, married, divorced, widowed, young adult, or retired – you’ll find encouragement, community, and hope. When? **Saturday, October 10**. Christ the King parish Center, Springfield. Women ages 18+. Cost \$30. For the full schedule, speaker information, and registration, visit go.dio.org/cac. Even if you are on the fence about God, remember: God is not on the fence about you. Questions? Contact Gracie Ortiz at gortiz@dio.org or 217-321-1124.

Teacher Position Opening at St. Dominic School for the 2026-2027 School Year

Would you enjoy sharing our Catholic faith and love for learning with children?

St. Dominic School is accepting applications for full-time teaching position in First Grade for the 2026-2027 school year. Qualified applicants should hold an Illinois Professional Educator License. Responsibilities include teaching according to the philosophy of St. Dominic School of St. Anthony of Padua Parish and the Diocese of Springfield. Qualified and enthusiastic applicants should email a cover letter, resume, and references to cfrericks@stdominicquincy.org, or mail to Mrs. Carol Frericks, Principal, St. Dominic School of St. Anthony of Padua Parish, 4100 Columbus Road, Quincy, IL 62305, or call the school office at 217-224-0041. St. Dominic School wages are based on years of experience and education ranging from \$34,000 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/2025/01/Benefits-Flyer-1.pdf>



Fr. Aaron Kuhn is being moved from this area to a new Priestly Assignment. To show appreciation for Fr. Aaron's quiet and dedicated service to this area, his family will host a party on Wednesday, June 10 starting at 6:30pm in the Quincy Notre Dame Cafeteria. Meal and world-famous soft-serve ice cream served. RSVP greatly appreciated but not required. RSVP by call or text to (217)-242-5217 or (217)-740-7326. Everyone is welcome and the party starts when you get there!

Everyone Loves a Parish Picnic June 13, 2026. 5:00-Midnight, at **St. Francis School/Church** property and St. Francis Parish Center (inside)
Outside and Inside Food BINGO
50/50 Cash & Basket Raffle, Beer & Wine, Dunk Tank Silent Auction Kiddie Korner, Bounce House, Train Ride, Games and Prizes, Live Music by Heidelberg Band and Violet Hill
Help us make this year our most successful year ever!



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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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St. Mary School in Mt. Sterling, a PreK-8 Catholic School, is seeking a PRINCIPAL. For more detailed information including salary range, benefits, required qualifications, school information, and how to apply, please reach out to the Pastor, Fr. Aaron Kuhn at akuhn@smseagle.org. Interested candidates will need to submit an application package by May 27.

Please Help Spread the word! Quincy Junior Raider Cheerleading registration is now open. All future Raiders going into 5th-8th grade are invited. This includes our QCES students, homeschool students who are parishioners of our Catholic churches, and public school girls who are active members of one of our Catholic parishes and intend to attend QND in the future. Please use the QR Code for more information and registration.



High School and College Students who will be graduating this spring We would like to publish the names of all of our St. Anthony 2026 High School and College Graduates in the church bulletin on May 31st. Please send your name, high school or college you are graduating from. Please send this information to bulletin@stanthonypadua.org or call the parish office 217-222-5996 by Sunday, May 24. You have worked hard and we would like to acknowledge that hard work.

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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