



St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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August 16, 2026—Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

A Message from Fr. Tom Donovan:



In this week's Gospel, Jesus finds himself in the far-north reaches of the region of Tyre and Sidon. These two cities are on the coast of the Mediterranean Sea, about 20-40 miles south of the modern-day city of Beirut. The residents of Canaan and the Jews have a long history of unfriendliness caused by many factors, not the least of which was the displacement of the Canaanite peoples as the Jews entered into their "Promised Land". Jesus knew that his end was near, and he was not able to travel about freely without great crowds following. So Jesus and his disciples were having some free-time in advance

of going to Jerusalem to encounter his passion.

A woman identified as a "Syrophenician" by Matthew, asks innocently enough for assistance from Jesus, calling out the Messianic title, "Son of David!" She asks for her daughter to be delivered from a demon. What follows is surprising. Jesus insults her. "I am here for the lost sheep of Israel!" She persists, but Jesus intensifies his insult: "You do not feed to the dogs that which belongs to the children!" And then she turns on Jesus, "but even dogs eat what falls from the master's table." With this Jesus relents and extols her persistent faith. Her daughter is saved.

It is hard to consider exactly how to interpret these passages--Jesus wasn't simply having a bad day. But why was he testing her... so harshly? One thing that comes to mind is to recognize the importance of persistence... even in the face of dishonor. Jesus was going up to Jerusalem to die... would his followers have the toughness to push back against the small insults? Some think Jesus as a purely serene, even pacifist figure. What we see here is a bit of his toughness. Do you have what it takes to follow me? Show me. Remember: "many are called, but few are chosen."

It concerns me when people have their feelings hurt by 'the Church' or, more properly, by the 'people in the Church'. I regret that sometimes I myself have been at the center of those problems either as a leader who has to do what I have to do, or sometimes through the faults that sometimes slip out of my own human weaknesses. I, too, have also known the feelings of betrayal at the hands of the Church—it's an awful feeling to deal with and it is very hard on one's faith. We have all perhaps, heard stories of things that happened many years or decades ago, perhaps involving very minor issues that have significantly impaired one's relationship with the Church to this very day. The work of reconciliation is never-ending in the life of the Church, and it is often tremendously challenging.

The solution to these challenges involve promoting greater civility between all members of the Church, of course, and also making courageous and humble efforts to promote understanding and reconciliation for those who feel offended. I think our Gospel encourages us to take a wider view of our relationship with the Church. While the Church is of divine origin, it is always in a state of ongoing purification while its members strive to become, truly one in the Body of Christ. It is rarely easy-going as we struggle to live in cooperation, humility, and mutual understanding.

Do we have the confidence that God is part of this process... even in the process of 'smoothing the edges' that are in each of us? One of the signs of a strong Church is how it deals with adversity within its ranks. Usually there are no easy answers to many of the 'rubs' that develop in our life together, but by having the faith to call on God and the persistent courage to stand with what is truly good, while really listening to each other will aid us in our lives together.



Thank you to our ushers who came out for the ministry training last week. Our intention for these meetings is to brush up on best practices for this ministry and to welcome new ushers who need to know the baseline expectations for this ministry. We intend to do a similar programming for our other liturgical ministries in the coming

months, so if you are or are interested in becoming a greeter, an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, a lector, or a sacristan, please keep an eye out for the announcement.

Ushers are fundamentally 'ministers of hospitality' on the front lines of welcoming parishioners and guests and helping them not only get situated as they come through our doors, but they are also there to be alert and responsive to needs that present themselves... safety from weather, awareness of outside activity, sudden illness, or even those who wish to do harm to our gathered community. They are all to have participated in the "Safe Environment" programming prescribed by the Diocese of Springfield, and are a visible shield of vigilant awareness for the vulnerable among us. Finally, their presence is one of welcome and accommodation. Thank you to all who stand that line and assume the role of 'usher'. You are the first ministers that people meet, setting the tone for transition out of the everyday world and onto 'holy ground' here at Church.

— 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., August 17, 2026

7:30 a.m. R. Shawn Foster+

Tues., August 18, 2026

7:30 a.m. Jean Powers+

Wed., August 19, 2026

8:30 a.m. Gene Venvertloh+

Thurs., August 20, 2026

7:30 a.m. The Mike Wittland
Family+

-Good Samaritan Home

10:00 a.m. Robert & Mary Lohman+

Friday, August 21, 2026

8:15 a.m. Clarence Genenbacher+

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, August 22, 2026

4:00 p.m. Gene & Mary Ann Grawe+

6:30 p.m. Mary Lou Wellman+

Sunday, August 23, 2026

8:00 a.m. Tim Mast+

10:30 a.m. Parish Intentions

Perpetual Prayer Candle

Week of August 15-21

Mark Frericks & April Rohn

— 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

2026-2027 Welcome Back to School Parent Letter



**I have said this to you,
so that in me you may have peace.
In the world you face persecution.
But take courage;
I have conquered the world!
John 16:33**

St. Dominic School of St. Anthony of Padua Parish
Where Holy Moments Happen Every Day

Welcome back to school for the 2026-2027 school year! We hope you have enjoyed a relaxing summer with your family and friends. We pray that your family is happy, healthy, and getting ready to begin a new school year as members of our St. Dominic School Family.

Let us begin by reflecting on our genuine partnership between school staff and school parents. Our school staff recognizes that parents are the first and primary educators of their children. St. Dominic School is privileged to partner with parents who are committed to the quality of their children's learning experience, and who realize that the values their children learn are just as important as any instructional content. We approach this partnership in a spirit of mutual respect and cooperation, and genuinely appreciate the many ways in which parents strengthen and support our school's culture.

Every year, we look forward to the opportunity to enhance our Catholic community of service and culture of belonging. At St. Dominic School, no one learns or provides service alone. Students and staff flourish in a community, where they can be assured that they belong and know they are loved. We foster a learning community in which all members - students, teachers, families, parishioners - benefit from the bonds they form with one another through service, where everyone has a place and a stake in the school's present and future wellbeing.

We are sincerely grateful to God for our blessings of faith, patience, and kindness. Faith in our Lord holds our school family together and helps us grow closer to Him. Patience and kindness guided by the Holy Spirit provides the strength we need to develop relationships and care for one another. We have experienced many Holy Moments over the years by doing what our Heavenly Father calls us to do for each other. Please join me in giving thanks to God for His many blessings and gifts!

Therefore, let us begin this school year with the relationships we have developed and nurtured so we can remain in partnership and fulfill our school mission, which states "The mission of the Quincy Catholic School system is to form the next generation of Catholic disciples of Christ, in communion with families and parishes, through spiritual growth and academic excellence." Peace be with you!

Sunday, August 16 Back to School Bash

4:00 p.m. Sunday Mass in the School Gym with Blessing of the Backpacks
5:00-6:00 p.m. Families can drop off school supplies in classrooms and meet the teacher.

5:00-6:00 p.m. PTO Sponsored Cookout with support from the St. Anthony Men's and Women's Societies

Monday, August 17

8:30 - 2:30 a.m. All Staff Meeting

Tuesday, August 18

First Half-Day of School for K-8 students with 11:30 a.m. Dismissal
6:30-8:00 a.m. Before School Care in session. No After School Care.

Wednesday, August 19

First Full Day of School for K-8 students, Preschool 4-year-old three-day and five-day programs

Doors open at 7:55 a.m. Dismissal at 3:00 p.m.

Before Care 6:30-8:00 a.m. and After Care 3:00-5:30 p.m. in session

8:30 a.m. School Mass

Thursday, August 20

First Full Day of School for Preschool 3-year-old two-day

Friday, August 21

School Spirit Shirt Day with dress code bottoms
8:15 a.m. Quiet School Mass for Grades 4-8

— Parish Data —

PARISH CALENDAR	
Monday, August 17 6:30 p.m.	Butterfly Ministry Meeting
Tuesday, August 18 7:00 p.m.	1/2 Day of School Finance Council
Wednesday, August 19 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	First Full Day of Mass Mass at St. Dominic Merry Widows lunch at Sprouts
Thursday, August 20 6:00 p.m.	GriefShare
Friday, August 21 8:15 a.m.	Mass at St. Dominic
Saturday, August 22 4:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Mass Mass
Sunday, August 23 8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Mass Mass Mass Server Training

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

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.



WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING		
Week 6	August 8/9	Total Year-to-Date
Loose Collection	\$ 813.25	\$ 4,749.65
Weekly Envelopes	\$ 10,188.00	\$ 64,160.00
Electronic Deposits	\$ 8,279.00	\$ 8,279.00
Total, August 8/9	\$ 19,280.25	\$ 77,188.65
Budget Goal <i>(we need no less than this to stay out of deficit spending for the year!)</i>	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 78,000.00
Difference	\$ 6,280.25	(\$ - 811.35)

Money Counters : Monday, August 17, 2026
Nancy Speckhart Melanie Longenecker Jan Obert

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., August 22 & 23, 2026

	Saturday, 4:00 PM	Saturday, 6:30 PM	Sunday, 8:00 AM	Sunday, 10:30 AM
Key Minister/	Jr. & Jackie Dreyer		Gene & Rita Goerlich	
Lector	Tina Fisk	George Benz	Mike Baker	Deb Woodworth
Usher	Bill Anderson Jr. Dreyer Tom Grawe Jack Kuhlman	Tom Boone Geroge Dreyer Joe Dreyer Chris Ehrhardt	Anthony Haley Mike Hummel Matt kasparie Mark Neisen	Diane Dittmer Greg Dittmer Rick Schafer Larry Weiman
Servers	Morgan Venvertloh Volunteer	Brooklyn Deege Rozalyn Brass	Pius IX Altar Servers	Alex & Alaina Wellman
Greeters/ Gift Bearers	Mary Koch	Carolyn Waterkotte	Todd & Tera Smith Family	Greg & Diane Dittmer
Rosary Leader	Carol Vogel	Earl Boone	Mike Baker	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, Jim Brinkman
Also please remember in your prayers those who have died in 2026: Mary Ward, Giny Baker, Elsie Nieders



Upcoming Events

Fall Sip and Socialize

AUG. 30 & SEPT. 13
2-5 P.M.

REGISTER AND BE ENTERED TO WIN A BOTTLE OF WINE!

Invite friends and family!
All are welcome!

Pointe D'Vine
276 Hwy 57

Live music by
Stonehill Band

CALL OR TEXT TERA AT 573-719-1272 WITH QUESTIONS!

No outside food or beverage allowed
Adults only please

Super Server Training with PIZZA!

Led by Deacon Harry

CALLING ALL CURRENT SERVERS AND THOSE WHO WANT TO LEARN TO SERVE AT MASS!

St. Anthony Church
August 23rd, 2026 | 2:00pm start | 1.5-2 hours of training + pizza party!

- 4th grade and up!
- Prepare for church and school Mass.
- Parents warmly welcomed.
- Children who are newly confirmed are encouraged to join.
- Thanks to parents & supporters who help servers make it to their scheduled Mass times.

Please call St. Anthony Parish Office to sign up: 217-222-5996
Thank you and Blessings, Deacon Harry

We need helping hands for Families of Faith

(PSR)

- Faith-filled formation program for families.
- Sundays between the 8 am and 10:30 am masses.
- If you are not currently a Catholic school family, contact Hope to sign up!
- If you can be a helper for Families of Faith, contact Hope!
- Starts Sunday, September 13 – runs throughout the school year.

Contact Hope Glidewell-
hglidewell@stdominicquincy.org

GriefShare Returns

NEW SESSIONS BEGINNING THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2026 AT 6:00 PM
ST. ANTHONY PARISH HALL- QUILT ROOM

For persons experiencing grief following the loss of a loved one. GriefShare is a thirteen-week, biblical, Christ-centered program addressing grief topics.

Includes:

- Video presentations with nationally respected grief experts and personal stories
- Small group discussion
- Participant guidebook for support between meetings

This program is confidential.
Please join us.

Questions: Jim Liesen: 217-577-6664
Cindy or Deacon Harry Cramer: 217-224-1160

August 16, 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



A gift card holder was found at the St. Anthony Picnic during clean up! If you lost a holder with several gift cards inside, please call the church office at 217-222-5996 to identify what cards they are! Thanks!

Cafeteria Position Openings at St. Dominic School for the 2026-2027 School Year

Would you like to join our school family as a part-time cafeteria worker to help us prepare and serve food for our students? We are accepting applications for the part-time head cook position and the part-time cafeteria assistant cook position in our school cafeteria for the 2026-2027 school year. If you are interested in managing and preparing food for our school lunch program, 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>.



The St. Francis Card Party (normally held the first Thursday in September) has been changed to SEPTEMBER 10TH. This change is made due to the Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Convention which will be held at St. Anthony Parish on the first Thursday of September this year.

There will be an **Hour of Adoration** followed by Benediction at St. Joseph Church 400 South Lane St. Palmyra MO. August 16, 2026 from 3:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. all are invited to come and pray for your Priests.

St. Thomas Church Ice Cream Social. Camp Point, IL Sunday, August 16, 4-7 p.m. Maid Rites, Hot Dogs, Chips, Drinks, Homemade Desserts and Homemade Ice Cream! Free will offering. Advanced orders-1 gal. homemade ice cream \$25. Call Pat 217-740-2140 or the parish office 217-593-6685. Handicap Accessible & Air Conditioned.



Welcome

Martin & Jordan Frericks Kvitle
Rylie, Frankie, & Charlie
to our St. Anthony Parish Family!



Comstock Castle Ovens and Stove for sale

The parish has these for sale at the price of \$500 each. We wanted to make them available to our parishioners before we advertise to the public. If you are interested please contact the parish office at 217-222-5996.

If you or a loved one is hospitalized-Please call the parish office if you or a loved one goes to the hospital, even if it is for a short stay? Blessing Hospital, because of it's new computer system, cannot tell clergy who from their parishes or congregations is in the hospital.

Secondly, if you are going to be a patient at the hospital, please tell the hospital staff that you are a Catholic and your place of worship is St. Anthony parish. The hospital personnel do not always ask the question and the faith information did not transfer over when patient records were transferred to the new system.

Great River TEC is having a night of worship concert with Seth Menne August 30, 2026. Meet and Greet starts at 5pm and Concert will be 6p-7:30p at QU North Campus. Free Will Donation accepted but not required. If you could share this post of attachment anywhere you think kids and parishioners might see it most. Thank you!

The Giving Tree

Looking to bless a teacher at
St. Dominic?

Each teacher has some needed items on our giving tree. Grab an apple or two, purchase the item(s) and bring back to church by August 23rd. It is sure to bring joy to our classrooms! 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



Is your marriage ready for a boost?

Renew your Sacrament, deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, and rekindle your romance by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience! Perhaps consider a weekend away as a present for your spouse. For more information or to apply, go to www.me.org, or call Terry and Eric Engholm, 314-649-7317. The following upcoming weekend experiences are available.

10/9/2026 - 10/11/2026, Springfield, IL
12/4/2026 - 12/6/2026, St. Peters, MO

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. Anthony Church, Quincy, August 16, 2026

Family & Friends CPR Class

St. Anthony Parish Hall Basement

Sunday, September 27th at 2PM

Registration required: Call 217-222-5996

- Approximately 2 hours
- Free for all parishioners
- Limited to 15 participants
- Taught by 2 American Heart Association Instructors

Certification Cards not issued- This is not an approved class for workplace certification.



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