



St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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August 30, 2026—Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

A Message from Fr. Tom Donovan:



Last December, with little media fanfare or attention, Governor Pritzker signed into law the *Medical Aid in Dying* law or “Deb’s Law.” The new law, which takes effect September 12, 2026, allows individuals diagnosed with a terminal illness and a prognosis of six months or less to obtain medication which they may self-administer for the purpose of ending their lives. The language surround-

ing the law is deceptively reassuring: *dignity, autonomy, compassion, choice*. Those words speak to genuine human concerns. Anyone who has accompanied a person through cancer, neurological disease, respiratory failure, or another terminal illness understands the fear of pain, dependency and loss of control that can accompany dying. Catholics should never dismiss those fears or respond to suffering with pious platitudes. But neither should we confuse compassion with helping a person cause his or her own death.

The Catholic answer to the suffering person is not, “you must suffer.” It is something much more compassionate: “You will not suffer alone. We are with you.” That distinction lies at the heart of the Church’s opposition to assisted suicide. Human dignity does not depend upon independence, productivity, financial capacity, physical strength, or the ability to control the circumstances of one’s death. A person who has become weak, dependent, incontinent, confused, frightened, or completely reliant upon others has lost none of his or her human dignity. The value of a life does not diminish as the challenges or cost of caring for that life increases.

The Church does not teach that medicine must prolong biological life at all costs. A patient may legitimately decline extraordinary or disproportionately burdensome treatments when those treatments offer little reasonable benefit. Pain medication may be given aggressively for the purpose of relieving suffering even when an unintended secondary effect might be some shortening of life. Hospice, palliative medicine, and comfort care can all be morally appropriate. There is an enormous moral difference between virtuously, courageously accepting that death can no longer reasonably be prevented and deliberately making pushing death the objective of our treatment.

That distinction is increasingly important because legalized assisted suicide changes more than the options available to one individual patient. It gradually changes the way a society thinks about illness, dependency, and death. I, for one, fear considering the slippery slope of what this legislation could bring to society as governments and insurance companies discover that the standard treatment for illness could become a few dollars of “compassionate pharmaceuticals” rather than a reasonable, standard course of treatment that is provided today for many treatable illnesses.

The law recognizes the gravity of the choice one makes in choosing to end life by implementing safeguards, which ironically place a person who elects death as a morally-competent and complicit decision-maker in this act. As Catholics we recognize that such agency expressing consent of one’s will constitutes mortal sin, which is simultaneously a choice against eternal salvation. Death in such a calculated and clinical manner contemplates the gravity of the act of suicide in a way that perhaps others who have taken their lives in the midst of crisis have not been able to consider with full consent of will. The teaching of the Church is certainly not intended to be punitive on this subject, but instead, to help Catholics recognize the spiritual peril of taking one’s life in this way. Further, Catholic teaching and witness is intended to remind society of the values that are at stake as the state slouches towards ever narrower respect of human life and dignity.

The Church has long supported hospice and palliative care precisely because genuine compassion means entering into another person’s suffering rather than eliminating the sufferer. Good end-of-life care addresses pain and other symptoms, but it also addresses loneliness, fear, unfinished relationships and spiritual distress. For Catholics, those final days can include prayer, reconciliation, forgiveness, the presence of family, Sacramental Absolution, Anointing of the Sick, and finally Viaticum—the Eucharist received as food for the final journey.

Christianity does not romanticize suffering. Pain is an evil to be relieved whenever reasonably possible. But suffering need not be meaningless. United with Christ, even the final weakness of illness can become a place of grace: an opportunity to forgive or be forgiven, to reconcile with family, to surrender old resentments, to pray, to receive love when we can no longer repay it, and ultimately to entrust ourselves to God.

As faithful Catholics, we now have an obligation to demonstrate what we mean when we say there is a better kind of compassion. That means supporting hospice and excellent palliative medicine. It means helping families carrying the exhausting burden of caring for someone who is dying. It means visiting the sick, supporting caregivers, ensuring adequate pain management, bringing the sacraments to those who desire them and refusing to let anyone believe that illness has made him useless or dependency has made her a burden. The Christian answer is presence: Your life remains good. Your dignity remains intact. Your suffering matters to us. We will care for you. We will walk with you. And when death finally comes, we will help you meet it not as something we have manufactured, but as the final passage of a life entrusted to the God who gave it.

— 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 11:30 a.m.

except when a funeral is scheduled



Mass Intentions

Mon., August 31, 2026

—No Mass

Tues., September 1, 2026

7:30 a.m. Lawrence Cramsey+

Wed., September 2, 2026

8:30 a.m. Jim Holtman+

Thurs., September 3, 2026

SDCCW Mass (all are welcome)

7:30 a.m. Rosary

8:30 a.m. Deceased Ladies of the
Springfield Diocese+

— Good Samaritan Home —

10:00 a.m. Evelyn Dietrich+

Friday, September 4, 2026

8:15 a.m. Susan Bauer+

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 5, 2026

4:00 p.m. Roger & Rosalyn Boone+

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

Sunday, September 6, 2026

8:00 a.m. Parish Intentions

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

Perpetual Prayer Candle

Week of August 29-September 4

Special Intention

— 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

Professional Learning for Spiritual Growth 2026-2027



Healing the *Whole* Person THE 8-PART GROUP SERIES

This teaching, presented by **Dr. Bob Schuchts & Sr. Miriam James Heidland**, is for anyone desiring wholeness, freedom, and an encounter with a loving Creator. Journey through **8 Talks**, reflect on your life experience, and discover the healing God desires for you.

When: Faculty Meetings for Spiritual Growth & Coming Soon for School/Parish Parents

Location: St. Dominic School Computer Lab

Contact: Carol Frericks at cfrericks@stdominicquincy.org

Additional Information: Register early to ensure your spot and a Healing the Whole Person workbook (provided by TFF grant).

Please note: This is a licensed video series used with the permission of the JPII Healing Center. This is not a JPII Healing Center event.



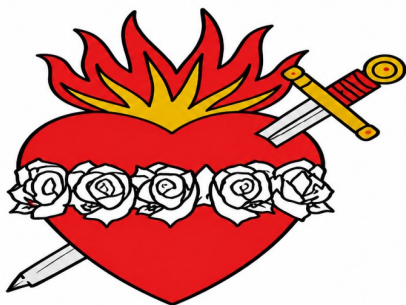
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JOHN PAUL II Healing Center
Transformation in the Heart of the Church

Did you know that every year the faculty of St. Dominic School engages in professional learning opportunities for spiritual growth? During the 2026-2027 school year, the faculty will engage in the Healing the Whole Person 8-part licensed video series from the John Paul II Healing Center, which was made possible by a Tracy Family Foundation grant for professional learning. Once each month, the faculty has a meeting to develop our spiritual growth and this year our goal is to participate in this video series as a healing ministry. Please watch the bulletin for parents and parishioners to sign up for evening sessions.

AUGUST



The Immaculate Heart of Mary

Monthly Devotions

During the 2026-2027 school year, we will be learning the monthly devotions of our Catholic Church. Each month of the year is dedicated to celebrating a particular aspect of our faith. This is a way of sanctifying or making holy our experience of time. Each monthly devotion helps us reflect on God's amazing gifts. During the month of August we learned about the Immaculate Heart of Mary. By honoring Mary's Immaculate Heart in August, we honor her purity and love of God, and her generous Fiat or "Yes" at the Annunciation. The roses refer to the joys of her life with Jesus, and the sword refers to the sorrows. Month by month, we will learn the devotions and grow in our love for God and others.

— Parish Data —

PARISH CALENDAR	
Monday, August 31	
Tuesday, Sept. 1 7:00 p.m.	Pastoral Council Meeting
Wednesday, Sept. 2 8:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Mass at St. Dominic Sacrament Orientation in Church
Thursday, Sept. 3 8:30 a.m.	Mass for the Springfield Diocesan Counsel of Catholic Women Convention
6:00 p.m.	GriefShare
Friday, Sept. 4 8:15 a.m.	Mass at St. Dominic
Saturday, Sept. 5 4:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Mass Mass
Sunday, Sept. 6 8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Mass Mass
Pray with our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV the monthly intention for September 2026: Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.	



WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING							
Week 8		August 22/23	Total Year-to-Date				
Loose Collection	\$	991.00	\$ 6,570.65				
Weekly Envelopes	\$	14,405.00	\$ 86,985.00				
Electronic Deposits	\$	0.00	\$ 8,279.00				
Total, August 22/23	\$	15,396.00	\$ 101,834.65				
Budget Goal <i>(we need no less than this to stay out of deficit spending for the year!)</i>	\$	13,000.00	\$ 104,000.00				
Difference	\$	2,396.00	(\$ - 2,165.35)				
Money Counters : Monday, August 31, 2026 Dana Lugering Mary Koch Pat Bauer							
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., Sept. 5 & 6, 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	Janet Bick	Mike Hummel	Marlene Rose
Usher	Lead: Jr. Dreyer Tom Boone Cindy Cramer Jackie Dreyer	Lead: Scott Thoele David Edwards Elmer Maas George Huber	Lead: Dan Reichert Rod Davis Dan Terwelp Matt Weiman	Lead: Kurtis Fischer Frank Arnold Brian Fox Brian Koch
Servers	Timmy Obert Volunteer	Rozalyn Brass Volunteer	Zain & Kolbie Schutte	Emma & Madison McCleary
Greeters/ Gift Bearers	Carol Vogel	Marilyn Boone	Barb Couch	Kenny & Jean Klauser
Rosary Leader	Mike Zanger	Melanie Longenecker	Jerry & Trudy Dreier	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, 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

St. Anthony Men's Society Chicken Dinner

(Dine-in or Carry-out)
Sept. 20, 2026
11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

The St. Anthony Men's Society invites you (along with your family and friends) to their annual fried chicken dinner!

- 1/4 chicken (white) Meal \$12
- 1/4 chicken (dark) Meal \$12
- 1/2 chicken Meal \$16
- Chicken strips \$ 8
- Child's Dinner (wing or drumstick) \$8

Meals include 3 sides, home made dinner rolls, drink and dessert

FIRESIDE Fellowship

BONFIRE | LIVE MUSIC | DANCING | FOOD | FUN

- Cozy fall evening around the bonfire!
- Pulled pork, hot dogs, s'mores & lemonade.
- Live acoustic music by Travis Hoffman!
- Cornhole, playground, & goodie bags for all!
- FUN for ALL ages!

**REGISTER HERE!
FREE ADMISSION!**

2223 St. Anthony Road
Sept 26 - 7:30-11 p.m.

St. Anthony Ladies Society Fall Craft/Vendor Event

October 3, 2026

St. Anthony Ladies Society will be sponsoring a Fall Craft/Vendor Event on Saturday, Oct. 3, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at Fr. Irenaeus Parish Center (formerly St. Anthony Parish Hall), 2223 St. Anthony Road, Quincy, IL. The doors will open at 7:00 a.m. for vendors to set up. All vendors must be set up by 8:45 a.m.

Booth spaces in the hall will be 10' x 10'. Booth spaces are \$25 per space. We will have 8 foot tables available to rent for \$5 each. 2 chairs per space will be provided.

We still have space for a few more vendors. Please contact Janet Bick 217-430-7256 (rjbick@comcast.net) or Tawny Benz 217-257-0847 (rtbenz77@gmail.com) for more information.

August 30, 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

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->



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!



Would you be like to spend 30 minutes with our Lord? Every Tuesday Eucharistic Adoration takes place at St. Anthony Church. **We are in desperate need of someone to fill the 9:30-10:00 a.m. time slot!** If you would be able to fill this time please let the office know 217-222-5996. You could even share it with a friend and rotate weeks.



St. Anthony Parish welcomes
Henry David Witte
son of
Matthew & Allison Daraban Witte
who was baptized August 23, 2026
into the Catholic faith.



St. Anthony Parish welcomes
Adrienne Joelle Brown
daughter of
Cory & Rachel Zellerman Brown
who was baptized August 23, 2026
into the Catholic faith.



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.

SEPTEMBER GROCERY ITEMS
Toilet Paper & Laundry Detergent
The Ladies of Charity & Catholic Charities
Thank You



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.

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.



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 Church, Quincy, August 30, 2026

Church Cleaning Schedule for Tuesday, September 1st at, 3:15 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!*

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 Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Convention which will be held at St. Anthony Parish on the first Thursday of September this year.

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.

QND Friday Night Lights Cheer Camp
The QND Cheerleaders are hosting a fall camp for PreK through 8th grade. PreK-4th grade camp will be held on September 4th from 5:30-8:00 at QND. Camp includes t-shirt, pizza and admission to the game. Campers will perform at half time of the football game. New this year - 5th-8th grade clinic will be held on August 29th from 1:30-3:30 at the CAC. 5th-8th grade campers will cheer the first half of the football game with the varsity cheerleaders and perform at halftime on September 4th. Camp/Clinic are \$35.

Use the link to register by August 31st to guarantee t-shirt size. Walk ins are welcome. Questions contact QNDCheer@QuincyNotreDame.org
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf3vmzybzmJQEDc8IDQSAJoC-yw9ttiATcjYUPWOYHhg4Sepw/viewform?usp=sharing&oid=109085444657587530770>



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Mother Teresa: No Greater Love

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