



St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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September 6, 2026—Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

A Message from Fr. Tom Donovan:

"Am I my brother's keeper?" This question haunts the fourth chapter of Genesis after Cain murders his brother, Abel. Abel's blood indeed cries out, echoing through Sacred Scripture, arriving at the situation in today's Gospel. And so, "Am I my brother's keeper?" The obvious answer is, "of course!" We are responsible for our brothers and sisters, and not only for bodily safety, but also for his or her spiritual welfare. Indeed, the prophet Ezekiel reminds us that we must warn the wicked of their ways, and in doing so save not only their life, but ours as well! (Ez 33: 7-9) Paul tells us that we are to owe each other no debt, except the debt of love (cf Rom 13:8-9). Love, of course, is not a mere feeling or emotion. In its perfection, love is the desire for the ultimate good of others. How important to realize the greatest good for another is in their spiritual welfare.



Jesus impressed upon his disciples the great lengths that one should take to reconcile with wayward brothers. Matthew 18 explains: we are to tell him his fault... we gather witnesses... we involve the church... and then, if all else fails, we treat them as Gentile or tax collector, which also obligates the disciple of Christ to treat the wayward brother with love. Love does not justify rejection of the sinner, but instead calls for an intense effort to bring the wayward one back. That is the debt of love for those who themselves know the love and mercy of Almighty God. For "Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the Law." (Rom 13:10)

The Church recognizes the efforts to 'admonish the sinner' as one of the seven 'spiritual works of mercy'. Most people dislike conflict. Fewer people enjoy being corrected. It is natural to become defensive. It is hard to speak up, and doing so seems to run counter to the modern trend of not being 'judgmental'. It is sometimes hard to separate 'fraternal correction' from our own anger. But this is what we are 'on' for as followers of Christ. We are our 'brothers' keepers', and if we can save them from their faults, we win our brothers and sisters from the evil one.

— 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., September 7, 2026

7:30 a.m. Edward F. Benz+

Tues., September 8, 2026

7:30 a.m. Bill Koch+

Wed., September 9, 2026

—St. Dominic School

8:30 a.m. Russ & Rita Terstriep+

Thurs., September 10, 2026

7:30 a.m. Huber & Winston Family+

—Good Samaritan Home

10:00 a.m. Rollie Thomas+

Friday, September 11, 2026

—St. Dominic School

8:15 a.m. Gene Venvertloh+

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 12, 2026

4:00 p.m. Frank & Anna Venvertloh+

6:30 p.m. Parish Intentions

Sunday, September 13, 2026

8:00 a.m. Ann Goehl+

10:30 a.m. Paul & Kay Smith+

Perpetual Prayer Candle

Week of September 5-11

Special Intention

— Parish Office Hours —

Monday-Friday

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

Bulletin Deadline: Monday, Noon



Happy Labor Day! The Church has a nuanced teaching on the role of labor in the advancement of societies, which flows fundamentally from an understanding of the dignity of the human person. Humanity was placed in the Garden of Eden, not simply to lay idle and entertain themselves, but that they might cooperate with the fruitfulness of the earth and the grace of God. Adam and Eve were to be custodians of the garden, providing for its upkeep and receiving the fruits of its bounty. Indeed, only after sin entered creation did work become a test of one's will, calling forth 'sweat from the brow' and exertion of the body in order to obtain basic sustenance. In our day, work remains the expectation and norm for those who wish to participate fully in society, while sins against the dignity of human labor come from both those who (mis-)employ workers, those workers who fall short of the dignity of their calling and remuneration, and finally from those who, otherwise-able, refuse productive work, choosing to live off the welfare of others. In the midst of celebrating those who actively labor, this day may also be an opportunity to discuss the virtues taught to children in being responsible in the household and contributing to its upkeep according to their abilities, as well as the dignity of those who have retired, making sure that they have appropriate means for support and economic security after a lifetime of labor.

The Church's teaching on human work and labor recognizes, first, that human labor is an opportunity to participate in the ongoing work of creation. God's bounty continues to flow, to be shared by those who work and those in need, creating an economy, not only of finance, but of human relationships... between people, between nations, between human beings and the earth itself. Second, the Church recognizes that labor serves the human person first. Labor provides wealth allowing a medium exchange for our needs. Labor is an investment of human time and effort in to projects which improve the standard of living for a society. Labor is a concrete expression of love for those, particularly family, who share the fruits of labor. When one's ability to work is curtailed, it diminishes the ability of the individual worker to fulfill these needs. Ultimately the opportunity to work is ordered to the good of the individual, not simply the good of the economy or the holders of capital. The human worker is not to be valued simply for the economic benefit they provide, but for their role in a network of human relationships.

Of similar importance, the Church also recognizes the importance, and even the duty, to rest. Rest is a vital human need that restores the individual and becomes the pause necessary to honor God. When work becomes all-consuming, it risks distorting the relationship between Creator and created.

It is from this fundamental understanding of the role of human labor in creation and society that the Church offers properly-qualified support for the rights of laborers to organize, to seek advocacy and justice, to protect workers from exploitation, to have a 'just wage' with access to health and other benefits, and to find ways to resolve conflict between labor and capital. At all times, the needs and the dignity of the vulnerable and oppressed are of primary concern of 'justice'. Justice is thus rooted in truth and relationships, not ideology. The pursuit of justice presumes the principle of subsidiarity in our dealings with others (working to resolve conflict at the lowest level of personal relationships... as in today's Gospel.) Equity in economics and social order is about opportunity, not uniform equality. And finally justice can only be part of a comprehensive moral framework that protects the right to life, the dignity of the family unit as the foundational cell of a healthy society, and an effort to encourage well-formed consciences through religious and educational formation.

St. Dominic School

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A Message from Mrs. Carol Frericks—Principal

Fourth Grade Leaders Teach The Seven Sorrows of Our Lady



During the month of September at Morning Assembly, our fourth-grade leaders along with their teacher, Mrs. Katie O'Neal, will teach our school to pray for the monthly devotion of our Catholic Church, which is the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady. We will be reminded that our Blessed Mother understands and accompanies us as a source of comfort, strength, and hope as she walks with us through our own difficult times. The Seven Sorrows of Our Lady are: 1) The Prophecy of Simeon, 2) The Flight into Egypt, 3) The Loss of Jesus for Three Days, 4) Mary Meets Jesus on His way to the Cross, 5) The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus, 6) Jesus is Taken Down from the Cross, and 7) The Burial of Jesus. Our fourth-grade class also provides a lesson on the virtue of the week, including docility, moderation, obedience, and generosity.



St. Dominic PTO presents:

MIGHTY MACHINE NIGHT



SEPT. 10 5-7PM @ St. Dominic School

Come explore the importance of Technology and Math in the world we live in. There will be large machinery present to explore, along with the Children's Museum, food vendors, a basket raffle, and more! All are welcome! Open to the public.



Mark Your Calendar

Monday, September 7

No School—Labor Day

Tuesday, September 8

1:30 PM Grade 4 Field Trip to Quincy Museum

6:30 PM School Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 9

8:30 AM School Mass

3:15 PM Faculty Meeting

Thursday, September 10

5:00-7:00 PM PTO Mighty Machines Night

Friday, September 11 Spirit Shirt Day

8:15 AM School Mass

— Parish Data —

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, Sept. 7	Labor Day-Parish office closed
Tuesday, Sept. 8 6:30 p.m.	St. Dominic School Board
Wednesday, Sept. 9 8:30 a.m.	Mass at St. Dominic
Thursday, Sept. 10 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 5-7 p.m.	GriefShare St. Anthony Ladies Society Meeting Mighty Machines Night at St. Dominic School
Friday, Sept. 11 8:15 a.m.	Mass at St. Dominic
Saturday, Sept. 12 4:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Mass Mass
Sunday, Sept. 13 8:00 a.m. 9-10 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Mass Families of Faith Mass
Town Hall Meeting after 10:30 a.m. Mass in church	

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 9	August 29/30	Total Year-to-Date
Loose Collection	\$ 911.00	\$ 7,481.65
Weekly Envelopes	\$ 7,843.00	\$ 94,828.00
Electronic Deposits	\$ 7,800.00	\$ 16,079.00
Total, August 22/23	\$ 16,554.00	\$ 118,388.65
Budget Goal <i>(we need no less than this to stay out of deficit spending for the year!)</i>	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 117,000.00
Difference	\$ 3,554.00	\$ 1,388.65

Money Counters : Tuesday, September 8, 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. 12/13, 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	George Benz	Carol Frericks	Jen Dyer
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	Morgan Venvertloh Volunteer	The Benz Family	Luke Weiman Lucas Klauser	Sam Fischer Thomas Dyer
Greeters/ Gift Bearers	Jr. & Jackie Dreyer	William & Ann Dixon	Rod & Debbie Davis	Troy & Kim Peters
Rosary Leader	Jerry & Trudy Dreier	Earl Boone	Steve Jansen	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

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.

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

Reminder to all Ladies of the Parish:

The St. Anthony ladies will meet on Thursday, September 10th at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Our speaker will be Tera Smith, our new Coordinator of Parish Engagement. Tera will be sharing her new position in the parish.

Come and be a part of the our ministry in the parish, enjoy fellowship with each other as well as refreshments and there might be a game of Bingo or two!



SEPTEMBER GROCERY ITEMS
Toilet Paper & Laundry Detergent
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Catholic Charities
Thank You



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.



Beginning September 8th
Eucharistic Adoration
will end at 11:00 a.m.

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.



Comstock Castle Ovens and Stove

for saleThe 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.

Join in the fun at Septemberfest at Blessed Sacrament Parish, Saturday, September 12, 5-11 p.m.

Food, drinks, games, music and fun for the whole family!

Political Equality, Christianity, and the Family

September 8, 2026 6:00 PM

Hall of Fame Room, Quincy University

This free public event will explore Christian perspectives on family life, human dignity, caregiving, and equality.

Speaker Dr. Jessica Flanigan-Can the traditional Christian family be considered egalitarian? This lecture and Q&A challenges common assumptions about equality, work and caregiving.



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Perhaps consider a weekend away as a present for your spouse. For more information or to apply, go to wwme.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



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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Opportunity to Participate and to Volunteer Quincy SPIRIT Group (Special People In Religious Instruction Today) Quincy SPIRIT classes are held for our special population. At each class, there is a lesson plan based on Catholic teaching, a craft and snack. Participants are in grade school through adulthood. Participants are always welcome to attend. Volunteer with the Quincy Spirit group. Come be a part of a rewarding experience. Group meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month from September to May at Blessed Sacrament Church gathering room from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. For more information contact Pam Frericks at (217) 242-3620 or p.frericks3620@gmail.com Thank you!

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.

Job Opportunity: Part-time St. Peter Preschool Teacher Aide for the 4 year old program Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume, and three letters of reference via email to c.reichert@cospq.org or by mail to Mrs. Chris Reichert, Principal, St. Peter School, 2500 Maine Street, Quincy, IL 62301. For inquiries, please contact the school office at 217-223-1120. Wages are paid hourly and based on experience. Hours 10:45 – 3:15. More specific information will be provided upon request.

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.

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