



St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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September 13, 2026—Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Message from Fr. Tom Donovan:



"If my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? Seven times?" (Matthew 18: 21) Ancient rabbis, taking the example of the prophets, observed that God would forgive the enemies of Israel three times before punishing them. As a consequence one might surmise, if it is good enough for God, it would be good enough for us to forgive three times, and no more. Indeed, if one were to forgive more than three times, then might one unwittingly become an 'enabler' to the sinner's

sin? Do we forgive our spouse every time they leave their socks on the floor or fail to wash the dishes they leave in the sink? Maybe we are enabling that behavior by not confronting it, and thus we are complicit the unrest that weighs against the peace in the household? Jesus busts this reasoning by saying that we should not simply forgive seven times (already one more than twice as generous as what the rabbis taught), but we should forgive seven times seventy times. So, 490 times it is? Do we keep track of how many days (490) that there are socks on the floor and the dishes in the sink and then file for divorce?

The key understanding what Jesus is trying to teach us is to realize that true forgiveness is so much greater than mere tolerance. Forgiveness recognizes the seriousness of sin while offering a 'way back' for the sinner. Authentic forgiveness presumes and rightfully expects conversion of the sinner from their ways.

But forgiveness will also incur some kind of 'cost' the one who is offended by sin. Maybe it is not a financial 'cost' as often those costs cannot be avoided when property is damaged or a payback is necessary to satisfy justice. But the forgiving party is 'on' to put aside the hurt and the offense and to welcome the sinner back as a brother or sister in Christ, without a debt of justice existing between offender and offended. This can be the hardest part of forgiveness, sometimes taking years to achieve. To trivialize that process or short-circuit it with 'tolerance' where the offended party simply lives in an 'uneasy peace' with the sinner... who is the one that will be harmed? Not the sinner, but the one who still needs to forgive.

A trope in the press is to put a family who has been victimized by crime in front of the camera to tell their 'feelings' at the time of the conviction or sentencing or execution of a criminal—perhaps a murderer. The fundamental question is, does the punishment of the sinner really bring peace to a victim's family? Normally it does... to an extent. The streets are safer with a criminal in jail. The process of justice under law is vindicated. Maybe the family takes satisfaction out of knowing that the criminal will be subjected to a harsh existence and, at its end, the horrible weight of divine retribution. In any case, the truth of the crime has been exposed to public scrutiny and society has rightfully condemned it—not unlike brining an issue "before the church" in the previous week's Gospel.

But if we are satisfied with condemnation of the sinner and do not seek reform and reconciliation, then that satisfaction is only passing. Society typically forgets and marginalizes the offender as he or she sits in prison, exacting vengeance day by day as the sentence lingers. Time may heal some wounds for the victim or the victim's family, but the experience of the trauma remains and sometimes grows as the years wear on, deepening the sense of loss and victimization and preventing final healing.

The cost of forgiveness comes by way of suffering with the sinner. Last week Paul reminded us that the only debt we should have between ourselves is the debt of love. We should not hold over each other the just desserts of justice or vengeance. When we offer forgiveness to each other—true forgiveness—it is a restoration of love between God's people.

When a victim of sin or crime can come to terms with their loss in love, and then take the heroic move to extend that love to their perpetrator, then true forgiveness is possible. When a spouse can see those socks and those dishes and come to terms with this annoyance in love for their spouse, then forgiveness is possible. When the Lord God of the universe can look upon the world he created, see it mired in sin and disobedience, and then embrace it with his perfect love, then redemption of the entire world is possible. This is the pattern of love. In the case of the criminal, the spouse, and the world, the only thing that can undermine that forgiveness is the lack of repentance... but that is on the sinner, not the 'forgiver'.

And so how often should we love each other? Let's not be stingy. More than three times... more than seven times... even more than seven times seventy times. We should not limit the opportunities to allow works of love to restore our fallen world.

— 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 14, 2026

7:30 a.m. Sean Glidewell+

Tues., September 15, 2026

7:30 a.m. Phillip Nicholas+

Wed., September 16, 2026

—St. Dominic School

8:30 a.m. Bea Terstriep+

Thurs., September 17, 2026

7:30 a.m. Giny Baker+

—Good Samaritan Home

10:00 a.m. Family & Friends in Purgatory+

Friday, September 18, 2026

—St. Dominic School

8:15 a.m. Shirley Maas+

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 19, 2026

4:00 p.m. Shawn Foster+

6:30 p.m. Parish Intentions

Sunday, September 13, 2026

8:00 a.m. Carlene Crawford+

10:30 a.m. Eric Weiman+

Perpetual Prayer Candle

Week of September 12-18

Eric Weiman

Safe Harvest

— Parish Office Hours —

Monday-Friday

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

Bulletin Deadline: Monday, Noon

St. Dominic School

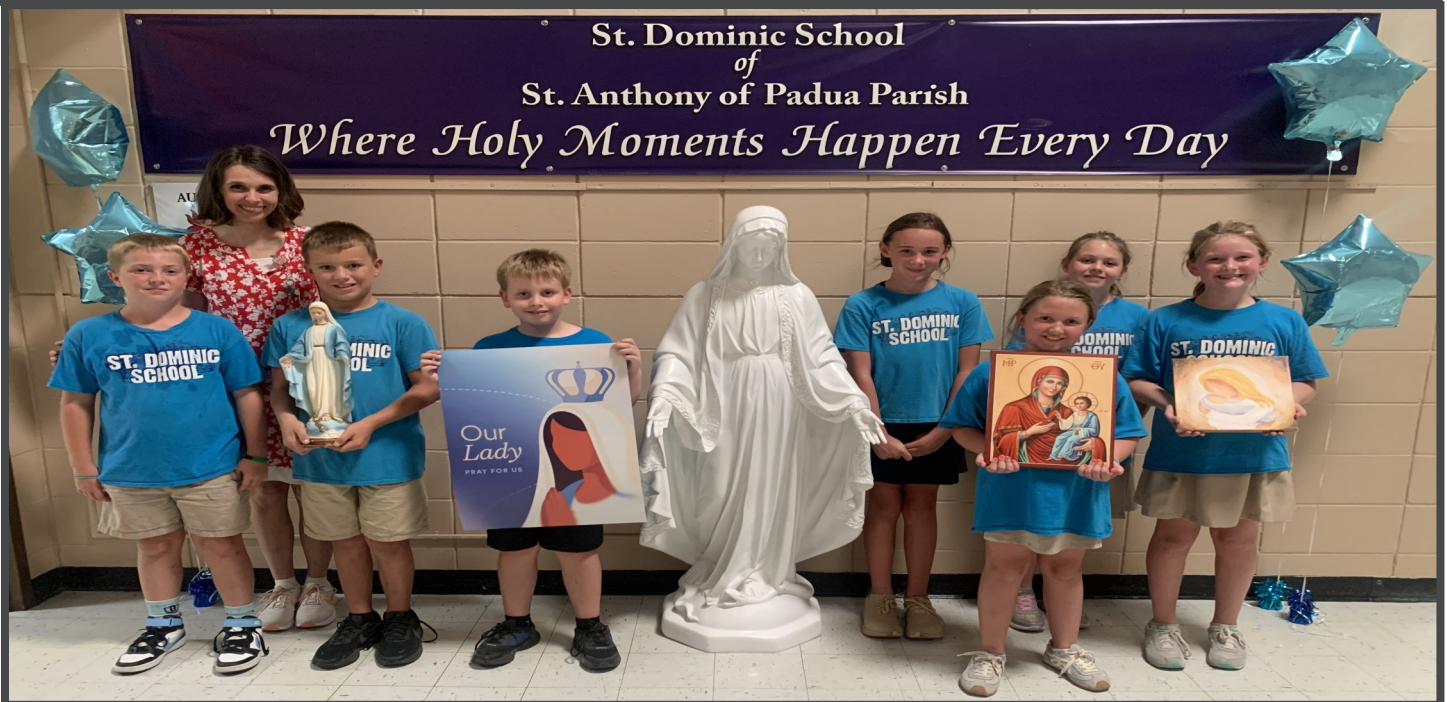
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A Message from Mrs. Carol Frericks—Principal

Happy Birthday to Our Blessed Mother Mary



On Tuesday, September 8, our fourth-grade leaders taught the entire K-8 school about the Feast Day of the Nativity of the Blessed Mother Mary, which means it was Mary's birthday. Did you know only three individuals get a feast day for their birthday, Jesus, Mary, and John the Baptist? If we go back exactly nine months from September 8, it was December 8, which is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. According to writings of Saint James, Mary's parents Saint Joachim and Saint Anne were visited by angels who announced the forthcoming birth of their child, Mary, and claimed she would, "be spoken of throughout all of the world." We all learned it was God's special plan for the mother of Jesus.



Mark Your Calendar

Monday, September 14

Fall Picture Day

6:00 PM Quincy Catholic Schools Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 15

6:30 PM Town Hall Meeting at St. Dominic School

Wednesday, September 16

8:30 AM School Mass

3:15 PM Faculty Meeting

6:30 PM 8th Grade DC Trip Meeting

Thursday, September 17

4th Grade Field Trip to Adams County Fair Grounds

4:00-8:00 PM Culvers Cares Night

Friday, September 18 Spirit Shirt Day

8:15 AM School Mass

11:15 AM-1:30 PM 8th Grade Service Project at Horizons

— Parish Data —

PARISH CALENDAR	
Monday, Sept. 14 7:00 p.m.	Men's Society Meeting
Tuesday, Sept. 15 6:30 p.m.	Town Hall Meeting at St. Dominic
Wednesday, Sept. 16 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Mass at St. Dominic Merry Widows lunch at Sprouts
Thursday, Sept. 17 6:00 p.m. 4:00-8:00 p.m.	GriefShare Culvers Night for St. Dominic
Friday, Sept. 18 8:15 a.m.	Mass at St. Dominic
Saturday, Sept. 19 4:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Mass Mass
Sunday, Sept. 20 8:00 a.m. 9-10 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Mass Families of Faith Mass Chicken Dinner
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 10	September 5/6	Total Year-to-Date					
Loose Collection	\$ 1,161.25	\$ 8,642.90					
Weekly Envelopes	\$ 11, 255.00	\$ 106,083.00					
Electronic Deposits	\$ 0.00	\$ 16,079.00					
Total, September 5/6	\$ 12,416.25	\$ 130,804.90					
Budget Goal <i>(we need no less than this to stay out of deficit spending for the year!)</i>	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 130,000.00					
Difference	(\$ - \$ 583.75)	\$ 804.90					
Money Counters : Monday, September 14, 2026 Michelle Ehrhardt Mary Courty							
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. 19/20, 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	Mark Levins	David Keck	Michelle Kasparie	Deb Woodworth
Usher	Lead: Jr. Dreyer Tom Boone Cindy Cramer Jackie Dreyer	Lead: George Benz David Edwards Elmer Maas George Huber	Lead: Dan Reichert Rod Davis Dan Terwelp Matt Weiman	Lead: Kurtis Fischer Frank Arnold Craig Schafer David McCleary
Servers	Timmy Obert Volunteer	The Mathews Family	Lizzy Smith Jesse Adams	Alex & Andrew Wellman
Greeters/ Gift Bearers	Dana Lugering Family	Elmer & Jeanne Maas	Kristine Doane Family	Daren & Andrea Sims Family
Rosary Leader	Carol Vogel	The Mathews Family	Mary Koch	Chris Heintz
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

There will be an hour of Adoration for Priests followed by Benediction at St. Francis Solanus Church 1721 College Avenue Quincy September 20, 2026, from 3:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. all are invited to come and pray for your Priests.

Quincy Area Wide Mass All are welcome to attend the Area Wide Mass on Friday, October 2, 2026 at 9:30 am in the QND gym. Staff and students from the 4 Catholic grade schools in Quincy, St. Mary's in Mt. Sterling and QND will gather with family and friends to celebrate the Eucharist and the gift of Catholic education with Bishop Paprocki.



SEPTEMBER GROCERY ITEMS
Toilet Paper & Laundry Detergent
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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.

Also, please call the parish office if you are hospitalized in order that Father Tom and Deacon Harry

You are invited to JOURNEY with us at St. Anthony Church beginning September 30, 2026!

OCIA is a casual space to explore the Catholic faith with short videos and honest discussion in a community built for YOU.

Who it's for: Anyone that is curious about the Catholic faith!

When: Wednesdays starting September 30th, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Where: St. Anthony Church Hall, 2223 St. Anthony Rd

To sign up or if you have questions: Contact Tera at tera@stanthonypadua.org or call or text 573-719-1272!

Ladies of St. Anthony- Desserts will be needed

for Chicken Dinner on Sunday, September 20th please. We also will need workers for the dinner if you are able to help. Anytime you are able to help with the Chicken Dinner is appreciated!

Butterfly Support ministers are available to help prep-plan funerals. They have already had a request. This is particularly helpful if you do not have immediate family or family close by. You may contact a minister directly or call the office (222-5996) . The Butterfly Support minister will provide copies of your plan to share with others including your funeral home of choice. We are very thankful for our Butterfly Ministers who are willing to provide this additional valuable service.

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.



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.



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10/9/2026 - 10/11/2026, Springfield, IL

12/4/2026 - 12/6/2026, St. Peters, MO

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