



St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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September 20, 2026—Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

A Message from Fr. Tom Donovan:



Dante offers consolation to souls condemned for envy, Hippolyte Flandrin (1809-1864)

Envy is one of those sins that we all know, but perhaps can't really explain well. Most will say that envy has to do with wanting and desiring a good that belongs to another. "I want to drive a car like that." "I wish I had a job that paid that kind of salary." But envy is not limited to worldly goods— one can be envious of talents, of relationships, of wealth, of virtue... of any human quality of excellence. Ultimately envy is different than jealousy. Jealousy is the raw desire for the goods belonging to another. Envy takes it one step further. Envy takes sadness in the lack of that good and the holding of that good by another. This is truly demonic, as when one is envious, one chooses not to 'count their blessings' but to 'count someone else's blessings' and make a judgement against God's generosity and mercy.

In Dante's *Inferno*, those who were in hell due to the sin of envy were punished by having their eyes sewn shut with iron wire. It is through the eyes that we glance at the goods belonging to others. Cain looked upon Abel and his blessings with an 'evil eye'. St. Gregory the Great says that from the "inward plague" of envy "comes hatred, gossip, detraction, gloating over our neighbor's hard luck and being sore at his success."

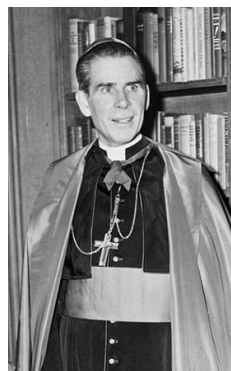
The contemporary term *schadenfreude* comes to us from German and was made famous in an interview of the author Joshua Halberstam on Oprah in the mid-90's following the release of his book, *Everyday Ethics*. "Schadenfreude" describes the secret joy one has in seeing someone else fail. Jesus was handed over for crucifixion out of envy from the chief priests and the elders were. Louis of Grenada writes that the crime of Satan is not impurity or theft, but the envious desire to snare humanity in an imitation of his own rebellion against the goodness of God. Envy corrodes the heart, weakens understanding, destroys peace in the soul and condemns us to melancholy and an intolerable existence. Fr. John Hardon, SJ remarked that envy is the only vice that does not bring pleasure to the sinner.

When we envy, we doubt how much we are loved by God and how generous his blessings are. Like so many other sins, the only thing that can heal envy is love. Only with love can our hearts be turned into greater trust in God's will for our lives.



Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

It is time to identify candidates who would be interested in becoming Catholic by way of the **Order of Christian Initiation of Adults**. How do we get new Catholics to join the Church? We must personally welcome them and mentor them in the faith! Is this the year for your spouse? Your son/daughter-in-law? Your parent(s)? Your neighbor or colleague at work? We would like to get to know them and help them to get to know the Church. We also would like to accommodate those who would like refresher course on their Catholic Faith, especially those who might have missed Confirmation and would like to receive the Sacrament in the coming year. We are also looking for team members to help present the programming and mentor our candidates. Please contact Tera Smith at the parish office (217-222-5996) for more information and to get started on the adventure of becoming Catholic!



"America needs a saint, an American saint. After three hundred years of Catholic life [as of 1951], we cannot point to one saint who was born in this great land, who was educated in our schools, and showed in crisis how an American Catholic can relive the life of Christ crucified. We have the greatest Catholic school system in the world, the widest forms of charity work, the most compact army of teachers and religious, but the niches of our churches are empty. ... We must give to the world more than our gifts. We ought also to present it with a saint — a saint to prove we are not as materialistic as some believe; a saint who would be a priest, and preferably a bishop, to prove that sanctity in a nation must begin with the bishops." — Ven. Fulton Sheen [since 1951, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (1975), St. Catherine Drexel (2000), and St. Kateri Tekawitha (2015), all natives to the United States, have been canonized. Fulton Sheen was consecrated bishop in 1951 and is to be proclaimed 'Blessed' on September 24 this week.]

— 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 21, 2026

7:30 a.m. Giny Baker+

Tues., September 22, 2026

7:30 a.m. NO MASS

Wed., September 23, 2026

—St. Dominic School

8:30 a.m. NO MASS

Thurs., September 24, 2026

7:30 a.m. NO MASS

—Good Samaritan Home

10:00 a.m. NO MASS

Friday, September 25, 2026

—St. Dominic School

8:15 a.m. NO MASS

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 26, 2026

4:00 p.m. Jean Goodwin+

6:30 p.m. Carol Spettnagel+

Sunday, September 27, 2026

8:00 a.m. Norma Hildebrand+

10:30 a.m. Parish Intentions

Perpetual Prayer Candle

Week of September 19-25

Wellman Family

Jim Brinkman

— 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

Eucharistic Adoration After St. Dominic School Mass



Approximately once per month on Wednesday after St. Dominic School Mass, Father Tom begins Eucharistic Adoration for our school. Each Kindergarten through 8th-grade class is scheduled for some quiet prayer time for Eucharistic Adoration throughout the day. As the 7th-grade class left the chapel, they showed their love and reverence for the presence of Jesus by kneeling at the altar. Our students learn how to love God and others by setting aside their own self-interests, and do what they prayerfully believe God is calling them to do. We noticed the 7th-graders as they experienced the FAITHFULNESS fruit of the Holy Spirit during Eucharistic Adoration at St. Dominic School, where Holy Moments happen every day.



Mark Your Calendar

Sunday, September 20

11:00 AM-1:00 PM St. Anthony Chicken Dinner

Monday, September 21 — No School

Teacher In-Service Day for Religion Curriculum

Tuesday, September 22

6:30 PM Discipleship Ministry Meeting

Wednesday, September 23

No School Mass Today

Thursday, September 24

2:00 PM Beatification of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

Friday, September 25 Dress Down Day

7:30 AM Donuts With Grownups

No School Mass Today

Sunday, September 27

10:30 AM Holy Moments Mass—Grade 4

— Parish Data —

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, Sept. 21

Tuesday, Sept. 22

6:30 p.m.

Discipleship Meeting

Wednesday, Sept. 23

8:30 a.m.

Mass at St. Dominic

Thursday, Sept. 24

6:00 p.m.

GriefShare

Friday, Sept. 25

7:30 -8:00 a.m.

Donuts with Grownups

8:15 a.m.

NO Mass at St. Dominic

Saturday, Sept. 26

4:00 p.m.

Mass

6:30 p.m.

Mass

7:30-11:00 p.m.

Fireside Fellowship Event at St. Anthony

Sunday, Sept. 27

8:00 a.m.

Mass

9-10 a.m.

Families of Faith

10:30 a.m.

Mass (Holy Moments)

2:00-4:00 p.m.

CPR Class

**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 11	September 12/13	Total Year-to-Date
Loose Collection	\$ 940.00	\$ 9,582.90
Weekly Envelopes	\$ 9,752.00	\$ 115,835.00
Electronic Deposits	\$ 0.00	\$ 16,079.00
Total, September 5/6	\$ 10,692.00	\$ 141,496.90
Budget Goal <i>(we need no less than this to stay out of deficit spending for the year!)</i>	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 143,000.00
Difference	(\$ - \$ 2,308.00)	(\$ - 1,503.10)

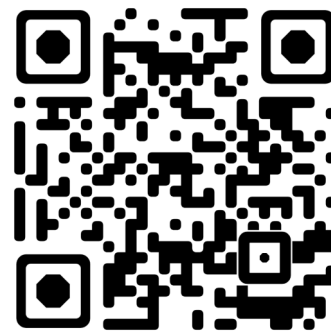
Money Counters : Monday, September 21, 2026

Dana Lugering Jack Kuhlman

Centennial Campaign Feasibility Study Survey:

Here's your sign! We are asking each household to participate in our parish feasibility study survey in anticipation of our participation in the Centennial Campaign. We need to get the message out about the projects we are looking to perform, and gauge parishioner interest and support. We are not seeking donations at this time, but we want to hear what you think so that we can sharpen our 'case for support' and present a complete project package after the first of the year.

Thank you!



Parish Ministry Schedule - Sat.& Sun., Sept. 26/27, 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	Mary Courty	Trisha Mathews	Mike Baker	Kim Peters
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	Sam Fischer Volunteer	The Benz Family	Pius IX Altar Servers	Emma & Madison McCleary
Greeters/ Gift Bearers	Pat Vaughn	Ted Vahle Family	Joe Dreyer Family	Clint & Elise Sutter
Rosary Leader	Volunteer	Melanie Longenecker	Mike Baker	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, Joan Dietrich



Upcoming Events

**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

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!

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.



St. Dominic PTO extends a huge thank you to all who donated to the Teachers Giving Tree! The teachers feel so blessed and supported as they begin the new school year! Thank you again!

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

The Ladies of St. Anthony will be holding their Fall Craft/Vendor show on Saturday, October 3rd, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. in St. Anthony Parish Hall. We invite you to come and shop for your fall décor or begin Christmas shopping! There will be many vendors with homemade items. The Ladies Society will have items for a raffle. The Quilters will be selling chances for the quilt to be given away at the St. Anthony Picnic and the St. Dominic School students will have a bake sale. There will be homemade cinnamon rolls to enjoy with coffee or to purchase to take home. The ladies will be serving lunch so bring a friend for a shopping trip and enjoy lunch together.

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
The Ladies of Charity & Catholic Charities Thank You

Fall Quest weekend is coming up September 25-26, 2026 (6p-6p). Anyone ages 13-15 years old are welcome to participate.

Inviting all 13-15 year olds! Great River Quest, in Quincy IL, has a retreat coming up September 25-26, 2026 (6p-6p). It's a fast paced 24 hour retreat aimed at helping youth to examine their relationship to God, self, and others in their lives. You get to make new friends and get to know the ones you come with better, all while having lots of fun! Please contact Caroline Wiewel 217-430-6086 / questcoordinator@greatrivertec.org for questions or fill out an app online at www.greatrivertec.org/quest

The Ladies of St Francis Card Party will be held Thursday, October 1. We would like to extend an invitation to all ladies. Gather your friends together. Play any card or board game you like. Ladies are also welcome to meet friends for lunch and visit. Doors open at 10:30. Reservations can be made by one person in your group calling Pat Winking at [217-257-0416](tel:217-257-0416).

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!

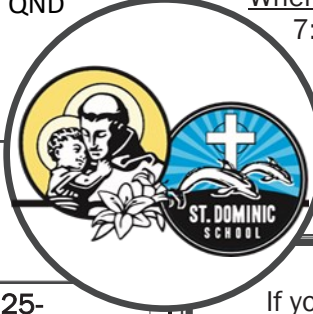
OCIA is a casual space to explore the Catholic faith with short videos and honest discussion in a community built for YOU.

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!



Need Keys Returned

If you have received keys to be able to use our facility for an event, etc. please make sure that you return them.

We have several keys missing.



St. Anthony Parish welcomes

Rylie Dayle Kvitle

daughter of

Martin & Jordan Frericks Kvitle

who was baptized Sept. 13, 2026 into the Catholic faith.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Joan Dietrich**

Eternal Rest Grant to her O Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine on her.

Thank you to everyone who attended our Town Hall Meetings last week and submitted your Feasibility Study Survey!



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, September 20, 2026

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

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