



St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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September 27, 2026—Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

A Message from Fr. Tom Donovan:



Parables are fictional stories that Jesus uses to make a rhetorical point. This week we hear about the two sons in Matthew 21: 28ff... one who is told to go into the vineyard. The son protests, but eventually changes his mind and goes anyway. A second son receives the command and tells his father he will go, and then never manages to show up. Jesus asks, "Which of the two sons did his father's will?" to which the disciples reply, "the first". As an epilogue, Jesus tells them that there are prostitutes and tax collectors entering the Kingdom of God before them, citing that when the call for repentance came from John, these outcasts of society changed their lives, while others who thought themselves 'righteous' heard and did not change their minds.

As a parable it draws a very sharp line between the regretful son who changes his mind and obeys the father, versus the son who says the right thing, but fails to come through in the end. Is the world really so black and white? Of course

not. But I hazard to guess that we all have some of each son at work in our lives— this is the pattern of all sin. One son dishonors the father in word, the other in deed... neither of them are honorable before the father. The are both "bad" sons. What is praised by Jesus though, is that one son has a change of mind and heart... a churchy term for that would be "metanoia"... where they turn from the dishonor of their words and repair their relationship with the father by doing the right thing.

The events and teachings of Jesus in this time as he heads toward Jerusalem are intended to remind his disciples and the faithful of all ages the importance of faith in word and action. Of the two, it seems that Jesus is saying that action is the most important of the two, even if it comes when our words are jumbled and confused by sin. Action manifests faith in one's heart and demonstrates the honor one holds for the father. Of course it is best when words and actions harmonize in honor of God, but the Kingdom of God is certainly available to those who recognize when they fall in sin and error and turn to do the Father's will.



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! We plan to have an organizational meeting for all interested on Wednesday September 30 in the parish hall at 6pm.

Each year in October, the diocese holds its annual "**October Count**" program. Every weekend in October, each parish is asked to count the attendance at all of its weekend Masses. The October Counts help the diocese recognize and respond to demographic trends, especially when making annual priest assignment decisions and in its long-term planning processes. We look forward to seeing you each and every weekend for Mass, of course... but it really "counts" during the month of October!



— 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 Day: 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 28, 2026

7:30 a.m. Carol Gears+

Tues., September 29, 2026

7:30 a.m. Don Wittland+

Wed., September 30, 2026

—St. Dominic School

8:30 a.m. Margaret Spettngal+

Thurs., October 1, 2026

7:30 a.m. Giny Baker+

—Good Samaritan Home

10:00 a.m. Barbara Boone+

Friday, October 2, 2026

—St. Dominic School

8:15 a.m. Gene Venvertloh+

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary
Time

Saturday, October 3, 2026

4:00 p.m. Jean Goodwin+

6:30 p.m. Parish Intentions

Sunday, October 4, 2026

8:00 a.m. Robert Genenbacher+

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

Perpetual Prayer Candle

Week of September 26-October 2

For a Successful Schedule

— 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

The Gift of Hospitality – Our St. Dominic School Buddy System



One of the gifts of the Holy Spirit that is so beautiful is the gift of hospitality. It is a gift of making people feel welcome, to feel seen, and to feel wanted. If you have ever been with somebody who has the gift of hospitality, you walk into their home or you walk into the event and it's just the way they greet you. It's the way they see you. It's the way they make you feel when they say your name. Like you're the most important person in the world. You feel seen. You feel welcome. You feel known. God is working and giving a gift to that individual to make our school feel like a place of warmth, a place where students feel welcome. For the first time, our fourth-grade students get to be the older buddy with Preschool students to share the gift of hospitality. This opportunity provides older students a way to share their gifts from God.

St. Dominic School Buddy System

Our school utilizes the buddy system to build a sense of security and belonging through relationships and encouragement. For this purpose, two buddy classrooms are paired up to work on various projects together as well as play games and read with each other throughout the school year. The St. Dominic School student buddy system is comprised of the following classes that have been paired together to share their gifts from God: Preschool and 4th Grade, Kindergarten and 8th Grade, 1st Grade and 6th Grade, 2nd Grade and 5th Grade, and 3rd Grade and 7th Grade.

Mark Your Calendar

Sunday, September 27

10:30 AM Holy Moments Mass—Grade 4

Tuesday, September 29

6:30 PM Marketing Meeting

Wednesday, September 30

8:30 AM School Mass

3:15 PM Faculty Meeting

6:00 PM PTO Meeting

Thursday, October 1

9:30 AM-1:30 PM 6th-Grade Vocation Day Jacksonville

Friday, October 2

9:30 AM City-Wide Mass with Bishop at QND

K-8 Students Wear Blue Spirit Shirts

— Parish Data —

PARISH CALENDAR	
Monday, Sept. 28	
Tuesday, Sept. 29	
6:30 p.m.	Marketing Meeting-St. Dominic's
7:00 p.m.	Finance Council Meeting
Wednesday, Sept. 30	
8:30 a.m.	Mass at St. Dominic
6:00 p.m.	PTO Meeting
6:00-7:30 p.m.	OCIA
Thursday, Oct. 1	
	6th grade Vocation Day in Jacksonville, IL
Friday, Oct. 2	
8:15 a.m.	NO Mass at St. Dominic
9:30 a.m.	City Wide Mass at QND
Saturday, Oct. 3	
9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	St. Anthony Ladies Craft Show
4:00 p.m.	Mass
6:30 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, Sept. 27	
8:00 a.m.	Mass
9-10 a.m.	Families of Faith
10:30 a.m.	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 12	September 19/20	Total Year-to-Date
Loose Collection	\$ 850.74	\$ 10,433.64
Weekly Envelopes	\$ 7,274.00	\$ 123,109.00
Electronic Deposits	\$ 0.00	\$ 16,079.00
Total, September 19/20	\$ 8,124.74	\$ 149,621.64
Budget Goal <i>(we need no less than this to stay out of deficit spending for the year!)</i>	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 156,000.00
Difference	(\$ - \$ 4,875.26)	(\$ - 6,378.36)
Money Counters : Monday, September 28, 2026 Diana Harpole Anna Benz Kelly Weiman		
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., October 3 & 4, 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	Angie Dean	Jim Obert	Marlene Rose
Usher	Lead: Mike Zanger Fred Witte Jay Johnson Denis Hagerbaumer	Lead: Jason Benz Daniel Boone Earl Boone Ryan Boone	Lead: Dick Foster Jerry Dreier Jay Frericks Mike Genebacher	Lead: Clint Sutter Larry Weiman David McCleary Rick Schafer
Servers	Morgan & Nolan Venvertloh	Rozalyn Brass Volunteer	Luke & Macy Weiman	Connor Earnst Grayson Ebbing
Greeters/ Gift Bearers	Carol Vogel	Carolyn Waterkotte	Mike Genenbacher Family	Tom & Deb Woodworth
Rosary Leader	Mike Zanger	Earl Boone	Mary Koch	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, Joan Dietrich				



Upcoming Events

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.**



A Night Worth Celebrating

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LAS VEGAS CHIP GAME



BUCK-A-LUCK



OH DEER!!



ROLLIN' FOR DEER



LIVE AUCTION



SILENT AUCTION



AND MUCH MORE!

OCTOBER 24, 2026

DOORS OPEN AT 4:30 PM

ADAMS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS



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ST. DOMINIC



ST. FRANCIS



ST. PETER

For more information visit:

antlersforacademics.com



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.

St. Anthony Church

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC)

Attend ONE of the following training sessions:

October 17 at 5:00 p.m. (following 4:00 p.m. Mass)

October 18 at 9:00 a.m. (following 8:00 a.m. Mass)

- ALL current and potential Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion need to attend ONE of the above training sessions.
- All current commissions are expiring in October.

By stepping into this beautiful ministry, you will help nourish our faith community by distributing the Body and Blood of Christ during Mass.

Thank you to everyone who worked, attended, donated desserts or helped in any way to make the Chicken Dinner a success! We appreciate everyone working together.

St. Anthony Men's Society

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

QUINCY CATHOLIC SCHOOL CHESS CLUB

Open to all (K-8th) Catholic elementary school and parish students who enjoy chess (or want to learn to play)! NO COST TO JOIN!! The first meeting is scheduled for October 6, 2026, at 6:30 pm in the St. Peter's cafeteria. Meetings typically last an hour and will be held on Tuesdays. There will be a special parent meeting at the first meeting on October 6th. We will hand out the full club schedule at the first meeting.

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.



**QUINCY
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

Are you curious about the happenings of the Quincy Catholic School System? If so check out

the website at www.quincycatholicschools.org.

League of St Clare Formation Pillar evening : Please join us for a talk on Charisms given by Fr Szydluk. Bring a friend! All parishes welcome Sunday October 4- 7:00PM-8:15 PM in the St Francis Parish Hall

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).



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

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

Ivy Jane Hightower

daughter of

Adam & Daryle Goldie Hightower

who was baptized September 20, 2026 into the Catholic faith.



OCTOBER GROCERY ITEMS

Canned Meals, Pasta Sauce, Rice Mixes

The Ladies of Charity & Catholic

Charities Thank You

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

Thank You for Supporting Quincy Notre Dame Students!

QND
Extravaganza
presents

WILD WEST



Scan to purchase
Admission Ticket or Grand
Prize Ticket: \$3,000 cash
or \$4,000 tuition credit
to QND or an area Catholic
Grade School

This year's
goal is a New
Activity Bus!

Friday, November 13, 2026

**Casino Games, New Live Auction, Silent Auction,
Grand Prize Raffle, Live Entertainment, Food & Drinks
The Ambiance 6-11pm**

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

Family & Friends CPR Class

St. Anthony Parish Hall Basement

Sunday, September 27th at 2PM

Registration required: Call 217-222-5996

- Approximately 2 hours
- FREE 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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