



St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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October 4, 2026—Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

A Message from Fr. Tom Donovan:



In these last several weeks the parables from Matthew settle into a common pattern: God's grace is revealed, there is a human response, and then there is a divine accounting for that response. We learn that living as "Kingdom People" is not about simply receiving the reward, as much as it is about living the Kingdom, even now in our midst.

- (27th Sunday) This week, the vineyard is entrusted to the servants. They refuse to deliver the harvest and they kill the son. "He will put those wretched men to a wretched death and lease his vineyard to other tenants who will give him the harvest at the proper times." (Mt 21: 41)

- (28th Sunday) Next week, the king hosts a feast. Most take the invitation with indifference, refusal, or distraction. Thereupon, the king throws open the doors to those along the 'highways and byways'. A man enters without being dressed and is put out. "Many are invited, but few are chosen" (Mt 22: 14).
- (32nd Sunday) After All Saints, we hear of the Ten Virgins waiting for the bridegroom in anticipation of coming into the wedding feast. Some are wise and prepared, others are foolish and are locked out. "The door was locked. Afterwards [the foolish] virgins came and said, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply 'Amen I say to you, I do not know you.' Therefore stay awake!" (Mt 25: 10ff)
- (33rd Sunday) Finally a man went on a journey and entrusted his possessions to his servants. Some invested the wealth, while one buried it, afraid of losing it. When the master returned, the one talent was buried was given to the servants who had made a profit and the lazy servant was dismissed. "For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. Throw this useless servant into the darkness outside where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth!" (Mt 25: 29-30)

In each case, Jesus demonstrates that the grace is freely, generously given from God. But grace creates relationship with the giver and imposes certain responsibilities. Such is the kingdom of God. The servants and the vineyard owner have a lease contract, and the owner expects his share of the harvest. The king and bridegroom send invitations to a feast and the king expects diligence in accepting and keeping that invitation. The master entrusts wealth to his servants and the master expects a return on his investments. This is the essence of stewardship: God gives generously, we receive diligently, we return with increase. While these gifts of grace are supernatural, they are not abstract. They directly impact how we practically, concretely live our lives on earth.

In between these parables, we have two (plus one hidden) non-parable weekends... "Render unto Caesar what is Caesar's, render to God that which is God's" (Mt 22:21) "Love the Lord your God with all your whole heart, soul, and mind... Love your neighbor as yourself." (Mt 22L 37, 39). The gospel that is missing because of All Saints demands, "Call no one father, for you have one father who is in heaven." (Mt 23: 9)

These gospels ask, where does our allegiance, where do we place our love? Are we attentive to the things of God and his precious ones, or are we worried about wealth, titles, and the righteousness of virtue signaling? Are we ready to accept the Kingdom when it is revealed? Are we going to be diligent in watching and waiting and responding? Do we recognize our own poverty and our own need for God?

All Saints takes us back to the Beatitudes in the Gospel of Matthew, which we heard back in February. This is what "Kingdom People" look like... the poor in spirit, the merciful, the clean of heart, the peacemakers, those who suffer. God alone is their inheritance and their hope: "theirs is the Kingdom of heaven!" (Mt 5) Finally, the Gospel from Christ the King reminds us that Christ is found in our neighbor in need of our love: "whatsoever you do to the least... you did unto me!" (Mt 25: 45)

We live in a world flooded with God's grace. If we drink deeply, receiving that grace and letting it transform our lives, we can be confident that when the King returns, we will be among the chosen flock (Mt 25: 33).

— 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., October 5, 2026

7:30 a.m. Jan Siebers+

Tues., October 6, 2026

7:30 a.m. Giny Baker+

Wed., October 7, 2026

—St. Dominic School

8:30 a.m. Gene Venvertloh+

Thurs., October 8, 2026

7:30 a.m. Lawrence Cramsey+

—Good Samaritan Home

10:00 a.m. Kent Mast+

Friday, October 9, 2026

—St. Dominic School

(No School Day) No Mass

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, October 10, 2026

4:00 p.m. Betty Zanger+

6:30 p.m. Don & Jean Krutmeier+

Sunday, October 11, 2026

8:00 a.m. Norma Hildebrand+

10:30 a.m. Parish Intentions

Perpetual Prayer Candle

Week of October 3-9

For our Priests

— 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

Seventh Grade Leaders Teach The Holy Rosary



During the month of October at Morning Assembly, our seventh-grade leaders along with their teacher, Mrs. Jen Dyer, will teach our Kindergarten through eighth-grade school to pray for the monthly devotion of our Catholic Church, which is The Holy Rosary. We will be reminded that because Mary is the mother of God, we ask her to pray for us and lead us to her Son, Jesus. One of the most important ways we do this is by praying the Rosary. As we pray the Our Father, Hail Mary, and the Glory Be with our lips, we meditate on important holy moments in the life of Jesus in our hearts and minds. It's as if Mary holds our hands and leads us on a walk through the Gospels. Our seventh-grade class also provides a lesson on the virtue of the week, including orderliness, trustworthiness, courtesy, foresight, and circumspection.

ST. DOMINIC'S PTO PRESENTS



DUCK DERBY FUNDRAISER

Cash prizes! | Light meal from PTO available for purchase for \$5

\$10 PER DUCK

FRIDAY OCTOBER 23 5:00-6:30PM (Race @ 5:30PM)

St. Dominic School
4100 Columbus Rd.
Quincy, IL

COME JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF FOOD, FUN, AND A DUCK RACE!

Do not need to be present to win

Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday, October 6

6:30 PM Joint Councils Meeting at St. Dominic

1:00 PM Principals Meeting

Wednesday, October 7

8:30 AM School Mass

11:00 AM Mission Mass at Cathedral—7th Grade

3:00 PM Pop Up Art Class

3:15 Faculty Meeting

Thursday, October 8

10:45 AM Raider Road Show

12:45 PM QFD Smoke House

6:00-8:00 PM PTO Scotties Fun Night

Friday, October 9 Teacher In-Service Day

No 8:15 AM School Mass

— Parish Data —

PARISH CALENDAR	
Monday, Oct. 5 7:00 p.m.	Ladies Society Meeting
Tuesday, Oct. 6 6:30 p.m.	Joint Council Meeting at St. Dominic School
Wednesday, Oct. 7 8:30 a.m.	Mass at St. Dominic 7th grade students attend Mission Mass in Springfield OCIA
6:00-7:30 p.m.	
Thursday, Oct. 8 6:00 p.m.	GriefShare
Friday, Oct. 9 8:15 a.m.	NO School or Mass at St. Dominic
Saturday, Oct. 10 4:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Mass Mass
Sunday, Oct. 11 8:00 a.m. 9-10 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Mass Families of Faith 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 13	September 26/27	Total Year-to-Date					
Loose Collection	\$ 995.27	\$ 11,428.91					
Weekly Envelopes	\$ 10,270.59	\$ 133,379.59					
Electronic Deposits	\$ 7,800.00	\$ 23,879.00					
Total, September 26/27	\$ 19,065.86	\$ 168,687.75					
Budget Goal <i>(we need no less than this to stay out of deficit spending for the year!)</i>	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 169,000.00					
Difference	\$ 6,065.86	(\$ - 312.50)					
Money Counters : Monday, October 5, 2026 Nancy Speckhart Melanie Longenecker Jan Obert							
Tithing Workseet:							
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., October 10 & 11, 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	Bill Anderson	Trisha Mathews	Mike Hummel	Jen Dyer
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	Brooklyn Deege	The Mathews Family	Jesse Adams Adam Johnson	Sam Fischer
Greeters/ Gift Bearers	Jr. & Jackie Dreyer	Earl & Debbie Boone	Gene & Rita Goerlich	Tom & Deb Woodworth
Rosary Leader	Roger & Tawny Benz	The Mathews Family	Jerry & Trudy Dreier	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, Erika Jurrens Hutchison Also please remember in your prayers those who have died in 2026: Mary Ward, Giny Baker, Elsie Nieders, Joan Dietrich				



Upcoming Events

A Night Worth Celebrating
SUPPORTING CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Your support represents far more than a financial contribution. It is a meaningful investment in the education, opportunities, and future of the students in our community.

Because of generous people like you, we are able to provide resources and support that can make a lasting difference in the lives of local students and their schools. Your generosity helps move our mission forward and allows Antlers for Academics to continue building opportunities for students to learn, grow, and succeed.

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GAMES, AUCTIONS & MORE
An action-packed evening with something for everyone.
From high-stakes games to live bidding, the fun never stops.

PLUCK THE BUCK	SHOPPING SPREE	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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For more information visit:
antlersforacademics.com

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@stanthonyofpadua.org or call or text 573-719-1272!



Thank you to everyone who helped with the St. Anthony Ladies Society Craft Show. We appreciate all of the vendors, donations, help with setting up and tearing down, workers during the day and all of you who attended making our craft show a success!

St. Anthony Ladies Society

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 for Supporting Quincy Notre Dame Students!



WILD WEST

This year's goal is a New Activity Bus!



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

Friday, November 13, 2026

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



Pastoral Council Nominations

Candidates for the parish council must be over the age of 18 and a St. Anthony parish member who is a regular supporter of the parish through service activities or financial support or a combination of both and also have taken Protecting God's Children or Empowering God's Children

and have completed a background check as required by the Diocese of Springfield. Any active and contributing parish member over 18 may nominate his or herself. If you nominate a person other than yourself, please contact that person to ask if they are willing to accept the nomination. The nomination ballots will be in the pews this weekends of Oct. 17 & 18 and 24 & 25.. We will need 5 new members to the parish council. If you have questions about serving on the parish council please feel free to contact the parish office 217-222-5996..

October 4, 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

Save the Date for Quincy Deanery Council of Catholic Women's Fall Gathering

Morning Mass, Light Breakfast Keynote Speaker, Lunch and Afternoon Session

When: Wednesday, November 18th

Where: Hosted by St. Mary's Catholic Church, Pittsfield, IL

Featured Speaker Presentation

Dr. Martha Rapp, who will present:

"A Mother's Faith: The Story of Martha Jane Tolton"

More details regarding registration, and exact times will follow soon.

Ministry Schedules If you have signed up for a particular ministry and know that there is a month that you are not able to fulfill that ministry please email bulletin@stanthonypadua.org or call the parish office and let them know 217-222-5996. If something comes up and you cannot fill your time assigned please try to get a substitute. Thank you.



Stay Connected With Quincy Catholic Schools!

Want to know what's happening throughout our Quincy School community? Whether or not you currently have children in our schools, you're invited to stay connected and see the great things happening with our students, teachers, and schools! If so, check out the website at www.quincycatholicschools.org for the latest news, events, updates, and information from Quincy Catholic Schools.

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

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

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.



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.

Respect Life Dinner, Tuesday, October 13, 2026

Right to Life of Adams County will hold its annual **Resect Life Dinner** on Tuesday, October 13, 2026 at the Holiday Inn, 4821 Oak Street, Quincy. Guest speaker will be Reagan Barklage, Vice President of Field programs for Students for Life of America. Doors open: 5:30 p.m.; Dinner:6:00 p.m.; Speaker approx. 7:00 p.m. Cost \$25 per person-\$45 for two; \$155 for a table of 8. Reservations are required by October 5; no tickets at the door. Call or text Lyn Schlipmann at 217-653-0075. Those unable to attend the dinner are welcome to come for the speaker at approximately 7:00 p.m.



OCTOBER GROCERY ITEMS
Canned Meals, Pasta Sauce, Rice Mixes
The Ladies of Charity & Catholic Charities Thank You



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. Peter Church Adoration Open Hours

Are you looking for an uninterrupted quiet hour alone with the Lord once a month or every week? We need you and are asking for your assistance in getting the hours below filled:

Tuesdays at 3 p.m.

Wednesdays: 1 a.m., 2 a.m., 3 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Thursdays: 1 a.m., 2 p.m.

Fridays: 1 a.m., 2 p.m. (weeks 1 & 2), 3 p.m., 10 p.m.

Saturdays: 1 a.m., 2 a.m.

Please consider an hour in the Adoration Chapel. Contact Mary at 217-653-3127, Jean Anne at 217-430-6967, or Gina W. 217-257-9966. 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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