



St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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October 18, 2026—Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

A Message from Fr. Tom Donovan:



Render unto Caesar... Jesus evades the trap set for him by the Pharisees who are trying to get him 'on the record' saying that his followers do not owe anything to Caesar because of their devotion to the things of God. That would no doubt call the wrath of Rome upon Jesus and his little movement. On the other hand, to publicly endorse paying taxes to Rome, the Pharisees could likewise publicly cast Jesus as a traitor to his people and in league with their Roman overlords.

What a wonderful parable for our own time! How can Christians both be good citizens of this world as well as true "citizens of heaven" (cf Philippians 3:20)? The answer is simple in words, but complex in practice. Give to each what each deserves: "Give to

Caesar what is Caesar's, give to God what is God's." Coming to religious assent through a virtuous "fear of the Lord" is enough to turn hearts towards their obligations to God. But governments are most imperfect human institutions. Can a God-fearing Christian, whose vision is set on the things of God and his Kingdom, who has been studying Matthew all this year hearing over and over again our orientation towards the heavenly things over the earthly... can that Christian participate in worldly governance and politics?

We give what is owed to our government out of the requirements of *justice*. We pay taxes, obey laws, conscientiously participate in elections, perform public service, and serve on jury duty and in military service because it is right and fitting *for our salvation* and the *common goods*. Obviously, we also have an obligation to fight and change laws which are unjust, but that doesn't cancel our essential obligations as citizens. Christians are not separatists—just the opposite—Christians are to be leaven for the world, even assisting secular government in its goal of building a 'more perfect union'.

Our Gospel has a clue, I think. For when we look upon the coin to pay the tax, whose image is on it? It is Caesar's. We render to God that which is God's and render to Caesar that which is Caesar's. But do we realize that even Caesar himself was made in the image and likeness of God? Caesar and the power invested in Caesar can become a conduit of God's order and grace and providence. Recognition of Caesar and the role of civil authority in society, in so far that it does not conflict with the higher allegiance we owe to God, is not in itself a bad thing. Indeed, sometimes in its best moments, civil authority can be an extension of the order ordained by God. A society ordered towards righteousness, human dignity, fairness, and mercy is precisely the social order called for by the prophets. But no matter how virtuous a society is, this doesn't make Caesar a god. But in the right circumstances, Caesar (and by that I mean governmental authority in general) can be God's servant and instrument, even if unwittingly.

Our first reading from Isaiah makes that exact point. Cyrus, mentioned in Isaiah 45 is the pagan king of Persia, who conquered Babylon in 539 BC, ending the seventy year exile of the Jewish people in Babylon. Indeed, in the first line of today's reading we see that Cyrus receives the conspicuous title, "anointed" which is Hebrew would be "Messiah"! Effectively, Cyrus was hailed as the liberator and deliverer of the Jewish people. Was this the hand of God at work? The author of Isaiah thought so. "For the sake of Jacob, my servant, of Israel, my chosen one, I have called you [Cyrus] by your name, giving you a title although you knew me not." (Is 45:4) Even those who do not acknowledge God, like Cyrus, can become most effective instruments of God's justice and deliverance!

In the United States, we have a peculiar love-hate relationship with our government. We recognize that in its ideal image, it is probably pretty good, perhaps maybe the best the world has seen? But in the practical lived experience, our esteem often lands somewhere between solemn patriotism, interspersed with criticism that ranges from annoyance to rage to broken-heartedness, considering what our governmental units support, promote and enable. Is there a place for being truly Christian and truly patriotic? I think there is. And I think, like the work constantly to reform the Church and keep her going the right direction, our nation requires that same commitment and zeal from her people.

And yet, nation's government still struggles to live up to its ideals. But God can use the trying times of war, disease, economic crisis, indecision, disappointment, and crisis to transform us and manifest his care for us as individuals and as a nation? Even those who do not acknowledge God, or whose life is however-imperfect, can receive God's blessing as an instrument of divine reformation and deliverance. If Cyrus could be titled 'messiah', perhaps there is a place for those who do not believe as we do, who are nonetheless people of virtue and good will, to help us advance the civil order? It is *justice* that is the basis of Jesus' "rendering to Caesar that which is Caesar's, and to God what is God's." It's about right — order and equity. It is about natural virtue continuing to do what is virtuous, while faith continues to raise minds and hearts to God.

Indeed, it would be my desire to see the entire world as Catholic... giving God his due in worship and lives well-lived for the Kingdom. But I also recognize that God entrusts great works to those who, even without full realization, live according to his will and participate providentially in the work of salvation. And this, too, directs minds and hearts to the glory of God. "Whoever is not against us, is for us." (Mark 9:40)

— 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 19, 2026

7:30 a.m. Rich & Evelyn Grawe+

Tues., October 20, 2026

7:30 a.m. Paulene Richmiller+

Wed., October 21, 2026

—St. Dominic School

8:30 a.m. Joan Cook+

Thurs., October 22, 2026

7:30 a.m. Mary Lou Anderson+

—Good Samaritan Home

10:00 a.m. Mary Jo Boone+

Friday, October 23, 2026

St. Dominic School— Grandparents Day

11:00 a.m. David Brown+

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, October 24, 2026

4:00 p.m. Andrew Cherry+

6:30 p.m. Bill Koch+

Sunday, October 25, 2026

8:00 a.m. Parish Intentions

10:30 a.m. Patrick Rakers+

Perpetual Prayer Candle

Week of October 17-23

Frericks & Kamphaus Families

— 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

Bishop Paprocki Recognizes MCA Christmas Art Award Winners



On Wednesday, October 7, our seventh-grade class represented St. Dominic School at the annual diocesan Mission Mass in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield. Following the Mission Mass, Bishop Paprocki recognized the following students from St. Dominic School who were selected as Missionary Childhood Association (MCA) Christmas Art Award winners: Memphis Leithoff (2nd), Cody DeMoss (8th), and Winnie Bruns (8th). Cody DeMoss was also selected as a national Missionary Childhood Association Christmas Artwork Contest winner and received special recognition after the Mission Mass.

ALL ST. DOMINIC FAMILIES WELCOME!

FREE ENTRY

NIGHT AT THE PUMPKIN PATCH

OCT. 19 | 5-7 PM

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Mark Your Calendar

October 19-23 PTO Blue Ribbon Book Fair

Monday, October 19

5-7 p.m. PTO Night at the Pumpkin Patch

Wednesday, October 21

8:30 AM School Mass

3:15 Faculty Meeting

Thursday, October 22

9:30 AM PreK 3 Morning Star Farm Field Trip

Friday, October 23—Grandparents Day

11:00 AM School Mass

11:00 AM—3:00 PM Grandparents Day Activities

5:00-6:30 PM Duck Derby

Saturday, Oct. 24 4:30 PM Antlers for Academics

— Parish Data —

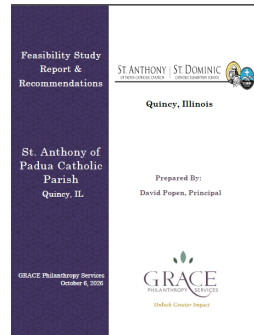
PARISH CALENDAR	
Monday, Oct. 19 6:30 p.m.	Butterfly Ministry
Tuesday, Oct. 20	
Wednesday, Oct. 21 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Mass at St. Dominic Merry Widows lunch at Sprouts OCIA
6:00-7:30 p.m.	
Thursday, Oct. 22 6:00 p.m.	GriefShare
Friday, Oct. 23 11:00 a.m.	Grandparents Day at St. Dominic Grandparent Day Mass at St. Dominic
5:00-6:30 p.m.	Duck Derby at St. Dominic
<i>Nominations for Pastoral Council at all Masses</i>	
Saturday, Oct. 24 4:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m.	Mass Antlers for Academics-Adams County Fairgrounds Mass
6:30 p.m.	
Sunday, Oct. 25 8:00 a.m. 9-10 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Mass Families of Faith Mass (Holy Moments)

Pray with our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV the monthly intention for October 2026:

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.



WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING		
Week 15	October 10/11	Total Year-to-Date
Loose Collection	\$ 1,136.00	\$ 13,639.91
Weekly Envelopes	\$ 10,151.00	\$ 153,084.59
Electronic Deposits	\$ 0.00	\$ 23,879.00
Total, October 10/11	\$ 11,287.00	\$ 190,603.50
Budget Goal (we need no less than this to stay out of deficit spending for the year!)	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 195,000.00
Difference	(\$ - 1,713.00)	(\$ - 4,396.50)
Money Counters : Monday, October 19, 2026 Bill Anderson Lou Ann Weills		
Centennial Campaign:		



See the results of our recent Feasibility Study which were published this week. Thank you for all who provided survey answers and interviews!

Parish Ministry Schedule - Sat.& Sun., October 24 & 25, 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	George Benz	Michelle Kasparie	Carol Frericks
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	Timmy Obert Volunteer	Rozalyn Brass Adam Johnson	Pius IX Altar Servers	Ayden Kirlin Connor Earnst
Greeters/ Gift Bearers	Pat Vaughn	William & Ann Dixon	Mike & Kay Hummel	Frank Arnold
Rosary Leader	Volunteer	Earl Boone	Mike Baker	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, 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

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BUCK-A-LUCK	OH DEER!!	ROLLIN' FOR DEER
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OCTOBER 24, 2026
DOORS OPEN AT 4:30 PM
ADAMS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

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For more information visit:
antlersforacademics.com



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..

Thank You for Supporting Quincy Notre Dame Students!



WILD WEST

This year's goal is a New Activity Bus!



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Admission Ticket or Grand
Prize Ticket: \$3,000 cash
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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

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.

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

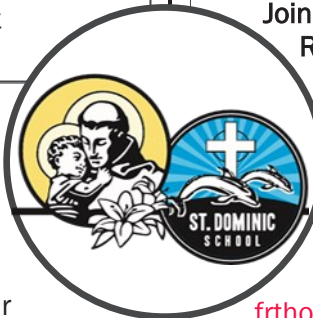
Featured Speaker Presentation

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.

There will be an **hour of Adoration for Priests** followed by Benediction at St. Rose Church, 1009 North 8th Street, Quincy, Illinois, October 18, 2026, from 3:00 to 4:00 P.M. All are invited to come and pray for your Priests.

Philip C. Kemner, O.C.D.S.

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.



Pilgrimage to Italy with Fr. Thomas Meyer

Join Fr. Thomas Meyer for a special pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi, Italy, May 3-11, 2027!

The pilgrimage includes visits to many important Catholic sites, daily Mass, spiritual activities, accommodations, meals, transportation, and sightseeing.

\$6,247 per person based on double occupancy, with round-trip airfare from St. Louis.

Registration: www.206tours.com/

frthomasmeyer.com

Dates for your Calendar:



Nov. 29 Advent Event: "Amazing Grace" movie 2:00 p.m. in parish hall

Dec. 6 Ladies Society Christmas Party after 10:30 a.m. Mass

Dec. 11 Butchering for Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

Dec. 13 Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

St. Edward, Mendon II Turkey Dinner will be held Sunday October 25, 11a.m.-1:30 p.m. Adults \$15, Children 10 & Under \$12, Carry-outs available \$15. Mass Time 9:30 a.m. Join us for a Homemade Meal!



OCTOBER GROCERY ITEMS
Canned Meals, Pasta Sauce, Rice Mixes
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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, October 18, 2026

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.

ST. FRANCIS HOLY NAME ANNUAL FALL BREAKFAST

It's time for the annual Holy Name Pancake and "Whole Hog" sausage breakfast, Sunday, October 18 from 8:00 AM to noon, in the parish center. Biscuits and gravy will be served as well. Fresh sausage will be available, links, or bulk, for five dollars per pound. Call or text Ed Zanger at [217-430-9236](tel:217-430-9236) to order. Cost of the all you can eat breakfast is, \$12.00 for adults, \$6.00 for children ages 4 to 10, and free to children under four. Stop by and support the Saint Francis Holy Name Society, 1721 College Avenue.

St. Joseph Holy Name Trap Shoot & Card Playing

Sunday, November 1, 2026 beginning at noon
All are welcome! There will be two traps, prizes, food and drinks. Held at St. Joseph Church, 1435 E. 1500th St., Quincy, IL

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