



St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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October 25, 2026—Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

A Message from Fr. Tom Donovan:



"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law (Torah) and the prophets depend on these two commandments." (Mt 22:37-40)

Jewish Law contains 613 items, or *mitzvot*, which are derived from the first five books of our bible, which the Jewish people recognize,

as simply, *Torah*. Of these, some 248 are considered "positive" law—laws that command the faithful to do something, such as, "honor your father and your mother." The other 365 are "negative" laws, commanding things such as, "you shall not kill." Of the 613 laws, 342 *mitzvot* are observed only in Temple worship, leaving 'only' 271 laws active. Was Jesus right in criticizing the Jewish Law for its legalistic perspective on... everything? Certainly this was not the intention of the *Torah*, or even the correct way to observe *Torah*.

The Jewish people, even to this day, understand that when the law is properly observed, it increases the spirituality of a person's life. Even the most trivial action and mundane acts, such as getting dressed and eating are transformed into acts of religious significance. When Jews eat Kosher, or light Shabbat candles, wash their hands, or pray after meals, they are reminded of their relationship with the Divine, inviting God into one's everyday activities. Law is not meant to simply contain and restrain, but to be a constant companion to individuals and societies who wish to live as God's children.

Jesus deepens our understanding of the Divine Law and the Decalogue (Ten Commandments) in particular, by simplifying it to its most basic terms: right-relationship with God and right-relationship with one another. On these two poles, the entire Law is based. It's not simply a clever response on part of Jesus to keep from being 'pinned down' on the selection of *one* most important law, as the scholar asks, but it is meant to orient us to the priorities of the Life of Grace. All honor goes first to God alone, but from that flows the order and the concern we must have for living in harmony and justice with our neighbors. On these two priorities, the whole Law depends.

Next Sunday, November 1, the Church celebrates All Saints Day. This feast celebrates all saints, those known and unknown, who rejoice before the throne of God. Normally a Holy Day of Obligation, All Saints takes precedence over the Ordinary Time calendar on Saturday evening and Sunday morning. (Remember to set your clocks back on the night of October 31!)

Weather permitting, after Mass at 10:30 on November 1, I will process with those who are able to visit to St. Anthony Cemetery with a blessing of graves. St. Anthony Cemetery is a witness to the faith of this community, reminding us that those who have died with Christ will one day rise again to new life. The faithful are encouraged to make visits and remember to pray for the dead throughout the month of November... both for those who are known and loved, as well as those who have nobody else to pray for them among the 'poor souls'.

Mass on Monday, November 2 will be at its regular time of 7:30am. I am planning to be out of town that morning, but Fr. Blickhan will celebrate Mass for the faithful departed on All Souls Day. (I will of course offer my Mass, where I am for that intention as well.)

On Saturday, November 7, we will have our customary memorial Mass at 6:30 pm.

Praying for the dead is an important duty, because even if they passed away in grace and friendship with God, they may still need on last purification to obtain the joy of heaven.... May Mary, Gate of Heaven, help us never to forget and never to lose sight of the Heavenly Homeland, the final destination of our pilgrimage here on earth."

— St. Pope John Paul II — *Angelus*, November 2, 2003

— 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 26, 2026

7:30 a.m. Bill Koch+

Tues., October 27, 2026

7:30 a.m. Joan Dietrich+

Wed., October 28, 2026

-St. Dominic School

8:30 a.m. Will & Clara Robison+

Thurs., October 29, 2026

7:30 a.m. Susan Bauer+

-Good Samaritan Home

10:00 a.m. Russ & Rita Terstriep+

Friday, October 30, 2026

St. Dominic School

NO Mass

All Saints Day

Saturday, October 31, 2026

4:00 p.m. Robert Zanger+

6:30 p.m. Parish Intentions

Sunday, November 1, 2026

8:00 a.m. Norma Hildebrand+

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

Perpetual Prayer Candle

Week of October 24-30

For our Priests & Deacons

— 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

St. Dominic School and St. Francis Solanus School Class of 2026 Washington DC 8th Grade Class Trip



During the week of Sunday, October 11 through Friday, October 16, 2026, the St. Dominic School and St. Francis Solanus School eighth-grade Class of 2026 enjoyed their class trip to Washington D.C. This class trip is a once-in-a-lifetime educational opportunity for the students to learn about the history of our country and the many ways our Catholic Christian faith influenced the development of the United States over the past 250 years. During our next Veterans Day program, the class will share highlights of the trip

Parish Support for 8th Grade Class Trip

This culminating eighth-grade class trip also provides an opportunity to celebrate their leadership and service experiences at school over the past several years, which provided financial support to make this trip affordable for school families. The Class of 2026 appreciates the many opportunities our school and parish provides for the students and families for service hours. In addition, the week-long experience provides many opportunities for faith formation on this pilgrimage. The students visit several sites that highlight our Catholic faith and history, as well as engaging in daily Mass and night prayers together as a group.

Mark Your Calendar

Sunday, October 25

10:30 AM Holy Moments Mass—Grade 7

Monday, October 26

3:15—5:15 PM Parent Teacher Conferences

Tuesday, October 27

3:15—5:15 p.m. Parent Teacher Conferences

6:30 PM Discipleship Meeting

Wednesday, October 28

8:30 AM School Mass

3:15—7:30 PM Parent Teacher Conferences

6:00 PM PTO Meeting

Thursday, October 29 — Half-Day 11:30 Dismissal

PTO Halloween Trunk or Treat

1:00-4:00 and 5:00-7:30 PM Parent Teacher Conferences

Friday, October 30—No School

— Parish Data —

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, Oct. 26 6:30 p.m.	We Care
Tuesday, Oct. 27 6:30 p.m.	Discipleship Meeting
Wednesday, Oct. 28 8:30 a.m. 6:00-7:30 p.m.	Mass at St. Dominic OCIA
Thursday, Oct. 29 11:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Dismissal at St. Dominic Trunk or Treat at St. Dominic GriefShare
Friday, Oct. 30	No School/ No Mass at School
Saturday, Oct. 31 4:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Mass Mass
Sunday, Nov. 1 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 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.

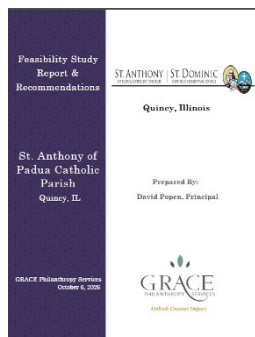


WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING

Week 16	October 17/18	Total Year-to-Date
Loose Collection	\$ 980.00	\$ 14,619.91
Weekly Envelopes	\$ 12,033.55	\$ 165,118.14
Electronic Deposits	\$ 0.00	\$ 23,879.00
Total, October 17/18	\$ 13,013.55	\$ 203,617.05
Budget Goal (we need no less than this to stay out of deficit spending for the year!)	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 208,000.00
Difference	\$ 13.55	(\$ - 4,382.95)

Money Counters : Monday, October 26, 2026
Dana Lugering Pat Bauer Mary Koch

Centennial Campaign:



See the results of our recent Feasibility Study for our upcoming Capital Campaign. Thank you for all who provided survey answers and interviews!

Parish Ministry Schedule - Sat.& Sun., October 31 & November 1, 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	Mark Levins	Angie Dean	Mary Koch	Kim Peters
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 Volunteer	The Benz Family	Aiden Holtschlag A.J. Holtschlag	Thomas Dyer Madison Rivera
Greeters/ Gift Bearers	Carol Vogel	Elmer & Jeanne Maas	Kay Lentz	Greg & Diane Dittmer
Rosary Leader	Mike Zanger	Melanie Longenecker	Mary Koch	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, 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

St. Anthony Church PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2026
7:00am - Noon

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Adults—\$14.00 Children—\$7.00
(under 5 free)

★
Dine In or Carry Out
★

Link & Bulk Sausage,
Ribs, Chops 5lbs—\$25

Cooked links
(Precooked Weight)
5lbs—\$30



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Call orders to
217-257-2108

Orders will be taken from
November 1st - December 1st
or until 2000 lbs. are sold



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.



St. Anthony Ladies Christmas Party

ALL Ladies of the Parish save the date for the Ladies Christmas Party which will be held Sunday, December 6th in the Parish Hall. We will begin after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Please call Alice

Rakers at 217-653-2445 to make your reservations. The Ladies Society will be providing fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy. We are asking that all attending bring a side dish and/or a dessert. This year we will be helping a parish family with some financial needs and will be taking up a free-will donation for them at the dinner.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

Father Tom will be offering two more training sessions for Eucharistic Ministers that missed the previous sessions. The two opportunities will be either October 31 at 5:15 p.m. or November 8 at 9:15 a.m. Please take advantage of one of these opportunities so we can get everyone that is interested in being a EMHC commissioned soon. If you are not interested in being an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion anymore, please let me know ASAP.

Thank you for all you do for our church, Tera Smith

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

October 25, 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

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.

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!

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.



Silent Jesuit White House Retreat

Join us for the 9/27-9/30/27 Silent Jesuit White House Retreat. Text John Venegoni [217-430-2234](tel:2174302234) for registration. Questions welcome.

Are you or someone you know called to Catholic school leadership?

St. Francis Solanus School and Quincy Catholic Schools are seeking a vision-driven Principal-Minister to lead our faith-filled community (PreK-8th). We are looking for a practicing Catholic with proven leadership experience to foster spiritual growth and academic excellence. For full position details, compensation information, and application steps, visit www.quincycatholicschools.org/principal.



St. Anthony Parish welcomes

Bradley Alan Hamilton

son of

Logan & Jennifer Cardamone Hamilton

who was baptized October 18, 2026 into the Catholic faith.



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

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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.

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.

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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What Catholics Believe About Halloween | All Saints, All Souls

Is Halloween really a pagan holiday—or is it deeply Christian? In this episode of What Catholics Believe, Dr. Ben Akers explains the Catholic roots of Halloween, its connection to All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day, and how Catholics can celebrate it faithfully. Discover the history of trick-or-treating, the dangers of the occult, the meaning behind costumes, and even the Catholic perspective on vampires and zombies.

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