St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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November 1, 2026—All Saints (31-OT A)

— 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., November 2, 2026
7:30 a.m. Don Wittland+

Tues., November 3, 2026
7:30 a.m. Don Goerlich+

Wed., November 4 2026
-St. Dominic School
8:30 a.m. Rollie Thomas+

Thurs., November 5, 2026
7:30 a.m. Vince Dreier+
-Good Samaritan Home
10:00 a.m. John & Elaine Will+

Friday, November 6, 2026
-St. Dominic School
8:15 a.m. Bob Deters+

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday , November 7, 2026
4:00 p.m. Elmer Genenbacher+
6:30 p.m. Nick & Joe Ehrhardt+

Sunday, November 8, 2026
8:00 a.m. Robert & Dolly Genenbacher+
10:30 a.m. Parish Intentions

Perpetual Prayer Candle
Week of October 31-November 6
Deceased members of Elmer & Mildred Genenbacher Family
Mark Frericks & April Rohn

— Parish Office Hours —
Monday-Friday
8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Bulletin Deadline: **Monday, Noon**

A Message from Fr. Tom Donovan:

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All Christians are called to be holy. Holiness is not simply the domain of priests and religious, as some would think to be the case. Jesus calls us all to "be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect." (Mt 5: 48) The Second Vatican Council speaks of how we are to attain this perfection:

In order to reach this perfection (of holiness), the faithful should use the strength dealt out to them by Christ's gift, so that… doing the will of the Father in everything, they may wholeheartedly devote themselves to the Glory of God and to the service of their neighbor. Thus the holiness of the People of God will grow in fruitful abundance, as is clearly shown in the history of the Church through the lives of so many saints.

— *Lumen Gentium* 40 §2

Holiness *looks* like something. It is not an abstract concept, but it can be difficult to define. Sometimes 'holiness' can be confused with civic virtue or pleasant behavior… a certain 'type' of person who prays their prayers, goes to church, and when times get really rough, perhaps they achieve a feat of heroic piety or self-sacrifice. But holiness is not just a natural goodness or pleasant personality or even defined in heroic moments; it is supernatural grace at work in the human heart.

St. Thomas Aquinas (and others) famously explain "grace builds on nature". But as each person is unique in his or her humanity, holiness can look vastly different from person to person. St. Jerome had a fierce temper. St. Peter seemed to be faithful one moment and foolish in the next. St. Catherine of Siena was headstrong, passionate, and fearless, yet blessed with experiences of great mystical contemplation. St. Augustine was a scholar and bishop, and St. Jean Vianney barely passed his exams in the seminary before being sent by his bishop to a place where he was expected to merely do no harm. We have studious martyrs who became jokesters (Bl. Miguel Pro), and completely unserious people who came to conversion (St. Thomas Beckett). We have those who lived their lives in a monetary (St. Therese of Lisieux) and those who travelled the world preaching the gospel (St. Francis Xavier). In all of these cases, we find people who have discovered friendship with God who loved them as they were, and in turn let their lives shine as a glowing witness to God's power at work through their lives.

That is the heart of the Solemnity of All Saints. The Church does not canonize a single personality or career type, but often chooses ordinary, even flawed people who surrendered their lives to God's grace. Most of them did not become holy overnight, and some may have only proven themselves in life's final moments. The proof of sanctity is not human perfection in this world, but God's strength working through human weakness.

To be a saint, one must be *habitually* open to the grace of God. These *habits* of holiness are formed by dedication, hard practice, and self-denial, not unlike the habits of sports heroes we honor as "Hall of Famers". We honor the most successful athletes as examples for our children, showing how one can become great by persistent practice. Monuments honoring these heroes honor not only the person but, perhaps more importantly, the ideals they represent. It is the same with our saints that we honor in the Church. By looking to them, we see their humanity alongside a unique invitation that was received to respond to God's mercy and grace.



Heaven is not populated by flawless statues, but forgiven sinners who persevered. Holiness does not demand you change your basic temperament, but that you do change your essential orientation towards God's grace, to let him love you and work through you precisely as who you are.

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A Message from Mrs. Carol Frericks—Principal

Holy Moments During Grandparents Day





On Friday, October 23, our students and guests enjoyed a lovely afternoon during our Grandparents Day events. Our special day included Mass, lunch and recess, Book Fair, and Saint Bingo. Before Mass, students presented their Grandparents with a Holy Card and prayed the prayer below. At the end of Mass, our students sang a beautiful song, with revised lyrics to the tune of *Unforgettable* by Nat King Cole, for their grandparents or special person to share their love and appreciation. These sincere opportunities create loving memories for children and grandparents. When our students share their love and appreciation with their grandparents, we all experience Holy Moments of LOVE. We hope that our honored guests enjoyed their special Grandparents Day at St. Dominic School, where Holy Moments happen every day!

PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS

Heavenly Father, your wisdom and Word are eternal, meant for all generations. Help grandparents, we pray, as they pass on the rich traditions of the church to their beloved family members, especially their grandchildren. Through the teachings and example of your Son and our Savior, we know that we are all your children. Help us to know you better each day, ultimately leading us, with our family members, into eternal life with you.

Amen.

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Mark Your Calendar

Sunday, November 1 — All Saints Day
Prayer Service at St. Anthony Church after 10:30 Mass
Monday, November 2 — All Souls Day
2:00 PM Blessing Cancer Center Presentation- Grade 4
6:00 PM Quincy Catholic Schools Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 3
7:00 PM Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday, November 4
8:30 AM School Mass
3:15 Faculty Meeting
Friday, November 6
Spirit Shirt Day
8:15 AM Quiet School Mass
9:00 AM Picture Retakes

— Parish Data —

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, November 2
7:00 p.m. — Ladies Society Meeting

Tuesday, November 3
7:00 p.m. — Pastoral Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 4
8:30 a.m. — Mass at St. Dominic
6:00-7:30 p.m. — OCIA

Thursday, November 5
6:00 p.m. — GriefShare

Friday, November 6

Saturday, November 7
4:00 p.m. — Mass
6:30 p.m. — Mass (Memorial Mass)

Sunday, November 8
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 October 2026:

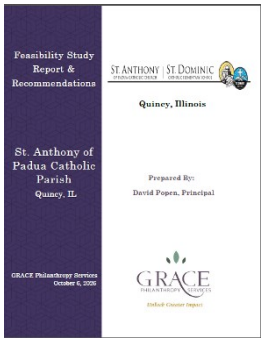
Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING

Week 17	October 24/25	Total Year-to-Date
Loose Collection	$ 856.50	$ 15,476.41
Weekly Envelopes	$ 7,364.00	$ 172,482.14
Electronic Deposits	$ 0.00	$ 23,879.00
Total, October 17/18	**$ 8,220.50**	**$ 211,837.55**
Budget Goal *(we need no less than this to stay out of deficit spending for the year!)*	$ 13,000.00	$ 221,000.00
Difference	**($ -4,779.50)**	**($ - 9,162.45)**

Money Counters : Monday, November 2, 2026
Michelle Ehrhardt Mary Courty

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!

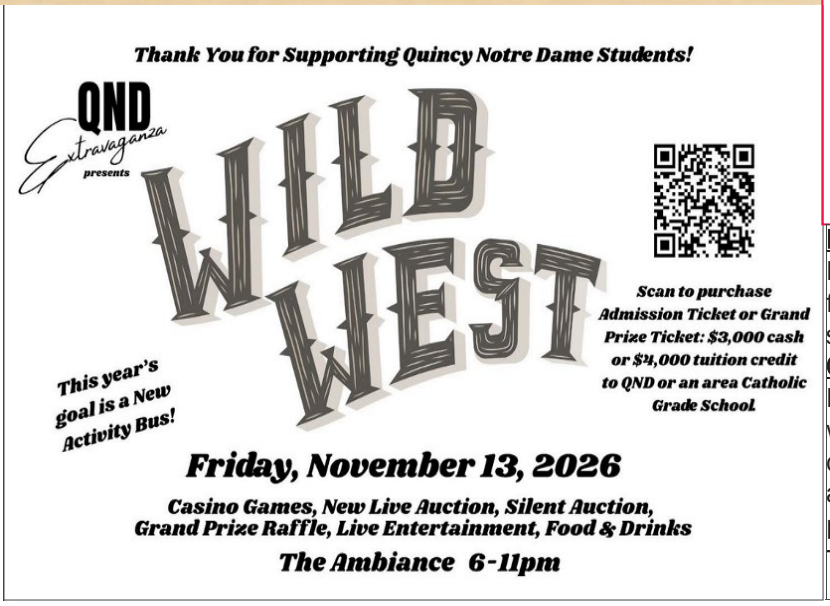
Parish Ministry Schedule - Sat.& Sun., November 7 & 8, 2026

	Saturday, 4:00 PM	Saturday, 6:30 PM	Sunday, 8:00 AM	Sunday, 10:30 AM
Key Minister/	Roger & Tawny Benz		Dan Reichert	
Lector	Janice Zanger	Trisha Mathews	Jim Obert	Jen Dyer
Usher	Lead: Bill Anderson Tom Grawe Tom Boone Cindy Cramer	Lead: Jay Johnson George Dreyer Joe Dreyer Edward Benz	Lead: Mike Hummel Jerry Grawe Gene Goerlich Anthony Haley	Lead: Diane Dittmer Greg Dittmer Craig Schafer Frank Arnold
Servers	Morgan & Nolan Venvertloh	The Mathews Family	Zain & Kolbie Schutte	Sam Fischer Grayson Ebbing
Greeters/ Gift Bearers	Jr & Jackie Dreyer	Ted Vahle	Mark & Bernice Neisen	Dale & Jennifer Hilgenbrinck
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, 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





PARISH COUNCIL

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 have been collected and we will have the biographies in next week's bulletin. 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

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"
Sign up sheet is in the back of church.

We help families.
We support teachers.
The QCES Foundation's Annual Campaign is underway! We provide tuition assistance for families in need and teacher grants at all four Quincy Catholic elementary schools.
Watch your mailbox **in the coming days** for our campaign letter. Your gift helps families afford a Catholic education and gives teachers more opportunities to bring learning to life. Thank you for your support!



Choir Practice Schedule For Christmas Eve Midnight Mass
If you are interested in singing with our choir at Midnight on Christmas Eve, December 24, please come to all rehearsals. Rehearsals are on Thursdays from 5:30 – 7 PM at Church. Dates for the rehearsals are: November 5, 12, 19, and December 3, 10, 17 I really need you to be at ALL rehearsals, as we will sing some of our music a-cappella (no accompaniment). For more information, please call me at work 217.222.0515 – or on my cell 217.779.0152, or send me an email Mecki@travelhouseofquincy.com
See you in church, wow, Christmas is just around the corner.....



You Are Invited!! St. Dominic School of St. Anthony of Padua Parish will present their annual Veterans Day celebration on Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2026 beginning at 1:30 in the school gym. The program will also celebrate "America 250", the 250th anniversary of the United States Declaration of Independence. Please join us as we honor all Veterans of the United States Armed Forces.

NOVEMBER "GROUP A" CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE November 5, Thursday, 6:00 PM—Marlene Rose, Margie Grawe, Dorothy Haley, Samantha Haley, Joy Jurrens, Kay Koch, Joann Witte, Ann Zimmerman, Carlene Orton, Cindy Deters, Shelly Steinkamp, Jane Lamm, Katie Danker, Rhonda Long, Vicky Campen, Sharon Dieker THANK YOU LADIES!



Thank you so much for the outpouring of prayers, cards, texts and hospital visits during my recent illness. Please know this response helped with my recovery. Thanks for all who reached out to me in any way.
Pat Bauer

BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH MEN'S CONFERENCE
In a world that often challenges our faith, Catholic men are called to live with wisdom, conviction, and compassion. Join us for an evening of great food, fellowship, and inspiring presentations that will challenge and encourage you in your walk with Christ. The evening, themed "The Courage to be Catholic", will feature talks on the courage to seek to understand our faith, live it authentically each day, and stand up for it when needed.
Friday, November 20
Blessed Sacrament Gathering Space
Dinner: 5:30 PM
Conference: 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Cost: $10 (includes meal)
RSVP by Monday, November 16
All men are welcome. Invite a friend, son, father, brother, or coworker!

NOVEMBER GROCERY ITEMS
Any Non-Persihable Item
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

48th ANNUAL
QND MUSIC DEPARTMENT
FRUIT SALE
Oct. 16th - Nov. 6th
(delivery will be the weekend of Dec 5th)

Ruby Red Grapefruit & Sunkist Navel Oranges

20 lbs. or 40 lbs. of each
mixed boxes available

To place an order:
- **scan this code**
- **contact a QND Band or Choir member**
- **call QND**

(217-223-2479)

Thank you for supporting the QND Music Department!

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.

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. 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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