



St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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Fourth Sunday of Easter - April 21, 2024

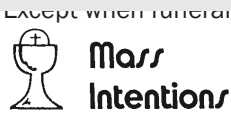
A Message from Fr. Tom Donovan:

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— Mass Times —
 Saturday: 4:00, 6:30 pm
 Sunday: 8:00, 10:30 am
 M, Tu, Th, F: 7:30 am
 W. at St. Dominic School 8:30 am
 Th. at Good Samaritan 10:00 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 noon



Mon., April 22, 2024

7:30 a.m. Parker Brown

Tues., April 23, 2024

7:30 a.m. No Mass

Wed., April 24, 2024

—at St. Dominic School

8:30 a.m. No Mass

6:00 p.m. Melvin Maas+

Thurs., April 25, 2024

7:30 a.m. Communion Service

—at Good Samaritan

10:00 a.m. No Mass

Fri., April 26, 2024

7:30 a.m. Kenny & Virginia Dietrich+

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sat., April 27, 2024

4:00 p.m. Maurice Dreyer, Jr.+

6:30 p.m. Parish Intentions

Sun., April 28, 2024

8:00 a.m. Elmer & Mildred

Genenbacher+

10:30 a.m. Mark Frericks+

Perpetual Prayer Candle
 for Special Intentions
 Week of April 20-26
 Gene Dietrich Family

— Parish Office Hours —

Monday-Friday

8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Bulletin Deadline: Monday, Noon



We often hear the word “congregation” when referring to a group of people gathered in worship. The root “gregare” comes from the Latin, meaning, “to gather together”, and is further explained by the noun form, “grex” which literally means “flock” as in a “flock of sheep”. So, when a pastor speaks of his ‘congregation’, hidden in that word is the very idea of the people of God being a “flock” gathered together like sheep. When we call a person “gregarious”, we see him or her as a person who likes to be around other people. Such a person would be an “aggregator” and not a “segregator” due to his or her “egregious” patterns of behavior.

If is the Lord who gathers, while the evil one scatters. When we look inside our Churches as “congregations”, we recognize that the relationships that comprise our communion with each other are often difficult and challenging, but essential to who we are as Christians. It is nether healthy to separate oneself from the congregation nor to take the separation of another member lightly, for the work of scattering and separating belongs to the evil one. Revelation (12:10) foretells that the final victory of God will be sealed when Satan, “the accuser of the brothers” is cast out.

When we consider Satan as the “accuser”, we come to a greater understanding of how rash judgment, detraction, gossip, and other sins of the tongue can undermine the unity of the Church. Further, we can get a glimpse of how the devil uses the shame of accusation to discourage individuals who are struggling with sin from finding the healing they need by staying in the flock and close to the shepherd. Nobody likes evil things said of them; nobody likes to have their faults exposed for the whole world to see and pass judgement. When sheep get lost and lose the familiar call of their shepherd, they will hide themselves, even to the point of near-starvation. Do you know anyone who was once a member of the Church, who received First Communion perhaps with you many years ago, who has been in hiding... perhaps for years starving themselves from the sacraments? How can you help them find their way back? Accusation and judgement? Unlikely. Helping them heal from their (moral, relationship, estrangement) wounds? That would be the way of the Good Shepherd.

The Church as the Flock of Christ is meant to be a place of safety in the hostile world. The Church welcomes strangers and reconciles sinners. The Church gathers talents and gifts to share with those in need. The Church teaches and blesses, that all might find their rightful place in the flock. When we recognize that those things that build up and bring life are the things of God, and conversely those that tear us down are the things of the devil, it calls us to account as individuals and as members of the Church: do my words and deeds build up or bring down the flock or am I in league with those who would disperse the flock and besiege the Shepherd?

I have had a number of inquiries in recent weeks about the possibility of starting an OCIA/RCIA cohort after Easter... How about it? Do you know someone who would like to join the Church and become Catholic? We will have an **organizational meeting on Monday, May 13 at 7:00pm in the Quilt Room at St. Anthony's**. All are welcome... candidates, sponsors, even those who would just like to take a refresher course on the faith. For more information, please call the parish office: 222-5996.



Your Journey Into the
 Catholic Church Begins Here

OCIA

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

Open Wide the Doors to Christ!

St. Dominic School

4100 Columbus Road — Quincy, Illinois 62305

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A Message from Mrs. Carol Frericks—Principal

First-Graders Lead Us In Prayer



During the month of April, the first-grade class, along with their teacher, Mrs. Tera Smith, led Morning Assembly each day. Every morning we begin with prayer by listening to the Holy Scripture reading for the day and a Living Faith reflection for children and youth. During the Scripture reading our first-grade leaders are the role models for prayer. The class also taught our school about one of the Catholic Sacraments of Vocation – Matrimony. We learned that through the Sacrament of Matrimony, Christians are called to dedicate their lives both in communion with God and by loving service to others. The man and the woman join their hands and their lives with God, giving their consent, and exchanging vows and rings. In addition, the first-grade class helped us learn about the Fruit of the Holy Spirit – Love from God.

2024 Annual School Fund Drive Update

Thanks so much to all of our generous parishioners and school families who have participated in the 2024 St. Dominic School Annual Fund Drive! As of March 19, 2024, we have received 140 pledge cards, which amounts to a total of **30,080.00** and is **75% of our goal of \$40,000** along with many gifts of prayer, time, and talent. Some of the gifts have been given in honor or memory of a special intention. All special intentions will be listed in a bulletin at the end of May. **THANK YOU SO MUCH** for all of your genuine stewardship and amazing support of our parish mission to provide Catholic education at our parish school St. Dominic School of St. Anthony of Padua Parish, where Holy Moments happen every day.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Saturday, April 20
- 6:30 p.m. Holy Moments Mass for Grade 1
- Monday, April 22
- 8:15 a.m. 5th-8th Grade Olympic Day at QND
- 6:00 p.m. Piano Recital
- Tuesday, April 23
- 6:30 p.m. Marketing Meeting
- Wednesday, April 24
- 8:30 a.m. School Mass
- 3:15 p.m. Faculty Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Gene Grawe Fund Announcement
- 7:30 p.m. 7th Grade Washington D.C. Trip Meeting
- Friday, April 26
- Out of Dress Code Day
- Grades 3-6 Steve Ryan's Pottery Class
- 4th Quarter Mid-Terms Sent Home
- Friday, April 26 — Saturday, April 27
- Quincy Catholic Schools Strategic Plan Meeting at St. Dominic School



Upcoming Events

Wednesday Evening Mass

6:00 p.m.



Just a reminder that there will be Mass each Wednesday evening at 6:00 p.m. through May 8th

St. Anthony Ladies Society Roast Beef Dinner

Sunday, April 28, 11 a.m-1 p.m.



St. Anthony Ladies Society Roast Beef Dinner will be eat in or carry out on Sunday, April 28th, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. The menu will be roast beef, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, fruit salad, homemade rolls, and homemade dessert. \$14 for adults and \$8 for children. For carry outs enter the SOUTH entrance basement door. Help is needed on Saturday and Sunday. Please call the parish office 217-222-5996 if you are able to help. Will also need help on Friday around 4 p.m. to slice the beef.

St. Anthony Ladies Society Mother/Daughter Banquet

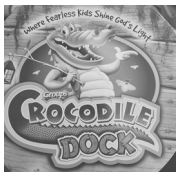
Sunday, May 5, after 10:30 a.m. Mass



St. Anthony Ladies Society is having their Mother/Daughter Banquet on Sunday, May 5th, after the 10:30 a.m. Mass in the Parish Hall. Free will offering. For reservations please call Alice Rakers at 217-222-4798.

Vacation Bible School

June 9, 10, 11, 2024



Mark your calendars for St. Anthony Vacation Bible School June 9, 10, 11. All children going into Pre School 3 year olds through 5th grade are invited to attend. There will be a meal served at 5:30 p.m. each evening with activities beginning at 6 and ending at 8. Watch here for more information.

The Mega Raffle is Back!



It could be YOUR year to win MEGA MONEY! The "Everybody Wins" Mega Raffle is in its 13th year and tickets are on sale now. Only 4,000 tickets will be sold. Tickets must be turned in by May 3 to be eligible for the Early Bird drawing of \$25,000 on May 17. The \$100,000, \$25,000, \$15,000, and 37 more cash prizes will be drawn on May 31. Proceeds benefit the QCES Foundation, QND Foundation, and Quincy's five Catholic Schools. More information, including how to get your tickets, can be found at QuincyMegaRaffle.org.

Junefest

Saturday, June 1, 2024

Mark your calendar for Junefest - June 1. The band will be Raised on Radio.

St. Anthony Picnic

Saturday, July 20, 2024

Mark your calendar for St. Anthony Picnic -July 20. The band will be Eleven. **Help Needed:** Help needed to run the lunch stand at St Anthony Picnic from 9-12. Chairperson for Horse Poop Bingo

— Parish Data —

PARISH CALENDAR	
Monday, April 22 6:30 p.m.	Butterfly Ministry
Tuesday, April 23	
Wednesday, April 24 6:00 p.m.	Mass
Thursday, April 25	
Friday, April 26	
Saturday, April 27 4:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Mass Mass
Sunday, April 28 8:00 a.m. 9:00 - 10:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Mass Families of Faith (upstairs) Mass Ladies Society Roast Beef Dinner

As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace (1 Pt 4:10).


WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING		
Week 41	April 13/14	Total Year-to-Date
Loose Collection	\$ 754.75	\$ 28,706.62
Weekly Envelopes	\$ 8,100.00	\$ 351864.79
Electronic Deposits	\$ 0.00	\$ 54,657.00
Total, April 13/14	\$ 8,854.75	\$ 435,228.41
Budget Goal <small>(we need no less than this to stay out of deficit spending for the year!)</small>	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 533,000.00
Difference	(\$ -4,145.25)	\$ (-97,771.59)

Money Counters : Monday, April 22, 2024

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DEBT/ACCRUED DEFICITS	
Unpaid Diocesan Liabilities from FY 2020-21: <small>(this total is updated periodically, as funds are sent and posted to our account by the Diocese of Springfield)</small>	\$ 19,548.00 as of December 29, 2023
Debt Reduction Envelopes <i>Thank you!</i> —>	FY 2023-24: \$ 8,926.82

Quincy Catholic Schools Updates



Did you know that you can review all of the Monthly Updates from the Quincy Catholic Schools at:
<https://www.quincycatholicsschools.org/news/>

Parish Ministry Schedule - Sat.& Sun., April 27 & 28, 2024

	Saturday, 4:00 PM	Saturday, 6:30 p.m.	Sunday, 8:00 AM	Sunday, 10:30 AM
Key Minister/	Jr. & Jackie Dreyer		Gene & Rita Goerlich	Rich Rakers
Lector	Bill Anderson	Trisha Mathews	Mike Baker	Debbie Woodward
Usher	Bill Anderson Jr. Dreyer Tom Grawe Mike Zanger	George Benz Tom Boone Ron Reichert Ted Vahle	Jerry Dreier Matt Kasparie Mark Neisen Dan Terwelp	Frank Arnold Craig Schafer Rick Schafer Kurt Fischer
Servers	Rafael & Xavier Torres	The Benz Family	Addison & Luke Weiman	Madison & Emma McCleary
Greeters/ Gift Bearers	Carol Vogel	Carolyn Waterkotte	Logan & Kaleena Gentry	Greg & Diane Dittmer
Rosary Leader	Tawny Benz	Melanie Longenecker	Giny Baker	David & Janice McCleary Family

In charity, please remember in your prayers: All Caregivers, The Shut-Ins of our Parish, Military Members and their families, Albert Huber, Mike Hildebrand, Jackie Schieferdecker, Dennis Meyer, James Ponsot, Mary Gehrt, Winnie Huber, Gerald S. Maas, Connie, Cindy Barner, Leon Lentz, Norma Hildebrand, Erika Jurrens Hutchison

Also please remember in your prayers those who have died in 2024: Ronald Zanger, Judy Emerick, Donna Andrews, Curtis Boone, Florence Griesbaum, R. J. Boone, John Feeney, Earl Huber

April 21, 2024

Nursing Care Patients

IL Veterans Home

Michael Hildebrand
Albert Huber
Jim Ponsot
Verne Hagstrom

Bickford Cottages

Mary Gerht
Wayne Emerick
St. Vincent
Fr. Irenaeus Kimminau
Bradford Villa
Ruth Schmelzle

GriefShare will sponsor "Surviving the Holidays" session at 6:00pm Thursday, April 25th in the Quilter's Room in the Parish Center. All are welcome...you do not have to have attended GriefShare to attend and benefit from it. This session provides valuable information on how to prepare for emotional holidays like Christmas and other important dates that hold special meaning and emotion for those of us grieving the death of a loved one. Light refreshments will be available.

THANK YOU!!! The St. Anthony Ladies Society would like to thank everyone who helped in any way with the Spring Craft Show from the vendors, the shoppers, those that made cinnamon rolls, worked in the kitchen, helped with the set up and tear down. We really appreciate everyone's help.

The Ladies of Charity of Quincy invites you, both women and men, and both current and potential members, to attend an Orientation and Day of Reflection on Sunday, May 5, 2024, from 1:00 - 3:00 pm at the St Francis Catholic Church Parish Hall. Although the Ladies of Charity is comprised of mostly women volunteers, we also invite men to assist us (particularly with the heavy lifting, transporting of items, etc.). We are a Vincentian organization called to serve those in need and we would love to have you join us. Please plan to attend to learn more about us and the volunteer opportunities available! If you have any questions or need other details, please feel free to contact either Kathy Obert at 703-786-4788 or Brenda Ehrhardt at 217-257-8832." Thank you,
Kathy Obert, Brenda Ehrhardt
Co-Presidents of the Ladies of Charity of Quincy

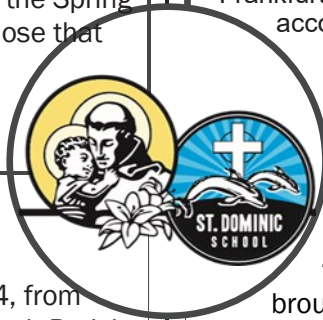
Quincy Catholic Schools UpdateProgress continues to be made to form a unified school system for Quincy's four Catholic elementary schools. The current focus is the development of a strategic plan that will guide the schools for the next three to five years. To learn more about the strategic planning process and to follow progress through our regular community updates, please visit quincycatholicschools.org/provisional-advisory-board.html.

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Teacher Opening at St. Dominic School

Would you enjoy sharing our Catholic faith and love for learning with children? St. Dominic School is accepting applications for a full-time Preschool teaching position for the 2024-2025 school year. Qualified applicants should hold an Illinois Professional Educator License. with an Endorsement in Early Childhood Education preferred. Responsibilities include teaching a full-day Preschool 4-year-old class according to the philosophy of St. Dominic School of St. Anthony of Padua Parish and the Diocese of Springfield. Qualified and enthusiastic applicants should send a cover letter, resume, and references to Mrs. Carol Frericks, Principal, St. Dominic School of St. Anthony of Padua Parish, 4100 Columbus Road, Quincy, IL 62305 or call the school office at 217-224-0041.

Fr. Tom Donovan and the Travel House of Quincy announce a tour to Germany, September 15—29, 2024. Destinations include Nurnberg, Dresden, Berlin, Erfurt, and Frankfurt. Trip cost, complete with airfare, motor coach accommodations from Quincy to the airport and throughout Germany, double occupancy rooms, and breakfast and dinner daily is \$4059. See the flier next week! For more information, call Mecki at the Travel House: (217) 222-0515



Right to Life of Adams County is privileged to sponsor **Illinois Right to Life Executive Director, Mary Kate Zander** (from the agency that brought us the Ground Zero presentation a couple of years ago.) Tuesday, April 30, 6:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Fr. McGivney Hall, 700 S. 36th Street, Quincy. Some of the topics to be presented--
-- the growing trend of abortion tourism in Illinois and the greater Midwest
-- changes to Illinois laws and public policy that have opened the floodgates for more abortion travel
-- where women seeking abortions are coming from and how they're making the trip
-- risks to women's health that are uniquely associated with abortion tourism
-- what's being done by Illinois' pro-life movement to change the tide on abortion travel
For more information contact Jane Haas 217-257-0533.

Please Note:
The Surviving Divorce Class has been suspended for the time being.



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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All are welcome! On Wednesday April 24th there will be an announcement & an informational meeting for the Gene Grawe Fund. The public is welcome to find out more about the Gene Grawe Fund & how you can help families pay for tuition & help support the catholic schools. This will take place at 6:30 at St Dominic School. There will be drawing for gift cards! Doors will open at 6 PM. If you are a family receiving funds for the 2024-25 school year please come early to receive your letter. Any questions contact JoAnn Witte 217-257-3231.

Women's Saints Study: Women of all ages join us Tuesday, May 7th at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Francis Parish Hall for our monthly Women's Saints Study. Featured this month is Blessed Anne Catherine Emmerich presented by Ginny Fuentes. Bring a friend! Women's Saints Study is open to all parishes. For more information, contact Karen Weiman (217-242-5513) or Kelli Lunt (217-617-1566)

St. Francis Solanus Business Manager Position Available

Position Overview: The Parish Business Manager will oversee the financial management, human resources, and day-to-day business operations of the parish.

Desired qualifications include: Proven experience in Business Administration, Finance or a related field; strong interpersonal and communication skills and a commitment to the parish's mission; experience with QuickBooks, Excel, HR and payroll preferred.

Applicants may send a resume and cover letter to Sue Holbrook, sholbrook@stfrancissolanus.com or to: Parish Office, 1721 College Ave., Quincy, IL., 62301.



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