



# St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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## Fifth Sunday of Easter - April 28, 2024

### A Message from Fr. Tom Donovan:

✠ Alleluia ✠ Alleluia ✠ Alleluia ✠

— 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](http://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

Except when funeral



Mass Intentions

#### Mon., April 29, 2024

7:30 a.m. Curtis Boone+

#### Tues., April 30, 2024

7:30 a.m. Gene Dietrich+

#### Wed., May 1, 2024

—at St. Dominic School

8:30 a.m. James Fischer+

6:00 p.m. Susan Bauer+

#### Thurs., May 2, 2024

7:30 a.m. Paul & Edith Edwards+

—at Good Samaritan

10:00 a.m. Paul Stupasky+

#### Fri., May 3, 2024

7:30 a.m. Fr. Irenaeus

Sixth Sunday of Easter

#### Sat., May 4, 2024

4:00 p.m. Curtis Boone+

6:30 p.m. Parish Intentions

#### Sun., May 5, 2024

8:00 a.m. Mark Frericks & April Rohn+

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

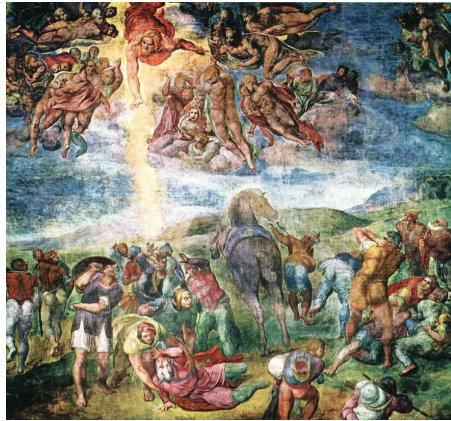
Perpetual Prayer Candle  
 for Special Intentions  
 Week of April 27-May 3  
 Safe Travels

### — Parish Office Hours —

Monday-Friday

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

Bulletin Deadline: Monday, Noon



This weekend, the Church presents to us the Acts of the Apostles (9: 26ff) which introduces us to Saul. If there were ever a person who could have been considered 'notorious' to the Christian community, Saul would have been it! In Chapter 8 of the Acts of the Apostles, it is mentioned, almost in the same breath that explains that the martyr Stephen was buried during a persecution, that Saul was going about trying to destroy the Church. In the first part of Chapter 9, the writer characterizes Saul's actions as "breathing murderous threats" against the disciples. Even Ananias, the follower charged by divine vision to lay hands on Saul and offer him baptism first hesitated, reasoning, "I have heard from many sources about this man... what evil things he has done to your holy ones in Jerusalem." (Acts 9: 13) Ananias was a respected Christian leader in Damascus. No doubt his flock would be nervous about the 'wolf' that had appeared among them. Saul had perhaps persecuted or martyred members out of that very community.

It seems that Saul took personal pride and satisfaction in carrying out what he thought was 'right' in taking wrath upon those who were perceived as corrupting the traditional Jewish faith and observance. Jesus was not the Messiah he, or many others, were looking for.

Having observed the Law from his youth, having obtained a first-rate rabbinical education, being a cultural citizen of the advanced and revered Hellenistic (Greek and thus Roman) world, Saul was 'connected' to high society and had a level of standing with the Temple authority in Jerusalem, one would surmise. But now, as Saul is left behind and St. Paul emerges, there is a radically new and different set of connections that are being established.

Life in Jesus Christ comes from being attached to him as a branch is to the vine. Detached from the source, we cannot be fruitful and we will wither and die. Saul had lived that life. After his conversion and baptism, he was now grafted onto the life of the Church. This was a difficult process, as we see in this week's readings from Acts (9: 26-31) in that all were afraid of him, and rightfully so. Was his conversion authentic? Was he a spy? But under the charge of Barnabas and the Apostles, he came to be integrated into the life of the Church, and his witness and ministry bear abundant fruit to this day.

There are two edges to consider in the mystery of the Conversion of St. Paul. First and foremost, Paul's conversion was a personal encounter with the living Christ, calling out and calling forth the most unexpected person to be an instrument of his teaching and preaching. Saul could not have done this on his own, either by reputation or by personal virtue. He had to be transformed... turned into someone and something complete new. It was through this encounter with Christ that Saul could accept the divine invitation to turn away from the past and take up a new ministry.

A second edge that presents itself is the reception that Paul received as he made this transition from who he was to who he was to become. It is the Church, remember, who has the power to bind and loose. Indeed, this power was specifically invested into the apostolic ministry, but we can see in this scene, the power to forgive would not have been effective until and unless it spread through the entirety of the Church, in the case of St. Paul. Would you have been comfortable having Paul sitting next to you in Church on that first Sunday? Ananias had the courage to call a newly-converted Saul his "brother" (Acts 9: 17). This act of welcome and acceptance perhaps did not change the past, nor even give total assurance that the future was safe and would be easy, but it did let the scales fall from Saul's eyes so that he could be filled with the Holy Spirit. Divine Love leads mercy. Divine Love precedes healing. Divine Love enables conversion. On this day, Divine Love was the mission and ministry of the gathered Church in a way that would be inconceivable as one might 'keep score' in the world. Saul was now a "brother" and that opened the definitive path for St. Paul to emerge as a new creation in the Risen Lord.



# St. Dominic School

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A Message from Mrs. Carol Frericks—Principal

ST. ANTHONY  
OF PADUA CATHOLIC CHURCH

ST. DOMINIC  
CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Dear St. Dominic School Families,

April 18, 2024

Since this is the time when parents enroll their children for the upcoming school year, I need to take a moment to talk about the Family School Agreement (FSA). For the last ten years, this agreement has been part of your registration materials, expressing the partnership we have as a parish community and school families (both Catholic and non-Catholic) in forming our children as disciples of Jesus Christ.

As you know, the pastors and leadership of our Quincy Catholic Schools have been in years-long process to renew and strengthen Catholic Education in our community. This is not firstly a concern over money or enrollment numbers or staff or even buildings and facilities, but it must first begin with a spiritual renewal of our parishes and families in the goals and purposes of Catholic Education. How do we do this? We build Christ-centered relationships within and among our families. We teach respect for the human person as created in the image and likeness of God and teach this through our curriculum, in harmony with the timeless witness of the faith. Finally, we understand our mission as one that supports parents in fulfilling the solemn promises made at their children's baptism to raise them in the faith. This philosophy is what makes Catholic Education unique, desirable, and so necessary in our day and age. This is what drives us to deliver the promise of Catholic Education every day in our schools.

At this time, we are announcing information sessions to discuss our new implementation for the first article of the FSA, underscoring the essential importance of being an active witness to the faith in our "daily teaching and living, making discipleship a way of life." Discipleship begins with "the entire family's participation at Mass in the parish every Sunday." The FSA has not changed this expectation over the ten years that it has been in place. For many reasons however, this ideal has not been fully realized. We want all our families to feel welcome and needed in the worshipping community of the Body of Christ. This is a first priority for our Quincy Catholic Schools renewal effort.

Please plan to attend one of the scheduled meetings with me, as it is essential for at least one parent from each family to participate. Child care will be provided, if needed. The sessions will take place on:

- Tuesday, April 30 at 6:30 p.m. in St. Dominic School Gym,
- Wednesday, May 1 at 6:30 p.m. in St. Dominic School Gym, and
- Thursday, May 2 at 3:15 p.m. in St. Dominic School Gym.

During these sessions, I will explain the expectations we will have for both active parishioners and non-Catholics regarding the implementation of the FSA.

Additionally, I recognize that certain families may have unique circumstances that require individual attention. If after this presentation you find yourself in such a situation, you will have the opportunity to request an additional meeting with me. I am committed to supporting every family in our school community and addressing any concerns you may have. We want this effort to be successful and life-giving. I am here to provide guidance and answer your questions. I am grateful for your cooperation and look forward to productive discussions during the sessions.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Tom Donovan, Pastor

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# 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

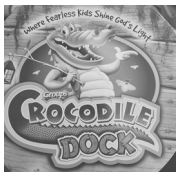
Sunday, May 5, after 10:30 a.m. Mass



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](http://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	
<b><u>Monday, April 29</u></b>	
<b><u>Tuesday, April 30</u></b>	
<b><u>Wednesday, May 1</u></b>	
6:00 p.m.	Mass
6:30 p.m.	St. Dominic PTO meeting
<b><u>Thursday, May 2</u></b>	
7:00 p.m.	Finance Council
<b><u>Friday, May 3</u></b>	
<b><u>Saturday, May 4</u></b>	
4:00 p.m.	Mass
6:30 p.m.	Mass
<b><u>Sunday, May 5</u></b>	
8:00 a.m.	Mass
9:00 – 10:15 a.m.	Families of Faith
10:30 a.m.	Mass
After 10:30 a.m. Mass	May Crowning Mother/Daughter Banquet

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 42	April 20/21	Total Year-to-Date
Loose Collection	\$ 817.50	\$ 29,524.32
Weekly Envelopes	\$ 7,445.00	\$ 359,309.79
Electronic Deposits	\$ 0.00	\$ 54,657.00
<b>Total, April 20/21</b>	<b>\$ 8,262.50</b>	<b>\$ 443,491.11</b>
<b>Budget Goal</b> <small>(we need no less than this to stay out of deficit spending for the year!)</small>	<b>\$ 13,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 546,000.00</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>(\$ -4,737.50)</b>	<b>\$ (-102,508.89)</b>


Money Counters : Monday, April 29, 2024

Dennis Hildebrand    Mary Courty    Michelle Ehrhardt

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>	<b>\$ 19,548.00</b> <b>as of December 29, 2023</b>
Debt Reduction Envelopes <i>Thank you! —&gt;</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.quincycatholicschools.org/news/>

### Parish Ministry Schedule - Sat.& Sun., May 4 & 5, 2024

	Saturday, 4:00 PM	Saturday, 6:30 p.m.	Sunday, 8:00 AM	Sunday, 10:30 AM
<b>Key Minister/</b>	Mary Courty		Dan Reichert	Rich Rakers
<b>Lector</b>	Janice Zanger	Angie Dean	Michelle Kasparie	Bret Shevlin
<b>Usher</b>	Randy Huber Jack Kuhlman James Lohman Richard Reichert	Dan Boone Ryan Boone George Dreyer Joe Dreyer	Rod Davis Grady Bockhold Luke Weiman Matt Weiman	Diane Dittmer Greg Dittmer Ken Klauser Brian Koch
<b>Servers</b>	Rafael & Xavier Torres	The Mathews Family	Pius IX Altar Servers	Madison & Emma McCleary
<b>Greeters/ Gift Bearers</b>	Jr. & Jackie Dreyer	Earl & Debbie Boone	Lou Ann Weills	Dale & Jennifer Hilgenbrinck
<b>Rosary Leader</b>	Norma Weiman	Trisha Mathews	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, Albert Huber, Mike Hildebrand, Jackie Schieferdecker, Dennis Meyer, James Ponsot, Mary Gehrt, Winnie Huber, Gerald S. Maas, Connie, Cindy Barner, Leon Lentz, 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, Norma Hildebrand

April 28, 2024

St. Anthony of Padua Church, Quincy

**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

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



Please join us to honor our Blessed Mother as May is the month devoted to Mary. We will gather outside by the Blessed Virgin Mary statue. All children are invited to remain in church after Mass to participate in the procession. It

would be especially lovely if **1st Communicants would wear their 1st Communion Day attire** to lead the procession. We will have flowers for the ceremony. Vases will remain thru May if anyone wants to bring flowers from their gardens as they become available.

**\*\*Mother/Daughter Banquet will follow in the parish hall.**

**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 Update** Progress 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](http://quincycatholicschools.org/provisional-advisory-board.html).

**Teacher Opening at St. Dominic School**

Would you enjoy sharing our Catholic faith and love for learning with children?

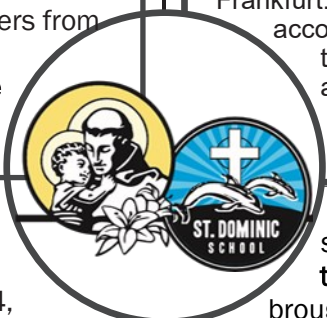
St. Dominic School is accepting applications for a full-time Preschool teaching position for the 2024-2025 school year. Qualified applicants should hold an Illinois Professional Educator License. with an Endorsement in Early Childhood Education preferred. Responsibilities include teaching a full-day 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. 36<sup>th</sup> Street, Quincy. For more information contact Jane Haas 217-257-0533.

**High School and College Students who will be graduating this spring** We would like to publish the names of all of our St. Anthony 2024 High School and College Graduates in the church bulletin on May 26th. Please send your name, high school or college you are graduating from. Please send this information to [bulletin@stanthonypadua.org](mailto:bulletin@stanthonypadua.org) or call the parish office 217-222-5996. You have worked hard and we would like to acknowledge that hard work.

**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**

**St. Anthony of Padua Church, Quincy, April 28, 2024**

**Church Cleaning Schedule for Thursday May 2nd, 6:00 PM "GROUP C:** Jackie Dreyer, Theresa Bockhold, Joyce Hildebrand, Betty Kasparie, Dana Wittler, Carol Vogel, Lou Ann Weills, Penny Weiman & girls, Pat Steinkamp, Cindy Cramer, Julie Reichert, Julie Peter & girls, Bea Hermsmeier, Anna Benz, Anna Dixon, Yvonne Campbell, Olivia Powell, and Michelle Deege, Marilyn Boone  
*Thank you Ladies!*

**OMG FREE Sports Physicals**  
Wednesday, May 22/ Tuesday, July 23 5:30-8:00 p.m.  
Appt. required 217-222-6550x3282 to schedule  
No immunizations for 6th & 9th grade  
More info at [www.quincymedgroup.com/sports](http://www.quincymedgroup.com/sports)

**HIRING AFTERNOON DAY CARE HELPERS for the 2024-2025 School Year** St. Peter School is hiring adult day-care workers (18 or older) to supervise students varying from Kindergarten-8<sup>th</sup> grade for the St. Peter School after school program from 2:15-5:30 Monday-Friday during the 2024-2025 school year. Applicants must love children and enjoy supervising and working closely with them. Rate of pay per hour is \$14.00.  
If you are interested send a resume along with letters of recommendation to Mrs. Loretta Goehl at 2500 Maine Street, Quincy, IL 62301 or [tomnrets71@comcast.net](mailto:tomnrets71@comcast.net). You may also contact Mrs. Loretta Goehl, Daycare Director at 217-779-1429.

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