



# St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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## August 25, 2024 — 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

### A Message from Fr. Tom Donovan:



In contemporary culture, religion has a reputation of being repressive and sometimes coercive... religion is perceived as nothing more than a set of arbitrary rules to limit free thought or sexual expression, or to inspire guilt and unworthiness within a social power structure. At its worst, religion has the potential of being co-opted as a tool of oppression as it abandons its ideals about God and moral order. For instance, to this very day, the word "inquisition" dredges up dreadful images of medieval torture chambers and the oppression of minority persons as 'heretics'. In more recent times, Nazi authors of the Holocaust based their reign of terror on declaring people of the Jewish faith as enemies of the state. Today, the unrest of the Middle East is often interpreted as a conflict between the Christian West and the Islamic East.

And so, why be 'religious' when religion can so easily become a tool of evil? Why not simply be 'spiritual' on one's own, without the excesses of 'religion'? In our better moments as a human family, we really can come to know a peace that the world cannot give through our faith. Missionaries were sent to share faith, preachers are inspired to teach faith, people of goodwill make all kinds of sacrifices, even to the point of giving their lives in martyrdom, in witness to faith.

Contemporary Christianity finds itself challenged and sometimes vilified when it steps into the public square. Many believe that faith has no place in civil discourse, as faith is supremely or exclusively a personal affair. Most regrettably, through the criminal acts of some, as exemplified by the ongoing sexual abuse scandal, religious people, and Catholics in particular, can be seen as hypocritical, at best, and not worthy of serious consideration by modern 'enlightened' people.

Because one cannot 'prove' the tenants of religious faith, the reasoning goes, faith should not be used to influence politics or how one interacts with others in public. Others believe that all religions are equal, for 'we all believe in the same God anyway'. As Catholics we do not subscribe to either of these extremes. In fact, faith perfects human reason—for even the most rational scientist embraces an implicit faith when confronted with the truths of quantum mechanics. Even the most indifferent atheist cannot avoid embracing one or another set of presumptions about the transcendent truths of nature and the human person. And so as Catholics, well-formed Christian faith is not something unusual or unnatural to embrace, and it is not something to be embarrassed about—faith *is* valuable in articulating a coherent teaching about human dignity within the pursuit of common good in civil law. People of faith therefore should consider themselves 'on' for living their faith with integrity at the ballot box, in legislatures, through the courts and on juries, at universities, in the military, in corporate board-rooms, on the picket lines, in the soup kitchens and grocery stores, and everywhere else—including and perhaps especially their private lives—because Christian faith has something good and holy and wholesome to share with the rest of the world. But how might we as Catholics live in a pluralistic society where many share different ideas about faith and many disagree (even violently) with Christian revelation?

Jesus gives us a clue. St. John tells us that some of the people thought Jesus' Bread of Life teachings were 'difficult', and that some people were so scandalized that they parted company with Jesus. What did Jesus do? Did he change his teaching to be more acceptable to his audience? Did he compromise? Did he strike down unbelievers? No. He let them go. Jesus reminds us that no one can come to him unless it is granted of the Father. All faith is a gift of the Holy Spirit. We find ourselves serving as instruments of the Good News, but God alone is the source of faith within that Good News. Resistance doesn't mean that we should abandon or change the faith in order to gain believers through our own efforts. All the more, resistance calls us to live faith with a humble integrity so that unbelievers may be converted, not by us, but by God's invitation to be nourished by the Bread that he alone can give.

The Catholic Church believes and teaches that it holds the very words of Spirit and Life. The Church also reverences individual religious liberty—the right and duty of each individual conscience to seek, find, and freely respond to God's revealed truth. God does not come to us as an *idea*, but as a *person*. We have no right, even if we have been blessed with religious truth, to coercively impose the faith on others—it diminishes the dignity of our neighbor's conscience, and perhaps even short-circuits the grace of God working to bring a person to fully human, relational faith. Only in true freedom can a person come to true faith. Our job as Catholics is to make sure that the invitation remains visible, present, and *reasonable* in the public square... to *propose*, rather than *impose*, faith. That is what Jesus did after giving his great "Bread of Life" teaching, and that's what we do as a Church today as we invite all into unity with the Body of Christ.

#### — 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., August 26, 2024

7:30 a.m. Virginia Dietrich+

#### Tues., August 27, 2024

7:30 a.m. Paul Stupasky+

#### Wed., August 28, 2024

-at St. Dominic School

8:30 a.m. James Fischer+

#### Thurs., August 29, 2024

7:30 a.m. Richard Venvertloh+

-at Good Samaritan

10:00 a.m. Clarence Genenbacher+

#### Fri., August 30, 2024

-at St. Dominic School

8:15 a.m. Bill Koch+

#### 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Sat., August 31, 2024

4:00 p.m. Jim Holtman+

6:30 p.m. Paul & Edith Edwards+

#### Sun., September 1, 2024

8:00 a.m. Parish Intentions

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

#### Perpetual Prayer Candle for Special Intentions

Week of August 24-30

For the United States to return to one nation under God

#### — Parish Office Hours —

Monday-Friday

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

Bulletin Deadline: Monday, Noon

# St. Dominic School

4100 Columbus Road — Quincy, Illinois 62305

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cfrericks@stdominicquincy.org



A Message from Mrs. Carol Frericks—Principal

**St. Dominic PTO presents:**  
**MIGHTY MACHINE NIGHT**

Come explore the importance of Technology and Math in the world we live in. There will be large machinery present to explore. All are welcome! Open to the public.

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH**      **5:00PM-7:00PM**

**Held at St. Dominic School**  
**4100 Columbus Road, Quincy IL**

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**Tuesday, August 27**

6:30 PM Marketing Meeting

**Wednesday, August 28**

6:00 PM PTO Meeting in Faculty Room

6:30 PM 8th Grade DC Class Trip Meeting in Gym

**Friday, August 30**

Out of Dress Code Day

8:15 AM Mass

**Monday, September 2 Labor Day**

No School

**Thursday, September 5**

5:00-7:00 PM PTO Mighty Machines Night

Our 2024-2025 Theme is The Virtues—CCC1803.

### Bible Verse Theme for 2024-2025

Finally brethren,  
whatever is true,  
whatever is honorable,  
whatever is just,  
whatever is pure,  
whatever is lovely,  
whatever is gracious,  
if there is any excellence,  
if there is anything worthy of praise,  
think about these things.  
Philippians 4:8



# Upcoming Events

## Save the Date! St. Anthony Men's Society Chicken Dinner

**September 15, 2023**



Mark your calendars for the St. Anthony Men's Society Dine In or Carry Out Chicken Dinner on Sunday, September 15th, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

1/4 Chicken Meal (white) \$12

1/4 Chicken Meal (dark) \$12

1/2 Chicken Meal \$16

Chicken Strips \$8

Children's Meal (wing or drumstick) \$8

All meals include 3 sides, homemade dinner rolls, dessert, and drink.

*Ladies of the parish we will be needing pies donated for the chicken dinner.*

## "Peter, the Rock, the Keys, and the Chair" Discussion

**Wednesday, August 28, 6:00 p.m**



Are you growing in knowledge of Catholicism? Did you stop learning after you left school age? Do you follow the teachings and traditions of the Catholic Church but honestly don't know why we do what we do?

You are invited to an informal group gathering, sharing a meal, learning, and discussing topics of interest that you may have never learned or have since forgotten. There will be some "lightbulb" moments! Dinner will be provided, and possibly childcare on site, if requested ahead of time. Any faiths and all ages are welcomed, but be aware that these videos are geared to pre-teens and older.

June's discussion was about the Mass, July's discussion was called "Stations of the Eucharist", and August's discussion will be about "Peter, the Rock, the Keys, and the Chair". Plan to come on Wednesday, August 28, for a short prayer time in Church starting at 6 PM, proceeding to the Quilt room after about 15 minutes to have dinner, watch the video, and have discussion. We hope to wrap up by about 7:30 PM. Feel free to find us in the Quilt room if you are running late!

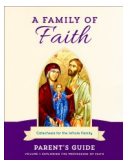
## REMINDER: No 7:30 a.m. Mass at St. Anthony on Fridays



Just a reminder that the Friday morning Mass will now be at 8:15 a.m. at St. Dominic School. There will not be a Friday morning Mass at St. Anthony. You are most welcome to attend Mass at the school.

## Families of Faith

**Begins September 8th, 9:00 a.m**



**Families of Faith 2024-2025** Formation for our parish families will begin on Sunday, September 8th, at 9:00 AM! This will be a great year learning about the third section of the Catechism on morality! To register your family or volunteer to help, please contact Miss Glidewell at [hglidewell@stdominicquincy.org](mailto:hglidewell@stdominicquincy.org).

## St. Anthony Ladies Society Fall Craft/Vendor Show

**October 5th, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**



If you are interested in being a vendor at our craft/vendor show on Saturday, October 5th, at St. Anthony Parish Hall please contact Janet Bick ([rjbick@comcast.net](mailto:rjbick@comcast.net) or 217-430-7256) or Tawny Benz ([rtbenz77@gmail.com](mailto:rtbenz77@gmail.com) or 217-257-0847). Booth space (10'x10') is \$25. You may furnish your own tables or rent 8' tables for \$5 each.

# — Parish Data —

PARISH CALENDAR	
<b>Monday, August 26</b> 6:30 p.m.	Butterfly Support Meeting
<b>Tuesday, August 27</b> 6:30 p.m.	St. Dominic Marketing Meeting
<b>Wednesday, August 28</b> 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.	“Peter the Rock, the Keys, and the Chair” Discussion in Quilt Room St. Dominic PTO meeting
<b>Thursday, August 29</b> 6:00-8:00 p.m.	Grief Share
<b>Friday, August 30</b>	
<b>Saturday, August 31</b> 4:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Mass Mass
<b>Sunday, September 1</b> 8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Mass Mass
<i>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).</i>	

WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING		
Week 7	Aug. 17/18	Total Year-to-Date
Loose Collection	\$ 698.75	\$ 5,421.50
Weekly Envelopes	\$ 7,400.00	\$ 58,423.00
Electronic Deposits	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,233.00
<b>Total, August 17/18</b>	<b>\$ 8,098.75</b>	<b>\$ 70,077.50</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>\$ 91,000.00</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>(\$ -4,901.25)</b>	<b>(\$ -20,922.50)</b>

Money Counters : Monday, August 26, 2024  
Nancy Speckhart    Melanie Longenecker    Jan Obert

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>\$ 15,958.21</b> as of June 30, 2024

### 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., Aug 31 & Sept. 1, 2024

	Saturday, 4:00 PM	Saturday, 6:30 p.m.	Sunday, 8:00 AM	Sunday, 10:30 AM
<b>Key Minister/</b>	Jr. & Jackie Dreyer		Gene & Rita Goerlich	Rich Rakers
<b>Lector</b>	Mark Levins	David Keck	Michelle Kasparie	Debbie Woodworth
<b>Usher</b>	Jack Kuhlman James Lohman Dan Reichert Richard Reichert	Dan Boone Ryan Boone Tom Boone George Dreyer	Jerry Dreier Dan Terwelp Luke Weiman Matt Weiman	Frank Arnold Ken Klauser Brian Koch David McCleary
<b>Servers</b>	Volunteers	The Mathews Family	Zain Schutte Owen Potter	Madison & Emma McCleary
<b>Greeters/ Gift Bearers</b>	Carol Vogel	Carolyn Waterkotte	Barb Couch	Clint & Elise Sutter Family
<b>Rosary Leader</b>	Norma Weiman	Trisha Mathews	Steve Jansen	David & Janice McCleary

**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, James Ponsot, Mary Gehrt, Winnie Huber, Cindy Barner, 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, Fr. Irenaeus Kimminau, Albert Huber, Shirley Maas, Leon Lentz, Wayne Emerick, Lucille Grawe, Cindy Brown, Gerald Maas, Larry Godar, Verne Bronestine



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**Nursing Care Patients**

**IL Veterans Home**

Michael Hildebrand  
Jim Ponsot  
Verne Hagstrom  
**Bickford Cottages**  
Mary Gerht

**Bradford Villa**

Ruth Schmelzle

**Sunset Home**

Andy Veile



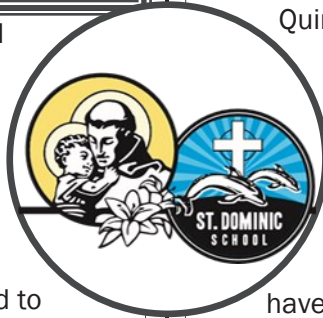
**QND Music Department** will be selling candy bars after all Masses on the weekend of August 31/September 1.

**Please help us!** Many of you have dropped your land-line phones since we had you update your information for the parish. If you have changed your phone number or have a new cell phone number please call us at the parish office 217-222-5996 to update your file. We also need any updated email addresses please.



Prayer Shawl Ministry will begin meeting on Wed., September 18th in the Quilter Room at 6:30 p.m. If you like to knit,

crochet, quilt, sew or tie fleece this group is for you. We make shawls and lap robes for those who are ill, homebound, in hospitals, nursing homes, in the military or who just need to know that the St. Anthony Church Family is praying for them in their time of need. Some members prefer to make shawls at home. We pray at the beginning of each meeting for God to bless the hands of those making & receiving these items. Father blesses each shawl and a prayer & greeting is attached. New members are always welcome! Call Jan Barnard at 217-224-7487.



**National Day of Remembrance—**

A new opportunity for prayer in Quincy On Saturday, September 14, pro-life Americans throughout the U.S. will gather at memorial sites dedicated in honor of aborted babies and at their gravesites, for the 12th annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children.

Together, during the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children, let us remember the victims of abortion and pray for a final end to this injustice in our land. Solemn vigils will be held in over 100 locations to commemorate the more than 65 million children who have lost their lives to legal abortion since 1973, and to remind our society of the humanity of the unborn child. PLEASE join us for Quincy's first National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children memorial service.

**Event: National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children**

When: Saturday, September 14, 2024, 1:00 pm

Where: Knights of Columbus grounds, outdoors near the entrance to the main building, 700 S. 36th Street, Quincy

Sponsored by: Right to Life of Adams County  
Please bring a lawn chair  
More Info: Jane Haas, 217-257-0533

**Safe Environment Audit:** Each year in May the Diocese of Springfield audits each parish making sure they are compliant with the safe environment guidelines. All volunteers are to have completed safe environment training and a background check. The safe environment training previously was an in person training titled Protecting God's Children. This is now called *Empowering God's Children* and is completed online. The background check is also done online and only needs to be completed once unless a person's address changes. *Now that we have completed the paper work for the audit we have found many parishioners who are involved in our ministries have background checks that have expired and need to be renewed or they have not completed any of the training.* If you are one of these people you may be receiving an email in the next few weeks from the parish office with the information attached to complete the background check if your previous background check was expired or complete *Empowering God's Children* if you had not had *Protecting God's Children*. If you have any questions or need help with this please let us know. We will be glad to walk you through the process. Thank you in advance for taking care of this.

**AUGUST GROCERY ITEMS**

Cereal & Liquid Dishwashing Soap  
The Ladies of Charity & Catholic Charities  
Thank You



**Blessed Sacrament's Annual SEPTEMBER FEST** will be Saturday, September 7 from 5-11pm. Join us for 4:00 Mass followed by our picnic. Food from the Butcher Block and Mi Jalapeno, bake sale, bounce houses, games, auction, raffle, and live music from *Trifecta*. 1119 S. 7th, Quincy



**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**

**QCS To Host Sharing Sessions**

Following months of research and dedicated work, the Quincy Catholic Schools Provisional Advisory Board will host community sharing sessions to present a working facility plan for the elementary schools. The session will feature a presentation of the working plan followed by a Q&A segment. It is intended to be a conversation with the community about the future of Quincy's Catholic Elementary Schools. All are encouraged to attend one of the evenings and participate in this important process.

September 10, 7 pm

September 11, 7pm

QU Connie Niemann Center for Music, 1909 N. 18<sup>th</sup> St.

For more information, contact Chief Administrative Leader D. Christopher Gill at

[dcgill@quincycatholicschools.org](mailto:dcgill@quincycatholicschools.org)

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**Have you been married 50+ years? Time to celebrate!**

On September 22 at 2 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield, all couples married 50 years or more are invited to attend a special Mass honoring their marriage vocation! The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Thomas John Paprocki. A reception will follow after Mass. Please register for the Mass by going to [dio.org/events](http://dio.org/events) and clicking on the Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> Mass. When you register, please upload (not mandatory) a photo from your wedding day and present day, as we'll be showcasing a slide show during the reception. Any questions? Call Ruth Staab at 217-698-8500

**ST. FRANCIS LADIES CARD PARTY**

Date: Thursday, September 5th,

Time: 11:00-3:00 (doors open at 10:30)

Cost: \$10 per person-includes lunch and a chance at a door prize.

Reservations: Please call Pat Winking at 217-257-0416 at least 4 days before the party if possible.

Only one member of your group should call.

**YOU MUST CALL EACH MONTH TO RESERVE YOUR TABLE!**

**WELCOME BACK EVERYONE!**



**The First Multiplication | Bread of Life | Episode 1**

In this first episode of Bread of Life, Dr. Tim Gray shares insights from Sacred Scripture and dives into the Gospel of Mark's account of the first multiplication of loaves. Dr. Gray shows how Christ's eucharistic teaching is grounded in the Old Testament, provides hope for the reconstitution of Israel, and anticipates the Last Supper.

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