



St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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December 8, 2024– Second Sunday of Advent — C

A Message from Fr. Tom Donovan, pastor

— Mass Times —
Saturday: 4:00, 6:30 pm
Sunday: 8:00, 10:30 am
M, Tu, Th,: 7:30 am
W. at St. Dominic School 8:30 am
F. at St. Dominic School 8:15 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., December 9, 2024

7:30 a.m. Gene Dietrich+
-at St. Dominic School

9:00 a.m. Parish Intentions
6:30 p.m. Mark Wellman+

Tues., December 10, 2024

7:30 a.m. Jean Powers+

Wed., December 11, 2024

-at St. Dominic School
8:30 a.m. Patrick Rakers+

Thurs., December 12, 2024

7:30 a.m. Parker Brown & family
-at Good Samaritan
10:00 a.m. Florence Griesbaum+

Fri., December 13, 2024

-at St. Dominic School
8:15 a.m. Evelyn Dietrich+

Third Sunday in Advent

Sat., December 14, 2024

4:00 p.m. Parish Intentions
6:30 p.m. Joe Grawe+

Sun., December 15, 2024

8:00 a.m. Paul & Kay Smith+
10:30 a.m. Mark Wellman+

**Perpetual Prayer Candle
for Special Intentions
Week of December 6-13
A Successful Parish Mission**

— Parish Office Hours —

Monday-Friday

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

Bulletin Deadline: Monday, Noon



Two candles are lit, doubling the light and counting down the time until Christmas in just over two weeks. We encounter the figure of John the Baptist in this Second Sunday of Advent. He is presented to us in a remarkably impersonal way in the third chapter of the Gospel of Luke... we hear the historical context of who the civil authorities were at the time—Caesar and Pilate and Herod. We hear that Annas and Caiaphas represented the religious leadership.

Finally, we hear the John was the son of the priest Zechariah, and that he proclaimed a baptism of repentance according to the words of the prophet Isaiah... but these words are not necessarily his own, they are the words of the prophet. It isn't until a few verses later, not heard in today's Gospel reading, that John comes out proclaiming the religious establishment a "brood of vipers!" (Lk 3:7) Perhaps this is not the most endearing introduction that Luke could have given this forerunner and prophet of the most high?

It isn't until next week we will hear the voice and sayings of John himself... "Whoever has two tunics should give one to the person who has none" (Lk 3:11). To tax collectors: "Stop collecting more than what is prescribed", to soldiers: "do not practice extortion, do not falsely accuse anyone, be satisfied with your daily wage" (Lk 13, 14). John is an awkward, challenging figure. There is an uneasiness and an anxiousness in his demands. With John, there is an urgency in his message, intended to be unsettling.

As we count the weeks of Advent, we remember that this season is not only about the coming of the Lord at Christmas, safely distanced from us by time and by space, but Advent is even more importantly oriented towards the urgent message that our Lord is coming soon at the end of our lives and at the end of our age. We have no time to waste. If as Christians we proclaim justice and moral excellence, we had better be living it... now! If we need to be cleansed in the waters of repentance and baptism, there is no better time than now! John would be caught in palace intrigue and his carrier (land life) would be ended suddenly for his efforts to proclaim the truth. He will disappear about as suddenly as he appeared... as if a blooming flower in the desert after a brief rain, but his message is most urgent and timely... the Kingdom of God is at hand!



Monday, December 9 is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. A clarification was sent from the Vatican about a month ago, stating that the Holy Day, when transferred from a Sunday, as it is in this unique case during Advent is to be held as a Holy Day of Obligation. (This is unique to this feast, as if, for instance, the Feast of the Assumption falls on a Sunday during Ordinary Time, that 'green' Sunday is pre-empted... Advent Sundays, because of the importance to the integrity of the season, cannot be pre-empted, forcing the movement of the regular December 8 date!) Mass for the Holy Day will be on Monday at 7:30am and 6:30pm at St. Anthony and 9:00 am at St. Dominic.

Finally, this week, we have our parish mission on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, hosted by Sr. Clementia Toalson, FSGM. Thursday and Friday, the 12th & 13th will feature a talk at 6pm, followed by time for prayer and adoration. On Friday, local priests will be available to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. On Saturday, the 14th the talk will take place between the 4:00pm and 6:30pm evening Masses, followed by an ice cream social and vocations discussion for ages 16-30 in the Quilt Room. All are invited. Please spread the word far and wide... this is a season of hope for all who call upon the Lord!



St. Dominic School

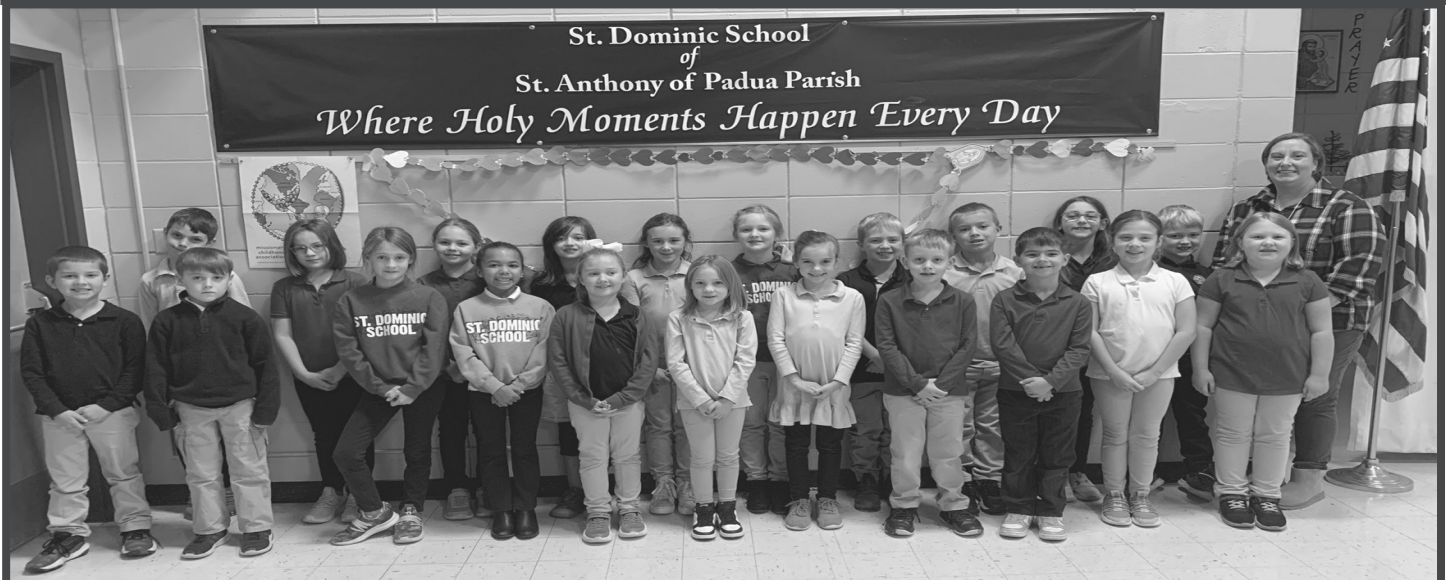
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A Message from Mrs. Carol Frericks—Principal

Second Grade Leaders Teach About Jubilee Year of Hope



During the month of December, the second-grade class along with their teacher, Mrs. Whitney Hoffer, will teach our school about the Jubilee Year of Hope 2025 at morning assembly. According to the USCCB website, we learned that “The Jubilee Year will offer the faithful opportunities to participate in various jubilee events at the Vatican and in their own dioceses. The great tradition of opening the Holy Door will begin when Pope Francis opens the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica on December 24, 2024. “ Our second grade leaders are helping us to understand the encouraging words of Pope Francis regarding how the Jubilee of 2025 will be a time to “fan the flame of hope that has been given us and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit and a trusting heart” as we travel on our pilgrimage through Advent and our school year studying the virtues on our way to heaven.

Jubilee Year of Hope 2025



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Monday, December 9 Feast of Immaculate Conception

9:00 AM School Mass

Wednesday December 11

8:30 AM School Mass

12:30 PM 5th Grade Field Trip to Veterans Home

3:15 PM Faculty Meeting

Thursday, December 12

1:30 PM K-8 Christmas Caroling

6:30 PM School Board Meeting

Friday, December 13

8:15 AM Quiet School Mass

Spirit Shirt Day

4:00-6:00 PM Faculty and Staff Christmas Dinner



Upcoming Events

St. Anthony Advent Parish Mission

December 12, 13, and 14, 2024



Mark your calendar for the Advent parish mission we will be holding on the evenings of December 12, 13, and 14 here at St. Anthony Church. Sister Clementia Toalson, FSGM who was born and raised in Hannibal, Mo and now works for the Diocese of Springfield, IL in the Office for Catholic Education as the Parish Liason for the Restored Order will lead us in the mission. Through the lens of joy in suffering, Sister brings hope and humor to places which are vulnerable and tender. She enjoys meeting people within the “stuff” of life, most often with a coffee cup in hand. Thursday, Dec. 12th, 7-8 p.m.; Friday, Dec. 13, 6-8 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 14, Between Masses

St. Anthony Ladies Christmas Party

Sunday, December 15th, after 10:30 a.m. Mass



ALL Ladies of the Parish save the date for the Ladies Christmas Party which will be held Sunday, December 15th in the Parish Hall. We will begin after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Please call Alice Rakars at 217-222-4798 to make your reservations. The Ladies Society will be providing chicken tenders, mashed potatoes & 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.

Brightening our Parishioners in Nursing Homes Christmas!



We will be collecting items to give to our parishioners who are residents in an area nursing home for Christmas. Please bring your items to the parish office between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. or a box set up in the back of church. Items could include: lotions, hand soap, hair combs or brushes, adult coloring books, word search books, 2025 wall calendar, throw blanket, liquid body wash, gripper socks/socks, snacks, seasonal wall/door hangings, etc. We would like to have all items by December 15th. If you have questions please contact the parish office 217-222-5996 or Tawny Benz 217-257-0847.

Advent Giving Tree



ADVENT GIVING TREE It's time! The Advent Giving Tree is ready for you to take a tag(s). The gifts will benefit Birthright. This is their main source of supplies for the year. Please return the items, with the tag you take off the tree attached, by December 14th as we will be delivering everything that week. Gift bags and wrapping the gifts is optional. There will be a large wrapped box for baby care items such as diaper, wipes, etc. Once again thank-you and God bless you for your generosity.

Christmas Cards for those in Nursing Homes



Please remember the members of our parish who are in a nursing home this Christmas by giving them a Christmas card (or it can be a letter or a note). Receiving a card during these times is one way to bring some joy to them. They also like home-made cards/letters/photos from the school children. It means so much to them to know their parish family is thinking of them. Boxes will be in middle entrance of Church for each nursing home December 3rd thru the weekend of December 16/17th. Please drop the cards/letters/photos in the boxes, and mark on each envelope the name of the resident.

— Parish Data —

PARISH CALENDAR	
Monday, December 9 After 6:30 p.m. Mass	Men's Society Christmas Party
Tuesday, December 10 6:30 p.m.	St. Dominic School Board Meeting
Wednesday, December 11	
Thursday, December 12	
11:30 a.m.	Parish Office will close for the day
6:00-8:00	Parish Mission
Friday, December 13	
6:00-8:00	Parish Mission
Saturday, December 14	
4:00 p.m.	Mass
Between Masses	Parish Mission
6:30 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, December 15	
8:00 a.m.	Mass
10:30 a.m.	Mass
Ladies Christmas Party after 10:30 a.m. 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 22	Nov. 30/Dec. 1	Total Year-to-Date
Loose Collection	\$ 946.00	\$ 19,745.64
Weekly Envelopes	\$ 10,310.00	\$ 202,980.21
Electronic Deposits	\$ 6,258.00	\$ 31,190.00
Total, Nov. 30/Dec.1	\$ 17,514.00	\$ 253,915.85
Budget Goal <small>(we need no less than this to stay out of deficit spending for the year!)</small>	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 286,000.00
Difference	\$ 4,514.00	(\$ -32,084.15)

Money Counters : Monday, December 2, 2024
Nancy Speckhart Melanie Longenecker Jan Obert

Suggested Tithing Chart							
Per hour	Per year	2% per week	4% per week	6% per week	8% per week	10% per week	12% per week
\$15	\$30,000	\$12	\$24	\$36	\$48	\$60	\$72
\$20	\$40,000	\$16	\$32	\$48	\$64	\$80	\$96
\$25	\$50,000	\$20	\$40	\$60	\$80	\$100	\$120
\$30	\$60,000	\$24	\$48	\$72	\$96	\$120	\$144
\$35	\$70,000	\$28	\$56	\$84	\$112	\$140	\$168
\$40	\$80,000	\$32	\$64	\$96	\$138	\$160	\$192
\$45	\$90,000	\$36	\$72	\$108	\$144	\$180	\$216
\$50	\$100,000	\$40	\$80	\$120	\$160	\$200	\$240

*Approximated based on 40 hour-work week and 2,000 hour work-year.
Thank you for reviewing and considering your parish tithe each year.*

Parish Ministry Schedule - Sat.& Sun., December 14 & 15, 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	
Lector	Mark Levins	George Benz	Jim Obert	Debbie Woodworth
Usher	Bill Anderson Jr. Dreyer Tom Grawe Randy Huber	George Dreyer Chris Ehrhardt Christopher Ehrhardt Denis Hagerbaumer	Rod Davis Grady Bockhold Luke Weiman Matt Weiman	Craig Schafer Rick Schafer Larry Weiman Kurtis Fischer
Servers	Gabby Fischer Morgan venvertloh	The Mathews Family	Luke Weiman Addison Weiman	Madison and Emma McCleary
Greeters/ Gift Bearers	Jr. & Jackie Dreyer		Josh & Carrie Potter	Cindy Wellman
Rosary Leader	Norma Weiman	Trisha Mathews	Jerry & Trudy Dreier	David & Janice McCleary Family

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, Ken Lohman

Nursing Care Patients

IL Veterans Home

Michael Hildebrand
Jim Ponsot
Verne Hagstrom
Andy Veile

Bickford Cottages

Mary Gerht
Bradford Villa
Ruth Schmelzle
Good Samaritan
Joann Boone

Quincy Catholic Schools Updates

Did you know that you can review all of the Monthly Updates from the Quincy Catholic Schools at:



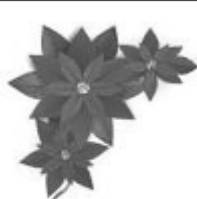
<https://www.quincycatholicschools.org/news/>
QCS announced that the "facilities plan" presented in September is being tabled for further work and there will be no changes for the 2025-26 school year. Please review the newsletters for full information.

Upcoming Holy Day and Holiday Masses:

Immaculate Conception, Dec 9: 7:30 am;
9:00 am (St. Dominic); 6:30 pm
Christmas: 4:00, 6:30 pm (eve), midnight, 9am
Mary, Mother of God, Jan 1: 9:00 am

St. Anthony Men's Society Christmas Party

All men of the parish are invited to the Men's Society Annual Christmas Party in the parish hall on December 9th following the 6:30p.m. Mass. (Note that the time is different from monthly meetings.) Feel free to bring a snack to share.



MEMORIAL DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: In order to be published in the bulletin, the donations for the flowers to decorate the church at Christmas will need to be sent in by December 15th. Thank you.

Job Openings at St. Peter Church & School

Full-time Director of Liturgy and Music
Part-time Cafeteria Manager
Part-time Parish Nurse
For more information contact St Peter Parish office, 217-222-3155 or email k.smith@cospq.org.



DECEMBER GROCERY ITEMS
Soup and Crackers
The Ladies of Charity & Catholic Charities
Thank You

Congratulations to our New Pastoral Council Members

Jason Benz
Jordan Genenbacher
A.J. Holtschlag
Jonathan Thoele

Thank you to everyone who ran for the council. We also want to thank those who have completed their term: Greg Andrews, Dave Keck, and Paula Thoele

Needing Lectors and Servers for the following Masses:

Christmas Eve, December 24, 6:30 p.m. Mass Lector and Servers
Christmas, December 25: Lector at Midnight Mass; Servers at the 9:00 a.m. Mass
New Year's Day, January 1, 9:00 a.m. Servers and Lector
Please call the parish office 222-5996 or email bulletin@stanthonypadua.org if you are able to help at any of these Masses.

ROSARY BEFORE MASS LEADERS NEEDED:

Did you know that we say the Rosary together before every weekend Mass here at St. Anthony? When we pray the rosary before Mass, doing a whole set of mysteries, the prayer can slow us down, calm our hearts, and enable us to rest in God's presence. It draws us deeper to God. When we pray the Rosary before Mass we have a leader. We are in need of more leaders for all Mass times. If you feel called to this ministry please contact Alice Rakers at 217 222-4798 or call the parish office at 217-222-5996.



COLLECTING SOCKS & UNDERWEAR

From now until Christmas, our parish will once again be collecting new socks and underwear for the needy. Totes will be located in the Church vestibule for drop-off. All sizes are needed for men, women, boys and girls. All donations will stay local and support our parish, school and Ladies of Charity. Thank you holy people for your generosity! Please call Deacon Dennis Holbrook with any questions, 217-257-4384.

St. Anthony Family Christmas Tree Several years ago we decorated a Christmas tree in the parish hall with an ornament representing a parish family, donated by that family. These are put up each year on that tree. If you are new to the parish in the past few years, feel free to bring an ornament in to the parish office to represent your family and we will make sure that it is put on the tree.



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

Memorial Candles and Pictures from the Memorial Mass

We have the pictures and candles in the parish office for you to pick up. The office hours are Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

K of C 2025 Calendar Raffle for Charity

The Knights of Columbus "2025 Calendar Raffle" is in progress which helps support our catholic schools as well as other charitable causes such as Ladies of Charity and Birthright. Please consider purchasing a raffle calendar for \$25 with 365 chances to win \$24,400 in cash prizes. They make great Christmas gifts! The calendars are available at the K of C main building during business hours or by calling Mike Schlipmann at 653-9318 or John Veith at 653-0258.

Thank for your consideration and support.

Rosary Leaders Needed If you would be interested in leading the Rosary please call the parish office.

Thank you to everyone who advertises in our bulletin!
Please support these businesses.

MISSION AT ST. BRIGID! All are welcome to join us for our parish mission "A JOURNEY TO JOY" with Frank Runyeon! Frank Runyeon has received national acclaim for his work as a translator and performer of Biblical texts over the past 30 years. He has performed the Gospel for hundreds of thousands of people in virtually every state in America.

Sunday, January 12, 2025 – St. Brigid, Liberty, IL

7 pm – Performance, Luke: Stories on the Road

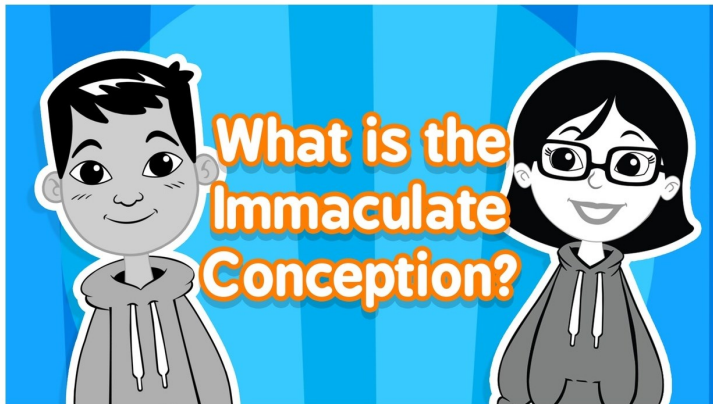
Monday, January 13, 2025 – St. Brigid, Liberty, IL

7 pm – Performance, Sermon on the Mount

Tuesday, January 14, 2025

7 pm – Performance, Hollywood vs. Faith

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. If you would rather stop by the office some one is there Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.



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