



# St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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## December 15, 2024– Third Sunday of Advent – C

### A Message from Fr. Tom Donovan:

— 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](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



**Mon., December 16, 2024**  
 7:30 a.m. Bill Koch+

**Tues., December 17, 2024**  
 7:30 a.m. Ray & Clara Wellman,  
 Mary and Greg+

**Wed., December 18, 2024**  
 -at St. Dominic School  
 8:30 a.m. David Brown+

**Thurs., December 19, 2024**  
 7:30 a.m. Timothy Haley+  
 -at Good Samaritan  
 10:00 a.m. Evelyn Genenbachert+

**Fri., December 20, 2024**  
 -at St. Dominic School  
 8:15 a.m. Gerald Maas+

*Fourth Sunday in Advent*  
**Sat., December 21, 2024**  
 4:00 p.m. Curtis Boone+  
 6:30 p.m. Susan Bauer+

**Sun., December 22, 2024**  
 8:00 a.m. Robert & Dolly  
 Genenbacher Family+  
 10:30 a.m. Parish Intentions  
**Perpetual Prayer Candle  
 for Special Intentions**  
 Week of December 14-20  
**Jacob Messmer**

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

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 1. **G** Audé- te \* in Dómino sem-per : í-terum díco,

*“Rejoice in the Lord always! Again, I say, Rejoice! Let your patience be known to all, for the Lord is at hand! Have no anxiety, but in all things, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be known to God. Lord, you have blessed the land and have turned away the captivity of Jacob!” (Ps 85:1, Phil 4:4-6)*



### QUINCY CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

In response to many good questions at the Quincy Catholic Schools town hall meetings in September, The QCS board has been preparing data from our four schools and parishes to present a discussion of the financial and operational challenges that stand before us in the mission of operating our Catholic Schools. It is through ongoing efforts of our pastors, the QCS advisory board, and the people of the Quincy area that we continue to discuss how our four parishes working together in a cooperative organizational structure can provide, in time, a more robust business and operational model to support our schools.

Parishioners, parents, families, and friends are invited to join Dr. Chris Gill and members of the advisory board for “Financial Learning” presentations on parish and school finances in each of our parish communities. This week, presentations will be given at:

- St. Peter School with Msgr. Leo Enlow— December 17, 6:30 pm in St. Peter Church
- St. Dominic School with Fr. Tom Donovan—December 19, 6:30pm at St. Dominic

Each session will present financial data from each of the four schools, with a specific focus of interest to each evening’s hosting parish. Community members are invited to attend any or all sessions.

For more information, newsletters and updates, FAQ’s, as well as the strategic plan for the Quincy Catholic Schools can be found at: [www.quincycatholicschools.org](http://www.quincycatholicschools.org). Feedback can be offered at [feedback@quincycatholicschools.org](mailto:feedback@quincycatholicschools.org).



### Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation:

- Saturday, December 21, starting at 3:00pm until the 4:00pm Mass, and then at approximately 5:00pm until the 6:30pm Mass.
- Sunday, December 22, 3:00pm at St. Peter Church, 2600 Maine Street. This is the ‘best bet’ as all of the priests of the Quincy area will gather and hear until all are finished.
- Monday, December 23 from 4:00pm to 6:00pm or until all are heard at St. Anthony.



‘Tis the Season for that ‘someone special’ to pop the question and present a ring. If during this holiday season you find yourself engaged to be married and hope to be married at St. Anthony Church, we ask that you contact the parish as soon as possible to begin marriage preparations. The Church expects at least six months of preparation before a proposed wedding date. Please call Fr. Tom Donovan through the parish office (217) 222-5996. For more information about getting married in the Catholic Church and some of the details about the preparation program and other services provided by the Diocese of Springfield, please go to: <https://dio.org/family-life/marriage-prep/>.

# St. Dominic School

4100 Columbus Road — Quincy, Illinois 62305

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cfrericks@stdominicquincy.org



A Message from Mrs. Carol Frericks—Principal

## Second Grade Artists Celebrate Advent



During the Advent season, the second-grade class along with all St. Dominic School K-8 students participate in the Missionary Childhood Association (MCA) Christmas Art Contest. Our school will select grade level winners to submit to the Diocese. Twenty-two winners will be selected in this national competition, as well as two grand-prize winners whose artwork will be the official National Christmas card of the Pontifical Mission Societies, announced in fall 2025. Below is one of the 2023-2024 grand-prize winners.



### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

#### Monday, December 16

MCA Collection and Card Making Activity

#### Tuesday, December 17

MCA Collection and Flashlight Buddy Reading

7:00 PM Finance Meeting

#### Wednesday December 18

8:30 AM School Mass

MCA Collection and Ornament Making Activity

10:00 AM Preschool Christmas Program

3:15 PM Faculty Meeting-Fr. Ambrose, Dr. Newcomb

#### Thursday, December 19

MCA Collection and Wear Christmas Shirt

11:40 PTO Luncheon for Staff

**Friday, December 20 Half-Day Dismiss at 11:30 AM**

8:15 AM Quiet School Mass Out of Dress Code Day



# Upcoming Events

## 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.

## 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.



December, 2024

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Catholic Children's Home celebrated their 145 anniversary this year. Although times have changed, their mission to serve as a 'beacon of hope' for children in need has not. The Catholic Children's Home (CCH) has been a safe harbor and a place to call home for thousands of children over the years.

CCH continues their mission by meeting the emotional, social, academic and basic material needs of all the children sent for residential care or special education services. This includes an innovative program designed to serve the needs of children with severe autistic challenges. "Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him." Psalm 127:3 The children served by CCH have been chronically abused, designated "unmanageable" by their schools or simply have no place to call home. They are some of the most vulnerable in our society.

The Christmas season can be a particularly difficult time for these youths as many of them are without a family. Those who have a family often lack the special care they need. Please keep these children in your prayers throughout this holy season of Advent and Christmas. With your help, the Catholic Children's Home can continue to serve the special needs of these children in the name of Jesus Christ, as it has since 1879.

In the spirit of Christ's incredible love for all children, I ask that you continue to support the work of the Catholic Children's Home and generously contribute to the special Christmas collection. "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." (Romans 15:13) May God fill your hearts with love, grace and a spirit of giving during these blessed days of Advent and Christmas.

With every best wish and gratitude, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki  
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

# — Parish Data —

PARISH CALENDAR	
<b>Monday, December 16</b>	
<b>Tuesday, December 17</b> 7:00 p.m. Finance Council Meeting	
<b>Wednesday, December 18</b> 11:30 a.m. Merry Widows Lunch at Sprouts 6:00 p.m. St. Dominic PTO	
<b>Thursday, December 19</b> 5:30-7:00 p.m. Choir Practice	
<b>Friday, December 20</b>	
<b>Saturday, December 21</b> 4:00 p.m. Mass 6:30 p.m. Mass	
<b>Sunday, December 22</b> 8:00 a.m. Mass 10:30 a.m. Mass After 10:30 a.m. Mass Blood Pressure Screenings	
<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 23	Dec. 7/8	Total Year-to-Date
Loose Collection	\$ 1,131.62	\$ 19,877.26
Weekly Envelopes	\$ 13,806.00	\$ 216,786.21
Electronic Deposits	\$ 0.00	\$ 31,190.00
Total, Nov. 30/Dec.1	\$ 14,937.62	\$ 267,853.47
Budget Goal <small>(we need no less than this to stay out of deficit spending for the year!)</small>	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 299,000.00
Difference	\$ 1,937.62	(\$ -30,146.53)

Money Counters : Monday, December 16, 2024  
Bill Anderson Norma Weiman Lou Ann Weills

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 21 & 22, 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	
<b>Lector</b>	Tawny Benz		Michelle Kaspaire	Dale Hilgenbrinck
<b>Usher</b>	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
<b>Servers</b>	Madison & Emma McCleary	The Benz Family	Zain Scutte Liam Johnson	Alex Wellman Thomas Dyer
<b>Greeters/ Gift Bearers</b>	Dana & Rose Lugering	William & Ann Dixon	Rod & Debbie Davis	Greg & Diane Dittmer
<b>Rosary Leader</b>	Dorothy Parn	Earl Boone	Steve Jansen	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, 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, Mary Jo Boone,

December 15, 2024

St. Anthony of Padua Church,

**Nursing Care Patients**

**IL Veterans Home**

Michael Hildebrand  
Jim Ponsot  
Verne Hagstrom  
Andy Veile

**Bickford Cottages**

Mary Gehrt  
**Bradford Villa**  
Ruth Schmelzle

**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:**

Christmas Eve: 4:00, 6:30 pm  
Christmas: midnight, 9am  
Mary, Mother of God, Jan 1: 9:00 am



**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.

**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.



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

**Thank you** to everyone who helped in any way or attended the Pancake and Sausage Breakfast. Also thank you to everyone who brought items for the Ladies Society bake sale. Your support is greatly appreciated.



**Needing Lectors and Servers for the following Masses:**

Christmas Eve, December 24, 6:30 p.m. Mass Lector  
Christmas, December 25: 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.



**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.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of  
**Mary Jo Boone**  
Eternal Rest Grant to her O Lord,  
and let Perpetual Light  
shine on her.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of  
**Gerald Geising**  
Eternal Rest Grant to him O Lord,  
and let Perpetual Light  
shine on him.



**2025 Calendars**  
The 2025 calendars are in the vestibule of church. Please feel free to take one.



**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**

**The Annual QND Pancake and Sausage Breakfast** will be Sunday, January 5th from 8:30am-12:30pm in the QND cafeteria. The cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. (Children under 5 eat free). All proceeds benefit the Catholic Heart Workcamp trip this summer.



**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.

**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

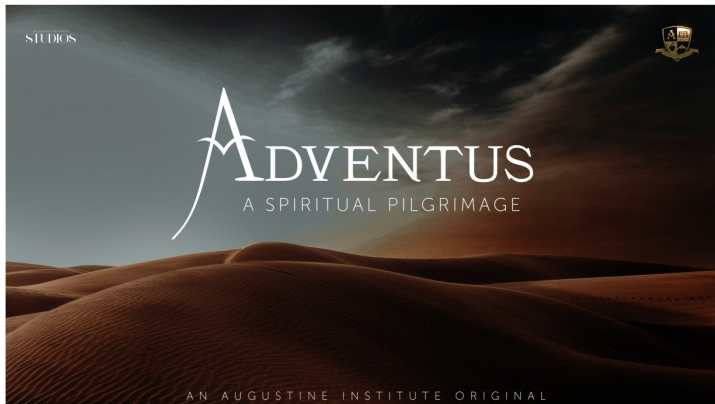
Monday, January 13, 2025 – St. Brigid, Liberty, IL

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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