



# St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

2223 St. Anthony Road – Quincy, Illinois 62305

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## February 23, 2025 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

### A Message from Fr. Tom Donovan:

#### — Mass Times —

Saturday: 4:00, 6:30 pm

Sunday: 8:00, 10:30 am

M, Tu, Th, at St. Anthony: 7:30 am

W. at St. Dominic School 8:30 am

Th. at Good Samaritan 10:00 am

F. at St. Dominic School 8:15 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 a funeral is scheduled



### Mass Intentions

#### Mon., February 24, 2025

7:30 a.m. Dolly Genenbacher+

#### Tues., February 25, 2025

7:30 a.m. Fr. Ireneaus+

#### Wed., February 26, 2025

-at St. Dominic School

8:30 a.m. Donald Talken+

#### Thurs., February 27, 2025

7:30 a.m. Sharon Maas+

-at Good Samaritan

10:00 a.m. John & Elaine Will+

#### Fri., February 28, 2025

-at St. Dominic School

8:15 a.m. Curtis Boone+

#### *Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time*

#### Sat., March 1, 2025

4:00 p.m. Parish Intentions+

6:30 p.m. Curtis Boone+

#### Sun., March 2, 2025

8:00 a.m. Norma Hildebrand+

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

#### 2nd Communion Mass for the Third Graders

#### Perpetual Prayer Candle for Special Intentions

Week of February 22-28

Leo Dietrich

#### — Parish Office Hours —

Monday-Friday

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

Bulletin Deadline: Monday, Noon



In our readings today, we have the curious story of the young upstart, David, finding his way into Saul's camp where the king was vulnerable to attack and assassination. Saul had proven himself an ineffective leader and David might be one of the rivals to be supported by the military if Saul were to be no more.

But even if the Lord himself had put the soldiers into their deep sleep and guided David to this opportunity to dispatch the failed king, David recognized that it was not his place to be the Saul's executioner, much less his judge. God had appointed Saul and consecrated him as King and David was the King's rightful subject. To respect the King, even in this vulnerable moment, was an act

of respect for Saul's office, and by extension, God who enthroned him.

God himself could have removed Saul by his own divine will and action. By respecting Saul's office, David set the stage for others to respect the kingly office when he (David) was anointed. How would it look if a royal usurper were to himself fall into sin or scandal? David's own behavior might have presented a welcome excuse for others who thought they could be a better leader to assassinate him a few years later.

Couple this reading with the gospel where Jesus says, "stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned." (Luke 6: 37) There has been all kinds of mischief committed under the misunderstanding of this saying. I don't think Jesus is saying that there are no standards to follow or expectations we should have of each other, much less our leaders, but the work of vengeance and the work of producing equity belongs to God and God alone. Those who would presume to hold the moral standard and high ground are not practicing mercy, for they lack the spirit of humility. Their righteousness shields them from receiving God's mercy and God's favor, not unlike the self-righteous, hypocritical Pharisees. Those who judge in this way are not fit for the Kingdom of God.

Judgement is not the problem. We make judgements about the people and situations every day. Is the car going to stop before I walk across the street? Does this politician or that politician best represent my values when I vote? Does this doctor have the skill to successfully diagnose my illness or complete my surgery? Should I really be watching this show on TV? Right Judgement is a precious gift of the Holy Spirit. The problem, it turns out, is not the judgement part of this necessary virtue, but it is the absence of mercy and consideration for those we put under our microscopes while comparing them to our own sense of justice and righteousness. It is the measure with which we measure that God will measure us (cf Luke 6: 38).

On Saturday, March 1, students from St. Anthony PSR and St. Dominic School will travel to the Cathedral in Springfield for First Communion and Confirmation at the hands of Bishop Paprocki. Congratulations to our young people and families as they welcome these sacraments into their lives! I ask our families celebrating the sacraments this coming week, to continue to help their Confirmandi grow in the faith, first and foremost through faithful Sunday Mass attendance.

It is from the Sunday Mass experience that families gain strength to live the faith and talk about it in their everyday lives. Young faith is further enriched by the religious education programs offered in their school or PSR as they continue to grow in wisdom and knowledge of the things of God. These sacraments are a most precious gift, especially at this young and impressionable age. Please give them room to grow and flower in the lives of our young people. As a parish we will have a special observance on Sunday, March 2 at the 10:30am Mass to acknowledge and celebrate our First Communicants and Confirmandi.



# St. Dominic School

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A Message from Mrs. Carol Frericks—Principal

## Seventh-Grade Leaders Help Prepare Third-Grade Buddies



Our seventh-grade students are helping prepare their third-grade buddies for their sacraments through a youth leadership project called Dragon Slayers - 2024-2025 Leaders On An Extraordinary Mission. The project provides an opportunity for the seventh-grade class at St. Dominic School to engage in learning about the Dragon Slaying methods of how Catholic virtues will slay the Seven Deadly Sins. The seventh-grade students have been engaged in a book club experience reading the new Seven Deadly Dragon book series and then "leading" their third-grade buddies to prepare for the sacraments by reviewing Confession and preparing to receive Confirmation and First Holy Communion this spring at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield. This opportunity has encouraged our seventh-grade youth to develop reading-aloud communication and discussion skills while reading a fictional series to their third-grade buddy in pairs, which is also preparing them in a creative "kid-friendly adventure" for the sacraments by developing confidence in their virtues. Since the Dragon Slayers book series is about their Catholic faith, both buddies develop meaningful relationships with their peers and the school faith community.

## Pizza and Parenting

Join us for an evening of fellowship including pizza, conversations, and an open gym for the kids!

Come to one or come to all 3!  
Time will be 6:00-7:30 every evening at St. Dominic School  
Dates and conversation topics:

- March 19th: Parenting as a Path to Holiness
- April 2nd: Evangelizing Your Kids
- April 23rd: The Bible and Your Family

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday, February 23

10:30 AM Holy Moments Mass—7th Grade

Tuesday, February 25

7:00 PM Finance Council Meeting

Wednesday, February 26

8:30 AM School Mass

3:15 PM Faculty Meeting

6:00 PM PTO Meeting

6:30 PM 3rd Grade Sacrament Practice

at St. Anthony Church

Friday, February 28

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





# Upcoming Events

## St. Dominic and St. Anthony Fish Fries

4:30-7:00 p.m.

Mark your calendar for the upcoming St. Anthony/St. Dominic Lenten Fish Fries.  
**St. Dominic:** March 7, March 21, April 4 **St. Anthony:** March 14, March 28, April 11  
 Catfish Plate (Whole or Fillet) includes 3 sides, drink & dessert .....\$14  
 Walleye Plate (includes 3 sides, drink & dessert ).....\$14  
 Child's Plate (includes 1 pc of walleye, 2 sides, drink & dessert).....\$ 8  
 Fish Sandwich, Fries & Drink ..... \$ 8



Homemade Dessert

**Carry outs available:** St. Dominic enter through EAST driveway  
 St. Anthony enter SOUTH basement entrance

### Ladies of the Parish We Need Your Help for Desserts

We need your help providing pies, cakes & dessert for the fish fries. Last names schedule:

A-G St. Dominic	March 7	St. Anthony	March 14
H-O St. Anthony	March 21	St. Dominic	March 28
P-Z St. Dominic	April 4	St. Anthony	April 11

*We also will need help at each of the Fish Fries.*

*Help is also needed to cut up potatoes on the Thursday before each fish fry.*

*1:30 p.m. on the Thursday before St. Dominic fish fries.*

*9:00 a.m. on the Thursday before St. Anthony fish fries*

*Working at the parish events such as our fish fries is a great way to meet fellow parishioners and help your parish at the same time! Please use the QR code at the left to sign up or go to the St. Anthony website [www.stanthonypadua.org](http://www.stanthonypadua.org) where you will find fish fry information. Click on that and you will be able to sign up.*



## “The Way of the Cross”-a song for each station

Sunday, March 30th, 2:00 p.m.



Mark your calendars and plan to attend this special concert to make the Stations of the Cross like you never had before! St. Anthony Ladies Society is bringing Donna Cori to St. Anthony's to help enrichen your Lenten journey.

**“The Way of the Cross** – a song for each station”, is a concert and video experience offered by internationally known Catholic recording artist, Donna Cori. Be transported directly to the heart of Jesus with a voice and performance that will & quote: blow you away.” Sunday, March 30th at

2:00 p.m. at St. Anthony of Padua Church, 2223 St. Anthony Road, Quincy, IL 62305. For more information 222-5996. Preview and get free music downloads at [www.DonnaCori.com](http://www.DonnaCori.com). You will not want to miss this. Bring your family and friends!

## Pizza and Parenting! at St. Dominic School

March 19, April 2, 23, 6-7:30 p.m.

“Pizza and Parenting!” We'll hold these events at St. Dominic School on Wednesdays in March and April for those who would like to talk about bringing the faith into their homes:

**March 19:** “Parenting as a Path to Holiness”

**April 2:** “Evangelizing your Kids”

**April 23:** “The Bible and Your Family”

Each event will run from 6:00—7:30 pm at St. Dominic's, with an open-gym/child care available.... Oh, and pizza as well! We ask that families RSVP so we know how much to order! Please sign up through the QR Code, here, or call the parish office at 217-222-5996 to register or for more information.



RSVP Here



# — Parish Data —

PARISH CALENDAR	
<b>Monday, February 24</b>	
<b>Tuesday, February 25</b> 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Baptism Class Finance Council Meeting
<b>Wednesday, February 26</b>	
6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	PTO Meeting 3rd grade practice for First Communion & Confirmation
<b>Thursday, February 27</b>	
6:00-8:00 p.m.	GriefShare
<b>Friday, February 28</b>	
6:30-8:00 p.m.	Glow Dance at St. Dominic
<b>Saturday, March 1</b>	
11:00 a.m.  4:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	First Communion & Confirma tion in Springfield Mass Mass
<b>Sunday, March 2</b>	
8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Mass Mass (2nd Communion Mass for the 3rd graders who made their First Communion & were confirmed on Saturday) Reception for them after 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 33	Feb. 15/16	Total Year-to-Date
Loose Collection	\$ 805.87	\$ 29,338.35
Weekly Envelopes	\$ 7,730.00	\$ 324,956.21
Electronic Deposits	\$ 0.00	\$ 43,831.00
<b>Total, Feb. 15/16</b>	<b>\$ 8,535.87</b>	<b>\$ 398,125.56</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>\$ 429,000.00</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>(\$ - 4,464.13)</b>	<b>(\$ -30,874.44)</b>

Money Counters : Monday, February 24, 2025  
Diana Dietrich Anna Benz Kelly Weiman

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., March 1 & 2, 2025

	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	
<b>Lector</b>	Jackie Dreyer	Janet Bick	Mike Hummel	Marlene Rose
<b>Usher</b>	Jr. Dreyer Tom Grawe Randy Huber Jack Kuhlman	George Dreyer Joe Dreyer Chris Ehrhardt Christopher Ehrhardt	Jerry Dreier Dan Terwelp Luke Weiman Matt Weiman	Frank Arnold Ken Klauser Larry Weiman Kurt Fischer
<b>Servers</b>	Volunteers	Rozalyn Brass Volunteer	Zain Schutte Liam Johnson	Thomas Dyer Andi Kirlin
<b>Greeters/ Gift Bearers</b>	Dana & Rose Lugerling Family	Ted Vahle Family	Mark & Bernice Neisen	Cindy Wellman
<b>Rosary Leader</b>	Tawny Benz	Trisha Mathews	Steve Jansen	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,  
**Also please remember in your prayers those who have died in 2025:** Eric Fischer, Dorothy Parn,

**Nursing Care Patients**

**IL Veterans Home**

Michael Hildebrand  
Jim Ponsot  
Verne Hagstrom

**Bickford Cottages**

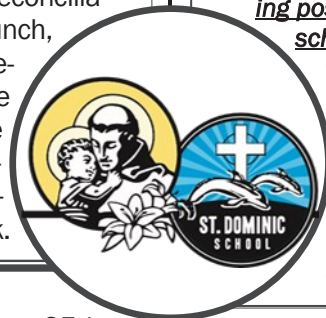
Mary Gehrt  
**Bradford Villa**  
Ruth Schmelzle

**QUINCY CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS** Enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year is now open! As we welcome back returning families, we also encourage school families and parishioners to invite new families to experience the faith-filled, high-quality education our schools provide. From preschool through 8th grade, our four Catholic elementary schools offer a supportive environment where students grow academically and spiritually. Tuition assistance is available through the QCES Foundation. More information can be found at [quincycatholicschools.org](http://quincycatholicschools.org).

**Quincy Holy Family Fest-** March 1: 8:30 am-5:30 pm held at Quincy Notre Dame with Mass at 4:30 pm. This one-day event will feature speakers from The Apostolate for Family Consecration, Deacon Dennis & Pat Holbrook, and Megan Murphy. We will also have the Sacrament of Reconciliation, children's activities, coffee and donuts, lunch,



and plenty of time to have recreation with your family! Use the QR code for sign up. For more information: [quincyfami-lyfest@gmail.com](mailto:quincyfami-lyfest@gmail.com) or 217-440-8182 check us out on Facebook.



**Teacher Openings at St. Dominic School for the 2025-2026**

**School Year** St. Dominic School is accepting applications for full-time teaching positions in Preschool 4-year-old and Computer/Music for the 2025-2026 school year. Qualified applicants should hold an Illinois Professional Educator License and, for the Preschool position, an Endorsement in Early Childhood Education is preferred. Responsibilities include teaching according to the philosophy of St. Dominic School of St. Anthony of Padua Parish and the Diocese of Springfield. Qualified and enthusiastic applicants should email a cover letter, resume, and references to [cfre-ricks@stdominicquincy.org](mailto:cfre-ricks@stdominicquincy.org), or mail 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. St. Dominic School wages are based on years of experience and education ranging from \$33,000 to \$70,000 depending upon education and experience. More specific information will be provided upon request. A summary of benefits can be found at <https://dio.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Benefits-Flyer-1.pdf>

**St. Peter School is accepting applications for full-time teaching positions in grades 3, 4, and 6 for the 2025-2026 school year.**

Applicants must hold an active Illinois teaching license and demonstrate enthusiasm and dedication to student success. Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume, and three letters of reference via email to [c.venvertloh@cospq.org](mailto:c.venvertloh@cospq.org) or by mail to Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh, Principal, St. Peter School, 2500 Maine Street, Quincy, IL 62301. For inquiries, contact the school office at 217-223-1120.

**Baptism Class:** Deacon Harry will be offering quarterly Baptism Training on Tuesday, February 25th starting at 6:30pm in the Parish Center. Both parents need to attend the training if they are having their first child baptized. Our diocese does not require godparents to attend training but if you are anticipating being a godparent you are welcome to join in. Please contact the parish office to register if you plan to attend or call Deacon Harry (217 224-1160) if you have questions. If for some reason you do not get to call the parish office and you need the training feel free to just come. Blessings All, Thank you.

**Vacation Bible School:** Mark your calendar for Vacation Bible School at St. Anthony's - June 9-11!

**Ash Wednesday Fish Fry** March 5, 2025 4 PM - 7 PM  
Blessed Sacrament Catholic School, 1115 S. 7th, Quincy, IL  
Catfish or Walleye Dinner \$14.00 Includes 3 sides - Macaroni & Cheese, Potato Salad, Coleslaw, Dessert & Drink

**Quincy Notre Dame High School will hold its annual Open House for parents on Sunday, February 23, from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.**

Interested families will have the opportunity to meet QND students, parents and faculty, find out more about the academic programs offered, take a tour and explore the school and discover what's happening at QND. Everyone is welcome to come for all or part of the afternoon. The schedule for the QND Open House is as follows: 1 - 2 pm - Presentations in the QND Cafeteria - Welcome, overview, QND House system, question and answer session about financial assistance, and more. 2 - 3 pm - Tour QND and meet teachers in their classrooms on a student-guided tour or explore on your own. For more information, please contact Natalie Genenbacher at [nngenbacher@quincynotredame.org](mailto:nngenbacher@quincynotredame.org) or 217-223-2479.

**St. Anthony Ladies Society will be hosting a Spring Craft/ Vendor Event** on Saturday, April 5th, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at the Father Irenaeus Hall (formerly called St. Anthony hall). If you would like to help vendors carry in their items before the event or carry out afterwards please let us know. We are also taking vendor registrations at this time. Anyone wanting more information contact Janet Bick or Tawny Benz at the parish office 217-222-5996 or email [rjbick@comcast.net](mailto:rjbick@comcast.net) or [rtbenz77@gmail.com](mailto:rtbenz77@gmail.com).



**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. Joseph Annual Shrimp Boil and Fish Fry Saturday, March 1**  
Come to Mass at 4 pm, Food Served at 5 pm  
Shrimp/Fish/Andouille Sausage/Corn on the Cob/French Fries/Potatoes/Corn Dogs/Onion Rings/and MORE  
All you can eat for \$20.00: 4 and under free; 5-12 - \$5.00

If you are needing a contribution statement for 2024 from St. Anthony Church please contact the parish office, 222-5996, to request a statement. We can either mail or email your statement. These will only be printed upon request.

**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.

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

**St. Joseph Cook-Off Soup Contest** Saturday, March 22, 2025 - All proceeds go toward a St. Joseph Kitchen Make-over. Are you a “souper” cook? Do you love to cook for others? Would you like to support a great cause? We are seeking 15 individuals or teams to create a crockpot (6-8 qt) of their favorite soup to serve at our Cook-Off Soup Contest. Our parishioners and guests will be our judges by sampling all the soups and voting for the best Homemade Comfy Soup! Are you ready for the challenge? Mass at 4 pm Serving & Sampling start at 5 pm Winner announced at 7:45 pm In addition, desserts, drinks and grilled cheese sandwiches will be available. All for a FREE WILL offering. Application can be found at [https://www.stsbej.org/\\_files/ude03c99\\_be6fce084ac74df4bf142ea400b7ed78.pdf](https://www.stsbej.org/_files/ude03c99_be6fce084ac74df4bf142ea400b7ed78.pdf)

**Old Palms** If you have old palm branches please return them to the container in the back of church or the office.

**MARCH GROCERY ITEMS**  
Toilet Paper, Laundry & Dish Detergents  
The Ladies of Charity & Catholic Charities Thank You



**Father Michael McGivney: An American Blessed**

In May 2020, Pope Francis approved a miracle attributed to the intercession of Fr. Michael McGivney, paving the way for his beatification. This documentary highlights Fr. McGivney’s fraternal charity, evangelization, and empowerment of the laity.

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