



St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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February 2, 2025 The Presentation of the Lord — (Wk 4 OT-C)

A Message from Fr. Tom Donovan:



The Sundays of Ordinary Time are interrupted today with the *Feast of the Presentation of the Lord*. Today's feast harkens back to Christmas as the Prophet Malachi speaks in our first reading, "I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me; and suddenly there will come to the temple the Lord who you seek" (Mal 3:1). Again we recognize

John the Baptist as the 'messenger', but who is the Lord that would appear? It would be not a great warrior-king, but the humble child presented in obedience to the Law. The gospel answers the question, 'how will we recognize him when we see him?' It would be those watching and waiting who would first know the coming of the Lord.

On the day the Lord entered his temple, it would be in the arms of his mother, a son of Abraham. According to the Law, the poor couple offered what was prescribed: two turtledoves. The Holy Family then encountered the prophetess Anna and the venerable old man, Simeon. These two distinguished themselves by fasting and prayer in anticipation of the coming of the Messiah. Like those who devote themselves today to the religious life and like those who in their age and wisdom find themselves drawn to the contemplation of the things of God, these two encounter the fulfillment of all of their hopes and dreams. It is the Lord! But what is the meaning of this revelation? For Mary it would be a 'second annunciation' which revealed even more clearly the nature of her child's mission: to be one who leads Israel to redemption by his suffering. Indeed, Mary's would share in these sufferings, as her own heart would be pierced by what she would come to witness and experience.

Then Simeon announces a great canticle of praise, entrusting his lifetime of prayer before the Lord: "Lord, now let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled!" (Luke 2: 29) Like the soldier ordered to stand guard until relief arrives, Simeon recognizes this is the moment of the "changing of the guard". The Messiah is no longer shrouded in mystery and hope, but now inhabits our human nature and makes his dwelling with us. He is the Word of God in our midst. In his sufferings, the price of blood for the entire human family is paid. Simeon continues, "For my eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared in the sight of all the peoples." His eyes had not been dimmed by age or the duration of his waiting or even the righteous need for sleep. His long, quiet life focused on the Lord was not to be an obstacle to charity, but rather the very perfection of it. What had been revealed to him in a heart formed by decades of prayer and penance and waiting was now to be announced to the entire world, "a light of revelation to the Gentiles, and the Glory of his people, Israel."

This feast is sometimes called "Candlemas" because of the ceremony of blessing of candles traditionally attached to this day. Unfortunately, our use of electric lights tends to diminish our appreciation for candles and the art of candle-making. But there is another tradition with a depth of spiritual meaning attached to the day, which is still popular in secular reckoning... "it's Groundhog Day!" When we are thrust out of the darkness of the dens we live in, forced to encounter the dawning of a new day, do we find ourselves afraid of the light and the shadows? Are we ready for a new spring of deliverance from the shadows of sin that we might embrace of the light of new life, or do we long for continued slumber under the earth? Today's feast has all of these layers of meaning and consideration. Unlike rodents in their burrows, our human capacity and desire for the good gives us the courage to shake off the relative comfort and slumber of darkness, to overcome its shadows and rise to the promise of new life... today. May this feast be a day of revelation and invitation for us to embrace that light!



— Mass Times —

Saturday: 4:00, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00, 10:30 a.m.

M, Tu, Th, at St. Anthony: 7:30 a.m.

W. at St. Dominic School 8:30 a.m.

Th. at Good Samaritan 10:00 a.m.

F. at St. Dominic School 8:15 a.m.

Holy Days: as announced

When on vacation visit: www.masstimes.org

— Sacrament of Reconciliation —

Saturday: 5:00-6:00 p.m.

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 3, 2025

7:30 a.m. Howey, Steve, Tony
Hutmacher+

Tues., February 4, 2025

7:30 a.m. Jean Powers+

Wed., February 5, 2025

-at St, Dominic School

8:30 a.m. Rollie Thomas+

Thurs., February 6, 2025

7:30 a.m. Susan Bauer+

-at Good Samaritan

10:00 a.m. Mary Jo Boone+

Fri., February 7, 2025

-at St, Dominic School

8:15 a.m. Earl Huber+

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sat., February 8, 2025

4:00 p.m. Lucille Grawe+

6:30 p.m. Parish Intentions

Sun., February 9, 2025

8:00 a.m. Mildred Genenbacher+

10:30 a.m. Elizabeth Healy+

Perpetual Prayer Candle for Special Intentions

Week of February 1-7

The Wellman Family

— Parish Office Hours —

Monday-Friday

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

Bulletin Deadline: Monday, Noon

St. Dominic School

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A Message from Mrs. Carol Frericks—Principal

Celebrate Vocations Day — Our Universal Call to Sainthood



During Catholic Schools Week on Tuesday, January 28, 2025, we celebrated our universal call to sainthood at St. Dominic School. Students had the opportunity to dress as a Saint and share their reason for their choice. Several older students chose to dress as the first millennial saint, Saint Carlo Acutis. Carlo's unwavering devotion to the Eucharist inspired him to tell the story of Eucharistic miracles through a website he created, which is now available across the world introducing countless people to the Eucharistic miracles. Students also enjoyed the opportunity to write recipes for sainthood together with their buddy. The recipes will be compiled into a "Recipes for Sainthood" cookbook and available for families to read.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday and Sunday, February 1 and 2

Blessing of Candlemas Candles

Monday, February 3

Feast of Saint Blaise

Tuesday, February 4

1:00 p.m. Pastors and Principals Meeting

7:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, February 5

8:30 a.m. School Mass

Thursday, February 6

6:00-7:00 p.m. Preschool Open House

Friday, February 7

Spirit Shirt Day; 8:15 a.m. Quiet School Mass

Mid-Term of 3rd Quarter

6:00-8:00 p.m. Couples Night Out at K of C



Upcoming Events

Couples Night Out

Friday, February 7, 2025



We are gearing up for our first-ever relationship ministry event! Please come and get to know other couples while having fun, creating community, and celebrating love at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Appetizers, Cash Bar, Fun Games, and On-Site Childcare! All couples are invited to join us!!!

To RSVP: Use the QR code, or follow this link:
<https://forms.gle/HdN4ut2SbvqA6bWf9>



Mark your Calendar!

Junefest and St. Anthony Picnic



Mark your calendar for Junefest, which will be June 7 and St. Anthony Picnic, which will be July 19. Chairmen are needed to chair both events. Please contact Jackie Dreyer, 217-222-8049, if interested in helping.

Yearly Contribution Statements



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.

Help needed in Several Ministries

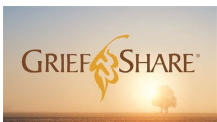


Would you like to become more involved in our parish? We have several ministries that are in need of more help: Key Ministers, Lectors, Mass Servers, Money Counters, Funeral Dinner helpers and Rosary Leaders, Wash and Iron Altar Purificators.

If you are interested or want to know more about what each of these areas and what is involved please contact the parish office 217-222-5996.

GriefShare

Begins February 6th



GriefShare Returns with new round of sessions starting Thursday February 6th, 2025 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Location: St. Anthony's Parish Center.

For persons experiencing grief following the loss of a loved one...this thirteen-week program features biblical, Christ-centered information focusing on grief topics. Each session offers a video presentation featuring nationally respected grief experts and persons sharing their stories of life after the loss of a loved one. We then have small group discussion about what was viewed and shared experiences. The third part of GriefShare is the participants guidebook providing opportunities for support between meetings. A GriefShare grief support group is confidential. Please join us. Questions call Cindy or Deacon Harry Cramer 217 224-1160. You may register calling the parish office (217) 224-5957 but registration is not required.

— Parish Data —

PARISH CALENDAR	
Monday, February 3 7:00 p.m.	St. Anthony Ladies Society Meeting
Tuesday, February 4 7:00 p.m.	Pastoral Council Meeting
Wednesday, February 5	
Thursday, February 6 6:00-8:00 p.m. 6:00-7:00 p.m.	GriefShare Preschool Open House at St. Dominic School
Friday, February 7 6:00-8:00 p.m.	Couples Night Out at Knights of Columbus
Saturday, February 8 4:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Mass Mass
Sunday, February 9 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 30	Jan. 25/26	Total Year-to-Date					
Loose Collection	\$ 1,064.25	\$ 26,987.18					
Weekly Envelopes	\$ 16,370.00	\$ 292,516.21					
Electronic Deposits	\$ 0.00	\$ 37,498.00					
Total, Jan. 18/19	\$ 17,434.25	\$ 357,001.39					
Budget Goal <small>(we need no less than this to stay out of deficit spending for the year!)</small>	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 390,000.00					
Difference	\$ 4,434.25	(\$ -32,998.61)					
Money Counters : Monday, February 3, 2025 Dana Lugerling Mary Koch							
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 - Saturday & Sunday, February 8 & 9, 2025

	Saturday, 4:00 p.m.	Saturday, 6:30 p.m.	Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Sunday, 10:30 a.m.
Key Minister/	Jr. & Jackie Dreyer		Gene & Rita Goerlich	
Lector	Mark Levins	Dave Keck	Michael Kinder	Jowana Campos
Usher	Bill Anderson Roger Benz Tawny Benz Dan Reichert	George Benz Dan Boone Ryan Boone Tom Boone	Anthony Haley Michael Hummel Matt kasparie Mark Neisen	Brian Koch David McCleary Craig Schafer Rick Schafer
Servers	Volunteers	Rozalyn Brass Volunteer	Zain Schutte Liam Johnson	Gabby Fischer Andi Kirlin
Greeters/ Gift Bearers	Carol Vogel	William & Ann Dixon	Mike & Kay Hummel	Clint & Elise Sutter Family
Rosary Leader	Tawny Benz	Melanie Longenecker	Giny Baker	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 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

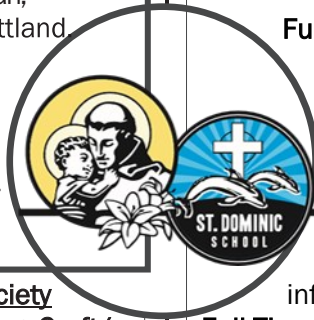
Stewardship Talent within St. Anthony Parish and St. Dominic School: During the Christmas break at St. Dominic School a large number of parishioners came together to share their talent in the process of replacing over 1,100 Fluorescent Light Tubes with new LED Tubes at St. Dominic School. With this task completed it computes to an annual savings in electricity at St. Dominic School of over \$5,246.21 per year.

Many thanks to those parishioners who donated their two days of Stewardship Talent in making this task a success: Jason Benz, Gary Blickhan, Bob Carol, Jon Dabney, Cliff Deverger, Dick Foster, A.J. Holtschlag, Steve Jansen and two workers (Chris & Josh), Ron Kasparie, Ryne Kirlin, Ken Klauser, Josh Potter, Mark Scheuerman, Kent Shinn, Rob Stull, Clint Sutter and Mike Wittland.

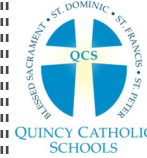
Special thanks to Dan Reichert for use of the electric lift and George Benz for scaffolding top guard rails.

Thanks again for this task completion.

Ken Klauser



Four Desires of the Human: Join Father Dominic Rankin at Theology on Tap the Fuzzy Bubbler - 111 Jail Alley on February 4 as he discusses the four desires of the human heart (hunger, hope, happiness, and heaven) and how they can lead us to the Kingdom of God. Drinks begin at 6:00 p.m. Talk begins at 6:35 p.m.



Looking for the perfect preschool for the 2025-2026 school year? Our four Catholic elementary schools offer faith-based programs to fit every child's unique needs. Open houses are coming up! Bring your family to learn more about our incredible programs.
St. Francis, February 3, 5-6:30 p.m.
Blessed Sacrament, February 6, 6-7 p.m.
St. Dominic, February 6, 6-7 p.m.
St. Peter, February 13, 6-7 p.m.

Quincy Notre Dame High School is seeking qualified candidates for the following positions for the 2025-26 school year:

Full-Time Spanish Teacher – Qualified candidates should submit a cover letter, resume and three letters of reference by Friday, February 14, to QND Principal Mark McDowell at mmcdowell@qndhs.org. Compensation for full-time teaching staff is based on years of experience and education ranging from \$35,000 - \$65,000. More specific information will be provided upon request.

Full-Time Administrative Assistant - Qualified candidates should submit a cover letter, resume and three letters of reference by Friday, February 14, to QND Principal Mark McDowell at mmcdowell@qndhs.org. Compensation is based on skill set and related experience ranging from \$15 - \$20 per hour. More specific information will be provided upon request. Visit QuincyNotreDame.org for more details.

The ornaments removed from the Memorial trees are available to be picked up. These can be found in the main vestibule. Family members of anyone who was either baptized in 2024 or whose funeral was performed at St Anthony prior to October 1 of 2024 should pick these up. They are for you to keep. Thank you.



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 or rtbenz77@gmail.com.

St. Edward Church, Mendon, Annual Whole Hog Sausage and Pancake Day with biscuits and gravy. Sunday, February 9 from 7:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Adults \$12; 10 and under \$6. Meat sales: 3 lbs. Sausage Links & Bulk-\$12; 3 lbs. Ribs-\$10; 3lbs Pork Chops-\$15; 3 lbs. Backbones-\$10; Stick of Headcheese-\$8. To place a meat order by February 5 call Lindsey at 430-7437 or stedwardsmeatorders@gmail.com. Pick up meat orders Saturday, February 8 from 2-4 p.m.



FEBRUARY GROCERY ITEMS
Tuna and Macaroni & Cheese
The Ladies of Charity & Catholic Charities
Thank You



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

Blessed Sacrament Battle of the Paddles
Saturday, February 22, Doors open at 5:00 p.m.,
Auction begins at 6:00 p.m.
Fr. McGivney Hall, Knights of Columbus
Bring your friends, snacks and quarters!
Cash bar available.

The Mart Heinen Club of Quincy University will be holding the 35th annual Chili Cook-Off on Sunday, February 16, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the QU Health & Fitness Center & Hall of Fame Room, 19th and Oak. Admission is \$5.00 per person or \$10.00 per family at the door. Sample various chilies and soups and vote for your favorites.

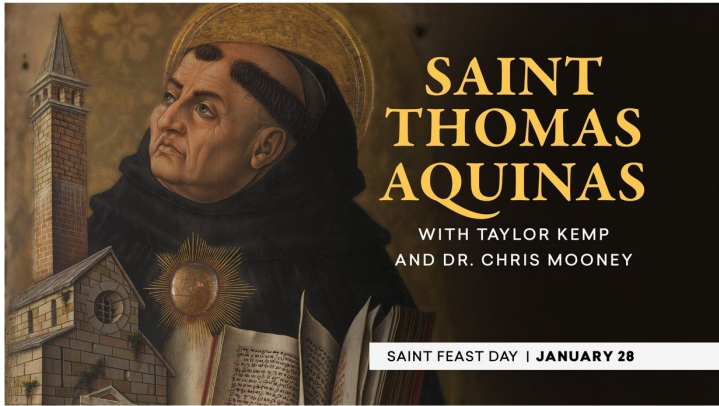
Travel through Portugal with Fr. Bob Barko, July 18 - 29, 2026. Enjoy 3 nights Lisbon, visit the Shrine of Fatima, and sail 7 nights on the Douro River. For more information contact Quincy's Discount Travel at 217-228 -1122. Limited space available.

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



Quincy Catholic Chess Club is hosting a Chess Tournament for K-8 grades on February 22, 2025 in St. Peter School Cafeteria. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. and games begin at 8:30 a.m. Games will be divided into different age groups depending upon the amount of students that sign up. The tournament should conclude by 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$7 per student. Open to any child in the Quincy Catholic Elementary Schools. To register please contact Dr. Chris Gill at fishgill1208@gmail.com or text him at 573-719-9331 by February 18.

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.



St. Thomas Aquinas | Catholic Saints

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