



**I have said this to you,
so that in me you may have *peace*.
In the world you face persecution.
But take courage;
I have conquered the world!
John 16:33**

St. Dominic School of St. Anthony of Padua Parish
Where Holy Moments Happen Every Day

Jesus said, “Let the children come to me...”



When the children return to school this week, they will be reminded by this lovely painting in the front entry way that Jesus said, “let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” This year the children will learn several truths about why Jesus told his disciples to “let the children come to me.” Jesus wants us to know that children need to be blessed by Him. Our Lord, Jesus Christ, wants to bless the children every day and teach them about the kingdom of heaven. As a dedicated Catholic school, our teachers help students know that they are children of a loving Heavenly Father. Jesus also wants parents to be encouraged to bring their children to Him at an early age and teach them His ways. This year, our St. Dominic School family will study the monthly Devotions of the Catholic Church and recognize the many ways we are blessed with Holy Moments through prayer. We will engage in a pilgrimage of prayer together. At St. Dominic School, we are blessed to have the real presence of Jesus at school every day in the tabernacle, and celebrate Mass to receive the Eucharist every Wednesday and Friday. It is our greatest hope that the children understand these truths, develop their beliefs, and learn to trust God even more this year. Faith is not about knowing everything or doing everything right. It is about knowing that, no matter what happens, our Heavenly Father will bless and take care of us during this school year on our journey to heaven.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS – Back To School Opportunities and First Days of School

Sunday, August 16 Back to School Bash

4:00 p.m. Sunday Mass in the School Gym with Blessing of the Backpacks

5:00-6:00 p.m. Families can drop off school supplies in classrooms and meet the teacher.

5:00-6:00 p.m. PTO Sponsored Cookout with support from the St. Anthony Men's and Women's Societies

Monday, August 17

8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. All Staff Meeting

Tuesday, August 18

First Day of School for K-8 students with 11:30 a.m. Dismissal

Wednesday, August 19

First Full Day of School for K-8 students, Preschool 4-year-old three-day and five-day programs

8:30 a.m. School Mass

Thursday, August 20

First Full Day of School for Preschool 3-year-old two-day program

Friday, August 21

School Spirit Shirt Day

8:15 a.m. Quiet School Mass for Grades 4-8

If I can be of service by providing a visit or tour of our school, or discussing your questions or concerns, please reach out to me by calling the school office at 217-224-0041 or by email to cfrericks@stdominicquincy.org. Thanks so much for the opportunity to provide a Catholic education for your child (ren) at St. Dominic School of St. Anthony of Padua Parish this school year. It is a privilege to serve in partnership with you as we help raise these amazing children of God.

Peace be with you,

Mrs. Carol Frericks, Principal

St. Dominic School of St. Anthony of Padua Parish

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Today is the Feast of the Assumption of Mary into heaven. This beautiful artwork is hanging in our school hallway by Grade 5.

Attached to this Email

Parent Newsletter for August 14, 2026

August Calendar

PTO Back to School Bash Flyer

2026-2027 School Calendar

Mass Attendance Cards: St. Anthony of Padua Church will be collecting Mass attendance family cards to determine tuition rates (participating or non-participating) for the 2027-28 school year. Cards will be collected from May 2026 through April 2027 to determine tuition rates for the 2027-28 school year.

