



2nd Sunday of Easter April 3, 2016

Parish Events

Sunday, April 3

- 1:00 pm Lunt TEC Meeting
- 4:00 pm Liberty BB Banquet – Solanus Hall

Monday, April 4

- 3:00 pm Kindergarten Girl Scouts
- 6:00 pm PSR
- 6:30 pm Cub Scout Den

Tuesday, April 5

- 9:00 am Young Mom's Group
- 6:30 pm Frerick's Prayer Group
- 6:30 pm Liturgy Planning

Wednesday, April 6

- 8:35 am School Mass
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts
- 7:30 pm St. Francis Men's Prayer Group

Thursday, April 7

- 11:00 am St. Francis Ladies Card Party
- 6:00 pm Couples Prayer Group – All Welcome!
- 6:00 pm Schuerman PSR Girl Scouts
- 6:30 pm Dave Ramsey Financial Peace
- 6:30 pm Scripture Discussion
- 7:00 pm RCIA

Friday, April 8

- 6:30 pm 3rd Grade Girl Scouts

Saturday, April 9

- 2 Private events

Upcoming Events

- 4/10 Stewardship Committee Luncheon
- 4/10 Secular Franciscans
- 4/10 QND Pom Pon Banquet
- 4/10 Genenbacher Prayer Group
- 4/11 6th Grade Girl Scouts
- 4/11 8th Grade Girl Scouts
- 4/11 PSR
- 4/13 School Mass
- 4/13 Boy Scouts – SW Hall
- 4/14 3rd Grade Girl Scouts
- 4/14 Schuerman PSR Girl Scouts
- 4/14 Dave Ramsey Financial Peace
- 4/14 Scripture Group – Conf. Rm
- 4/14 RCIA
- 4/16 Boy Scout Mother/Son Dinner

Fr. Don's Doodling's

HAPPY EASTER! ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!!!

Yes, I know Easter was last Sunday. But it's also this Sunday. And it's been every day in between, and it's spread out over 50 days, a "week of weeks" plus a day.

Isn't it delightful that Easter lasts longer than Lent? And doesn't Lent usually seem long, maybe because of so much attention on sin and guilt and death? So having Easter last ten days longer than Lent is a powerful statement of joyful faith and hope. It's a time for us to luxuriate in the wondrous mystery of Christ's resurrection and its meaning for us. Perhaps we're so used to transitory things that we have a hard time wrapping our minds around this wonder that is continuously present.

For example, we're used to celebrating Independence Day, Memorial Day, Presidents' Day, Thanksgiving Day and so on, which commemorate some persons and events of our history. But they're history – over, gone. Yet Easter is not over. We don't look over our shoulder and say, oh yes, Jesus died and rose around 2000 years ago and we are grateful and remember that from the past.

No, Easter is the celebration of the Risen Christ who is alive, present, here with us today. In our prayers we don't just say that Christ has risen, but "Christ IS Risen." Christ's resurrection is far more than an historic event. It is a present reality – he is alive. He is just as present to us now as he was to his disciples after he walked out of that tomb.

And springtime with all the new life bursting around us is a visual reminder of the gift of new life we celebrate in the Risen Christ. It shouts to us the mystery of resurrection – death giving way to life. And while we've had a very mild winter this year, when spring comes I usually feel like I'm crawling out of a cave and coming alive again with the warmer weather and longer days. It all contributes to my appreciation of Christ who came out of his cave, and animates us with his supernatural life through baptism.

It's still up to us to do our part – to grab hold, to believe and then put belief into action. And isn't it far more satisfying to act out of a sense of joy and gratitude than out of guilt or fear? I find that my gratitude to God for all the wonderful gifts I've experienced motivates me far more than anything negative to spread God's gift of love.

One of those great blessings I experience is all of you. It is an honor and a privilege to be your pastor, and I am filled with joy to share the gift of faith with you. Thank you for your Easter cards and gifts. Thanks

to all who were involved with decorating our church. Thanks to those who had active parts in our Holy Week and Easter liturgies. And thanks to all of you who are embracing discipleship and stewardship as a way of life. Bless you for living your faith.

May the Risen Lord Easter in you.

Fr. Tom Hagstrom

Fr. Tom Hagstrom is away from St. Anthony Parish for a while to take care of some health issues. He is participating in a program to address losing some weight in order for other health problems to be addressed. While he is away Fr. Tom Donovan will be assisting with the parish needs, and Fr. Mike Kuse will be assisting with the needs of St. Dominic School. Please keep Fr. Tom and the parishioners of St. Anthony Parish in your prayers.

Awareness

April is National Child Abuse Awareness/Prevention Month. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops offers web links to resources. They also offer a liturgy resource guide, prayer cards, posters, and other important resource materials.

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the souls of Daniel Postle, Florence Dieker and Elizabeth Venvertloh, who died recently. Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord.

Ladies of St. Francis Card Party

On April 7, 2016 at 11 am to 3 pm at Solanus Hall, hosted by Edna Trimble & Marcia Tushaus. For reservations call Marsha at 222-3370.

Couples Prayer Group

Couples prayer group is meeting on April 7th at 6pm in the Parish Center. All is welcome to attend and babysitting is available. Please consider joining us.

A note from the Money Counters...

Please do not staple and tape your offering envelopes, this makes it very difficult to process. The envelopes have a seal on them. Thank you for generosity.



Stewardship opens an avenue of thought that allows us to give without always questioning what we will get in return.

Status 2015-16	
Annual Catholic Services Appeal as of 3-9-16	
ACSA Goal for St. Francis Solanus	\$135,138.00
Paid to Date	\$64,964.02
Amount Remaining to be paid	\$70,173.98

Parish Support: March 24 -27

	Actual	Budgeted	Difference
Church /School	\$26,143.60	\$22,275	+\$3,868.60
YEAR TO DATE	\$764,808.68	\$824,175	-\$59,366.32

Miscellaneous Collections

\$6,386.10

Nurses Notes:

Healthful tips from the Parish Nurse Ministry
Eating more fruits and vegetables can decrease then risks of heart disease, diabetes, cancer and obesity and other health problems. According to the CDC most people don't eat the recommended 2 servings of fruits and 3 servings of vegetables daily. To increase your intake, find ways to incorporate them into your daily routine. Add fruit to your morning cereal or top a bagel with fresh berries. Add vegetables like cucumbers or tomatoes to your lunchtime sandwich or choose a healthy salad instead. Keep fresh fruits and cut up vegetables handy to grab instead of chips for snacks. At dinner pair lean meat with steamed vegetables and replace the white potato with a healthier sweet potato. Remember fruits and vegetables whether fresh, canned, or frozen count but watch out for added sugar and salt. Whatever age everyone needs plenty of fruits and vegetables so find creative ways to add them daily. For more help, related to your specific needs talk to your health care provider.

First Holy Communion Preparation

Parents and Child Must Attend

Session Two (MUST attend one of the sessions listed below) Please bring a memento of a loved one living or deceased.

Sun., Feb. 28	4pm	St. Francis Solanus
Tues., March 15	6:30 pm	Blessed Sacrament
Wed., April 6	6:30 pm	St. Peter Cafeteria
Thurs., April 28	6:30 pm	St. Anthony Church

St. Francis First Holy Communion is April 24 at 2pm

QND Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

The Annual QND Pancake and Sausage Breakfast will be Sunday, April 24th from 8am-1pm in the QND cafeteria. The cost is \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children. (Children under 5 eat free). All proceeds benefit the Catholic Heart Work camp trip this summer.

Lighthouse Catholic Media

New at the kiosk to enrich your spiritual journey--
Saint John Paul the Great: His Five Loves--book by Jason Evert--Through remarkable never-before published stories about him, Jason Evert presents a treasure chest brimming with the jewels of St. John Paul's life. Rekindle your own faith by learning what (and who) captivated the heart of this great saint.
Reaching Out to Today's Culture--CD by Bishop Robert Barron--Bishop Barron shares observations from his dialogue with critics of his You Tube videos. He eloquently illustrates how well equipped our Catholic intellectual tradition is to access and clarify the confusion that is so prevalent in our culture about matters of Christian faith and life.

Young Moms Together

Are you home with your baby or toddler? Come join other mothers of young children (preschool age and under), in Solanus Hall ***on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. (April dates are Tuesday, April 5 and Tuesday, April 19)*** All moms and their young children are invited to come celebrate Catholic motherhood through prayer and reflection, coffee and conversation. Form and strengthen friendships as you encourage each other to grow in the Catholic faith. Come whenever you can. Enter Solanus Hall main entrance (north side of church). Questions? Call Jane Haas, facilitator, 224-3030 or 257-0533.

2016 "EVERYBODY WINS"

MEGA RAFFLE NOW UNDERWAY

Tickets for the 2016 "Everybody Wins" Mega Raffle are now on sale. Tickets may be purchased from any QCES or QND family. You can also purchase a ticket online or download a ticket form at www.quincymegaraffle.org. Only 4,000 tickets will be sold at \$100 per ticket. The Grand Prize is \$100,000; 2nd Prize is your choice of a new Chevrolet Camaro or a new Kia Sorrento L; and Third Prize is \$10,000. There will be 113 prizes given away in all, totaling \$167,500.

Proceeds from the "Everybody Wins" Mega Raffle are shared equally between the QCES and QND Foundations, and provide increased tuition assistance for QCES K-8 students, as well as additional tuition assistance and technology upgrades for QND students. Quincy's five Catholic Schools will also benefit from the \$40,000 "Ticket Give Back" program. The purchasers of Mega Raffle tickets can choose if they want \$10 of their ticket to be given to one school or divided equally among two or more schools.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND, you could win a Vacation Package totaling \$3,500, which includes a \$3,000 travel voucher for a vacation destination of your choice, plus a \$500 Pre-paid Visa gift card, or one of two \$1,000 cash prizes, in our "Super Early-Bird" Drawings, that will be held on Friday, April 29th, on Y101 at 8:20 a.m. Both ticket purchasers and sellers will have their names entered into the "Super Early-Bird" Drawings. TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE "SUPER EARLY-BIRD" DRAWINGS, ALL SOLD AND PURCHASED TICKETS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE QND FOUNDATION OFFICE BY 4 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13TH.

In addition to the three "Super Early-Bird" Drawings on Friday, April 29th, there will be 30 "Early-Bird" Drawings. Five \$100 "Weekly Wednesday" Winners will be announced on Y101 at 8:20 a.m. each Wednesday, from May 4th - 25th, and one \$500 "Fantastic Friday" winner will be announced on at Y101 at 8:20 a.m. each Friday from May 6th - June 3rd. The remaining 80 prizes, including the top three prizes mentioned above, will take place at the "Everybody Wins" Mega Raffle "MEGA EVENT" on Saturday, June 4th, from 5 p.m. - Midnight at the Knights of Columbus Grounds on south 36th St.

All ticket sales are final and non-refundable. You need not be present to win. For more information on the "Everybody Wins" Mega Raffle, or to purchase a ticket, please visit www.quincymegaraffle.org, or contact Paul Rittorf, Executive Director, QCES Foundation at (217) 779-3157 or Kurt Stuckman, Executive Director, Quincy Notre Dame Foundation at (217) 224-2598.

Knights of Columbus Prime Rib Dinner

April 9, Prime Rib Dinner-Drawing for Cash, Top Prize \$1,000. Cost \$30.00 – Includes meal and entry into the drawing. Limit 200 tickets will be available starting March 7th at the Bar. \$1000 Prize Money based on selling all 200 tickets. Donated Prize is based on number of tickets sold.

Reservations may be made at K of C 222-1000 or Mike Wensing 573-690-5181 or Tom Sparrow 257-2230.

2nd Annual Parents' Prom

The St. Francis Solanus Home and School Association request the pleasure of your company at the second annual **Parents' Prom** fundraising event on **Saturday, April 9, 2016** from 7p.m. – 11p.m. in the St. Francis School Gym. You don't need to be a parent, just over 21 to come and share in fun and fellowship. This year's theme is Awesome 80's; casual and formal 80's attire is fun **but not required**. This is open to all parishes. Light hors d'oeuvres will be served, with dancing and a silent auction. **BYOB, you must be 21 or older to attend.** \$15 per ticket, or \$25 per couple. Babysitting for children who are potty trained will be provided by the St. Francis 8th grade and QND students for a free will donation. If you have questions or would like to donate an auction item, call Diana Real at 653-2216.

Send checks to "St Francis Solanus" for your ticket amount, with "Parents Prom" in the memo to the School Office by April 6, 2016.

Elementary Principal

St. Mary School in Mt. Sterling, IL Pre-K-8 (85 Students, 15 Teachers and facility), is seeking a qualified Catholic Religious or layperson with a vibrant vision for Catholic identity and academic excellence.

Qualified applicant should have: Teaching experience; experience as a principal; a master's degree or willingness to pursue one; Illinois certificate. Salary is negotiable. **Send resume or cover letter by mail to:** Search Committee, c/o Holy Family Catholic Church 401 West North Street Mt. Sterling, IL 62353; or email to: holy.family@smseagle.org

Application must be received by April 6th

Word of Life

"You may be thinking, 'I don't deserve to be forgiven. My sins are too great!' Thankfully, God's love is greater than all the sins of all time. Jesus offers his grace and forgiveness to every repentant heart."

www.hopeafterabortion.com

Thank You

We have received letters from the Franciscan Missionary Union thanking you for the latest contributions of \$2,980.49 for our Sister Parish in Alaska. They really appreciate your generosity and your prayers.

Spring Card Party

St. Joseph Catholic Church
East on Hwy. 104 – Left (North) on 1500th Street which is St. Joseph Road at the Parish Hall, Quincy, IL
Sunday, April 10, 2016 at 12:30pm, FOR TABLE RESERVATIONS CALL - Optional
Helen Jansen -- 217-434-8380
Judy Haistings -- 217-885-3203
Mary Bauer -- 217-434-8728
Cost is \$8.00, *Everyone Invited!!!!* Pork Loin, Potatoes, Green Beans, Fruit Salad, Home Made Hot Rolls, & Dessert, Country Store/Bake Sale Watkin Sales

Easter Memorials

Kathy Cain

Nancy Christensen

Moritz Cramsey

Paul Hidding

Howard F. Humphrey

Howard S. & Virginia Humphrey

Kurt S. Humphrey

Betty Klossing

James F. Koch

Lib & Althea Lay

Bon Martin

Gus Nauert

Virgil Obert

Jim & Mary Prior

Louis & Catherine Rakers

Danny Schulte

Don Schulte

Maria Schulte

Rita Schulte

Ed & Velma Wellman



St. Francis School News

HSA Meeting

Home & School Meeting will be on Tuesday, April 12th. The meeting will be from 7-8 pm in the cafeteria, but there will be a social meeting time between 6:30-7. This will be a great time to meet other parents, share ideas, etc. The agenda for this meeting will include voting on a constitution and bylaws, taking nominations for Committee Chairs for next year, as well as many other important topics. Copies of the constitution/bylaws will be available in the school office to read prior to the meeting. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact Heather Bryan, Jennifer Arens, Karla Fesler, or Lori Vranjes.

Easter Celebration Pictures

Holy Thursday - The Lord's Supper



Pictured are Zoey Schmitz & Binh Nguyen

Good Friday – Passion of the Lord



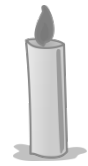
Veneration of the Cross

The Easter Vigil

Blessing of the fire and lighting the Paschal candle.



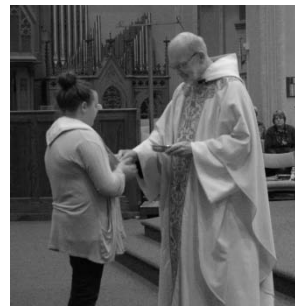
Zoey Schmitz being baptized



Zoey Schmitz with godparents Edwin & Tammy Schmitz and sponsor Misty Cramsey.



Zoey Schmitz (Catechumen) and Binh Nguyen (Candidate) Receiving confirmation.



Zoey Schmitz (Catechumen) and Binh Nguyen (Candidate) Receiving the Eucharist.



Pictured L to R: Carol Seifert, Tammy Schmitz, Edwin Schmitz, Misty Cramsey, Zoey Schmitz, Binh Nguyen, Caitlin Kendrick, & Fr. Duc Pham.

Happy Easter Season!!

April 9 & 10	Altar Server - Weekend	Communion Minister		Usher	Reader	Greeter
Saturday 4:30 pm	William Bickhaus Elizabeth Robertson Hailey Skinner	Christina Ehrhart Regina Klingele David Pillars Theresa Rohrer	Connie Johnson Mary Newman Rose Pillars Eric Schultz	Michael Bickhaus - Head Brian Dreier Edward Hinkamper Dennis Kendrick Dick Mitchell Richard Newman	Patricia Gable Robert Ley	Kristine Bickhaus Amy Steinkamp
Sunday 6:30 AM		Reg Ankrom Mike Happekotte		Joe Bernhardt Joyce Frericks Kevin Frericks	Dwain Preston	
Sunday 8:00 AM	Adam Liesen Julia Liesen Ryan Spilman	Launa Blickhan Amanda Garnett Geri McMillen Gary Winking	Maurice Blickhan Jane Gregory Steve McMillen Sue Winking	Paul Eling - Head Usher Joe Eling John Hummel Larry Klauser Roch Schulte George Venvertloh	Bruce Broemmel Steve Davis	Kathy Klauser Emilie Venvertloh
Sunday 9:30 AM	Kennady Fleer Nolan Fleer Drew Genenbacher	Ann Betts Linda Burke Erin Schrage Vieve Veith	Kelly Burgtorf Linda Rull Ronald Upper Shirley Walbring	Steve Schrage - Head Neal Blickhan Bryant Burke Terry Kistner Terry Nall Keith Wiemelt	John Venegoni Nancy Venegoni	Jill Blickhan Donnette Cannady
Sunday 11:00 AM	Brady Dreyer Nolan Obert Jonathan Ohnemus	Jacob Benz Sylvia Collins Dee Mast Joe Smith	Sheila Benz Arlene Hendren Marvin Mast Marcia Steinkamp	Bill Fleer - Head Usher John Benz Richard Bourne Rob Gengenbacher Ron Gengenbacher John Obert	Michelle Obert Dennis Steinkamp	James Doellman Doris Karhoff

Servers for Saturday, April 9 at 8:00 a.m. Mass and weekday 8:00 am Masses for April 11-15 are Zona Oatey and Lily St. John