



4th Sunday of Easter April 17, 2016

Parish Events

Monday, April 18

3:00 pm Kindergarten Girl Scouts
6:00 pm Holy Name
6:00 pm PSR
7:00 pm Rosary

Tuesday, April 19

9:00 am Young Mom's Group
6:30 pm Frericks Prayer Group
6:30 pm Pastoral Council
6:30 pm Protecting God's Children

Wednesday, April 20

8:35 am School Mass
6:30 pm First Communion Practice
7:00 pm Boy Scouts
7:30 pm St. Francis Men's Prayer Group

Thursday, April 21

6:00 pm Schuerman PSR Girl Scouts
6:30 pm Dave Ramsey Financial Peace
6:30 pm Finance Council
6:30 pm Scripture Group – Conf. Rm
7:00 pm RCIA

Friday, April 22

3:00 pm 5th Grade Girl Scouts

Upcoming Events

4/24 First Communion Mass
4/24 Gengenbacher Prayer Group
4/25 6th Grade Girl Scouts
4/25 8th Grade Girl Scouts
4/25 PSR
4/26 Picnic Committee Meeting
4/26 Stewardship Committee
4/27 School Mass
4/27 Confirmation Orientation
4/27 Boy Scouts
4/28 3rd Grade Girl Scouts
4/28 Schuerman PSR Girl Scouts
4/28 Scripture Discussion Group
4/28 Boy Scout Committee Meeting
4/28 RCIA

Memorial Candles

The White Memorial Candles are going to be removed temporarily for repair. There are a couple of them that are dim and also a couple that don't seem to be working properly. Anyone who currently has a candle lit, please know that the year the candle is to be lit will be extended to account for the time that the candles were gone.

Fr. Don's Doodling's

On this **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**, I thought this would be a good opportunity to encourage everyone to promote vocations. And clearly the vocations that are most pressing in the Catholic Church today are those to priesthood and religious life.

There's a certain irony to the timing of this. Just as I was planning to write to you about this topic I was faced with some scheduling problems here at St. Francis. Some of you who attended Masses at which Fr. Duc presided heard him saying that he would be away for a week to officiate at the wedding of one of his sisters in California.

In addition to that, Fr. Moré is still recovering from his eye surgery and it's important to not rush him into putting stress on his eye by requiring him to do a lot of reading, which of course is necessary at Mass. Also, he will be away for a couple of days this week.

So I called our brothers at Holy Cross Friary, and we will be getting some help from both Fr. Joe Zimmerman, O.F.M., and Fr. Derran Combs, O.F.M., for which I am very grateful. But in the process I learned of other reasons which preclude other priests from helping out. And, while it doesn't affect us here at St. Francis, you know by now that Fr. Tom Hagstrom is in treatment for health issues, and so Fr. Tom Donovan is taking over at St. Anthony's Parish for the time being.

Examples like these abound of the stress produced by the shortage of priests. If it weren't for the generosity of some of our retired priests helping out, we would be in even more serious trouble.

I'm sorry if this is a rather negative way of approaching the importance of promoting vocations to priesthood and religious life. Suffice it to say that we really need to face the reality that in the not-to-distant future we will be in pretty serious trouble if we don't have more priests. Personally, I'd really love to see more religious sisters and brothers as well who could be in our classrooms, addressing social concerns, and doing all kinds of church related ministry.

Today, as I said, is a day on which we want to pray for vocations. But I strongly suggest that we need to do more than just pray. We need to keep this issue in our consciousness. I gave a presentation on this in one of our classrooms recently, and I was surprised to see how little our kids knew about religious life.

We had a vocation fair in our school last year, I believe, but we need to talk, pray, discuss, and promote vocations frequently, so as to keep it alive in the consciousness of our kids and our young adults.

I also have great hopes that promoting stewardship as a way of life will produce more

vocations. The Diocese of Wichita, KS, has an abundance of priests since they have embraced stewardship for over 30 years. Who says we can't experience that here? It's up to all of us to promote vocations. Will you?

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

Catholic Home Missions Appeal

There's an envelope in your packet for April 24th, for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. This helps support dioceses in the US and its territories that lack the resources to provide basic pastoral ministry to their people. It offers grants to fund catechesis, seminarian education, lay ministry training, Hispanic ministry, and other pastoral programs in needy dioceses. Thanks for your contributions.

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the soul of Beverly Wiemelt, who died recently. Eternal rest, grant unto her, O Lord.



Jesus asks us to demonstrate our love for Him through our generosity to others. In our everyday lives, He calls us to share our gifts of time, talent and treasure with others.

First Communion Practice

First Communion practice is on April 20, at 6:30 pm, in church for children and parents.

Confirmation Practice

Confirmation practice is on May 4, at 6:30 pm in church for Confirmation Candidates and Sponsors.

Attention Prayer Partners

Prayer Partners for First Communion and Confirmation Please remember to turn in your prayer card to the attention of Carol Seifert. **First Communion due by April 20** and **Confirmation by April 30.**

Confirmation Orientation for Confirmation in 2017

There will be an orientation meeting, for students entering the 8th grade next year and wanting to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2017, on April 28, at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center. Parents and students are expected to attend.

Parish Support: April 9 -10

	Actual	Budgeted	Difference
Church /School	\$20,231.46	\$22,275	-\$2,043.54
YEAR TO DATE	\$808,086.76	\$868,725	-\$60,638.24

Miscellaneous Collections

\$673.00

Marriage Banns

2nd Banns

William Meckes & Catherine Bocke



We are pleased to welcome the following individuals who recently registered as parishioners. Please make them feel welcome and part of our great parish.

Kari Havens

Robert Havens



Baptisms

Carter Ryan Terwelp,

Son of Joseph & Amber Terwelp

Morgan Olivia Lammers,

Daughter of John & Elizabeth Lammers

Nolan John Kelly,

Son of John & Lindsey Kelly

Kiehl Garysen McIntire,

Daughter of Jeff & Mary McIntire

Larry Christian Walker Brumbaugh,

Son of Ryan & Lexi Brumbaugh

Received First Communion



Above is a picture of Nathan Groszek with parents Michael and Mandi. Nathan made his first communion on April 9 at 4:30 Mass.

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. (Next date is 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.



Vacation Bible School

Please save your cardboard tubes!
Vacation Bible School theme this year is "Cave Quest". We will need cardboard tubes from paper towels, wrapping paper and even carpet tubes to make cave crystals, stalagmites and stalactites for our decorations. You can drop them off in the north entrance of the parish center.



St. Francis Preschool

St. Francis Preschool is now accepting enrollment forms for fall of 2016. We have openings in both the 3 and 4

year old classes. For more information, you may contact the school, 217-222-4077.

Lighthouse Catholic Media

Have you stopped by the kiosk lately?

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit--booklet--Scriptures talks about the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, but what are they exactly? This Knights of Columbus booklet presents St. Thomas Aquinas' explanation of these incredible gifts, and will strengthen both your knowledge of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and your desire for them. Just in time for Pentecost.

Mercy Works: Practical Love for the 21st Century--booklet by Mark Shea--The spiritual and corporal works of mercy are not a list to be learned but actions to be lived. Gives great examples of people who have performed the works of mercy and advice on how we can practice them. Pope Francis's Year of Mercy is a call to each one of us to rediscover and to live the works of mercy every day.

Catechism of the Catholic Church: A Sure Guide--CD by Francis Cardinal Arinze, who energetically draws from his experience to help us see the practical value of the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), a guide to living our daily lives in accordance with Holy Scripture and the Sacred Traditions. A motivating and educational presentation.

**NOW
HIRING**

Positions Open

Quincy Notre Dame High School has the following coaching positions open for the 2016-17 school year:

- Head Girls Basketball Coach
- Assistant Cheerleading Coach
- Assistant Cross Country Coach

To receive full consideration, submit a cover letter, resume, and 3 letters of recommendation, **on or before Friday, April 22, 2016**, to:

Bill Connell, Athletic Director
1400 S. 11th Street
Quincy, IL 62301
Or email bconnell@qndhs.org

Parking

Please park in designated parking spots ONLY, in the new parking lot on the north side of the hall. Do not park in front of the dumpsters or in between the handicap spots where it is clearly marked **no parking**.

This makes it difficult for our handicap visitors to get in and out safely. Thank you for your cooperation.

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.

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.

QND Pommers

Texas Roadhouse Takeover Night

The 5-Time IDTA Statce QND Pom Champions have been invited to perform at the Orange Bowl in Miami, FL, Dec. 27-31, 2016. Please consider supporting the QND Pommers at our Texas Roadhouse Takeover Night. Join us on Tuesday, April 19, 2016 from 4:00 -10:00 PM when the QND Pommers takeover Texas Roadhouse. The pommers will be on location to serve rolls and visit with customers. Donate \$5 and receive a FREE cactus blossom or fried pickle appetizer. Donate more than \$5 and receive an additional appetizer coupon good for your next visit. Fundraiser cards valued at \$25 available for \$10. Tips Appreciated. Come out and Support the QND Pommers reach their Goal for the Bowl.



American Girl Doll / Mother Daughter - Spring Tea

Come help the friars!-- Holy Cross Friary 724 N. 20th Quincy, IL 62301 on Saturday, May 28, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Have Brunch with your favorite American Girl! Vendors, brunch, silent auction and more! Cost: \$25.00 for adults; Cost for children: \$5.00 Reservations: Brother Ed, OFM - [217-316-4335](tel:217-316-4335) Limited seating! Awesome food by JJs. Little girls and moms are encouraged to bring their American Girl Doll to the Tea and Brunch!

Medical Mission Trip to Myanmar

Come see and hear about John and Candy Scott's medical mission trip to Myanmar.

When: May 11, 2016 @ 6pm

Where: KROC Center, 405 Vermont St, Quincy, IL
Dessert and drinks provided.



All Faiths Celebration Concert

The Dogwood Weekend culminates in The District with the All Faith Celebration Sunday May 1st in Clat Adams Park on the beautiful Mississippi. The celebration begins at 3:00pm with the City Wide Praise & Worship Service that will include the Crossing Worship performers. Beginning at 4:00pm a special concert by Christian recording artists Andrew Peterson and Carrollton. The All Faith Celebration is a free event. Food and beverage provided for sale by the Butcher Block. There will be bounce houses, face painting and balloon artist. Lawn chairs encouraged for the event. No outside food or beverage is allowed. Event will be held at Oakley Lindsay Center in case of rain.

Ladies of Charity

We are in need of your help. The Ladies of Charity at 12th & Chestnut are in need of the following: knick-knacks, jewelry, small appliances (in good working order), household items and clothing. We are open Wed.-Sat. 9am-4pm. Drop off items during these hours. Thank you and God Bless.

St. Rose of Lime Card Party

On Tuesday, April 26, 2016; doors open at 11am and lunch is served at Noon. Call 217-223-8015 or 217-222-7219 for reservations.

St. Vincent's Auxiliary

Salad Bar on Friday, April 22, 2016; at the Community Center. 10:30am – 1:00 pm, Cost is \$5 for salad, drink and desert.

Resource Expo 2016, For Seniors & Persons with Disabilities

Thursday, May 26 from 10am – 2pm
639 York Street, Quincy.
Lunch served 11am to 1:30pm
Vendors with cutting edge information, LIVE Entertainment, Raffle prizes (including a Kindle Fire HD,

32" Flat screen TV, \$50 MasterCard, 4 Cook's Night Off tickets) Giveaways—Door Prizes—50/50 Drawing.

Word of Life

"Assisted suicide may sound like it provides choices for individuals, but instead, it's taking choices away from people by radically weakening the promise of care and support at the end of life for terminally ill patients like me."

"Maggie's Story: Living like Dad," www.goo.gl/JKkvWc
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

Frericks Garden, Inc.

Catholic Schools Weekend!

April 29, 30, & May 1: **15% of your purchase is donated back to the school of your choice. Must present bulletin or flyer to cashier to receive donation.**

St. Francis School News

- April 15-16** School Play, "Nigh t the Wax Museum"
- April 21** STEM Night at 6:00 p.m.
- April 24** First Communion



Tennis, Anyone??

We would especially like to thank Judge Mark Schuering for assisting in our PE classes to give our students the opportunity to learn how to play tennis! They were having a wonderful time and after only a few short lessons, had become quite skilled! What a great example of Stewardship!

Lori Shepard

April 23 & 24	Altar Server - Weekend	Communion Minister		Usher	Reader	Greeter
Saturday 4:30 pm	Drew Genenbacher Aaron Hea Sam Hea	John Dobbins Maureen Makarewicz Diane Schultz Joselyn Smith	Connie Johnson Mary Newman Eric Schultz Bobbie Talken	Jim Waterkotte - Head Paul Kemner Russell Rohrer Bradley Smith Richard Steinkamp Harold Vahle	Chryssia Hea Ted Hea	Peggy Kaiser Teri Struck
Sunday 6:30 AM		Mike Happekotte Rose Keller		Joe Bernhardt Joyce Frericks Kevin Frericks	Paul Brown	
Sunday 8:00 AM	Brennan Bridle Ginny Steinkamp Sarah Steinkamp	Launa Blickhan Jane Dietrich Ric Hinkamper Julie Reis	Maurice Blickhan Kay Gallaher Peggy Koetters Pat Winking	Roger Gallaher - Head Jerry Carnivale Perry Terwelp Joe Venvertloh Larry Venvertloh Edwin Wellman	Bruce Broemmel Monica Hinkamper	Joan Beard Margaret Steinbrecher
Sunday 9:30 AM	Lily Barthel Krystal Burgtorf Madison McPherson	Kelly Burgtorf Wilbur Gleckler Damian McDonald Joanne Ortwerth	Carol Darnell Kristy Henrichs Lisa McDonald Erin Schrage	Steve Schrage - Head Jason Costigan Gary Darnell Terry Nall Mike Patterson Karl Venvertloh	Mary Frances Barthel Helen Zimmerman	Barbara Mitchell Prudy Patterson
Sunday 11:00 AM	Jonathan Benz Keiley Meyer Nathan Obert	Jacob Benz Sheila Benz Anne Meyer Ruth Scharnhorst	John Benz Beverly Helkey Val Paden Leah Waterkotte	Bill Fleer - Head Usher Richard Bourne Drew Erwin Marty Karhoff Joseph Obert Don Olps	Karen Steinkamp Janet Waterkotte	LouAnn Grady Doris Karhoff

Servers for Saturday, April 23 at 8:00 a.m. Mass and weekday 8:00 am Masses for April 25-29 are Spencer Arnold and Makailia Uhland