



## 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter May 1, 2016

### Parish Events

#### Sunday, May 1

##### Rosary before every Mass

Private Event

2:00 pm Wolf Scouts

#### Monday, May 2

3:00 pm Kindergarten Girl Scouts

6:00 pm PSR

6:30 pm Cub Scouts

7:00 pm Rosary

7:00 pm St. Francis Community Assistance Meeting

#### Tuesday, May 3

9:00 am Young Mom's Group

6:30 pm Frerick's Prayer Group

6:30 pm Liturgy Planning Committee

6:30 pm Youth Group Leader Meeting

#### Wednesday, May 4

8:35 am School Mass

6:30 pm Confirmation Practice

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

7:30 pm St. Francis Men's Prayer Group

#### Thursday, May 5

12:00 pm St. Francis Ladies Card Party

5:30 pm Couples Prayer Group

6:00 pm Schuerman PSR Girl Scouts

6:30 pm Scripture Discussion Group

7:00 pm RCIA

#### Friday, May 6

8:00 am School Event

3:00 pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Girl Scouts

### Upcoming Events

- 5/7 Private Event
- 5/8 Gengenbacher Prayer Group
- 5/9 6<sup>th</sup> Girl Scouts
- 5/9 8<sup>th</sup> Girl Scouts
- 5/9 PSR
- 5/11 School Mass
- 5/11 Confirmation
- 5/11 Boy Scouts
- 5/12 3<sup>rd</sup> Girl Scouts
- 5/12 Schuerman PSR Girl Scouts
- 5/12 Scripture Discussion Group
- 5/12 RCIA
- 5/13 4<sup>th</sup> Girl Scouts
- 5/14 Hispanic Retreat
- 5/14 QU Baccalaureate- Church

### Rosary

During the month of May, the rosary will be said 25 minutes before each Sunday Mass. Let us pray the rosary in honor of our Blessed Mother Mary, our country, and our parish. Please join us.

### Fr. Don's Doodling's

As I look at the calendar I see lots of interesting dates. Today, May 1<sup>st</sup>, for example, is Easter Sunday in the Orthodox Church and also Easter in the Julian Calendar, which was introduced by Julius Caesar in 46 BC. The Julian Calendar was replaced by the Gregorian Calendar in 1582 and promulgated by Pope Gregory XIII, and is the calendar we now use in the Western Church.

Today is also the beginning of the month of May, which is dedicated to Our Lady, and so the rosary will be prayed before the weekend Masses during the month of May. Mary has many feast days, and this month alone we celebrate Our Lady of Fatima on May 13<sup>th</sup>, and The Visitation on May 31<sup>st</sup>. I don't think there is any month of the year in which Mary is not honored.

Most of us will remember the term "Ascension Thursday." So in a by-gone era the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord was celebrated 40 days after Easter, which would be this coming Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. But it was transferred to the following Sunday so that more people could make it to church for this important feast of Our Lord.

The switch to Sunday was made at different times in different parts of the world, but it was in around 1998 in Canada and parts of the western United States; and in many other parts in the United States from 1999. The U.S. ecclesiastical provinces which retain the observance on Thursday are Boston, Hartford, New York, Newark, Omaha, and Philadelphia. The rest of the U.S. celebrates the Ascension on the 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter.

And there's more on May 5<sup>th</sup>. It is Holocaust Remembrance Day, and also Cinco de Mayo. I asked Fr. Moré to fill me in a little bit about the meaning of Cinco de Mayo, and he explained about the war between the Mexicans and the French. And since the Mexican army prevented the French from invading what is now the U.S., he said that Cinco de Mayo means more to the people of the U.S. than it does to the Mexicans.

And next Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, will not only be our celebration of the Ascension of the Lord, but will also be Mother's Day. How in the world can we make those two things work together? I leave it up to your imaginations.



"While we have the opportunity, let us do good to all people – but especially to those of the household of the faith."  
(Galatians 6:10)



### 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.

### ACSA

Last week we put more envelopes in the pews for the **Annual Catholic Services Appeal**, and I'm happy to say that many folks picked them up. That's great. I want to thank you very much for your contributions to help us to reduce the balance of \$67,000 that we owe to the Diocese of Springfield. This is an example of stewardship – of how we can all work together to make something happen.

Fr. Don

Status 2015-16	
Annual Catholic Services Appeal as of 4-19-16	
ACSA Goal for St. Francis Solanus	\$135,138.00
Paid to Date	\$68,151.02
<b>Amount Remaining to be paid</b>	<b>\$66,986.98</b>

### Parish Support: April 23 -24

	Actual	Budgeted	Difference
Church /School	\$16,143.91	\$22,275	<b>-\$6,131.09</b>
<b>YEAR TO DATE</b>	<b>\$836,609.22</b>	<b>\$913,275</b>	<b>-\$76,665.78</b>

### Miscellaneous Collections

\$3,786.30

### Rest in Peace

Please pray for the soul of Richard Scholz, who died recently. Eternal rest, grant unto him, O Lord.



### Marriage Banns

**1<sup>st</sup> Banns**

Ryan Stuckman & Rachel Powers

**2<sup>nd</sup> Banns**

Chris Klauser & Julie Costigan



### Ladies of St. Francis Card Party

On May 5, 2016 at 11 am to 3 pm at Solanus Hall. For reservations call Marcia at 222-3370.

### St. Francis Youth Group

The Pastoral Council has formed a committee for a Youth Group at St. Francis Parish. We are having an information gathering meeting on Tuesday, May 3 at 6:30 pm in Solanus Hall. We are concentrating on the junior high age group. **Please consider coming to share your time and thoughts on this critical aspect of the St. Francis Parish Family. All are welcome.** For questions call Martin Mak Makarewicz 224-8668.

### Confirmation Practice

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



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

Erin Thomas

Jeffrey Cancienne



### St. Francis Preschool

St. Francis Preschool is now accepting enrollment forms for fall of 2016. We have openings in both the 3am and pm and only pm in the 4 year old classes. For more information, you may contact the school, 217-222-4077.

### Picnic Update

Next weekend April 30-May 1, packets will be passed out after all Masses as well as chair sign-ups for booths for the Parish Picnic. Show your support and sign up. The Parish Picnic is on June 11, 5pm-Midnight. Come out and enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship. More details to come...stay tuned!!



## Baby Bottle Blitz

Care Net Pregnancy Services of Quincy has again provided baby bottles for their annual Baby Bottle Blitz. This is a fund raiser for this agency that provides services for women with unplanned pregnancies. Some women come to them with the intention of having an abortion. Care Net offers them information and support, encouraging them to bear their children. We ask you to support their services by accepting a bottle, filling it with change of the coming weeks, and returning it here to church on Father's Day, June 19. Thank you for this way of supporting the sacredness of life.

## Word on Fire

"Little did I know that God was there, all along, offering me his love... The power of forgiveness is life-altering. I am happy again and the people whom I love sense that."

— "Life Matters: Forgiveness and Healing after Abortion" USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities ([www.goo.gl/J2WGnW](http://www.goo.gl/J2WGnW))

## 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.**

**Gathering dates in May will be Tuesday, May 3, and Tuesday, May 17. These will be the last two dates of this season. The group will resume their get-togethers in September.**

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.

## Teaching Position Opening

St. Dominic School has an opening for a preschool teacher for the 2016-2017 school year. Applicants must have Illinois certification. Resumes and inquiries may be sent to Sue Kelley, Principal, St. Dominic School, 4100 Columbus Rd., Quincy, IL 62305 or [skelley@stdominicquincy.org](mailto:skelley@stdominicquincy.org).

## Lighthouse Catholic Media

New at the kiosk this week--

**Faith Basics: Come to the Celebration**--booklet by Regis Flaherty-- The liturgical calendar provides a familiarity that grounds us in the life of the Church. Travel this road of the liturgical year and discover how the liturgical seasons are opportunities for grace and growth.

**All Things Are Possible for God**--CD by Fr. Joshua Waltz-

As a young man, the last thing Fr. Joshua Waltz ever thought he would be was a Catholic priest. In this talk, Fr. Waltz shares an incredible vocation story that involves heartbreak, robbers, Europe, and several miracles—all showing that there is nothing more exciting than a life lived for Jesus Christ.



## PMO Band /Choir Spring Concert

The Parochial Music Association Band and Choirs will present their annual Spring Concert on Thursday, May 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the QND Gymnasium. Over 100 students in grades 4-8 from all Quincy Parochial schools comprise the PMO Concert Band, Cadet Band, Jazz Band, Concert Choir, and Cadet Choir. The bands are conducted by Keith Wiemelt and Sara Reeder, and the choirs are conducted by Monica Scholz. Admission is free and everyone is encouraged to attend and support these young musicians!

## Schwan's Cares Fundraiser for your Quincy Notre Dame Pommers

The 5-time IDTA State QND Pom Champions have been invited to perform during half time at the Orange Bowl in Miami, FL in December. This prestigious invitation is an honor for the squad and the pommers are excited to be able to perform there and represent Quincy Notre Dame. It's easy to support the girls.....by going to [www.schwans-cares.com/c/26957](http://www.schwans-cares.com/c/26957) a portion of the sales will come back in support of our campaign and you will get to enjoy some amazing food delivered directly to your house. Thanks for all your support!!

## Carmelites

St. Joseph, Faithful Guardian of Carmel Group will meet on First Saturday, May 7 at 1:00 p.m. in St. Rose of Lima Parish Hall. Please bring a sack lunch. All are welcome.



## 2016 "EVERYBODY WINS"

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](http://www.quincymegaraffle.org). Only 4,000 tickets will be sold at \$100 per ticket. "Everybody Wins" Mega Raffle "MEGA EVENT" will be 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](http://www.quincymegaraffle.org), or contact Paul Rittof, Executive Director, QCES Foundation at (217) 779-3157 or Kurt Stuckman, Executive Director, Quincy Notre Dame Foundation at (217) 224-2598.



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## 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.



## Sports Physicals

Advance Physical Therapy will be having their free sports physicals on June 9th and July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015 starting at 6pm. The physicals are for all CYO, QND, QHS, and any other school sport physicals. The only athletes not included are 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> graders. The physicals are free, but an appointment must be made by calling 217-222-9300. The physicals are located at our 927 Broadway, Suite 100 Advance location (Blessing Physician Services building).

## Retirement Mass

Please join us as we honor Sharon Terwelp and Karen Venvertloh for their dedicated service to Quincy Catholic Education. Sharon a teacher for 38 years and Karen for 31 have touched the lives of many children, making life-long impacts on their academic growth and faith formation. A Mass in their honor will be held on May 15<sup>th</sup> at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church-10:00 a.m.. Reception to follow in the church gathering space, with a special recognition at noon.

## St. Francis School News

- May 11** Confirmation at 7:00 p.m.
- May 17** 8<sup>th</sup> Grade graduation at 7:00 pm
- May 24** NO SCHOOL –TEACHER WORK DAY
- May 25** Last Day of School and School Picnic



## STEM Night

On April 21st, 2016 the St. Francis Solanus Junior High students participated in the fourth annual STEM Night. The 6th graders competed in an egg drop competition. The 7th graders competed in a mousetrap car speed competition or a distance competition and the 8th graders finished the night off by competing in a catapult competition. A great crowd came out even with the weather being rainy.

### The winners were:

- Emma Grant** - Mousetrap Cars (Speed)
- Ryan Anderson** - Mousetrap Cars (Distance)
- Will Drew and Hannah Dreier** – Catapults

## Mrs. Mak's Class First Mass



First Communion Celebration  
April 24, 2016 @ 2pm



May 7 & 8	Altar Server - Weekend	Communion Minister		Usher	Reader	Greeter
Saturday 4:30 pm	Danica Clarke Evan Deters Zachary Deters	Patti Blickhan John Dobbins Amy Kaiser Roger Knuffman	Charles Carlson Sheila Goehl Phyllis Knuffman Cindy Reichert	Dick Mitchell - Head Usher Tom Ennis Harvey Fuelling Jim Kaiser Tim Reichert John Veith	John Venegoni Nancy Venegoni	Joleen Patton Tim & Cindy Reichert
Sunday 6:30 AM		Amanda Garnett Rose Keller		John Beckman Janet Marquette Anthony Meyer	Pam Keller	
Sunday 8:00 AM	Emily Gower Isaac Hinkamper Cayge Hughes	Launa Blickhan Julie Reis Gary Winking Jan Zeidler	Maurice Blickhan Ann Wesbecher Sue Winking Rich Zeidler	Jim Waterkotte - Head John Hummel Nathan Koettters Jerry Meyer John Ohnemus Roch Schulte	Bruce Broemmel Brad Hummel	Kathy Klauser Larry Klauser
Sunday 9:30 AM	Austin Lawrence Adam Liesen Julia Liesen	Ann Betts Robert Haas Marvin Knuffman Linda Rull	Chris Duvall Carol Haistings Jamie Pieper Shirley Walbring	Mike Zanger - Head Usher Mark Dietrich Joseph Fessler Mike Fessler Rob Haistings Ryan Klauser	Tom Cummings Donna Mangold	Donnette Cannady Betty Kaufmann
Sunday 11:00 AM	Jordan Meyer Ericka Obert Nolan Obert	Mary Frances Barthel Dee Mast Anne Meyer Michelle Obert	Teena Fisk Marvin Mast John Obert Carla Slough	Bill Fleer - Head Usher Richard Bourne Rob Gengenbacher Don Olps Matthew Schulte Sam Vranjes	Ron Gengenbacher Karen Steinkamp	Sylvia Collins Patricia Tomczak

Servers for Saturday, May 7 at 8:00 a.m. Mass and weekday 8:00 am Masses for May 9-13 are Dylan Schrage and Matthew Uhland