



The Ascension of the Lord May 8, 2016

Parish Events

Sunday, May 8

Rosary before every Mass

7:00 pm Gengenbacher Prayer Group

Monday, May 9

3:00 pm 6th Grade Girl Scouts

3:00 pm 8th Grade Girl Scouts

6:00 pm PSR

7:00 pm Rosary

Tuesday, May 10

6:00 pm Parish Picnic Committee Meeting

6:30 pm Pastoral Council Meeting

Wednesday, May 11

8:35 am School Mass

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

7:00 pm Confirmation

Thursday, May 12

3:00 pm 3rd Grade Girl Scouts

6:00 pm Schuerman PSR Girl Scouts

6:30 pm Scripture Discussion Group

7:00 pm RCIA

Friday, May 13

6:30 pm Klauser Girl Scouts

Upcoming Events

- 5/14 Private Event
- 5/14 QU Baccalaureate- Church
- 5/15 Secular Franciscans
- 5/16 Kindergarten Girl Scouts
- 5/16 PSR
- 5/17 Young Mom's Group
- 5/17 8th Grade Graduation
- 5/17 Frerick's Prayer Group
- 5/18 School Mass
- 5/18 Boy Scouts
- 5/18 St. Francis Men's Prayer Group
- 5/19 Schuerman PSR Girl Scouts
- 5/19 Finance Council Meeting
- 5/19 Scripture Discussion Group
- 5/19 RCIA
- 5/21 Private Event

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

So what's happening on the repairs of the church? I'm sure you've been wondering. Let's begin at the beginning. The big storm on July 13, 2015, ripped shingles off our church roof and the steeple. Some of them even blew across the street and ripped holes in the school roof. The school roof was repaired long ago along with the air conditioning units that got shoved around off their moorings.

The wind, which was up to 85 mph, also pulled loose the decorative white finials on the four corners of the clock tower, and in the process ripped a load of bricks off their piers, raining them down on the church steps. The finials and the remaining loose bricks were taken down immediately for safety sake. So we're looking at repairs to the roof of the church, the steeple, and the masonry, and the fabrication of new finials.

Early on we were informed that patching of the church roof is "not an option." The shingles on the roof are made of a very ridged material, so it is not just a matter of folding them back and nailing down new ones. Rather, the entire roof of the church needs to be repaired with new shingles. The same is true of the steeple, which actually has three different colors of slate shingles. The engineers and roofers have taken copious close-up photos of everything so that it can all be repaired and brought back to its original or previous appearance.

Because of the steep pitch of the church roof, to say nothing of that of the steeple, the whole project will require scaffolding. Renaissance Roofing, out of St. Louis, who got the bid, tells me that they will do their own scaffolding around the church, but another company will handle the special scaffolding for the work on the steeple, which is 185 feet in height. Imagine climbing up there. Imagine working up there!

VonderHaar Masonry will do the brickwork, and Peters Heating and Air Conditioning will refashion the finials out of sheet metal around an inner structure. AH Kemner & Sons will handle the painting. So we have our own local professionals involved as much as possible. I've also been assured that all of these skilled professionals can work together, rather than one at a time.

The work is expected to begin sometime this month, and, depending on the weather, will probably continue well into autumn. As you can imagine, all will be done in such a way that church services will not be disrupted. The far west side of the west parking lot will be the "staging area" for all the materials needed. There will be access to all church entrances, and our

safety will be assured. Hazardous materials will be contained and disposed of according to the code of law.

The projected cost is \$1,146,968.00. Ever since I came here the Finance Council has talked about the day when we will have to replace the church roof, and now this will be paid for entirely by insurance, which is carried through the Diocese of Springfield. Is it too soon to say thanks to God for the storm of July 13th? So we've hardly finished one building project and are about to launch into another. Never a dull moment around here.

Fr. James' 50th Anniversary

You've probably seen the announcement of the Golden Jubilee of the ordination to the priesthood of Fr. James Wheeler, O.F.M., which was in the recent edition of the *Catholic Times*. We add our congratulations. Some have asked for his address, which is: Holy Cross Friary, 724 N 20th Street, Quincy, IL 62301-2463. He was ordained on Jan. 9, 1966.



Jesus asks us to commit ourselves to be good stewards of the gifts entrusted to us, to share our time, our talent and our treasure as an outward sign of the love and gratitude we have for Him.



White Memorial Candles - Update

One set of the 1 year White Memorial Candles have been repaired and are now back on Saint Anthony Altar. The other set are now gone and should be returned in a couple weeks. We want to make sure that they are all working properly. All candles have been extended to account for the time that the candles were gone so you will not receive a renewal letter when you might be expecting it.

Ladies of St. Francis Gathering

The final gathering of the season for the Ladies of St. Francis will be on Tuesday May 24.

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
Amount Remaining to be paid	\$66,986.98

Parish Support: April 30 – May 1

	Actual	Budgeted	Difference
Church /School	\$19,910.10	\$22,275	-\$2,364.90
YEAR TO DATE	\$857,336.32	\$935,550	-\$78,213.68

Miscellaneous Collections

\$816.83

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the souls of Dorothy Olps and Arthur Scheufele, who died recently. Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord.



Marriage Banns

2nd Banns

Ryan Stuckman & Rachel Powers

3rd Banns

Chris Klauser & Julie Costigan



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

William Weatherford & Catelynn Johnson

Children: Tristan & William

Thank You

Thanks to Edna Trimble and Barb Kuhn for being team leaders for the funeral luncheons. Your years of service are greatly appreciated.

The Friars

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.

The Living Rosary

The living rosary will be held on Monday May 9th at 6:30. Please meet on the grassy lot in front of the church.

St. Francis Holy Name

After about 20 years, Dennis Holbrook is stepping down from the Presidency of the Holy Name. Consequently, we are in need of a new President.

Think and pray over anyone that you know might be interested in running for this position. We also want to remind you to pay your dues they are in the monthly packet of envelopes. **Finally save the date for Annual Banquet which is Thursday May 26th in Solanus Hall.**

Picnic Update

Extra raffle ticket packets will be available at the back of church now until the picnic. 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!!

1st Annual Cornhole Tournament at the Parish Picnic

Cost is \$25.00 per team of two. Registration sheets are in the parish office. Deadline to enter is June 6, walk in registrations are \$30 per team. Questions call Brad Kendrick 430-2593.....Get signed up today!!

Interested in joining the Catholic Church?

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the process through which the unbaptized and those baptized in other faith denominations join the Catholic Church. If you are interested or have questions about the process please call Carol Seifert at 222-2898.

QND Spring Choral Concert

The Choirs of Quincy Notre Dame High School will present a Spring Concert on Monday, May 9, at 7:00 pm in the QND gym. The choirs are directed by Monica Scholz with collaborative accompanist Robert March. Admission is free, and all are invited to attend.

Memorial Mass

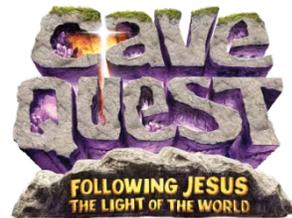
Memorial Mass will be held at Calvary Cemetery Chapel on Monday, May 30, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. Bring your own

chair — St. Anthony will be hosting this year — in case of rain it will be held at St. Anthony Church.

Confirmation Orientation

Confirmation Orientation is for students in the 7th grade who want to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in spring of 2017. A parent/guardian is expected to attend with the student. The last two orientation meetings are at:

- Blessed Sacrament, May 12, at 6:30 pm
- St. Anthony, May 16, at 6:30 pm



Parents!!!

Send your kids (Preschool through 6th grade) on an over-the-top underground adventure! At Cave Quest VBS, kids explore the rock-solid foundation of Jesus' love. Cave Quest VBS is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! Sciency-Fun Gizmos™, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life. (Since everything is hands-on, kids might get a little messy. Be sure to send them in play clothes and safe shoes.) Plus, we'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life—something we call God Sightings. Get ready to hear that phrase a lot! So mark these dates on your calendar: **June 20 - 24**. The fun starts at **6:00 pm** and will end at **8:45 pm**. Registration forms are due by **June 10** and are available through the parish office or online through the parish website, stfrancissolanus.com. Registration fee is \$20 per child. Volunteers can also sign up online.



Thank You

We have received letters from the Franciscan Missionary Union thanking you for the latest contributions of \$2,664.92 for our Sister Parish in Alaska. They really appreciate your generosity and your prayers.

Teaching Positions Open

- 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.

- Blessed Sacrament Catholic School has a Kindergarten teacher opening for the 2016-2017 school year. Applicants must have current Illinois certification. Resumes and inquiries may be sent to Christie Dickens, Principal, Blessed Sacrament Catholic School, 1115 South 7th, Quincy, IL 62301 or principal@blessedscs.org.

- St. Peter School has an opening for a sixth grade teacher for the 2016-2017 school year. Applicants must have current Illinois certification. Resumes and inquiries may be sent to Cindy Venvertloh, Principal, St. Peter School, 2500 Maine St., Quincy, IL 62301 or c.venvertloh@cospq.org

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 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!!



Sports Physicals

Advance Physical Therapy will be having their free sports physicals on June 9th and July 28th, 2015 starting at 6pm. The physicals are for all CYO, QND, QHS, and any other school sport physicals. The only athletes not included are 6th and 9th 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).



St. Francis Food Pantry Has Moved

The Food Pantry has made the move to the Parish Center basement. Pictured below are: Judy Wilper, Carla Eling, Coletta Miller, Debbie Schulte, Nancy Friye, and Lou Ann Grady making the move happen in the newly developed space. Many others helped too, completing the job this past Monday. We have much more room!

Now that we are moved we want to remind you that we really need your help! Please consider donating money or groceries to the pantry. We cannot serve the many needy people who ask for help....without your support. Donations of food may be left in any of the designated baskets at all church entrances. Donations of money (marked food pantry) may be put in the Sunday collection.

Below is the list of usual items that we provide for the food pantry clients. Thanks for your continued support of this community service.

(These are the usual items included in a food pantry delivery)

toilet paper	canned soup
bar soap	mixed fruit
Shampoo	jelly
canned peaches	peanut butter
dish soap	cereal
Toothpaste	canned beans
baked beans	pancake mix
Syrup	canned corn
instant potatoes	spaghetti sauce
canned tuna	tuna helper
Spaghetti	canned chicken
ground meat	chicken helper
simple crackers	hamburger helper
simple cookies	macaroni & cheese
cheese slices	laundry detergent



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. 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, 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.

2nd Annual Red, White & Blue Mass

The 2nd Annual Red, White & Blue Mass will be held on Sunday, June 12, at 2:00pm. All are welcome & encouraged to attend in order to honor all military and first responders in Adams County.

Any member, past or present, of the military, police, fire, or other first responder group who is willing to serve as a Eucharistic minister, lector, honor guard member, server, or cantor is asked to call Kathy or Carolyn at St. Peter at 222-3155. Please join us in this event.

St. Francis School News

- May 10** Home & School Meeting 7pm cafeteria
- May 11** Confirmation at 7:00 p.m.
- May 13** 8th grade Trip
- May 17** 8th Grade graduation at 7:00 pm
- May 24** NO SCHOOL –TEACHER WORK DAY
- May 25** Last Day of School and School Picnic

LUNCH BALANCES: ALL OUTSTANDING BALANCES ARE DUE BY MONDAY, MAY 23RD, 2016.

Did You Know?

We have a lot of changes going on this year with our technology and some wonderful improvements! St. Francis Solanus School Technology continues to grow and change. We are currently at 167 iPads, 35 Google Chromebooks, and 77 Desktop and Laptop computers in the school. This year, we have also changed over our Firewall system, our Filtering system, our Mobile Device Management system and completely joined our school

with Google Apps for Education that the teachers, staff, and upper class students are all fully utilizing. We have Projectors and Smartboards in all classrooms as well as Apple TV in 13 of the classrooms. We are working on switching out our Student Management and Parent Alert Systems from TeacherEase and School Messenger, to moving it all over to RenWeb, which will be uniform for the other Catholic schools in our area.

As part of a grant award from Marian Gardner Jackson Trust as well as some very generous donors, we are also working on a new Telephone system, a Security Camera System, and an enhanced Door Security system for the safety of our students. So you will see many changes being made in St. Francis Solanus School. As with any technical improvement, we may experience some initial problems, which we will work through together. For example, we have had some issues that we encountered with the Mobile Device Management company putting another school's certificate onto our program, and as a result, all iPads had to be reworked-which took a little detective work to figure that one out! As we work through these many exciting and important technology changes, we ask for your patience and understanding as each part gets processed. We will continue to work diligently on making St. Francis Solanus School the best it can be for all our students. Thank you, Julie Entrup



Happy Bear

We were pleased to have Happy Bear from the Advocacy Network for Children visit our school recently and share valuable information to our students about personal safety. Children were instructed to tell an adult about any "unwelcome touch" and use self-protection skills. We are very appreciative to the visitors who work to prevent child abuse in the future for our students!

May 14 & 15	Altar Server - Weekend	Communion Minister		Usher	Reader	Greeter
Saturday 4:30 pm	Tom Geise Bobbi Monzo Zona Oatey	Christina Ehrhart Barbara Hutmacher John Maxwell Joselyn Smith	Patricia Gable Robert Ley Bradley Smith Bobbie Talken	Jim Kaiser - Head Usher Michael Bickhaus Dennis Kendrick Richard Newman Richard Steinkamp Mary Ann Thomas	Martin Makarewicz Maureen Makarewicz	Robert Edwards Theresa Edwards
Sunday 6:30 AM		Jane Dietrich Amanda Garnett		John Beckman Janet Marquette Anthony Meyer	Paul Brown	
Sunday 8:00 AM	Abby Ham Jack Marth Mason Winking	Bruce Broemmell Geri McMillen Patricia Paxton Ann Wesbecher	Kay Gallaher Steve McMillen William Paxton Pat Winking	Terry Obert John Ohnemus Gary Terwelp Scott Venvertloh Jim Wilper	Brandy Blickhan Nicholas Koettters	Margaret Steinbrecher Amy Steinkamp
Sunday 9:30 AM	Bella Gengenbacher Joey Sparrow Lowell Sparrow	Ann Betts Brad Kendrick Lisa McDonald Joanne Ortwerth	Kelly Burgtorf Damian McDonald Barbara Mitchell Erin Schrage	Raymond Thomas - Head Jason Costigan Terry Nall Steve Schrage Jeannie Thomas Karl Venvertloh	Janet Waterkotte Keith Wiemelt	Jill Blickhan Betty Kaufmann
Sunday 11:00 AM	Kyle Hinkamper Brooke Holman Charlotte Horman	Larry Frese LouAnn Grady Doris Karhoff Bobbi Wellman	Rita Frese Sue Holbrook Ruth Scharnhorst Christy Woodward	Drew Erwin Bill Fleer Rob Gengenbacher Marty Karhoff Bud Voss	Barbara Dietrich Mike Holbrook	Sylvia Collins James Doellman

Servers for Saturday, May 14 at 8:00 a.m. Mass and weekday 8:00 am Masses for May 16-20 are Jack Staff and Mike Staff