

Solemnity Of Pentecost May 15, 2016

Parish Events

Sunday, May 15

Rosary before every Mass

1:00 pm Secular Franciscans

Monday, May 16

3:00 pm Kindergarten Girl Scouts

6:00 pm PSR

7:00 pm Rosary

Tuesday, May 17

9:00 am Young Mom's Group

3:00 pm Tour Group – South Hall

6:00 pm 8th Grade Graduation

6:30 pm Frerick's Prayer Group

Wednesday, May 18

8:35 am School Mass

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

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

Thursday, May 19

6:00 pm Schuerman PSR Girl Scouts

6:30 pm Scripture Discussion Group

6:30 pm Finance Council

7:00 pm RCIA

Saturday, May 21

Private Events

Upcoming Events

- 5/22 Gengenbacher Prayer Group
- 5/23 6th Grade Girl Scouts
- 5/23 8th Grade Girl Scouts
- 5/23 Parish Picnic Committee Meeting
- 5/24 Ladies of St. Francis Gathering
- 5/24 Stewardship Committee
- 5/25 Boy Scouts
- 5/25 Deacon Wayne - Hannibal Group
- 5/26 3rd Grade Girl Scouts
- 5/26 Holy Name Banquet
- 5/26 Schuerman PSR Girl Scouts
- 5/26 Scripture Discussion Group
- 5/26 Boy Scout Committee
- 5/26 RCIA



New Rectory Office Hours

Effective May 31st the rectory hours will be 8:30am-4:30pm, Monday-Friday.

Fr. Don's Doodling's

I'm writing to encourage you – exhort you – to read the Apostolic Exhortation “Amoris Laetitia,” “The Joy of Love,” by Pope Francis. OK, I admit that I haven't read all of it – it's 264 pages long – but I'm on the way. The Holy Father even suggests that you can choose which chapters to read or at least that some deserve more of your attention.

First a little background. You may remember that Pope Francis called a Synod to focus on marriage and family issues. Before it began we were all invited to complete a survey which was to be sent to Rome. The Synod, a meeting of bishops, took two years. The Holy Father tells us that in spite of the problems in marriage and family life, there is a strong desire in our people to marry and form a family. He also calls attention to the complexity of issues that are involved. We can only imagine the tremendous number of responses to the survey that were received. So Pope Francis decided to write this Exhortation to all of us offering a pastoral tone, a fatherly, caring way of encouraging everyone dealing with Christian marriage and family life.

Because of the complexity of issues, the media went in various directions in covering it, some suggesting that the Synod went too far in making changes and others suggesting that it did not go far enough. The truth is that there were no changes in Church doctrine or moral teaching. All of this is why it is important for us to read the document rather than rely on the media's analysis of it.

Pope Francis also points out that there is a timeliness to the writing of this Exhortation since we are celebrating the Jubilee Year of Mercy. We see the Pope showing mercy in caring for married couples and families struggling with many conflicting forces and influences in our complex lifestyle.

One example that I might offer is the granting of annulments. Over my 45 years as a priest I've dealt with many couples who have tried hard to make their marriage work, but were unable to do so. The result is that some sought annulments so that they could be free to remarry. Many want to continue practicing their Catholic Faith. Some feel rejected by the Church. They all deserve our care.

I've also met people who think that the Church shouldn't grant annulments, or who think it is too easy to get one. I'll say just this: I've never seen anyone get married with the intention of not staying married and planning to get the marriage annulled. Add to that the reality of the average lifespan being much longer today than it was just 50 years ago.

Since the Pope's Exhortation is addressed to bishops, priests, deacons, consecrated persons, Christian married couples and all lay faithful, that's a huge audience. So he suggests that we read the document slowly, patiently and carefully. Married couples, he says, will be more concerned with Chapters 4 and 5, and pastoral ministers with Chapter 6, while everyone should feel challenged by Chapter 8. Pope Francis writes: "It is my hope that, in reading this text, all will feel called to love and cherish family life, for 'families are not a problem; they are first and foremost an opportunity.'"

The easiest way I've found to read this beautiful Exhortation is to go on-line and type in "Apostolic Exhortation," and then click "w2.vatican.va." Bishop Paprocki has also written an extensive article about this in the May 1 issue of "Catholic Times." My own hope is that this might be a strong stimulus to all of us to protect the sanctity of the family life and Christian marriage. Let's read what our wonderful Holy Father has to say to us all.

Cemetery Collection

There is an envelope in your packet for a special collection which we do twice a year to help maintain Calvary, St. Peter's and St. Boniface's Cemeteries. These are taken up near Memorial Day and close to All Souls Day in all four of our Quincy parishes. Thanks for helping with the upkeep and maintenance of these three cemeteries. Please be generous.



Have you ever thought about how many of your free hours you spend doing things for yourself versus how many you spend doing things for others?

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: May 7-8

	Actual	Budgeted	Difference
Church /School	\$18,186.90	\$22,275	-\$4,088.10
YEAR TO DATE	\$878,791.22	\$957,825	-\$79,033.78

Miscellaneous Collections

\$2,891.00

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the souls of Eugene F. Kelle and Edith L. Altrogge, who died recently. Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord.

Baptisms

Benjamin Christopher Neuman,
Son of Christopher & Rochelle Neuman

June Lynn Hendrian,
Daughter of Adam & Kellea Hendrian

Blake McKelvey Curry,
Son of Justin & Whitney Curry

Jonah William Main,
Son of Bryan & Lee Ann Main

Frances Wright Hawkinson,
Daughter of John & Emily Hawkinson

Chase Adam Miller,
Son of Chris & Melissa Miller



Marriage Banns

1st Banns

Cory Stegeman & Kristy Obert

3rd Banns

Ryan Stuckman & Rachel Powers



We are pleased to welcome the following individual who recently registered as a parishioner. Please make her feel welcome and part of our great parish.

Stacie Rossiter

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.**



Ladies of St. Francis Gathering

We Honor You - Mary, Our Mother

On Tuesday evening May 24th, the Ladies of St. Francis will gather together to Honor Mary, Our Blessed Mother at an outdoor Mass at 5:15pm in the Friars backyard, weather permitting. Remember to bring your lawn chairs. After Mass dinner will be served in Solanus Hall, cost \$6.00. Please call in your reservation **NOW** to Edna at 224-3957. We're working to make this a very pleasant evening as this will be our last gathering until September. All ladies of the parish are welcome, so please come and share in the Mass, good food, lively conversation and.....guess what??



St. Francis Community Assistance

St Francis Community Assistance received a \$2,000 Grant from CRS Rice Bowl to purchase groceries for the food pantry. Thanks to all parishioners who participated in the Lenten CRS Rice Bowl Campaign this past year. Pictured above holding the check from CRS Rice Bowl are Pat Laytham, Diane Glaub, and Dave Laytham as they volunteer to distribute groceries to those who are in need. The St. Francis Food Pantry has served over 700 different households in the last year. All donations of groceries and money are appreciated to continue these efforts.

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

Picnic Update

Stewardship in practice...We are still in need of volunteers to help at the Parish Picnic on June 11, please call one of the on committee members below to pick your perfect time. Also raffle tickets are still available in the back of church...don't miss out!!
Reminder on June 11, Mass is at 4pm and the fun runs 5pm-Midnight. Come out and enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship.

2016 Picnic Committee

Tom and Lori Geschwandner 617-2227 or 242-0027
Jason and Nicole Costigan 779-3584 or 257-7122
Troy and Holly Hummel 653-5574 or 653-5575
Cory and Katie Kessler 242-0793 or 319-520-8322
Brian and Linda Schrecke 430-7282 or 430-6561
Steve and Penny Obert 577-4040 or 242-4577

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.

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.

2016 "EVERYBODY WINS"

"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.



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.

St. Francis Food Pantry Has Moved

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

2nd Annual Red, White & Blue Mass

The 2nd Annual Red, White & Blue Mass will be held on Sunday, June 12, at 2:00pm at St. Peter Church. 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.

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.

- 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

St. Francis School News

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.



A Special Thank You

We would like to thank the PMO Band and Chorus for a wonderful concert held at our school on Friday, May 6th. Mr. Keith Wiemelt and Sara Reeder directed the band along with Monica Scholz, who directed the chorus. It is such a blessing to see the gifts and talents that the students have developed under their direction! It is obvious that they have invested thousands of hours of practice and dedication into their

music! We are so grateful for them to take time out of their busy schedules to brighten our day! If you have a son or daughter interested in music, don't hesitate to encourage them to become involved in such a tremendous program! We have several students from St. Francis who are involved, and I am so proud of their confidence and musical abilities! Great job by all!
Lori Shepard, Principal



Olympic Day

Catholic Schools 24th annual Olympic Day at Flinn Stadium on May 3rd. The kids chose one track and one field event and could be in a relay or do tug of war. Each school had their own color of shirt.



Left to right Julia Liesen, Kurt Stuckman, Liz Robertson, Lanie Fesler, Jonathan Ohnemus, Jordyn Liesen, and Lori Shepard

Awards Assembly

On Monday, May 9th, we had an assembly to honor various students and teachers for their accomplishments and dedication to our school. Several scholarships were presented in loving memory of families that are connected to our school in a very special way:

- Knuffman Scholarship-(\$500.00) to 2nd grader, **Lanie Fesler**
- Cox Scholarship- (\$500.00) to 8th grader, **Elizabeth Robertson**
- Scholz Scholarship- (\$800.00) to 8th grader, **Jordyn Liesen**
- Prater Scholarship- (\$2,500 for 4 years- 6th, 7th, 8th grade year) to 7th grader, **Abby Ham**
- Fischer Scholarship-(\$2,500 for 4 years to QND) to 8th grader, **Julia Liesen**
- D. J. Venvertolh- (\$600.00 for 4 years to QND) to 8th grader, **Jonathan Ohnemus**

Many students were presented stewardship awards as well, and for donations made to the parish through their church envelopes.



Service Awards to Teachers: Susie Eaton for 10 years of service, Linda Dawson for 10 years of service, and Roseann Stuckman for 25 years of service to St. Francis Solanus School.

We are very proud of all, and greatly appreciate them representing our school in the best way possible!
Lori Shepard, Principal

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.

7 days until School is OUT!!