

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 25, 2016

Parish Events

Sunday, September 25

9:30 am RCIA

6:30 pm Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University

7:00 pm Gengenbacher Prayer Group

Monday, September 26

6:00 pm PSR

7:00 pm Rosary

7:00 pm Divorce and Beyond

Tuesday, September 27

6:00 pm Ladies of St. Francis Gathering

6:30 pm Protecting Gods Children

6:30 pm Stewardship Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 28

8:35 am School Mass

6:30 pm Confirmation Sponsor Meeting

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

Thursday, September 29

6:00 pm QCES Foundation Meeting

6:30 pm Schuerman Girl Scouts

6:30 pm Scripture Discussion Meeting

7:00 pm Eyler Boy Scout Committee Meeting

7:00 pm Stewardship Meeting

Saturday, October 1

Stewardship Ministry Fair

Upcoming Events

- 10/2 Stewardship Ministry Fair
- 10/2 RCIA
- 10/2 First Reconciliation Meeting Parents /Children
- 10/2 Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University
- 10/3 1st Grade Girl Scouts - Medley
- 10/3 Baptism Class
- 10/3 PSR
- 10/3 Divorce and Beyond
- 10/4 Young Mom's Together
- 10/4 School Mass
- 10/4 Feast of St. Francis Mass
- 10/4 Frerick's Prayer Group
- 10/4 Protecting God's Children
- 10/4 Liturgy Planning
- 10/5 Bible Study
- 10/5 Schuetz Cub Scouts Den Meeting
- 10/5 Boy Scouts
- 10/5 St. Francis Men's Group
- 10/6 Ladies of St. Francis Card Party
- 10/6 Couples Prayer Group
- 10/6 Schuerman Girl Scouts
- 10/6 Scripture Discussion Group

Fr. Don's Doodling's

With our new school year off to a great start, I got to remembering when I started 1st grade at St. Cajetan School in Chicago – eons ago. We had no kindergarten, so 1st grade was my initiation into school. I was puzzled by some kids around me who were crying and scared. I guess my parents had prepared me pretty well, because I had no problem with being left there with Sr. Pancratius, O.P., and something like 50 or 60 other children in that cramped classroom.

Well it ain't like that today, as we always say. Classroom sizes are typically less than half what they used to be, and most of our schools have no religious sisters in the classrooms. Our eighth grade teacher, Sr. Edwardina, was also the principal of the school. Surely there weren't all the demands, paperwork, regulations, meetings, communications, and more, that principals like Lori Shepard have now.

Anyway, our school is thriving. In fact, all of our four Quincy Catholic Elementary Schools have seen an increase in enrollment this year, as you may have seen in the newspaper. At St. Francis we have 303 students, K thru 8th grade, and 43 in Pre-School.

We have two new teachers: Amy Wiewel, who is teaching 4th grade, who is a parishioner of St. Francis, along with her husband, Steve, and their children; and Ben Klingner, who teaches Physical Education, and who was a sub here quite a bid last school year. Gary Clayton, who is also new to us, is a technology assistant, working 2 days a week, since Julie Entrup has gone to 3 days a week. Since getting married, 2 of our teachers have different names: Jamie Marshall (formerly Poore) teaching 1st grade, and Lucy Mewes (formerly Cramsey) teaching 2nd grade.

We still have School Masses on Wednesday mornings at 8:35 a.m., and we want you to know that adults are always welcome at these Masses. On Fridays, just as we did last year, we will have a prayer experience for the children at 8:35 a.m. It is not Mass but rather is a way of introducing the children to all kinds of other liturgical and devotional prayer. They come on a rotating basis in 3 groups: grades K, 1, and 2 come on one week, grades 3, 4, and 5 on another week, and grades 6, 7, and 8 on another week. This was introduced last year because we were told that the children were not getting enough hours of instruction, due, in part to having 2 Masses each week. But dividing the students into 3 groups provides us with the opportunity to provide age appropriate presentations. The three of us priests enjoy these prayer experiences, although this takes a lot more creativity and preparation that when we have Mass.

Lastly I want to say thank you to so many of you who support our school with your monthly contributions that help so much to keep our school strong. Many people don't realize that the tuition of \$2,600 for one child does not cover more than half of the cost of education for one child. So your donations are gladly accepted, and your other involvements with our school are also welcome.

Let's pray that God will bless us with another excellent year at St. Francis Solanus School.

Continuing Formation in Our Faith

We want to alert you to the fact that there will be no Parish Mission during the Lenten Season this coming year. In light of that we encourage you to make use of one or more of the following opportunities for continuing faith formation:

"Walking Toward Eternity" – Seminar with Jeff Cavins, Oct. 14 & 15. More information found elsewhere in this Bulletin.

"Diocesan Adult Enrichment Conference" (DAEC) held in Decatur, Nov. 4-5. Go to their webpage at www.dio.org/catechesis/daec.

"Parish Leadership Retreat" for leaders in all of our parish ministries to be given here at St. Francis in the early spring.

Updating our Parishioners

We are currently updating all of our parishioner/family information for our church database. If you had your photo taken for the directory then we have already changed your information. For those who did not get a photo taken, please help us out and give us a call at the parish office 222-2898 to verify and update your information. It has been at least 8 years since we last updated our database and many have moved, changed phone numbers, and added more children to their families. Thank you for helping with big undertaking.

Couple's Prayer Group

Couple's Prayer Group will be this Thursday, October 6th at 6:00 P.M. in the Parish Center. We will start with a dinner and then receive the sacrament of Reconciliation. Please contact Emily Wellman at 217-257-3536 with any questions or to RSVP. Everyone is welcome!

2nd Annual Ministry Fair

Please visit the Ministry Fair following all masses during the weekend of October 1st & 2nd as we embrace stewardship as a way of life in our parish. Take a few

moments to see the various ministry opportunities that are available at St. Francis. This would be the perfect time to have any questions you may have answered by the ministry representative. Your active participation in our parish community is vital to the life of the Church. Light refreshments will be served. Contact Caitlin Kendrick at (217)242-9892 with any questions.

Parish Support: Sept. 17-18

	Actual	Budgeted	Difference
Church /School	\$15,286.34	\$26,750	-\$11,463.66
YEAR TO DATE	\$237,363.56	\$294,250	-\$56,886.44

Miscellaneous Collections

\$137.00



Collecting for the Vets!

The 5th grade Girl Scout troop #5430 at St. Francis along with another troop #5375 outside of the parish; are collecting plastic lids/caps to recycle into a park bench to donate to the Veteran's Home. We need to collect 400 pounds of plastic lids! Please drop your lid donations in the bins located at all the entrances of church. Thank you for your support!

Ladies of St. Francis Gathering Fall Season – Country Style

On Tuesday evening, Sept. 27, we will welcome all Ladies of St. Francis to our first gathering of the new season. Dinner will be served at 6pm with the cost being \$6.00. Edna **MUST** have your reservation by noon on Monday, Sept. 26. Call her at 224-3957. An interesting and unusual program is being planned, so come join in the fun and help us pack Solanus Hall.

Ladies of St. Francis Card Party

On October 6, 2016 at 11 am to 3 pm at Solanus Hall, hosted by David & Mary Ann Hildebrand. Menu: turkey and noodles. For reservations call Marcia at 222-3370.

St. Francis Golf Outing

The Holy Name Society is sponsoring a golf outing to raise money for St. Francis School. All are invited to join us at Westview Golf Course, Sunday, October 2nd, at 1:00 p.m. It costs \$65 per person which covers 18 holes of golf (holes 1-18), cart fees, hot dogs, soup and chips before we play; Subway sandwiches afterwards, free refreshments and prizes. A \$100 hole sponsorship is also available.

You do not have to be an avid golfer to experience a great afternoon of fun. This day is for FUN!!!! There will be prizes and games at each hole. Create your own teams: family members, husbands and wives, all women teams, couples, coworkers, friends, or just come out, and we will find you a team.

To sign up call Dan Hoffman at 217 617-3537 or Cindy Hoffman at 217 617-3538.

Service Hours Opportunity

We need 4 students from the 8th grade/high school to help with the St. Francis Golf Tournament on Sunday, October 2nd. If you have any students who will volunteer to help put the signs up at each hole, please give the names to me and I will send them on to the men who organize the event. They will get service hours for their time. It may only take an hour or so...

Thank you,
Lori

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the soul of Marjorie Beck and Marilyn Stegeman, who died recently. Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord.

Baptisms

Pacey Robert Havens,

Son of Greg Westhoff & Kari Havens

Jayden Alexander Acosta Figueroa,

Son of Jose Rolando Acosta Hernandez & Esmeralda Figueroa Cruz

Evelyn Ann Marie Phillips,

Daughter of Joshua & Kaithlyn Phillips

Marriage Banns

2nd Banns

Jered Ulrich & Nichelle Jacobs
Andrew Goodapple & Colleen Harker

3rd Banns

Blake Doane & Shelbi Blair



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

Scott & Robin Neisen

Alan & Shirley McLaughlin

Edna Mae Smith

James & Jeanne Smith Jr.



2016 Pictorial Directory Dates

OUR PHOTO DATES:

Tuesday-Thursday, November 8-10, 2016

Tuesday-Saturday, November 15-19, 2016

OUR PHOTO TIMES

Tuesday – Friday (2:00 – 9:00)

Saturday (10:00 – 5:00)

Lector Workbooks

For the last few years the parish has made available “The Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word” to our lectors to use in preparing for Sunday Liturgy. Many of them have found it useful and some have asked if they could order their personal copy. We want to make these available to anyone who would like to have one. Besides lectors, these books would make a good resource for small groups, or individual preparation for Sundays. A commentary accompanies every scripture passage presenting background so everyone can better understand the readings.

We will be taking orders for the new liturgical year which will start November 27, 2016. If you would like to order a copy please place in the collection basket or drop off to the Parish Office an envelope marked “Lector Workbook” with the following:

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Number of copies _____

\$10.00 per copy to help cover costs. Please make checks payable to **St. Francis Parish**. **Deadline for ordering is October 17.**

Young Mom's Together

Young Moms Together will again be gathering at Solanus Hall, on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m., beginning October 4. In addition to our usual time spent in prayer and spiritual reflection, coffee and conversation, Young Moms Together will participate in a pilot program, Women of Mercy, offered through the Springfield Diocese, providing an educational opportunity for women to help women through Catholic Relief Services. Come together to form and strengthen friendships as you encourage each other to grow in the Catholic faith. All young mothers are welcome to attend whenever possible, and children, Kindergarten age and younger, may accompany Mom. Questions? - call or text Jane Haas, facilitator, 217- 257- 0533.

New This Year--CORRECTION--In a previous bulletin it was announced that an additional evening session from 6:30- 8:00 p.m. would be held on the third Tuesday of each month. This is correct with one slight change--the first gathering of the evening group, the October gathering, will be held on the third Wednesday, October 19, instead of on the third Tuesday. Subsequent months will continue as scheduled, on the third Tuesday.

QND Class of 2001 Reunion

Friday, Oct. 7 - join us at the QND football game at 7pm. A school tour will take place during half time. Join us after the game at the K of C bar.
Saturday, Oct. 8 - join us at One Restaurant at 7pm for drinks, appetizers, and live music. Send \$15/person to Alex Ginos at 3201 Evangeline Rd Quincy, IL 62301 ASAP! Follow us on Facebook for more info at *QND Class of 2001*.

City Wide Mass

All are welcome to attend the Area-Wide Catholic Schools Mass on Monday, September 26, at 10:00 a.m., in the QND Gym. Bishop Thomas John Paprocki will be our presider. Staff and students from the four Catholic grade schools in Quincy, St. Mary's in Mr. Sterling, and QND, will gather with family and friends to celebrate the gift of Catholic education

Blessing of the Pets

Will be on held on Tuesday October 4, 2016 at 3:15 pm on the grassy lot. Families and their pets are invited to attend.

QND Pom Trivia Night

The QND Pommers are hosting a Trivia Night on Saturday, Oct. 1st at the Knights of Columbus. Doors open at 6pm with the questions beginning at 7pm. Cost is \$120 per table (maximum of 8 players). Bring your own food/snacks. Cash bar available for drinks. Player friendly questions. Bonus games will be played between rounds and prizes for top 3 teams. All proceeds go to Goal for the Bowl - our trip to Miami to perform at halftime of the Orange Bowl. To reserve your table today please call 217-653-3021 or email at qndpomcoaches@gmail.com



Welcome Back Quilters!!

The quilter's are moving into their new room in Solanus Hall. All parishioners are welcome to stop by and quilt anytime. They will start on September 29 from 10am-3:30 pm and usually quilt on Thursdays.

Boys ACES Basketball Tryouts

5th and 6th grade ACES boys basketball tryouts will be held at the following times at Quincy Notre Dame:
Monday and Tuesday, October 10 and 11
5th grade: 7-8 p.m. both nights
6th grade: 8-9 p.m. both nights
Please contact Tom VanderBor @ 653-8377 or tomvanderbor@sbcglobal.net with any questions.

3rd Annual Franciscan Liturgy & Dinner Event

Tickets are available for the **3rd Annual Franciscan Liturgy & Dinner Event** that will be held on **Saturday, October 29, 2016**. This year's festivities will honor **Father John Doctor, OFM and Father Joe Zimmerman, OFM**. Mass will be held at 4 p.m. at St. Boniface Catholic Church, followed by Fellowship Hour at the Quality Inn and Suites, 201 S. 3rd Street in Quincy. A dessert and silent auction will be held at that time. Buffet dinner will be served at 6 p.m. with program to follow. Tickets are \$65 each. Reservations must be received by Thursday, October 20th. Sponsorship opportunities are available as well. Please contact Mary Pat Vahlkamp on behalf of Br. Ed Arambasich, OFM, moderator & president of the Franciscan Firefighters and Law Enforcement Ministries and the Friars Guild, at 217-222-1645 or bmpv5@yahoo.com. You may also pay online at firemen63.blogspot.com.

St. Dominic School Cafeteria Position Opening

We are seeking to hire a person to work in our kitchen to help prepare and serve school lunches 2 days per week (Thursdays and Fridays). Occasionally the person may be asked to fill in on other days, as needed. The new employee must be willing to attend a food handler training class. If interested, or if you know of someone who may be interested, please contact the school office at 224-0041.

Protecting Gods Children Sessions

Sept. 27	St. Francis, Solanus Hall	6:30 pm
Sept. 27	Blessed Sacrament	6pm-9pm
Oct. 4	St. Francis, Solanus Hall	6:30 pm
Oct. 10	Blessed Sacrament	6pm-9pm
Oct. 25	St. Francis, Solanus Hall	6:30 pm
Nov. 1	St. Francis, Solanus Hall	6:30 pm
Nov. 14	Blessed Sacrament	6pm-9pm
Nov. 15	St. Francis, Solanus Hall	6:30 pm

To register at **St. Francis Solanus 222-2898 ex. 108.**

To register at **St. Dominic School 222-5996.**

To register at **Blessed Sacrament 222-2759.**

POLIS

POLIS - Quincy University's Pursuit in Learning in Society fall semester class schedule has been released.

Fall classes include "The Broadway Musical: A History of American Musical Theater," "Modern Russia: The 1917 Revolution to Putin," and "The Problem of Executive Power in the American Republic."

The cost of a POLIS membership is \$15 per semester, and each two-hour class is \$4 to attend. Anyone is welcome to bring friends and attend one class for free. Classes during the semester will be at North Campus, and signs will indicate directions to the individual classes.

To be added to the POLIS mailing list and receive a brochure describing all fall classes plus a registration form, email polis@quincy.edu with a name and address, call 217-228-5594, or visit the POLIS webpage at quincy.edu/polis.

October Respect Life Month 2016 Life Chain

Sunday, October 2nd, 2:30 pm-3:30 pm, *South Side of Broadway between 14th & 18th Streets, Quincy, IL*
HIGH VISIBILITY--A great opportunity to impact 1000's of passers-by with our pro-life message.

Please join with other area pro-life supporters in peaceful public witness as we stand for 60 minutes praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. Pick up your sign at the parking lot of Blessing Hospital on the corner of 16th and Broadway between 2:00 and 2:30 pm. Please park on 16th Street or Vermont. We ask that you position yourselves one arm's length apart along the South Side of Broadway between 14th and 18th Streets. Please be extra cautious of the traffic, especially if bringing children. Please do not stand in groups. Bring a lawn chair only if unable to stand. This event is an opportunity to stand for life and is held in more than 1,370 cities in the United States. Please remember this is an hour of silent prayer.

Parish Council Summary

The first meeting for the St. Francis Solanus Parish Council was held on Tuesday, September 13, 2016. Monthly meetings are held from September-May. Council members for this year include; Martin (Mac) Makarewicz, chairman, Lori Shepard, school principal, Father Don, Mary Jane Bauer, Barb Dietrich, Ann Haugh, Monica Hinkamper, Tom Regner, Linda Rull, Carol Seifert, and Helen Zimmerman. Topics discussed at the September meeting included parish stewardship survey and analysis, update on youth group formation, and establishing a vocation prayer week and process. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at 6:30 pm in the parish center. Please direct your questions to any of the above-mentioned council members.



Important Dates to Remember

Sept. 23	Picture Day
Sept. 26	All Schools Mass at QND at 10:00 a.m. (Please pack your child a cold lunch)
Oct. 27	Grandparents Day 1/2 day dismiss 11:30

Physical Reminder

Kindergarten and 6th Grade Students: All physical forms and shot records are due to the office no later than October 10th, 2016. Non-compliance can result in your child not being eligible to return to school until updated shot records are received. They may be faxed to 222-5049. Thanks!

October 1 & 2	Altar Server - Weekend	Communion Minister		Usher	Reader	Greeter
Saturday 4:30 pm	William Bickhaus Grace Sparrow Kyle Sparrow	Patti Blickhan Amy Kaiser Diane Schultz John Venegoni	Connie Johnson John Maxwell Eric Schultz Nancy Venegoni	John Veith - Head Usher Neal Blickhan Richard Newman Bradley Smith Richard Steinkamp Harold Vahle	Michael Bickhaus Brandy Blickhan	Kristine Bickhaus Karrie Cramsey
Sunday 6:30 AM		Reg Ankrom Pam Keller		Joe Bernhardt Kevin Frericks Janet Marquette	Tom Huynh	
Sunday 8:00 AM	Brennan Bridle Drew Genenbacher Andrew Stockton	Mary Monckton-Blickhan Don Winking Jan Zeidler	Julie Reis Pat Winking Rich Zeidler	George Venvertloh - Head Paul Eling Nathan Koettters John Ohnemus Emilie Venvertloh Joe Venvertloh	Steve Davis Nicholas Koettters	Karen Venvertloh Tyler & Emily Wellman
Sunday 9:30 AM	Olivia Alford Erin Carey Payton Giesing	Alice Arnold Kelly Burgtorf Robert Haas Erin Schrage	Ann Betts Bridget Ehrhart Caitlin Kendrick Shirley Walbring	Steve Schrage - Head Joseph Fessler Mike Fessler Linda Rull Karl Venvertloh Ron Whittaker	Tom Cummings Helen Zimmerman	Brian Dreier Betty Kaufmann
Sunday 11:00 AM	AJ Ellerman Braden Kapp	Jacob Benz Barbara Dietrich Laura Ohnemus Brenda Wand	Sheila Benz Anne Meyer Carla Slough Michael Wand	Bill Fleer - Head Usher John Benz Rob Gengenbacher Steve Obert Don Olps Sam Vranjes	Dee Mast Marvin Mast	James Doellman Patricia Tomczak

Servers for Saturday, October 1 at 8:00 a.m. Mass and weekday 8:00 am Masses for Oct. 3-7 are Jack Staff and Mike Staff