

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time November 6, 2016

Parish Events

Sunday, November 6

9:30 am RCIA
12:00 pm TEC 308 Meeting
6:30 pm Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University
7:00 pm Gengenbacher Prayer Group

Monday, November 7

3:00 pm Medley 1st Grade Girl Scouts
6:00 pm Baptism Class
6:00 pm PSR
6:30 pm Wolf Pack 22 (Meehan)

Tuesday, November 8

Directory Pictures– North Solanus Hall

Wednesday, November 9

Directory Pictures– North Solanus Hall
8:35 am School Mass
1:00 pm Bible Study
6:30 pm Bible Study
7:00 pm Boy Scouts

Thursday, November 10

Directory Pictures– North Solanus Hall
7:00 am QND ACT Practice Testing
3:00 pm Liesen 4th Grade Girl Scouts
6:30 pm Schuerman Girl Scouts
6:30 pm Scripture Discussion Group

Friday, November 4

3:00 pm Genenbacher/Schuetz Grade Girl Scouts
6:30 pm Klauser Girl Scouts

Saturday, November 12

9am – 2pm Fall Bazaar

Upcoming Events

11/13 RCIA
11/13 Fr. James Wheeler Ordination Celebration Mass
11/14 Holy Name Meeting
11/14 PSR
11/14 CYO Board Meeting
11/15 Young Mom's Together
11/15 Frerick's Prayer Group
11/15 Pastoral Council
11/15 Protecting God's Children
11/15 Pivotal Players Study Group
11/16 School Mass
11/16 Bible Study
11/16 Boy Scouts
11/16 St. Francis Men's Group
11/17 Finance Council
11/17 Schuerman Grade Girl Scouts
11/17 Scripture Discussion Group
11/18 St. Francis 8th Grade QND Placement Test

Fr. Don's Doodling's

Here's a question for you: How would you feel if we had more than enough priests to be able to staff all the parishes and other ministries of this diocese? Great, right? No question. We'd all be thrilled. Well I'm asking because this week, Nov. 6 to 12, is National Vocation Awareness Week. It is dedicated to promote vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life through prayer and education. Here at St. Francis Aaron Kuhn, who is a parishioner of St. Francis, and who is studying at Mundelein Seminary to be a priest for the Diocese of Springfield, will be speaking at all the Masses this weekend. We'll also be handing out some brochures to you after Mass.

I also raised the above question because I believe it is possible to have enough priests to meet the needs in our parishes. My belief is based on fact, on current reality. The Diocese of Wichita, KS, has so many vocations that they have more than enough priests to cover the needs of that diocese, and they are sending them out to minister in other places. What's their secret? Well, it's no secret, but something that is well known. In a word, it's Stewardship.

The Diocese of Wichita has been practicing stewardship for somewhere between 30 and 40 years. It has become a way of life, and it is so deeply ingrained that they have done many amazing things. Some of us who have been there for their annual workshop on stewardship have stayed in the multi-million-dollar retreat house they've built, and seen their assisted living center, their priest's retirement home, and more, that were made possible through their stewardship efforts.

But these facilities they've built are only the tip of the iceberg. The deeper, more important thing is that 80% of the Catholics in Wichita practice their faith by attending Sunday Mass faithfully. Sunday Mass is basic. So how are we doing? Not well at all. As you know, Catholic churches throughout the US count the number of people in church on four weekends in October. (I mention that it's four, because we had five weekends in October this year, and counting the fifth one would throw off the averages.) Elsewhere in this Bulletin you'll find a table showing this year's numbers at each Mass on the first four weeks of October.

I'm sorry to tell you that the numbers have been going down over the years. I did a little calculating and found that the average number of people attending Mass each week this October was 1392. In 2015 the average was 1456; in 2014 it was 1528; in 2013 it was 1585; in 2012 it was 1675; in 2011 it was 1673; in 2010 it was 1807; and in 2009 it was 1880. That is as far back

as I have statistics. And the number of registered parishioners at St. Francis is about 4474, which means that only about 31% of our parishioners come to Mass on a given weekend.

My dear parishioners, this is a sad commentary. Of course, some of this is due to deaths and people moving out of town. But it is also due to our Catholics not attending Mass. If vocations don't come from our young people attending Sunday Mass with their families, where will they come from?

What can we ALL do to bring more of our Catholics back home to Mass every weekend?

Alaska Trip

A little while ago I announced that we are planning a trip to Alaska to visit the villages which are our Sister Parish(es) in the Diocese of Fairbanks. So far we have 12 or 15 who are interested in going. If more of you are interested, please let us know very soon, as we want to book the trip soon to get good rates. We have tentatively planned to leave from St. Louis around July 13, 14 or 15 of 2017. Some would like to return home by taking a tour package & cruise on the "Inside Passage" July 18 to 30. Those who do not do that can stay a few more days in Alaska. Individual plans can vary from one person to another. Please let me know soon if you'd like to consider going along. If we have a large group we can all save money.

Fr. Don

Commitment Cards

We're in the midst of our annual Stewardship Renewal. If you haven't returned your Commitment Card, you still can mail it to the parish. Returning your card is an important part of being an active member of St. Francis Solanus Parish, and we want YOU to be involved in the life of the parish. Please take this opportunity to express your support for our parish by giving of your time, talent and treasure. And thanks to all of you who have turned in your cards – it's been a great response so far!

Ladies of St. Francis

Tuesday evening Nov. 29, the Ladies of St. Francis will help put you in the Christmas spirit by hosting their Christmas dinner. Please make your reservation EARLY by calling Edna at 224-3957.

Baptisms

Fred Henry Kientzle,
Son Fred & Emily Kientzle

October Count

You've undoubtedly noticed the ushers counting the people at Masses every weekend during October - a practice that is done every October throughout the US. We thought you might be interested in seeing what the numbers look like.

Church capacity: 820

Masses	Oct. 1/2	Oct. 8/9	Oct. 15/16	Oct. 22/23
Sat. 4:30pm	340	337	301	368
Sun. 6:30 am	102	110	121	129
Sun. 8:00 am	218	233	215	230
Sun. 9:30 am	399	301	418	400
Sun. 11:00 am	287	390	312	356
TOTALS	1346	1371	1367	1483

Spanish Masses	Oct. 1-2	Oct. 15-16
	17	8

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.

Welcome

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

Tristin Bruening
Kent Humphrey
Nicholas & Danielle Jacobs

Parish Directory Photos

For those who **DID NOT** purchased additional photos, your complementary 8x10s are available for pickup in the Rectory Office.

Nation Vocation Awareness Nov. 6-12

During this time we are encouraging all Catholics to:

- * Take time to pray for vocations to the priestly and religious life
- * Reflect on our own vocation and stress our personal relationship with Christ
- * Educate our young people about the importance of prayer and to listen to God.

We will talk about vocations at all the masses this weekend and pass out a vocation card to help you. Thank You: The Pastoral Council and Vocation Committee.

Holy Name Meeting

There will be a Holy Name meeting Monday November 14th at 6:00 in the Parish Center. We will discuss the recent pancake breakfast and get ready for our next event. A light meal and refreshments will be served. All men of the parish are invited to attend.

Volunteers Needed

Lots of volunteers are needed to make our Pictorial Directory happen. This is a great opportunity to for parents and high schoolers in need of volunteer hours. If you are interested in helping please call Misty at the parish office 222-2898 or log on the Parish website and sign yourself up.

DATES & TIMES TO VOLUNTEER

<u>Tues., Wed., Thur. & Fri.</u>	<u>Sat.</u>
1:30 pm - 3:30 pm	9:30 am - 11:30 am
3:30 pm - 5:30 pm	11:30 am - 1:30 pm
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm	1:30 pm - 3:30 pm
7:30 pm - 9:30 pm	3:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Fall Bazaar

Saturday, Nov. 12, 9am-2pm; at the Parish Center in Solanus Hall - FREE Admission!
Raffles include 50/50 and two \$100 Cash prizes, Quilt Raffle for a Queen size quilt and a Baby quilt, plus numerous Gift Certificates from local businesses. Basket Booth, vendors, homemade cookies and dessert in our famous Cookie Shoppe. Rolls and Coffee for breakfast, & Sandwiches and Chips for lunch will be available. For space call Jen Arens at 430-5752.

Carmelites

Divine Intimacy live by saints; Saints Teresa of Avila and John of the Cross is the goal of the Secular Carmelites for more information call Stephanie Ohnemus at 228-9616 or Virginia Drew at 222-6054

Reap Retreat



116 Confirmandi along with their sponsor/parent attended the REAP Retreat on Oct. 9 and 23.



QND Band Fruit Sale

The annual QND Band fruit sale has begun! We have 20lb boxes and 40lb boxes of oranges, grapefruit or mixed. The 20lb boxes are \$25 each and the 40lb boxes are \$45 each. Contact any QND Band student or Keith Wiemelt at 573-719-1032. Fruit will be delivered beginning the weekend of Friday, December 2. Thank you for your support of the QND Band.

Secular Franciscans

St Elizabeth of Hungary Fraternity will honor our deceased members: Esther Bassett, Florence Ehrhardt, Toby Jones, Frances Ellerman, Mavis Powell, Angela Ley, and Mary Ann Middendorf at the 11am Mass on Sunday, November 20. The Secular Franciscans invite the family of these fraternity members to join us in the parish center following Mass for refreshments.

Catholic Athletes for Christ Mass

Catholic Athletes for Christ group is again having a kickoff mass for the winter sports season. It will be held at Blessed Sacrament, Saturday, November 12th during their 5:00 pm evening mass. See you there.

Jubilee Mass

Fr. James Wheeler, O.F.M. will celebrate a Mass of thanksgiving commemorating fifty years as a Franciscan priest. The Mass will be here at St. Francis Church at 11am on Nov. 13th. He extends an invitation to you to join him for this celebration.

Parish Support: Oct. 29-30

	Actual	Budgeted	Difference
Church /School	\$20,428.96	\$26,750	-\$6,321.04
YEAR TO DATE	\$356,757.53	\$454,750	-\$97,992.47

Miscellaneous Collections

\$3,541.47

St Francis Fall Harvest Food Drive

The annual Parish Fall Harvest Food Drive will be held from November 5, 2016 through Thanksgiving on November 24, 2016. Grocery Sacks are located at church entrances for your convenience. Groceries may be brought to the Food Pantry in the parish center basement or to church.

Also, monetary donations are appreciated. If you decide to make a cash donation, please write 'bike' on the check or envelope so that it may be used for a match provided by the Wiewel Family Bikathon.

(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

Thank You

Thank you for your recent donation of \$5,155.98 to the 2nd Collection of Quincy Catholic Charities. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Holy Name

Thank you for your time and dedication in hosting the annual Pancake and Sausage Breakfast last weekend. It was a great turn time for food and fellowship.

Thank You

We have received letters from the Franciscan Missionary Union thanking you for the latest contributions of \$2,936.40 for our Sister Parish in Alaska. They really appreciate your generosity and your prayers.

Pro-Life Prayer

"Only with prayer--Prayer that storms the heavens for justice and mercy, prayer that cleanses our hearts and souls--will the culture of death that surrounds us today be replaced with a culture of life."

-From Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities US Catholic Bishops

TEC #308 Nov 12-14

Great River Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) will be hosting TEC #308 Nov 12-14, 2016. TEC is an opportunity for a special time in a young person's life. At TEC you can experience that you are not alone at the in-between time of moving into adult life. TEC weekends are held at the Franciscan Retreat Center of Quincy University, 18th & Seminary Road, Quincy, IL 62301. The weekend begins Saturday morning at 9:30am and ends Monday evening 6:00-6:30pm. Candidates ages 16-21 cost \$50.00 and observers ages 22+ cost \$100.00. Anyone of any faith denomination ages 16 and older are welcome to participate. For more information, go to www.greatrivertec.org

Quincy Cursillo Invitation

Cursillo is a spiritual renewal for Christians. Anyone age 21 or older can make a weekend. (TEC – Teens Encounter Christ is for anyone 16-21) Men and Women make individual weekends. For married couples the man makes a Cursillo before the wife. There are 8 weekends per year, 4 for men and 4 for women. Cost for a weekend is \$150 and there is a financial gift of \$75 available when needed. This covers all meals and your room for the weekend. The weekend is held from 7:30pm Thursday evening until Sunday evening. The location is at QU Franciscan Retreat Center (North Campus).

You do need someone to sponsor you. This is to help you with the application and getting you to the weekend, as well as follow-up with you. Anyone who has made a Cursillo can be a sponsor. Upcoming Cursillo weekends :

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Jan. 19-22	Men's	#323	Eric Schultz
Feb. 23-26	Women's	#324	Karen Crabtree
Mar. 30-Apr. 2	Men's	#325	Ron Clark

Fellow Cursillistas: Be a Friend, Pray for that Friend, and Invite that Friend to make a Cursillo Weekend.

For more information contact: Larry and Rita Frese, Area Representatives, 217 936-2740 TN: email: robfrese@adams.net or Dennis and Marcia Steinkamp TN: 224-5665 or email dmsteinkamp@sbcglobal.net Visit the website: www.quincycursillo.com There are also pamphlets in the back of church.



"Moreover, it is required in stewards that a man be found faithful to his gifts." (I Corinthians 4:1-2)

KC Breakfast is Served

K.C. Volunteer Teams will be serving breakfast every Sunday starting September 18th through April 9th From 8:30am to NOON. Featuring Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Bacon, Ham, Fried Potatoes, Pancakes, Biscuits & Gravy & Fruit Cocktail Toast, Coffee, Milk & Orange Juice Adults \$6.99 and Kids 6-12 \$3.50 - Kids 5 & Under FREE All are Welcome!

Soup Day

Western Catholic Union is having a soup day on Tuesday, November 15, 2016, 11 am to 1 pm, WCU Hall, 516 Maine St, Quincy, IL to benefit Quincy Ladies of Charity. Cost is \$6 for Chili, Chicken Noodle and Ham & Bean Soup, one ham or turkey sandwich, dessert and beverage.

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!

Just Something Fun!!



Important Dates to Remember

Nov. 8 HSA Meeting 7pm

Nov. 8 Picture Re-take Day

Nov. 11 **SCHOOL IN SESSION –VETERANS' DAY**

Early release every Wednesday at 2:30 with bus service

Schedule Change

Due to a recent notification from the Bishop's Office, we will now have our **Confirmation on Wednesday, May 24th at 7:00 PM.** As a result, we will need to move our previously scheduled **Graduation date to Tuesday, May 23rd at 7:00 PM** with a reception to follow in the Parish Center. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Donation

The Holy Name Society sponsored their annual golf outing at Westview Golf Course on Sunday, October 2nd with the proceeds going to St. Francis Solanus School. Several teams attended and enjoyed 18 holes of golf, free refreshments, and prizes. Because of the dedicated efforts of all of the men who organized the event, especially Dan Hoffman, a grand total of \$6,000 was raised for the school. We are so very grateful for their help and support! This money will be part of a larger effort to repair the 3rd floor restrooms for the students. We will need to raise a total of \$50,000 for this special project, and appreciate any and all help! God bless you all!
Lori Shepard, Principal

12 Little Angels

On December 22, 1899, at 3:00 PM a group of girls were rehearsing for the annual Christmas play at St. Francis Solanus School. One girl's costume came in contact with a burning gas jet, according to historical documents. Seeing herself on fire and not knowing what to do, the young child rushed among the others, setting their dresses on fire. Father Andrew, Professor Musholt, and the Sisters rushed to the rescue, but with little success. In about three minutes, 12 girls were badly burned, four expiring almost instantly. Three other girls, although burned, escaped with their lives. The heroic rescuers of the ill-fated victims were themselves badly burned, even for one as to necessitate amputation. The fire was quickly extinguished by the firemen before any damage was done to the building.

As a tribute to their spirits, a memorial for tuition assistance has been established in their honor for an initial \$1,000 by a generous donor. The fund will be called, "12 LITTLE ANGELS."

You are invited to contribute to this fund to provide for needed financial assistance for children to attend St. Francis Solanus. A running balance will be posted on a quarterly basis, with a financial report documenting how the money was confidentially distributed. Please, let's keep their memory alive and may God watch over these 12 Little Angels.

November 12 & 13	Altar Server - Weekend	Communion Minister		Usher	Reader	Greeter
Saturday 4:30 pm	Olivia Alford Megan Chezem Andrew Stockton	Gerald Deters Phyllis Knuffman Cindy Reichert Bobbie Talken	Patricia Gable Roger Knuffman Theresa Rohrer Helen Zimmerman	Tim Reichert - Head Usher Jim Kaiser Paul Kemner Russell Rohrer Harold Vahle Jim Waterkotte	Steve Davis Peggy Klauser	Tim & Cindy Reichert Katie Schuecking
Sunday 6:30 AM		Mike Happekotte Rose Keller		John Beckman Janet Marquette Kris Niewohner-Powell	Reg Ankrom	
Sunday 8:00 AM	Bobbi Monzo Morgan Patton Carter VanHecke	Bruce Broemmell Jane Gregory Auris McGee Jan Zeidler	Cindy Cook Ric Hinkamper William Paxton Rich Zeidler	Paul Eling - Head Usher Joe Eling Larry Klauser Jerry Meyer Terry Obert Roch Schulte	Brandy Blickhan Patricia Paxton	Joan Beard Kathy Klauser
Sunday 9:30 AM	Kaitlyn Fischer Katie Hummel Olivia Hummel	Ann Betts Becky Gengenbacher Wilbur Gleckler Joanne Ortwerth	Chris Duvall Rick Gengenbacher Anita Martin Erin Schrage	Steve Schrage - Head Usher Neal Blickhan Jason Costigan Joseph Fessler Mike Fessler Terry Nall	Tom Huynh Janet Waterkotte	Jill Blickhan Barbara Bockhaus
Sunday 11:00 AM	AJ Ellerman Braden Kapp Colby Kapp	Jacob Benz Sheila Benz Doris Karhoff Russ Siebers	John Benz Teena Fisk Jayne Lammers Marcia Steinkamp	Bill Fleeer - Head Usher Mike Holbrook Marty Karhoff Joseph Obert Matthew Schulte Bud Voss	Ron Gengenbacher Dennis Steinkamp	James Doellman Patricia Tomczak

Servers for Saturday, November 12 at 8:00 a.m. Mass and weekday 8:00 am Masses for Nov.14-18 are Brooke Holman and Faith Voorhis