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## MASSES

**Sunday Obligation** Saturday evening: 4:30 p.m. for Sunday  
Sunday-6:30, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

**Weekdays** 6:30 a.m. Monday thru Friday  
8:00 a.m. Monday thru Saturday

8:35 a.m. Wednesday during school year

**Holy Day Obligation:** Anticipated 5:30 p.m.

Holy Day 6:30, 8:00 a.m.(8:35 a.m. during school year)and 5:30 p.m.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday-8:30 a.m. and 3:00-4:00 p.m. or call the Friary for an appointment

## *Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

Wisdom 9:13-18b; Philemon 9-10,12-17;  
Luke 14:25-33

The Book of Wisdom was written about a hundred years before the birth of Jesus. Nevertheless, it pretends to have been written by Solomon, who lived nine centuries before Christ.

Today's first reading is taken from the so-called "Prayer of Solomon." Read the entire prayer for the context. In the prayer, Solomon acknowledges that he is called to build the great Temple, and that he is called to govern God's people. He knows that he is just like anyone else; he realizes how desperately he needs wisdom. He prays that God will guide him, for only God knows all things.

Philemon is the third shortest book in the Bible. Paul wrote this letter to Philemon to return Philemon's runaway slave, Onesimus. By law, the owner of a captured runaway slave could punish him even to the point of the death penalty. But Paul tells Philemon that Onesimus has become a Christian. Therefore, Philemon must treat Onesimus as a brother!

We can imagine Philemon's problem if he follows this advice: What will the other slaves think if Onesimus is treated as a brother? Philemon will have to treat them in the same way. And what will the other slave owners think? If all are called to treat each other as brothers and sisters, then slavery is dead!

Jesus says that it is more than just a "problem" to follow him. To follow him means the cross. If we aren't willing to suffer degradation, ridicule, persecution, and even death, we aren't really followers of Jesus.

Let us pray for true wisdom – a wisdom to follow the Lord loyally, whether it is popular or not. In the short run, following Christ is the cross. In the long run, it will be everlasting happiness and joy in the resurrection.

--Msgr. William Carr

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# 23<sup>rd</sup>

# September 8, 2019

## Sunday in Ordinary Time

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### This Week's Events

#### **Sunday, September 8**

6:00 p.m. Financial Peace University

#### **Monday, September 9**

6:00 p.m. PSR

6:30 p.m. Divorce and Beyond Meeting

7:00 p.m. Rosary for Peace

#### **Tuesday, September 10**

6:00 p.m. PTO Meeting

6:30 p.m. Protecting God's Children Session

#### **Wednesday, September 11**

1:00 p.m. St. Peter Study

6:30 p.m. St. Peter Study

#### **Thursday, September 12**

1:00 pm. Cursillo Women's Prayer Group

3:00 pm. Stadler 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Girl Scouts

6:30 p.m. Wiemelt Bear Den Meeting

7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Meeting

### Upcoming Events

**9/15** Secular Franciscan Gathering  
Financial Peace University Class

**9/16** PSR  
Divorce and Beyond  
Rosary for Peace

**9/17** Young Mothers Gathering  
Frericks' Prayer Group  
Pastoral Council Meeting

**9/18** St. Peter Study  
Holy Name Meeting  
St. Francis Men's Prayer Group

**9/19** Boy Scout Meeting  
Finance Council Meeting

### **St. Francis Community Assistance Quarterly Meeting**

The St. Francis Community Assistance (SFCA) Ministry will have their quarterly meeting on Monday, September 9, 2019 in the Parish Center at 6:30 p.m.

Join us to learn more about how you can volunteer at the Food Pantry or in other ways. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

### *Fr. Don's Doodlings*

It was many years ago, long before I arrived at St. Francis, when I made a remark to someone about my day off. The man I was talking with said something like, "You don't get a day off. You're a priest. You work 24/7." Of course I thought he was joking. Whatever happened with the rest of the conversation is a blank in my memory, except that I recall him making it clear that he was NOT joking. He actually thought that priests should have no breaks, days off, vacations, period.

Such thinking tells me that there are those who do not understand that priests are as human as everyone else. That we get worn out. That we need food, shelter, clothing, AND rest. Just like "normal" humans. And that's no joke.

Having said that, I want to report that I had a very nice vacation. I think it may be the first 2-week vacation I have taken since I came here 10 years ago. In fact, it was during that memorable 2-week vacation in 2009 when I received the phone call from then-Provincial, Fr. Bill Spencer, O.F.M., asking me to accept the appointment as pastor here at St. Francis. A bolt out of the blue! I really had no idea this was coming. Obviously, I said, "Yes."

One of my desires during this past vacation was to connect with some of my loved ones, relatives and friends, whom I don't get to see very often or at all. One couple, a cousin and his wife, whom I visited, are now 93 y/o and 87 y/o respectively. We were recalling that I had attended their wedding. And I've been wondering how did they get so old? In fact, how did all these relatives and friends get so old? Am I not the same person I was back then? If they seem to have aged, what does that say about me? My memory holds tenaciously to the image I have of my loved ones from many years ago. Old photos seem to encourage my brain to hold the image just the way it was. Of the 24 cousins on my mother's side of the family, only one has died up until this year, when two more just died. It seems that death is what really plays havoc with those images of everyone as much younger than they really are, and death has not altered my imaging very much until recently.

It was delightful to be with these folks from many corners of my life: friars, family, and friends: the three "f's" in my life. We met for breakfast, brunch, lunch, dinner, whatever, and shared our latest medical reports. LOL.

The most significant visiting was with my sister, Jan, who, since last November, has been in an assisted living center. Life is a struggle for her, but she is in good spirits and loves the place where she is living. She's good at reaching out to new residents, and has made some new friends there.

My two weeks away provided some rest. But then I was ready to come back. This, indeed, is home and I'm glad to be here.

# Mass Intentions

September 9 Monday	6:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m.	Erma-May Winget Tena Rubison	September 13 Friday	6:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m.	Jim Lubbring In Honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help
September 10 Tuesday	6:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m.	John & Connie Liesen James L. Odorizzi	September 14 Saturday	8:00 a.m. 4:30 p.m.	Florence Grawe Denny Liesen
September 11 Wednesday	6:30 a.m. 8:35 a.m.	Coral Casals <b>SCHOOL MASS</b>	September 15 Sunday	6:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Carl Bernhardt Jerry Gunn Amy Waterkotte Bobbie Wellman
September 12 Thursday	6:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m.	Everett Yates, Jr. John & Connie Liesen			

## An Unplanned Conversation

Did you appreciate seeing the movie, "Unplanned"? Formed.org is providing the opportunity to learn more about the true circumstances surrounding the movie by presenting An Unplanned Conversation.

Join Abby Johnson, former Planned Parenthood clinic director and author of the memoir "Unplanned," alongside co-director and screenwriter Chuck Konzelman, co-director and producer Cary Solomon, and Mary FioRito, for an interactive discussion about the film "Unplanned." This conversation includes feature clips from the movie interspersed with Q&A. The event was hosted by de Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture at the University of Notre Dame.

Use St. Francis access code **KHMRFB** to join 101 other St. Francis families who can already make use of all that formed.org has to offer. Click on "WATCH," then scroll down to "MOVIES," and then to "MEN AND WOMEN OF FAITH." Click the arrow to the right to find An Unplanned Conversation. (As you will see, Unplanned—Behind the Scenes is also available.)



## Lighthouse Catholic Media

New at the kiosk, for your spiritual enrichment:

**Why Pilgrimage** – booklet by David Baldwin, who seeks to answer why, in this modern, frenetic world, pilgrimage is on the increase. This booklet gives insights, inspiration and ideas for anyone contemplating pilgrimage. It also highlights some popular, and not so well known, pilgrim destinations, and proposes "Reasons to Go."

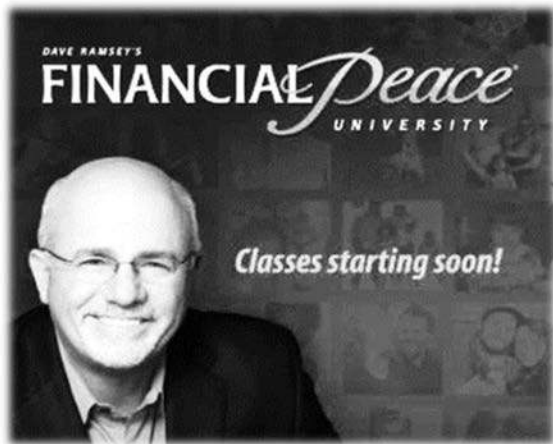
**Some Fundamental Principles of Catholic Morality** – a Knights of Columbus booklet which explains the source of the morality of human actions. It also discusses the three universal moral rules that make an action good or evil, and examines the function of our conscience and the duty we have to both follow, and form, our conscience.

## St. Francis Parish to Once Again Offer Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University Class!

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University Class at St. Francis will begin on **Sunday, September 8**. The class will meet for nine Sunday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. ALL PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME! As are family members, friends, and neighbors.

This isn't your typical "money class." FPU is practical, entertaining, and fun! Whether you're struggling to make ends meet or doing okay, FPU has something for you. Start your journey to financial peace by registering for the class at: <https://www.fpu.com/1092273>

For more information, contact FPU coordinator Rick Gengenbacher at 257-5670 or [rgenfam@yahoo.com](mailto:rgenfam@yahoo.com).



### Parish Support: August 24-25

	Actual	Budgeted	Difference
Church/School	\$19,915.60	\$28,200	-\$8,284.40
YEAR TO DATE	\$180,027.78	\$225,600	-\$45,578.22

### Miscellaneous Collection

\$2,614.61

### Parish Support: Aug. 31- Sept. 1

	Actual	Budgeted	Difference
Church/School	\$27,695.06	\$28,200	-\$504.94
YEAR TO DATE	\$207,716.84	\$253,800	-\$46,083.16

### Miscellaneous Collection

\$604.16



## Called to serve? Come and see.

All men discerning a vocation to the diaconate are invited to a weekend experience at the Villa Maria Catholic Retreat and Conference Center, Friday, Sept. 13, (4:00 p.m.) to Saturday, Sept. 14 (2:00 p.m.) at no cost. During the weekend, you will meet the men and wives currently in formation, proctor classroom lectures, and join in meals and social time. In addition to attending Mass with the deacon candidates and wives, you will participate in the Liturgy of the Hours Morning and Evening Prayer. Wives of men discerning a vocation are invited and strongly encouraged to attend. To register, contact Teresa Gwardys at [tgwardys@dio.org](mailto:tgwardys@dio.org) at the Office for the Diaconate. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Deacon Wayne at 217-430-7792.

## QND Pom Pon Camp

The QND Pommers are hosting their Football Pom Camp and they want you to come perform with them at Halftime of the QND Football Game on Friday, September 13. Camp is for girls in Pre-school (3 yrs. old) – 8th grade.

**CAMPERS WILL BE PERFORMING ALL OF THE SAME ROUTINE AT HALFTIME.**

Check in begins at 5:00 p.m. and camp goes from 5:15 p.m. until after halftime of the football game.

Game starts at 7:00 p.m.

Camp will be held in the QND Gym.

Cost is \$30, which includes a t-shirt, pizza, and admission into game.

To GUARANTEE t-shirt size, please register by Monday, September 9.

Questions – please contact Coach Jennifer Duesterhaus at [qndpomcoaches@gmail.com](mailto:qndpomcoaches@gmail.com).

Hope to see you there!

## Thank You

We received thank you letters from the Franciscan Missionary Union in St. Louis thanking St. Francis Parish for two recent collections for our Sister Parishes in the Diocese of Fairbanks, AK, totaling \$6,398.09. I'm sure your generosity will be appreciated by our sisters and brothers and the four Franciscan friars there as they prepare for the coming winter in Alaska.

## Divorce and Beyond

“Divorce and Beyond” Workshop is designed to help support people beyond the pain of divorce. The workshop is for those who are divorced. Topics covered include: The Process of Divorce, Positive Self-Image, Handling Stress, Expressing Anger, Dealing with Blame and Guilt, Overcoming Difficulties, Decision to Forgive, Pathways to Growth, Children of Divorce, Annulment Process (for Catholics).

Registration is required and a \$20.00 donation for materials is requested. People of any faith or no faith are welcome. The sessions will be on Monday nights from 6:30-8:00 p.m. on 9/9, 9/16, 9/23, 9/30, 10/7, 10/14, 10/21, and 10/28. Meetings will be held in the St. Francis Parish Center. To register, call Julie Erwin at (217) 257-5313 or e-mail at [julie.gunn@comcast.net](mailto:julie.gunn@comcast.net).

## St. Francis School 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, September 29, 2019 at 11:30 a.m.** with a shotgun start at 12:30 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, food, refreshments and prizes afterwards.

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 contact Dan Hoffman at 217 617-3537 or email [danhoffman300@hotmail.com](mailto:danhoffman300@hotmail.com)

## Security Commission News

In an ongoing effort to maximize parish security, the commission meets regularly to assess our safety programs. The Security Commission consists of Mak Makarawicz, Tom Regner, Mike Schrage, Ron Gengenbacher and Fr. Bob.

We have been working with the ushers to increase their awareness of the security needs for the church.

\*The Children's Liturgy of the Word will be more closely monitored by the ushers.

\*The Little Lambs will also be monitored by the ushers.

\*The security cameras are operational and are being enhanced to provide more visibility.

## Junior Legion of Mary

The first meeting of the Junior Legion of Mary will be on Thursday, September 12, 2019.

Time of meeting is 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

We are a new Group of Junior Legion of Mary.

All students from all churches are invited.

Ages 10 to 18. There are NO fees.

Come, learn more about your religion and the Blessed Mother.

Hope to see you at St. Rose Parish Hall Library,  
1009 N. 8<sup>th</sup> St. Quincy, IL 62301

Bring a friend, and make new ones!

For more information, please call Ella Reiter at 217-224-4312 or Anna Kamphaus at 217-223-3103.

## Assumptions Catholic Store

Assumptions (Catholic Store) will be selling gifts on Saturday, September 14 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Quincy. They will have tables set up in the St. Rose of Lima Parish Hall (715 Chestnut Street). This is a great opportunity to get beautiful Catholic gifts for your family and friends. Call Assumptions for specific in-stock requests or for quantities of items until Thursday, September 12 at (309) 833-1979.

**Cash or Check only—No credit or debit cards**

Assumptions is located in Macomb, IL at 101 South Side Square.

## Protecting God's Children at St. Francis Solanus

Anyone who volunteers at St. Francis Church or School is required to attend a Protecting God's Children Session.

The following sessions have been scheduled:

Tuesday, September 10, 2019

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

Tuesday, February 11, 2020

Tuesday, April 14, 2020

Monday, June 1, 2020

All sessions will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Bride's Room of the Parish Center.

To register, call the Church Office at 222-2898.

## Eucharistic Adoration

We will resume Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. If you are interested in participating, please see the website for sign-up opportunities, or contact Jan Zeidler at 217-779-0290.

## QND Golf Outing

Please join us at the **34th Annual QND Foundation Scholarship Golf Tournament, Monday, September 23, 2019**, at Westview Golf Course. Lunch and registration begin at 11:15 a.m. with tee off at noon. All proceeds benefit QND students with financial assistance! Cost is \$130 per player and includes 18 holes of golf, cart, lunch, dinner and refreshments. Visit [www.quincynotredame.org](http://www.quincynotredame.org) for more details. To register or for more information on how to become a \$300 hole sponsor, contact Stacey Staff in the QND Foundation Office at 224-2598, [ssstaff@quincynotredame.org](mailto:ssstaff@quincynotredame.org)

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College Avenue at 17th Street  
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Wednesday, Oct. 16, 7:00 p.m.  
Ascension Catholic Church  
808 South East Avenue  
Oak Park, IL

Thursday, Oct. 17, 7:00 p.m.  
Cardinal Mundelein Auditorium  
University of St. Mary of the Lake  
Mundelein, IL

Saturday, Oct. 19, 8:00 p.m.  
Catholic Theological Union  
5416 South Cornell Avenue  
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## Stewardship in the Family

Friday, September 27, 2019

7:00 p.m. at St. Peter Church

Come hear how the principles of Stewardship can be applied to your relationships within your family: with your parents, siblings, spouse, children, grandchildren, etc.

**\*Presenter: Katie Conner of Augusta, Georgia\***

Katie is a joyful wife, mother of nine, and attorney. In her legal practice, Katie represents abused and neglected children in the foster care system and serves as legal counsel to a local non-profit dedicated to assisting victims of human trafficking. She is delighted to share her personal testimony and eager to offer the gift of a stewardship way of life to those near and far.

**Adults of all ages are welcome!**



# St. Francis Solanus School

**September 20: Grandparents' Day – Dismissal at 11:30 a.m. (NO LUNCH)**

## School Pictures

Tuesday, September 17 students Preschool 4 to 8<sup>th</sup> grade will have pictures taken for the yearbook, lunch cards, etc. Students may wear out-of-dress code shirts with dress code bottoms. Girls may wear modest dresses or skirts. No jeans are permitted.

## Needing more back to school clothes?

Check out the St. Francis online store for great gear for fall, winter, and spring items. Just use the following link to access the store online. The store will be opened the beginning of November for Christmas gifts. Please contact Heather Bryan at [widawg247@yahoo.com](mailto:widawg247@yahoo.com) or 217-617-1162 with any questions.  
[https://stores.shirtshack.us/st\\_francis/shop/home](https://stores.shirtshack.us/st_francis/shop/home)

## Another Bacon Fundraiser

This time all proceeds are going to go directly to St. Francis School PTO. This time we are going to do it a little differently. I am taking pre-orders, but you'll have to mail in your payment. I've had too many in the past that have pre-ordered and did not pick it up. So this should help with that. Pickup will be at school, sometime by mid-September. I will have extra at the pickup for anyone who wants more, or wants to purchase some there. \$10 per lb. again. Please email or text me for your pre-orders and I'll message back privately with the address to mail your check. Help support PTO, this helps ALL of our kids and classrooms!!! We just handed out \$2,100 worth of gift cards to the teachers this week. We need our families to support us so we can continue to do this! **Shane McDermott**

## Important School Information

School **BEGINS** at 8:20 a.m.  
(first bell at 8:10 a.m. and students allowed in classrooms)  
**AFTER 8:20 a.m. (second bell) THEY ARE TARDY!**  
Bus students are dismissed at 2:55 p.m.  
Then 3:00 p.m. bell for official dismissal  
(2:25 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. for Wednesdays)

**PARENTS: PLEASE BE AWARE OF THE BARRICADE THAT BLOCKS OFF COLLEGE STREET EVERY MORNING. DO NOT GO AROUND THIS BARRICADE, IT IS IN PLACE TO KEEP CHILDREN SAFE PER QUINCY POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

## St. Francis PTO Parking Lot Garage Sale

Sponsored by Bank of Springfield  
Saturday, September 21  
St. Francis School Parking Lot  
Time: 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
\$25 per spot  
Come sell your items in one place!  
We will have 53 spots available over both parking lots.  
No admission fee to shop.  
Vendors welcome!  
For more information or to reserve a spot,  
Email: [pto@stfrancissolanus.com](mailto:pto@stfrancissolanus.com)

## School Lunch Next Week: September 9 – 19

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Cheeseburger/Bun Green Beans Tropical Fruit Cookie	Pepperoni Bosco Stick Marinara Broccoli Mixed Fruit B-Day Cake Grahams	Mac N Cheese Salad/Dressing Baby Carrots Apple Slices/Caramel	Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Roll Pears	French Toast Donut Holes Scrambled Eggs Hash Browns Oranges

September 14-15	Altar Servers - Weekend	Communion Ministers		Ushers	Readers	Greeters
<b>Saturday 4:30 p.m.</b>	Andrew Stockton Jack Marth	Bobbie Talken Roger Knuffman Barbara Sibbing Patti Blickhan	Darlene Mayes Phyllis Knuffman Teri Struck Helen Zimmerman	<b>Dick Mitchell</b> Harvey Fuelling Tom Ennis Jim Kaiser Chuck Mayes Michael Eling	Janet Waterkotte Rebecca Wear	Peggy Kaiser Janice Wiemelt
<b>Sunday 6:30 a.m.</b>		Shirley McLaughlin Deborah Schulte		Kevin Frericks Joyce Frericks Pam Keller	Reg Ankrom	
<b>Sunday 8:00 a.m.</b>	Logan Venvertloh Jace Putman	Cindy Venvertloh Maurice Blickhan Peggy Koettters Gary Winking	Carolyn Briddle Launa Blickhan Cindy Cook Roseann Gosnell	<b>Jack Terwelp</b> Mary Terwelp Perry Terwelp Terry Obert Tim Venvertloh John Hummel	Bruce Broemmel Gerald Koettters	Joe Venvertloh Karen Venvertloh
<b>Sunday 9:30 a.m.</b>	Spencer Arnold Erica Arnold Adayre Klausner	Carol Darnell Jayna Klausner Linda Burke Ronald Upper	Alice Arnold Marvin Knuffman Joanne Ortwerth Robert Haas	<b>Terry Kistner</b> Jason Costigan Bryant Burke Diann Cole Gary Darnell Karl Venvertloh	James Cramsey Katherine Cramsey	Tyler & Emily Wellman Nancy Hufendick
<b>Sunday 11:00 a.m.</b>	Allie Vranjes Noah Lunt Rylan Fischer	Amanda Garnett Kristan Greving Norbert Dixon Christy Woodward	Ruth Scharnhorst Carol Steinbrecher Leah Ley Marcia Steinkamp	<b>Bill Fleer</b> Don Olps Steve Obert Brent Frericks Bud Voss Sam Vranjes	Dennis Steinkamp Rosanna Voss	Sylvia Collins LouAnn Grady
<b><u>Weekday Mass Servers</u></b>		<b>September 14 (Sat.): 8:00 a.m.</b> <b>September 16-20: 8:00 a.m.</b>		<b>Lia Henrichs &amp; Madilynn Henrichs</b>		



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