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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

## Pentecost Sunday

MAY 31, 2020

Acts 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7,12-13;  
John 20:19-23

The Greek word “pentecostes” means “fiftieth.” On the fiftieth day after Passover, Jews celebrated the “Feast of Weeks” or “Pentecost.” The celebration commemorated the Covenant of Mt. Sinai. Fifty days after leaving Egypt, the Israelites arrived at Mt. Sinai. There they encountered the Lord in fire and wind and quaking. There the Lord gave them his Holy Law, and they pledged that they would be loyal to him.

At the time of Jesus, this festival also had “overtones” of the inclusion of non-Jews (Gentiles) in salvation. They believed that somehow the Lord would bring all peoples and nations to worship him at his holy temple.

With this background, we can appreciate the powerful coming of the Holy Spirit fifty days after Easter. The “signs” of quaking and fire recall the covenant of Sinai; this is the inauguration of the new covenant! The apostles had expected that everything would be perfect when Jesus came again in glory.

He comes in the Holy Spirit with power and changes timid men into bold men; he changes the crass into the wise; he changes the weak into the strong; and the sinful into the holy ones. They are not perfect, but they are to be the loyal witnesses to Christ. They go forth to proclaim that salvation has come to all peoples. The various groups mentioned in the first reading are a summary of all the peoples known in the Mediterranean world.

The Church is made up of imperfect people; otherwise there would be no need for the Sacrament of Reconciliation or Penance described in the Gospel. But we are empowered by the Holy Spirit to become faithful witnesses of Jesus Christ. Each of us has received unique and distinct gifts of the Holy Spirit. The Lord calls us to use these for the common good and for the building up of the Church in the unity of love.

Let us rejoice in this “birthday of the Church.” Let us renew our commitment to use our gifts to spread the good news of Jesus Christ to every person.

--Msgr. William Carr  
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# PENTECOST

May 31, 2020

*From Fr. Bob's Desk...*

All events that were regularly scheduled in the Parish Center have been cancelled until further notice.

If you had an event scheduled, please notify Caitlin Kendrick at [ckendrick@stfrancissolanus.com](mailto:ckendrick@stfrancissolanus.com) and verify if you are interested in rescheduling when the Parish Center is re-opened or if you would like a full refund. We are sorry for any inconvenience this has caused!

The Music of the Angels!

We take this opportunity to offer a HUGE thank you to Roger Begley, who has faithfully served the parish as Music Director for more than two decades! Roger will be transitioning to retirement, but we are happy that he will be remaining with us to assist with funerals and special service.

Over the many years of service, Roger has been at the helm of the Music Ministry for the parish, sharing his virtuosity on the organ. Among the most talented and prolific organists in the tri-state area, we have been blessed with his musicianship for many years. Thankfully, he will remain on hand to play for funerals and special events.

Roger has been generously sharing his technical abilities for the maintenance and tuning of our fine organ over the years, and we are pleased to say that he has offered to continue this.

So, Roger, we wish you a heartfelt thank you for your many years of selfless service, and as such you will be considered Music Director Emeritus, in perpetuity!

That said, we also want to wish a warm welcome to Jill Steinkamp who will be stepping into the role of Music Director for the parish. Having already been working in a leadership role with the contemporary and youth groups, she is positioned nicely to expand her duties to the other musical groups and whatever the Holy Spirit puts on her heart to share!

Jill is a competent musician, teaching now at Quincy Notre Dame and we look forward to sharing with her in the musicianship she has demonstrably shown in many venues throughout Quincy! Welcome to the St. Francis Solanus staff Jill!!

We all know the importance of music in our liturgy and are grateful to both Roger and Jill for elevating our prayer to sing with the angels!

**The Parish Office is closed to walk-in traffic during this time!**

# Mass Intentions

June 1 Monday	3:00 p.m.	Kate Altgilbers	June 5 Friday	3:00 p.m.	Irene Mast
June 2 Tuesday	3:00 p.m.		June 6 Saturday	3:00 p.m.	John Maxwell
June 3 Wednesday	3:00 p.m.	Kate Altgilbers	June 7 Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Vivian Reckers, Betty Venvertloh & Bobbie Wellman
June 4 Thursday	3:00 p.m.	Irene Doellman & Tena Rubison			

**\*\*Please send Mass intentions to [bulletin@stfrancissolanus.com](mailto:bulletin@stfrancissolanus.com)\*\***

**Daily Mass is offered every day  
at 3:00 p.m. and  
Sunday Mass is at 9:30 a.m.  
on our Parish Website at  
[www.stfrancissolanus.com](http://www.stfrancissolanus.com)**

## Food Pantry Info:

We are in need of shampoo and dish soap. If you would like to help with this, you may bring your items to the pantry when you come to volunteer or you may leave bread at the North entrance to the Parish Center. There is a container for this outside the doors.  
**Reminder:** St. Francis Community Assistance Food Pantry is open for anyone in need. Please call 217-430-1025 to request assistance.

## Save the Date

**Franciscan Farewell Parade for Fr. Don and Fr. Bob**

June 14, 2020

Under the Parish Center North Entrance Portico

A basket for cards will be available for the priests at the reception.

More details will be given as they become finalized.



## Ways To Give:

While we are aware that you are strapped, we ask you to support the parish to the best you can.

There are several ways of giving:

- Sign up to give on-line by going to the parish website:

[www.stfrancissolanus.com](http://www.stfrancissolanus.com) and follow the prompts.

It's easy and it's safe.

- Text to Give: Send text to 217-388-5240. Follow the prompts.
- Send your envelopes in the US mail. Our mail gets delivered daily.
- Drop your envelopes through the slot in the BIG RED College Street door.

**Thanks so much to all.**

**God bless you!**

## Other Needs

I'm sure that all you need is another collection to ask for your hard-earned money. Well, it's my duty to remind you that there is the **Catholic Communications Campaign** and **Quincy Catholic Cemetery Collection**, which we reminded you of last week. Envelopes for each of these are in your packets. I would simply ask you to do what you can, and especially to pray for these needs. Thanks for your kindness.

## May Parish Support

(as of 5-26-2020)

Church/School	\$14,767.00
YEAR TO DATE	\$1,109,009.75
Budgeted	\$1,269,000
<b>DIFFERENCE:</b>	<b>-\$159,990.25</b>

19TH  ANNUAL  
**RAIDER**  
**CHALLENGE**  
VIRTUAL RUN 2020

Due to current distancing restrictions, this year's 19th Annual Raider Challenge will be **VIRTUAL**.

Participants are encouraged to complete a 5K/10K Run or Walk at a time and location convenient to you.

You will be able to log your completion time on the website, if you choose.

Participants will receive a T-Shirt, Finisher Medal, and Custom Certificate. These items can be picked up at a time and location TBD.

All funds received from this event support the Quincy Notre Dame High School Cross Country Team.

Register Today! [www.signmeup.com/133961](http://www.signmeup.com/133961)

## Attention Parents of Graduating Seniors!

The Newman Connection is making it easy for your students to stay connected to the Catholic Church during their time away in college, a time when faith is needed the most.

Below is a link where you can connect to the campus ministry at their chosen college.

Student Sign-Up Form:

<https://signup.newmanconnection.com>



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## Instructions for Communion Outside of Mass

Bishop Paprocki has announced that our parishes are allowed to distribute Holy Communion outside of Mass.

We will begin this opportunity on Sundays from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. We will have groups of up to nine people every 10 minutes. While one group is gathered in Church, another group will wait in the gathering space.

Ushers will be at the gathering space doors to guide you.

**To sign up for a 10-minute slot,  
please call the Parish Office on  
Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. ONLY!**

**(217) 222-2898**

\*If there is not a slot available, you will be given priority for the next time Communion is offered.

\*\*If you are unwell or in a high-risk category, please remain at home for your own safety and the safety of others.

- Each group will gather with Fr. Don, Fr. Bob or Deacon Wayne for prayer before receiving Communion.
- After receiving Communion, the group will have a short time of quiet prayer.
- Father or Deacon will then offer the prayer after Communion and a Blessing.
- That group will then leave the Church and the group waiting in the gathering space will enter the Church with the assistance of the ushers.
- Please stay in your car until your allotted time slot. Enter through the Parish Center **ONLY**.
- Each person is asked to wear a mask and practice social distancing.
- Hand sanitizer will be available to use before and after receiving Communion.
- Fathers and Deacon will be wearing a mask and use proper hand sanitation between each group.





## Coming Soon!

\*myParish App\*

A new up-to-date way to keep in communication with St. Francis Solanus Parish!

Besides getting a text type message on your phone, it has Spiritual information, the daily readings for Mass, Prayers, links to Bishop Baron's Mass and homilies, etc.

Plus, this app includes group communication!

It's an app for your Smartphone (Android or iPhone), tablet or iPad  
Watch for our Launch!

I'm excited about this!

Contact me if you would like a preview now.

[parishcomm@stfrancissolanus.com](mailto:parishcomm@stfrancissolanus.com)

or (217) 440-9581.

Marcia Steinkamp

Parish Communications Coordinator

## Did You Know

There is a mail slot on the south side of the Rectory office in the big red door to drop off your mail/envelopes or mail for the school.

## GOOD NEWS!

You may have heard about some changes at KHQA-TV. Well, the good news is that the "Mass for Shut-In's" will still be broadcast on KHQA-TV every Sunday morning. We are very grateful to the Knights of Columbus who pay for this wonderful service to the tri-state area, and which will continue to be provided from the Quincy studio.

## Parish Photo Directory It's That Time!!

Interested in helping?

Can you believe it's been four years since we last did a pictorial parish directory.

We're gearing up to do this once again, and are looking for a few volunteers to coordinate with Lifetouch.

**We will begin the process in August due to the brief pause that Lifetouch has had from the COVID-19 shut-down!**

If you like organizing things and helping arrange appointments, please let Fr. Bob know –

[rjbarko@gmail.com](mailto:rjbarko@gmail.com) or call the Parish Office, 222-2898.



## Confirmation for 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders

BIG NEWS! Bishop Paprocki has just decreed that in order to not unduly delay the reception of the Sacraments of Confirmation, he has granted to Pastors and Parochial Administrators the faculty to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation. He wants us to begin with children in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade who have been prepared for this sacrament.

So, beginning as soon as possible, probably this weekend, I will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation during our live-stream Masses, and these same children will also receive their First Holy Communion. We still have to maintain social distancing, so, at each Mass I will only confirm 2 children, who will be able to have their sponsors and parents present. The benefit is that, with live-streaming, other family and friends, and indeed all parishioners, will be able to watch this at home, and join in prayer for the children as they receive these two important sacraments.

Let's look forward to these celebrations of Confirmation and First Communion for our children, and pray for them at both Sunday and weekday Masses throughout the month of June.

Congratulations to all these new Confirmandi, and let's all continue to pray for them.

Fr. Don

## Rice Bowls

If you forgot to turn in your RICE bowls, please drop them off at the Parish Office.



# St. Francis Solanus School

## New School Advisory Board Members for 2020-2021

We would like to welcome our new School Advisory Board Members for the upcoming school year. These parents have agreed to this valuable service and we are most grateful for their commitment to St. Francis Solanus School. They are excellent representatives of our school, and we are confident they will be tremendous assets for input and guidance in the coming years. Please welcome Saleem Mamdani, Steve Eling, Rob Gengenbacher, and Karla Fesler.  
Lori Shepard, Principal

## QCES/Facts Financial Aid Awards

QCES is reviewing applications as quickly as possible. They hope to have letters out to the families within the next two weeks. QCES will continue to evaluate applications until the extended deadline of 6/1/2020. Families will receive notice of their awards in the mail. Neither the School or Parish office will have the award information until AFTER all the families have been notified. The extended application deadline and the stay-at-home order has delayed the decision making process.

Thank you QCES for helping our families!

## Retiree Appreciation

Card showers are being planned for two St. Francis Solanus School employees retiring at the end of the school year. Mrs. Vicky Mitchell will retire after 43 years as a teacher. Mrs. Judy Patterson will retire after serving 20 years as a school secretary. Please join us in congratulating these ladies with cards, notes, drawings, or letters. Send your well wishes to:

Mrs. Vicky Mitchell or Mrs. Judy Patterson  
c/o St. Francis Solanus School  
1720 College Avenue  
Quincy, IL 62301

## School Registration Info

Registration Fees – Due to the economic situation, you may be having financial difficulties paying the fees. Please email Tabitha Surowiec at [tsurowiec@stfrancissolanus.com](mailto:tsurowiec@stfrancissolanus.com) with any question. We are here to help you during this difficult time.

## Tuition Assistance

We have several school families in need of tuition assistance this coming school year. Unforeseen furloughs, reduction in hours, lost income, and uncertainty of income in the coming months are taking their toll on some of our school families. Would you like to help a family this school year? You can send a donation to the Parish Office with a note with the family's name you would like to assist or a general donation to the 12 Little Angels Fund for assisting families.  
Thank you for your continued generosity.

## Part-Time Position Open at St. Francis Solanus

St. Francis Solanus has a part-time open position for an Intervention Specialist. This particular person will work closely with students (grades 6-8) who are academically challenged, need extra support, and may have a 504 or IEP Plan. A Special Education background is preferred, but not mandatory. If interested, please send a resume, and reference letters to: Lori Shepard, St. Francis Solanus School, 1720 College, Quincy, Illinois 62301, or email [lshepard@stfrancissolanus.com](mailto:lshepard@stfrancissolanus.com).

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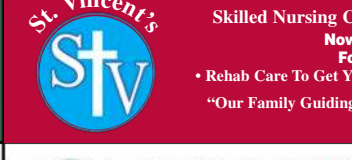


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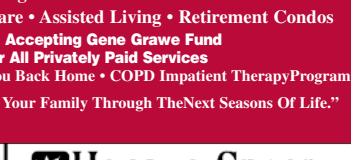
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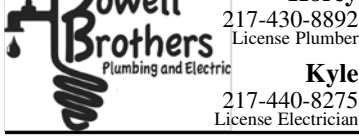


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