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MASSES

Sunday Obligation: Saturday evening: 4:30 p.m. for Sunday

Sunday: 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 a.m.

Weekdays: Monday thru Friday 6:30 a.m.

Tuesday thru Thursday 5:30 p.m.

8:00 a.m. Saturday

8:35 a.m. Wednesday during school year **Holy Day Obligation:** Anticipated 5:30 p.m.

Holy Day 6:30 and 5:30 p.m.

EXPOSITION AND RECONCILIATION

4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. AND 3:00-4:00 p.m. Saturday, or call the Parish Office for an Appointment.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

MAY 14, 2023

Acts 8:5-8,14-17; 1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21

In Hebrew, Greek, and Latin, the word "Spirit" is onomatopoeiac; it sounds like what it means. The word really means "breath." In Hebrew, it is *ruach*; in Greek, *pneuma*; in Latin, *spiritus*. The concept, of course, is that when a person is breathing, he is alive.

In former times, when a person was in a coma, a mirror or glass would be placed in front of his nose or mouth to see if there was any "breath." If there was breath, he was alive; if not, he was dead. From this notion, the idea of an animating, life-giving, intelligent and active force came. The word (in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin) thus meant "breath", "life" and "spirit." Jewish tradition believed that, when the Messiah came, God's very own life (breath, spirit) would be poured out upon all faithful believers.

This happened at Pentecost, as we have seen. But it happens also among us. In the Gospel, Jesus promised that he would not leave us orphans; he would send the Spirit of truth, the Paraclete, to remain with us and to be within us. The word "paraclete" means many things. It can mean comforter. It can mean a person who stands by you and helps you in time of need. And it can mean a "defense attorney." Very likely, it means all these things. The Holy Spirit gives us life, stands by us, defends us, strengthens us, and consoles us.

The first reading tells of the manner in which we receive the Holy Spirit: It is the sacrament of Confirmation. The apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God; the Samaritans had been baptized, but had not yet received the Spirit. The apostles Peter and John were sent to them to impose hands on them so that they might receive the Holy Spirit.

Through the imposition of the hands of the successors of the apostles (bishops), we also receive the Holy Spirit. We are empowered to profess our faith boldly, to bear witness to the truth of the Lord, and to stand for what is right and good. We receive the Spirit's consolation in our difficulties.

The second reading tells us to be faithful, even when we are misunderstood. Even if others ridicule us and defame us, keep standing for what is right. Keep our consciences clear. It is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Christ did no wrong, but suffered even to death on the cross. If we are willing to suffer for him and with him, God will see us through and will vindicate us. Meanwhile, we have the consolation of the Holy Spirit who lives in our hearts.

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6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

This weekend we are choosing an option for the readings that we are all pretty certain hasn't been chosen, and if it has it has been a long time. Since the Ascension in the United States of America is always moved from its Thursday to a Sunday, the 7th Sunday of Easter readings are never read. So, the church gives us an option for those who move the Ascension to Sunday to move the second reading and the gospel from the 7th Sunday of Easter to the 6th Sunday of Easter. So, this is what we've chosen to do this year. It is probably the first time you've heard the 7th Sunday second reading and gospel ever read at mass. So hopefully that explains the readings this weekend being slightly different.

In the Acts of the Apostles, we hear about Philip preaching the gospel and the Samaritans embracing Christ. Word travels to the apostles in Jerusalem and Peter and John go up to Samaria to confirm the baptized. If you've ever wondered where a very clear image of the sacrament of confirmation is located in scripture, this is a prime example. In the sacrament of confirmation, we call down the Holy Spirit and lay hands on those to be confirmed. Most specifically in the Roman Catholic Church this is usually done by what we call an apostle today, which is a Bishop. Here are two bishops going up to do just that! And if you've noticed the readings the last couple weekends are now moving less from focusing on the resurrection and more moving towards Pentecost and the Holy Spirit.

First Peter tells us to suffer not only willingly but rejoicing in the suffering for the sake of Christ. He does make it very clear though that we are not to embrace suffering from our sins but instead suffering for the sake of Christ. This gives glory to God!

So, in the gospel of John, Jesus is talking about that glory of suffering and unifying that suffering to the will of the Father. Jesus reveals to us that he always was, always is and always will be as He states, "with the glory that I had with you before the world began." He prays that we remain one with Jesus, so that we might remain one with the Father. He then tells us of His Ascension which then leads us to the gift of Pentecost that he promised us. May our lives be so united to Christ that we give glory to God in Jesus' example. Yes, that does include joyful suffering and rejection and insult. Give glory to God by your life well lived in union with the will of the Father.

We are working on the heating and air project and hopefully we will have air conditioning very soon. We do not have the funds raised yet for these two projects but I'm hoping that people will give for the efforts of having heat and air conditioning. I apologize for the delays of the capital campaign but ask you to support these endeavors as soon as possible as we all want air this summer and heat next winter! You may see a crane soon and hopefully will work with any changes in parking that may be necessary for this project to be completed.

Most especially on this day where we celebrate our mothers, I want to wish all of you women, a happy Mother's Day. You may not think you are a mother, but as a woman, you are all called to love in a motherly way, and we all benefit from this unique source of love all women share. I want to specially wish my mother a happy Mother's Day for the amazing gift that she has been to myself and my family! If you have not met my mother, she is one spectacular lady! I want to pray for all those mothers who have lost a child no matter how grown or how small, as this is the hardest thing for a mother to experience. Know of our love and prayers! Lastly thank you to Mother Mary for her continued motherly care over the Church and each of us!

Happy Mother's Day! Thank you!

Ber Generalisman

Weekday Mass Intentions

| May 15 Monday | 6:30 a.m. | Rollie Peters & Joyce Cowser | | |
|------------------|------------|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| May 16 | 6:30 a.m. | Karen Holtschlag & Robert Blickhan | | |
| Tuesday | 5:30 p.m. | Dave Genenbacher | | |
| May 17 | 6:30 a.m. | Leona and Paul Dietrich | | |
| Wednesday | 5:30 p.m. | Clara O'Brien | | |
| May 18 | 6:30 a.m. | Lois Wand | | |
| Thursday | 5:30 p.m. | Keith Wiemelt | | |
| May 19 Friday | 6:30 a.m. | Keith Wiemelt | | |
| May 20 | 8:00 a.m. | John Maxwell | | |
| Saturday | 4:30 p.m. | Jim Meyer and Francis & Helen Bauer | | |
| | 7:00 a.m. | "Sis" Obert & Robert Blickhan | | |
| May 21 Sunday | 9:00 a.m. | The Parishioners of St. Francis | | |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Ruth Holman & Don Fessler | | |

Directory Update:

The final copy has been submitted for printing and we hope to have completed books in about three weeks. We will be updating everyone as we learn how the directories will be distributed.

| | May 6/7 Collection: | | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|--|--|
| | Regular Collection: | \$18,309.50 | | |
| Weekly Support Needed: | | \$27,820.00 | | |
| | Deficit/Surplus: | (\$9,510.50) | | |
| | Regular Support (YTD): | \$1,236,242.93 | | |
| | Regular Support Needed (YTD): | \$1,251,900.00 | | |
| Deficit/Surplus (YTD): | | (\$15,657.07) | | |
| Annual School Fund: | | \$1,616.00 | | |
| | Annual School Fund (YTD): | \$142,317.04 | | |
| Capital Campaign (YTD): | | \$148,561.30 | | |
| | Capitai Campaign (YTD): | \$148,561.30 | | |

This week in the Parish:

Monday, May 15

- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 6:00 p.m. PSR closing Mass
- ₱ 7:00 p.m. Rosary

Tuesday, May 16

- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 9:00 a.m. Ladies of St. Francis Quilting
- 9:00 a.m. Moms Together
- 1:00 p.m. D.A.R.E. graduation
- 5:30 p.m. Mass
- 6:00 p.m. Men's Grief Share
- 6:00 p.m. Ladies of St. Francis meeting
- 7:00 p.m. The Belonging

Wednesday, May 17

- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 9:30 a.m. Adoration
- 5:30 p.m. Mass
- 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
- 7:00 p.m. Men's Prayer Group

Thursday, May 18

- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 9:00 a.m. Ladies of St. Francis Quilting
- 2:00 p.m. Scripture Discussion Group
- 5:30 p.m. Mass
- 6:00 p.m. RCIA
- 6:30 p.m. Scripture Discussion Group
- 6:30 p.m. Finance Council
- 6:30 p.m. SFS 8th Grade Graduation
- 6:30 p.m. Troop 22 Scout Meeting

Friday, May 19

- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 10:00 a.m. Preschool Graduation

Saturday , May 20

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 8:30 a.m. Reconciliation
- 3:00 p.m. Reconciliation
- 4:30 p.m. Mass

Evening Prayer Every Sunday

Come join us in praying Evening Prayer every Sunday at 6:30 in the Friars Choir to the left of the sanctuary. This 15-minute prayer is part of the Liturgy of the Hours, the daily prayer of the Church that marks the hours of the day and sanctifies the day with prayer. It is a beautiful, ancient prayer of the Church and we all are encouraged to participate. All materials and instruction are provided. Hope to see you there!

May is for Mary!

Traditionally, May is dedicated to honoring and seeking the intercession of Mary as the Mother of God and Mother of the Church.

Please join us as we say the rosary before the start of Mass at all weekend Masses during the month of May. We need a Rosary leader on Saturday, May 20 and 27 at the 4:30 Mass. If you can volunteer contact Stephanie Ohnemus 217-228-9616.

And to all Mothers here on earth and in heaven Happy Mother's Day!



Moms of all ages - Our Moms Together group meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month from September through May, 9-10:30 a.m. Our next meeting is this Tuesday, May 16. We share conversation, prayer and scripture while forming and strengthening friendships. If you have young children, bring them! We meet in the Parish Center. For more information contact Sarah Venvertloh, 217-577-6490. This will be our last gathering before we break for the summer. We hope you can make it!

There will be an hour of Adoration for Priests followed by Benediction here at St. Francis next Sunday May 21 from 3-4 p.m. All are invited to come and pray for our priests.

QMG Free Sports Physicals Wednesday, May 31 and Tuesday, July 25 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Appointments required.

To schedule call:

217-222-6550x3282

No immunizations for grades 6 and 9.

For more information:

www.quincymedicalgroup.com/sports.



You can still pick up an envelope with Parish Picnic information in the back of church, in the gathering space, or in the parish office. Purchased tickets, baskets and donations can be turned in at the parish office or given to a committee member. Raffle tickets can also be placed in the collection basket at Mass. If you are able to volunteer for the event, June 10, 5 p.m.-Midnight, please contact a committee member or visit the website: st.francissolanus.com/picnic-volunteer. Thank you! Rob and Liz Gengenbacher 217-257-5369 Devon and Erin Stegeman 217-779-2032 Lee and Mandy Carpenter 217-592-6272 Ryan and Lexi Brumbaugh 217-617-1678 Matt and Ashley Daly 816-805-9907 Joe and Amber Terwelp 217-219-2007 Zach and Stephanie Maas 815-878-6032.

Baby Bottle Blitz has begun to benefit Care Net
Pregnancy Services. Take a bottle with you on
Mother's Day and return it with your loose change,
checks or cash on Father's Day. Bottles are available at
the south and west doors and in the gathering space.



Holy Name News

A Big thank you to all who attended our Holy Name banquet last Wednesday. It was great to see everyone and a good time was had by all! Our next activity will be the St. Francis Picnic on June 10. We will be serving food in the lunch stand. Text or call 217-440-0875 if you can help out. Our next meeting will be June 14 at 6 p.m.

Knights of Columbus News

The Thursday night Big Raffle jackpot is up to \$121,001. Tickets are sold from 5:15-7:45 p.m. with the drawing at 8 p.m. Go to our website (quincykofc.org) to sign up for a volleyball or softball team, room rentals and many other activities.

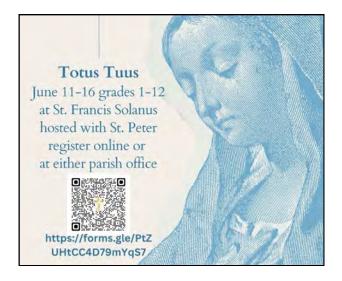
There's only a couple more weeks to participate in the Wednesday all-day adoration, so please consider signing up for a one-hour shift for this **Wednesday**, **May 17**. There's a sign up sheet in the Gathering Space.

Do you ever eat out at one of Quincy's local Mexican restaurants? If so, please stop by the parish office and pick up a Spanish language Catholic book to include with your tip. We have a few titles to choose from. Donations are accepted to support this Spanish book giveaway and lending library half-shelf in the gathering space.

Two prominent members of the Springfield Diocese in Illinois will be honored May 27 in Chicago at the 15th Annual Sports Faith Hall of Fame.

Bishop Thomas John Paprocki will receive the Fulton J. Sheen Award and **Coach Ken Leonard** of Sacred Heart Griffin will be inducted into the 2023 Sports Faith Hall of Fame.

For further information on the event contact angela@sfint.org or call 847-331-6994.



Ladies of St. Francis News:

Our May Mass and dinner meeting will be this **Tuesday, May 16**. Cost is only \$5! Mass will be at 5:30 p.m. with dinner served at 6:30. Please call Jan Zeidler, 217-779-0290, to make a reservation. There will be a May crowning of the Blessed Mother. Feel free to bring a flower. Father Arisman will also have a special blessing of religious articles you may wish to bring. Also, bring your favorite recipe to include in a future project. The quilters will share some exciting news! This will be the last meeting before summer. All ladies of our parish are welcome.

May Events St Francis Youth Group

Sunday, May 14— Small groups. Games, discussion, study, 7-8 p.m. in the parish hall .
Sunday, May 21—Klingner Trail Walk, 6:30-8 p.m.
Drop off and pick up at Bob Mays Park.
In case of bad weather, meet at the parish hall for board games.
Grades 6-12. Bring a friend!

White House Men's and Women's Annual Retreat

Join the men of our parish signing up for the 2023 Annual Silent Retreat at the White House Retreat Center in St. Louis, Monday, September 25 -Thursday, September 28.

Call John Venegoni to make your reservation: 217-430-2234 or jvenegoni6808@comcast.net.

Deadline is August 10.

The White House women's Silent Retreat runs Monday, October 2 - Thursday, October 5. Call Debra Schulte to make your reservation: 217-430-5144 or dschulte2424@gmail.com. Deadline is August 12.





Young people from several Quincy- area Catholic churches met at Scottie's Fun Spot recently for Christian Music Night. They enjoyed skating, go-carts and other activities.



First graders assisted Fr. Rafal at Mass on May 3. They served as lectors, gift bearers and psalm banner holders. Every student had a special job.

Mega Raffle Update!

Thank you to all who have purchased Mega Raffle tickets to date. This fundraiser has raised more than \$2.1 million since it began, and it directly impacts our students, schools and foundations

We need your help to sell our remaining tickets to ensure the greatest impact this year!

If you haven't bought a ticket please do so through your school, parish office, a school family or at QuincyMegaRaffle.org.

Ticket sales end this Thursday, May 18, and our final drawing will be this Friday, May 19 live on KICK FM at 8:35 a.m. Thank you for your continued support of our schools and our foundations.

| May 20-21 | Altar Server - Weekend | Communion Minister | Usher | Reader | Greeter/Gift Bearer |
|---|--|--|---|---------------------|---|
| Saturday 4:30 P.M. | Reese Meehan Collin Meehan | Joleen Patton Phyllis Knuffman Roger Knuffman Bobbie Talken | Dick Mitchell Greg Ehrhardt Michael Bickhaus Brian Dreier Tom Liesen Philip Kemner | Zachary Maas | Betty Kaufmann Teri Struck Gift Bearer John Obert |
| Sunday 7:00 A.M. | Isaac Steinkamp Chloe Terwelp | Arlene Hendren Steve Peters Cindy Peters Bridget Ehrhart | Roch Schulte Ed Zanger John Benz John Ohnemus Auris McGee Larry Klauser | Paul Marlin | Sandra Banning Kathy Klauser Gift Bearer Brad & Lisa Soebbing |
| Sunday 9:00 A.M. | Madilynn Henrichs Annabelle Henrichs | Ric Hinkamper Kristy Henrichs Ann Betts Erin Schrage | Jason Costigan Rob Haistings Joseph Darnell Steven Eling John McDowell Joseph Wiewel | Monica Hinkamper | Nancy Friye Gift Bearer Brad Hummel |
| Sunday 11:00 A.M. | Reno Venvertloh Urban Venvertloh | Jamie Friye Ted Meyer Michelle Meyer Christy Woodward | Joseph Obert Sam Vranjes Mike Holbrook Diann Cole Melissa Arnold Marty Karhoff | Pam Frericks | Nancy Hufendick James Doellman Gift Bearer <u>1 Needed Please</u> |
| Saturday Morning Mass Server May 20, 2023 | | May 20, 2023 | Brady Koetters | | |



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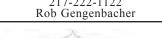


TV Mass for Shut-ins

The Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus broadcasts Mass for the Shut-ins every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. on Channel ABC (Basic Cable Channel 3). If you know of someone who would benefit from a

missal with Sunday and Daily Liturgies, CONTACT Terry Obert and we will send a Pray Together Missal FREE OF CHARGE.

Terry Obert, Faithful Navigator, 217-257-3161



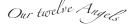
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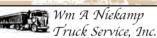
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