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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.

Solemnity of The Ascension

MAY 21, 2023

Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23;
Matthew 28:16-20

Heaven is not “up;” hell is not “down;” earth is not in the middle. Often, however, we visualize a “three storeyed” universe. In many ways this is a problem: If we imagine Jesus going “up,” we may think of him as far from us, as billions of light years away. It’s hard to imagine him as close to us with such an idea.

The ascension of Jesus is not his being “taken away” from us. Rather, the ascension means that he enters the dimension of the Father’s glory. His sacrifice is accepted by the Father, who takes him to “his right hand.” At the “right hand” of the Father, Jesus is our Mediator, our Intercessor with the Father. We can have perfect confidence in the love of the Father, for Jesus is “at his right hand.”

At the same time, Jesus has not departed from us. He has entered the Father’s glory in order to be closer to us than he was in his visible, physical body. He is right here with us. We can, therefore, have confidence in our prayers which are heard by the Father “through Jesus Christ our Lord.” We can have confidence that Jesus, who is with us, knows us, cares for us, loves us, and will see us through every crisis.

Our first reading describes the ascension. Jesus is taken into the cloud of the Father’s glory. It is the same cloud we saw in the Exodus, in the dedication of the temple at Jerusalem, and in the Transfiguration. While the apostles gaze at the scene, angels tell them and us to get busy. We must not rest until we proclaim the “Good News” to every creature.

In the second reading, St. Paul tells us that Jesus is our one unique Mediator with the Father. He is superior to every angel and every other creature. We come to the Father through him.

The word “fullness” means “everything that makes one to be who he is.” Jesus is the fullness of the Father; everything that is the Father resides bodily in Jesus. And we, the Church, are the “fullness” of Jesus! Everything that is Jesus Christ resides in us, the Church. Let us be aware of our dignity and live accordingly.

The Gospel is sometimes called “The Great Commission.” As he ascends to the glory of the Father, Jesus commands us to go forth and teach all nations. Are we faithful to this command?

--Msgr. William Carr

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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

We celebrate the feast of the Ascension of our Lord into heaven this Sunday. Christ ascended into heaven by His own power and authority. We begin the book of the Acts of the Apostles with the Apostles and disciples watching Christ ascend. Then we hear from Ephesians expanding on the ascension and its meaning and purpose for us to follow Christ! Because of the ascension, Jesus shows us that our flesh is not something to be escaped, but instead something to be embraced, something to be cared for, something to be mastered, and something to be disciplined. Our bodies will be raised in the resurrection! We use our bodies now for the mission that Christ has called us to. In following Christ, we all have a part to play, and none of those parts are the same. Each and every one of us is given gifts to complete YOUR task and your task alone. In fulfilling what He has commanded in our life, we prepare for the world to come. While we wait though, for the second coming, Jesus didn't leave us alone. He first will give us the spirit in Pentecost, but He also tells us today in the gospel that He will be with us until the end of time. Because of the resurrection, the ascension, and Pentecost we have the gift of the Eucharist where Christ fulfills His promise to be with us to the end of the age. He is in the tabernacles of the world, waiting for you and me, always there for us.

This week we graduated our 8th graders, so congratulations to them! A great group and I look forward to seeing how they make us proud ahead! We graduate our preschoolers! How adorable they are to see them move on to kindergarten! Our school is doing their play, "Peter Panic" this weekend! I am looking forward to that! And we wrap up the school week this week! What a big moment in our school as everything comes to a close! Remember parents, and all of us, summer is a break from school, but not from mass! Vacation, I overslept, sports, we are camping, etc. etc. these are not reasons to miss mass, and missing mass, for something other than illness or being home bound, is a mortal sin. Please do not put yourselves or your children in grave sin, and even more so teach them the importance and the excitement of mass attendance always!

As we make final preparations for the parish picnic, first please attend the picnic, but also make sure you do your part in making the picnic a success. Envelopes were handed out by the picnic committee and if you didn't get one, contact the office or anyone on the committee! Please also make sure you sign up for helping in some aspect! If everyone takes a shift and helps it is not a burden on anyone! Please help us make this picnic fun and successful as it supports the efforts of our school, and we rely on it.

One last thought, someone asked for Pentecost, if I could encourage everyone to wear red! It isn't required, but it is a nice moment to do so! I have been asked by parish council and many others to remind everyone in general for preparing for mass, that we strive to remind ourselves what we are attending, and make sure we look like we understand the magnitude of this amazing gift that is mass and not come looking like we got up and rolled into mass in pajamas or heading to the pool. ESPECIALLY if you are assigned as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion or Lector or Usher. Fr. Don had dress codes for these ministries, and they still stand. This is the wedding feast of the lamb! We dress up for weddings, please keep in mind we should do the same or better for mass! It helps us show our children this isn't something mundane but something important! Yes, we would rather you be here, but we need to not settle for just being here, we need to challenge ourselves to make sure we remember why, understand more about it, enter into the mass, etc. etc. Dressing like its important helps us remember it is the MOST important moment of our week! Speaking of red, when I was little, I had a red sport coat. Now I couldn't say sport, so I called it my "port coat." I loved that thing! If I could have lived in it, I would have, but most especially I loved wearing it to mass because I knew it was important, and I knew it looked good! Or at least I thought I looked good in my mind, but the sentiment was there, I knew I wanted to look my best for Jesus! May we all keep that same kind heart and mindset for mass.

Welcome home to Sam Doellman, as many of you know he has discerned out of seminary, but please make sure you thank him for answering the call and seeing if this is what God was calling him to! I hope this is a reminder to many who are on the fence about seminary, going to seminary doesn't mean a lifelong commitment yet, it means you are open to seeing what God is calling you to! Please have the courage to follow. Speaking of seminarians and seminary, we have been asked to host a seminarian this summer! His name is Thomas Marten, and he will be arriving the next couple weeks! Please welcome Thomas to the parish and make him feel at home here at St. Francis!

Lastly, please pray for the men to be ordained transitional deacons this Friday May 26 at 6:30 p.m. at the Cathedral in Springfield! You are all most welcome to attend! Alex McCullough who comes to visit regularly, will be ordained a deacon, as well as Daniel McGrath and Jayke White. This means they will be ordained priests next May, God willing! What a blessing to our Diocese!



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.

A big **Thank You!** from the Quilters of St. Francis to everyone who purchased raffle tickets for the quilt that was given away at the May Card Party.

Norma Wieman was the lucky winner. The quilters met their goal of \$1,000 in tickets sold. They matched that amount and added another \$1,000. The check for \$3,000, which will be used for the church heating and air conditioning, was presented to Fr. Arisman at the Ladies of St. Francis dinner meeting May 16.

The parish office will be closed Monday, May 29 in observance of Memorial Day. There will be no 6:30 a.m. Mass on Monday.

St. Dominic Junefest — Saturday, June 3, 5 p.m.-Midnight. Food, drinks and games. "Heresay" will be playing from 7:30-11 p.m. There will be youth talent performances, bingo and a Game Town for kids, a basket raffle, a raffle(\$2,000 in cash prizes), a silent auction, 50/50 and more!

QMG Free Sports Physicals
Wednesday, May 31 and Tuesday, July 25
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No immunizations for grades 6 and 9.
For more information:
www.quincymedicalgroup.com/sports.

PARISH



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
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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.

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

*We will take up a special collection for **Retired Diocesan Priests** next weekend, May 27 and 28. If you are unable to make an in-church contribution you can donate online at parishgiving.dio.org/secondcollections Thank you in advance for your support to help meet the immediate retirement and health care needs of our priests.*

Blessed Sacrament Parish in Quincy has a job opening for a **Director of Faith Formation**. Duties include coordinating sacramental preparation and adult and youth faith formation. Interested applicants may send a resume to tmeyer@dio.org.

Holy Name News

Please sign up to work a couple of hours in the lunch stand at the St. Francis Picnic on June 10. Text or call 217-440-0875 if you can help out. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, June 14 at 6 p.m.

Knights of Columbus News

We have a winner of the \$132,094 Thursday Night Jackpot! Go to our website, quincykofc.org, for all of the details about the drawing. We are taking a couple of weeks off, so the next Big Raffle will be Thursday, June 8. Tickets are sold from 6-7:45 p.m. with the drawing at 8 p.m.

*This is the final week to participate in the Wednesday all-day adoration, so please consider signing up for a one-hour shift for this **Wednesday, May 24**. There's a sign up sheet in the Gathering Space.*

Ladies of St. Francis News:

Thank you to all of the ladies who attended our final dinner meeting before the summer break on May 16.

We would like to invite ladies AND gentlemen to submit your favorite recipe. Please include your name and phone number. We will have a recipe collection box in the gathering space, or you can drop it in the collection basket, or bring it by the parish office. You also may email it to Jan Zeidler at rzjz2010@hotmail.com. Deadline for submission is July 1. We hope to do a special project with all of the recipes we collect.

Mark your calendars for next Fall! September 7 is the first Card Party, followed by the first Ladies meeting on September 19. Our goal is to increase active membership! Have a blessed and safe summer.



Congratulations and Welcome!

Melissa Hinkamper

Jessica Curry

Received into the Catholic Church May 14.

Madelyn Renee Holtmeyer

daughter of Bradley and Makenzie Holtmeyer
baptized into the Catholic faith May 14.

May Events St. Francis Youth Group

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.

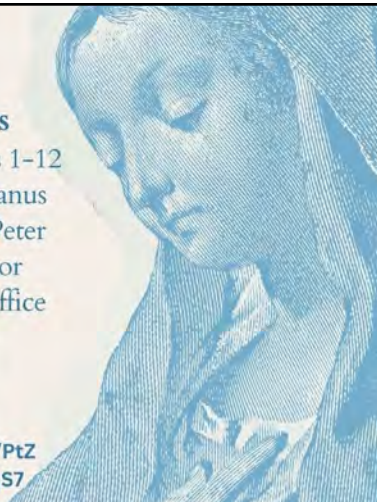
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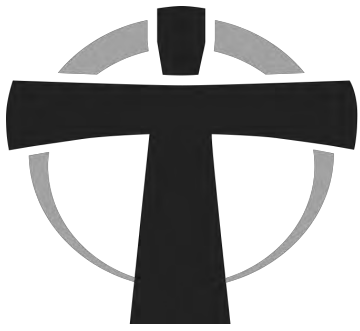
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Join us for an out of this world adventure June 5-9th from 6-8:30pm at Blessed Sacrament.

PARTICIPANTS Preschool - 5th grade (Grade entering Fall 2023)	VOLUNTEERS 6th-12th grade & Adults (students may earn service hours)
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\$25 per child
\$60 for family of 3 or more children

SCAN THE CODE to register online. Register before May 9th to guarantee a t-shirt!



St. Francis Solanus School

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St. Francis School is in the process of adding about \$4,000 worth of books from the profits of several Scholastic Book Fairs, sponsored by the PTO. Rochelle Newman (pictured), seventh and eighth grade reading teacher, along with Jane Ann Petty, library coordinator, helped select the books. Thank you PTO!










St. Francis students walked in the Dogwood Parade May 6.


Attention all volunteers, coaches and school staff: Please help us keep St. Francis Solanus School and Parish a safe environment for all of our children by going to <https://stfrancissolanus.com/safe-environment/> There are instructions and links to complete trainings, background checks or updates as necessary. If you save your email address in your profile you will receive an automatic reminder when you're due for a renewal. Thank you for your commitment to protecting all God's children. Please contact Liz Alonzo if you have any questions or problems with the CMG safe environment system: ealonzo@stfrancissolanus.com.

Job Opening at QND—Full time English/ Language Arts teacher. Qualified candidates should send a cover letter, resume and two letters of recommendation to Principal Mark McDowell at mmcdowell@quincynotredame.org.

May 27-28	Altar Server - Weekend	Communion Minister	Usher	Reader	Greeter/Gift Bearer
Saturday 4:30 P.M.	James Bickhaus David Bickhaus	Karrie Cramsey-Groll Rebecca Wear Helen Zimmerman John Venegoni	Jim Kaiser Harold Vahle John Veith Philip Kemner Mary Ann Thomas Russell Rohrer	Michael Bickhaus	Kristine Bickhaus Tom Ennis Gift Bearer Chrystia Hea
Sunday 7:00 A.M.	Adler Hamann Chloe Terwelp	Sue Winking Gary Winking Gary Hilgenbrinck <u>One needed please</u>	Joyce Frericks Kevin Frericks Larry Klauser Jerry Meyer John Benz Robert Harman	Paul Brown	Sandra Banning Kay Gallaher Gift Bearer Kathy Klauser
Sunday 9:00 A.M.	Bradyn Klauser Adayre Klauser	Jayna Klauser Marvin Knuffman Holly Hummel Marty Steinkoenig	Ryan Klauser Troy Hummel Neal Blickhan Terry Kistner Roberta Meyer Mike Zanger	Jan Zeidler	Jill Blickhan Gift Bearer <u>One needed please</u>
Sunday 11:00 A.M.	Spencer Arnold Erica Arnold	Mike Holbrook Carol Steinbrecher Brenda Wand <u>One needed please</u>	Bud Voss Drew Erwin Diann Cole Melissa Arnold Joseph Obert <u>One needed please</u>	Alice Arnold	Patricia Tomczak James Doellman Gift Bearer Randy Zecchel
<u>Saturday Morning</u> <u>Mass Server</u>		May 27, 2023	Mia and Allie Vranjes		

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 <p>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</p>		 <p>Marcia Steinkamp Nick Steinkamp Business Telephone & Internet Consultants Phone: 217-224-8840 www.ms-comm.com</p>	
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Our twelve Angels

Colletta Middendorf	Mary Wavering	<h2>12 Little Angels Collection</h2> <p><i>A Tuition Assistance Fund in honor of the twelve little girls who died from the school fire of 1899.</i></p> <p>Every Donation Makes a Difference!</p>	 <p>Artwork by Delaney Beard</p>
Mary Althoff	Josephina Bohne		
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