

## ST. FRANCIS SOLANUS parish

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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.

### Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**JULY 23, 2023** Wisdom 12:13,16-19; Romans 8:26-27; Matthew 13:24-43

At times, we are tempted to want God to destroy our enemies. Like the apostles, we want to call down fire from heaven to consume the evil doers. But that is not God's way!

No other religion in the world preaches compassion and mercy and forgiveness for the evil doer as does genuine Christianity. Among others, justice and retribution are swift and decisive.

Our God is not like that. He shows his power most perfectly in his mercy! He forgives the unforgivable in order to draw all people to himself. Our first reading, from Wisdom, describes this lovingkindness.

The Gospel is the parable of the wheat and the weeds. The word for "weeds" in the original language is for a specific weed, called darnel. Darnel looked very much like wheat in its early growth; it even headed out like wheat, but it was poison.

If we wanted to make an allegory out of the parable, we could say that often a religious spirit can be "faked." Evil often masquerades as good, so we must be cautious.

But a deeper message is that God permits evil to exist with a hope for the conversion of the evil doer. The existence of evil in the world should challenge the Christian to a stronger faith – and to greater mercy in order to be like God.

The second reading should give us confidence: The Holy Spirit is within us. Through him, we are empowered to withstand evil and to be strong in the face of weakness.

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## 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

We hear a call to repentance, the parable of the kingdom of the wheat and the weeds, and other parables telling us about the Kingdom of Heaven. These all should give us pause. God tells us in the book of Wisdom of God's might and power and the hope of God's love for His children. Through that we hope to repent from our sins out of love for an all-powerful loving Father who is Lord.

He warns us what that looks like in the Gospel. He tells us that He sows abundantly, but that some weeds are in the field as well. They are allowed to continue to grow with the wheat to keep from uprooting the wheat in removing the weeds. The weeds are burned, and the wheat is gathered into the barn. This is a warning to repent as Wisdom calls us to, so that we are wheat and not weeds. Jesus doesn't leave us there in that bleak warning. He gives us hope for what we are called to be.

This brings us to the parable of the mustard seed and the yeast. The smallest and seemingly insignificant thing as a mustard seed or yeast, but yet they both create great growth and abundance of life. Jesus is telling us to be life and light and yeast and seed for the world. We are called to bring growth and eternal life to others by bringing them Christ, who is the seed and the yeast and the sower. Yet he also calls you to be the same.

A couple of weeks ago I went to see the Sound of Freedom movie with my parents. If you have not yet seen it, wow it's worth the time and money. It is a difficult subject, so obviously not for kids, but high schoolers probably need to be aware somewhere in there of this subject matter for their own sake and their own safety. This is in our backyard and not just far away. We don't live in fear, but we use light to conquer the darkness. This movie brings the light into this dark subject so that it may be conquered. It is not egregiously awful like Hollywood movies would normally treat this subject, but instead its heart wrenching and moving and a compelling story. It is worthwhile and something everyone should be aware is becoming even more of a problem in our society and that it is everywhere. We must stand for morality and love. We need to call for change in the lives of all in our world to Christ.

In a few weeks a small group of us are heading to World Youth Day to see the Holy Father, Pope Francis, and gather with youth and young people from around the world! Most of the group going is from Quincy! It will be a great spiritual opportunity of pilgrimage. Know I will be carrying your prayers with me, and please pray for the group as we head on this journey! I will be gone from July 31 to August 11. Please know I will be mostly unreachable during this time.

Lastly, last week we hosted 32 priests, seminarians, and the Bishop. We had the Quincy priests, including the Franciscans here, and the seminarians and their pastors they are assigned to and Bishop Paprocki. A few couldn't make it, but it was a great turn out and event. What a fun evening! Thanks to some of the men of the parish, for grilling our steaks, and thanks to Thomas Marten, our seminarian, for the gourmet meal! It was a great opportunity of community and sharing of priesthood! What a joy, and I wanted to share that with you all! Pray for the Bishop, pray for priests, and pray for more priests!



## Weekday Mass Intentions

July 24 Monday	6:30 a.m.	Harvey Fitzsimmons		
July 25 Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Carlene Waterkotte		
	5:30 p.m.	Martha Koetters		
July 26 Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	Bernard & Henrietta Kemner		
	5:30 p.m.	Clara O'Brien		
July 27 Thursday	6:30 a.m.	Rollie Peters and Tom Ketchum		
	5:30 p.m.	Robert Blickhan and Isabel Allensworth		
July 28 Friday	6:30 a.m.	Richard Venvertloh and Jim Durso		
July 29	8:00 a.m.	Martha Koetters		
Saturday	4:30 p.m.	Keith Wiemelt and John Horman		
	7:00 a.m.	"Sis" Obert and Jordan Peterson		
July 30 Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Robert Burkemper		
	11:00 a.m.	The Parishioners of St. Francis		

Week of 7/16/2023		Week	YTD	
Regular Collection		\$14,253.50	\$68,109.00	
Loos	se Collection	\$1,760.02	\$4,605.73	
Total Collection		\$16,013.52	\$72,714.73	
Needed Support		\$30,235.00	\$90,705.00	
Difference		-\$14,221.48	-\$17,990.27	

Other Giving	Week	YTD
Annual School Fund	\$641.00	\$7,805.67
Capital Campaign	\$15.00	\$308,307.30
June Alaska Donations	\$3,189.85	
June Food Pantry Donations	\$5,843.16	

This week in the Parish:
Monday, July 24
6:30 a.m. Mass
10:00 a.m. QCES meeting
7:00 p.m. Rosary
Tuesday, July 25
6:30 a.m. Mass
9:00 a.m. Ladies of St. Francis Quilting
5:30 p.m. Mass
6:15 p.m. Women's Prayer Group
6:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee
Wednesday, July 26
6:30 a.m. Mass
5:30 p.m. Mass
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
7:00 p.m. Men's Prayer Group
Thursday, July 27
6:30 a.m. Mass
9:00 a.m. Ladies of St. Francis Quilting
5:30 p.m. Mass
Friday, July 28
6:30 a.m. Mass
Saturday, July 29
8:00 a.m. Mass
8:30 a.m. Reconciliation
3:00 p.m. Reconciliation
3:00 p.m. Cursillo reunion
4:30 p.m. Mass



Congratulations and Welcome! Henry Louis Miles

Son of Dominic and Makenzie Miles Baptized into the Catholic faith July 18, 2023

#### Rest in Peace John Ohnemus February 13, 1943 — July 15, 2023

#### Help Margaret Andrews celebrate her 100th birthday!

Margaret (Morris) is a lifelong member of our parish and **she turns 100 on August 18.** She and her husband Dan were active Secular Franciscans and this is also her 60th anniversary of her profession. To help Margaret celebrate, send congratulatory wishes to Cedarhurst of Quincy, 319 S. 48th St., Apt. B7, Quincy, 62305; email: dmaquincy@gmail.com or Facebook (Margaret Andrews). She will enjoy all of them. Prayers are always welcome, or stop by for a pre-arranged personal visit.



#### **3rd Annual Allison Holbrook**

Memorial Car and Truck Show

August 20, 7:30 a.m.-Noon on College Street in front of the school.

Parishioner entries only.

We're looking for cars, tractors, boats and motorcycles that are 30+ years old.

Contact Deacon Dennis, 217-257-4384 or Alan Blickhan, 217-257-1445 for more information.

#### 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.

#### **Celebrate Diocesan Year of the Eucharist!**

**Sign up by Monday, July 31** to attend this Eucharistic Congress featuring nationally recognized Catholic speakers, adoration, confession and Mass.

#### Saturday, October 28 at the BOS Center in Springfield

**10:30 a.m.**— Doors open.

11 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration and confession.

**11:30 a.m.—12:35 p.m.** - Screening of documentary *God is Alive/Stories of Incredible Faith and Miraculous Events in Central Illinois.* 

**12:50 p.m.—1:35 p.m**.— Dr. Scott Hahn Presentation.

1:50 p.m.—2:15 p.m. - Screening of *The Chair*, a video that highlights the history of our diocese, the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and Bishop Paprocki's journey to Springfield.

**2:30 p.m.—2:50 p.m**.—Sister M. Karolyn Nunes, FSGM Presentation.

**2:50 p.m.—3:10 p.m**.—Fr. Chase Hilgenbrinck Presentation.

**3:10 p.m.—3:30 p.m**.— Fr. Denis Robinson, OSB Presentation.

#### 4 p.m.—Mass

We also are celebrating the 100th anniversary of the transfer of the See city from Alton to Springfield.

You may call the parish office to reserve a spot, 217-222-2898. We hope you can attend this

**QND Job Opening**— Full-time indoor/outdoor maintenance position, includes full benefits. Must have a high school diploma or GED equivalent; 2-plus years experience in general maintenance in a similar setting; basic skills in plumbing, electrical, carpentry and preventative maintenance; ability to lift at least 50 pounds. To receive full consideration submit a cover

letter, resume and three references to Principal Mark McDowell at mmcdowell@qndhs.org.

#### Holy Name News

Our next Holy Name meeting will be Wednesday, August 9 at 6 p.m. All men of the parish are welcome! Bring a friend or family member. Food and drinks are served after the meeting.

#### Knights of Columbus News

The Thursday night Big Raffle Jackpot is back, starting this Thursday, July 27. Tickets are sold from 6-7:45 p.m. with the drawing at 8 p.m. every Thursday night. The jackpot is up to \$22,997. Please go to our website, quincykofc.org, to get all of the details about happenings at the Quincy Knights of Columbus. This year's BBQ will be August 11, 12,13.

Summer hours for adoration— We are offering adoration on Wednesdays from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. this summer. Please consider taking an hour! A sign-up sheet is in the gathering space.

Free documentary features local miracles "God is Alive" is an original documentary created and produced by the Springfield diocese and designed to inspire and energize your faith life. The film takes viewers to five locations around the diocese, including Quincy, to feature stories of incredible faith/miraculous events that touch on many things we struggle with such as prayer and dealing with hardship. You can watch it for free on YouTube. Check it out!

To All Catholic Women: It's almost time for the Catholic women of the Quincy Deanery area to get together again! The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 30 at the Knights of Columbus hall in Mt. Sterling, hosted by the women of the Holy Family Catholic Church. Please plan to attend and support their efforts to host this. More information will be coming, so watch the bulletin and mark your calendars!

#### Ladies of St. Francis News:

Thank you to everyone who contributed recipes! The first card party of the year is September 7. The first Ladies dinner meeting will be Tuesday, September 19. We hope to see you there!



New members to St. Francis enjoyed a welcome lunch in the parish center last Sunday hosted by the Welcome Committee. Thank you to everyone who attended, and helped serve and cook a delicious grilled chicken dinner.

#### Divorce and Beyond

Is a workshop designed for divorced people to offer support beyond the pain of divorce. Registration is required and a \$10 donation for materials is requested. People of any faith, or no faith at all are welcome. **Sessions will be on Tuesday nights in the Parish Center from 6:30-8 p.m., beginning September 5** and running through October. Facilitators are Drew and Julie Erwin. To register call Julie at 217-257-5313 or julie.gunn@comcast.net

# St. Francis Solanus School INSPIRING FAITH, KNOWLEDGE & SERVICE



St. Francis PTO hosted a Field of Dreams night at the Gems game July 14. Students got to meet players and go on the field together then watch the game with friends. PTO has more family-friendly events planned for the upcoming school year! **PSR Returns Monday, September 11** Beginning at 6 p.m. with Holy Mass followed by our Meet-the-Teacher evening. Registration packets are available at the entrances to church.



Class lists for the upcoming school year will be available in FACTS on Friday, August 4.

Summertime school office hours The school office will reopen Tuesday, August 1. Please call the office at 217-222-4077, or email: school@stfrancissolanus.com before coming in. Hours will fluctuate before school starts. We are glad to help you!

#### **School Dates:**

School Yard Sale August 5 from 7 a.m.-2p.m. There will be a variety of child-size desks and chairs along with teacher resources and decorations. Wednesday, August 2—PTO sponsors "Play in the Park." Join us at Upper Moorman Park from 6-8 p.m. Sunday, August 13—Blessing of the backpacks, 4 p.m. in church and at school. Drop off your school supplies after. PTO is sponsoring treats.

Wednesday, August 16—First day of school for grades 1-8. 11:30 dismissal. No childcare or lunch that day. Thursday, August 17—First full day of school for 1-8. First day of school for preschool.

Kindergarten will have screening days August 16-17.

July 29-30	Altar Server - Weekend	Communion Minister	Usher	Reader	Greeter/Gift Bearer
Saturday 4:30 P.M.	Riley Sparks Kylie Sparks	Helen Zimmerman Karrie Cramsey-Groll Jessica Veith Marsha Collins	Ton Ennis Russell Rohrer Tom Liesen John Veith Greg Ehrhardt Michael Eling	Steve Davis	Betty Kaufmann Theresa Rohrer <b>Gift Bearer</b> Chryssia Hea
Sunday 7:00 A.M.	Two Needed Please	Tony Freiburg Auris McGee Cindy Venvertloh Jane Gregory	Rich Zeidler George Venvertloh Gary Terwelp Paul Eling Tim Venvertloh Terry Obert	Roseann Gosnell	Jan Zeidler Terry Niemann <b>Gift Bearer</b> Emilie Venvertloh
Sunday 9:00 A.M.	Molly Costigan Ginger Grawe	Cindy Grawe Alice Arnold Becky Gengenbacher Carol Darnell	Jason Costigan Joseph Darnell Gary Darnell Mark Meyer Samuel Zanger Diann Cole	Rick Gengenbacher	Jeannie Thomas Prudy Patterson <b>Gift Bearer</b> Brad Hummel
Sunday 11:00 A.M.	Priya Mamdani Austin Genenbacher	Christina Rose Rebecca Wear Ted Meyer Michelle Meyer	Marty Karhoff Brent Frericks Mike Fessler Don Olps Steve Obert Mike Holbrook	Pam Frericks	Nancy Hufendick Judy Akers <b>Gift Bearer</b> Doris Karhoff
<u>Saturday Morning</u> <u>Mass Server</u>		July 29, 2023	Quinn Wiewel		



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