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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.

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

JULY 30, 2023

1 Kings 3:5,7-12; Romans 8:28-30;
Matthew 13:44-52

Solomon was King David's son by Bathsheba. When he became king, he was overwhelmed by the number of people and the problems of ruling. When asked by God what one gift he desired, Solomon answered "an understanding heart." He prayed for real wisdom.

The lesson of the Gospel parable is that we should be willing to give everything we have if we find the greatest value of life.

In the ancient Middle East there were constant wars. (So what else is new?) A person wouldn't trust banks, for they might be taken over by an invader. If you had a treasure, you might bury it in a secret place on your land.

But suppose your family or clan was wiped out; generations later someone might discover the treasure you buried. That person would seek to buy the land before anyone else found out about it.

What is the greatest value of our lives? It is wisdom which puts everything in its proper place. True wisdom proceeds from faith. Faith sees that this world is important, but the world to come is more important. True wisdom orients everything in life toward our eternal goal of heaven.

True wisdom trusts God, even when things seem bleak. The second reading reminds us that all things will work together for good for those who love the Lord. Let us pray for true wisdom. Let us work each day for that wisdom which sees God's gracious purpose working in our lives, a wisdom which seeks to please him at every moment.

--Msgr. William Carr

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17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

We begin with Solomon and his request for wisdom and understanding. These are two things we know now as gifts of the Holy Spirit that we receive at our confirmation. What a gift these are! Solomon didn't ask for something selfish, but instead for something for his people so that he could govern them wisely. We should learn from this kind of selflessness and be a person that seeks the gifts of the Lord not for their own self, but instead for use to build the kingdom of heaven in your families, workplaces, neighborhoods, communities, nation, etc.

May we seek the greatest treasures of life: wisdom and understanding, Jesus Himself. These parables are all about the greatest treasures and immense abundance. We are called to be people who seek great treasure in Jesus. We are called to bring in the abundance of the Lord and let the Lord sort out the good and the bad. God gives us an abundance of treasures and gifts and calls us to use them to bring in an abundance of people for the kingdom. Let us use the old and new that God gives us to bring about the greatest treasure— the Kingdom of God here and now!

I will be leaving this Monday July 31 and be gone until August 11 for World Youth Day. I am going on pilgrimage with a group of young adults to see the Holy Father, Pope Francis, and gather with youth from around the world to celebrate our faith! Know that I will be praying for each and every one of you and your intentions. I will carry them in my heart on this pilgrimage. Pray for us because a pilgrimage is not a vacation and is not easy. It is a great opportunity for spiritual fruit that I offer for you and our parish! Please pray for our group!

Congratulations are in store for the Diocese of Fairbanks, which is where our sister parishes are located. A new bishop was appointed for them July 11 and will be ordained and installed October 12. He is not a Franciscan, but a contemporary as he is a Dominican. Bishop-Elect Steven Maekawa, OP is almost 56 years old and knows Alaska well! This is very exciting for our sister parishes and for the Franciscans serving them to have a new bishop! Pray for him as he begins his ministry and pray for the people as they welcome their new shepherd!

Lastly, please be patient while I am gone. If you need something from me, tell the staff and they will know how to reach me. Please be patient with Fr. Rafal as he holds down the fort here! Please be patient with the street renewal project and know that one entrance will be the only option temporarily. For some time we have been asked to reconfigure the in and out of the north parking lot. At some point after the street renewal is done, we will shift traffic flow for ease of dropping people off. When I am back, we will be working on changing those arrows, signs, and flow of traffic to be less congested and awkward. This should make that parking lot easier.



Weekday Mass Intentions

July 31 Monday	6:30 a.m.	Rosie Reichert
August 1 Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Linda Blickhan
	5:30 p.m.	Doris Burris
August 2 Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	Jeannette Daley
	5:30 p.m.	Phyllis Orr
August 3 Thursday	6:30 a.m.	Joseph Eling
	5:30 p.m.	Robert Blickhan
August 4 Friday	6:30 a.m.	Devin Deming and Samuel Massey
August 5 Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Clara O'Brien
	4:30 p.m.	Don Klingele
August 6 Sunday	7:00 a.m.	Corey Michael John Haxel
	9:00 a.m.	Martha Koettters
	11:00 a.m.	The Parishioners of St. Francis

- This week in the Parish:**
- **Monday, July 31**
 - 6:30 a.m. Mass
 - 8:00 a.m. Blanket Project
 - 7:00 p.m. Rosary
 - **Tuesday, August 1**
 - 6:30 a.m. Mass
 - 9:00 a.m. Ladies of St. Francis Quilting
 - 5:30 p.m. Mass
 - 6:00 p.m. Men's Grief Share
 - 7:00 p.m. The Belonging
 - **Wednesday, August 2**
 - 6:30 a.m. Mass
 - 5:30 p.m. Mass
 - 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
 - **Thursday, August 3**
 - 6:30 a.m. Mass
 - 9:00 a.m. Ladies of St. Francis Quilting
 - 5:30 p.m. Mass
 - **Friday, August 4**
 - 6:30 a.m. Mass
 - 9:00 a.m. Digital Scrapbooking
 - **Saturday, August 5**
 - 8:00 a.m. Mass
 - 8:30 a.m. Reconciliation
 - 3:00 p.m. Reconciliation

Week of 7/23/2023

	Week	YTD
Regular Collection	\$16,452.50	\$88,192.00
Loose Collection	\$1,299.50	\$6,026.23
Total Collection	\$17,752.00	\$94,218.23
Needed Support	\$30,235.00	\$120,940.00
Difference	-\$12,483.00	-\$26,721.77

Other Giving

	Week	YTD
Annual School Fund	\$687.00	\$8,832.67
Capital Campaign	\$65.00	\$308,613.30



***The Parish Nurses will
be conducting blood
pressure screenings after all
Masses next weekend.***

Rest in Peace
Mary Deters
September 6, 1939—July 23, 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
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!

The sign up deadline for this event has been pushed back to Friday, September 15 to allow everyone time to check their fall schedules. This Eucharistic Congress will feature 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 historic, diocese-wide celebration!

Share your gifts from the garden with the food pantry

The food pantry welcomes fresh produce from your gardens! Bring your fruits and vegetables to the pantry or to any of the food pantry receptacles at the entrances to church. These items will be shared with food pantry clients at pick-up Tuesdays and Thursdays. Also, eggs are appreciated. There are egg cartons in the pantry that can be used for this. For questions call or text Mary Beth McGee, 217-430-1533.

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 over \$23,000! Tickets are sold from 6-7:45 p.m. with the drawing at 8 p.m. every Thursday night. 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.

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!

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!**



Back-to-School Cocktail Party

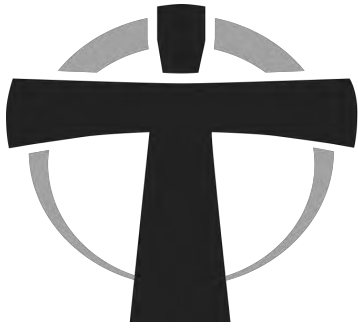
Shake off the stress of back-to-school and join us for a cocktail party hosted by the QCES Foundation on Friday, August 18 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at The Dock, 1021 Bonansinga. Enjoy drinks, a food truck, games and more.

Free-will donations at the door support the QCES Foundation.

For more information call 217-779-3157.

*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!***

Bake for Birthright — Birthright will once again have a booth at the K of C Barbeque August 11-13. This is a wonderful way to support Birthright, which operates solely on donations. **This year St. Francis is asked to contribute baked goods (homemade or store bought) on Saturday, August 12.** Your contribution can be dropped off at the Birthright booth during the event (1-9 p.m.) or call Patty at 217-577-8558 or Pam, 217-440-8806 to schedule a pick-up time. Everyone who donates to the bake sale will have their name entered into a raffle to win either a handmade quilt or a dining-out package. **Thank you!**



St. Francis Solanus School

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New to Our School Night

Families that are new to St. Francis Solanus School, or have been enrolled here a short time, are invited to a special night to orient themselves to our school.

The event will take place Wednesday, August 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria in the school basement.

Park near the west doors and enter there. Principal Julie Radel will speak on common procedures, give a school tour and answer questions. This is an optional event for adults. We are ready to meet you!



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

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.

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:

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.

School Yard Sale


August 5 from 7 a.m.-2p.m. at school.

There will be a variety of child-size desks and chairs along with teacher resources and decorations.

August 5-6	Altar Server - Weekend	Communion Minister	Usher	Reader	Greeter/Gift Bearer
Saturday 4:30 P.M.	Collin Meehan Reese Meehan	Theresa Rohrer Maureen Makarewicz Rebecca Wear Dick Mitchell	Jim Kaiser Russell Rohrer Tim Reichert Jerry Meyer Jim Waterkotte Zachary Maas	John Venegoni Nancy Venegoni	Patti Blickhan Tim & Cindy Reichert Gift Bearer Randy Zecchel
Sunday 7:00 A.M.	Isaac Steinkamp Chloe Terwelp	Gary Hilgenbrinck Gary Winking Sue Winking One Needed Please	Joyce Frericks Kevin Frericks Joe Bernhardt John Beckman Janet Marquette Robert Harman	Jan Zeidler	Kathy Klauser Larry Klauser Gift Bearer Two Needed Please
Sunday 9:00 A.M.	Isabel Cramsey Owen Wheeler	Samantha Cramsey Terry Kistner Holly Hummel Shirley Walbring	Jason Cramsey Steven Eling Troy Hummel Melissa Arnold John McDowell Bing Lammers	Donna Mangold	Jill Blickhan Jeannie Thomas Gift Bearer Gabriel & Kelly Wheeler
Sunday 11:00 A.M.	Allison Ormond Whitney Ormond	Chris Duvall Christy Woodward Marcia Steinkamp Anne Meyer	Mike Holbrook Bud Voss Ron Gengenbacher Diann Cole Mike Fessler Don Olps	Kimberly Knotts	Patricia Tomczak Margaret Steinbrecher Gift Bearer Kevin & Betsy Terwelp
Saturday Morning Mass Server		August 5, 2023	James Bickhaus		

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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 style="margin: 0;">12 Little Angels Collection</h2> <p style="margin: 0;"><i>A Tuition Assistance Fund in honor of the twelve little girls who died from the school fire of 1899.</i></p> <p style="margin: 0;">Every Donation Makes a Difference!</p>	 <p style="margin: 0;">Artwork by Delaney Beard</p>
Mary Althoff	Josephina Bohne		
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