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

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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.

Transfiguration of Our Lord

AUGUST 6, 2023

Daniel 7:9-10,13-14; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Matthew 17:1-9

At all times during his earthly life, Jesus looked like any other human being. Only once did he allow his divinity to shine through his humanity. And on that occasion, only three apostles experienced it. The vision was given to strengthen them for the ordeal of the cross; unfortunately it didn't work.

Daniel is apocalyptic literature. Its visions and symbolism tell of the hope of the final decisive intervention of God in history, when the Messiah or the Son of Man will come. Jesus used the title "Son of Man" probably because it was ambiguous: In Jeremiah, "son of man" is a very humble figure.

In Daniel, "son of man" is a triumphant person who stands between heaven and earth. He is one who bring God to mankind, and presents mankind to God. He has dominion and kingship over all.

Our second reading is from the last book of the New Testament to be written. It reminds us that our faith is not based on myths and fables; it is based on those who saw and touched. The author tells of the Transfiguration which he saw, and the voice of the Father which he heard: "This is my beloved Son on whom my favor rests."

There are a few differences in the accounts of the Transfiguration in Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Mark is very blunt. He says that Jesus' clothes became "whiter than any bleacher could make them!" Matthew says that his face was dazzling as the sun, and his clothes radiant as light. Matthew emphasizes that Moses and Elijah are conversing with Jesus. Luke says that they spoke to him about his "exodus."

Moses and Elijah represent the Torah and the Prophets bearing witness to Jesus. Peter's remark about three booths may come from his being overwhelmed. But it may also be profound: Booths were erected at the Jewish festival of Succoth, which was the most joyful of festivals. Perhaps Peter is saying, "This is better than the best thing we know!"

The cloud which overshadows them is the cloud of God's glory. It is the same cloud which engulfed the tabernacle in the desert, which came down on the temple when Solomon dedicated it, and into which Jesus is taken at his ascension.

We do not see visions or hear voices. But our faith is true. Let us have a strong faith, especially in the crosses which we must bear.

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THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

The summer is going so fast. We will begin school on August 16. We hope the children had a great summer, that they rested well, and are ready to go back to school. My summer is going very well. I accomplished a lot. I visited many parishioners at the hospital. I can see their joy to see a priest who wants to be with them. They want to receive the anointing of the sick, have a chance to talk to a priest and sometimes receive the sacrament of reconciliation. It was also great to visit my parishioners in their homes and be able to talk to them and get to know them better. We are busy with so many things. That's why meeting with people is a great chance to stop for a while and share our stories, our thoughts, our experiences, and our faith. Thank you for all the invitations to dinner, barbecues, and for paying for our meals in the restaurants. That's very kind of you.

I'm going home on August 20 to see my mom and my brothers. I will be in Poland for two and a half weeks. I'm going to visit the mountain city of Zakopane with my family. We are going to do some hiking and shopping, of course. My mom walks slow, so we need to be easy for her. My youngest brother Karol is always in good shape. I will try to keep up with him. The food in Zakopane is delicious. They serve pierogies, different kinds of sausages and other food I love. For dessert they have faworki, a specific polish dessert, and babka, makowiec, or paczki. I love them all. I'm hoping to have a wonderful time in Zakopane.

We are moving forward with our pilgrimage to Poland. We have 42 people signed up so far. We still have some places left. Please join us and have fun in my home country. There is one more new thing in our itinerary. It's Wieliczka Salt Mine. It has underground tunnels with chapels, chambers, and saline lakes. It will be awesome to experience that.

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. In our lives, God invites us to undertake the effort of the journey. Our goal is to conquer the mountains—the mountains of meeting, the mountains of transfiguration, and the mountains of eternal life. We can climb the first mountain through the effort of systematic and persistent prayer. It may seem that in a busy world where time is always scarce, it is very difficult, and maybe even impossible. From listening to God in prayer and from the silence that flows from it, we set off to the "mountain that transforms." The sacrament of penance is the mountain of transformation for us. In this sacrament we transform our soul. From a soul full of sins and evil into a pure and converted soul. As we all know, it is not easy to climb this "mountain." Thanks to conquering the two mountains of "meeting" and "transfiguration," we reach the mountain of "eternal life." From there we can see God who will reveal Himself to us in the fullness of His glory and majesty. It is not an easy road. But when we cross it, we will be able, like St. Peter, to confess: "Lord, it is good that we are here."

We are all called to be like Jesus to each other. We need to think what Jesus would do in my place, in my situation, in my family. Just being an observer is not enough. We need to put our plan into action. Be a helper, understand the other person, love the other person and see the needs of our brothers and sisters. It requires a lot of effort to see Jesus in the other person. In a person that we meet every day, on the street, in work, in school or just at home. Sometimes it's really difficult to be Jesus to the members of our families, to those who love us. Jesus loves us and He challenges us even when we don't want that. We need to bring more joy to our homes so that it is easier to live with each other. A disciple of Jesus can't be sad. A joy comes from the Gospel!

Weekday Mass Intentions

August 7 Monday	6:30 a.m.	Phyllis Orr		
August 8 Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Marie Vogel		
	5:30 p.m.	Jerry Gunn		
August 9 Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	Catherine Kapp		
	5:30 p.m.	Roy & Doris Burris		
August 10 Thursday	6:30 a.m.	Richard Venvertloh		
	5:30 p.m.	Clara O'Brien		
August 11 Friday	6:30 a.m.	Phyllis Orr		
August 12 Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Judy Patterson		
	4:30 p.m.	Fr. Gary, Carl & Connie Bernhardt		
August 13 Sunday	7:00 a.m.	Thompson Poore and Nancy Icenogle		
	9:00 a.m.	Bill & Katie Brink and For Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life		
	11:00 a.m.	The Parishioners of St. Francis		

Week of 7/30/2023	Week	YTD	
Regular Collection	\$15,981.29	\$109,679.79	
Loose Collection	\$1,616.18	\$7,642.41	
Total Collection	\$17,597.47	\$117,322.20	
Needed Support	\$30,235.00	\$151,175.00	
Difference	-\$12,637.53	-\$33,852.80	

Other Giving	Week	YTD
Annual School Fund	\$1,081.00	\$10,898.67
Capital Campaign	\$402.00	\$309,668.30

This week in the Parish:

Monday, August 7

- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 8:30 a.m. SFS Staff Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. QCS Board Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Rosary

Tuesday, August 8

- 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
- 6:15 p.m. Women's Prayer Group
- 6:30 p.m. Scout Leader Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. The Belonging

Wednesday, August 9

- 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, August 10

- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 9:00 a.m. Ladies of St. Francis Quilting
- 3:00 p.m. Welcome Committee Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. Mass

Friday, August 11

6:30 a.m. Mass

Saturday, August 12

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 8:30 a.m. Reconciliation
- 12:00 p.m. SFS Class of 1973 Reunion
 - 3:00 p.m. Reconciliation
- 4:30 p.m. Mass

If you would like to see Quincy become a Sanctuary City for the Unborn consider signing an online petition at:

sanctuarycitiesfortheunborn.com

This website contains a lot of information about how local communities can keep abortion out of their towns.

Louis Demers is turning 100!

On September 3, parishioner Louis Demers will turn 100 and he would love some cards and well wishes! Birthday wishes may be sent to his home: 2938 Bluff Ridge Dr., Quincy, II. 62305.

Lost and Found

Have you lost jewelry, glasses, books or articles of clothing? The parish office has quite a collection of items that have been turned in and we would love to reunite them with their owners! If you are missing something, please stop by the parish office to see if it may be in our possession. Thank you!

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.

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

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.

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!

Golf outing to benefit Hope House of Quincy

Sunday, August 27, 1 p.m. at Westview Golf Course in Quincy. Cost is \$75 per player or \$300 per team. We will play holes 19-27 twice. There will be gifts on each cart, hole prizes, a raffle and an auction. Playing in the outing, or donating will help bring empowerment and hope to pregnant women in need. Hope House desires to provide housing, education, jobs and mentors to walk alongside the women in their time of uncertainty.

Contact Ray Wheeler at 217-779-8065 if you can play, donate, or if you have any questions.

Horizons Moonlight Ride for Hunger

The Seventh Annual Moonlight Ride for Hunger supporting Horizons Soup Kitchen and Pantry will take place at 7 p.m., Saturday, August 26 at Clat Adams Park.

To register for the event visit WGCA.org. Kids 12-16 ride free with a paying adult.

There is also late registration at the park beginning at 5:30 the night of the event.

St. Francis Community Assistance Ministry partners with Horizons Soup Kitchen on several projects to help those in our community who need food

Holy Name News

The August 9 Holy Name meeting is being canceled since several members will be setting up for the K of C barbecue. We will plan on having a September meeting on September 13 to discuss the annual Golf Outing, which raises money for the school.

Knights of Columbus News

No raffle this Thursday, but there will be a Big Raffle on Saturday evening at the barbecue. Tickets will be sold from 6-8:45 p.m. Saturday night with a drawing at 9 p.m. The jackpot could top \$24,000 with a consolation prize of \$500! The K of C BBQ will be August 11, 12 and 13. Go to our website, quincykofc.org, for all of the information about this annual event.

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.

You're invited to Women's Saints Study!

Women of all ages: Did you know that we meet once a month from 7-9 p.m. with a guest speaker who covers a different saint each month, followed by book study.

Now is the time to join as we begin our new book. You also are welcome to come for the speaker only.

Join us Tuesday, August 29 at 7 p.m. in the parish center for a casual review of the Mother Angelica presentation from last year with Sarah Venvertloh. Mother Angelica will be featured in our book *Mother Angelica's Guide to the Spiritual Life* for the upcoming year. For help getting the book, or if you have questions, please contact Karen Weiman, 217-242-5513 or Kelli Lunt, 217-617-1566. Also, mark your calendars for the first speaker of the year, followed by book study on Tuesday, September 5 at 7 p.m. in the parish center. The guest speaker is Hope Glidewell, who will cover the Fall of Eve in the garden.

Please join us and invite friends!

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!



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.

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 at 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 Enrollment

Did you know that our school enrolls students throughout the school year? We are still accepting preschool through eighth grade students for the 2023-24 school year that begins August 16.

You may submit an inquiry on the parish website in the School section. You may also request to talk to Principal Julie Radel about enrollment: iradel@stfrancissolanus.com.

Preschool Class Openings — We have space for three and four year old children in our preschool class that meets Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 8:00-11:00. Jennifer Mast is the teacher. Please invite families with a child in that age range.

Call the school office at 217-222-4077 if you are interested. You also may contact school@stfrancissolanus.com.

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 them 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!

We have a new Youth Minister!

We are pleased to announce the hiring of Jane Ann Petty as our new Youth Minister. Jane Ann brings a vibrancy to St. Francis Solanus and we look forward to watching her expand this program for us and our community.

Please congratulate Jane Ann when you see her and stay tuned for upcoming events once school starts.

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.

School Dates:

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.

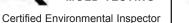
Thursday, August 17—First full day of school for 1-8. First day of school for preschool.

Kindergarten will have screening days August 16-17.

August 12-13	Altar Server - Weekend	Communion Minister	Usher	Reader	Greeter/Gift Bearer
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Dylan Fischer Aubrey Waterkotte	Patti Blickhan Joleen Patton Teena Fisk Bobbie Talken	Tim Reichert John Veith Mary Ann Thomas Philip Kemner Tom Liesen Harold Vahle	Zachary Maas	Betty Kaufmann Joe Venvertloh Gift Bearer Tim & Cindy Reichert
Sunday 7:00 a.m.	Chloe Terwelp	Carolyn Briddle Craig Budde Arlene Hendren Cindy Venvertloh	Roger Gallaher Jerry Carnivale Jim Wilper Perry Terwelp Roch Schulte Kevin Genenbacher	Paul Brown	Jerry Meyer Kay Gallaher Gift Bearer Brad & Lisa Soebbing
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Annabelle Henrichs Madilynn Henrichs	Kristy Henrichs Ric Hinkamper Ronald Upper Marty Steinkoenig	Roberta Meyer Bryant Burke Mike Zanger Karl Venvertloh Terry Nall Joseph Wiewel	Jan Zeidler	Nancy Friye Judy Akers Gift Bearer Amanda Genenbacher
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Allie Vranjes Mia Vranjes	Sue Holbrook Michael Wand Carol Steinbrecher Christina Rose	Mike Holbrook Sam Vranjes Drew Erwin Evan Reichert Rose Willer Brent Frericks	Rachel Waterkotte	Brenda Wand James Doellman Gift Bearer Bruce & Amanda Venvertloh
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