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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 12, 2024

Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; or Ephesians 4:1-13 or Ephesians 4:1-7,11-13; Mark 16:15-20

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.

The second reading reminds us that we are truly the Body of Christ. If Christ is in heaven, then we, too, have "one foot in heaven." He prepares a place for us. Meanwhile, here on earth, we must strive with all our heart and soul to preserve the unity of the Church, Christ's body, and to live as members of Christ. Use every gift and talent for this purpose.

The Gospel is Mark's brief description of the ascension. Jesus sends us, his followers, forth to proclaim "Good News." The "signs" which accompany the proclamation are symbolic. We won't handle snakes or drink poison. But we should never fear anything that this world dishes out to us: The Lord is with us. He empowers us to overcome all evil.

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#### 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

#### THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

This weekend we celebrate the ascension. We move the Ascension holy day of obligation from Thursday to Sunday. I really wish we didn't and many priests agree. We lose the 40 day mark when we move it from Thursday to Sunday. And we lose a whole set of Easter readings and prayers when we move the feast. Again, this is an American invention to move the feast day to make it easier on people to stay in the state of grace for not missing a holy day of obligation. While the sentiment is nice I think it's better to challenge people than to make everything too easy because the result is it's not important then when it really is. The beautiful gift of the Ascension is that not only will we rise with Christ, but that we will follow him into heaven. The Ascension shows that our bodies, when raised from the dead and made perfect, go with us into heaven. Where he goes, we follow. I think the words that are most important to paraphrase: Why are you still looking up into the sky? This Jesus will return in the same way! Stop staring and waiting, get the work done he has given to you because when He returns what will you have to present to Him? And who will you have to bring with you? Now go preach the good news that where He goes we can follow.

First off I want to thank everyone for their wonderful birthday cards. It was nice to hear such loving and supportive messages. Secondly, thank you for supporting the campaign and I hope if you have not turned in a pledge card, you still take the opportunity to do so even if we have hit our goal. I hope we over reach because there are several new opportunities I have spoken about that can only happen if we exceed our goal. Thirdly, thank you for the wonderful response when Father Rafal announced he was leaving. I know he was so moved, but it warmed my heart to let him know how much he is loved here at St. Francis. He will be a good pastor because of what you have taught him and how you have loved him. Fourthly, I hope you welcome our new priest, Fr. Bruce Scott, with open arms and prayers.

Please support the efforts of our parish picnic and make the fun and exciting event that it is that helps support our school.

There's been so much to say because I haven't been able to write lately to allow Fr. Rafal and Thomas their opportunities, but I look forward to telling you about more exciting things this last month or so. God bless you all.

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### Weekday Mass Intentions

May 13 Monday	6:30 a.m.	Dan Richmiller and Ethan Mahoney		
May 14 Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Robert F. Blickhan		
	5:30 p.m.	Stan Musholt and Jen for successful surgery		
May 15 Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	Joyce Cowser		
	5:30 p.m.	Dan Richmiller and Bill Gibson		
May 16 Thursday	6:30 a.m.	Joe Genenbacher		
	5:30 p.m.	Jim Boden and Pham Thi Lieu		
May 17 Friday	6:30 a.m.	Dan Richmiller		
May 18 Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Linda Meyer		
	4:30 p.m.	Don McCaughey and Terry Leonard		
May 19 Sunday	7:00 a.m.	The Parishioners of St. Francis		
	9:00 a.m.	Robert Blickhan and Joseph Ley		
	11:00 a.m.	Fr. Beagles and Fr. Arisman		

Week of 5/5/2024	Week	YTD	
Regular Collection	\$29,763.50	\$1,145,030.81	
Loose Collection	\$1,691.14	\$74,324.90	
Total Collection	\$31,454.64	\$1,219,355.71	
Needed Support	\$30,235.00	\$1,269,870.00	
Difference	-\$1,219.64	-\$50,514.29	

Special Collections, April 2024: Alaska: \$5,822.47; Annual School Fund: \$7,518; Easter Offering: \$11,689; Good Friday/Holy Land:\$2,220.52; Food Pantry: \$6,090.56;

Rice Bowl: \$557.07; Catholic Relief Services: \$949.

Week	YTD
\$1,883.85	\$161,486.13
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#### This week in the Parish:

#### Monday, May 13

- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 8:00 a.m. Blanket Project
- 1:00 p.m. QCS Budget Managers meeting
- 6:00 p.m. PSR
- 7:00 p.m. Rosary
- 7:15 p.m. BEAR meeting

#### Tuesday, May 14

- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 9:00 a.m. Ladies of St. Francis Quilters
- 10:00 a.m. QCS meeting
- 3:00 p.m. Grief Share
- 5:30 p.m. Mass
- 6:30 p.m. Pastoral Council
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Prayer Group
- 7:00 p.m. The Belonging

#### Wednesday, May 15

- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 8:35 a.m. School Mass
- 1:45 p.m. DARE graduation
- 5:30 p.m. Mass
- 7:00 p.m. Men's Prayer Group

#### • Thursday, May 16

- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 9:00 a.m. Ladies of St. Francis Quilting
- 1:00 p.m. Scripture Discussion group
- 5:30 p.m. Mass
- 6:30 p.m. OCIA
- 6:30 p.m. Scripture Discussion group
- 6:30 p.m. Finance Council
- 7:00 p.m. Eighth Grade graduation

#### Friday, May 17

- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 11:00 a.m. Preschool graduation
- 3:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 5996

#### Saturday, May 18

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

## St. Francis Capital Campaign Update It is never too late to make your pledge!

Our sincerest gratitude to those who have already made their sacrificial gift to this phase of our parish building plan. If you haven't turned in your pledge card yet, please prayerfully consider what you can contribute. All donations are greatly appreciated! We should have an update to the dollar amount pledged in next week's bulletin.

Memorial Day Mass at Calvary Cemetery Monday, May 27 at 9 a.m. Please bring a lawn chair. In the event of inclement weather, Mass will be held at St. Anthony's, 2223 St. Anthony Rd., Quincy.



Congratulations and Welcome Olívía Lee Shoopman

Allison Jean Shoopman Daughters of Casey and Jessie Shoopman Baptized into the Catholic faith May 5, 2024

As we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost next weekend, Bishop Paprocki asks us to consider a generous response to the Retired Diocesan Priests Collection, which will be taken up next weekend. This collection helps meet the immediate retirement and health care needs of our priests. You also may give online at: parishgiving.dio.org/second collections.

#### Surviving Divorce

Find hope and healing. Open to all newly separated and divorced as well as those still struggling with issues many years later.

St. Anthony Parish Center
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For more information contact Deacon Harry Cramer
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May is the Month of Mary
To honor the Mother of God,
the Rosary will be recited
before all weekend masses
at St. Francis during the
month of May. Please bring
your rosary and pray along
with the leader.

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





Parish Picnic News: We are in need of volunteers! If you did not receive a Parish Picnic envelope last weekend, please pick up one at the back of church, the gathering space or at the parish office. If you are able to volunteer please contact a committee member or visit: stfrancissolanus.com/picnic. Purchased tickets, baskets, and donations can be turned in to the parish office or given to a committee member. Raffle tickets can also be placed in the collection baskets at Mass. Thank you for your support!

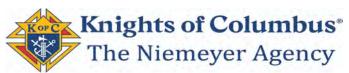
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The Thursday Night Raffle jackpot is up to 15,327. Tickets are sold from 6-7:45 with the drawing at 8. This year's KC Barbeque will be August 9, 10, and 11. Visit quincykofc.org for more information.

Did you know our Holy Name has been in existence at St. Francis since 1863? We have a very active ministry within our parish. In the past five years alone we have raised almost \$90,000 through activities such as the Golf Outing, Pancake Breakfast, and Fish Fry. This money has gone to the school, parish, teachers, and many others. The best part is we have fun doing this as well as building community together. Right now we are in need of a new President, Vice President and Treasurer. Call Martin Mak at 217-224-8668 for more information.

#### Changes in Online Giving

St. Francis Solanus is in the beginning stages of a diocese-wide change in software. With this update we will transition from Our Sunday Visitor (OSV) as an online giving option to Parish Staq/Push Pay. As of this June 15 St. Francis will no longer use OSV. If you have an account with OSV, please log in to your account to stop this process and begin using Push Pay before June 15. Both websites are available through our giving page at stfrancissolanus.com. Please call the parish office or email church@stfrancissolanus.com with questions.



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#### Ladies of St. Francis News:

Our next all-member dinner meeting is Tuesday, May 21. The new officers will be installed. Join us for mass at 5:30, dinner at 6:30 and meeting at 7. To make a reservation for dinner (\$10) call Jan Zeidler at 217-779-0290 by Friday, May 17. The Ladies recipe collection will be available for purchase for \$15. Please join us for food, faith, and fun!

Job Opening at QCES: The Quincy Catholic
Elementary Schools Foundation seeks a part-time
Bookkeeper/Office Assistant to join our team.
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bookkeeping functions of the organization in
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will provide clerical support, assist with special
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experience. This is an hourly position of about six
hours per week. For a detailed job description

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foundation-team.html

This is our parish summer catechetical program. Elementary school students (will be in grades 1-6 in the fall) Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Middle/High School students (will be in grades 7-12 in the fall) Sunday-Thursday 6:30-8:15 p.m. Please send a sack lunch with your student.

\$25 per student; \$60 per family. COME AND JOIN THE FUN!







Mrs. Jane Ann Petty, play director, takes a photo after the last performance of Oz, the school play that was presented May 4 and 5.



St. Francis Solanus Youth Apostolate
"Friends Who Bear the Love of Christ"

Monday, May 13 - 5th Grade Night
5th grade aged children are invited to join for a BEAR preview night.
Pizza and Drinks are provided.

### Sunday, May 19

Fr. Arisman's 10th Ordination Anniversary Celebration
Our group will be helping with specific tasks during this celebration!
Mrs. Petty will assign tasks at the May 6 meeting.

Monday, May 20 - Spring Celebration
We will celebrate the graduated 8th graders, play games,
and discuss plans for the summer. Pizza and Drinks will be provided.

Who: 6th - 12th grades Where: Parish Hall When: Mondays 7:15 - 8:30 coordinator Jane Ann Petty (217) 222-2898 x101 jpetty@stfrancissolanus.com

QMG Free Sports Physicals: Wednesday, May 22 and Tuesday, July 23; 5:30-8 p.m. An appointment is required. Call 217-222-6550x3282 to schedule. For more information visit quincymedgroup.com/sports.

There's still plenty of time to buy your QCES Mega Raffle ticket. Thank you to everyone who purchased a ticket in time for the Early Bird drawing. That will take place this Friday morning, May 17 on KICK-FM. We still have lots of tickets to sell before we reach the overall goal of 4,000. A couple of places to buy tickets include the parish office or QuincyMegaRaffle.org. The winner will be drawn live on KICK-FM on May 31.

May 18-19	Altar Server - Weekend	Communion Minister	Usher		Reader	Greeter/Gift Bearer
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Kylie Sparks Riley Sparks William Hea	David Pillars Rose Pillars Michelle Obert Dick Mitchell	John Obert Greg Ehrhardt Zachary Maas	Harold Vahle Russell Rohrer Tom Liesen	<u>One Needed</u> <u>Please</u>	Betty Kaufmann Brian Dreier <b>Gift Bearer</b> Kim & Randy Zecchel
Sunday 7:00 a.m.	Chloe Terwelp Eli Terwelp	Auris McGee Gary Hilgenbrinck Jane Gregory Paulette Freiburg	Jerry Meyer Jack Terwelp Robert Harman	Joe Bernhardt Mary Terwelp Scott Venvertloh	Carolyn Briddle	Sandra Banning Joyce Frericks <b>Gift Bearer</b> Joe & Amber Terwelp
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Molly Costigan Austin Genenbacher Carson Kerkhoff	Anne Meyer Donna Mangold Donnette Cannady Cindy Grawe	Jason Costigan Steven Eling Bing Lammers One Need	Terry Kistner Samuel Zanger ded Please	Bruce Broemmel	Prudy Patterson Nancy Friye <b>Gift Bearer</b> Rob Frese
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Evan Reichert Priya Mamdani Teo Mamdani	Sue Holbrook Marvin Knuffman Rebecca Wear <u>One Needed Please</u>	Mike Holbrook Ron Gengenbache Melissa Arnold	Steve Obert er Don Olps Rose Willer	Karen Steinkamp	James Doellman Patricia Tomczak <b>Gift Bearer</b> Jamie Friye
Sunday Children's Liturgy of the Word  Sunday Children's Liturgy of the Word  Sunday Children's Liturgy of the Word		Isaac Steinkamp  Jane Ann Petty				



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