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### MASSSES

**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.

## *Fourth Sunday of Easter*

**MAY 11, 2025**

Acts 13:14,43-52; Revelation 7:9,14b-17;  
 John 10:27-30

The Fourth Sunday of the Easter season is usually called "Good Shepherd Sunday." Read the entire tenth chapter of John for a fuller explanation of the Good Shepherd.

In the ancient Middle East, the king was often called the shepherd of his people. But for the Hebrews, only God could be the true shepherd, as Psalm 23 says. We are not sheep of an earthly monarch, but of the Lord himself. We must always follow God rather than people.

In John 10, Jesus calls himself the Good Shepherd; thus he identifies himself as the Lord. He feeds us and protects us and leads us. But he does more: He lays down his life for his sheep.

The second reading alludes to the fact that the Good Shepherd has laid down his life for his sheep. In the Middle East, sheep were usually kept for wool and for milk, and not for meat.

Shepherds became very attached to their sheep; they gave them names (as we name our pets). The sheep would follow only the voice of their own shepherd (just as our pets usually respond only to our voice).

The word "pastor" means "shepherd." Let us pray that many young men of this parish may respond to the call of the Good Shepherd to share in the ministry of shepherding the flock of Christ.

--Msgr. William Carr

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## 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### MAY: THE MONTH OF THE BLESSED MOTHER MARY

*Happy Mother's Day to all mothers!*

May is seen as the month of Mary. Why? May elegantly stands out as a month of regeneration. It is the month when the temperature is not hot and it is not cold. This makes it very conducive for life forms to regenerate and bloom. The flowers blossom, giving the environment a beautiful and refreshing outlook. It is also a time for cultivation. Just as flowers beautify the environment, so do virtues beautify human life. Just as May is typical to cultivate and tend flowers and plants, so is May for cultivating and tending human virtues.

We look up to Jesus for all the virtues. Jesus is the fruit of Mary's womb (cf Lk 1:42). Jesus who is perfect in virtues allowed himself to be regenerated in Mary's womb, just as flowers and plants are regenerated in May.

Secondly, Mary herself is admired for her virtues such as humility, obedience, love, compassion, and care. Virtues and flowers go hand in hand, for just as flowers beautify the environment, so do virtues beautify human life. Just as we cultivate flowers in May, so do we tend to cultivate in our lives the virtues of Mary.

Thirdly, women are associated with regeneration by the virtue of their femininity. May is the month of mothers and the mother of Jesus is the best of mothers. As we celebrate the mother's day in May, we look up to the mother of the Saviour with some filial veneration, if you like the word, devotion.

Very striking with the month of May is the practice of May Devotion. Here are some of the things people do as May devotion:

- . Renewed dedication to the rosary such as saying it daily, meditating on the mysteries with the words of the Gospel.
- . May crowning and adorning the image of the Blessed Virgin Mary with flowers.
- . Undertaking some Marian novenas such as Immaculate Heart of Mary, Our Lady of Fatima, Our Lady of Sorrows etc.
- . Singing Marian hymns to end family prayers, school hours, group sessions, personal prayers, etc.
- . Reading a good book on the Blessed Virgin Mary such as *The Secret of Mary* by St. Louis De Montfort, *True Devotion to Mary* by St. Louis De Montfort, *Glories of Mary* by St. Alphonsus Liguori, etc.
- . Frequent recitation of Marian prayers such as the Hail Mary, Hail Holy Queen, the *Memorare*, the Litany of Loreto, etc.

*Frs. Steve Arisman, Bruce Scott and myself wish all mothers a Happy Mother's Day celebration!*

Fr. Kenneth Ahanonu

## *Weekday Mass Intentions*

<b>May 12 Monday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Jerry Carnivale
<b>May 13 Tuesday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Thom Drieselman
	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Vivian Schulte
<b>May 14 Wednesday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Marcia Tushaus
	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Harry Edward and Michael McAfee
<b>May 15 Thursday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Roger Cook and John Spring and family
	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Joyce Cowser
<b>May 16 Friday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Robert Duesterhaus
<b>May 17 Saturday</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	Phyllis Orr
	<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	Carl, Connie and Fr. Gary Bernhardt
<b>May 18 Sunday</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	The Parishioners of St. Francis
	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Thomas J. Vogelpohl
	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	Dick Gengenbacher

### Week of 5/4/2025

	<b>Week</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Regular Collection	\$27,170.81	\$1,121,848.60
Loose Collection	\$1,675.00	\$75,420.39
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$28,845.81</b>	<b>\$1,197,268.99</b>
Needed Support	\$32,000.00	\$1,408,000.00
<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$-3,154.19</b>	<b>\$-210,731.01</b>

### **Annual School Fund:**

Week: \$2,749.85

YTD: \$171,387.67

### This week in the Parish:

#### Monday, May 12

6:30 a.m. Mass  
4:30 p.m. QCS Meeting  
6:00 p.m. PSR  
7:00 p.m. Rosary for Peace  
7:15 p.m. BEAR meeting

#### Tuesday, May 13

6:30 a.m. Mass  
9:00 a.m. Ladies of St. Francis quilters  
5:30 p.m. Mass  
6:30 p.m. Pastoral Council  
6:30 p.m. Women's Prayer Group

#### Wednesday, May 14

6:30 a.m. Mass  
8:35 a.m. SFS Mass  
9:30 a.m. Adoration  
5:30 p.m. Mass  
6:00 p.m. Holy Name meeting  
6:30 p.m. Choir practice  
6:30 p.m. Liturgy Planning Committee  
7:00 p.m. Men's Prayer Group

#### Thursday, May 15

6:30 a.m. Mass  
9:00 a.m. Ladies of St. Francis Quilters  
1:00 p.m. Scripture Discussion  
6:30 p.m. OCIA  
6:30 p.m. Scripture Discussion  
6:30 p.m. Finance Council

#### Friday, May 16

6:00 a.m. Men's Morning Group  
6:30 a.m. Mass  
1:00 p.m. Secular Franciscans  
1:00 p.m. SFS Preschool graduation  
3:00 p.m. Girl Scout meeting  
7:00 p.m. SFS 8th grade graduation

#### Saturday, May 10

8:00 a.m. Mass  
9:00 a.m. TEC 351 Team Meeting  
8:30 a.m. Reconciliation  
3:00 p.m. Reconciliation  
4:30 p.m. Mass

**Get Well Wishes for Fr. Arisman:** If you would like to send get well cards or packages please send them to Fr. Zach Samples at St. Agnes in Springfield and he will deliver them to him. Please address the cards and/or packages as follows:

**Fr. Steve Arisman  
C/O Fr. Zach Samples  
St. Agnes Catholic Church  
245 N. Amos Ave.  
Springfield, IL 62702**

*Rest in Peace  
Dwayne "DD" Fischer  
April 13, 1949—May 2, 2025*

The annual **Memorial Day Mass** will be held at the Calvary Cemetery Chapel on Monday, May 26 at 9 a.m. Please bring a lawn chair. In case of rain, the service will be here at S. Francis.



**Easter Memorials:  
Janis Blickhan Foreman**

**Employment Opportunity:** St. Francis School is looking for a **Cafeteria Coordinator** who also could do some cooking. For more information please contact Principal Julie Radel at [jradel@stfrancissolanus.com](mailto:jradel@stfrancissolanus.com) or call the school at 217-222-4077.

**Totus Tuus is coming up. Make plans to attend!**  
St. Peter and St. Francis are working together to bring another Totus Tuus Camp to our area this summer.

Totus Tuus is a week filled with fun and faith! The **Evening Camp** runs from Sunday, June 15 through Thursday, June 19 from 6:30—8:15 at St. Francis School. Teens who are entering 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall of 2025 are welcome to attend.

The **Day Camp** will take place Monday, June 16 – Friday, June 20 from 9:00—2:30. This camp is for students entering 1<sup>st</sup> grade through 6<sup>th</sup> grade this fall. **The cost of the camp is \$25 per child or \$60 for three or more siblings. All area youth are welcome! To sign up please, use this link:**

<https://dio.org/totus-tuus-camper-registration/>.



**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!*



#### **Spring "Cleaning" for the Food Pantry**

Please consider giving hygiene and cleaning items to the food pantry for the rest of this spring season. People in need struggle to find the extra money for hygiene and cleaning items, so let's help them out! Items may be left in the food pantry bins located at all entrances to church.

#### **Explore how the early Christians, empowered by the Holy Spirit, spread the Good News to the world.**

Join Victoria Holtschlag for a small group on Acts, every Monday **starting June 2** from 6-7 p.m. in the parish center. We'll look at how the Church's structure and authority took root, and how the challenges and triumphs of the early Christians relate to our lives today. Childcare is provided, but limited, so register now! Call or text Grant at

217-602-9293 or go to:

<http://bit.ly/saint-francis-acts-study>.



**Holy Name News:** We will have our next monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 14 at 6 p.m. Come and help us plan our Ascension Thursday Banquet which will take place on May 29. All men of the parish are invited!

**Knights of Columbus News:** The Thursday Night Raffle is up to \$32,600. Tickets are sold from 6-7:45 with the drawing at 8:00. Ball season has started and there will be no more Friday night dinners until September.



*Congratulations and Welcome*

*Janyla Miller*

*Daughter of Brad and Kristan Miller*

*Baptized into the Catholic faith*

*May 4, 2025*

**The Hospitality Ministry** is in need of one person to take over Monday visits to the hospital. We also would like to have three subs to fill in for vacations and sickness. Please contact Mary Fitzsimmons at 217-553-8871 if you would like to help.

We will take up the **Catholic Communication Campaign** collection next weekend. Our diocese takes advantage of many communication outlets, such as the Catholic Times, social media, and podcasting to spread the news of our diocese, teach the faith, and provide hope and encouragement to people. Our diocese social media channels actually have far more followers than most dioceses our size. With your generosity we can continue creating engaging content and bring people closer to our faith, or even back to our faith. Thank you!

**Support our schools!** The *Everybody Wins* Mega Raffle is the **ONLY** fundraiser that supports ALL K-12 Catholic education in Quincy. To keep our schools strong, **we need YOU - our parish family** - to help us sell tickets! As a way of saying thanks, for every 5 tickets you sell, you'll be entered to win \$4,000 in tuition credit or \$3,000 cash. Every ticket sold makes a difference — let's make this year a success! Tickets are available in the back of church, school office, our parish office, or at the front entrance of QND. For more information visit [www.quincywinsmegaraffle.org](http://www.quincywinsmegaraffle.org).

### **Ladies of St. Francis News:**

- Our next and final dinner meeting of the spring will be Tuesday, May 20 after the 5:30 Mass.
- Cost of the dinner is \$10. Reservations can be made by calling or texting Helen Zimmerman, 217-242-6692. We will be celebrating the month of Mary and Mother's Day. The Holy Name men will be cooking, so we know it will be a great meal! Please plan to join us!



### **News from the Picnic Committee:**

Please reach out to a committee member or visit [stfrancissolanus.com/picnic-volunteer/](http://stfrancissolanus.com/picnic-volunteer/) to volunteer. You'll meet new people and be part of a parish-wide effort to make a really successful picnic!

Envelopes that include picnic information, raffle tickets, etc. can be picked up from the back of church or the gathering space. 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.

Remember! The picnic takes place Saturday, June 21, from 5:00 p.m. until midnight.

Live Music, Beer & Wine, Outside & Inside Food, 50/50, Cash & Basket Raffle, BINGO, Dunk Tank, Silent Auction, and more!

Please reach out to any committee member with questions or to volunteer. Feel free to email committee members at [sfspicnic@gmail.com](mailto:sfspicnic@gmail.com).

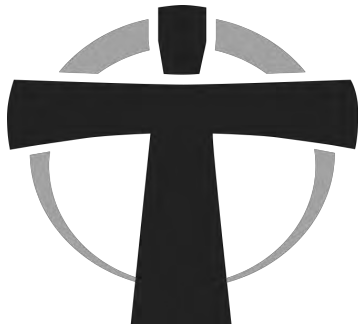
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## **School Summer Office Hours**

**June and August: 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

**Monday through Thursday. Office closed in July. People may reach St. Francis School throughout the summer by leaving a voicemail message or sending an email; 217-222-4077 or [school@stfrancissolanus.com](mailto:school@stfrancissolanus.com). We will return your message. Principal Julie Radel's email is: [jradel@stfrancissolanus.com](mailto:jradel@stfrancissolanus.com).**



Family and friends of Launa Blickhan donated a beautiful outdoor memorial bench to St. Francis Solanus School. Launa was a secretary at the school for 25 years. The school thanks her husband, Maurice Blickhan, and her family and friends for this lasting gift. The back of the bench says, "Launa's bench," and has butterflies by her name. It sits on the west side of the school.



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

## **Monday, May 12 - 8th Grade Celebration**

Lets celebrate the 8th grade moving onto High School!  
Bring a snack to share. Root beer floats will be provided.

## **Monday, May 19 - 5th Grade Night**

5th graders are invited to join BEAR! Bring a snack to share.

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

## **QND Open Coaching Position:**


Quincy Notre Dame High School is seeking qualified candidates for a **Head Cheer Coach** beginning immediately.

Qualified candidates should contact QND Athletic Director Bill Connell at [bconnell@qndhs.org](mailto:bconnell@qndhs.org).

More specific information will be provided upon request.

May 17 & 18	Altar Server - Weekend	Communion Minister	Usher		Reader	Greeter/Gift Bearer
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Piper Steward Lillian Wheeler Owen Wheeler	Logan Callahan Christine Fisk Joleen Patton Carla Slough	Greg Ehrhardt Philip Kemner Joseph Venvertloh James Waterkotte	Thomas Ennis John Veith	Sheila Goehl Maureen Makarewicz	Peggy Kaiser Angel Miranda Gift Bearer Angela Gutting
Sunday 7:00 a.m.	Carter Steinkamp Chloe Terwelp	Rick Haugh Gary Hilgenbrinck Donald Winking Patricia Winking	John Beckman Janet Marquette Timothy Venvertloh Emilie Venvertloh	John Benz Gary Terwelp	Carolyn Briddle Paul Brown	Joyce Frericks <b><u>One Needed Please</u></b> Gift Bearer Amber Terwelp
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Samuel Bruening Isaac Curry Gibson Holbrook	Samantha Cramsey Donnette Cannady Becky Gengenbacher Terry Kistner	Jason Costigan Joseph Darnell Joseph Wiewel	Gary Darnell Steven Eling Terry Nall	Monica Hinkamper Roseann Stuckman	Brian Dreier Anne Meyer Gift Bearer Mary Fitzsimmons
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Priya Mamdani Kylie Mason Evan Reichert	Alice Arnold Sue Holbrook Carol Steinbrecher Marcia Steinkamp	Drew Erwin Brent Frericks Donald Olps	Michael Fessler Dennis Greving Henry Voss	Teri Fessler Ronald Gengenbacher	James Doellman Cindy Reichert Gift Bearer Sam Vranjes
<b><u>Saturday Morning Mass Server</u></b> <b><u>Children's Liturgy of the Word</u></b>		May 17, 8:00 a.m. May 18, 9:00 a.m.	<b><u>One Needed Please</u></b> Liz Gengenbacher			

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<p><i>Our twelve Angels</i></p> <div>           Colletta Middendorf            Mary Althoff            Irene Freiburg            Mary Futterer            Wilhelmina Kottendorf            Olivia Timpe         </div> <div>           Mary Wavering            Josephina Bohne            Bernadina "Birdie" Freund            Mary Hickey            Cecelia VonderHaar            Margareth Werner         </div>		<p><b>12 Little Angels Collection</b></p> <p><i>A Tuition Assistance Fund in honor of the twelve little girls who died from the school fire of 1899.</i></p> <p><b>Every Donation Makes a Difference!</b></p>	 <p>Artwork by Delaney Beard</p> <p>EST 2016</p>
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