# 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"If only you would heed the voice of the Lord..." Moses pleads with us today. So often people ask questions about if it's ok to do something, then they want to know why. I don't mind. But gone are the days of the Lord who commands us to do something or not to do something and yet we want to know why, and we then decide maybe I will follow what God has commanded. God's law is written in our hearts, but it is passed down fully through His Church. Moses is begging us to stop questioning everything. Stop refusing to do something because it's hard or inconvenient. Over and over throughout salvation history, Israel refused to follow God's statutes and decrees; they called themselves followers of the Lord while they ignored the Lord, refused to listen to His messengers the prophets, and then even rejected, tortured, or killed the prophets for their message to turn back to the Lord.

There used to be a general sense of what we believed, and everyone followed it. But in our permissive and relativistic culture we have started to say to our kids, in our families, and with our friends, Well, I guess if it makes you happy. The statement is all wrong. The question for us should be does it make the Lord happy. Moses heeded his people and warns us the same to stop following the pagan world around us. Just because the world says it's ok to do something doesn't mean it is ok or it is good for us. The Lord's understanding of humanity is far better and far more fulfilling than what the world tells us we should be doing. God made us, therefore His user manual on humanity is better qualified than the guy who refuses to read the manual and tell you how things should be. There are so many pervading issues in our culture that are just causing us more misery and more brokenness. Promiscuity and living together and contraception and vasectomies and invitro-fertilization and pornography and drugs, etc. did not all become ok in the eyes of the Lord just because they are hard or society says they're ok; or, well, they aren't illegal anymore or everyone is doing it or I lack self-discipline or we are afraid to tell our children no, etc. There are long theological, practical, and clear answers to why each of these issues are sinful and causing humanity problems. But the clearest statement is the Lord says no and that should be more than enough for us. There are so many excuses why people do them anyway, but Moses warns us today, "If only you would heed the voice of the Lord..." So today heed God's voice and seek answers, but stop rejecting the ways of the Lord. And those that are and read this, this is not a boot to get out, and do not attempt to use it as an excuse that you are rejected. But instead see this as a call to come more, to seek more, to find more, to come to relationship more, to love more, and to be loved more.

Moses goes on to tell us that we don't have to question these things, that they are not mysterious or unknown answers, and they aren't something we need to grasp at or seem impossible to answer; but that the commands of the Lord are clear that God has made it "very near to you, already in your mouths, and in your hearts; you only have to carry it out." The commands of the Lord are so near they are in us, but the love of God came down, as Paul reminds us in Colossians today, that "Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God." God became man so that we have more certainty, more clarity, and more relationship with our God in someone who walked our walk and died our death, so that He may lead us to where we all long to be.

Today Jesus is challenged on the commands of the Lord, and He doesn't negate them, but calls the man who questions Him, to "do this and you will live." He then gives us this familiar story of the Good Samaritan. This story is not just a call to us of how we are called to love and care for one another, but it is a call to us of how our God loves YOU and cares for YOU. He doesn't just pass by, but our Lord comes down into the ditch with us by taking on flesh as a human in Christ, and pulls us out of the ditches of our lives of sin and cares for us and heals us and brings us to the Church to continue to care for us and heal us and nourish us as we get better. So no matter your brokenness or sin, be here all the more. No matter your lack of understanding or rejection, be here all the more. BUT allow then the Church that Christ left you to care for you to challenge you, to correct you, to love you enough to call you to something better, to give you mercy but point you back to the path you should be on, and most especially to heal you and strengthen you. Heed Moses, take to heart Jesus' words to the man who questions Him "do this and you will live"....and heed this final statement of the good Samaritan story... "'the one who treated him with mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'"

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## WeekdayMass Intentions

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SAVE THE DATES: The Springfield Council of Catholic Women (SDCCW) is pleased to announce the dates of the Celebration of the 2022 Our Lady of Good Counsel Women of Distinction and the 2022 SDCCW Annual Convention. The Celebration of the Women of Distinction Award will be on Saturday, July 23, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Springfield, followed by a luncheon at the Crowne Plaza. The 2022 SDCCW Convention will be held on Wednesday, September 28, at Immaculate Conception Parish in Mattoon.

## This Week in the Parish: Monday, July 11: 6:30 a.m. — Mass 8:00 a.m. — Blanket Project Tuesday, July 12: 6:30 a.m. — Mass 5:30 p.m. — Mass 6:30 p.m. — Pastoral Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. — The Belonging Wednesday, July 13: 6:30 a.m. — Mass 4:00 p.m. — Adoration/Reconciliation 5:30 p.m. - Mass 6:00 p.m. — Holy Name Meeting 6:30 p.m. — Choir Practice 7:00 p.m. — Men's Prayer Group Thursday, July 14: 6:30 a.m. — Mass 5:30 p.m. — Mass Friday, July 15: • 6:30 a.m. — Mass Saturday, July 16: 8:00 a.m. — Mass 8:30 a.m. - Reconciliation 4:30 p.m. — Mass New Parish Office Hours and Change to Daily Mass Schedule: Effective July 1, the Parish Office will be open • Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 8:30-3:00 • Wednesday, 8:30-4:30 (closed 12-1) Friday, 8:30 to Noon Also, there will be no 5:30 p.m. Mass on Mondays

going forward.

#### A Thank-you from Fr. David:

Dear St. Francis Solanus Parish Family: I write "family" because that is how I feel about you! Always will. I am grateful for your kindnesses to me during my time with you as parochial vicar! Speaking of which, I hope this humble bulletin blurb today suffices, at least for now, as a thank you from the heart for the cards and thoughtful enclosures given to me at my farewell—many very generous, and all of them sincerely appreciated. I hope ideally to send out some handwritten thank-yous "down-the-road," but if my early days at my new assignment are a fair indication, I will be seriously busy for quite some time. Please, then, my friends, accept this humble bulletin notice as my thank-you, at least for the short-term, would you? I was incredibly moved by the goodwill and prayerful Best Wishes extended to me at my farewell, including, as I say, the many great cards and enclosures. I am more grateful than I can say, and I will always carry St. Francis Solanus Parish with me. My two years with you makes for a treasured memory for me. Thank you from the heart, including most of all for your continued prayer-connection!

Weekly Collection Update				June Totals		June Special Collections	
	Week of	Weekly				12 Little Angels	\$1,065.00
	7/3/2022	Budget Goal	Difference		Totals	Alaska	\$4,082.23
Regular/E-Giving/ACSA Tithe	\$21,413.00	\$26,600.00	\$(5,187.00)	Regular/E-Giving/ACSA Tithe	\$83,403.79	Catholic Communication	\$135.00
Loose Collection	\$1,152.00	\$1,220.00	\$(68.00)	Loose Collection	\$5,025.68	Holy Family- Peter's Pence	\$878.00
Annual School Fund	\$1,955.50	\$3,440.00	\$(1,484.50)	Annual School Fund	\$9,714.50	Cemetery Collection	\$261.00
Total	\$24,520.50	\$31,260.00	\$(6,739.50)	Total	\$98,143.97	Food Pantry	\$4,540.85

Do you have news to post in our bulletin? Feel free to email requests to
bulletin@stfrancsissolanus.com. The deadline is Tuesday of each week by Noon.

#### There will be an hour of Adoration for Priests followed by Benediction at Blessed Sacrament church, 1119 S. 7th St., Quincy on Sunday, July 17, 2022 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. All are invited to come and pray for your Priests.

Photo Directory Update: If you did not have your picture taken for our new directory, you still have a chance to get this done. We are taking appointments for July 25 and 26, 2:00-8:30 p.m. You can schedule an appointment at <u>www.ucdir.com</u>, Church Code-il198, Password-photos

**Totus Tuus Host Dinners Needed** 

Four college-aged missionaries will be coming to St. Francis Solanus and St. Peter's from July 23 to July 29. These missionaries put on a week-long program to teach the young people of our parishes the joy and truth that comes from their Catholic faith. They are in need of host dinners while they are in town. If you would like to host the four missionaries any evening from Saturday, July 23 through Thursday, July 28, please contact Lydia Spillman at 309-531-8861 or Ispillman@stfrancissolanus.com. Thank you in advance!

Pictures from Fr. David Farewell reception: Anyone who had their picture taken with Fr. David may come to the Church Office to pick up their copy or get a digital copy by email. Thank you all who attended and brought an appetizer. It was a wonderful sendoff for Fr. David. — The Hospitality Ministry

**Biking for Babies Is Coming to Quincy!** 

On Friday, July 15, Right to Life of Adams County and Blessed Sacrament Respect Life Group will be privileged to host the members of the Biking for Babies Minnesota team, a group of 10 young adults (5 bicyclists and 5 support crew). They will be bicycling from Ottumwa, IA to Quincy on the fifth day of their six-day trip from Minneapolis, MN to St. Louis, MO. Each year, groups of these pro-life missionaries travel hundreds of miles to promote human dignity and to raise awareness of and funds for pregnancy centers. Their mission is to renew the Culture of Life one pedal stroke and one pregnancy resource center at a time.

Let's give the Biking for Babies participants a strong, pro-life welcome! Please come to Madison Park, 24<sup>th</sup> and Maine, to meet and support the team, to listen to their testimonies, to pray for the success of their ministry, and to enjoy refreshments. <u>Friday, July 15, 6 p.m.</u>

Find more information at <u>rtlac.org</u> or Right to Life of Adams County Facebook or by calling/texting Vicki at 217-316-9936.

### **Divorce and Beyond**

"Divorce and Beyond" Workshop is designed to help support people beyond the pain of divorce. The workshop is for those who

are divorced. Topics covered include: The Process of Divorce, Positive Self-Image, Handling Stress,

Expressing Anger, Dealing with Blame and Guilt, Overcoming Difficulties, Decision to Forgive, Pathways to Growth, Children of Divorce, Annulment Process (for Catholics). Registration is required and a \$10 donation for materials is requested. People of any

faith or no faith are welcome. The sessions will be on Wednesday nights from

6:30-8:00 p.m. beginning September 7 in the St. Francis Parish Center Bride's Room. Facilitators will be

Drew and Julie Erwin. To register, call Julie at 217-257-5313 or email Julie.gunn@comcast.net



Please join us for: Paddles for a Purpose Tuesday, July 12 Doors Open at 5:30 - Bidding at 6:30 Benefiting: Birthright of Quincy At the Atrium Hotel on 3rd - 201 S. 3rd St. There will be vendors! Paddles for \$1! Bring your own snacks and non-alcoholic beverages! Come join in the fun while supporting a wonderful cause!

In today's Gospel passage from Luke we read the well-known parable of the Good Samaritan. Here, Jesus teaches us in rich detail what stewardship in action looks like. In fact, this parable could just as accurately be called the parable of the Good Steward.

The first thing we note about the Good Samaritan is that he is aware of the needs of those around him and responds generously. While the priest and Levite brush right past the man on the side of the road, the Samaritan is watching for those who might be in need. He has a hospitable way of looking at the world around him and so he is able to "see" in a way that the others did not, and he was "moved with compassion at the sight" of the man.

Next, we see the Good Samaritan spring into action to serve this man, setting aside his own schedule and plans to meet his needs. He does not just give the man a few dollars or offer quick words of encouragement from across the road. He goes right up to the man. He cleans and bandages his wounds. He puts the man on his own animal and brings him to an inn where he can heal. He ensures the innkeeper would continue to look after him, and he commits to returning to the man on his way back.

That is how we live out God's commandments. That is true hospitality and service. That is how a good steward springs into action when he comes upon a neighbor in need. And Jesus says to each of us personally, just as He did in today's Gospel, "Go and do likewise."

- Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants

#### The Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary is the largest apostolic organization of lay people in the Catholic Church. Members become instruments of the Holy Spirit through a balanced program of prayer and service. Works include door-to-door evangelization, parishioner visitation, prison ministry, visitation of the sick or aged, religious education, visiting the newly baptized, and meeting the other spiritual needs of the parish community. Legionaries are under the guidance of a Spiritual Director. The Legion is, in essence, an extension of the heart and hands of the pastor. ACTIVE members meet once a week for prayer, planning, and discussion in a family setting. Then they do two hours of definite work each week in pairs and under the guidance of their Spiritual Director. AUXILLARY members pray the Rosary and legion prayers daily. The auxiliary members are the wings of the Legion.

We have TWO Legion of Mary groups in Quincy! Please join us! You are welcome to visit

either meeting, whichever fits your schedule!

St. Rose meets every Sunday in the basement of the Parish Hall from 2:00-3:30.

Blessed Sacrament meets every Tuesday in the Gathering Space of the church from 1:15-2:45.

Please feel free to reach out to any one of the following individuals for more information:

Fr. Tom Meyer, 217-222-2759

Marcy Hayden, 217-223-2059

Denise Sangoi, 217-316-5729

Or visit the Legion of Mary website at <u>http://legionofmary.org/lom.html</u>.





"Play in the Park" Wednesday, August 3 6:00-7:30pm Upper Moorman Park shelter house and playground

Current and prospective St. Francis Solanus School families are invited to play in Upper Moorman Park. You may bring any sports gear or use the playground equipment. Meet old friends and find new ones! A snack will be served. School Office will be closed in July. Please email any questions to <u>school@stfrancissolanus.com</u> during this time.

The Quincy Notre Dame boys' soccer team will host its annual elementary soccer camp July 25-28 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at QND. The camp is for boys entering grades K-6. Cost is \$40. Camp t-shirts can be purchased for \$10. Registration forms are available on the QND website (<u>www.quincynotredame.org</u>) or beginning at 5:45 on July 25. Bring a soccer ball and water. For more information, call Greg Reis at 217-430-7119.

St. Peter School is taking applications for a full time sub teaching position for the 2022-2023 school year. Applicants must be a certified teacher. Send resumes to <u>c.venvertloh @cospq.org</u> or 2500 Maine St., Quincy, IL 62301.

**QU JOB OPENING:** Graduate Assistant Campus Minister OR Part-Time Campus Minister. Quincy University, a Catholic liberal arts institution in the Franciscan tradition, invites applications for the position of Part-Time or Graduate Assistant Campus Minister. **Responsibilities:** 

- Collaborates with the Director of Campus Ministry/Campus Ministry Team to develop and coordinate endeavors, events, and programs within the realms of spiritual formation, service, and fellowship.
  - These include, but are not limited to:
  - One-on-one discipleship
  - Retreats
  - On and off campus evangelization/dialogue events
  - Student athlete ministry
  - Service projects
  - Prayer and worship opportunities
  - Community events
  - Student leadership development
  - Mentoring student living communities

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- Schedules, implements, and helps advertise events and programs in collaboration with the Director of Campus Ministry and the communications department.
- Collaborates with other departments to add a spiritual component to relevant events and activities at the University.

Requirements:

- Practicing Catholic
- Agrees and lives a life according to the teaching of Scripture and the Magisterium of the Catholic Church
- Demonstrates tact, respect, and good will in all interactions with those within the University Community and in public.
- Flexible and adaptable
- Willing to work odd hours (evenings, weekends)
- Able to discern and prioritize daily activities based on the needs of the people he or she serves
- Promotes the mission of the University
- Lives an active life of faith (i.e., daily prayer life, Sacramental life [Mass, Reconciliation, time with Christ in the Blessed Sacrament])
- Experience in Youth and Young Adult Ministry (at least 2 years preferred)

Please indicate if you are applying for a part-time or a Graduate Assistant position in the application. Send letter of application, resume, and three professional references to: Jessica Howell, Director of Campus Ministry

c/o Office of Human Resources, Quincy University 1800 College Ave. Quincy, IL 62301 or <u>hr@quicy.edu</u> An Equal Opportunity Employer

July 16-17	Altar Server - Weekend	Communion Minister	Usher	Reader	Greeter/Gift Bearer
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Hayley Hoffman Ben Eling	Katie Schuecking John Venegoni Nancy Venegoni Pat Holbrook	Russell Rohrer Paul Kemner John Veith Tom Ennis Philip Kemner Mary Ann Thomas	Chryssia Hea	Betty Kaufmann Theresa Rohrer <b>Gift Bearer</b> Joe & Amber Terwelp
Sunday 7:00 a.m.	Isaac Steinkamp	Sue Winking Gary Winking Jane Gregory Paulette Freiburg	Gary Terwelp Kevin Genenbacher John Hummel Joe Bernhardt Scott Venvertloh Robert Harman	Paul Brown	Kathy Klauser Larry Klauser <b>Gift Bearer</b> Bruce & Amanda Venvertloh
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Allison Ormond Whitney Ormond	Ric Hinkamper Amanda Genenbacher Chris Duvall Alice Arnold	Neal Blickhan Jason Costigan Ryan Klauser Terry Nall Rob Haistings One Needed Please	Monica Hinkamper	Janice Wiemelt Jill Blickhan <b>Gift Bearer</b> Kevin & Betsy Terwelp
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Genevieve Hamann Adler Hamann	Rebecca Wear Dennis Hoyt Laura Ohnemus Anne Meyer	Dale Peters Russ Siebers Steve Obert Mike Holbrook Melissa Arnold Joseph Obert	Rachel Waterkotte	James Doellman Patricia Tomczak <b>Gift Bearer</b> Randy Zecchel
<u>Saturday Morning</u> <u>Mass Server</u> July 16, 8:00 a.m.		Gabe Schrage & Laura Steinkamp			



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