

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

This weekend's readings are a call to conversion and a warning. So often we want to hear messages that make us feel good, but sometimes the scriptures give us a kick in the pants. In Jeremiah today, the story tells us of Jeremiah preaching the truth and challenging the people and they try to kill him. In Hebrews we talk about the cloud of witnesses that witness the life well lived. Hebrews tells us this should call us to task to live Holy lives and rid ourselves of sin, even resisting sin "to the point of shedding our blood." The gospel of Luke tells us of the warning that some will strive for holiness and some will not. This will bring division. This is not normally what we are used to from Jesus, but He says I have come to set the world ablaze. So the message this weekend: Don't be divided by the call to holiness! Be united in your lives striving for holiness!!! And if we live the lives of holiness we are called to, we will do just what Christ said today; we will set the world on fire for Jesus Christ!!

This last week I was notified that our general collections and annual school fund have been so low that we aren't coming close to making our budget goals, which means we haven't been able to pay our bills. I hate to talk about this but a parish our size should not have trouble meeting these budget goals. If we can't make our budget, cuts would be necessary which is not what anyone would want. This is even before we have major projects that also need to be done. I know this is a difficult time for all. We have already made cuts and decreases, but the government raising salaries of educators and the minimum wage has offset the cuts. Basically, we are employing less but for more money because of these increases. Some are aware of this and some are not. In the bulletin we show the collection and the budget amount. When we consistently don't meet the budget amount like we have lately, then it's time to make changes. We need to conquer this together and I know we can!

To end on a more positive note....This weekend is our back to school Blessing of the Backpacks event! It's already that time!!! It surely has snuck up on us! It will be exciting to see the good stuff in our school this year! The energy and excitement those kiddos bring to us and our parish is inspiring. Let's get excited with them!

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Rev. Steven A. Hissman".

Weekday Mass Intentions

Aug. 15 Monday	6:30 a.m.	Barbara Mayfield
Aug. 16 Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Our Lady of Perpetual Help
	5:30 p.m.	Rosie Madison
Aug. 17 Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	Our Lady of Perpetual Help
	5:30 p.m.	Floyd Wiewel
Aug. 18 Thursday	6:30 a.m.	Alvera Bardon
	5:30 p.m.	Phyllis Maxwell
Aug. 19 Friday	6:30 a.m.	Keith Wiemelt
Aug. 20 Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Tom Rose
	4:30 p.m.	Walt Venvertloh & Mary Georgann Oppi
Aug. 21 Sunday	7:00 a.m.	Pete & Betty Harman
	9:00 a.m.	Carol Eickelschulte & Tammy Bocke
	11:00 a.m.	The Parishioners of St. Francis

This Week in the Parish:

- **Monday, Aug. 15**
- 6:30 a.m. — Mass
- 8:30 a.m. — Blanket Project
- 2:00 p.m. — QU Inaugural Mass
- **Tuesday, Aug. 16**
- 6:30 a.m. — Mass
- 9:00 a.m. — Ladies of St. Francis Quilting
- 5:30 p.m. — Mass
- 6:30 p.m. — Stewardship Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. — The Belonging
- **Wednesday, Aug. 17**
- 6:30 a.m. — Mass
- 4:00 p.m. — Adoration/Reconciliation
- 5:30 p.m. — Mass
- **Thursday, Aug. 18**
- 6:30 a.m. — Mass
- 9:00 a.m. — Ladies of St. Francis Quilting
- 5:30 p.m. — Mass
- 6:00 p.m. — Grief Share
- 6:00 p.m. — Catechists Supper Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. — Finance Council
- **Friday, Aug. 19**
- 6:30 a.m. — Mass
- **Saturday, Aug. 20**
- 8:00 a.m. — Mass
- 8:30 a.m. — Reconciliation
- 3:00 p.m. — Reconciliation
- 4:30 p.m. — Mass



St. Francis Church is going to offer the program Grief Share for those who would like to meet with others to walk the path through grief toward healing and hope for the future.

Beginning August 18, a grief support group will begin and meet for 13 weeks each Thursday evening from 6-8 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The program, "Mourning to Joy," begins with an introduction, video, and then break into small groups to offer support to one another. There are workbooks provided that reinforce the weekly session topics.

There is no charge for this group. Everyone is welcome. This is a non-denominational support group.

Please register for this group by calling Pat Holbrook, 217-257-2570, so that we can prepare with enough materials.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

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Weekend experiences for 2022:

September 30 to October 2 and

December 2-4,

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For more information or to apply, go to

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Engholm at 314-649-7317.

<i>Weekly Collection Update</i>							
	<i>Week of</i>	<i>Weekly</i>		<i>Fiscal Year Totals to date</i>			
	8/7/2022	Budget Goal	Difference		Totals	Budget Goal	Difference
Regular/E-Giving/ACSA Tithe	\$16,477.50	\$26,600.00	\$(10,122.50)	Regular/E-Giving/ACSA Tithe	\$129,257.29	\$159,600.00	\$(30,342.71)
Loose Collection	\$2,265.11	\$1,220.00	\$1,045.11	Loose Collection	\$8,425.77	\$7,320.00	\$1,105.77
Annual School Fund	\$1,995.67	\$3,440.00	\$(1,444.33)	Annual School Fund	\$11,139.22	\$20,640.00	\$(9,500.78)
Total	\$20,738.28	\$31,260.00	\$(10,521.72)	Total	\$148,822.28	\$187,560.00	\$(38,737.72)



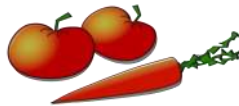
Congratulations Carolyn Briddle!

Carolyn is the St. Francis Solanus recipient of the 2022 Women of Distinction Award. Carolyn's family joined her in Springfield as she was honored at Mass at the Cathedral, followed by a luncheon. Please join us on Sunday, August 21, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass to congratulate Carolyn on this accomplishment.

St. Francis Ladies Card Party

11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. • Thursday, September 1
Cost is \$8 per person and includes lunch and a drawing for a door prize. Please call Pat Winking to reserve a table, if possible at least four days before the party: 217-257-0416. One member of your group must call each month to reserve your table. This is a social event and a fundraiser for our parish. Women of the parish may be called to make a donation to help offset the cost of the card party.

Attention gardeners! The St. Francis Food Pantry would like you to consider sharing some of your fresh produce. Items may be brought to any church entrance and will be collected and shared with clients when they pick up their orders. Please do not place fresh produce in the parish Food Nook. Your gifts from the garden will be most appreciated by those who use our food pantry.



QND Band and Choir students will be selling World's Finest Chocolate bars after Mass this weekend. A variety of flavors will be available for \$1 each. Thank you for supporting the QND music department!

Evening Prayer Every Sunday

Come join us in praying Evening Prayer every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. in the friars choir to the left of the sanctuary. This 15-minute prayer is a part of the Liturgy of the Hours, the daily prayer of the Church that marks the hours of the day and sanctifies the day with prayer. It is a beautiful, ancient prayer of the Church that we are all encouraged to participate in. All materials and instruction is provided. Hope to see you there!

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.

Holy Name News

Next Holy Name meeting will be 6 p.m. Wednesday, September 14. Food and drinks will be served. All men of the parish are welcome.

Our next big activity will be the annual golf outing September 25 at Westview. Start practicing and get your 4-man team together. Proceeds benefit St. Francis School.

Knights of Columbus News

The Big Raffle Jackpot is up to 25,300! Tickets on sale Thursday nights from 6-7:45. Drawing at 8 p.m.

A big thank you to all who attended the annual barbecue. Sunday's barbecue hours are 12-7 p.m., with a baby contest at 1 p.m.

PSR begins Monday, September 12.

Please pick up a registration packet at any entrance of the church. We are looking forward to a year filled with fun under the direction of Liz Alonzo, our new Director of Religious Education.

Parish Antique Car and Truck Show

To benefit the Allison Holbrook Memorial Scholarship Fund. 7 a.m. to Noon, Sunday, August 21, on gated College Street. Parishioner vehicles ONLY; 1992 and older. Antique cars, trucks, motorcycles, boats, and tractors! Donuts and coffee furnished by Holy Name, with freewill donations to benefit the scholarship fund. For more details, contact Deacon Dennis Holbrook, 217-257-4384, or Alan Blickhan, 217-257-1445.

Part-time Job Opening

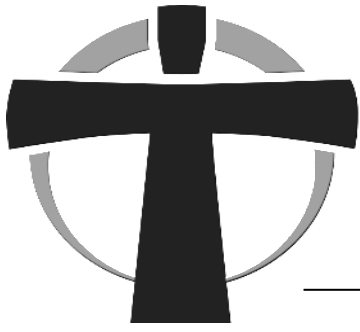
Looking for your first job and a chance to earn some pocket money? If you enjoy working in a family environment and helping others, please call Tim at Curtis Creek Retirement, 217-221-9081, for more information.

Retreat Opportunity — Men and women of the parish, sign up now for the annual retreat to the White House Retreat Center near St. Louis. The men's event is September 26-29. Contact John Venegoni to reserve a spot: 217-430-2234 or jvenegoni6808@comcast.net. Women will make a White House retreat October 3-6. Contact Jan Zeidler at 217-779-0290 or rjz2010@hotmail.com to sign up. Ask anyone who has attended a White House retreat and they will say, "Never have I been more at peace with my soul and my God."

The Adoration Chapel at St. Peter's Church needs to fill one more time slot so it can open for another 24 hours. The open time is 1:00-2:00 a.m. on Thursdays. Call Mary at 217-653-3127 or call or text Gina at 217-257-9966 if you could take this hour, or if you have questions. Please think on it, pray on it and listen with your heart.

Can you **Pray for Our Priests?** We need three St. Francis women to join the 7 Sisters group to pray for our priests. If you have the desire and could pray one hour a week, whenever it's convenient for you, please contact Pat Holbrook at 217-257-2570 for more information. We have immediate openings on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday. What a great way to serve our church by supporting our priests in fervent prayer!

Come to an Hour of Adoration for Priests followed by Benediction
3:00-4:00 p.m.
Sunday, August 21
St. Joseph Church, 400 South Lane, Palmyra MO.
All are invited to come and pray for your priests.



St. Francis Solanus School

INSPIRING FAITH, KNOWLEDGE & SERVICE

Blessing of the Backpacks. Families and students meet in church at 4 p.m. Sunday, August 14, and bring your backpacks! There will be a brief prayer service and a blessing of students and their backpacks. St. Francis students will proceed to school, where they can meet their teachers, see their classrooms, and drop off school supplies. This is an optional activity, but it has been described as fun, meaningful, and a great way to begin a new school year.

Wanted! Gently worn purple **Alex's Wish** t-shirts. We would like everyone to have one for school spirit days and field trips. Please bring the clean shirt to the Parish Office or School Office.

Health forms — If you have a student in kindergarten, second, or sixth grade, please have your school health forms turned in by September 15.

School lunch — Will be returning to \$3.10 per day. Please contact the school if you need income guidelines for free or reduced lunch.

First day of school for first through eighth grades is Tuesday, August 16. Wednesday, August 17, is the first full day of school for first through eighth grades.

Help Wanted for our school's after school childcare program. Hours are 2:50 to 5:30 p.m., Monday to Friday when school is in session. Pay is \$13 per hour. Applicants must pass a background check, be fingerprinted, and complete a child protection class. If you are interested and over 18 years old, please contact Principal Julie Radel at 217-222-4077 or jradel@stfrancissolanus.com.

Young Moms Together will begin meeting again from 9-10:30 a.m., Tuesday, September 6, in the Bride's Room in Solanus Hall. Meetings will be the first and third Tuesdays of the month from September until May. Please join us for coffee, conversation, and the opportunity to form and strengthen friendships. Encourage each other to grow in the Catholic faith as you share prayer and spiritual reflection. All young mothers and their children are welcome to attend whenever possible.

Dear St. Francis Parish members,
We have many families enrolling a student at St. Francis Solanus School for the first time. Would you consider writing a note of welcome to a new school family? Perhaps share a favorite, positive memory of St. Francis Solanus School, if you are an alum or had children enrolled at the school. I have heard so many interesting and wonderful memories! If you do not have ties to the school but still want to extend your well wishes to a new family, that would be great too. Address the envelope to "New School Family." Give the notes or cards to the Parish Office or School Office. These will be given to our new families after the school year begins August 16. Thank you for welcoming families beginning their journey at St. Francis Solanus School.

Sincerely, Julie Radel, Principal

Aug 20-21	Altar Server - Weekend	Communion Minister	Usher	Reader	Greeter/Gift Bearer
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	James Bickhaus David Bickhaus	David Pillars Rose Pillars Darlene Mayes Carla Slough	Jim Kaiser Michael Bickhaus Jim Waterkotte Brian Dreier Russell Rohrer Greg Ehrhardt	Sheila Goehl	Karen Venvertloh Joe Venvertloh Gift Bearer Chryssia Hea
Sunday 7:00 a.m.	2 Needed Please	Arlene Hendren Carolyn Briddle Gary Winking Sue Winking	George Venvertloh Janet Marquette John Beckman James Terwelp Paul Eling Ed Zanger	Steve Davis	Kay Gallaher Terry Niemann Gift Bearer Emilie Venvertloh
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Isabel Cramsey Hailey Terwelp	Ric Hinkamper Samantha Cramsey Vieve Veith Carol Haistings	Jason Cramsey Rob Haistings Troy Hummel John McDowell Melissa Arnold Bing Lammers	Monica Hinkamper	Nancy Frije James Doellman Gift Bearer Kevin & Betsy Terwelp
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Allie Vranjes Mia Vranjes	Michelle Meyer Ted Meyer Christy Woodward 1 Needed Please	Brent Frericks Dale Peters Ron Gengenbacher Don Olps Joseph Obert 1 Needed Please	Pam Frericks	Nancy Hufendick Margaret Steinbrecher Gift Bearer Sam Vranjes
<u>Saturday Morning</u> <u>Mass Server</u>		Aug. 20, 8:00 a.m.	Allison and Whitney Ormond		



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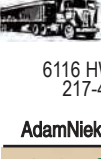
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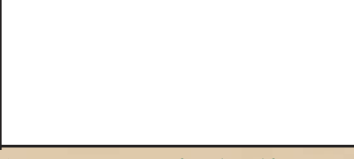
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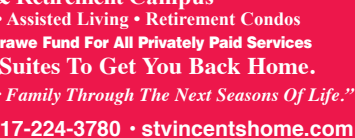
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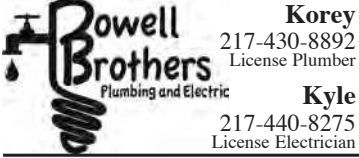
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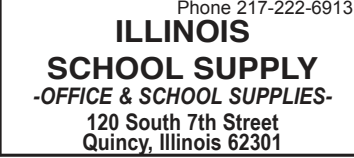
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