27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Our readings today show us that living a stewardship way of life, that is, a life focused on serving God and His Kingdom, is not easy. They also show us that our lives belong to God, not to us, and that God will indeed bring about the fulfillment of His kingdom. We just need to have faith that He can do it and commit to our small part in His grand design. We can all relate to the frustration expressed in the First Reading from Habakkuk. "How long, O Lord? I cry for help but you do not listen!" "Why do you let me see ruin; why must I look at misery?" The Lord knows that the life of a steward is not easy. When we look around us it can seem as if all our efforts are in vain. We spend time praying but nothing happens. We are faithful to our ministry, but no one seems to notice. We give generously of our financial resources but the needs around us remain great. Despite all this, the Lord urges us to remain faithful. "For the vision [the fulfillment of His kingdom] still has its time, presses on to fulfillment and will not disappoint."

Our Second Reading from St. Paul's letter to Timothy offers encouragement on the difficult path of discipleship, reminding us that we have all the tools we need to remain faithful. Paul says to "stir into flame the gift of God that you have...." Through the sacraments, the Word of God, and the teachings of the Church, we have every possible grace and blessing needed to continue moving forward on the stewardship path. We simply need to return to them over and over so as to stir these gifts into flame. Paul instructs us to "guard this rich trust with the help of the Holy Spirit that dwells within us." Relying on the abundant spiritual gifts God has given to us, and relying on the Holy Spirit's strength, we can bear our share of hardship well for the sake of the Gospel. This is both our privilege and responsibility as Christian stewards.

Jesus makes this privilege and responsibility clear in today's Gospel passage from Luke. When the apostles ask the Lord to increase their faith, He tells them that even a mustard seed-sized faith is all that is needed to move mountains (because it is God who does the heavy lifting). We need only take the tiniest step forward, and He will do the rest. It is a true privilege to cooperate as servants in the work of building His Kingdom.

Living our lives in His service is also very much our responsibility as Jesus explains through the parable of the unprofitable servant later in this passage. Our Lord describes a scene in which a servant has just come in from tending to the master's affairs and asks whether it would be reasonable for the master to begin waiting on his servant. Of course, it would not be reasonable. The servant would be expected to continue to serve his master until he has completed the work the master has given him that day. Jesus says we should have this same attitude before God. The time, talents and treasure entrusted to us are all God's. Our very lives belong to God. Whatever we do on God's behalf with our lives and our gifts is simply our God-given responsibility.

The stewardship way of life makes the privilege and responsibility of serving Christ and His kingdom a reality. It is not too late to turn in your stewardship renewal card. Please do so by mailing it in, dropping it off at the office, or filling it out online. Please make sure all of our parish families do this, especially those who are registered parishioners that have children in our school. These cards help us all see how God is calling us to be good stewards.

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Weekday Mass Intentions

Oct. 3 Monday	6:30 a.m.	Walt Venvertloh		
Oct. 4	6:30 a.m.	Gert Sohn		
Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	Phyllis Maxwell		
Oct. 5 Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	Beverly Frese		
	5:30 p.m.	Jerry Little		
Oct. 6 Thursday	6:30 a.m.	Barbara Mayfield		
	5:30 p.m.	Marilyn Willer		
Oct. 7 Friday	6:30 a.m.	Walt Venvertloh		
Oct. 8 Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Right to Life		
	4:30 p.m.	Walt Venvertloh & Eugene Klingele		
	7:00 a.m.	Pete & Betty Harman		
Oct. 9 Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Glanzman & Wensin families		
	11:00 a.m.	Carl, Fr. Gary & Connie Bernhardt		

GRIEF SHARE

St. Francis Church is offering 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. The group meets Thursday evening from 6-8 p.m. in the Parish Hall through November 17.

There is no charge and you can join at any time. Everyone is welcome; this is a non-denominational support group. For more information contact Pat Holbrook, 217-257-2570.

This Week in the Parish:

Monday, Oct. 3

- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 6:00 p.m. PSR
- 6:00 p.m. Living Rosary
- 7:00 p.m. Rosary

Tuesday, Oct. 4

- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 9:00 a.m. Ladies of St. Francis Quilting
- 9:00 a.m. Young Moms Together
- _ 5:30 p.m. Mass
- 6:30 p.m. Liturgy Planning Committee
- 6:30 p.m. Scout Leader Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. The Belonging
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Saint Study

Wednesday, Oct. 5

- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 4:00 p.m. Adoration
- 5:30 p.m. Mass
- → 7:00 p.m. Men's Prayer Group

Thursday, Oct. 6

- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 9:00 a.m. Ladies of St. Francis Quilting
- 11:00 a.m. Ladies of St. Francis Card Party
- 5:30 p.m. Mass
- 6:00 p.m. Grief Share
- 6:00 p.m. RCIA
- 6:30 p.m. Troop 22 Scout Meeting

Friday, Oct. 7

- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 9:00 a.m. Digital Scrapbooking

Saturday, Oct. 8

- 8:00 a.m. Mass (Anointing Mass)
- 8:30 a.m. Reconciliation
- 11:30 a.m. Cursillo Training
- 3:00 p.m. Reconciliation
- 4:30 p.m. Mass

2022 Anointing Mass

Saturday, October 8, at the 8 a.m. Mass for anyone who would like to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. A light reception will follow in the Parish Hall.

Weekly Collection Update							
	Week of	Weekly		Fiscal Year Totals to date			
	9/25/2022	Budget Goal	Difference		Totals	Budget Goal	Difference
Regular/E-Giving/ACSA Tithe	\$15,688.50	\$26,600.00	\$(10,911.50)	Regular/E-Giving/ACSA Tithe	\$279,062.68	\$345,800	\$ (66,737.32)
Loose Collection	\$1,427.62	\$1,220.00	\$207.62	Loose Collection	\$18,151.30	\$15,860.00	\$2,291.30
Annual School Fund	\$813.25	\$3,440.00	\$(2,626.75)	Annual School Fund	\$23,567.12	\$44,720.00	\$(21,152.88)
Total Capital Campaign	\$17,929.37	\$31,260.00	\$(13,330.63)	Total Capital Campaign Through 9/18/2022	\$320,781.10 <i>\$55,74</i> 2.06		\$(85,598.90)

Stewardship Renewal

Please remember to turn in your commitment card or fill one out online at the parish website:
www.stfrancissolanus.com. Thank you!



Friday, November 18, 2022

Doors Open: 6 p.m. * Dinner Begins: 7 p.m.

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Homemade Turkey Dinner at St. Edward the Confessor in Mendon, Sunday, October 30, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Carry-out is available. Cost is \$12 for adults; \$8 for children 10 and under.

Communion Ministers Needed

for Blessing Hospital. Disruptions caused by COVID continue to impact the hospital's volunteer ranks, including the ability to distribute the Eucharist daily to Catholic patients. If anyone is interested in this invaluable ministry, please contact the St. Francis Church rectory at 217-222-2898 and leave your name.

Congratulations!

Please join us in congratulating two couples who were married recently at St. Francis Solanus:



Kyle and Grace Brocksieck
September 10, 2022

Alexander and Susana French September 24, 2022

And congratulations to our Youth Minister, Jake Terry, who married Amy Luley on September 17 in Florissant, MO.

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!

Moms of all ages! St. Francis invites you to meet on the first and third Tuesday mornings of each month from September through May, 9-10:30 a.m. We will share conversation, prayer, and scripture while forming and strengthening friendships. If you have young children, bring them! We meet in the Parish Center. For more information contact Sarah Venvertloh at 217-577-6490.

Holy Name News Next meeting is October 12 at 6 p.m.

Pancake and Sausage Breakfast Sunday, October 23. Get ready to place your fresh sausage order.

Knights of Columbus News

The Big Raffle Jackpot is up to \$31,634! Tickets on sale Thursday nights from 6-7:45. Drawing at 8 p.m.

Friday Night All-You-Can-Eat Chicken Dinners. Serving from 5-7 p.m. Adults: \$13; children 12 and under: \$6; under 5 eats free. The menu includes fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, corn, and applesauce. All are welcome!



Blessing of the Pets

This Sunday, October 2, at 4:30 p.m. on the grassy lot next to Underbrink's Bakery. All parishioners, students, and PSR families are invited to bring your pets for a blessing.

October Rosary Rally

St. Francis Solanus Church is sponsoring an "October Rosary Rally" on Saturday, October 15, at Noon. We will be one of more than 20,000 rallies estimated to be held throughout the U.S. on that day. Our Rosary Rally will be held on the southwest corner of 18th and College on the grassy area (east side of St. Francis Solanus School). We will pray the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries. You are welcome to bring lawn chairs. For more information, contact Mike Holbrook at 653-5555 or Mike Zanger at 257-7931.

Also, **throughout the month of October** come gather 25 minutes before the weekend Masses to pray the Rosary. Friday, October 7, is the feast day of Our Lady of the Rosary. Throughout the month we will pray the Rosary for peace around the world and to honor Our Blessed Mother.

Respect Life Dinner—From Right to Life of Adams County — Come hear a great speaker and support the pro-life cause. Thursday, October 27. Reception at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 6. Anna DeMeuse, Communications Director for Pro-Life Wisconsin, will speak following dinner. Location: Holiday Inn, 4821 Oak St., Quincy. Cost: \$25 per person, \$40 for two people, or \$150 for a table of eight. No tickets will be sold at the door. Please make reservations by October 11. Call Lyn Schlipmann, 217-653-0075, for reservations and more information.

Ladies of St. Francis News:

The next card party is Thursday, October 6, from 11-3. Doors open at 10:30. Cost is \$8 and includes lunch and a chance for a door prize. One member of your group can call Pat Winking at 217-257-0416 at least four days before the party, if possible. Please call each month to reserve your table. The Ladies of St. Francis will have their next meeting Tuesday, October 18.

The Quilters of St. Francis will be raffling off one quilt at the final Ladies of St. Francis card party in May. Quilters are selling chances for \$1 each or six for \$5, September through May on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Parish Center. Chances also are available at the card parties. You don't have to be present to win.

2022 Life Chain

This Sunday, October 2, 2:30-3:30 p.m. on the south side of Broadway between 14th and 18th streets in Quincy. Please pick up your sign at the southwest corner of 16th and Broadway between 2-2:30. Right-to-life supporters in over 1400 U.S. cities will be gathering to observe the sanctity of life at the 2022 Life Chain.

Women's Saints Study — Women of all ages, join us Tuesday, October 4, at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Mother Angelica is the featured saint this month. Bring a friend! For more information, contact Kelli Lunt, 217-617-1566, or Karen Weiman, 217-242-5513.



School will not be in session this Friday,
October 7. Teachers will be attending
Quincy Conference online. We will be in
school on Columbus Day, Monday,
October 10. There will be no QPS#172
bus service that day.



Quincy University lacrosse coaches visited recently to help our fourth through eighth graders learn more about the sport during P.E. class.

QND Family Movie Night

Quincy Catholic school families, students, and staff are invited to a free outdoor screening of Sing 2 on QND's Advance Physical Therapy Field. **Tonight** (October 2) at 6:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be provided. In case of rain the movie will be shown in the gym.



Visit **QuincyNotreDame.org** for more details.

Academic Support Needed — We're looking for volunteers to work with students, either individually or in a small group. Examples of tasks include: listening to students read, practicing math facts, and reviewing vocabulary words. Email Maureen Makarewicz for more information, mrsmak45@gmail.com.

Our school needs **Substitute Workers** in the following areas:
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Oct 8-9	Altar Server - Weekend	Communion Minister	Usher	Reader	Greeter/Gift Bearer
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Makayla Patton Morgan Patton	Theresa Rohrer Teri Struck Jane Dietrich Kristen Patton	Russell Rohrer Mark F. Dietrich Joe Venvertloh Tom Ennis Mary Ann Thomas Tom Liesen	Steve Davis	Betty Kaufmann Katie Schuecking Gift Bearer Joe & Amber Terwelp
Sunday 7:00 a.m.	James Petty	Don Winking Pat Winking Kay Gallaher Tony Freiburg	George Venvertloh Roger Gallaher Larry Klauser Perry Terwelp John Beckman Janet Marquette	Jan Zeidler	Emilie Venvertloh Kathy Klauser Gift Bearer Gabriel & Kelly Wheeler
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Hailey Terwelp Jack Costigan	Peggy Koetters Holly Hummel Ann Betts Marty Steinkoenig	Troy Hummel Jeannie Thomas John McDowell Mike Zanger Bing Lammers Melissa Arnold	Gerald Koetters	Nancy Friye Prudy Patterson Gift Bearer Kevin & Betsy Terwelp
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Laura Steinkamp Priya Mamdani	Anne Meyer Marcia Steinkamp Ted Meyer Michelle Meyer	Brent Frericks James Doellman Marty Karhoff Mike Fessler Adam Hightower Diann Cole	Dennis Steinkamp	Doris Karhoff Patricia Tomczak Gift Bearer Jamie Friye
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