

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

We read in the prophet Amos about those who trample the needy and destroy the poor and cheat to get ahead. God is calling us to care for the poor and needy. God is calling us to be fair and honest in our business dealings. In all, the Lord is calling us to be honest people who truly care.

Paul tells us to pray for those in authority over us, most especially our governmental leaders. He says he was called to speak the truth even when it is tough. Calling all people from all places to be one in prayer and united.

The gospel tells us of a steward that squanders the masters property and is having to give account for how he has failed. The steward continues to try to swindle and look out for himself, but in doing so finally does the right thing in the mind of the master. The master commends him for his forgiveness and mercy and generosity. The steward should have been a good steward and given generously to others, but instead looked out for himself alone. Then in trying to look out for himself, stumbled upon kindness and generosity, and sadly doesn't even realize it. This gospel is about us as stewards of what God has given us. So often we squander it and are not generous as the Lord is generous to us. We are often so focused on this world, and the comforts and wealth of this world, instead of building up the treasures of heaven and giving freely of the graces we have received. If someone took an account of your use of your finances, the question would be, What do they see as your priority in your finances? No, it's not just about finances. But sadly, in avoiding finances and not wanting to offend someone, challenging them to look at their finances in giving, we distract by saying we can't look at our personal finances and have to focus on everything else while sadly leaving out the challenge we need to our giving as well. Your stuff? Your comfort? Your hoarding of wealth? Your swindling others as in the first reading? Your looking out for the poor as God calls us over and over in scripture? Your giving to the church's needs as one of the primary precepts the Church calls us to? Your response to the Lord being first? If it isn't the Lord, the Church, and the needs of others, then we need to rearrange our priorities and our finances, to make these things first. You cannot worship money and God. You must worship God and use the money He has given you for why He gives it to you. Not to hoard but to care for ourselves and families and plan for the future, but not to excess and not to the detriment of the Lord first. You can NOT out give the Lord.

Many have asked why the air isn't fixed yet. First, a 25-ton unit is not something kept in stock and would take time to get and put in. We need to rent a crane to install the unit, but we are already doing that in the spring for the boilers. The boilers take a long time to arrive and so won't be here for months. To save money, we will do both projects at the same time when the crane is here instead of paying for one twice. It is a smart move as stewards not to duplicate. Also, we don't have the money for either of these projects fully. We will be launching an initiative in the near future to look at how to care for all the needs of the parish that are necessary right now and into the future. Look forward to this info coming soon.

Lastly, thank you to our stewardship speakers this weekend at all the Masses for their witness to how the Lord is working in their lives and how they are responding to the generosity the Lord has given to them. Please give them your attention and gratitude for the courage to speak to the Lord's work in their lives. You should have received your stewardship renewal cards, and I ask you to seriously pray and consider every aspect of this renewal and respond on that card or online; to really take this opportunity to reexamine how the Lord is working and how the Lord is calling you to respond to His generosity by being generous with your entire self.



Weekday Mass Intentions

Sept. 19 Monday	6:30 a.m.	Donald Klingele
Sept. 20 Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Barbara Mayfield
	5:30 p.m.	Alvera Bardon
Sept. 21 Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	Sharon Waterkotte
	5:30 p.m.	Michael Klaus
Sept. 22 Thursday	6:30 a.m.	Joyce Goehl
	5:30 p.m.	Alvera Bardon
Sept. 23 Friday	6:30 a.m.	Phyllis Maxwell
Sept. 24 Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Barbara Mayfield
	4:30 p.m.	Mike Marshall
Sept. 25 Sunday	7:00 a.m.	The Parishioners of St. Francis
	9:00 a.m.	Bill & Katie Brink
	11:00 a.m.	Jerry Little

This Week in the Parish:

- **Monday, Sept. 19**
- 6:30 a.m. — Mass
- 8:00 a.m. — Blanket Project
- 5:00 p.m. — PSR
- 7:00 p.m. — Rosary
- **Tuesday, Sept. 20**
- 6:30 a.m. — Mass
- 8:00 a.m. — QCES
- 9:00 a.m. — Ladies of St. Francis Quilting
- 9:00 a.m. — Young Moms Together
- 5:30 p.m. — Mass
- 6:00 p.m. — Ladies of St. Francis
- 6:30 p.m. — Truth Seekers
- 7:00 p.m. — The Belonging
- **Wednesday, Sept. 21**
- 6:30 a.m. — Mass
- 3:00 p.m. — QCES Grade Level Meetings
- 4:00 p.m. — Adoration/Reconciliation
- 5:30 p.m. — Mass
- 7:00 p.m. — Men's Prayer Group
- **Thursday, Sept. 22**
- 6:30 a.m. — Mass
- 8:30 a.m. — QCES
- 9:00 a.m. — Ladies of St. Francis Quilting
- 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, Sept. 23**
- 6:30 a.m. — Mass
- 3:00 p.m. — Troop 5950 Scout Meeting
- **Saturday, Sept. 24**
- 8:00 a.m. — Mass
- 8:30 a.m. — Reconciliation
- 3:00 p.m. — Reconciliation
- 4:30 p.m. — Mass

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 began meeting August 18 and will meet for 13 weeks each Thursday evening from 6-8 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The program, "Mourning to Joy," includes small groups to offer support to one another. There are also workbooks provided that reinforce the weekly session topics. There is no charge for this group and you can join at any time. 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.

Adoration for Priests — followed by
Benediction at St. Brigid Church
706 N. Main, Liberty, IL
3-4 p.m. • Sunday, September 18
All are invited to come and pray for
your priests.

Weekly Collection Update				Fiscal Year Totals to date			
	Week of	Weekly			Totals	Budget Goal	Difference
	9/11/2022	Budget Goal	Difference				
Regular/E-Giving/ACSA Tithe	\$14,225.50	\$26,600.00	\$(12,374.50)	Regular/E-Giving/ACSA Tithe	\$241,799.68	\$292,600.00	\$(50,800.32)
Loose Collection	\$ 1,192.00	\$1,220.00	\$(28.00)	Loose Collection	\$14,969.42	\$13,420.00	\$1,549.42
Annual School Fund	\$ 1,058.00	\$3,440.00	\$(2,382.00)	Annual School Fund	\$20,984.72	\$37,840.00	\$(16,855.28)
Total	\$16,475.50	\$31,260.00	\$(14,784.50)	Total	\$277,753.82	\$343,860.00	\$(66,106.18)
<i>Capital Campaign</i>	\$500.00			<i>Capital Campaign Through 8/21/2022</i>	<i>\$53,370.06</i>		

Stewardship Renewal — Next Sunday is Commitment Sunday. Today we hear from a parishioner who will share what stewardship has meant to their life. Reflect on how you are involved at St. Francis Solanus. The Commitment Card you received in the mail offers suggestions for how you can become more involved. Don't forget to bring your Commitment Card to Mass next weekend or fill one out online at the parish website: www.stfrancissolanus.com.

Catechetical Sunday

The celebration of our catechists is this Sunday. This year's theme is "This is my body given for you." We call forth catechists to be commissioned for their ministry. This Sunday is also a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. The celebration is a rededication of ourselves to the mission of passing on the faith as a parish community.

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, 217-577-6490.

Welcome John Maynard:

Mr. Maynard was brought into the Catholic Church this past weekend through baptism, confirmation, and first communion.

The Church rejoices at his coming to the faith!

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. Peter Church Rectory at 217-222-3155, and leave your name.

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!

Assumptions Catholic Store will be at St. Rose of Lima Parish Hall, 715 Chestnut St., Saturday, October 8, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Sacramentals such as medals and Rosaries will be for sale, along with Bibles, baptism and confirmation gifts, and Advent items.

For special requests, call 309-833-1979.

NEW ADDRESSES FOR SEMINARIANS:

Sam Doellman: Bishop Simon Brute College, 2500 Cold Spring Rd., Indianapolis, IN, 46222

Logan Klitzing: St. Meinrad,

200 Hill Dr., St. Meinrad, IN, 47577

Kade Zanger: Our Lady of Guadalupe, P.O. Box 147,

Denton, NE, 68339

And once again, **Fr. David Beagles:**

207 E. Walnut St., Robinson, IL, 62454

Surviving Divorce — A 12-week program by Rose Sweet through Ascension Press will cover topics such as "Getting Your Bearings," "Dealing with Your Family," and "Learning to Forgive." The second half of the program deals with topics such as money, dating, and finding lasting love. The program includes personal testimonies from Catholic men and women, a workbook, video, and refreshments during group time. Join the team leaders on Tuesday, September 20, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at St. Anthony's Church for the first session. To register, please call the Parish Office at 217-222-5996.

Knights of Columbus News

The Big Raffle Jackpot is up to \$30,370! 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!



Golf Outing for St. Francis School

Come out to Westview Golf Course and join the Holy Name Society for a fun outing to benefit St. Francis School, Sunday, September 25, at 11:30 a.m. Shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$70 per person and covers the golf, cart, food, and more! Hole sponsorship posters are available for \$100. To sign up for golf or sponsorship, contact Dan Hoffman at 217-617-3537 or danhoffman300@hotmail.com.

Ladies of St. Francis News:

The first meeting of the year will be Tuesday, September 20. You are invited to Mass at 5:30, followed by dinner at 6:15 and a meeting at 6:45. Cost of dinner is \$8. Please call Jan Zeidler if you need more information: 217-779-0290.

The next card party is Thursday, October 6 from 11-3. Cost is \$8 and includes lunch. Call Pat Winking at 217-257-0416 at least four days before the party, if possible. Please call each month to reserve your table.

Area-Wide Mass at QND

All are welcome to attend this Mass at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, September 27, in the QND gym. Staff and students from the four Catholic grade schools in Quincy, St. Mary's in Mt. Sterling, and QND will gather with family and friends to celebrate the Eucharist and the gift of Catholic education.

Youth Group Movie Night

Join us on Sunday, September 25 at 5 p.m. in Solanus Hall to watch *The Princess Bride*, hosted by Liz Alonzo, our DRE. We hope to see you there!

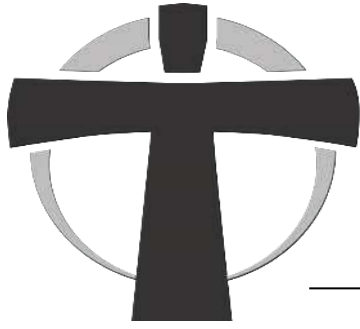
The Marriage Course at St. Peter

Navigate married life in this 7-week course to strengthen your relationship. Sessions will be held on Sunday evenings in the St. Peter School cafeteria from 5:30-7:00, September 25 to November 13. Childcare is available. Cost is \$10 and includes a book. Call Betty McDonnell at 217-653-3003 for more information.

QND Pom Camp — Girls in pre-school through 8th grade! Come perform in “throwback” colors and music with the QND Pommers at halftime of the QND football game Friday, September 23. Cost is \$30 and includes a t-shirt, pizza, and admission to the game. Pre-registration not required, but recommended to guarantee the t-shirt size. For more information, contact coach Jennifer Duesterhaus at 217-316-2046 or qndpomcoaches@gmail.com.

2022 Life Chain

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



St. Francis Solanus School

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Mrs. Julie Bice's (far left) kindergartners are studying monarch butterflies and dressing up to demonstrate the different stages of their life. The students have been raising larva (caterpillars) from eggs in the classroom and releasing them for their journey to their winter home in Mexico. Our school is part of a national program through Monarch Watch that promotes conservation of the monarch, which is the state insect of Illinois.



Kindergartners learn songs about each stage of the monarch's life and enjoy dressing up in butterfly costumes as well.

This year's **Cookie Dough Fundraiser** is underway and will help purchase more Newline boards for the classrooms. Each board costs \$2,000 and we need about 10 more. Teachers say these boards are a versatile piece of technology with many uses, including chalkboard, video screen, and worksheet projector for the whole classroom to see.

The frozen cookie dough comes in tubs or pre-portioned dough pieces in six flavors and starts at \$20 per tub. Contact any SFSS family to place an order, or contact Kati at katikuhn21@yahoo.com. Orders are due Monday, September 26. Thank you for supporting St. Francis Solanus School!

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: Morning or after school childcare; cafeteria; teaching assistants for preschool and kindergarten; substitute teachers.

To apply, contact school@stfrancissolanus.com or call 217-222-4077.

Sept 24-25	Altar Server - Weekend	Communion Minister	Usher	Reader	Greeter/Gift Bearer
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Drake Dodd 1 Needed Please	Dick Mitchell David Pillars Rose Pillars Kirby Wiemelt	Tom Liesen Michael Eling Jim Waterkotte Brian Dreier John Veith Greg Ehrhardt	Rebecca Wear	Betty Kaufmann Peggy Kaiser Gift Bearer John Obert
Sunday 7:00 a.m.	2 Needed Please	Judy Haugh Craig Budde Steve Peters Cindy Peters	Auris McGee Kevin Frericks Joe Bernhardt Scott Venvertloh Janet Marquette John Beckman	Jan Zeidler	Joyce Frericks Jerry Meyer Gift Bearer Rick Haugh
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Alyssa Cole Gabe Mason	Joanne Ortwerth Becky Gengenbacher Leila Weppler Randy Wheeler	Terry Kistner Mark Dietrich Bryant Burke Jason Costigan Neal Blickhan Terry Nall	Brad Kendrick	Jill Blickhan Gift Bearer Gabriel & Kelly Wheeler
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Paul Steinkamp Isaac Steinkamp	Karrie Cramsey-Groll Debra Beard Sue Holbrook 1 Needed Please	Marty Karhoff Ron Gengenbacher Joseph Obert Don Olps Mike Fessler 1 Needed Please	Rachel Waterkotte	Barbara Bockhaus Nancy Hufendick Gift Bearer Doris Karhoff
Saturday Morning <u>Mass Server</u>		Sept. 24, 8:00 a.m.		Laura Steinkamp	



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