24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The power and depth of these readings this weekend are too much to synthesize into a small bulletin article. The Lord is fed up with the Israelites and today Moses intercedes on their behalf to bring His mercy. But also this statement is a reminder to us, who are not unlike the Israelites in turning back to our sinful ways, and of God's promises to the patriarchs Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Paul tells Timothy that Christ came into the world to save sinners, which is the fulfillment of the promises to the patriarchs. Then Jesus tells us the stories of seeking the lost: the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the lost son. The prodigal son story is so familiar, but don't ever let it become mundane. Read this reading regularly and remind yourself of the arms of the loving Father waiting for you in the faith, most especially in confession, and also in the moment of our death that we pray we fall into the arms of the loving Father.

Today is the first Sunday of our annual parish-wide Stewardship Renewal. This is the time of year when we make our written commitments to prayer, parish ministries, and offertory giving — our time, talent, and treasure. We do this after taking time to re-evaluate our faith lives, our relationship with God, and our service to each other in our daily lives. I want to underscore the importance of this time of Renewal - not just for our parish, but for each of you individually.

Some of you may wonder why we need to fill out a Commitment Card every year. In response, I have a couple of illustrations. What if you told the IRS, "I filed my taxes last year, and they're pretty much the same this year. Why do it again?" Or even worse, what if you told your spouse, "I gave you an anniversary card last year, and I still love you. Why do I need to give you another one this year?" The moral of the story - some things are so important that they need a formal expression each year.

Just as your tax return changes every year, even if only slightly, and just as your love for your spouse changes and deepens over time, so too does your relationship with God and the Church. A lot can change in a year. You may feel more drawn to prayer this year, you may have more or less time for ministries, or more or less income to contribute. The Annual Stewardship Renewal helps each of us to strengthen our faith by discerning how we are currently using our time, talent, and treasure in the service of God and each other.

So, over these next couple of weeks, as you receive your new Stewardship materials in the mail, I urge you to look over the information and pray about how God is calling you, right now, this year, to use your time, talent and treasure to tangibly live out your faith.

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Weekday Mass Intentions

Sept. 12 Monday	6:30 a.m.	Roger Cook		
Sept. 13 6:30 a.m.		Brian Aschemann		
Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	Gary Hess		
Sept. 14	6:30 a.m.	Barbara Mayfield		
Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Rosie Madison		
Sept. 15 6:30 a.m.		Dorothy Winget		
Thursday	5:30 p.m.	Phyllis Maxwell		
Sept. 16 Friday	6:30 a.m.	The Sanctity of the Unborn		
Sept. 17 8:00 a.m.		Walt Venvertloh		
Saturday	4:30 p.m.	Deb Howell		
	7:00 a.m.	Pete and Betty Harman		
Sept. 18 Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Norm Schmelzle, Howard Kapp		
	11:00 a.m.	The Parishioners of St. Francis		

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.

This Week in the Parish:

Monday, Sept. 12

9:00 a.m. — Mass 6:00 p.m. — PSR Mass

● 7:00 p.m. — Rosary

Tuesday, Sept. 13

6:30 a.m. — Mass

● 9:00 a.m. — Ladies of St. Francis Quilting

● 5:30 p.m. — Mass

6:30 p.m. — Pastoral Council

6:30 p.m. - Truth Seekers

● 7:00 p.m. — The Belonging

Wednesday, Sept. 14

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. — Divorce and Beyond

Thursday, Sept. 15

● 6:30 a.m. — Mass

8:00 a.m. — QCES Committee Meeting

● 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. — Finance Council Meeting
6:30 p.m. — Troop 22 Scout Meeting

7:00 p.m. — Great River Tech

Friday, Sept. 16

● 6:30 a.m. — Mass

Saturday, Sept. 17 8:00 a.m. — Mass

● 8:30 a.m. — Reconciliation

1:00 p.m. — Cursillo reunion 3:00 p.m. — Reconciliation

● 4:30 p.m. — Mass

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							
	Week of	Weekly		Fiscal Year Totals to date			
	9/4/2022	Budget Goal	Difference		Totals	Budget Goal	Difference
Regular/E-Giving/ACSA Tithe	\$20,700.50	\$26,600.00	\$(5,899.50)	Regular/E-Giving/ACSA Tithe	\$227,831.68	\$266,000.00	\$(38,168.32)
Loose Collection	\$1,272.80	\$1,220.00	\$52.80	Loose Collection	\$13,777.42	\$12,200	\$1,577.42
Annual School Fund	\$2,467.00	\$3,440.00	\$(973.00)	Annual School Fund	\$ 19,926.72	\$34,400.00	\$(14,473.28)
Total	\$24,440.30	\$31,260.00	\$(6,819.70)	Total	\$261,535.82	\$312,600.00	\$(51,064.18)
Capital Campaign	\$1,000.00			Capital Campaign Through 8/21/2022	\$52,870.06		

August Special Collections

12 Little Angels	\$65.00
Alaska	\$3,146.00
Assumption	\$1,479.00
Food Pantry	\$1,070.00

Stewardship Renewal Begins Today — Soon you will receive a package of materials in the mail. Please prayerfully review these and discern where God is calling you in the coming year. On Commitment Sunday, September 24-25, each parish family is asked to return their completed commitment card or complete a card online at www.stfrancissolanus.com.

Catechetical Sunday

The celebration of our catechists is September 18.

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.



QND Football Tailgate — Meet at 11 a.m. by the tennis courts at 11th and Jackson for some tailgate fun before the football game on Saturday, September 17. Game time is 1 p.m. Cost is \$10 per family and includes burgers, chips, cookies, and water. Bring your own drinks. Registration is required. Call 217-214-0187.

Craft Shows

Fall Vendor Blender and Craft Show Saturday, October 1 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Joseph Church, Quincy.

St. Anthony Ladies Society Fall Craft/Vendor Show Saturday, October 8

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in St. Anthony Parish Hall. Anyone interested in being a vendor, please contact Janet Bick, <u>rjbick@comcast.net</u> or 217-430-7256 or Tawny Benz, <u>rtbenz77@gmail.com</u> or 217-257-0847.



Popcorn for sale — The Scouts will be selling popcorn this Sunday at the west entrance doors and Parish Center doors.

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.

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.

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.

Knights of Columbus News

The Big Raffle Jackpot is up to \$29,200! Tickets on sale Thursday nights from 6-7:45. Drawing at 8 p.m.

Friday Night All-You-Can-Eat Chicken Dinners start September 16. 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!

PSR begins this Monday with a 6 p.m. Mass to start the year, followed by a Meet the Teacher evening. Walk-in registration is welcome. We are looking forward to a year filled with fun under the direction of Liz Alonzo, our new Director of Religious Education.

Golf Outing

danhoffman300@hotmail.com.

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

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 by
September 16 if you would like to come for
dinner: 217-779-0290. We will be discussing goals
and planning activities and projects for the year.
Please come and share your ideas!

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.

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.

Online volunteer training — The Diocese of Springfield in Illinois mandates that anyone who volunteers or works with children or youth in any capacity undergo a one-time child abuse prevention training and a background check. The training and background checks are all online through CMG Connect. If you have completed Protecting God's Children you will be grandfathered in, with only a background check renewal after five years. For more Information, please email Liz Alonzo, Safe Environment Coordinator, at

Environment Coordinator, at ealonzo@stfrancissolanus.com, or stop by the Parish Office.

Men's Cursillo Weekend September 15-18

St. Francis parishioner Russ Siebers is the Rector. The Spiritual Director will be Msgr. Mike Kuse. Applications are due by September 12. Contact the St. Francis Parish Office if you have questions.



The beautiful statue of St. Francis of Assisi is now in our school. Thank you to Father Arisman for helping acquire the statue. JWS Artistic Creations from Hillsboro completely refurbished it. Artist Joseph Williams placed some exquisite detail on this holy piece. Bob Haas hand-crafted the base of the statue from five of our old wooden school desks. Mark Kovachevich helped with the placement of the statute. It is displayed on the middle staircase landing between the middle and top floor of the school. There was a front-page article on this project in the August 27 issue of The Herald-Whig. We thank everyone involved in this most meaningful project for our school.

Quincy Holy Family Fest

Saturday, October 22 at Quincy Knights of Columbus #583 Join us if you are:

Looking to grow your family's faith in a fun way. **Hoping** to pass your Catholic faith on to your kids and looking for guidance to instill family values in a complicated world.

Wanting to learn more about the Catholic faith and the Holy Family.

Looking for that extra something to help your family thrive and grow together.

This is a mini version of the AFC Family Fest (Apostolate for Family Consecration) designed to create an environment to help families grow in their faith. Questions? Contact quincyholyfamilyfest@gmail.com or text/call 217-257-0816.



Help Wanted
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.

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.





Meet Our New Art teacher

Jackie Phillips Hummel taught art in the public schools for many years and retired in 2014.

Because she really missed teaching, Mrs. Hummel came back and taught art at Quincy Christian before coming to St. Francis School. She attended QU and graduated with a degree in art education in 1990. Before becoming a teacher, Mrs. Hummel worked as a LPN. She has been married for 52 years and has two sons and five grandchildren. Mrs. Hummel is a native of Alaska and has enjoyed visiting there several times.

The annual **Cookie Dough Fundraiser** is about to get underway. If you have questions, please call Kati Kuhn at 217-257-9854 or katikuhn21@yahoo.com.

Sept 17-18	Altar Server - Weekend	Communion Minister	Usher	Reader	Greeter/Gift Bearer
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	2 Needed Please	Carla Slough Bridget Ehrhart Christina Ehrhart Darlene Mayes	Jim Kaiser Philip Kemner Mary Ann Thomas Tom Ennis Joe Venvertloh Tim Reichert	Helen Zimmer- man	Janice Wiemelt Patti Blickhan Gift Bearer Joe & Amber Terwelp
Sunday 7:00 a.m.	2 Needed Please	Pat Winking Arlene Hendren Tony Freiburg Jane Gregory	Don Winking Roch Schulte Robert Harman Perry Terwelp Terry Obert James Terwelp	Paul Brown	Sandra Banning Kay Gallaher Gift Bearer Terry Niemann
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Dylan Schrage Gabe Schrage	Ronald Upper Amanda Genenbacher Robert Haas Erin Schrage	Mike Zanger Karl Venvertloh Mike Patterson Melissa Arnold Jeannie Thomas Bing Lammers	Bruce Broemmel	Jill Blickhan Prudy Patterson Gift Bearer Brad Hummel
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Riley Sparks Kylie Sparks	Michelle Meyer Ted Meyer Mike Holbrook Sue Holbrook	Brent Frericks Drew Erwin Steve Obert James Doellman Bud Voss 1 Needed Please	Maryann Corn- well	Patricia Tomczak Margaret Steinbrecher Gift Bearer Randy Zecchel
Saturday Morning Mass Server Sept. 17, 8:00 a.m.			David	and James	Bickhaus



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