23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

This weekend's readings remind us to be prepared. They tell us the Lord has sent us the Spirit to make a direct route to a relationship with the Father. Jesus warns us not to put anything or anyone before our relationship with the Lord. A literal reading means we must hate everyone including ourselves, which Jesus would not call us to do. Reading the Scriptures this way is just as absurd as the passage that tells us not to call anyone our father, and so some protestants refuse to refer to a Priest as father and think it's sinful. We are meant to read the Scriptures literally, which means in the mindset of how they were written and meant to be understood not how I want them to be understood. So in this passage today Jesus is telling us to put our relationship with God the Father first, above anyone or anything in this world. This is the way to be prepared. Jesus tells us to be ready and make sure that we have what we need to build the kingdom and fight the good fight. What we need most is the relationship with God and His abundance that He pours out upon us in the sacraments and His grace. God desires our heart; may we readily give Him our heart so that we may be prepared to see Him face-to-face.

Recently we had to move daily Mass into the Friars' choir which is just to the left of the main altar. This has been done because of the lack of air conditioning in the church and the major cost of trying to air condition the church throughout the week right now being down to two units. The decision was made most especially after our July electric bill was \$4200 and it is usually \$2100 in July. As you know, costs are up and to try to keep the church a reasonable temperature we have to run the units that are functioning non-stop. We must be better stewards than that. I'm told that the Friars used to do this quite regularly during the winter to save on heating costs for the church. Most churches our physical size have a daily Mass chapel like the Friars' choir. We are working on a ramp to make it completely handicap accessible.

And mostly the response from people to being in the Friars' choir for daily Mass is that it's more intimate and the young people seem to really like it. It's so encouraging that we have so many young people that go to daily Mass, and honestly so many people period at daily Mass. It's quite moving to have Mass in a space that for 137 years the friars would gather to attend Mass and to pray the Liturgy of the Hours five times daily. (FYI: Don't forget we gather for Evening Prayer Sundays at 6:30 p.m.! Come join anytime. It only takes about 20 minutes.) What a beautiful space and rich history we get to be a part of when we are in that chapel for Mass and prayer.

Lastly, it was a pleasure to attend the installation of Fr. David Beagles as pastor of Robinson and Oblong this last week. He sends his love and greetings to you all, and I passed on your love and prayers and greetings to him as well. Let us pray for all the priests who started new assignments this year, especially new pastors.

Sev. Steven Alisman





Weekday Mass Intentions

Sept. 5 Monday	9:00 a.m.	Alvera Bardon & Russ Goehl	
Sept. 6 Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Alvera Bardon	
	5:30 p.m.	Barbara Mayfield	
Sept. 7 Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	Right to Life	
	5:30 p.m.	Mark Goehl	
Sept. 8	6:30 a.m.	John Maxwell	
Thursday	5:30 p.m.	Emil Sohn	
Sept. 9 Friday	6:30 a.m.	Floyd Wiewel	
Sept. 10 Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Nate Gilbert	
	4:30 p.m.	Ken and Joyce Goehl	
Sept. 11 Sunday	7:00 a.m.	Corey Michael John Haxel Dr. Terrance Klingele & Family	
	9:00 a.m.	The Parishioners of St. Francis	
	11:00 a.m.	Richard Lies & Pete & Betty Harman	

Daily Mass on Labor Day, Monday, September 5, will be at 9:00 a.m.

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.

Rest in Peace:

Kenneth Ballow

Feb. 18, 1936 — Aug. 11, 2022

This Week in the Parish	_
<u>Monday, Sept. 5 — Labor Day</u>	
9:00 a.m. — Mass	
7:00 p.m. — Rosary	
<u>Tuesday, Sept. 6</u>	
6:30 a.m. — Mass	
9:00 a.m. — Ladies of St. Francis Quiltin	Ig
9:00 a.m. — Young Moms Together	
5:30 p.m. — Mass	
6:30 p.m. — Liturgy Planning Committee	e Meeting
7:00 p.m. — The Belonging	
7:00 p.m. — Women's Saint Study	
Wednesday, Sept. 7	
6:30 a.m. — Mass	
4:00 p.m. — Adoration/Reconciliation	
5:30 p.m. — Mass	
6:30 p.m. — Divorce and Beyond	
7:00 p.m. — Men's Prayer Group	
<u>Thursday, Sept. 8</u>	
6:30 a.m. — Mass	
9:00 a.m. — Ladies of St. Francis Quilting	g
5:30 p.m. — Mass	
6:00 p.m. — Grief Share	
6:00 p.m. — RCIA	
6:30 p.m. — Troup 22 Scout Meeting	
Friday, Sept. 9	
6:30 a.m. — Mass	
Saturday, Sept. 10	
8:00 a.m. — Mass	
8:30 a.m. — Reconciliation	
3:00 p.m. — Reconciliation 4:30 p.m. — Mass	

The Parish Office will be closed Monday in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

"Blue Mass" Saluting First Responders

Blessed Sacrament Parish invites all first responders to be recognized and appreciated within the context of the Mass at 4:00 p.m., Saturday, September 10, followed by a free meal for first responders at the **Septemberfest.** This annual celebration runs from 5:00 to 11:00 p.m. with great food, cold beer, a silent auction, kids games, and a bounce park. Live music from 6:30-10:00 p.m.

Weekly Collection Update							
	Week of	Weekly		Fiscal Year Totals to date			
	8/28/2022	Budget Goal	Difference		Totals	Budget Goal	Difference
Regular/E-Giving/ACSA Tithe	\$21,138.79	\$26,600.00	\$(5,461.21)	Regular/E-Giving/ACSA Tithe	\$204,088.68	\$ 239,400.00	\$ (35,311.32)
Loose Collection	\$1,819.29	\$1,220.00	\$599.29	Loose Collection	\$12,504.62	\$10,980.00	\$1,524.62
Annual School Fund	\$2,960.50	\$3,440.00	\$(479.50)	Annual School Fund	\$16,577.72	\$ 30,960.00	\$ (14,382.28)
Total	\$25,918.58	\$31,260.00	\$(5,341.42)	Total	\$233,171.02	\$281,340.00	\$ (48,168.98)
Capital Campaign	\$0.00			Capital Campaign Through 8/21/2022	\$50,620.00		

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.

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

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.

QND Football Tailgate

Join us for some tailgate fun before the football game on Saturday, September 17. Meet at 11 a.m. by the tennis courts at 11th and Jackson. Game time is 1:00 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. Popcorn for sale — The Scouts will be selling popcorn this Sunday and next at the west entrance doors and Parish

Center doors.

Children's Liturgy of the Word is set to begin Sunday, October 2, at the 9 a.m. Mass.

Women of the Bible

The Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women invites all women of the diocese to its 93rd annual convention, titled *Women of the Bible*, September 28 at the Immaculate Conception Parish Center in Mattoon. The program begins at 9:00 a.m., with Mass at 11:00 a.m. This year's speaker will be Dr. Dee Stern, a grief therapist and chaplain at St. John's Hospital in Springfield. And Patty Winn will transport you back to the time of Jesus with a presentation titled *Woman at the Well.* Cost of the day is \$50 and includes breakfast and lunch. **Registration forms are due by September 7.** Pick one up at entrances to the church or call the Parish Office.

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!

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.

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 \$28,226! Tickets on sale Thursday nights from 6-7:45. Drawing at 8 p.m.

Friday Night Chicken Dinners will start up in September. Stay tuned for more details!

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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.

Dave Ramsey's **Financial Peace University** class starts Sunday, September 11, at St. Francis and will run for nine consecutive Sunday evenings. ALL ARE WELCOME. FPU is practical, entertaining, and fun! Whether you're struggling to make ends meet or you'd just like to learn how to better handle your money, FPU has something for you. Start your journey to financial peace by registering for the class at: <u>www.fpu.com//1153051</u>. Or for more information, contact FPU coordinator Rick Gengenbacher at 257-5670 or <u>rgenfam@yahoo.com</u>.

Theology on Tap

Father Arisman will be the presenter on Tuesday, September 6, so grab a quality brew and share in Christian Fellowship at the Quincy Brewing Company. Doors open at 6:00 p.m., with the talk beginning at 6:45. There will be a Q&A, then discussion at the tables after the talk. Contact Ginny Fuentes at <u>faithformation@blessedscs.org</u> with any questions.

Ladies of St. Francis News:

Thank you to all who volunteered and attended the first card party. It was a great turnout and a good time was had by all! A special thank you to Diane Andrew for organizing this month's party.

Mark your calendars: The first meeting of the year will be Tuesday, September 20. It's a new year, new officers, and new opportunities await! More details will follow.

Chicken Dinner Sponsored by the St. Anthony Men's Society.

Dine-in or carry-out from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Sunday, September 18.

In addition to chicken, all meals include mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, dessert, and a drink. <u>Cost</u>: quarter-chicken meal is \$11; half-chicken is \$14; and a children's meal is \$7.

Delta Meeting



Sometimes life can feel overwhelming,

but there is help, hope, and reasons to

live. National suicide prevention

awareness week is September 4-10.

Whoever you are, whatever you are

facing, God knows your struggles and

provides people who can help. Learn

about the warning signs and what to do

on the Adams County Suicide Prevention

Alliance web page,

acsuicideprevention.org. Help is just a

phone call away. Call the National

Suicide Prevention Lifeline at

800-273-TALK (8255) or text HOME

to 721741.

The Definition given by St. Anselm for Theology is "Faith seeking understanding." Delta is a group dedicated to practicing this. It takes people from different backgrounds and brings them into conversation to explore the teachings of the Church and understand different points of view. For those who are not Catholic yet, it could be their door to a new life. For those who are, it will serve as a learning opportunity and a chance for evangelization. Meetings will be held at 8 p.m. every Wednesday in the Parish Library. If you would like more information, contact

Youth Minister Jake Terry at 217-779-3939.

RCIA News

Do you know someone who might want to become Catholic; or has a child over age seven who hasn't been baptized; or someone who was baptized Catholic but has not celebrated the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist? RCIA is an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith in preparation to celebrate the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter Season. For more information, please email Mike Holbrook at: <u>mholbrook@stfrancissolanus.com</u> or call the Parish Office, 217-222-2898.



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.

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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 <u>quincyholyfamilyfest@gmail.com</u> 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 <u>school@stfrancissolanus.com</u> 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: <u>mrsmak45@gmail.com</u>.



The Holy Name Society is sponsoring a **Golf Outing** to raise money for St. Francis School. All are invited to join us at Westview Golf Course, Sunday, September 25, at 11:30 a.m. with a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$70 per person. This covers 18 holes of golf, your cart, prizes, and food and refreshments before and after we play. You do not have to be a great golfer to experience a great afternoon of fun! There will be prizes and games at each hole. Create your own teams: family

members, husbands and wives, all-women teams, couples, co-workers, or friends. Hole sponsorship posters are available for \$100. The hole sponsor poster will include the business name, address, phone and/or logo. The poster will also be signed by the students at St. Francis Solanus School as a personal thank you for your support. To sign up for golf or hole sponsorship, contact Dan Hoffman at 217-617-3537 or <u>danhoffman300@hotmail.com</u>.

Sept 10-11	Altar Server - Weekend	Communion Minister		Reader	Greeter/Gift Bearer	
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Dylan Fischer Hayley Hoffman	Roger Knuffman Phyllis Knuffman Teena Fisk Bobbie Talken	Michael Bickhaus Tom Liesen John Veith Michael Eling Jim Waterkotte John Obert	Martin Makarewicz	Betty Kaufmann Teri Struck Gift Bearer Chryssia Hea	
Sunday 7:00 a.m.	Adler Hamann Jayce VonderHaar	Paulette Freiburg Roseann Gosnell Carolyn Briddle John Venegoni	Paul Eling John Ohnemus Ed Zanger George Venvertloh Emilie Venvertloh Jerry Carnivale	Steve Davis	Larry Klauser Kathy Klauser Gift Bearer Bruce & Amanda Venvertloh	
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Isabel Cramsey Austin Genenbacher	Samantha Cramsey William Paxton James Cramsey Katherine Cramsey	Jason Cramsey Diann Cole John McDowell Gary Darnell Ryan Klauser 1 Needed Please	Patricia Paxton	Jill Blickhan Brian Dreier Gift Bearer Roberta Meyer	
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Priya Mamdani Jacob Collins	Marcia Steinkamp Christy Woodward Brenda Wand Michael Wand	Brent Frericks Mike Fessler Steve Obert Marty Karhoff Bud Voss	Dennis Steinkamp	Nancy Hufendick Barbara Bockhaus Gift Bearer Jamie Friye	
<u>Saturday Morning</u> <u>Mass Server</u> Sept. 10, 8:00 a.m.		Allie V	ranjes & Mi	a Vranjes		



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