30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Again, if you have not read the entirety of the book of Sirach please do! It is one of my favorite books of the bible. Sirach reminds us that we have a just and merciful God. You have heard me talk about this before, there must be justice before mercy can exist. Without justice, mercy becomes lawlessness. Our God is just, but is also merciful, but that is only to those who seek His mercy, and are open to it. God's mercy is a free gift that we must be open to receive. He doesn't force His mercy upon, as many reject God's mercy quite often in their lives. We must be people disposed to His mercy and disposed to be merciful to one another.

People always seek forgiveness from the Church and Her priests, but they get offended by something done by one of the Church's members or even by Her priests and that person will never forgive the Church and will never forgive that priest, and often use this as some weak excuse to leave the Church or do whatever they want in their lives then. People in the Church are human, and priests are human as well. Priests have emotions, they have bad days, they have immense stress, and people are awful to priests on a regular basis, and not just outsiders but insiders as well. If I spoke to some people the way they speak to me or other priests, you all would be outraged and angry and leaving and probably make it somehow "go viral." This is not a pity party on my behalf nor am I seeking your sympathy, but since being here some have cussed me out, been absolutely hateful and mean, I've been screamed at and threatened. The way many treated Fr. Don over the past years was awful as well. This kind and gentle man received some of the worst vitriol from people, as other people have little to no respect for priests as they used to. I am not saying we need to go back to priests can do no wrong, but we do need to check ourselves. This is the point of bringing all of this up. Again, this is not for sympathy, but a call for people to check themselves in how they treat priests, the staff of the parish, and most especially our teachers, our past principal, and our new principal. No one deserves the vitriol that is often given.

If you are upset, or even angry or outraged, please learn to have a conversation and not a mudslinging screaming match. I can have heated conversations with people and can take criticism, especially if it is constructive and most especially when it comes with good suggestions, but there is a difference between heated and lack of respect. We need to regain our respect and decorum in our society and most especially our parish and school. I will not tolerate poor treatment of any of my staff. Also know that sometimes there are things outside of my control and the other staff's control. Sometimes there is more to the story and for the sake of people's privacy or a difficult situation we can't reveal everything you would like to know on a subject. Know that even if I don't give in to a demand or act upon your request, doesn't mean I haven't heard you. Often times I am acting on it, but quietly and silently behind the scenes maybe not as you would like me to, but in the way that I think would be best, but also sometimes the answer must be no. And if the answer is no, it is not a personal attack on you or your child, as I nor my staff won't do such things. Just treatment will always be demanded.

Just like it is with your children you want to give them everything but sometimes money precludes you, sometimes it's not what is best for them, and sometimes it doesn't look like what your children desire. I must do the same for my children, and just as your children get mad, so do mine, but just as you wouldn't accept unruly behavior or responses from your children, neither should we accept that kind of behavior. I will do something or say something stupid at some point, if I haven't already, I am human and I am sorry if I have or do. I will apologize gladly when I do, but please also please do not forget to be merciful and kind to those you seek mercy and kindness from. Not just me, but all deacons, priests, bishops, and church members.

Following the Lord in what he is calling us to do in our life of faith isn't easy. He never promised it would be, but he did promise us that He would remain with us. Do not come to the Lord with your "righteous" as the Pharisee did in the gospel today, but instead come with a humble and contrite heart as the tax collector. Always remember the forgotten, the lonely, the neglected, the homebound, the widow, the orphan, the person who has no one, etc, as the Lord hears them, but He sends you to respond to their cries with dignity, respect, kindness, compassion, and most especially love.

Ker. Steven Alisman

WeekdayMass Intentions

Oct. 24 Monday	6:30 a.m.	John Horman
Oct. 25	6:30 a.m.	The Sanctity of the Unborn
Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	Ken Ballow
Oct. 26	6:30 a.m.	John Maxwell
Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Sam Massey
Oct. 27	6:30 a.m.	Phyllis Maxwell
Thursday	5:30 p.m.	Rosie Madison & Steve McNally
Oct. 28 Friday	6:30 a.m.	Barb Vahle
Oct. 29	8:00 a.m.	Michael Klaus
Saturday	4:30 p.m.	Walt Venvertloh & Ed Reckers
	7:00 a.m.	The Parishioners of St. Francis
Oct. 30 Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Bill and Katie Brink
	11:00 a.m.	Jeanette & Charles Carlson

Catholic Youth Organization—CYO of Quincy will have girls and boys basketball for grades 1-8 starting Jan. 8, 2023. Registration has begun. They also will have Spring girls volleyball starting March 12, 2023, with registration starting Feb. 1, 2023.

ALL SAINTS DAY: We will have 5:30 Vigil Mass on Monday October 31.

londay, Oct. 24	
30 a.m. Mass	
00 p.m. PSR	
00 p.m. Adoration	
00 p.m. Rosary	
uesday, Oct. 25	
30 a.m. Mass	
00 a.m. Ladies of St. Francis Qui	ilting
30 p.m. Mass	
30 p.m. Truth Seekers	
30 p.m. Stewardship Meeting	
/ednesday, Oct. 26	
:30 a.m. Mass	
:00 p.m. Adoration	
:30 p.m. Mass	
hursday, Oct. 27	
5:30 a.m. Mass	
9:00 a.m. Ladies of St. Francis Qu	ilting
5:30 p.m. Mass	
5:00 p.m. Grief Share	
5:00 p.m. RCIA	
5:30 p.m. Troop 22 Scout Meetin	g
riday Oct. 28	
5:30 a.m. Mass	
Saturday , Oct. 29	
3:00 a.m. Mass	
3:30 a.m. Reconciliation	
2:00 p.m. Third Grade Retreat	
3:00 p.m. Reconciliation	
:30 p.m. Mass	



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

	Week of	Weekly		Fiscal Year Totals to date			
	10/17/22	Budget Goal	Difference		Totals	Budget Goal	Difference
Regular/E-Giving/ACSA Tithe	\$16,358.00	\$ 26,600.00	\$ (10,242.00)	Regular/E-Giving/ACSA Tithe	\$ 354,257.40	\$425,600.00	\$ (71,342.60)
Loose Collection	\$976.00	\$ 1,220.00	\$(244.00)	Loose Collection	\$ 21,807.20	\$19,520.00	\$ 2,287.20
Annual School Fund	\$18,391.25	\$ 3,440.00	\$(2,382.75)	Annual School Fund	\$ 32,030.87	\$ 55,040.00	\$ (23,009.13)
Total Capital Campaign	\$ 21,855.75 \$1,155.00	\$ 31,260.00	\$(12,868.75)	Total Capital Campaign Through 9/25/2022	\$ 408,095.47 \$ 59,915.05	\$500,160.00	\$ (92,064.53)

Advent Giving Tree

We will have the Advent Giving Tree once again this year. We ask that if you know of any school family, or family registered in St. Francis Parish who could use some help at Christmas, please come forward **by Oct. 31** and let the committee know.

Parishioners also are encouraged to come forward and ask our faith community for assistance, if needed. Please call Pat Holbrook, 217-257-2570 or Mary Ann Cornwell, 217-430-0528 with any information.

Sign of the Cross Presentation With Deacon Holbrook Saints Study invites you to an exciting evening Tues., Nov. 1 at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall when Deacon Dennis Holbrook will share the Catholic roots and history of the Sign of the Cross. All are welcome, and bring friends from other parishes as well. For more information contact Karen Weiman, 217-242-5513 or Kelli Lunt, 217-617-1566.

Birthright Trivia Night and Silent Auction

Get your team together for Sat., Nov. 5 and join more than 500 other trivia players for an evening of fun in support of a great local charity at QU Health and Fitness Center. There also will be over 200 silent auction items. Buy or bring your own food, drink and snacks. Cost is \$125 per table of up to eight players. To register go to: https://birthrightquincyil.org/ events. For more information contact Patty Adam, 217-577-8558 or Katie Klauser, 217-430-2690. All entries received by Oct. 23 will be entered to win a free table entry.

Advertisers Needed!

Our bulletin has a few openings on our advertiser page that we would love to see filled! As you may know, sponsoring an ad in the bulletin helps our parish afford the bulletins and our Pray Together missalettes. Anyone who would like more information can call Justin Haubrich with PAM Printers / Sunday Missal Service at <u>217-222-4030</u>, or email him at justin@sundaymissal.com.

2022 Memorial Mass



Our 2022 Memorial Mass will be held on All Souls Day, Nov. 2 at 5:30 p.m. Our parishioners who died between Sept. 1, 2021 and Aug. 31, 2022 will be honored. A box will be placed in the Gathering Space if you would

like to drop off a photo of your loved one, which will be displayed at this Mass. Please make sure to have your name on the photo. A light reception will follow in Solanus Hall.

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!



All Souls' Day Youth Gathering

Pray for all our faithful departed Oct. 30, 6-8 p.m. Meet at Calvary Cemetery. Treats and warm drinks at Panera will follow. For more information contact Jake Terry, 217-779-3939, or jterry@stfrancissolanus.com.

Ladies of the Quincy Deanery Fall meeting, Thurs., Nov. 3 at St. Thomas Catholic Church, 109 E. Spring, Camp Point.

Registration begins at 8 a.m., with a Mass and Rosary at 8:30. Meeting and lunch will be in St. Thomas Hall. The theme of the meeting is Purgatory and the Saints. A sign up sheet is available in the church gathering space.

The meeting also will feature a silent auction to benefit the seminarian fund for our diocese. If you wish to donate an item or a basket of items, please bring it to the St. Thomas Parish Hall upon arrival.

Holy Name News

Next meeting is Wed., Nov. 9 at 6 p.m.

Pancake and Sausage Breakfast Sun., Oct. 23. Pancakes, sausage, biscuits and gravy. All you can eat for \$12; kids \$6. Serving from 6:30-noon. Eat in or carry out.

Knights of Columbus News

The Big Raffle Jackpot is up to 36,504. 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 & gravy, green beans, corn

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Throughout the month of October come gather 25 minutes before the weekend Masses to pray the rosary. Friday, Oct. 7 was 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.

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Halloween with the Hawks

Sun., Oct. 30, 6:15-7:30 p.m. Join the QU Hawks sports teams for a fun-filled night of games, prizes and candy at the QU football stadium, 20th and Sycamore. In case of rain go to the Health and Fitness Center at 18th and Oak. The event is open to the public and donations will go to the Make a Wish Foundation.

QND Extravaganza

This fun evening includes dinner, drinks and a bid number for live and silent auctions. All proceeds benefit QND. Tickets are \$65 per person through Nov. 16. The event will be held Nov. 18 at The Ambiance.

The Extravaganza features a grand prize raffle of \$3,000 cash or a \$4,000 tuition credit to QND or a Quincy Catholic elementary school. Raffle tickets are \$50 each. Purchase event and raffle tickets online at:

Quincynotredame.ejoinme.org/ MyEvents/Extravaganza2022.

Holy Name Trap Shoot — St. Joseph Church, Quincy. Sun., Nov. 6. Trap shooting and card playing with prizes of turkey and bacon throughout the day. The event begins at noon with soup, sandwiches and drinks. There will be two traps and all are welcome!

Ladies of St. Francis News:

Ladies Card Party—Thurs., Nov. 3, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person and includes lunch and a chance for a door prize. Please call Pat Winking, 217-257-0416, at least four days before the party, if possible. Please call each month to reserve your table. If you can't attend the party, please consider contributing \$10 toward card party expenses.

Place your donation, along with your name and phone number, in an envelope marked "Ladies Card Party." Put it in the collection basket or drop it off at the parish office. We will draw a name for a chance to win a \$25 Gene Grawe gift certificate.

Thank you for your generous support!



St. Francis Fall Harvest Food Drive

Please help us stock our food pantry now through Nov. 14. Grocery sacks are located at church entrances. Donations of non-perishable food items and personal hygiene items may be brought to church and placed in Food Pantry containers at the entrances. Monetary donations also are appreciated. If you write a check, please write "bike" on the check envelope for fund-matching from the Wiewel Family Bikathon. Items for the Food Nook also are a good way to contribute. Thank you!



Upcoming Events

PTO Meeting— Thurs., Nov. 3, 7-8 p.m. In the Parish Center.

Cyberbullying Presentation—Tues., Nov. 29, 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center.

Christmas Card Making and letter writing to parish members in nursing homes and assisted living, Thurs., Dec. 1, 6:30-8 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Eighth graders are selling Shakespeare's Pizza to fund their class trip in May. To purchase contact Natalie Powell: npowell@stfrancissolanus.com.

Newline Boards Have Arrived

The profits from the cookie dough sale, plus a little extra from another source, enabled the school to buy three Newline electronic boards. The boards will be placed in the following rooms: Mrs. Herman's second grade, Mrs. Wiewel's fourth grade and Mr. Miller's fifth grade. Austin's Army will install one every Monday in the coming weeks. The school now has nine classrooms with Newline boards, and hopes to purchase about 10 more in the coming years.

Parent-Teacher conferences are coming up. School will have a half-day Thurs., Oct. 27 with an 11:30 a.m. dismissal. There will be full bus service, but no Pre-K. School will not be in session Friday, Oct. 28.

> PTO will host a **Trunk or Treat** for SFS students on Sun., Oct. 30 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. in the west parking lot of school. The children will be in costume and trick or treat among the rows of vehicles.

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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 child care; cafeteria; teaching assistants for preschool and kindergarten; substitute teachers. To apply contact school@stfrancissolanus.com or call 217-222-4077.

Oct 29-30	Altar Server - Weekend	Communion Minister	Usher	Reader	Greeter/Gift Bearer
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Dylan Fischer Hailey Terwelp	Tom Liesen Christina Ehrhart Bridget Ehrhart Teena Fisk	Jim Kaiser Tom Ennis Mary Ann Thomas Mark F. Dietrich John Veith Jim Waterkotte	John Venegoni Nancy Venegoni	Brian Dreier Janice Wiemelt Gift Bearer Bruce & Amanda Venvertloh
Sunday 7:00 a.m.	Isaac Steinkamp Anthony Alonzo	Roseann Gosnell Tony Freiburg Jane Gregory John Ohnemus	Kevin Frericks Emilie Venvertloh George Venvertloh Mary Terwelp Jack Terwelp Larry Venvertloh	Paul Brown	Joyce Frericks Larry Klauser Gift Bearer Kathy Klauser
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Makayla Patton Morgan Patton	Kristen Patton Terri Liesen Cindy Grawe Peggy Koetters	Rob Frese John McDowell Jason Costigan Mike Zanger Bing Lammers Terry Nall	Sarah Genenbacher	Jill Blickhan Jeannie Thomas Gift Bearer Gerald Koetters
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Priya Mamdani Hayley Hoffman	Jamie Friye Christy Woodward Mike Holbrook Anne Meyer	Mike Fessler Adam Hightower Sam Vranjes Bud Voss Steve Obert Joseph Obert	Rebecca Wear	James Doellman Patricia Tomczak Gift Bearer Randy Zecchel
Saturday Morning Mass Server Oct 29, 8:00 a.m.		Kaden N	larth & Thon	nas Wiewel	



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