31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

We continue the Lord's merciful explanation, but also intervention. The first reading from the book of Wisdom talks about the grandeur of the Lord and the immensity of who He is. The universe is but a drop of morning dew before the Lord. In God's immensity and grandeur so also is the extent of His mercy. It is immense and grand how merciful the Lord is. Wisdom sorts through this discussion of this Lover of souls. But notice very clearly the Lord rebukes, yes little by little, but He rebukes! He warns and reminds so as to not leave them in their sins, but that because of His mercy they may abandon their wickedness and believe in the Lord. God is merciful, but He doesn't leave us there. He calls us out of our sins and into belief and relationship with Him.

The Gospel today from Luke is a story as an example of the first reading. Zacchaeus, one of my favorite characters in the scriptures (as he is short, but curious and responsive), was a grave sinner. He was trying to see Jesus. Just see Him! Jesus sees him, calls him, and encounters Zacchaeus in the moment and in his home. Zacchaeus' response to the encounter with Jesus is joy, but ALSO the most important response is his conversion. He gives away his possessions, gives to the poor, gives back to those he harms four times over and gives the Lord His whole heart. The stuff and money were the thing truly blocking his view and encounter with Jesus, not the crowd. The crowd was a metaphor for the many things in the way of his relationship with the Lord. When he finally does encounter Jesus and see Him, then his response is repentance, reparation and generosity. Jesus doesn't leave Zacchaeus in his sins, but in the encounter with the Lord, just the encounter, Zacchaeus responds by change. We receive not only the encounter, but we receive God's grace to overcome our sins with His help.

We get to see Him face to face every Sunday and not only see Him but receive Him, but often we don't go out of our way for this experience, where Zacchaeus takes risks, runs around, and even climbs trees. If we just put that same effort forth, we would finally see the Lord Jesus in a way that WE would finally notice that Jesus has always been looking at you and calling you to Himself. He calls you by name just like Zacchaeus. He desires to be in your home and heart! He just needs you to make room for Him and invite Him in just like Zacchaeus. We need to put forth the effort! Risk, run and climb and whatever it takes to have this encounter with the Lord Jesus Christ as He desires you. Through this encounter, every Sunday where we do see Him, we too hear those words, "Today salvation has come to this house," as we cry out, "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof." Encounter Him and make room in your heart and homes, as He came to seek, we who are lost, but comes to find us so we are lost no more.

This week is a Holy Day of Obligation on November 1, ALL SAINTS DAY! Remember these are not optional, but obligational. This is not a request, but a requirement. Holy days are difficult, but honestly, they are meant to be difficult. The Church sees Sunday mass as a given and easy. Holy Days make us pause and stop our lives to make the Lord THE priority of our life to plug into major parts of our salvation. All Saints Day is good news for us, as it remembers those who went before broken and sinful that converted to the Lord and followed Him faithfully and are with Him eternally in Heaven. This should give us hope that we too can follow where they go, which is to Christ the source of salvation.

All Souls Day is not an obligation, but it is a holy day as we commemorate all those who have died that we don't yet recognize in heaven. We all have someone to commemorate in our lives that may need our prayers. We wear black on this day as a sign of our mourning and prayers, which is proper to all funerals, but especially today. Someone who may still need our prayers and someone we desire to be close to again. There is nowhere in this life where we are closer to those loved ones who went before us "marked with the sign of faith" than in the mass. All of heaven, purgatory, and earth are united in this moment of the mass. Make All Saints Day the priority it needs to be, but also know how beautiful it is to pause and pray for the dead this All Souls Day, as one day we may need those prayers of the faithful and mass offered for us!

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Weekday Mass Intentions

Oct. 31 Monday	6:30 a.m.	Barbara Mayfield & Joe Cramsey		
	5:30 p.m.	Elizabeth Davis & Rollie Peters		
Nov. 1	6:30 a.m.	Joe Cramsey		
Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	Bernadette Kalafatitch		
Nov. 2	6:30 a.m.	Marilyn Burgtorf		
Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Alvera & Harold Bardon		
Nov. 3	6:30 a.m.	Michael Klaus		
Thursday	5:30 p.m.	Carol Eickelschulte		
Nov. 4 Friday	6:30 a.m.	Fr. JJ Lakers		
Nov. 5	8:00 a.m.	Sally Gerding		
Saturday	4:30 p.m.	Mike Marshall		
	7:00 a.m.	The Parishioners of St. Francis		
Nov. 6 Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Bill and Katie Brink		
	11:00 a.m.	Emil & Mary Sohn		

ALL SAINTS DAY Tues. Nov. 1 is a Holy Day of Obligation. We will have a 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass on Mon., Oct. 31. Masses on the Holy Day will be 6:30 a.m., 8:35 a.m. (school mass) and 5:30 p.m.

There will be no 6:30 Evening Prayer tonight.

This week in the Parish:

Monday, Oct. 31

- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 5:30 p.m. All Saints Mass
- 6:00 p.m. Adoration
- 7:00 p.m. Rosary

Tuesday, Nov. 1

- 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
- 7:00 p.m The Belonging
- 7:00 p.m Women's Saint Study

Wednesday, Nov. 2

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

Thursday, Nov. 3

- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 9:00 a.m. Ladies of St. Francis Quilting
- 11:00 a.m. Ladies 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, Nov. 4

6:30 a.m. Mass

Saturday, Nov. 5

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 8:30 a.m. Reconciliation
- 3:00 p.m. Reconciliation
- 4:00 p.m. Cursillo Gathering
- 4:30 p.m. Mass

Western Catholic Union Soup Day Tues., Nov. 8, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the WCU Hall, 516 Maine St. Cost is \$7 for all-you-can-eat chili or chicken noodle soup, one ham or turkey sandwich, dessert and drinks. Carry-out available. Proceeds go to the Classroom Assistance Program. Call Jane Flachs, 217-653-4163 for more information.

	Week of	Weekly		Fiscal Year Totals to date			
	10/24/22	Budget Goal	Difference		Totals	Budget Goal	Difference
Regular/E-Giving/ACSA Tithe	\$17,599.50	\$ 26,600.00	\$ (9,000.50)	Regular/E-Giving/ACSA Tithe	\$375,684.40	\$452,200.00	\$ (76,515.60)
Loose Collection	\$1,215.00	\$ 1,220.00	\$ (5.00)	Loose Collection	\$ 23,022.20	\$ 20,740.00	\$ 2,282.20
Annual School Fund	\$4,708.00	\$ 3,440.00	\$ 1,268.00	Annual School Fund	\$ 37,361.87	\$ 58,480.00	\$ (21,118.13)
Total Capital Campaign	\$ 23,522.50 \$5,000	\$ 31,260.00	\$(7,737.50)	Total Capital Campaign Through 10/24/2022	\$ 436,068.47 \$ 64,915.05	\$531,420.00	\$ (95,351.53)

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 this**Monday, October 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 this
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.

QND Fruit Sale — This annual event will run through Nov. 4. Band and choir members are selling Ruby Red grapefruit and Sunkist naval oranges; 20 lbs. or 40 lbs, or mixed boxes are available. Contact a QND Band or Choir member or call the school, 217-223-2479 to place an order. Delivery will be Dec. 2-4.



Mike and Linda Zanger, president and first lady of the Holy Name Society.

Mike and Linda want to thank everyone who came to the pancake and sausage breakfast last weekend. Also a big thank you to all those who volunteered, and to those who bought raffle tickets. The following won gift certificates to the Butcher Block: \$200 Jane Gregory; \$100 Ann Busse; \$50 Mark Meyer; 10 lbs. of sausage, John Ohnemus; 5 lbs. of Sausage, Carlos Fernandez.

2022 Memorial Mass



Our 2022 Memorial Mass will be held on All Souls Day, Wed., Nov. 2 at 5:30 p.m. Our parishioners who died between Sept. 1, 2021 and Aug. 31, 2022 will be honored. There is a box 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.

All Souls' Day Youth Gathering

Pray for all our faithful departed this Sunday, 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.

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.

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!

Halloween with the Hawks

Today, 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.

Holy Name News

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

Knights of Columbus News

The Big Raffle Jackpot is up to \$37,800. 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 and applesauce. All are welcome!

The Quilters of St. Francis will be raffling off one quilt at the final Ladies of St. Francis card party in May. Chances are available from any quilter. Price is \$1 each or six for \$5, Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Parish Center basement. Chances also are available at the card parties. Proceeds from the sale will be donated to the fund for heating and air conditioning repairs. You don't have to be present to win.

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 November 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.

Moms of all ages — Join us Tuesday morning, November 1 from 9-10:30. 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 on the first and third Tuesdays of each month from September through May.

For more information contact Sarah Venvertloh, 217-577-6490.

Ladies of St. Francis News:

Ladies Card Party—Thurs., November 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.

St. Francis Fall Harvest Food Drive

Please help us stock our food pantry now through November 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 Bike-a-thon. Items for the Food Nook also are a good way to contribute. Thank you!

Food items	beans, dish soap,	beans, canned
needed to stock	toothpaste,	corn, instant
our pantry:	laundry soap,	potatoes, tuna
Toilet paper, bar	canned tuna,	helper, chicken
soap, shampoo,	canned chicken,	helper, hamburger
peanut butter,	basic crackers,	helper, mac &
cereal, spaghetti	cheese slices,	cheese, jelly,
sauce, spaghetti,	canned soup,	pancake mix,
ground meat, basic	mixed fruit, canned	syrup.
cookies, pork and	peaches, canned	



Upcoming Events

PTO Meeting— Thurs., November 3, 7-8 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Cyberbullying Presentation—Mon., November 28, 6:30 p.m. in the school gym.

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

All-District Musicians — Several student musicians from St. Francis School were awarded All-District honors by the Quincy Catholic Elementary Schools Parochial Music Organization. They will perform Nov. 5 at Western Illinois University. SFSS All-District Chorus members are: Harrison Bocke, 5th grade, Alex Lawrence, 5th grade and Kate Stadler, 6th grade. Isaac Steinkamp, an eighth grade trombone player, was selected to the All-District Junior Band and All-District Junior Jazz Band. The PMO choral director is Josh Crowl. The PMO band director is Jill Steinkamp.



PTO will host a **Trunk or Treat**for SFS students on Sun.,
October 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.

School Mass Change — This
week we will observe All
Saints Day with a school Mass
on Tues., November 1 at 8:35
a.m. There will be no school
Mass Wed., November 2.



P.E. teacher Stacey Arnold and Principal Julie Radel accept a grant from Optimist Club member Ken Klauser. The Optimists fund one unique learning experience each month among the four Catholic schools, called Operation Innovation. Ms. Arnold asked for books and an author visit from Tracy Schlepphorst, who writes books on emotional well-being for children.



The kindergartners recently enjoyed a trip to the pumpkin patch.

Nov. 5-6	Altar Server - Weekend	Communion Minister	Usher	Reader	Greeter/Gift Bearer
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Drake Dodd Dylan Fischer	Patti Blickhan Dick Mitchell Joleen Patton Kirby Wiemelt	Tim Reichert Philip Kemner John Veith Greg Ehrhardt Michael Eling Jim Waterkotte	Helen Zimmerman	Betty Kaufmann Teri Struck Gift Bearer Tim & Cindy Reichert
Sunday 7:00 a.m.	Zoe Blair Adler Hamann	Auris McGee Joan Beard Cindy Peters Craig Budde	Jerry Meyer Joe Bernhardt Perry Terwelp Scott Venvertloh John Beckman Janet Marquette	Steve Davis	Sandra Banning Kay Gallaher Gift Bearer Terry Niemann
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Adayre Klauser Bradyn Klauser	Jayna Klauser Holly Hummel Carol Haistings Joanne Ortwerth	Ryan Klauser Troy Hummel Rob Haistings Mike Patterson Neal Blickhan Karl Venvertloh	Thomas Hummel	Prudy Patterson Jill Blickhan Gift Bearer Brad Hummel
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Ben Eling Paul Steinkamp	Sue Holbrook Ron Gengenbacher Karrie Cramsey-Groll Debra Beard	Mike Holbrook Marty Karhoff Drew Erwin Steve Obert Joseph Obert Don Olps	Zachary Maas	Doris Karhoff Barbara Bockhaus Gift Bearer Sam Vranjes
<u>Saturday Morning</u> Nov. 5 <u>Mass Server</u>		Nov. 5, 8:00 a.m.	David Bic	khaus & Jan	nes Bickhaus



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