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#### MASSES

**Sunday Obligation:** Saturday evening: 4:30 p.m. for Sunday

**Sunday**: 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 a.m.

Weekdays: Monday thru Friday 6:30 a.m.

Tuesday thru Thursday 5:30 p.m.

8:00 a.m. Saturday

8:35 a.m. Wednesday during school year **Holy Day Obligation:** Anticipated 5:30 p.m.

**Holy Day** 6:30 and 5:30 p.m.

#### **EXPOSITION AND RECONCILIATION**

4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. AND 3:00-4:00 p.m. Saturday, or call the Parish Office for an Appointment.

# Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**JANUARY 29, 2023** 

Zephaniah 2:3,3:12-13; 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 5:1-12a

Matthew's Gospel is the most "Jewish" of the Gospels. It is structured around five great sermons or discourses of Jesus. The reason: There were five scrolls or books of Moses; Matthew shows Jesus as the "new Moses." The first of the sermons is the Sermon on the Mount. Moses went up on the mountain to receive the Holy Torah; Jesus goes up the mountain to proclaim the "new Law."

If we add the infancy story of Jesus and the Passion-Death-Resurrection narrative to the five sermons, we have *seven* units. The perfect number to the Jews was seven! These are but a few examples of the "Jewishness" of Matthew. Matthew wants to show Jesus as the fulfillment of all the promises made to the Jews.

Today's Gospel contain the opening words of the very first sermon recorded of Jesus, the Sermon on the Mount. The Beatitudes can be considered in many different ways. They may be an entirely new "value system": Jesus blesses humility; the world blesses pride. Jesus blesses the meek; the world extols the self-assertive. Jesus blesses those who are sorry for sin ("mourn"); the world never wants to admit a mistake. Jesus blesses the clean of heart; the world cherishes the risque, the bawdy, and the immoral.

The Beatitudes might also be considered as the process of conversion: "Poor in spirit" means those who have nothing else to rely on; they must turn to God. Unless we realize our need for God, we won't turn to him. "Sorrowing" really means those who are sorry for sin. We must realize our sinfulness and want to turn away. We must hunger and thirst for holiness in order that the Lord may fill us with his saving grace. Then, in turn, if we show mercy to others, God will show us mercy.

The first reading, from Zephaniah, urges us to seek humility and justice. The second reading tells us that we aren't too sophisticated or wise; but no matter! God chooses those who are nothing to show his own powerful grace. Realize your need of God, your need to reform; hunger for holiness. The Lord will fill you.

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## 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

I write to you with a sad and heavy heart. This past week on Monday January 23, 2023, Bella Arisman, my beloved dachshund died. We put her down that morning and buried her here at St. Francis Solanus in her fenced in area in the back yard. I am tremendously heartbroken, although improving. I apologize for any delays in response or calls or visits or meetings as honestly, I have been just unable to do much more than cry and mourn her death. She went with me everywhere and did most everything with me, so there is no escaping the constant reminder of her absence. You have no idea how much she loved being here at St. Francis. She LOVED going to the school and over to parish functions. She loved being around everyone and getting all the attention and love you have given here these past couple of years of being here together. She loved the office staff, and I can't thank them enough for all they did to care for her and keep her company when I was busy. I must especially thank Yukari Shindo, our parish cook, for taking such good care of Bella both here at the house, and she would watch her when I was away and needed it. Bella loved her so much. I thank my parents for dropping everything to come care for her until I could get home to see her, as she was not well the last couple days of the march for life and travel home. Monday things took a major turn for the worse and it was clear she wasn't going to pull through. Thank you to all the office staff that gathered and helped me bury her. Thank you to Fr. Zach Samples the parochial vicar and my good friend for being so caring and supportive, especially for being here and making sure I was eating. I am so grateful for the immense outpouring of love to myself and Bella and the immense stories from people about her, both here In Quincy, but also my previous assignments in the Decatur area. My people from Mt. Zion, OLHS and St. Isidore, Bethany, and St. Teresa High School in Decatur, love her and her shenanigans and she loved them. My heart is broken, but your love and prayers help heal it. I will get better, but it hurts right now. I will heal, but I won't forget her. These have been a truly blessed six years with my little buddy, although her first years before me were awful, I am so happy to have shown her how loved she should have been. Bella was about 11-12 years old. She was abused and neglected as a puppy mill and was going to be put down because they couldn't breed her anymore. That is when God brought her into my life as the gift she was from the beginning. She couldn't walk and was in terrible health when I got her, but we were able love her back to good health. I am just so pleased she was able to be with me as long as she was. Thank you Lord for the gift she is to me.

March for Life was a phenomenal experience, and I hope we as a parish will start to connect with that event and head to DC in larger numbers to continue our work of witnessing to life, as well as participate in the march for life here in our backyard in the state of Illinois, as we have a lot to do to overturn the horrific laws of the state of Illinois burdening women with the "choice" that doesn't give them freedom, but instead burdens them with a decision that is unfathomable, and often overwhelming feeling pushed into ending the life of their child. Let's continue to support the right to life and the work of the Birthright Center and Right to Life of Adams County here in our area.

This weekend we focus on being a faithful remnant. This means the few left behind that are truly loyal and faithful to the Lord. Paul tells us it is in our weakness that God shows through in the work He does through each of you. How do we live out this faithful remnant we are called to as the weak doing grand things, the beatitudes. So let us be a faithful people who live out this playbook of holiness, we call the beatitudes.

Now to continue our Tolton Image explanation: Above and behind Father Tolton is a set of arches. Within church architecture, **arches** make visible the idea of the heavens reaching down to earth. The ones in this painting are not meant to imply real space but to provide a meaningful format to relate Tolton's story.

**St. Peter** can be seen to the right of the inner arch to recognize that Tolton was baptized in St. Peter's Church in Brush Creek, Missouri, and attended St. Peter's Church and school in Quincy. It was here that he was encouraged and guided in discerning the priesthood. On the opposite side of the arch stands **St. Joseph**, acknowledging St. Joseph Church in Quincy where Tolton served as pastor several years later. Below St. Peter and St. Joseph are images representing Tolton's secondary education. The **Tau cross** represents St. Francis Solanus College (now Quincy University), which at that time was a branch of our St. Francis Solanus Parish and the **bee** is a design that can be found on the crest of the Urbanium, where Tolton received seminary formation and training in Rome.

Above St. Joseph and St. Peter, the prominent **design, which resembles an accordion**, is taken from a pattern also found in St. John Lateran Church, Rome. It is also included to acknowledge Father Tolton's musical abilities – he knew how to play the Accordion and is said to have had a beautiful singing voice.

The accordion stretches out on either side of a **square shaped cross** with a circle inscribed in its center. An **alpha and omega** are found inside the circle, closely matching a design found on a stained-glass window on the north side of St. Francis Solanus Church. The alpha and the omega are also found on the doors of the tabernacle and on the pipes of the organ in St. Francis Solanus Church. The alpha and omega were chosen to remember that in all things and in all times, including Tolton's, Christ is the beginning and the end. This is painted to have visual prominence compared to the colors around it, emphasizing that Jesus is the pinnacle and focus.

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## Weekday Mass Intentions

Jan. 30 Monday	6:30 a.m.	Margaret & Jerome Blaesing			
Jan. 31 Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Billy Moore			
	5:30 p.m.	Rosemary Hinkamper			
Feb. 1	6:30 a.m.	Paul Kemner			
Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Deceased Schuering & Prisco families			
Feb. 2	6:30 a.m.	Dean Schulte			
Thursday	5:30 p.m.	Rosemary Hinkamper			
Feb. 3 Friday	6:30 a.m.	James Zanger			
Feb. 4	8:00 a.m.	Paul Kemner			
Saturday	4:30 p.m.	Keith Wiemelt			
	7:00 a.m.	John Horman			
Feb. 5 Sunday	9:00 a.m.	The Parishioners of St. Francis			
	11:00 a.m.	Frank Altgilbers & Frances Evoy			

#### **Evening Prayer Every Sunday**

Come join us in praying Evening Prayer every Sunday at 6:30 in the Friars Choir to the left of the sanctuary. This 15-minute prayer is 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 and we all are encouraged to participate. All materials and instruction are provided. Hope to see you there!

#### 6:30 a.m. Mass 6:00 p.m. PSR 7:00 p.m. Rosary Tuesday, Jan. 31 6:30 a.m. Mass 9:00 a.m. Ladies of St. Francis Quilting 5:30 p.m. Mass 6:30 p.m. Truth Seekers Wednesday, Feb. 1 6:30 a.m. Mass 9:30 a.m. Adoration 2:00 p.m. Grief Share 5:30 p.m. Mass 6:00 p.m. Catholics Returning Home 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice 6:30 p.m. Liturgy Planning Committee Thursday, Feb. 2 6:30 a.m. Mass 9:00 a.m. Ladies of St. Francis Quilting 2:00 p.m. Scripture Discussion Group 5:30 p.m. Mass

This week in the Parish:

Monday, Jan. 30

6:00 p.m. RCIA

Friday, Feb. 3 6:30 a.m. Mass

4:30 p.m. Mass

6:30 p.m. Scripture Discussion Group 6:30 p.m. Troop 22 Scout Meeting

9:00 a.m. Digital Scrapbooking Saturday , Feb. 4
8:00 a.m. Mass
8:30 a.m. Reconciliation
3:00 p.m. Reconciliation

### Rest in Peace

Joyce Vandenboom

March 4, 1941-January 18, 2023

Weekly Collection Update							
	Week of	Weekly		Fiscal Year Totals to date			
	1/22/23	Budget Goal	Difference		Totals	Budget Goal	Difference
Regular/E-Giving/ACSA Tithe	\$14,772.00	\$ 26,600.00	\$(11,828.00)	Regular/E-Giving/ACSA Tithe	\$798,689.22	\$798,000.00	\$ 689.22
Loose Collection	\$ 1,105.11	\$ 1,220.00	\$ (114.89)	Loose Collection	\$ 38,194.38	\$ 36,600	\$ 1,594.38
Annual School Fund	\$ 518.00	\$ 3,440.00	\$ (2,922.00)	Annual School Fund	\$101,585.62	\$103,200.00	\$(1,614.38)
Total Capital Campaign—\$30.00	\$ 16,395.11	\$ 31,260.00	\$(14,864.89)	Total Capital Campaign As of 1/23/2023	\$938,469.22 \$102,212.65	\$937,800.00	\$669.22

## St. Francis Parish Mission and Concert Save the Date!

Join internationally renowned Catholic recording artist Steve Angrisano for a Parish Mission February 13-14 here at St. Francis at 6:30 p.m. in the church. Free will offering. On February 11-12 Steve will play at all of our Masses.

Please keep one of these mission dates open and make time to attend. Steve is a big name in the Catholic music world and it is very exciting to have him here!

He delves into the beauty of Divine Mercy through his story-telling and popular songs. Steve is funny, inspiring and gifted. Don't miss this mission!

#### Wedding Anniversary Recognition Mass

On February 11 and 12 we will be honoring couples who are celebrating Milestone Anniversaries in 2023 at all Masses. Newlyweds celebrating their first year of marriage as well as those celebrating 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55 or 60+ years of Holy Matrimony will be called forward after Communion and given a blessing. If you will be celebrating one of these anniversaries in 2023, please complete this form and return it to the Rectory by February 8.

#### Name:

Date of Anniversary: Years Married: Mass you will attend on February 11 or 12:

4:30 7:00 9:00 11:00



#### St. Francis Scouts Soup Supper

Sat., February 11 from 4-7 p.m. in the parish hall. Choose from **HOT** or regular chili or chicken noodle soup served with a grilled cheese, cornbread, dessert and a drink. Tickets are \$9 each or \$27 for a family. Carry-out meals also available and bulk soup. Buy tickets at the door or from a Scout, or call 217-779-3584. Thank you for supporting Pack 22 and Troop 22/225.

#### New! Scripture Discussion Group

Each week we are getting together to share our thoughts and questions about the upcoming weekend readings. There is no charge and no required preparation.

The group is meeting Thursday afternoons at 2 and Thursday evenings at 6:30 in the Parish Center. Deacon Wayne is the moderator. For more information please call him, 217-430-7792. We hope to see you there!

# Please pick up your year-end contribution statements at the north entrance to church.

Blood pressure screenings after all Masses next Sunday, February 5.

Grief Share sessions will start again this Wed., February 1 and run for 13 weeks (except Holy Week). Sessions will be from 2-4 p.m. in the Bride's Room. There is no charge for this group, which is non-denominational. Everyone is welcome. Please contact Pat Holbrook for more information, 217-257-2570.

St. Edward Church, Mendon will have their annual Sausage and Pancake Day with biscuits and gravy Sun., February 12, 8a.m.-1 p.m. All you can eat! Adults \$12; 10 and under \$6. Pork also will be for sale. Call Lindsey, 217-430-7437 to place a meat order.

#### **Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes**

The annual Rosary Prayer Service will be Sat.,
February 11 at 1:30 p.m. at Our Lady of
Lourdes of Ghost Hollow Grotto, located at
the corner of 4507 Ghost Hollow and
Herleman Rd. in Quincy. Dress for the weather
and bring a folding chair. For more
information contact Janice E. Pohlman,
217-222-5769 or 217-257-2400.

#### **Holy Name News**

There will be no Holy Name meeting in January. The next meeting will be Wed., February 8 at 6 p.m. Food and beverages will be served. Our next activity will be the Ash Wednesday Fish Fry on February 22 from 4 -7 p.m. in the Parish Center. Price is \$12 and includes catfish filets, coleslaw, baked beans and mac and cheese. Reduced prices for the kids. Carry out available. Kick off Lent with a hot fish dinner!

#### **Knights of Columbus News**

The Big Raffle is growing every Thursday night! The jackpot is up to \$56,306. Tickets are sold from 6-7:45 p.m. with the drawing at 8 p.m. Don't forget Friday night chicken dinners from 5-7 p.m. All you can eat. Dine in or carry out.

Please consider signing up for an hour of Adoration on Wednesdays. Sign up is in the Gathering Space or online at the parish website. This is a great opportunity for reflection and prayer.

Help us raise money for the heating and air conditioning repairs by buying raffle tickets from the quilters, or from the parish office. The quilt will be given away at the May Ladies card party. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5.

#### **Souper Bowl for Food Pantry**

Parishioners are being asked to bring soup and crackers for our food pantry from now until Super Bowl Sunday, February 12 to support the Souper Bowl of Caring sponsored by Thrive Chiropractic. Parishioners and Thrive owners Dr. Daryle Hightower and her husband Adam are generously matching all of the donations from their clients.

#### Friend of Catholic Education Dinner

Please join us Sat., February 4 at the Atrium for the Quincy Catholic Elementary Schools Foundation dinner. Tickets are \$100 and can be purchased at ticketstripe.com/FOCEDinner2023 or by check to Quincy Catholic Elementary Schools Foundation, 1721 College Ave. This year's dinner will honor Fr. Roy Bauer. For more information contact Sara Reuschel at director@quincycatholicschools.org or 217-779-3157.

#### Ladies of St. Francis News:

The next card party will be Thurs., March 2. We are looking for volunteers to prepare meals for the April and May parties.

Please continue to pray for our seminarian Sam Doellman and all those studying for the religious life.

Women's Saints Study— Join us Tues., February 7 at 7 p.m. in the parish hall for our monthly saint study. This month's featured saint is Fatima and First Saturday Devotion. Bring a friend! For more information contact Kelli Lunt, 217-617-1566 or Karen Weiman, 217-242-5513.

12 Little Angels Special Collection
February 4-5.These funds help support the needs
of children at St. Francis Solanus School.
Thank you for your support and remembrance of
the 12 young ladies who lost their lives in the fire
of December 1899.



To benefit the QCES Foundation. Sat., February 18, 7-11 p.m. at The Armory, Quincy's newest event space. Tickets are \$20. Come out to support a great cause and hear one of Quincy's best bands.

Tickets available at ticketstripe.com/MardiGras23.





## It's Catholic Schools Week!



January 29-February 4. This year's theme is Faith. Service. Excellence. Activities include a Change Cancer raffle, making valentines for veterans, vocation visits and trips to a movie screening of Joseph: King of Dreams and bowling at the Tangerine Bowl.

On Wednesday veterans are invited to attend the school Mass.



PTO is sponsoring coffee and donuts next Sunday, February 5. They also will be selling trash bags next weekend. Families interested in preschool for the 2023-24 school year are invited to an open house Tues., February 28 from 6-7 p.m. in the preschool classroom in the lower level.

Our preschool teachers have degrees in early childhood education and they understand how to best use developmentally appropriate practices in a preschool setting. It is a quality preschool program. Come check it out!

#### Nominate a teacher

Do you know a Catholic school teacher who strives for academic excellence with a focus on the Catholic mission? Or a teacher who left a lasting impression on you or your child? How about a teacher who goes above and beyond for her students and who lives authentically Catholic? Nominate that teacher for the diocese-wide St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton Award. Nominations are due by March 5. Go to dio.org/school/eas.

#### Elsewhere around school:

**NO SCHOOL FEBRUARY 17.** Teacher meetings all day.

School Mardi Gras will be Tues, February 21, featuring a carnival and prayer service.

Kindergarten Kick-Off March 3 to welcome the 2023-24 kindergarten class. There will be a school tour and other activities.

Feb. 4-5	Altar Server - Weekend	Communion Minister	Usher	Reader	Greeter/Gift Bearer
Saturday 4:30 P.M.	Hayley Hoffman Peyton Kendrick	Caitlin Kendrick Christina Ehrhart Bridget Ehrhart Amy Kaiser	Jim Kaiser Harold Vahle Philip Kemner Greg Ehrhardt John Veith Mary Ann Thomas	Rebecca Wear	Tom Ennis Jerry Meyer <b>Gift Bearer</b> Chryssia Hea
Sunday 7:00 A.M.	Owen Wheeler 1 Needed Please	Roseann Gosnell Auris McGee Cindy Venvertloh Jane Gregory	George Venvertloh Perry Terwelp Mary Terwelp Jack Terwelp Larry Venvertloh Tim Venvertloh	Paul Brown	Sandra Banning Terry Niemann <b>Gift Bearer</b> Emilie Venvertloh
Sunday 9:00 A.M.	Isabel Cramsey Ginger Grawe Grady St. John	Cindy Grawe Randy Wheeler Anne Meyer Jason Cramsey	Rob Frese Roberta Meyer Mike Zanger Bryant Burke Terry Nall Thomas Hull	Thomas Hummel	Jeannie Thomas Prudy Patterson <b>Gift Bearer</b> Bruce & Amanda Venvertloh
Sunday 11:00 A.M.	Paul Steinkamp Isaac Steinkamp	Ron Gengenbacher Ted Meyer Michelle Meyer 1 Needed Please	Mike Holbrook Marty Karhoff Don Olps Drew Erwin Steve Obert Melissa Arnold	Rachel Waterkotte	Doris Karhoff Patricia Tomczak <b>Gift Bearer</b> Sam Vranjes
Saturday Morning Mass Server Feb. 4, 8:00 a.m.			Kaden Mart	h and Gene	evieve Hamann



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missal with Sunday and Daily Liturgies, CONTACT Terry Obert and we will send a Pray Together Missal FREE OF CHARGE.

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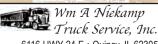
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