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**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.

# Second Sunday of Easter

**APRIL 16, 2023** 

Acts 2:42-47; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

Everyone should be a saint! By our baptism, we became children of God, heirs of heaven, temples of the Holy Spirit, members of Christ's Body, sharers in God's own life. We should always live in accordance with our dignity.

Our first reading describes an idyllic picture of the primitive Church. Everyone shared with everyone else. Very likely this is an overly ideal picture. That's the way the Church should work, but unfortunately the Church consists of human beings.

The second reading describes the dignity of our "new birth" by baptism. We are heirs of an imperishable inheritance, but we won't enjoy it fully in this life; it is reserved for us in heaven. Meanwhile, we may have to suffer many things – as Jesus did. This is to perfect and to purify our faith. Let us rejoice even when we are called to suffer for the sake of Christ Jesus.

The Gospel tells of Doubting Thomas. He came to belief because he touched the wounds of Jesus. Jesus says that we are blessed who believe even though we haven't seen.

But there is more to the Gospel. If we fail our baptismal promises through human weakness, we can rise up again. If everything is not perfect, at least it is perfectible. We have "second baptism" – the forgiveness of sins through the Sacrament of Reconciliation or Penance (Confession.)

Christ gave the power to forgive sins to his apostles and their successors and cooperators, the priests. He forgives us through their ministry. If we find that we aren't perfect, we need to make use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation frequently.

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### 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

#### A letter from Seminarian Sam Doellman

St. Francis family,

Happy Easter and Divine Mercy Sunday! I hope you and your families have had a blessed time rejoicing in the resurrection of our Lord. I was very blessed to share in the rejoicing with many of you this past weekend while serving Good Friday services, the Easter Vigil, and the 9 a.m. Sunday mass. Seeing our beautiful church full throughout this special time of year is such a joyous sight!

In today's gospel, we hear the familiar story about Thomas. How often can we place ourselves in the sandals of Thomas, doubting God until we "see for ourselves?" I can think of many times in my life that I am in his place. One specific instance of great doubt was last year when I was feeling the call to join seminary. I doubted that was truly what God was asking of me and wanted to "see" a clear sign from God.

Well, as many of you know, I am now a seminarian for our Diocese of Springfield in Illinois. I have spent the last year in priestly formation at Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary in Indianapolis, IN. Throughout this year, I have been formed through different aspects of human, spiritual, intellectual and pastoral development, all centered around discerning the call of priesthood for my life. This development has provided me a great amount of growth in not only my faith life, relationship with God, and emotional growth, but also a clearer vision of where God is calling me in my life. At this time, I am being called to leave seminary.

In the same way God was calling me to join seminary a year ago, I now feel I am called to leave. By no means has this time been anything of a waste! I have learned so much about myself and our church during this time. I feel ready to be able to come back and be an asset for the continued growth of St. Francis and our Catholic community in Quincy. Additionally, I feel convicted to be a witness for our young people to the great opportunities the discernment of priesthood and religious life provides. Not only do we need more holy priests and religious sisters, but we need more holy Catholics. If there is something I have learned about discernment, it is that no time is wasted. I would encourage anyone to just place trust in the Lord and go! Our God provides and that is something I often have to remind myself, just like Thomas.

There is no way that I could sufficiently express the gratitude I have for each and every one of you. Thank you for the unconditional love, prayers, support, and encouragement. I have been overwhelmed and humbled throughout the year by the generosity of the people of God. I have received prayers and support from people I have never met and may never meet. Without your support, it would not have been a reality for me to pick up my life for a year to discern the will of God for my life. Please continue to support vocations. Our church needs more holy people willing to place full trust in our Lord's abundance.

Please keep me in your prayers as I continue this transition and know of my prayers for you in return. I look forward to coming back to the parish at the conclusion of this semester. As for what my plans are? Well, I'm not sure. That's up to God to decide!

## Weekday Mass Intentions

April 17 Monday	6:30 a.m.	Mary Kay Brinkman & Betty Wiewel		
April 18 Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Drew Musolino		
	5:30 p.m.	Leonard Vandermaiden & Buckley family		
April 19 Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	Albert Linken & family		
	5:30 p.m.	Dave Genenbacher		
April 20 Thursday	6:30 a.m.	Carol Holtschlag		
	5:30 p.m.	Rosemary Hinkamper & Mary Keane		
April 21 Friday	6:30 a.m.	Nate Gilbert & Robert Blickhan		
April 22 Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Drew Musolino		
Saturday	4:30 p.m.	Tom Rose & Ivan Beaver		
April 23 Sunday	7:00 a.m.	Kent Humphrey & Margherita Schutte		
	9:00 a.m.	The Parishioners of St. Francis		
	11:00 a.m.	Dean Schulte & Don Fessler		

April 8-9 Collection:			
Regular Collection:	\$17,966.35		
Weekly Support Needed:	\$27,820.00		
<b>Deficit</b> /Surplus:	(\$6,853.65)		
Regular Support (YTD):	\$1,130,183.68		
Regular Support Needed (YTD):	\$1,140,620.00		
Deficit/Surplus (YTD):	(\$10,436.32)		
Annual School Fund:	\$1,883.00		
Annual School Fund (YTD):	\$133,548.04		
Capital Campaign (YTD):	\$145,097.84		
Easter Offering:	\$12,095.05		
Holy Land-Good Friday:	\$2,740.46		
Europe-Ash Wednesday:	\$3,762.00		
Easter Flowers:	\$4,433.00		

#### This week in the Parish: Monday, April 17 6:30 a.m. Mass 8:00 a.m. Blanket Project 6:00 p.m. PSR 7:00 p.m. Rosary Tuesday, April 18 6:30 a.m. Mass 9:00 a.m. Ladies of St. Francis Quilting 9:00 a.m. Moms Together 5:30 p.m. Mass 6:00 p.m. Ladies of St. Francis 6:00 p.m. Men's Grief Share 6:30 p.m. Truth Seekers 7:00 p.m. The Belonging Wednesday, April 19 6:30 a.m. Mass 9:30 a.m. Adoration 2:00 p.m. Grief Share 5:30 p.m. Mass 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice 7:00 p.m. Men's Prayer Group Thursday, April 20 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 6:00 p.m. RCIA 6:30 p.m. Scripture Discussion Group 6:30 p.m. Troop 22 Scout Meeting Friday, April 21 6:30 a.m. Mass Saturday, April 22 8:00 a.m. Mass 8:30 a.m. Reconciliation 3:00 p.m. Reconciliation 4:30 p.m. Mass

#### I 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!



#### Caster Memorial Ken Ghidara

St. Francis will have a **Divine Mercy Sunday** Prayer Service with St. Anthony Church this Sunday, April 16 at 2 p.m. at St. Anthony of Padua Church in Quincy.

2 p.m.—Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions, Rosary.

3 p.m.—Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction.

3:30 p.m. - Refreshments.

For more information contact Trisha Mathews, 217-653-8733.

Knights of Columbus Fathers, Sons and Young Men Prayer Breakfast— April 29, 8 a.m. Mass and breakfast at St. Anthony Church. Complete buffet breakfast for \$15. Registration fee due by April 22 to Roch Schulte, 3802 N. 12th St., Quincy 62305. Checks to K of C, marked "Prayer Breakfast."

#### Fr. Augustus Tolton Pilgrimage

Men are invited to join in this year's walking pilgrimage **May 5-6** to honor Fr. Tolton. Over two days we will walk from the church where Fr. Tolton was baptized in Missouri to St. Peters cemetery, where he is buried. The all-inclusive cost is \$40. Call or text David Spillman for more information, 217-722-4792. Deadline to sign up is April 20.

#### Mini Golf Date Night

Come out for an evening of putt-putt at Upper Moorman Park in Quincy on Friday, April 28. Couples please meet at 7 p.m. at the large shelter house, which also will be available for the 19th hole afterward for fellowship and fun. Pack your coolers! Light snacks provided. Call the St. Peter RSVP hotline, 217-214-0187 to sign up. Brought to you by the St. Peter Relationship Enrichment Team.



#### Can you volunteer?

for a shift during the picnic, Saturday June 10, 5 p.m.-Midnight. If you have already said "Yes," Thank you! To volunteer please visit https://stfrancissolanus.com/picnic-volunteer or contact any committee member:

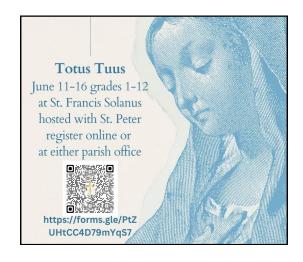
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Moms of all ages - Our Moms Together group meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month from September through May, 9-10:30 a.m. Our next meeting is this Tuesday, April 18. We share conversation, prayer and scripture while forming and strengthening friendships. If you have young children, bring them! We meet in the Parish Center. For more information contact Sarah Venvertloh, 217-577-6490.

Save these dates for Vacation Bible School!

June 5-9

St. Francis and Blessed Sacrament will be teaming up to host VBS this summer at Blessed Sacrament Parish and School. Stay tuned for registration information.



#### **Holy Name News**

The annual Holy Name banquet will be on Ascension Thursday, May 18. Details to follow.

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

The Thursday night Big Raffle jackpot is up to \$90,564. Tickets are sold from 6-7:45 p.m. with the drawing at 8 p.m.

Friday night dinners are over until September when we will start the fall season with Chicken Dinners. Go to our website (quincykofc.org) to sign up for a volleyball or softball team, plus room rentals. The last euchre tournament is this Wednesday, April 19.

Keep that Lenten devotion going into the Easter season and sign up for an **hour of adoration** during our All Day Adoration this **Wednesday, April 19**.

There is a sign up sheet in the Gathering Space.

Women's Saints Study — Women of all ages join us Tuesday, May 2 at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall for the monthly Women's Saints Study. Pat Holbrook will give the presentation, titled "The Saint in You: Universal Call to Holiness." Bring a friend! Contact Karen Weiman, 217-242-5513 or Kelli Lunt, 217-617-1566 for more information.



Did you know that **Quincy Catholic Charities** is more than a food pantry? There's also a mobile food pantry for rural communities in Adams, Brown and Pike counties. Catholic Charities also provides professional counseling services and a MedAssist program to help with immediate medication cost/co-pays. Since July of 2022 Catholic Charities has helped 178 people with medication assistance.

#### **Men's Grief Share**

Deacon Dennis Holbrook will be facilitating a 13-week Men's Grief Share for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one. Sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings from 6-8 **starting April 18**. Each session will include a video and time for confidential discussion. If you would like to participate or have any questions please contact Deacon Dennis, 217-257-4384 or dholbrook@stfrancissolanus.com.

#### Ladies of St. Francis News:

Thank you to everyone for making our April card party a SUCCESS!

The next all-member Dinner Meeting is
Tuesday, April 18. Mass is at 5:30 p.m.
followed by dinner at 6:30 and the meeting at
7. Call Jan Zeidler, 217-779-0290 to reserve
your spot by this Monday, April 17. Cost is
\$10. Please bring a pair of new socks (adult or
child) for the "Sock it to Spring" sock drive.

#### Spring Tenant Workshop

**When:** Every Tuesday for five weeks, beginning April 25.

Where: Horizons Soup Kitchen, 224 S. 8th St., Quincy.

What: A positive approach for renters. Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. followed by the program from 1:15-3:15 p.m. Childcare provided. To register call Horizons, 217-224-5530, ext. 2305 or Quincy Public Housing, 217-222-0720.

#### Ladies of Charity Spiritual Retreat —

Sunday, April 30, 1-3 p.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Church Gathering Space, Quincy. All women are welcome for an afternoon of solidarity and planning. RSVP to Brenda Ehrhardt 217-258-8832.

**Care Net Pregnancy Services Volunteer Training** 

May 8, 11, 15, 18, 22 and 25 from 6-9 p.m. at the Care Net office in Quincy. May 4 is the last day to reserve your spot. Call Laura for more information, 217-223-8200.





Lenten Prayer Partners worked together to fold paper to make a game. A partner chose a number on the page that revealed a question about Holy Week and the partner had to answer it.



Third and seventh graders paired to lead Stations of the Cross one Friday during Lent.



### Calling all parishioners!

St Francis School PTO is hosting a BINGO night and YOU are invited!

Date: Wednesday 4/26

Time: 6-8pm (Food for sale at 6pm, Bingo starts at 6:30pm)

Cost: \$1/card or \$3/5 cards, optional food & drink and raffle tickets

To RSVP - text or call Kati @ 217-257-9854

#### Coming up at school:

Monday, April 17—Olympic Day at QND for grades 5-8.

Thursday, April 20—STEM night for grades 6-8.

Friday, April 21—Mid-term of the fourth quarter.

Monday, May 1—May Crowning

Thursday, May 4—PMO Band and Choir Concert at QND.

April 22-23	Altar Server - Weekend	Communion Minister	Usher	Reader	Greeter/Gift Bearer
Saturday 4:30 P.M.	Riley Sparks Kylie Sparks	Maureen Makarewicz Bobbie Talken Teena Fisk Amy Kaiser	Tom Ennis John Veith Jim Waterkotte Michael Eling Michael Bickhaus Zachary Maas	Chryssia Hea	Betty Kaufmann Joleen Patton <b>Gift Bearer</b> Bruce & Amanda Venvertloh
Sunday 7:00 A.M.	Adler Hamann Chloe Terwelp	Jan Zeidler Paulette Freiburg Sue Winking Arlene Hendren	Mary Terwelp Jack Terwelp Scott Venvertloh Paul Eling Gary Terwelp Rich Zeidler	1 Needed Please	Kathy Klauser Larry Klauser <b>Gift Bearer</b> Terry Niemann
Sunday 9:00 A.M.	Makayla Patton Morgan Patton	Kristen Patton Carol Haistings Ronald Upper Terri Liesen	Rob Haistings Rob Frese Terry Nall Mike Zanger Neal Blickhan Bing Lammers	Sarah Genenbacher	Jeannie Thomas Jill Blickhan <b>Gift Bearer</b> Kevin & Betsy Terwelp
Sunday 11:00 A.M.	Hayes Frericks Priya Mamdani	Jamie Friye Sue Holbrook Ted Meyer Michelle Meyer	Mike Holbrook Mike Fessler Don Olps Joseph Obert James Doellman Drew Erwin	Ron Gengenbacher	Patricia Tomczak Brenda Wand <b>Gift Bearer</b> Doris Karhoff
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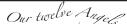
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