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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.

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

JULY 2, 2023

2 Kings 4:8-11,14-16a; Romans 6:3-4,8-11;
Matthew 10:37-42

Elisha succeeded Elijah as the great prophet in Israel in the ninth century before Christ. Remember that a prophet is not a predictor of the future, but a spokesman for God to call people back to God through repentance and faith. The couple at Shunem offer hospitality to Elisha, not so much because he is a *friend* as because he is a *prophet*.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells us that we must not prefer anything to him. The person who seeks only his own selfish goals will bring himself to ruin; he will lose his immortal soul.

He goes on to tell us that our faith must go beyond mere friendship: We must accept those who are sent by God precisely because they are sent by God, and not because we happen to like them. Personalism and human friendship is wonderful; but our faith must go beyond this.

In his epistles, Paul invents new words. He wants to show that the Christian is completely identified with Christ. What happens to Christ must happen to the Christian. He says we are “conjoined” to Christ by baptism; we become “co-bodies” with him; we are “co-buried” with him in baptism; we must therefore rise in him.

The meaning of the Christian life is to live out Christ’s life: We offer our lives in union with him to the Father; we suffer with him; we rejoice in him; we die in him; and therefore, since we belong completely to Christ, we must rise gloriously in him.

--Msgr. William Carr

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13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Our readings this weekend are focused on hospitality, welcome, and generosity. They challenge us greatly to look into ourselves to see how we respond to the immensity of God's abundance.

Elisha is welcomed to eat at this family's house by this woman, comes back by often to eat and so eventually she creates a place for him in their home. This is not just a story of the woman and her husband's generosity to the prophet doing God's work. This is a story that shows us the example to follow to welcome the Lord not only to our table but to our home and vice versa.

In the rule of St. Benedict that he wrote as the backbone of his religious community states in chapter 53: "All guests who present themselves are to be welcomed as Christ, for he himself will say: I was a stranger and you welcomed me (Matt 25:35)." We are called to welcome, as if they are Christ, in the model and call of St. Benedict's rule for his religious community. This is a tenant of their religious order and should be of all of our lives.

Here she welcomes Elisha, not only with many meals, but then makes a home for him there as well. Elisha is seen as a type of Christ, a prefigurement. May we welcome all people to our parish as Christ, but also in our lives. In this we welcome Christ not only to our parish, our lives, our meals, but to our homes. In doing this Christ, like Elisha, abundantly blesses us. Not just in the goodness of the gift of life and children as this woman and her husband were given, but in abundance of eternal life. In this we are then welcomed to His meal and His home He has prepared for us.

Jesus then continues bluntly the discussion of hospitality and welcoming not only the stranger but the disciple. How do we welcome people here at St. Francis? Hopefully radically. Do we reach out to one another and to the new face? If the answer is 'I get in and out and don't want to speak to Anyone' then we have missed a major part of who we are called to be as disciples. Jesus is speaking to the apostles today to remind them to love NO ONE, period, more than the Lord. He instructs us to put the Lord first and to take up our crosses and follow after Him. He then goes on to tell us to welcome and invite. We need to do just this in our lives and in our parish. Welcome guests into our homes, and even more so to make sure we welcome all to this parish. As we do this we will be surprised in how we encounter Jesus Christ.

On a side note, many asked when we first arrived here at St. Francis for us to come to dinner, but with the stipulation we both needed to come. In the beginning this was hard especially for a new priest overwhelmed by the immensity of this place and all there was to do. Because of this I missed the opportunity to spend time with many of you who had invited and welcomed us. I would like to let you know this was not my intention. I love to spend time with families in their homes and in their lives. Fr. Rafal and I are up for any encounters for meals or welcome into your homes. We both love to eat, as you may be able to tell! I have to eat a certain way, but it isn't too complicated. If you aren't a cook, a shared meal out is always welcome.

Please know that your invitation was never meant to be rejected by myself. I have loved the opportunities to come to know people on a different level. It isn't easy to find the time for meals and it isn't easy to schedule us together, so please be patient. Please know one or both of us is always open to invitation and fellowship. It is such a great way to get to know you and your story even if just a brief meal before evening meetings and events. May we all welcome Christ into our lives and our homes and our parish together.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rev. Steven A. ...". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

St. Francis picture directories are here!

Directories will be available for pick-up after all Masses this weekend and July 8-9. If you could volunteer to hand out directories after one of the Masses please call the office at 217-222-2898.

The directories are free to anyone who came in and had their photograph taken here. Anyone else may buy a directory for \$15 by coming to the parish office.

When you get your directory, please check your information and make sure it's correct. If anything needs to be changed please call the parish office at 217-222-2898 or drop the correction in the collection basket. Thank you!

St. Anthony Parish Picnic

Saturday, July 15, 5 p.m.–Midnight

Come and enjoy food and drinks, live music by Southern Rail (7:30-11:30 p.m.); Bingo in the air conditioning, a country store, Kiddieland with crafts and games; a basket raffle, silent auction, raffle (\$2,000 in cash prizes), and fun for the whole family!

Summer hours for adoration— We are offering adoration on Wednesdays from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. this summer. Please consider taking an hour! A sign-up sheet is in the gathering space.

Attention Mid-Life Singles! Many never-married, divorced or widowed people in mid-life are wondering what this phase of life means for them. That's where the **REFLECT Catholic Singles Retreat** comes in. There will be planned talks, reconciliation, Mass and caring fellowship. The next retreat is **July 21-23** at LaSalle Retreat Center in Wildwood, Mo. outside St. Louis. Early bird cost is \$240. Visit ReflectRetreat.com or call 314-283-0044 for more information.

Biking for Babies— is a pro-life organization that will bike into Quincy on Friday, July 14 and hold a mission event at Madison Park. The riders will share their approach to building a culture of life and the ways they support pro-life pregnancy resource centers. **There also will be a prayer service conducted by Fr. Arisman at 6 p.m.**

Learn more about the mission by going to their website: bikingforbabies.com or contact Vicki Wittland, 217-316-9936.

Diocesan
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St Francis Community Assistance (SFCA) Receives Diocesan Grant

The SFCA Ministry has been awarded a \$3,000 grant to support the food pantry's efforts from the Diocesan Campaign for Justice and Hope.

This ministry is grateful to the Diocese of Springfield for this funding. This year the food pantry is continuing to supply the food nook here at St. Francis and others in the community, but volunteers will also encourage nook users to set up a grocery order with the food pantry. Nooks are only meant to provide for the immediate need of a small meal or snack. The goal is to supply people in need with more sustenance.

Holy Name News

Everyone is invited to our annual Red, White and Blue Breakfast **this Sunday, July 2.** Serving pancakes, sausage, biscuits and gravy after the 7 and 9 a.m. Masses. Free will offering. Our next Holy Name meeting will be Wednesday, July 12 at 6 p.m. All men of the parish are welcome! Bring a friend or family member. Food and drinks will be served after the meeting. Happy Fourth of July!

Knights of Columbus News

The Thursday night Big Raffle Jackpot is now at \$21,650. Tickets are sold from 6-7:45 p.m. with the drawing at 8 p.m. every Thursday night. Funds from the previous Big Raffle went out recently, with \$8,000 given to each of Quincy's Catholic grade schools; \$5,000 to QND and \$3,000 to the area Catholic churches without a grade school. Please go to our website, quincykofc.org, to get all of the details about happenings at the Quincy Knights of Columbus. This year's BBQ will be August 11-13.

Calling all members of the St. Francis Solanus Class of 1973!

A 50-year reunion is being organized for **Saturday, August 12**, starting with a noon lunch in the Parish Center. Bring your own entrée, drink and a side dish or dessert to share. We will attend the 4:30 Mass as a group, and visit the K of C barbeque from 6-8 p.m. Please reply to Kochis7449@comcast.net, (Mary Kay Briddle Kochis) as soon as possible if you plan to attend.

Ladies of St. Francis News:

Get ready for the first card party of the year on September 7. Our first Ladies meeting will be Tuesday, September 19. Our goal for this year is to increase active membership, so please join us for a meeting!

As **St. Francis closes out its fiscal year** we would like to thank everyone for their continued generous support to the parish and school.

Thank you to the Holy Name and the Ladies of St. Francis for their recent generous donations to the Capital Campaign. The Capital Campaign donations we have received to date will be used to pay for the air conditioning and the Hearing Loop in the church.

We added an envelope in 2023 to the monthly envelopes for the Capital Campaign. The funds from these donations go directly to the much-needed projects in our church and school, including the new air conditioner and boiler in the church.



St. Francis Blood Drive

Wednesday, July 5, 12-5 p.m.

In the Parish Center

For an appointment call

1-800-RED CROSS or visit

RedCrossBlood.org.

The need for blood is always great.

Please consider donating. Thank you!

Divorce and Beyond

Is a workshop designed for divorced people to offer support beyond the pain of divorce. Registration is required and a \$10 donation for materials is requested.

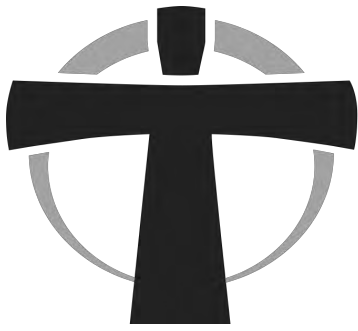
People of any faith, or no faith at all are welcome.

Sessions will be on Tuesday nights in the Parish Center from 6:30-8 p.m.,

beginning September 5 and running through October.

Facilitators are Drew and Julie Erwin.

To register call Julie at 217-257-5313 or julie.gunn@comcast.net.



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School Dates:

Wednesday, August 2—PTO sponsors “Play in the Park.”
Join us at Upper Moorman Park from 6-8 p.m.

Sunday, August 13—Blessing of the backpacks, 4 p.m. in church and at school. Drop off your school supplies after. PTO is sponsoring treats.

Wednesday, August 16—First day of school for grades K-8. 11:30 dismissal. No childcare or lunch that day.

Thursday, August 17—First full day of school. First day of school for preschool.

Gym Use Meeting

There will be a mandatory meeting for all coaches and sponsors who use the St. Francis school gym for sports and activities on Tuesday, August 8 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. The meeting will start in the Faculty Meeting Room on the middle floor and proceed to the gym. Please enter through the College Avenue doors.

Wanted—Food Service Worker. This person will do some food prep, serve food to the students and clean up. **The position requires about two hours per day when school is in session.** This person will follow the directions of the kitchen manager.

St. Francis Job Opening!

We are seeking a part-time Youth Minister.

Duties include (but not limited to) developing a Youth Ministry Program.

Some evenings, weekends and office hours are required. This part-time position will average about 20 hours per week.

A job description is available in the Parish Office. Please contact Fr. Arisman at 217-222-2898 for more information.

July 8-9	Altar Server - Weekend	Communion Minister	Usher	Reader	Greeter/Gift Bearer
Saturday 4:30 P.M.	Peyton Kendrick Makayla Patton	William Niewohner Kristen Patton Caitlin Kendrick Darlene Mayes	Jim Kaiser Tom Ennis Tim Reichert Mary Ann Thomas Philip Kemner Joe Venvertloh	Michelle Obert	Janice Wiemelt Gift Bearer John Obert
Sunday 7:00 A.M.	<i>Two Needed Please</i>	Auris McGee Bridget Ehrhart Jane Gregory Arlene Hendren	Joyce Frericks Kevin Frericks John Benz Gary Hilgenbrinck John Ohnemus Gary Terwelp	Paul Brown	Kathy Klauser Larry Klauser Gift Bearer Sarah Lugerling
Sunday 9:00 A.M.	Alex Lawrence Lia Henrichs	Kristy Henrichs Katherine Cramsey James Cramsey Donnette Cannady	Gary Darnell Troy Hummel Neal Blickhan Joseph Darnell Ryan Klauser Jason Costigan	Paul Marlin	Jill Blickhan Gift Bearer Brad Hummel
Sunday 11:00 A.M.	Hailey Terwelp Reno Venvertloh	Marsha Collins Chris Duvall <i>Two Needed Please</i>	Evan Reichert Rose Willer Bud Voss Brent Frericks James Doellman Sam Vranjes	Rosanna Voss	Brenda Wand Doris Karhoff Gift Bearer Kevin & Betsy Terwelp
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