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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.

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

JULY 9, 2023

Zechariah 9:9-10; Romans 8:9,11-13;
Matthew 11:25-30

The first eight chapters of Zechariah date from 520 B.C. and concern the rebuilding of the temple after the Babylonian Captivity. But the last six chapters (from which today's first reading is taken) come from the time of Alexander the Great, i.e. around 333 B.C.

Alexander was young, arrogant, and brash. He was a great general, and he knew it. He intended to unite the entire world under his leadership! He loved to rub his enemies noses in the dirt and parade them in disgrace before his victorious army. In contrast, Zechariah sees a humble leader, one who will not come with force of weapons, but who will ride on the back of a donkey. His dominion will be one of peace and justice.

At the time of Jesus, many Jews were expecting a military Messiah, one who would establish the kingdom by force and power. Jesus says that we should learn of him, for he is gentle and humble of heart. He invites those who are burdened with life to come to him. His yoke will fit us well; it will not be like the yoke of a harsh task-master. He offers us rest.

The second reading is from the most consoling chapter in the entire Bible. Read it in its entirety! Today's selection reminds us that the spirit of Christ dwells in our hearts. We are not doomed to live according to the lowest and the meanest and the weakest.

("Flesh" means "following that tug downwards of original sin.") We are empowered to live in the "spirit" – in the strength of Christ's grace. With that grace, we can shoulder any burden.

--Msgr. William Carr

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14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ego Te Absolvo

What is one of the worst things for our spiritual health as Christians? Your mind may run down a list of vices. What if I argued it was sloth?

Sloth!? Being lazy?? You're saying laziness is a sin on par or worse than lust or greed?! There is a different word that I think better, though not perfectly, captures the genuine problem with sloth—acedia. Plugging "acedia" into Google will yield results implying apathy, laziness, etc. This still doesn't capture the real problem of acedia.

I would tie acedia into despair. God sees you in a way we fail to see ourselves. As a young person, I was bullied for years. I came to see myself as loathsome, stupid, and useless. When I got into high school, the bullying stopped but the compensations started. In an effort to not be viewed as useless, I found ways to make myself quite useful. Because I struggled in math, I held onto obscure trivia to demonstrate that I wasn't stupid. I combated a sense of loathsomeness by becoming more of a class clown. I built up my own ways to see myself as someone worth being. I would try to control situations, albeit diplomatically, so that I could avoid getting hurt.

Spiritually, this image of myself I constructed made it difficult to accept how God sees me, *Imago Dei*—made in His own image and likeness. As Christ began to show me His love for me, I would see how good He is. I would see how deeply He loved others, and I would rejoice for them. But for my part, I held a lie. I believed God is all good, but I also believed I could never be loved by God. Wounds from decades ago, lies I accepted, compensations I built—all these things were a wall others started but I finished. I suffered from despair. I had acedia.

Thankfully Christ is a carpenter by trade. Sometimes in order to build you must tear down and clear the work site. Christ wants to tear down the ramshackle house I built for myself and give me a mansion. In prayer, confession, and spiritual direction, He showed me, over the course of months, the wounds He desires to heal, the compensations I no longer need (even if I still habitually have them), and the confidence He wants for me (check out Ephesians chapter 6).

In confession we bring our sins, our pains, our brokenness, our ramshackle constructions to the Lord through the priest. It is there, in the confessional, that we encounter the Sacred Heart of Jesus in His tenderness and mercy. Sure, we might need a challenge from the priest as we open ourselves up to Christ, but it is tender mercy, nonetheless, to receive correction just as a parent corrects a child from playing in the middle of Broadway here in Quincy. Satan wants us to rely on our own means, but Christ wants us to rely on Him and not ourselves (see Isaiah 55:8-9). When the priest says, "Ego te absolvo..." or "I absolve you..." it is Christ Himself working through the priest as an instrument, forgiving us, restoring us, and bringing us closer to Himself.

Six years ago, I finally went to confession after years of not going. I found healing and committed myself to going at least every two weeks. What a beautiful thing a long confession line is!

Will you let Christ tear down your ramshackle house and give you the mansion? Will you surrender your spiritual safe space to live in the confidence Christ gives us? Do you trust Jesus will love you? "Do you want to be healed? (John 5:6)." Confession is ready for you. Christ is waiting there to heal you. Will you meet Christ's Sacred Heart and be healed through Confession?



Weekday Mass Intentions

July 10 Monday	6:30 a.m.	Clara O'Brien
July 11 Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Jason Harvey and Robert Blickhan
	5:30 p.m.	Doris Burris
July 12 Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	Jack Kahs
	5:30 p.m.	Robert Blickhan and Phyllis Orr
July 13 Thursday	6:30 a.m.	Our Lady of Perpetual Help
	5:30 p.m.	Ralph & Edna Happekotte
July 14 Friday	6:30 a.m.	Martha Koettters
July 15 Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Thompson Poore and Billy Moore
	4:30 p.m.	Keith Wiemelt and Fr. Michael Grawe
July 16 Sunday	7:00 a.m.	"Sis" Obert and Karen Holtschlag
	9:00 a.m.	The Parishioners of St. Francis
	11:00 a.m.	Joe & Mary Obert and Don Fessler

This week in the Parish:

- **Monday, July 10**
- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 7:00 p.m. Rosary
- **Tuesday, July 11**
- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 5:30 p.m. Mass
- 6:00 p.m. Men's Grief Share
- 6:15 p.m. Women's Prayer Group
- 7:00 p.m. The Belonging
- **Wednesday, July 12**
- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 11:30 a.m. Parish office closed until 1:30
- 5:30 p.m. Mass
- 6:00 p.m. Holy Name meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
- 7:00 p.m. Men's Prayer Group
- **Thursday, July 13**
- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 9:00 a.m. Ladies of St. Francis Quilting
- 5:30 p.m. Mass
- **Friday, July 14**
- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- **Saturday, July 15**
- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 8:30 a.m. Reconciliation
- 11:00 a.m. Cursillo preparation
- 3:00 p.m. Reconciliation



Congratulations and Welcome!

Rosalind Benedicta McBride

Daughter of Aaron and Mary McBride

Frank Michael Rivera

Son of Raymond and Brianna Rivera

Abigail Gianna Faustina Weiman

Daughter of Aaron and Karen Weiman

All baptized into the Catholic faith

July 2, 2023

**The parish office will be closed Wednesday,
July 12 from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. for a meeting.**

July 1-2 Collection:

Budget details will be reflected after July 16

Regular Collection:	\$25,137.99
Annual School Fund:	\$3,923.67
Capital Campaign (YTD):	\$325,674.30
Diocese Centennial Tithe:	(\$17,860.00)
Net Capital Campaign Funds:	\$307,814.30

St. Francis picture directories are here!

Directories will be available for pick-up after all Masses this weekend.

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!

Upcoming Car Show

The Third Annual Allison Holbrook Memorial Parishioner Car and Truck show is scheduled this year for **Sunday, August 20**. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details!

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.

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!

Rest in Peace
Joseph Eling
March 2, 1935 — June 29, 2023
&
Charlene Willis
April 12, 1933 — Jan. 3, 2023

QMG Free Sports Physicals

Tuesday, July 25 from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Call 217-222-6550 x3282 to schedule.

No immunizations for 6th and 9th grade.

For more information go to quincymedgroup.com/sports.

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.

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.

Holy Name News

Our next Holy Name meeting is this 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.

Knights of Columbus News

The Thursday night Big Raffle Jackpot is now at \$23,332. 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 Bridle 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!

Welcome

New Members

Sam and Taylor Wilson

&

Ryan and Jill Wiemelt

And their children Brody, Mason and Madison.

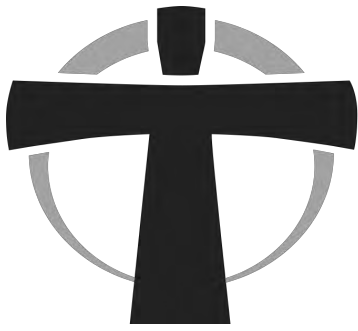
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St. Francis Solanus as your new parish home.*

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.



Dan Hoffman from the Quincy Knights of Columbus presents Father Arisman with a check for the school and scholarships for two students.



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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 1-8. 11:30 dismissal. No childcare or lunch that day.

Thursday, August 17—First full day of school for 1-8. First day of school for preschool.

Kindergarten will have screening days August 16-17.

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.

June/July Events St. Francis Youth Group

July 15-17—TEC Retreat ages 16+;
www.greatrivertec.org.

July 23-26— *Called and Sent*. A high school retreat led by the Totus Tuus team;
<https://dio.org/event/called-and-sent-retreat/>.

July 30— Board games and pizza—6:30-8 p.m. in the parish hall. BYO board games. Pizza and soda provided.

July 15-16	Altar Server - Weekend	Communion Minister	Usher	Reader	Greeter/Gift Bearer
Saturday 4:30 P.M.	Peyton Kendrick Chloe Terwelp	Carla Slough John Venegoni Nancy Venegoni <i>One Needed Please</i>	Mark F. Dietrich Dick Mitchell John Veith Harold Vahle Greg Ehrhardt Michael Eling	Joleen Patton	Betty Kaufmann Peggy Kaiser Gift Bearer Jane Dietrich
Sunday 7:00 A.M.	<i>Two Needed Please</i>	Damian McDonald Pat Winking Carolyn Briddle Tony Freiburg	Mary Terwelp Jack Terwelp Scott Venvertloh Don Winking Jerry Carnivale Paul Eling	Jan Zeidler	Kathy Klausner Larry Klausner Gift Bearer <i>Two Needed Please</i>
Sunday 9:00 A.M.	Isabel Cramsey Sam Bruening	Samantha Cramsey Brad Kendrick Carol Haistings Peggy Koettters	Jason Cramsey Rob Haistings Steven Eling John McDowell Joseph Wiewel Roberta Meyer	Simon Bruening	Judy Akers Nancy Friye Gift Bearer Gerald Koettters
Sunday 11:00 A.M.	Paul Steinkamp Jacob Collins	Anne Meyer Marcia Steinkamp Mike Holbrook Christy Woodward	Melissa Arnold Marty Karhoff Mike Fessler Don Olps Steve Obert Rose Willer	Dennis Steinkamp	Patricia Tomczak Margaret Steinbrecher Gift Bearer Doris Karhoff
<u>Saturday Morning</u> <i>Mass Server</i>		July 15, 2023	Quinn Wiewel and Thomas Wiewel		



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