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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.

## *Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**AUGUST 13, 2023**

1 Kings 19:9a,11-13a; Romans 9:1-5;  
Matthew 14:22-33

If we have faith, God will see that we overcome any obstacle. The setting of today's first reading is Elijah's dejection. After he had defeated the prophets of Baal, Queen Jezebel set out to kill him.

Discouraged and depressed, Elijah escapes to the Sinai desert. No one is faithful to God any more, and he wants to die. God sets him down and shows him powerful signs.

But God is not in these powerful displays. Finally, in a gentle breeze, Elijah encounters God. The message: Don't look for spectacles; you will find God in the peace of your soul; from there he will triumph over all difficulties.

The background of the Gospel is actually the setting of the Church of around 80 A.D. Christians had been expelled from the Synagogue. They were now outlaws to the Romans. They were persecuted and killed.

The Church is seen as a boat being tossed about in a storm. Jesus comes walking on the water. The disciples can't believe it is he. As a test, Peter is invited to walk on the water. He loses faith and begins to sink.

Jesus saves him and says that if he had faith he could do what Jesus did. Jesus gets into the boat and calms the storm. The lesson: the Church can weather any storm if we only have faith.

In the second reading, Paul is in agony because his fellow Jews do not accept Jesus. He, too, must learn to trust and to have faith that God's will will be accomplished.

--Msgr. William Carr  
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## ***Deo Gratias*—Thanks Be to God!**

Have you ever found humor in the final response we give at Mass—“Thanks be to God!”? As a kid it often struck me as humorous, as if we’re expressing relief that Mass is over (perhaps after the pastor gave an Arisman-length homily).

Later on in life, with a smidge more maturity, I came to realize we in fact were responding with genuine gratitude and praise. As the hymn goes, “All praise and all thanksgiving to you Redeemer King,” so to is our joy at having been nourished by the bread of life, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, made present in the Eucharist.

You likely find times of comfort with the Lord. You also may find it difficult to offer thanks to God. Perhaps it is due to grief and hardship. Perhaps it is from the noise of our world. In the first reading today, 1 Kings 19, we heard about Elijah and God at Mt. Horeb. There was howling wind, the clashing of an earthquake and the roaring of a fire. The Lord was not in any of those. Then we learn that it was in a “tiny whispering sound,” that Elijah encountered God.

Are you able to hear the whisper? There is so much noise around us. Pope Saint John Paul II noted that, “only in silence does man succeed in hearing in the depth of his conscience the voice of God, which really makes him free.” Too often we clamor for noise. Today, almost everyone carries noise in their pocket with a so-called “smart” phone.

We fill out our schedules until we are riddled with anxiety but nonetheless preferring the noise and busy-body lifestyle to having to endure silence. Silence is difficult. It forces us to encounter God. It forces us to rest. It allows us to see ourselves more clearly and we may be uncomfortable with that. In the peace of silence, we begin to restore what Adam and Eve lost—communion with God, face to face, no fig leaves to hide behind.

God wants you! Adam and Eve feared being seen and known by God. Do you fear being seen by God? Do you fear Him knowing you?

We have nothing to fear yet we fear losing our perception of control. We militate against “letting go and letting God.” Look at today’s Gospel—Matthew 14. Pope St. Peter walks on water! Then he lets himself become fearful and begins to sink. How often do we fail to trust? God still is there but we lose faith, we turn to the noise of the storm, lose sight of God, and we sink.

I often like to think I have a better plan for myself, as I’ve shared here before. Every time I surrender my desires,

my plans, my everything to God, He shows me something greater He had waiting for me to just accept His way.

The biggest for me was leaving my career behind and following Him to seminary. I’ve also already shared that story. Let me instead share a story of another hurdle to vocations that young men and women face when discerning priesthood or being a religious sister—grandkids.

Grandkids?! Yes, grandkids!

As Catholics we have two, generally mutually-exclusive, sacramental vocations: holy orders and matrimony. Marriage is natural. Most of us grow up witnessing the wedded life of parents and we see through our mom and dad the daily witness of this great sacrament. Conversely, we do not generally see priests and nuns daily, especially in our day and age.

This past May I had the privilege of attending ordinations in Bismarck, N.D. and staying with the parents of a priest. The dad was raised Byzantine Catholic and the mom raised Lutheran and now were the parents of a Roman Catholic priest. I asked the mother if she ever could imagine as a little Protestant girl that she would later convert, let alone be the mother of a priest. She then shared how her and her husband spent the first two years of their son’s time in seminary actively trying to dissuade him. Now, it is the greatest blessing they could imagine.

Would you surrender your dreams for your children if God is calling them to be totally His as a priest or nun? Would you encourage them to discern it? Or would you say, “someone else’s kid will do that Lord, you don’t need mine.”? What response will you give to the Lord? Will you say “*Deo gratias*,” that is, “thanks be to God”?

Tomorrow I return to Kenrick-Glennon Seminary to continue my formation. Please pray for me and my brother



seminarians. Should you like to stay in touch, my contact information is below. Know of my prayers for you and for the many young people at St. Francis Solanus I know God is calling to be totally His as a priest or nun.

St. Francis Solanus, *pray for us!*  
St. Isidore the Farmer, *pray for us!*  
St. Raymond Nonnatus, *pray for us!*

**Thomas L. Marten**  
Kenrick-Glennon Seminary  
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# *Weekday Mass Intentions*

<b>August 14 Monday</b>	6:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	Rollie Peters Rosie Reichert
<b>August 15 Tuesday</b>	6:30 a.m.	Clara O'Brien
	5:30 p.m.	Doris Burris and Thomas Liesen
<b>August 16 Wednesday</b>	6:30 a.m.	Richard Venvertloh
	5:30 p.m.	Leo Ginther
<b>August 17 Thursday</b>	6:30 a.m.	Linda Blickhan
	5:30 p.m.	Rosie Reichert
<b>August 18 Friday</b>	6:30 a.m.	Albert Linken & family
<b>August 19 Saturday</b>	8:00 a.m.	Thompson Poore
	4:30 p.m.	John Maxwell
<b>August 20 Sunday</b>	7:00 a.m.	Pete & Betty Harmon and Karen Holtschlag
	9:00 a.m.	Carol Eickelschulte and Martha Koetters
	11:00 a.m.	The Parishioners of St. Francis

Week of 8/6/2023

	Week	YTD
Regular Collection	\$23,139.00	\$135,781.29
Loose Collection	\$1,301.03	\$13,184.18
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$24,440.03</b>	<b>\$148,965.47</b>
Needed Support	\$30,235.00	\$181,410.00
<b>Difference</b>	<b>-\$5,794.97</b>	<b>-\$32,444.53</b>

Other Giving

	Week	YTD
Annual School Fund	\$1,760.51	\$10,898.67
Capital Campaign	\$1,467.00	\$311,006.30

## This week in the Parish:

### Monday, August 14

- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 8:00 a.m. Blanket Project
- 6:30 p.m. SFS PTO meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Rosary

### Tuesday, August 15

- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 9:00 a.m. Ladies of St. Francis Quilting
- 5:30 p.m. Mass
- 6:30 p.m. Pastoral Council
- 7:00 p.m. The Belonging

### Wednesday, August 16

- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 1:00 p.m. QU Inaugural Mass
- 5:30 p.m. Mass
- 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

### Thursday, August 17

- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 9:00 a.m. Ladies of St. Francis Quilting
- 5:30 p.m. Mass
- 6:30 p.m. OCIA

### Friday, August 18

- 6:30 a.m. Mass

### Saturday, August 19

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

### *Holy Day of Obligation*

*This Tuesday we will celebrate  
The Assumption of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary.*

*The anticipated Mass will be 5:30 p.m.  
Monday with two Masses on the  
holy day: 6:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.*

There will be an **Hour of Adoration for Priests** followed by Benediction at St. Anthony Church in Quincy Sunday, August 20 from 3-4 p.m. All are invited to come and pray for your priests.

### Happy Birthday!

Parishioner Margaret (Morris) Andrews will celebrate her 100th birthday on August 18. Marg is a lifelong member of St. Francis. She and her husband Don also were active Secular Franciscans.

Congratulations on this milestone, Marg! Her family would like to thank everyone who has wished her a happy birthday and please keep Marg in your prayers.

### Rest in Peace

Joanne Greving

June 26, 1936—August 2, 2023

### 3rd Annual Allison Holbrook Memorial Car and Truck Show

August 20, 7:30 a.m.-Noon on College Street  
in front of the school.

#### Parishioner entries only.

We're looking for cars, tractors, boats and motorcycles that are 30+ years old.

Contact Deacon Dennis, 217-257-4384 or Alan Blickhan, 217-257-1445 for more information.

### Divorce and Beyond

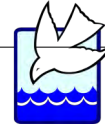
Is a workshop designed for divorced people to offer support beyond the pain of divorce.

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](mailto:julie.gunn@comcast.net)

*United in Holy Matrimony  
August 5, 2023 in St. Francis Solanus  
Alysse Smith and Joe Huebener  
Congratulations!*



*Congratulations and Welcome!*

*Ford Thomas Venvertloh*

*Son of Maxwell and Kaelie Venvertloh*

*And*

*Bryer William Stout & Emersyn Rae Stout*

*Children of Curtis and Katelyn Stout*

*All baptized into the Catholic faith*

*August 6, 2023*

### Golf Outing to Benefit Hope House of Quincy

Sunday, August 27, 1 p.m. at Westview Golf Course.  
Cost is \$75 per player or \$300 per team.

Hope House desires to provide housing, education, jobs and mentors to walk alongside women in their time of uncertainty.

Contact Ray Wheeler at 217-779-8065 if you can play, donate, or if you have any questions.

Please find the flyer and signup sheet in our gathering space for the **Quincy Deanery CCW summer gathering Wednesday, August 30** at Holy Family Catholic Church in Mt. Sterling. The day begins at 7:30 with Adoration.

We learn, pray, gather new information and ideas to take to our parishes and families and have fun making new connections in the faith. All ages are welcome. This is the month of the Immaculate Heart and we have some great ideas to pass along for family spirituality and for kids.

Please call 217-285-5483 if you have questions.



**Holy Name News**

The next Holy Name meeting will be on Wednesday, September 13 at 6 p.m. to discuss the annual golf outing, which raises money for the school. Please stay tuned to the bulletin for details about the golf outing.

**Knights of Columbus News**

The K of C BBQ is this weekend, August 11, 12 and 13. Go to our website, [quincykofc.org](http://quincykofc.org), for all of the details. The Thursday night raffle will be back this Thursday, August 17 with tickets on sale from 6-7:45, drawing at 8 p.m.

*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.*

**Ladies of St. Francis News:**

Thank you to everyone who contributed recipes! The first card party of the year is September 7. The first Ladies dinner meeting will be Tuesday, September 19. We hope to see you there!

**You're invited to Women's Saints Study!**

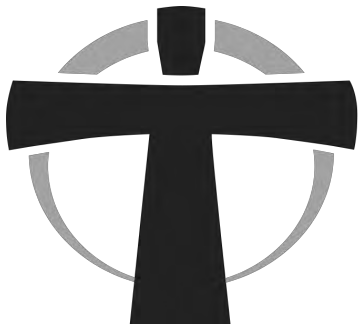
Women of all ages: Did you know that we meet once a month from 7-9 p.m. with a guest speaker who covers a different saint each month, followed by book study. Now is the time to join as we begin our new book. You also are welcome to come for the speaker only.

Join us **Tuesday, August 29 at 7 p.m. in the parish center** for a casual review of the Mother Angelica presentation from last year with Sarah Venvertloh. Mother Angelica will be featured in our book *Mother Angelica's Guide to the Spiritual Life* for the upcoming year. For help getting the book, or if you have questions, please contact Karen Weiman, 217-242-5513 or Kelli Lunt, 217-617-1566. Also, mark your calendars for the first speaker of the year, followed by book study on **Tuesday, September 5 at 7 p.m. in the parish center**. The guest speaker is Hope Glidewell, who will cover the Fall of Eve in the garden. Please join us and invite friends!

If you're wondering what the **Stewardship committee** does, and thinking you might want to get involved, please attend their next regular meeting on **Tuesday, August 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center**.

The annual stewardship renewal packets will be coming out soon. Please prayerfully consider renewing your current commitments or trying a new group to join. There's no time like the present to get involved!

***Krispy Kreme Fundraiser for Fire Fighter Steve Pezzella Memorial Garden*** — *This is an Eagle Scout project for Zach Deters, a member of our youth group. Steve Pezzella was a Quincy fire fighter and a member of St. Francis. He died in a whitewater rafting accident in Colorado. The donuts will be \$14 for one dozen glazed. Pick up Saturday morning, August 19 from 9-11 at the central fire station, 906 Vermont St. Text the quantity by Monday, August 14 to 217-740-7250. Please have exact change for your pick up.*



# St. Francis Solanus School

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## **St. Francis Solanus School Enrollment**

***Did you know that our school enrolls students throughout the school year? We are still accepting preschool through eighth grade students for the 2023-24 school year that begins August 16.***

***You may submit an inquiry on the parish website in the School section. You may also request to talk to Principal Julie Radel about enrollment: [jradel@stfrancissolanus.com](mailto:jradel@stfrancissolanus.com).***

**Preschool Class Openings** — We have space for three and four year old children in our preschool class that meets Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 8:00-11:00. Jennifer Mast is the teacher. Please invite families with a child in that age range. Call the school office at 217-222-4077 if you are interested. You also may contact [school@stfrancissolanus.com](mailto:school@stfrancissolanus.com).

## **We have a new Youth Minister!**

We are pleased to announce the hiring of Jane Ann Petty as our new Youth Minister. Jane Ann brings a vibrancy to St. Francis Solanus and we look forward to watching her expand this program for us and our community.

Please congratulate Jane Ann when you see her and stay tuned for upcoming events once school starts.

## **PSR Returns Monday, September 11**

Beginning at 6 p.m. with Holy Mass followed by our Meet-the-Teacher evening. Registration packets are available at the entrances to church.

## **Back-to-School Cocktail Party**



Shake off the stress of back-to-school and join us for a cocktail party hosted by the QCES Foundation on **Friday, August 18** from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at The Dock, 1021 Bonansinga. Enjoy drinks, a food truck, games and more. **Free-will donations at the door support the QCES Foundation.**

For more information call 217-779-3157.

## **School Dates:**

**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.

August 19-20	Altar Server - Weekend	Communion Minister	Usher	Reader	Greeter/Gift Bearer
<b>Saturday 4:30 p.m.</b>	Owen Wheeler Riley Sparks	Phyllis Knuffman Roger Knuffman Michelle Obert Karrie Cramsey-Groll	Jim Kaiser Tom Liesen Harold Vahle Greg Ehrhardt Michael Eling Tom Ennis	Steve Davis	Janice Wiemelt Peggy Kaiser  <b>Gift Bearer</b> Chrystia Hea
<b>Sunday 7:00 a.m.</b>	Isaac Steinkamp	Don Winking Pat Winking Jan Zeidler Bridget Ehrhart	Joyce Frericks Kevin Frericks George Venvertloh Joe Bernhardt John Beckman Janet Marquette	Roseann Gosnell	Emmie Venvertloh Sandra Banning  <b>Gift Bearer</b> Sarah Lugering
<b>Sunday 9:00 a.m.</b>	Genevieve Hamann Adler Hamann	Carol Haistings Caitlin Kendrick Anne Meyer Cindy Grawe	Rob Haistings Neal Blickhan Jason Costigan Diann Cole Mike Patterson Gary Darnell	Thomas Hummel	Jeannie Thomas Jill Blickhan  <b>Gift Bearer</b> <b>2 Needed Please</b>
<b>Sunday 11:00 a.m.</b>	Will Eling Ben Eling	Alice Arnold Rebecca Wear Debra Beard Marvin Knuffman	Bud Voss Ron Gengenbacher Marty Karhoff Mike Fessler Don Olps Steve Obert	Rosanna Voss	Doris Karhoff Nancy Hufendick  <b>Gift Bearer</b> Jamie Friye
<b><u>Saturday Morning</u></b> <b><u>Mass Server</u></b>		<b>August 19, 2023</b>	<b>Alyssa Cole and Brady Koetters</b>		

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