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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.

7wenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary 7ime SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

Sirach 27:30–28:7; Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18: 21-35

The Gospel selection is taken from "the Sermon on the Church." How many times should you forgive an offense? In the time of Jesus, the Scribes argued about this. Most of them said that we might forgive a person three times; they said that only God could forgive four times and that was the most.

Peter, then, thinks that he is being big-hearted when he asks Jesus if they should forgive "seven" times. Jesus replies, "Not seven times; but seventy times seven times!" This was unheard of. But it gives us one of the basic roots of our faith; it tells us how our faith is different from all other religions of the world.

Our faith is based on forgiveness. God is infinitely merciful. He forgives the unforgivable. He constantly calls sinners to repentance. He reaches out to those who do not deserve forgiveness. *And he expects us to do the same!* No other religion in the world has such a belief in the merciful forgiveness of God.

The "huge amount" which is forgiven in the Gospel is actually a specific figure: "10,000 talents." A talent was a measure of silver or gold; 10,000 talents would be worth about \$18,000,000.00! The "mere fraction" was also a specific figure: "100 Denarii." This would be worth about \$15.00! The lesson, of course, is that God has forgiven us infinitely, and he expects us to be forgiving of others.

The first reading tells us that we must not hang on to our anger or it will consume us. We cannot be unforgiving of others and expect God to forgive us. A paraphrase of this is in this Lord's Prayer, where we pray that we shall be forgiven only if God forgives us.

The second reading tells us that we are not our own. We belong to the Lord and are responsible to him. Let us reflect his forgiveness in our lives.

--Msgr. William Carr
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24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

This weekend we focus on the need for forgiveness. Sirach and the Gospel of Matthew are explicit about our need to forgive others. Not only do these passages tell us to forgive but they make it plainly clear that if we don't forgive, we will not be forgiven. Sirach tells us today to get rid of vengeance, wrath, and anger out of our lives. Sirach bluntly tells us that we will be forgiven as we forgive, to live out the commandments, and to remember the covenant with the Lord.

The Gospel of Matthew gives us Peter asking the question how often we must forgive. Peter thinks he is being insanely generous by saying seven times which is purposely being used as a covenantal number. Jesus responds not seven times but 77 times. This takes me back to my childhood. When I was a kid oftentimes people would start throwing out numbers of things how about five times or how about 10 times and then eventually somebody would always have said how about Infinity times. Or they would say something like Infinity times Infinity. This is basically what Jesus is doing here. By saying 77 times He's taking the covenantal number of perfection and duplicating it which is like saying Infinity times Infinity. He then tells the story of the master and the servants needing forgiveness. Not only does the master give this man more time to pay back his debt but he forgives the entirety of the debt. Brothers and sisters this is good news for us because this is what God does for us. The good news is the fact that we could not repay our debt to the Lord for what we have done in our sin, but he paid the debt for us completely and gave us forgiveness and love in return. To receive that forgiveness and love we must also be willing to give that forgiveness and love.

So whatever grudges you are holding in your heart, get rid of them. Yes, I know someone hurt you, but it is time to forgive them, give that hurt to the cross, and let it go. In doing this that person no longer has any control or hold over you. You are truly free. If we are not willing to forgive though and still hold on to that grudge, we will not be forgiven into eternity. Heed this warning! And forgive your brother from your heart.

Lately, we have been having trouble with people signing up for adoration on Wednesdays. A parish our size should not have any trouble with this. It is only 8 hours of adoration one day a week. I know of parishes that are a quarter of our size that do 24-hour adoration 365 days a year. We must step up to make this prayer opportunity available not just for our brothers and sisters in Christ to experience a deeply prayerful connection with the Lord Jesus but most specifically so that our children in the school are afforded this opportunity. If we can't start filling all the slots, we will have to cease this opportunity for our children and do we really want to take that experience of Christ away from them? Jesus in exposition CANNOT be left unattended, which means we must have someone signed up and committed to being with Him, so that we can make this opportunity available to all. Please sign up for this amazing opportunity and do your part, especially in this year of the Eucharist where we are supposed to be re-devoting ourselves to the true presence of Christ.

Fr. Rafal and I will be gone this week for a few days to attend the priest convocation in Collinsville. It is a required attendance event, but also a great opportunity for all the priests to gather together for fellowship and continued formation. Therefore, we will not have masses on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week, but instead will have communion services for the opportunity to still receive communion. Thank you to Deacon Wayne Zimmerman and Deacon Dennis Holbrook for making these services possible. Pray for more priests and pray for the priests of our diocese who will be all gathered this week.

Lastly, we are beginning our stewardship renewal, so please be attentive to the information that is mailed to you and the information on the bulletins and presentations at mass! Take this time to renew yourselves in the Lord and recommit yourselves to discipleship.

Weekday Mass Intentions

September 18 Monday	6:30 a.m.	Howard Kapp		
September 19 Tuesday	6:30 a.m.			
	5:30 p.m.			
September 20 Wednesday	6:30 a.m.			
	5:30 p.m.			
September 21 Thursday	6:30 a.m.			
	5:30 p.m.			
September 22 Friday	6:30 a.m.	Jordan Peterson		
September 23 Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Doris Burris and Robert F. Blickhan		
	4:30 p.m.	Alvera Bardon and Don Klingele		
September 24 Sunday	7:00 a.m.	Thompson Poore and Margaret Blaesing		
	9:00 a.m.	Bill & Katie Brink		
	11:00 a.m.	The Parishioners of St. Francis		

Week of 9/10/2023		YTD
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	week		
Regular Collection	\$14,775.50	\$247,869.58	
Loose Collection	\$1,560.06	\$16,458.07	
Total Collection	\$16,335.56	\$264,327.65	
Needed Support	\$30,235.00	\$332,585.00	
Difference	-\$13,899.44	-\$68,257.35	

Other Giving

Annual School Fund	\$1,668.00	
August Capital Campaign	\$160.00	

This week in the Parish: Monday, September 18 6:30 a.m. Mass ● 6:00 p.m. PSR • 7:00 p.m. Rosary 7:15 p.m. BEAR youth group meeting Tuesday, September 19 6:30 a.m. Communion Service • 9:00 a.m. Ladies of St. Francis Quilting 5:30 p.m. Communion Service 6:00 p.m. Ladies of St. Francis meeting • 6:30 p.m. Divorce and Beyond • 7:00 p.m. The Belonging Wednesday, September 20 6:30 a.m. Communion Service • 5:30 p.m. Communion Service 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice 7:00 p.m. Men's Prayer Group • Thursday, September 21 6:30 a.m. Communion Service 9:00 a.m. Ladies of St. Francis Quilting 5:30 p.m. Communion Service 6:30 p.m. Troop 22 meeting • 6:30 p.m. OCIA meeting • 6:30 p.m. Finance Council Friday, September 22 6:30 a.m. Mass Saturday, September 23 ● 8:00 a.m. Mass 8:30 a.m. Reconciliation 3:00 p.m. Reconciliation • 4:30 p.m. Mass

Father Arisman and Father Rafal will be out of town this Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, September 19-21 to attend a Priest Convocation in Collinsville.

In place of daily Mass there will be a Communion Service on those days, and no confession on Wednesday.

Please pray for our priests!

Attention: The next round of the Ministry Schedule will start October 2 and run through December 31. Please look at your calendars and update your availability through MSP by this Monday, September 18. Please take into consideration the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. If you need a copy of your schedule they will be on a table in the north entrance in the gathering space.

Also, if there are any **altar servers** who are available for the **7 a.m. Mass on Sundays**, please update this availability as we have very few to choose from currently.

St. Francis could not function without the generosity of you sharing your time and talents. Thank you for these gifts!

Sisters of St. Francis of The Martyr St. George are having a Women's Discernment Retreat

September 29-October 1 at the St. Francis

Convent in Alton. This is for single Catholic women ages 18-30. Come for a weekend of prayer and community and have an experience of religious life. To register scan the QR code or go to: altonfranciscans.org or email

Sr. M. Karolyn at vocations@altonfranciscans.org.



St. Anthony Men's Society Chicken Dinner is this **Sunday, September 17** from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. \$12 for a quarter-chicken meal; \$16 for a half-chicken meal.

St. Anthony Ladies Society Fall Craft/Vendor Show will be Saturday, October 7 from 9 a.m.- 2 p.m. in the parish hall. If you are interested in having a booth contact Janet Bick, 217-430-7256 or Tawny Benz, 217-257-0847.

Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women 95th Annual Convention: Christ is Alive

8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, September 27 at Sacred Heart Griffin west campus in Springfield.

Registration is \$50 and includes morning refreshments and lunch. Register by calling the parish office or picking up a registration form in the gathering space. Contact

Janet Zimmerman with questions: janetzim14@yahoo.com or 217-494-4743.

Food Pantry Requests Dish Soap and Shampoo

The Food Pantry has recently had difficulty accessing large amounts of dish soap and shampoo at good prices. Please help restock the pantry with these items. There are containers at all entrances to church for donations.

Thank you!

St. Francis School Golf Outing

There's still time for teams to sign up for the golf outing to benefit our school. The event takes place at Westview Golf Course, **Sunday, September 24** at 11:30 a.m., with a shotgun start at 12:30. Food before and after the outing and prizes at each hole.

Cost is \$70 per person.

 ${\it Hole sponsorship\ posters\ are\ available\ for\ \$100.}$

To sign up for golf or a hole sponsorship contact Dan Hoffman at 217-617-3537 or danhoffman300@hotmail.com.

The next **Quest 24 Hour Retreat** takes place
October 6-7. If you are between the ages of 13-15
please consider signing up! Quest is a fast-paced,
24-hour Christian experience. It is a time to come
together to find out about God, friendships and self.
Please see **greatrivertec.org** for more details.

There will be an hour of Adoration for Priests followed by Benediction at St. Brigid Church, 706 N. Main, Liberty, this Sunday, September 17 from 3-4 p.m.

All are invited to come and pray for your priests.

Holy Name News

Thanks to everyone who attended our last Holy Name meeting September 13. Teams, sponsors and other help is needed for the Golf Outing September 24. Please stay tuned to the bulletin for details about the outing.

Knights of Columbus News

The Thursday night raffle is back with tickets on sale from 6-7:45, drawing at 8 p.m. The jackpot should be nearly \$26,800 this week. Friday night chicken dinners are back starting this Friday, September 22. Drive through or eat in. \$13 for a half chicken and all the sides.

Adoration at St. Francis — There will be no adoration this Wednesday, September 20 since our priests are out of town at a diocese-wide convocation.

Rest in Peace Mary Costigan July 2, 1930 — September 5, 2023

Stewardship Renewal Next Sunday is Commitment Sunday

Please take a moment to reflect on how you are involved at St. Francis Solanus. Do you serve in parish ministries? Do you attend Parish-wide events? Are you taking steps to improve your spiritual life and further study our Catholic faith? The Commitment Card you received in the mail offers suggestions for how you can take a step forward in each of these areas. Don't forget to bring your Commitment Card to Mass next weekend or fill one out online at stfrancissolanus.com.

Ladies of St. Francis News:

It's time for our first Ladies of St. Francis dinner meeting of the year, this **Tuesday, September 19.** There will be a communion service at 5:30, dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7. There will be a guest speaker to share information about Hope House. And since it's back-to-school time, please bring a school picture of yourself to share with your table. But don't tell anyone which one is yours!

To reserve a spot for dinner call Jan Zeidler at 217-779-0290 by **Sunday, September 17**. Cost is \$10 per person. We hope you will join us for some great food, faithful reflection and fun! And thank you to everyone who made our first Card Party a great success! The next card party is October 5.



Happy Bírthday! Paríshíoner Angela Huner turns 100 years old on September 25. Congratulations Angela on thís mílestone bírthday!

QND Pom "Eras" Camp: Taylor Swift Theme Friday, September 29, 5:45 until end of halftime.

<u>Who</u>: Girls in preschool—8th grade (ages 3+) <u>When</u>: Check in 5:15-5:45 in QND Lobby Where: QND gym, 10th and Jackson

<u>Cost</u>: \$30. Includes t-shirt, food and admission to the game.

To guarantee a t-shirt size register by Friday, September 22.

Pre-registration not required but recommended.

For more information contact coach

Jennifer Duesterhaus at andpomcoaches@gmail.com.





We are still looking for more learners in our three and four year-old **half-day preschool** class.

It meets Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday from 8:10-11 a.m.

Jen Mast and Connie Sibbing teach this group.

Please contact the school for a tour, a trial class or more information:

217-222-4077 or jradel@stfrancissolanus.com.





St. Francis Solanus School alum Greg Walz recently spoke to an eighth grade class during their library time. Mr. Walz donates approximately one book each week to our school library and has done this for nine years.

September Dates to Note:

Monday, September 18—PTO sponsors Art Night for the whole family.

Tuesday, September 26—All-city Mass at QND at 9:30 a.m.

Friday, October 6—NO SCHOOL.
Teacher meetings.



September 23-24	Altar Server - Weekend	Communion Minister	Usher	Reader	Greeter/Gift Bearer
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Riley Sparks Kylie Sparks	John Venegoni Nancy Venegoni Teena Fisk Jessica Veith	Tom Ennis Mary Ann Thomas Philip Kemner Zachary Maas Michael Bickhaus Joe Venvertloh	Maureen Makarewicz Martin Makarewicz	Betty Kaufmann Tim & Cindy Reichert Gift Bearer Randy Zecchel
Sunday 7:00 a.m.	2 Needed Please	Damian McDonald Kay Gallaher Gary Winking Sue Winking	Larry Klauser Gary Terwelp Jerry Carnivale Auris McGee Roger Gallaher 1 Needed Please	Paul Brown	Jerry Meyer Sandra Banning Gift Bearer Kathy Klauser
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Whitney Ormond Allison Ormond	Linda Burke Donna Mangold Patricia Paxton William Paxton	Mike Patterson Mark Meyer Steven Eling Bing Lammers Mike Zanger Samuel Zanger	Paul Martin	Prudy Patterson Jan Zeidler Gift Bearer Roberta Meyer
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Reno Venvertloh Urban Venvertloh	Doris Karhoff Carol Steinbrecher Marvin Knuffman Michael Wand	Marty Karhoff Rose Willer Brent Frericks Bud Voss Diann Cole Melissa Arnold	Kimberly Knotts	Patricia Tomczak Gift Bearer Sam Vranjes
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