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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.

# Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time OCTOBER 22, 2023

Isaiah 45:1,4-6; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b; Matthew 22:15-21

The Pharisees and Herodians were mortal enemies. The Pharisees thought that Roman rule over the Jewish people was blasphemy; the Herodians supported Roman rule. Both groups unite to pose a dilemma to Jesus: Should a person pay taxes to Rome?

If Jesus answers "yes," he alienates all observing Jews. If he answers "no," he would be arrested by the Romans. He gets off the horns of the dilemma by using a coin, and telling people to give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, but to God what belongs to God.

But he doesn't solve the problem. What belongs to the secular sphere? What belongs to God? Can religion impose on the natural order those principles which can only be known if one accepts faith?

Some things are obviously secular: for example, protection of rights and of the public order, roads and transportation. Some things are obviously religious. But many things are mixed, such as education, public morality, and the means of communication. The problem will probably never be solved, but reasonable people must always strive to cooperate while avoiding extreme positions.

The first reading is praise of a pagan secular ruler. Cyrus of Persia is even called "the Lord's anointed." The word used is "messiah!" The reading points out that Cyrus is great because of God, even though he doesn't know God!

The second reading is the beginning of the very first book of the New Testament to be written. Paul wrote to the Thessalonians around 51 A.D. to solve problems about the "Second Coming." Paul had preached that Jesus would return in glory very soon. When he didn't, some of the Thessalonians were discouraged. Paul urges them to faith, hope, and constancy in spite of difficulties.

--Msgr. William Carr
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#### 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### Imago Dei—In The Image of God

What a tremendous joy it is to return to you this weekend for the Saturday anticipatory Mass here at St. Francis Solanus and to bring with me, my formator, Fr. Fadi Auro, and my brother seminarians from Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, in their first year, known as the propaedeutic stage. These men come from a diverse range of backgrounds, some fresh out of college, some after a career. Some are converts to the faith while others are cradle Catholics or "reverts" to the faith.

Each of these men share a common identity with you—they are sons of the Father. You are a son or daughter of the Father. You are fearfully and wonderfully made (Ps. 119:14) in the image and likeness of God, that is, *Imago Dei* (Genesis 1:27). God made you so he could love you. He loves all things that exist, hates nothing He has made, because if He hated it, He would not have made it (Wisdom 11:24).

These men are healing from a culture which thinks that man is not made good. If we were not made in goodness and love, then why would Jesus call us to be like little children (Matt. 18:3)? Indeed, we are born into original sin but this is not a sin which we have committed, rather it is a sin we inherit. At the baptismal font, we are freed from the sin of Adam and born again in water and spirit (John 3:5), a beautiful grafting onto the body of Christ, bringing us into His bride, the Church he established (Matt. 16:18).

Yet, we find ourselves desiring what is not actually good. We have poor eyesight so often to see the true good God desires for us. Our world today makes this more difficult. We live in a culture which both blatantly and subtly rejects the truth and the freedom Christ desires for us (Galatians 5). This is easier to say than to live for us. In our own families, we can desire to place what seems good above what is actually good. Parents can find themselves placing their kids before all else when we're called to place God first (Matt 6:33). Jesus calls us to be childlike. He calls us to trust him with confidence. He calls us to be His. Do you desire to live in true freedom?

In this Sunday's gospel, a trap is laid for Jesus. Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar? As Illinoisans I suspect we all have strong opinions on taxation but notice instead how Jesus responds. "Render unto Caesar what is Caesar's and unto God what is God's." You've heard this before. I won't bore you with talk of civic duty and obligations to support the Church.

Caesar, a pagan emperor of Rome, including Jerusalem, was actually pretty accommodating to the Jewish people. Remember Rome rebuilt the temple and despite being a pantheistic form of paganism, Rome allowed for the Jewish people to worship. This was very different from the occupation the Maccabees revolted against.

We owe what is owed in terms of the dignity of the lender. To the bank holding your mortgage, you owe repayment. To your spouse you owe fidelity. To your parents you owe respect. We owe different things to different people. Highest in dignity and surpassing any lender is God. We owe everything first and foremost to God. All creation exists because God loves. Even Caesar, a pagan, is loved by God—whether Caesar responded accordingly is debatable. Caesar had his face, his image, his likeness minted into the Roman coinage. Caesar, is made *Imago Dei*, made in the image and likeness of God. Caesar possesses dignity.

Are you responding accordingly to God's dignity and His love for you? Or do you avoid Him like you avoid a bill in the mailbox?

God gives us everything including our own being. He doesn't ask for gold or silver. He asks for our hearts. He calls us to be with Him. The sacraments certainly draw us into the relationship He desires with us.

Have you considered incorporating a regular holy hour into your day to spend with Jesus? Thanks be to God that here at St. Francis Solanus, the church is open throughout the day for you to come, sit, and rest in relationship with our Eucharistic Lord. Your parish even has the opportunity to be with Him more intimately in Eucharistic Adoration weekly. Would you give the Lord what is His—your very self? He wants you, woundedness and all.

Thomas Marten, Seminarian Diocese of Springfield in Illinois Kenrick-Glennon Seminary 5200 Glennon Drive St. Louis, MO 63119

P.S.—Thank you all for the many kind notes, they mean a lot! Your prayers for me, my brother seminarians, and for the young men and women here discerning God's will for them are most appreciated!

## Weekday Mass Intentions

October 23 Monday	6:30 a.m.	Clara O'Brien		
October 24 Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Nate Gilbert		
	5:30 p.m.	Donnella Doctor		
October 25 Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	Priscilla Morrison		
	5:30 p.m.	Mr. and Mrs. Paul Maguire		
October 26 Thursday	6:30 a.m.	John Ohnemus and Mary Dadant		
	5:30 p.m.	Mr. and Mrs. George and Bernadine Venvertloh		
October 27 Friday	6:30 a.m.	John Ohnemus and Steve McNally		
October 28				
Saturday		No Masses Scheduled		
October 29 Sunday	7:00 a.m.	The Parishioners of St. Francis		
	9:00 a.m.	Bill & Katie Brink		
	11:00 a.m.	Jeannette & Charles Carlson		

Week of 10/15/2023	Week	YTD	
Regular Collection	\$25,880.50	\$369,089.37	
Loose Collection	\$1,788.00 \$24,690.88		
Total Collection	\$27,668.50	\$393,780.25	
Needed Support	\$30,235.00	\$483,760.00	
Difference	-\$2,566.50	-\$89,979.75	

Annual School Fund	\$724.00
Capital	\$1,340.00
Campaign	

Thank you for your continued support of our Parish and School.

#### This week in the Parish:

#### Monday, October 23

- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 6:00 p.m. PSR
- 7:00 p.m. Rosary
- 7:15 p.m. BEAR youth group meeting

#### Tuesday, October 24

- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 9:00 a.m. Ladies of St. Francis Quilting
- 5:30 p.m. Mass
- 6:15 p.m. Women's Prayer Group
- 6:30 p.m. Divorce and Beyond
- 6:30 p.m. Truth Seekers
- 6:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee
- 7:00 p.m. The Belonging

#### Wednesday, October 25

- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 8:35 a.m. SF School Mass
- 9:00 a.m. Adoration
- 5:30 p.m. Mass
- 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

#### Thursday, October 26

- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 9:00 a.m. Ladies of St. Francis Quilting
- 5:30 p.m. Mass
- 6:30 p.m. OCIA meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Troop 22 meeting

#### Friday, October 27

- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 3:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop #5184, #5950
  - meetings

#### Saturday, October 28

Eucharistic Congress—No Events

# Reminder! Due to the Eucharistic Congress there will be no Masses or Reconciliation on Saturday, October 28.

**KofC 2024 Calendar Raffle for Charity**: The Knights of Columbus 2024 Calendar Raffle has started, which helps support our catholic schools as well as other charitable causes such as Ladies of Charity and Birthright. Please consider purchasing a raffle calendar for \$25 with 366 chances to win \$24,450 in cash prizes. They make great Christmas gifts! The calendars are available at the KofC main building during business hours or by calling Mike Schlipmann at 653-9318 or John Veith at 653-0258. Thank for your consideration and support.

### A Breakfast for Women SAVE the DATE

December 9 at 9 a.m.
Fr. James Wheeler OFM will be the inspirational speaker. More details to come!
Hospitality Ministry
Linda Zanger and Marcia Steinkamp

#### Pennies (and More) For Life

Please make an active commitment to the pro-life cause.

Dig into your pockets, purses, and piggy banks to contribute to the Right to Life of Adams County "Pennies for Life" campaign. Each parishioner is encouraged to contribute at least 1 cent for each year of his life, in gratitude to God for the gift of life. A collection will be taken this weekend, with volunteers at each door at the end of each Mass to gratefully accept your donations.

Thank you for helping the Right to Life of Adams County.

#### **Advent Giving Tree**

We will have the Advent Giving Tree once again this year. We ask that if you know of any school family, or family registered as a parishioner in St. Francis Parish who could use some help at Christmas, please come forward by Monday, October 30, and let the committee know. You may submit a name sealed in an envelope and bring it to the Parish Office. Or you may call Pat Holbrook, 217-257-2570 or Mary Ann Cornwell, 217-430-0528. Parishioners also are encouraged to come forward and ask our faith community for assistance with a self referral if needed. Please call Pat Holbrook or Mary Ann Cornwell with these requests as well. This program is parishioners helping our own parish family. This year we would like to include parishioners residing in nursing homes, so you will see some different requests on the tags this year. There will be many opportunities to donate this season for community outreach as well. Please do not feel that you have to give to each request but choose the ones that you prefer.

#### **St Francis Stewardship Committee**

We continue to seek new members to bring fresh ideas and help implement them in our parish. One of the more recent endeavors has been led by Mary Fitzsimmons regarding a new hospital ministry visiting parishioners who are inpatient at Blessing Hospital. Please join us at out next meeting Tuesday, October 24 at 6:15 in the Parish Center.

Congratulations and Welcome

Emmitt Louis Hightower

Son of

Adam and Dr. Daryle Hightower

Baptized into the Catholic faith

October 15, 2023



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

The Thursday night raffle is growing with tickets on sale from 6-7:45, drawing at 8 p.m. The jackpot should be over \$28,000 this week. Friday night chicken dinners are back! Drive through or eat in. \$13 for a half chicken and all the sides. Monthly breakfasts are the first Sunday of each month from 8:30-noon. Go to quincykofc.org for more information.

#### 2023 Memorial Mass

Our 2023 Memorial Mass will be held on All Souls Day, November 2 at 5:30 p.m. Our parishioners who died between September 1, 2022 and August 31, 2023 will be honored. A box will be placed in the Gathering Space if you would like to drop off a photo of your loved one, which will be displayed at this Mass. Please make sure to have your name on the photo. Please make sure to take the photo back after this Mass.

A light reception will follow in Solanus Hall

St. Francis Solanus 2023 Memorial Mass Honorges

Gerald Ohnemus James Zanger

Arlene Koch Richard Shankland

Paul Kemner Edward Huner

Rosemary Hinkamper Kent Humphrey

Thompson Poore Roger Hadfield

Donna Milgrim Norma Obert

Thomas Ketchum Joyce Vandenboom

Margherita Schutte Rick Straley

Clara O'Brien Richard Kansteiner

Sandra Schutte Robert Blickhan

John Kahs Josephine Ann McPherson

Isabel Martin Allensworth Jordan Peterson

Doris Burris Jack Cosgrove

Phyllis Orr Richard Venvertloh

Charlotte Stroot Linda Blickhan

James Davis Joseph Eling

John Ohnemus Mary Deters

Mary Greving Ruth Hoebing

Terry Niewohner

For any family who may have experienced a miscarriage in 2023, we would like to add this intention to the Memorial Mass list as well, please contact the parish office.

#### Ladies of St. Francis News:

The final Card Party of 2023 takes place Thursday, November 2 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Don Altgilbers will be preparing the meal. One member of your party can call Pat Winking to make your reservation, 217-257-0416.

Thanks to our priests and all the ladies who attended our dinner/meeting this past week. Our next meeting will be our holiday dinner on November 28 with the QND chorus singing Christmas music! Make plans to attend this gathering.



#### St. Francis Fall Harvest Food Drive October 16-November 12

Grocery sacks are located at church entrances. Bring your donations to church and put into the Food Pantry containers. Monetary donations also are appreciated. If you give money, please write "bike" on the envelope for a matching donation from the Wiewel Family Bikathon.

Here are items typically included in a food pantry delivery:

Toilet paper, canned soup, jelly, bar soap, mixed fruit, peanut butter, shampoo, canned peaches, cereal, dish soap, canned beans, pancake mix, toothpaste, canned corn, syrup, laundry detergent, instant potatoes, spaghetti sauce, canned tuna, tuna helper, spaghetti, canned chicken, chicken helper, ground meat, simple crackers, hamburger helper, simple cookies, cheese slices, mac & cheese, pork & beans.

Items for the Food Nook are also a good way to contribute.

Thank you!

St. Edward, Mendon, Turkey Dinner
Sun., Oct. 29, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
\$12 for adults, \$8 for children 10 and under.
Carry-outs available for \$12 each.
Mass at 9:30 a.m.



#### **School Dates to Note:**

Sunday, October 22—PTO Fall Festival 4-6 p.m. at school.

Games, prizes, dancing, pumpkins, trunk or treat and more!

Food and drink available for purchase.

**Wednesday, October 25**—Home and Teacher Conferences.

Full school day.

**Thursday, October 26**—Home and Teacher Conferences. 11:30 dismissal

Friday, October 27—No School.





Memorials from Jeff Steinkamp were used to buy sets of Snap Circuits for our school.

Mr. Steinkamp was an engineer and liked to encourage young people with an interest in this area. Snap Circuits allow students to explore creating circuits in a playful manner, and the sets allow a class to use them together.

Pictured is Henry Stroot,

Mr. Steinkamp's grandson and a student at St. Francis School. Thank you to the donors who thought of our school!

October 29	Altar Server - Weekend	Communion Minister	Usher	Reader	Greeter Gift Bearer
Sunday 7:00 a.m.	Ben Eling Will Eling	Sue Winking Gary Winking Damian McDonald Gary Hilgenbrinck	Joyce Frericks Kevin Frericks George Venvertloh Rich Zeidler Larry Venvertloh Ed Zanger	Paul Brown	Emilie Venvertloh Jan Zeidler <b>Gift Bearer</b> Joe & Amber Terwelp
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Adayre Klauser Sam Bruening Peyton Kendrick	Jayna Klauser Steve McMillen Holly Hummel Carol Darnell	Bradyn Klauser Ryan Klauser Terry Kistner Roberta Meyer Troy Hummel Gary Darnell	James Cramsey Katherine Cramsey	Nancy Friye Jill Blickhan <b>Gift Bearer</b> Amanda Genenbacher
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Allie Vranjes Mia Vranjes Evan Reichert	Christy Woodward Marvin Knuffman Mike Holbrook Marcia Steinkamp	Brent Frericks Sam Vranjes Don Olps Melissa Arnold Steve Obert Marty Karhoff	Pam Frericks	Margaret Steinbrecher Nancy Hufendick <b>Gift Bearer</b> Doris Karhoff
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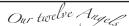
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