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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.

# Second Sunday of Easter

**APRIL 7, 2024** 

Acts 4:32-35; 1 John 5:1-6; John 20:19-31

In ancient times, those newly-baptized in the Easter Vigil received a white robe which they wore during the entire week after Easter. The robe was a symbol of their resurrection to grace and of their pledge to live always as a child of God.

On this Sunday, the Sunday after Easter, they laid aside these robes as a sign that now they were fullfledged Catholic Christians, ready to assume their responsibilities in the Church.

This Sunday then was called "The Sunday for the Laying Aside of the White Garments" (Dominica in Albis Deponendis), and later shortened to "White Sunday."

During Easter week, the neophytes had intensive formation in the sacramental life; it was called the "Mystagogic Catechesis" or the teaching on the mysteries. Nowadays, our new Catholics receive this deepened appreciation throughout the Easter Season.

The Sundays of the Easter Season reflect this emphasis on what it means to be a Christian. Our first reading today teaches that we must be of one mind and one heart; we must care for each other.

The second reading reminds us that we have been born as children of God, and we must act like it by our love of each other.

The Gospel not only gives us a vivid "proof" of Jesus' resurrection. It also gives us hope if we should ever backslide into sin: Jesus gave the power to forgive sin to his Church; he still shows us his mercy. Let us live according to our dignity, but if we fail, turn back immediately to the Lord for forgiveness.

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### 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

#### My Lord and My God!

Lent is over. Easter has come! The second Sunday of Easter has long meant I am deeply uncomfortable in the pew. On a shallow level, it isn't fun hearing my namesake, St. Thomas, in today's Gospel. The "Doubting Thomas" moniker always made me scoot down in the pew and blush a little as a kid.

But then I shed tears. Yes, this passage has brought me to tears and not out of embarrassment but out of being seen, being loved, and being invited into Christ's wounds He bears for me and you.

I, like you, bear wounds. Some wounds are earned in our compulsions, our sins. Some wounds we receive from broken homes, broken society, and a world after the fall of Adam and Eve.

There was a very significant wound in my life that I kept clutched deep in me. It was a wound that I refused to acknowledge and certainly not a wound for others to see let alone for God to be in.

This wound came from a lack of physical affection received as a child, from being bullied as a child, from a deeply negative view of myself. This led to a desire to be fulfilled. Sometimes that was through being a high achiever, sometimes that was through compulsive behaviors and habits. I was a mystery to myself, not understanding why I struggled with repetitive sins.

I blamed myself harshly. I viewed myself as a shameful, unlovable wretch of a man. I hated myself. I desired to not exist. Then graces started to make inroads in my heart, and I let my guard down a little bit.

Over and over again, God showed me He could be trusted. Little by very little, I began to trust in Him more. Wounds were being healed but I was holding back my deepest area of shame. Finally, Jesus gently nudged me in Eucharistic adoration last Fall to surrender more deeply to Him that burden I carried.

I did.

Far beyond my dreams, He entered into that wound. He showed me that the wound that ate up my heart, that hole in me, was the perfect size for placing His Eucharistic Heart in, making me His monstrance.

The Lord was providing me with grace and healing long before I finally cried out to Him in surrendering more completely to Him. He was patient with me. Allowing me to hold back some, allowing my trust and faith in Him to grow so I would be ready to take the leap into His arms. He has been restoring me to the child He received on May 5, 1991, when I was born again in the water and Holy Spirit in my Baptism.

There is a beautiful tradition in our faith of striking your breast when the priest raises the body and blood of Jesus

at the consecration (when the bells ring extra-long). Striking your breast three times, praying, "My Lord and my God!"

I wept thinking about His immense love for me. He has permitted me to ignore Him, reject Him, and yet He loves me, and desires for me to receive Him body, blood, soul and divinity every time I approach the altar in a state of grace.

"My Lord and my God," is a simple affirmation of faith. For St. Thomas, Jesus invited Him to a physical encounter to build up His belief. Jesus didn't reject him in his weakness, He drew Thomas into His precious wounds. He invites you too! Will you invite Him into your wounds?

Fr. Arisman may have shared with you a moving story of a man with some developmental issues in Springfield who would loudly shout out, "My Lord and my God!" at the consecration. While I don't encourage you to shout aloud, let your heart proclaim it. Beg Jesus to transform you and draw you in at every Mass.

His mercy abounds for you because He loves you even when you ignore Him.

The best way to receive Him is to do so having unburdened your sins. Confession is regularly offered. Has it been awhile? Don't let a month go by without going to confession to receive His divine mercy. He desires your good far more than you likely do. Let Him transform you in the Sacraments.

On April 15, I turn 33. Thirty-three is the age of our Lord when He entered into that most blessed and merciful act of love for you and me—His Passion, death and resurrection. I still have a long way to be configured to our Lord in love, but I do ask you to pray for me to grow in faith, hope and love as I continue to strive for His glory and my sanctification.

In Christ,

Thomas Marten, Seminarian Kenrick-Glennon Seminary 5200 Glennon Drive

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# Weekday Mass Intentions

April 8 Monday	6:30 a.m.	John Maxwell and Joe Ley		
April 9 Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Dan Richmiller		
	5:30 p.m.	Stan Musholt, Bernice Mowen		
April 10 Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	Bob Bastean		
	5:30 p.m.	Don McCaughey and Terry Leonard		
April 11 Thursday	6:30 a.m.	Joe Genenbacher		
	5:30 p.m.	Dan Richmiller and Barbara Ostermueller		
April 12 Friday	6:30 a.m.	Sharon Waterkotte		
April 13 Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Clara O'Brien and Barbara Vahle		
	4:30 p.m.	Angela Huner and Joseph Ley		
April 14 Sunday	7:00 a.m.	The Parishioners of St. Francis		
	9:00 a.m.	Bill & Katie Brink		
	11:00 a.m.	Mary Kay Farwell and Larry Costigan		

Week of 3/31/2024	Week	YTD	
Regular Collection	\$29,014.54	\$1,032,796.52	
Loose Collection	\$3,556.50	\$66,115.71	
<b>Total Collection</b>	\$32,571.04	\$1,098,912.23	
Needed Support	\$30,235.00	\$1,179,165.00	
Difference	\$2,336.04	-\$80,252.77	

Special Collections, March 2024: Alaska, \$1,810.21; Annual School Fund, \$15,446; Easter Flowers, \$3,900; Catholic Charities, \$786; Food Pantry, \$4,814; Rice Bowl, \$296; Centennial Campaign, \$1,025.

	Week	YTD		
Annual	\$1,455.00	\$153,090.78		
School Fund				

#### This week in the Parish:

#### Monday, April 8

- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 1:00 p.m. Principal's meeting
- 6:00 p.m. PSR
- 7:00 p.m. Rosary
- 7:15 p.m. BEAR meeting

#### Tuesday, April 9

- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 9:00 a.m. Ladies of St. Francis Quilters
- 5:30 p.m. Mass
- 6:30 p.m. Pastoral Council
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Prayer group
- 6:30 p.m. Scout Leader meeting
- 7:00 p.m. The Belonging

#### Wednesday, April 10

- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 9:30 a.m. Adoration
- 5:30 p.m. Mass
- 6:00 p.m. Holy Name meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Liturgy Planning committee

#### Thursday, April 11

- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 9:00 a.m. Ladies of St. Francis Quilting
- 1:00 p.m. Scripture Discussion group
- 5:30 p.m. Mass
- 6:30 p.m. OCIA
- 6:30 p.m. Scripture Discussion group
- 6:30 p.m. Troop 22 meeting

#### Friday, April 12

- 6:30 p.m. Mass
- 3:00 p.m. Youth Choir practice
- 6:00 p.m. PTO Trivia Night

#### Saturday, April 13

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 8:30 a.m. Reconciliation
- 12:30 p.m. Organ Recital
- 3:00 p.m. Reconciliation
- 4:30 p.m. Mass
- 5:30 p.m. Parish-wide get together

Thank you for your continued support of our parish and school.

#### **Divine Mercy Sunday Holy Hour**

Please plan to join us on Divine Mercy
Sunday, April 7 at 2 p.m. at St. Anthony
Church in Quincy. The Holy Hour will
include Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament, Confession and Rosaries. At
3 p.m. the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be
recited, followed by Benediction. Plan to join
us afterward for Divine Mercy
Sunday Sundaes!

### Quincy Catholic Schools Mega Raffle is back!

Tickets are on sale now. Only 4,000 tickets will be sold. Tickets must be turned in by May 3 to be eligible for the \$25,000 Early Bird drawing on May 17. The other cash prizes—\$100,000, \$25,000, \$15,000 and 37 more cash prizes—will be drawn on May 31.

Proceeds benefit the QCES Foundation, QND Foundation and Quincy's five Catholic schools. To get your tickets and for more information visit QuincyMegaRaffle.org.



Kristin Adams experienced severe complications while delivering twins last January. This raffle will help the family with living expenses and medical bills.



To Father Rafal on April 13.

Join us in wishing our parochial vicar a happy birthday!

We also want to wish Fr. Irenaeus Kimminau, O.F.M., a happy 103rd birthday on April 9. If you would like to send a card, his address is Quincy Healthcare, Rm. 215, 1410 N. 10th St., Quincy, 62301.



#### **Lenten Giving Stocked the Pantry Shelves**

The St. Francis Food Pantry shelves are better stocked this Easter season because of the parishioners who gave to the Forty Days of Lent Challenge and the St. Francis School Student Food Collection. Eighth graders and their teacher, Miss Arnold, brought the school donation over and helped put away the groceries. Just like Jesus, we are feeding those in need. Thank you to all who support St. Francis Community Assistance!

#### St. Francis Solanus Business Manager Position Available

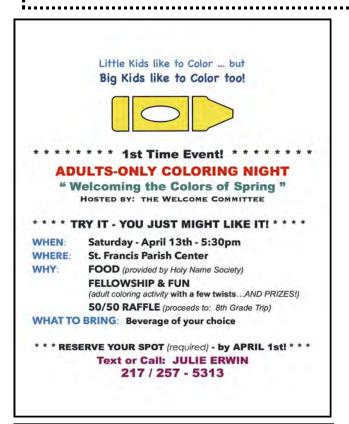
**Position Overview:** The Parish Business Manager will oversee the financial management, human resources, and day-to-day business operations of the parish.

Desired qualifications include: Proven experience in Business Administration, Finance or a related field; strong interpersonal and communication skills and a commitment to the parish's mission; experience with QuickBooks, Excel, HR and payroll preferred.

Applicants may send a resume and cover letter to Sue Holbrook, sholbrook@stfrancissolanus.com or to: Parish Office, 1721 College Ave., Quincy, IL., 62301.

<u>Holy Name News:</u> A big thank you to everyone who helped make the Palm Sunday Chicken Dinner a huge success! Special thanks to all of the Ladies of St. Francis who supplied us with a great assortment of desserts. The next Holy Name meeting is Wednesday, April 10 at 6 p.m. All men of the parish are welcome. Knights of Columbus News:

The Thursday Night Raffle jackpot is over \$14,000. Tickets are sold from 6-7:45 with the drawing at 8. Thank you to everyone who participated in our Friday night fish dinners. Ball season will be starting soon. No more Friday dinners until September. Visit quincykofc.org for more information.



If you have any gently used colored pencils or gel pens that you'd like to donate we would love to have them for our event. A drop-off box can be found in the gathering space. Thank you!

Illinois March for Life —Wednesday, April 17 at the Illinois State Capitol beginning at noon with a rally at the capitol followed by a march around the building at 1 o'clock. Right to Life of Adams County has reserved a motor coach. Cost is \$15 per person or \$25 for the bus and a box lunch. Call or text Lynn Schlipmann, 217-653-0075, to reserve your spot on the bus. The bus leaves from the Town and Country Inn and Suites in Quincy at 9 a.m. and will return to Quincy about 5 p.m.

Reservations requested by April 10, but will be

accepted until the bus is full. Go to

illinoismarchforlife.org for more information.

#### Ladies of St. Francis News:

Thank you for attending our April card party.

We appreciate your participation and support!

The next dinner meeting is Tuesday, April 16.

We will attend Mass at 5:30 and then have
dinner, followed by our meeting. Please join us!

Blessed Sacrament Pancake & Sausage Breakfast
All you can eat! April 14, 9:00—12:30.
School Cafeteria and Gathering Space,
1115 S. 7th St., Quincy.
Adults \$10; children under 12, \$5;
5 and under free.



#### **Volunteers Needed**

Date: Saturday, June 8, 2024, 5 p.m.-Midnight. We are looking for volunteers to work shifts during the picnic. To volunteer please visit stfrancissolanus.com/picnic or contact any committee member. The picnic is a huge success due to the generous time of the parishioners and friends who volunteer their time, energy and resources. The committee thanks all those who will be working and/or donating to the picnic to make it a success.

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St. Francis Solanus Youth Apostolate "Friends Who Bear the Love of Christ"

Monday, April 1 - Easter Picnic & Play

Meet at Upper Mooreman Park @ 11:30.

Menu: Ham Sandwiches, Chips, Fruit and Vegetables, and Water.

Sunday, April 7 - Divine Mercy Sunday

@ St. Anthony's. 2pm Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confession, and Rosary. 3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction.

Monday, April 8 - Game Night Pizza and Drinks provided.

Who: 6th - 12th grades Where: Parish Hall When: Mondays 7:15 - 8:30 coordinator Jane Ann Petty (217) 222-2898 x101 jpetty@stfrancissolanus.com



Profits will be used for Teacher Appreciation Week in May
Sign up forms available in school or parish office



Priya Mamdani (L) and Brady Koetters, both seventh graders at St. Francis School, participated in the Right to Life Essay Contest. Priya earned a first place and Brady was awarded Honorable Mention.



Pancake and Sausage Breakfast
Sunday, April 21 after the 7 and 9 o'clock
Masses in the Parish Center.

This breakfast will help the Seventh Grade class cover the cost of their Eighth Grade trip to Washington D.C. in October 2024. The class will be traveling with the St. Dominic School Eighth Grade.

April 13-14	Altar Server - Weekend	Communion Minister	Usher		Reader	Greeter/Gift Bearer
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Isaiah Wear Quinn Wiewel Thomas Wiewel	Christina Ehrhart Bridget Ehrhart Maureen Makarewicz Nancy Venegoni	Mary Ann Thomas Joe Venvertloh Andrew Wemhoener	Russell Rohrer Philip Kemner Jim Kaiser	Rebecca Wear	Theresa Rohrer <b>Gift Bearer</b> Judy Akers
Sunday 7:00 a.m.	Eli Terwelp Chloe Terwelp	Cindy Venvertloh Sarah Lugering Paulette Freiburg Arlene Hendren	Joyce Frericks George Venvertloh Perry Terwelp	Kevin Frericks Ed Zanger Jerry Carnivale	Steve Davis	Larry Klauser Jerry Meyer <b>Gift Bearer</b> Emilie Venvertloh
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Maiara Spradlin Hailey Terwelp Hunter Terwelp	Ric Hinkamper Jayna Klauser Leila Weppler Ann Betts	Ryan Klauser Aaron Kerkhoff Neal Blickhan	Bradyn Klauser Joseph Wiewel John McDowell	Monica Hinkamper	Jill Blickhan Prudy Patterson <b>Gift Bearer</b> Kevin & Betsy Terwelp
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Aubree Fry Evan Fry Sam Bruening	Anne Meyer Alice Arnold Christy Woodward Mike Holbrook	Bud Voss Don Olps Brent Frericks	Steve Obert Diann Cole Dick Mitchell	Kent Fry	Brenda Wand Patricia Tomczak <b>Gift Bearer</b> Bruce & Amanda Venvertloh
	Saturday Morning Mass Server  8:00 a.m. Isaac Steinkamp					
Sunday Children'	s Liturgy of the Word	9:00 a.m.	Anne Meyer			



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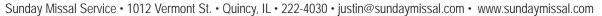
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