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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.

# Sixth Sunday of Easter

MAY 5, 2024

Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48; 1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17

All the great religions of the world have some form of the *Golden Rule* ("Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.") But the moral code of Christianity goes infinitely beyond this.

Jesus commands us to treat others as he treats us! In today's Gospel he says, "Love one another as I have loved you!" We should not ask whether others *deserve* our forgiveness or understanding or mercy; we must simply offer them the love which Christ offers us. Jesus calls us his *friends*, not his *servants*; if we are his friends, then we must be friends of all who belong to him.

The second reading expands on this theme: "Love one another, because love is of God ... God first loved us and sent his Son as an offering for our sins." Love means that we place another's needs above our own. It means that we sacrifice unselfishly. Love is a desire to do good to, to honor and respect, to build up another person.

The Christian motive for this is "because God has first loved us... because Christ gave his life for us." Christian love enables us to overcome our natural inclinations and prejudices.

The first reading describes the conversion of the first Gentiles (non-Jews); this was very hard for the apostles (steeped in Jewish tradition) to accept. But Peter proclaims that God shows no partiality – and we can't either!

Human nature cannot live up to the high moral calling of Christians; we can only love as Christ loves with the help of his grace. Let us daily work to become more like Jesus.

--Msgr. William Carr
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### 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

No Greater Love.

Before entering Seminary, I had to return to Illinois. Admittedly, most people who move away from Illinois don't realize the roads out are almost all two-way roads. I was living in Kansas, working in Missouri but really my work territory was bounded by our nation's coastlines. As a Catholic and Kansas resident, I quickly became deeply interested in the life and witness of a man I never met. He was born and raised near Pilsen, Kansas. On first glance, there is more to Marblehead, Illinois than Pilsen. The most prominent building in Pilsen is the church, St. John Nepomucene Catholic Church, a brick church erected by Czech immigrants in the heart of the Kansas plains. This man spoke Czech and, as a boy, would walk a few miles into town to serve Mass.

Eventually he discerned that God desired him to be a priest and the young man followed the call. First, he went to Conception Seminary in northwestern Missouri and then on to Kenrick Seminary in St. Louis for his theology studies. He returned to Kansas where the then-Bishop of Wichita ordained him in 1940 and, in an unusual assignment, assigned him back to his home parish in Pilsen because there was a need for a priest who spoke Czech to minister there. Not far from Pilsen is an old army air base at Herrington, Kansas. He became an auxiliary chaplain to assist at the base there while still at Pilsen.

In 1944, he joined the US Army Chaplain Corps and became a chaplain in the Pacific Theatre of WWII. After serving in Burma (modern Myanmar) and India in WWII, he returned to Kansas.

A few years later, he resumed his army chaplaincy in the Korean Conflict. The following is from the US Army with his name taken out (for dramatic effect to keep you reading): "In 1950 (he) served as a chaplain with the 1st Cavalry Division in Japan and Korea before he was taken prisoner on November 2, 1950, during the Battle of Unsan. During the fight, which started on November 1, 1950, (he) moved repeatedly under enemy direct fire to rescue wounded from a no-man's land outside the battalion's perimeter. He also negotiated with the enemy for the safety of wounded Americans, physically intervened to stop an execution, and rejected multiple opportunities for escape and instead volunteered to stay and care for wounded. On August 2, 1950 (he) was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for heroism in action near Kumchon, where he rescued a wounded soldier despite intense enemy fire.

On November 1, 1950, Communist forces surround (the) Chaplain's outfit near Unsan. (He) was captured by the North Korean army and its Chinese allies. (He) escaped when his captors were shot by allied Soldiers. But on

November 2, 1950 (he) was captured a second time when he volunteered to stay behind with the wounded. Marched to POW camp, he continued to conduct ministry inside the POW camps.

(He) spent the next seven months in the Sambukol and Pyoktong prison camps, in what is now (North Korea). With disregard for his own safety and comfort, (he) tended to the sick and wounded, scoured for food, built fires against guards' commands, and fashioned iron sheet vessels to launder the clothing of the wounded and purify drinking water. He also led prayers and spiritual services for the POWs, at the risk of punishment.

For his outspoken resistance, (he) was feared by the guards and revered by his fellow POWs. Upon return, Pyoktong prison survivors told stories of (his) courage, compassion, and spirit. They credited him with saving their lives, and hundreds more, before eventually succumbing to his own wounds and prison maltreatment. (He) died in Pyoktong on May 23, 1951."

He could do all this because he had a relationship with Jesus Christ where Christ was welcomed into his heart to be his other self.

Today, he is given a special title, "Servant of God," and there is a very active cause for his canonization. Today we hear in the readings that there can be no greater love than to lay down one's life for a friend. Does Jesus' love live in you? What does it look like to lay down your life daily? Ask for Servant of God **Emil Kapaun** to show you the source of love he was in communion with. I have a mini-"graduation" this coming Saturday, May 11,

marking the completion of Pre-Theology and my
Philosophy studies. (I still have four years of theology
ahead). Please pray for me. Pray for my brother
seminarians. Also, pray that the young men and women in
our parish respond to God's will for their lives as a priest
or religious.

In Christ,
Thomas Marten, Seminarian
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# Weekday Mass Intentions

May 6 Monday	6:30 a.m.	Dan Richmiller and David Russell		
May 7 Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Linda Meyer		
	5:30 p.m.	John Maxwell for safe travels		
May 8	6:30 a.m.	Jim Boden		
Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Alvin Dempsey and Joan Russell		
May 9 Thursday	6:30 a.m.	Joe Genenbacher		
	5:30 p.m.	Barbara Ostermueller		
May 10 Friday	6:30 a.m.	Dan Richmiller		
May 11 Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Dick Gengenbacher		
	4:30 p.m.	Janice Blickhan Foreman and Nate Gilbert		
May 12 Sunday	7:00 a.m.	The Parishioners of St. Francis		
	9:00 a.m.	Bill & Katie Brink		
	11:00 a.m.	Clara O'Brien and John & Ruth Holman		

Week of 4/28/2024	Week	YTD	
Regular Collection	\$16,410.79	\$1,109,545.	

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Loose Collection	\$1,532.68	\$72,633.76	
Total Collection	\$17,943.47	\$1,182,179.57	
Needed Support	\$30,235.00	\$1,269,870.00	
Difference	-\$12,291.53	-\$87,690.43	

Week	YTD
\$767.50	\$159,282.28

#### This week in the Parish:

#### Monday, May 6

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

#### Tuesday, May 7

- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 9:00 a.m. Ladies of St. Francis Quilters
- 3:00 p.m. Grief Share
- 5:30 p.m. Mass
- 7:00 p.m. The Belonging
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Saint Study

#### Wednesday, May 8

- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 8:35 a.m. School Mass
- 9:30 a.m. Adoration
- 1:00 p.m. Pastors Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. Mass
- 6:00 p.m. Pack 22 meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Liturgy Planning meeting

#### • Thursday, May 9

- 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. Holy Name dinner
- 6:30 p.m. OCIA
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- 6:30 p.m. Troop 22 meeting

#### Friday, May 10

- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 3:00 p.m. Youth Choir practice

#### Saturday, May 11

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

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

# St. Francis Capital Campaign Update It is never too late to make your pledge!

Our most recent report shows that we have had \$1,343,692.63 in gifts and pledges so far in our campaign. Our sincerest gratitude to those who have already made their sacrificial gift to this phase of our parish building plan. Father is deeply touched by your generosity.



May is the Month of Mary
To honor the Mother of God,
the Rosary will be recited
before all weekend masses
at St. Francis during the
month of May. Please bring
your rosary and pray along
with the leader.

#### **Changes in Online Giving**

St. Francis Solanus is in the beginning stages of a diocese-wide change in software. With this update we will transition from Our Sunday Visitor(OSV) as an online giving option to Parish Staq/Push Pay. As of this June 15 St. Francis will no longer use OSV. If you have an account with OSV, please log in to your account to stop this process and begin using Push Pay before June 15. Both websites are available through our giving page at stfrancissolanus.com. Please call the parish office or email church@stfrancissolanus.com with questions. Thank you for your continued support of St. Francis!

#### Fr. A is celebrating 10 years as a priest!

Join us to celebrate the 10th anniversary of Father Arisman's ordination on Sunday, May 19. Father A will celebrate Mass at 11 a.m., followed by a carry-in picnic lunch on the rectory lawn. (School will be the rain location).

For the picnic: The parish will provide meat, drinks and dessert. We kindly ask that each family contribute a side dish based on the initial of your last name:

A-H: Potato or rice dish I-P: Vegetable dish

Q-Z: Salads.

Please bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating as table space is limited. **R.S.V.P. to the parish office by May 10** at 222-2898. For more information visit stfrancissolanus.com/celebration.

Rest in Peace Ken Nelson May 12, 1946—April 22, 2024 and Fr. Irenaeus Kimminau O.F.M. April 9, 1921—April 29, 2024

**St. Francis Parish Picnic**: Envelopes that include picnic raffle tickets, quilt tickets and a request for raffle baskets, donations and baked goods will be passed out at the end of mass this weekend. Envelopes can also be picked up in the back of church, gathering space or at the parish office. If you are able to volunteer please contact a committee member or visit: stfrancissolanus.com/picnic. Thank you for your support!

Matt & Ashley Daly: 816-805-9907 Joe & Amber Terwelp: 217-219-2007 Zach & Stephanie Maas: 815-878-6032 Brock & Jennifer Sousa: 217-316-1912 Cole & Lauren Terwelp: 216-965-9998 Neil & Jenn Russell: 217-617-9590 Cody & Shawnee Deters: 217-617-7466

Junefest at St. Dominic School: Saturday, June 1, 5 p.m.-midnight, 4100 Columbus Rd.. Mass at 4 p.m. in the St. Dominic School gym. The band will be Raised on Radio, playing from 7:30-11:30 p.m. There also will be food, drinks, games, youth talent performances, bingo, kiddieland, and more. Come out and join the fun!

Holy Name News: The Holy Name Banquet is scheduled for Ascension Thursday, May 9 at 6:30. Please make your reservations by May 6. All men of the parish are invited. A steak dinner with all the trimmings will be served. The dinner is also a good time to pay your \$10 Holy Name dues. Contact Mak at 217-224-8668 or mak.quincyappliance@yahoo.

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

The Thursday Night Raffle jackpot is up to 15,087. Tickets are sold from 6-7:45 with the drawing at 8. We will once again be giving out scholarships to families of eligible K of C members to all Catholic schools in the area. Visit quincykofc.org for more information.

#### Millikin coach to speak at Holy Name banquet

Kramer Soderberg, men's head basketball coach at Millikin University, is a devout Catholic and young family man known for motivating individuals of all ages to grow in their faith and belief in God. He is the author of the book Fill Your Cup for Christ: A Spiritual Journey Sown and Grown Through Sports. The book has had a great impact in the faith life of all who read it. All male members of St. Francis are members of the Holy Name Society and should consider coming to hear Coach Kramer speak. We hope to see you there!

Women's Saints Study — Women of all ages! Join us Tuesday, May 7 at 7 p.m. in the St. Francis Parish Center for our monthly saint study. Featured this month is Blessed Anne Catherine Emmerich, presented by Ginny Fuentes. Bring a friend! This event is open to all parishes. For more information contact Karen Weiman, 217-242-5513 or Kelli Lunt, 217-617-1566.

Job Opening at QCES: The Quincy Catholic Elementary Schools Foundation seeks a part-time Bookkeeper/
Office Assistant to join our team. This primarily involves managing the bookkeeping functions of the organization in QuickBooks. We will provide training. You also will provide clerical support, assist with special events and other duties based on your experience. This is an hourly position of about six hours per week. For a detailed job description visit quincycatholicschools.org/join-the-qces-foundation-team.html

Did you know our Holy Name has been in existence at St. Francis since 1863? We have a very active ministry within our parish. In the past five years alone we have raised almost \$90,000 through activities such as the Golf Outing, Pancake Breakfast, and Fish Fry. This money has gone to the school, parish, teachers and many others. The best part is we have fun doing this as well as building community together.

Right now we are in need of a new President,
Vice President, and Treasurer. Call Martin Mak at
217-224-8668 or email him (see address above)
for more information.

#### **Ladies of St. Francis News:**

The Ladies of St. Francis Recipe Collection is now available, just in time for Mother's Day! It will be available to purchase for \$15 after masses this weekend. Thank you to all who contributed a recipe, and a special thank you to Susan Mast and Jane Gregory for typing and proofreading the collection. Also thanks to Tim Haubrich for his help in printing the book.

Our next all-member dinner meeting is Tuesday, May 21. The new officers will be installed. Join us for mass at 5:30, dinner at 6:30 and meeting at 7. To make a reservation call Jan Zeidler at 217-779-0290.

Did you know that **Formed.org** is available to all St. Francis parishioners? Click on "Formed for Parishes," sign in and open a world of spiritually uplifting viewing and listening. Of particular interest now is Fr. Michael Gaitley's 10-part series on Divine Mercy. Just click on EASTER in the heading and scroll down to Divine Mercy with Fr. Michael Gaitley. Check it out today!



# BEAR

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

Monday, May 6 - Regular Meeting
Please bring a snack to share. Drinks provided.

Monday, May 13 - 5th Grade Night
5th grade aged children are invited to join for a BEAR preview night.
Pizza and Drinks are 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



Father Rafal attended a special Third Grade event with Mrs. Marsha Collins and Mrs. Rebecca Wear's classes recently. The students enjoyed a day celebrating receiving the sacraments, including a pizza lunch (pictured). Father Rafal stopped by to bless the sacramental items the students received as gifts.



Most of the eighth grade from St. Francis school, plus two seventh graders attended the Illinois March for Life in Springfield April 17. They also attended a special mass.

QMG Free Sports Physicals: Wednesday, May 22 and Tuesday, July 23; 5:30-8 p.m. An appointment is required. Call 217-222-6550x3282 to schedule. For more information visit quincymedgroup.com/sports.

#### We still have plenty of Mega Raffle tickets for sale!

To date, St. Francis School has sold almost half of its goal of 725 tickets, but sales are definitely down from year's past. Funds raised from this raffle are used to fund more than 40 percent of the total tuition assistance awarded to elementary school families. The money also has been used to support important projects in our schools every year. The Early Bird winner will be announced Friday, May 17 at 8:35 a.m. on KICK-FM.

May 11-12	Altar Server - Weekend	Communion Minister	Usher		Reader	Greeter/Gift Bearer
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Chloe Terwelp Reese Meehan	Patti Blickhan Becky Gengenbacher Andrew Wemhoener Amy Kaiser	Jim Kaiser Philip Kemner Mary Ann Thomas	Tom Ennis Tim Reichert John Veith	Rick Gengenbacher	Janice Wiemelt Joe Venvertloh <b>Gift Bearer</b> Bruce & Amanda Venvertloh
Sunday 7:00 a.m.	Emmett Wiemelt	John Benz Don Winking Pat Winking Tony Freiburg	Joyce Frericks Perry Terwelp Larry Venvertloh	Kevin Frericks Scott Venvertloh Roch Schulte	Aaron Kerkhoff	Larry Klauser Kathy Klauser <b>Gift Bearer</b> Kay Gallaher
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Owen Wheeler Lillian Wheeler James Petty	Ric Hinkamper Shirley Walbring Robert Haas Joanne Ortwerth	Neal Blickhan Joseph Darnell Mike Zanger	Joseph Wiewel Terry Nall Diann Cole	Monica Hinkamper	Jill Blickhan Jan Zeidler <b>Gift Bearer</b> <b>Two Needed Please</b>
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Allison Ormond Whitney Ormond Emily O'Leary	Michael Wand Carol Steinbrecher Christy Woodward Christina Rose	Brent Frericks Sam Vranjes Mike Fessler	Marty Karhoff Rose Willer Drew Erwin	Pam Frericks	Brenda Wand <b>One Needed Please</b> <b>Gift Bearer</b> Doris Karhoff
	ay Morning ss Server	May 11 8:00 a.m.	Quinn Wiewel and Thomas Wiewel			
Sunday Children	's Liturgy of the Word	9:00 a.m.	Adayre Klauser			



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