

ST. FRANCIS SOLANUS parish

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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.

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time AUGUST 18, 2024

Proverbs 9:1-6; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

Our Gospel selection continues to be taken from the sixth chapter of the Gospel according to John. The new "sign" of manna (expected by the Jews when the Messiah came) is fulfilled in Jesus: He feeds 5,000 people. He replaces the manna of the Torah with belief in himself. And today he does something even more startling: He gives himself under the sign of bread to be the manna of our souls. He gives us the Eucharist which is truly his Body and his Blood.

Six times in this passage, Jesus makes it clear that we must truly eat his flesh and drink his blood to have life. There is no doubt whatsoever that he means this sacrament to be the reality of himself, and not merely a "symbol" or "ordinance." "Flesh and blood" is a Semitic way of saying "the whole person."

Catholics take Jesus and the Scriptures as they are. As difficult as it is to believe that the Lord Jesus Christ is truly present in the Eucharist, we accept it because Jesus Christ said it, and because the Scriptures teach it, and because the Church has always held it.

Many who cannot accept the teaching try all kinds of devices to show that it isn't so: They will say that this passage is not part of the original words of Jesus, but is an addition by John. (Even if this were true, we hold that the Gospel is inspired, and therefore John teaches truth.)

They also try to say that it is inconceivable that Jesus would have said this in the context of a synagogue discourse. (Even so, it is inspired Scripture.) Every single Eucharistic reference in the New Testament reflects the belief that it is truly the Body and Blood of the Lord.

Jesus Christ is our Bread of life: We must believe in him and commit our lives to him. In order to do that, we desperately need his strength which comes to us in the Eucharist, the Bread of life, which is truly his Body and his Blood, his entire Saving Person.

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20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

This week we celebrated the feast of St. Maximillian Kolbe. During the office of readings, which is part of the Liturgy of the Hours the Church prays everyday, we read a portion of a letter he wrote. I want to share that letter in light of the gospel today. Division in the church, most especially surrounding the real presence of the Eucharist, is detrimental to the life of faith. Jesus is very blunt about life eternal coming through the belief and reception of His real presence. St. Maximilian wrote on living out obedience to the Church, your superiors, and the will of the Father. It's beautiful and insightful!

"The burning zeal for God's glory that motivates you fills my heart with joy. It is sad for us to see in our own time that indifferentism in its many forms is spreading like an epidemic not only among the laity but also among religious. But God is worthy of glory beyond measure, and therefore it is of absolute and supreme importance to seek that glory with all the power of our feeble resources. Since we are mere creatures we can never return to him all that is his due.

The most resplendent manifestation of God's glory is the salvation of souls, whom Christ redeemed by shedding his blood. To work for the salvation and sanctification of as many souls as possible, therefore, is the preeminent purpose of the apostolic life. Let me, then, say a few words that may show the way toward achieving God's glory and the sanctification of many souls.

God, who is all-knowing and all-wise, knows best what we should do to increase his glory. Through his representatives on earth he continually reveals his will to us; thus it is obedience and obedience alone that is the sure sign to us of the divine will. A superior may, it is true, make a mistake; but it is impossible for us to be mistaken in obeying a superior's command. The only exception to this rule is the case of a superior commanding something that in even the slightest way would contravene God's law. Such a superior would not be conveying God's will.

God alone is infinitely wise, holy, merciful, our Lord, Creator, and Father; he is beginning and end, wisdom and power and love; he is all. Everything other than God has value to the degree that it is referred to him, the maker of all and our own redeemer, the final end of all things. It is he who, declaring his adorable will to us through his representatives on earth, draws us to himself and whose plan is to draw others to himself through us and to join us all to himself in an ever deepening love.

Look, then, at the high dignity that by God's mercy belongs to our state in life. Obedience raises us beyond the limits of our littleness and puts us in harmony with God's will. In boundless wisdom and care, his will guides us to act rightly. Holding fast to that will, which no creature can thwart, we are filled with unsurpassable strength.

Obedience is the one and the only way of wisdom and prudence for us to offer glory to God. If there were another, Christ would certainly have shown it to us by word and example. Scripture, however, summed up his entire life at Nazareth in the words: He was subject to them; Scripture set obedience as the theme of the rest of his life, repeatedly declaring that he came into the world to do his Father's will.

Let us love our loving Father with all our hearts. Let our obedience increase that love, above all when it requires us to surrender our own will. Jesus Christ crucified is our sublime guide toward growth in God's love.

We will learn this lesson more quickly through the Immaculate Virgin, whom God has made the dispenser of his mercy. It is beyond all doubt that Mary's will represents to us the will of God himself. By dedicating ourselves to her we become in her hands instruments of God's mercy even as she was such an instrument in God's hands. We should let ourselves be guided and led by Mary and rest quiet and secure in her hands. She will watch out for us, provide for us, answer our needs of body and spirit; she will dissolve all our difficulties and worries."

What powerful words St. Maximilian Kolbe shares with us. This priest and martyr of the Church is a beautiful life lived for the Lord, as well as a horrific torturous death, which brought about his eternal life lived IN the Lord. The man he saved by offering his life instead attended the canonization of Father Kolbe. May his self sacrifice and selfless care, especially of those in the starvation bunker with him, inspire us to love the blessed mother in his example.

Ker. Steven Alismon

Weekday Mass Intentions

August 19 Monday	6:30 a.m.	Dan Richmiller	
August 20 Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Fr. Beagles	
	5:30 p.m.	Fr. Arisman and Mary Ann Chezem	
August 21 Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	The Poor Souls in Purgatory	
	5:30 p.m.	Launa Blickhan	
August 22 Thursday	6:30 a.m.	Joseph Ley	
	5:30 p.m.	John and Ruth Holman	
August 23 Friday	6:30 a.m.	Dan Richmiller	
August 24 Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Barbara Mitchell	
	4:30 p.m.	Mary Dadant and Nate Gilbert	
August 25 Sunday	7:00 a.m.	Larry Costigan	
	9:00 a.m.	The Parishioners of St. Francis	
	11:00 a.m.	John Maxwell	

Week of 8/11/2024	Week	YTD	
Regular Collection	\$20,950.66	\$135,901.45	
Loose Collection	\$1,499.00 \$10,183.12		
Total Collection	\$22,449.66	\$146,084.57	
Needed Support	\$32,000.00	\$192,000.00	
Difference	\$-9,550.34	\$-45,915.43	

Annual School Fund: Week: \$3,008.20 YTD: \$16,642.67

This week in the Parish: Monday, August 19 6:30 a.m. Mass 7:00 p.m. Rosary Tuesday, August 20 6:30 a.m. Mass 9:00 a.m. Ladies of St. Francis Quilters 5:30 p.m. Mass 7:00 p.m. The Belonging Wednesday, August 21 6:30 a.m. Mass 2:00 p.m. QU Opening Ceremony 4:00 p.m. Reconciliation 5:30 p.m. Mass 7:00 p.m. Men's Prayer Group Thursday, August 22 6:30 a.m. Mass 9:00 a.m. Ladies of St. Francis Quilters 1:00 p.m. Scripture Discussion group 6:00 p.m. Pack 22 Sign Up 5:30 p.m. Mass 6:30 p.m. Scripture Discussion group 6:30 p.m. OCIA Friday, August 23 6:30 a.m. Mass Saturday, August 24 8:00 a.m. Mass 8:30 a.m. Reconciliation 3:00 p.m. Reconciliation 4:30 p.m. Mass

There will be an hour of Adoration for Priests followed by Benediction at St. Joseph Church, 400 South Lane, Palmyra, Mo., **Sunday, August 18 from 3-4 p.m.** All are invited to come and pray for your priests.

Allison Holbrook Memorial Car Show Sunday, August 25 from 7:30 a.m.-Noon

On College Street in front of school. The annual event is an opportunity **for parishioners** to show off their vintage cars, trucks, tractors, motorcycles, etc., that are at least 30 years old. There will be a free-will offering with all proceeds going to St. Francis school students needing financial assistance through the Allison Holbrook Memorial Scholarship Fund.

> For more information please contact Deacon Dennis Holbrook, 217-257-4384 or Alan Blickhan, 217-257-1445.

Have you been married 50+ years? Time to celebrate!

On September 22 at 2 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield, all couples married 50 years or more are invited to attend a special Mass honoring their marriage vocation. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Thomas John Paprocki. A reception will follow after Mass. Please register for the Mass by going to <u>dio.org/events</u>. When you register, please upload (not mandatory) a photo from your wedding day and present day, as we'll be showcasing a slide show during the reception.



Welcome New Members Constance Koch And Blake and Jordyn Haubrich and their children. We are delighted you have chosen St. Francis Solanus as your new parish home.

Little Raiders Soccer Camp

Learn skills and fundamentals this fall for boys and girls in kindergarten through sixth grade. Cost is \$40 and includes a shirt. Contact Dave White for more information, 217-653-3586.



Popcorn Sale: Pack 22 and Troop 22 will be selling popcorn after Masses on the following dates: September 7-8 ; September 14-15, September 21-22 and September 28-29.

The QND Music Department will be selling candy bars after Masses August 17-18 and August 31-September 1.

Women's Saints Study is expanding to include a Men's Saints Study!

Our groups will meet at the same time to discuss our book (Finding Peace in the Storm by Dan Burke), but in separate rooms. We will come together on the nights we have speakers on the saints. Please join us for faith filled discussion in our own paths toward sainthood on the **first Tuesday of the month**

at 7 p.m. in the parish center.

Men and women will meet together to kick off the year with speaker Jane Ann Petty on

St. John Bosco on **Tuesday, September 3.** The program is open to all parishes.

For questions or help with ordering the book contact Deacon Dennis Holbrook, 217-257-4384; Kelli Lunt, 217-617-1566 or Karen Weiman, 217-242-5513. <u>Holy Name News:</u> Plans are underway for the Holy Name Golf Outing September 29 at Westview. All proceeds go to St. Francis School. Get your team together and your hole sponsors. The next Holy Name meeting will be September 11 at 6 p.m. All men of the parish are invited! Knights of Columbus News:

A big thank you to all who attended and helped make the 2024 barbeque a big success this past weekend! Our Thursday Night Raffle jackpot will be up to \$19,960 when we start up this Thursday night. Tickets are sold from 6-7:45 p.m. with the drawing at 8. Visit quincykofc.org for all the details.

Job Opening: Director of Religious Education/Youth Ministry St. Francis Solanus.

Duties include planning and implementing religious education programs for preschool through 8th grade; preparing and scheduling sacramental programs and preparing a yearly calendar and an annual budget. Education, Training and/or experience: BA in Theology/Religious Education or a related field, and/or a certificate in ministry or theology from a Catholic institution of higher learning.

Interested candidates may send a resume and cover letter to Fr. Steven Arisman at church@stfrancissolanus.com.

Needed: Adult Volunteers for Children's Liturgy of the Word.

During Mass, children from Pre-K through second grade are dismissed with an adult leader to experience their own Liturgy of the Word at the 9 o'clock Mass, from September through May. There is a rotation among the volunteer adults. No experience required, just an enthusiasm for spreading the Good News to the youngest members of our parish!

Call, text or email Liz Gengenbacher, 217-257-5369 or lizgengenbacher@yahoo.com if you would like to volunteer.

A new session of **Grief Share** started Thursday evening, **August 15.** Meetings will run through November 14 at St. Anthony parish hall, 2223 St. Anthony Rd. in Quincy. If you are interested in attending please call Jim Liesen, 217-577-6664.

Ladies of St. Francis News:

The Ladies of St. Francis Recipe Collection books are available for purchase for \$15 in the parish office. Stop by and get your copy!

Coming Soon! St. Francis Ladies Card Party! September 5

Mark your calendars for the first Ladies of St. Francis card party of the fall season. We will begin taking reservations in a couple of weeks. More details to come.

Dear Fr. Arisman and Members of St. Francis Solanus Parish: Thank you Fr. Arisman for nominating me to be the recipient of the 2024 Woman of Distinction Award, and thank you, fellow parishioners, for all of your congratulatory comments, cards, notes and texts. You were all so kind and thoughtful! It was a great honor to represent St. Francis Solanus Parish at the Mass and awards ceremony. It was also quite humbling because I know of many others who are deserving of this award. I truly appreciate receiving this recognition and being a member of this parish. Jane Haas

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 Wednesday nights in the Parish Center from 6:30-8 p.m., beginning Wednesday, September 4 and running through October. Facilitators are Drew and Julie Erwin. To register call Julie at 217-257-5313 or julie.gunn@comcast.net



Back to School Dates: "All About School Night" takes place Tuesday, August 20. Parents will meet with teachers, see their child's classroom, technology and learning materials. Teachers will explain the curriculum, classroom procedures and more. Parents also may ask questions of school staff and meet other parents.



The Ladies of St. Francis gave St. Francis School a donation to replace worn window shades in three classrooms. The school thanks the Ladies for their generous gift. Vertical blinds were purchased and Austin's Army installed them. A special thank you to Linda Zanger and Mark Kovachevich for their help! **Parish School of Religion Starting Soon** The PSR year opens on **Monday, September 9** with Mass at 6 o'clock followed by a Meet-the-Teacher night.

Classes start the following Monday, September 16 at 6. If you haven't signed up yet, registration packets are located in church or the parish office.



St. Francis School families gathered last Sunday for the Blessing of the Backpacks and the school building. After a prayer service in the church families dropped off school supplies, saw their classrooms and met their teachers.

August 24-25	Altar Server - Weekend	Communion Minister	Usher	Reader	Greeter/Gift Bearer
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Peyton Kendrick Callie Longlett Jacob Collins	Marsha Collins David Pillars Rose Pillars Jessica Veith	Joe Venvertloh John Veith Jim Waterkotte Tim Reichert Kevin Genenbacher Zachary Maas	Sheila Goehl	Betty Kaufmann Tera Terwelp Gift Bearer Duane & Adriane Jones
Sunday 7:00 a.m.	Eli Terwelp Nathan Steinkamp	Craig Budde Steve Peters Tony Freiburg Don Winking	Janet Marquette John Beckman Mary Terwelp Jack Terwelp Gary Hilgenbrinck Jerry Meyer	Carolyn Briddle	Joyce Frericks Kay Gallaher Gift Bearer Terry Niemann
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Bo Weiman Genevieve Hamann Liviana Hamann	Peggy Koetters Alice Arnold Donnette Cannady Cindy Cook	Aaron Kerkhoff Neal Blickhan Mike Patterson Rob Haistings Jason Costigan Rob Frese	Aaron Weiman	Prudy Patterson Jill Blickhan Gift Bearer Gerald Koetters
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Mia Vranjes Allie Vranjes Evan Fry	Sue Holbrook Michelle Meyer Christy Woodward Dick Mitchell	Mike Holbrook Evan Reichert Adam Hightower Brent Frericks Bud Voss Diann Cole	Rachel Waterkotte	Nancy Hufendick Jane Haas Gift Bearer Sam Vranjes
Saturday Morning Mass Server August 24 8:00 a.m.		Brady Koetters and Emmett Wiemelt			
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