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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-first Sunday in Ordinary Time AUGUST 25. 2024

Joshua 24:1-2a,15-17,18b; Ephesians 5:21-32 or Ephesians 5:2a, 25-32; John 6:60-69

A "covenant" is a binding contract between unequal parties which is sealed in blood. In the Bible, we find several "examples of "assemblies" or "gatherings" to ratify a covenant. The first is in Exodus 24, at Mt. Sinai, where the children of Israel swear that they will keep all the commands of the Lord. Another is in 2 Chronicles 34, where Israel (punished and now returned from Babylonian Exile) renews its covenant with God.

Today's first reading is another assembly: It is forty years after Moses led Israel out of Egypt. Moses is dead. Joshua has led Israel into the Promised Land and conquered it. Now all the tribes gather to renew the covenant. Joshua asks them to make a decision: "Do you want to serve the Lord or not?" The people swear that they will be loyal.

In the Gospel, Jesus asks his disciples to make a decision. He has some things which are tough to accept. Some of his disciples have abandoned him for speaking nonsense. He asks the others if they, too, will leave. They answer what we should always answer: "Lord, to whom shall we go? Only you have the words of everlasting life."

In context, the "tough" statements of Jesus concern the "Real Presence" of Christ in the Eucharist. But there are many other "tough" teachings. One is found in the second reading: Husbands and wives are one; there can be no such thing as divorce. Their married love is to be a sign of the lasting love of Christ and his Church.

Some other "tough" teachings concern sexuality: To seek sexual pleasure outside of marriage is always a mortal sin. That's tough, because the world teaches just the opposite.

Another tough teaching concerns family planning: Catholics must plan their families by using natural means only. It is tough to have charity and forgiveness to others. To follow Christ means to be loyal to him even in the tough decisions of life. A "smorgasbord" Catholic who picks and chooses only the pleasant beliefs is really no Catholic at all.

Let us pray for humility to follow Christ completely and wholeheartedly. To whom else would we go? Only he has the words of everlasting life.

--Msgr. William Carr
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### 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

This weekend's readings, we are asked to choose. In the book of Joshua, Joshua asks the people who they will serve. This question is posed to you and to me. Whom will you serve? Will you serve the world or fame or fortune or success or sports or your kids sports etc? OR will you serve God? And the Lord alone? And the answer Joshua gives is the answer we should give. Not just I will serve the Lord. Joshua says "As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Does your whole household serve the Lord? Is it the priority?

This last week I saw a great meme that asked a good question. It said "When you'll run yourself ragged to make sure your child is involved in every school & social event/activity, but thinks it's no big deal for them to miss church.....that's a real big deal." I remember Sundays at my household growing up could be hectic of everyone getting up and getting ready for mass to get there, hopefully on time. Usually right before we started or maybe a couple minutes before. What I will tell you is that hectic mess that Sunday morning could tell me the message of this meme, that it was a really big deal. We only did that chaotic hurry to be ready and on time for things that were important. Make mass that important in your family and life.

The gospel asks us to choose to believe in the real presence of Jesus. Do you? In the gospel today, Jesus actually lets some of his followers leave because they didn't believe. Judas leaves because of this to go and betray Jesus, because he truly doesn't believe in the real presence. Do you? Do your actions show you believe? When you receive do you act reverent or just be flippant about receiving? When you walk back to your pew do you look like you received your Lord or do you look like you're just walking down the street? Do you have a posture of prayer on the way up and back? Are you in a state of grace and have you been to confession in the last year (at least)? Do you fast before mass? Remember in the old days the fast was from midnight on, which is why midnight mass and early morning masses were popular. Yes, Father's pet peeve is for many reasons, because chewing gum breaks your fast. Use water or cough drops (medicinal and melt) if your throat needs it, i.e. you have a cough or dry mouth. Ask yourself would your grandma or the sister you had in school allow you to ever think it's ok to chew gum in church? I think not. They'd probably smack you up the backside of the head for even thinking about it, let alone doing it. Besides do you believe in the real presence of Jesus? Do you think it's acceptable to chew your Lord into your gum and spit it out? The answer is no and desecration of the Eucharist is a serious matter. I was asked in passing this several times in the last week about this and why I am so strong on this subject. So, I am writing an explanation here. The question is why is every person and every priest NOT strong on this subject? We should be. It's a desecration to the Lord and tells everyone you don't believe in the real presence. Fasting before communion is important. Please make sure you actually make that a priority. Jesus actually asks the apostles are you going to leave me too? And that guestion is posed to us? Do we believe what we receive in the Eucharist is really a WHO? It is the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Jesus that we receive. May you answer like Peter, "Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life!" The Eucharist is the source of eternal life. Choose Jesus Christ and serve Him.

I don't know if you have noticed how great our campus looks. If you see Marty Karhoff, thank him because man does he work hard to trim and edge and clean up our campus. It's an insane amount of work. We have a team to mow and I am appreciative of the Wiewel's for that work. Marty keeps it all pristine and makes us look good to our community. If you see him give him a thanks! He works hard.

Lastly, school is up and running and going great. Thanks to the faculty and staff for their hard work. We will begin adoration on Wednesdays after school mass until 5 p.m. and I ask you to consider signing up each week so that we can make sure we have enough people to make this available to our school children and our community. It's very important. You can not have adoration without someone there to adore. We always have two to make sure that someone is consistently there. Please make sure to sign up. We will begin the Wednesday after Labor Day.

Ber Steven Simon

## Weekday Mass Intentions

August 26 Monday	6:30 a.m.	Launa Blickhan		
August 27 Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Terry Niewohner		
	5:30 p.m.	Descendants of Albert and Pauline Frericks		
August 28 Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	Dan Richmiller		
	5:30 p.m.	Joseph Ley and Joan Russell		
August 29 Thursday	6:30 a.m.	Fr. Beagles		
	5:30 p.m.	Rosie Madison		
August 30 Friday	6:30 a.m.	Fr. Arisman		
August 31 Saturday	8:00 a.m.	John and Ruth Holman		
	4:30 p.m.	Carl, Connie and Fr. Gary Bernhardt		
September 1 Sunday	7:00 a.m.	Linda Cornwell and Corey Michael John Haxel		
	9:00 a.m.	The Parishioners of St. Francis		
	11:00 a.m.	John and Ruth Holman and Elaine Martin		

Week of 8/18/2024	Week	YTD	
Regular Collection	\$17,162.00	\$153,063.45	
Loose Collection	\$1,697.00	\$11,880.12	
Total Collection	\$18,859.00	\$164,943.57	
Needed Support	\$32,000.00	\$224,000.00	
Difference	\$-13,141	\$-59,056.43	

### **Annual School Fund:**

Week: \$1,961.37 YTD: \$18,604.04

### This week in the Parish:

### Monday, August 26

6:30 a.m. Mass

7:00 p.m. Rosary

### Tuesday, August 27

6:30 a.m. Mass

9:00 a.m. Ladies of St. Francis Quilters

5:30 p.m. Mass

6:15 p.m. Stewardship Meeting

6:30 p.m. Women's Prayer Group

#### Wednesday, August 28

6:30 a.m. Mass

8:35 a.m. SFS Mass

4:00 p.m. Reconciliation

5:30 p.m. Mass

### Thursday, August 29

6:30 a.m. Mass

9:00 a.m. Ladies of St. Francis Quilters

1:00 p.m. Scripture Discussion group

5:30 p.m. Mass

6:30 p.m. Scripture Discussion group

6:30 p.m. OCIA

#### Friday, August 30

6:30 a.m. Mass

8:00 a.m. QCS meeting

#### Saturday, August 31

8:00 a.m. Mass

8:30 a.m. Reconciliation

3:00 p.m. Reconciliation

4:30 p.m. Mass

The Parish Office will be closed Friday, August 30 and Monday, September 2 in observance of Labor Day. We wish everyone a safe and relaxing holiday!

At St. Francis we say a Rosary for Peace on Monday evenings at 7. All are welcome. Help us keep this tradition alive by joining us in the chapel. The Rosary is also said Monday through Friday at 6 a.m., Saturday at 7:30 a.m. and on Sunday at 6:30 a.m.. Please join your voice with ours and help make this world a safer place for all.

Welcome New Members
Gregory and Lynn Shankland
We are delighted you have chosen
St. Francis Solanus for your new
parish home.

Rest in Peace Jane Koenig November 11, 1961—August 17, 2024

Wednesday all-day Adoration will start up again on September 4 from 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Look for a sign-up sheet in the gathering space and please take an hour if you are able. Thank you!

### Blessed Sacrament Septemberfest

Saturday, September 7 from 5-11 p.m. 1119 S. 7th St. in Quincy.

Join us for Mass at 4 o'clock followed by the picnic. Food from the Butcher Block and Mi Jalapeno. Also a bake sale, bounce houses, games, auction, raffle and live music from Trifecta.



### 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.



St. Francis Community Assistance...
Thanks to all who have been donating groceries this summer. Please help us with this when you are able to do so. There are receptacles at all entrances of the church. We have a special need for shampoo. Fresh produce is also appreciated. If you have extra from your gardens, we will share it in our orders.

St. Francis Food Pantry Food and Grocery Items (These are the usual items included in a food pantry delivery)

Cheeses slices cheese

Holy Name News: 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:

The Thursday Night Raffle jackpot will be over \$20,000. Tickets are sold from 6-7:45 p.m. with the drawing at 8. Friday night chicken dinners will resume in late September. Visit quincykofc.org for all the details.

### **QCS** to Host Sharing Sessions

Following months of research and dedicated work, the Quincy Catholic Schools Provisional Advisory Board will host two community sharing sessions to present a working facility plan for the elementary schools. Each session will feature a presentation of the working plan followed by a time for questions.

September 10 and September 11 at 7 p.m. at the QU Connie Niemann Center for Music, 1909 N. 18th St.

For more information contact
Chief Administrative Leader D. Christopher Gill at dcgill@quincycatholicschools.org.

**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

### National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children

Saturday, September 14 at 1 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus grounds near the entrance to the main building, 700 S. 36th St., Quincy. Sponsored by Right to Life of Adams County. For more information contact Jane Haas, 217-257-0533.

Please bring a lawn chair.

### Ladies of St. Francis News:

The first dinner meeting of the year for the Ladies of St. Francis will be **Tuesday, September 17 after the 5:30 Mass**. Please join us for a Harvest Hoedown in celebration of the harvest moon scheduled for that evening. Come and enjoy the food and fellowship along with our meeting. If you know of another lady of the parish who might enjoy coming, please invite her to join us! Cost of the dinner is \$10. Reserve your spot by calling Helen Zimmerman, 217-242-6692. Reminder: Annual dues for the Ladies is \$10. You can pay with the envelope in your packet or at the dinner. The new officers are excited to see

### St. Francis Ladies Card Party!

vou there!

### Thursday, September 5, 11-3. Doors open at 10:30.

Cost is \$10 per person and includes lunch and a chance for a door prize. Don Altgilbers will be preparing sloppy joes, baked beans, spring salad and peach cobbler.

To reserve your spot call Pat Winking at least four days before the party at 217-257-0416. Just one phone call per group, please.

You must call each month to reserve your table!

Note: This year, instead of calling all ladies of the parish for a donation to help offset expenses for the card parties we are asking all women of the parish to send a \$10 donation before each party (September, October, November). Place your name and telephone number in an envelope marked "Ladies Card Party" and drop it in the collection basket or mail/drop it off at the parish office. You will be added to the monthly drawing for a \$25 Gene Grawe gift card. The card parties are a fundraiser as well as a social event, so thank you for your support!





Pictured are members of Scout Troop 22, chartered by St. Francis Holy Name. They helped Scout Cael Willer (second from left) build four Buddy Benches for St. Francis School and parish as part of his Eagle Scout project. The benches are for students to sit on if they need someone to be with or play with at recess. Cael is a sophomore at QND and a St. Francis School alum.

# 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.

### **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 on August 31-September 1.

### **Help Wanted: Childcare Worker**

St. Francis School is looking for another after-school childcare worker. Hours are usually Monday-Friday from 3-5 p.m.. We would like candidates who are at least 18 years old, but we may consider a 16 or 17 year old. Applicants must be able to stand for at least 30 minutes and go up and down stairs. You must be able to pass a background check with fingerprinting (at our expense).

Email Principal Julie Radel with a letter of application and three references to iradel@stfrancissolanus.com.

August 31- September 1	Altar Server - Weekend	Communion Minister	Usher		Reader	Greeter/Gift Bearer
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Isaiah Wear Reese Meehan Makayla Patton	Michelle Obert Rick Gengenbacher Becky Gengenbacher Kristen Patton	Jim Waterkotte Philip Kemner Tim Reichert	Russell Rohrer Michael Eling Jim Kaiser	Rebecca Wear	Peggy Kaiser Theresa Rohrer <b>Gift Bearer</b> John Obert
Sunday 7:00 a.m.	Chloe Terwelp Nathan Steinkamp	Vieve Veith John Benz Bridget Ehrhart Pat Winking	Larry Venvertloh Tim Venvertloh Janet Marquette	Joyce Frericks Kevin Frericks John Beckman	Jan Zeidler <b>One Needed</b> <b>Please</b>	Jerry Carnivale Terry Niemann <b>Gift Bearer</b> Joe & Amber Terwelp
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Mickey Petty James Petty Sam Bruening	Ric Hinkamper Holly Hummel Jayna Klauser Terry Kistner	Bradyn Klauser John McDowell Bing Lammers	Troy Hummel Ryan Klauser Gary Darnell	Monica Hinkamper	Anne Meyer Mary Fitzsimmons <b>Gift Bearer</b> Katherine Cramsey
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Hailey Terwelp Hunter Terwelp Ben Eling	Marcia Steinkamp Brenda Wand Michael Wand Christina Rose	Marty Karhoff Rose Willer Mike Holbrook	Mike Fessler Evan Reichert Brent Frericks	Dennis Steinkamp	Doris Karhoff <i>One Needed Please</i> <b>Gift Bearer</b> Kevin & Betsy Terwelp
	y <u>Morning</u> S <u>Server</u>	August 31 8:00 a.m.	Quinn Wiewel and James Bickhaus			



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