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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.

# 2nd Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy) APRIL 27, 2025

Acts 5:12-16; Revelation 1:9-11a,12-13,17-19; John 20:19-31

Recall that for several centuries, the usual practice of the Church was to baptize adults only (unless infants and children were in danger of death). Adults were baptized only in the Easter Vigil, after they had completed an intensive two-year Catechumenate. This practice lasted from the third through the seventh century.

At their baptism, the newly-baptized were given a white robe. The neophytes came to Mass each day after Easter where they were given intensive instructions in the sacramental life. They wore these white robes until today. On this day, they put aside the white robes and took their place as full-fledged members of the Church. (This is the reason that this Sunday formerly was called *White Sunday* from the Latin for *The Sunday for Putting Aside the White Garments*.)

We might see today's Scripture readings in the context of this "Mystagogic Catechesis" (the final instructions in the sacraments) of the newly baptized. Today's lesson would be on the Sacrament of Reconciliation. All of us should be saints. We should be so conscious of our baptismal dignity that we would never stoop to sin.

But suppose we fail? The Lord gives us the Sacrament of Reconciliation or Penance. It is the Sacrament of his merciful forgiveness. It is, as it were, *second baptism*. On Easter Sunday night, Jesus gave his apostles the power to forgive sins. Catholics should memorize John 20:22-23 which occurs in today's Gospel: "Whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven..."

Who can forgive sins except God? Only those to whom the Lord gives the power. But Jesus told his apostles that they would do even greater works than he had done (John 14:12). The apostles show the power of Christ in the first reading. They and their successors will show even greater power in the Sacrament of Christ's mercy, Reconciliation.

If we say that we believe in this sacrament, then let us use it! This sacrament is not only for the forgiveness of serious sin; it is the means of our growth in holiness. Frequent Confession should be part of the life of every active Catholic.

--Msgr. William Carr
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# 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

### The Pillars of Divine Mercy Devotion

In the passion narrative according to Luke 23: 39-43, we read with great enthusiasm how a sentence emanating from the blessed mouth of our Lord Jesus Christ changed the eternal destiny of a man who would have been damned forever. It was one of the criminals crucified with Jesus. Instead of reviling the Lord as did the other criminal, he besought him saying, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." The pronouncement from Jesus, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise," is what instantly changed his destiny forever. Although he died the painful death on the cross, but his soul enjoys the eternal bliss forever. Imagine how relieved he felt.

In our individual lives, we may have experienced a situation where we have faulted and the consequence was grave. We might have painfully braced up for the worst. All of a sudden, we were made to forgo the consequence. Such a situation is refreshing and liberating. This is called pardon. It is called forgiveness. It is called mercy. Whether we understand it from the angle of one of the crucified criminals or from our individual experiences of forgiveness, mercy is what God grants us always, especially in the sacrament of reconciliation. This is why on the evening of the day of his resurrection, Jesus gave his apostles the power to forgive sins. He said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained" (Jn 20:22-23).

The mercy of God is boundless like the ocean. But we must dispose ourselves to draw from it. In the series of apparitions and heart to heart communications with St Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s our Lord instructed her on how to immerse herself in the mercy of God. Through the diary she kept about these mystical experiences, the world has come to learn about Divine Mercy. From this was developed the devotion to Divine Mercy which involves a total commitment to God as Mercy. This involves trusting completely in God, accepting his mercy with gratitude and trying to be merciful as God himself.

In a visible and structured form, there are five pillars of the Divine Mercy Devotion: The hour of mercy, the image of the merciful Jesus, the chaplet of divine mercy, the novena to divine mercy and the feast of divine mercy. The Hour of Mercy is 3 o'clock, when our Lord died on the cross. It is the time to immerse oneself in prayer even if only for a brief instant, "for at that moment mercy was opened wide for every soul" (Diary 1572). Today, many people recite the chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3 o'clock. The Image of the Merciful Jesus: In an apparition in 1931, Jesus said to St. Faustina, "Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You. I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel, and [then] throughout the world" (Diary 47). Today, this image is seen all over, including perhaps in your rooms and desks. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy: This great prayer of our time was dictated to St. Faustina by the Lord Jesus Himself on September 13-14, 1935, as a prayer of atonement and for the appeasement of God's wrath (cf. Diary 474-476). In it, we ask for God's mercy for ourselves and for the whole world. The Novena to Divine Mercy: St. Faustina was instructed to write down and make the novena before the Feast of Mercy. It begins on Good Friday. The Lord told her, "I desire that during these nine days you bring souls to the fountain of my mercy, that they may draw therefrom strength and refreshment and whatever grace they need in the hardships of life, and especially at the hour of death" (Diary 1209). The Feast of Divine Mercy: St. Faustina notes Jesus as saying, "I desire that there be a Feast of Mercy" (Diary 49) and "I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners... It is my desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter." (Diary, 699).

**How to celebrate the feast of Divine Mercy Sunday**: Sincerely repent of your sins, place your complete trust in Jesus, do the Divine Mercy novena, go to confession, preferably before that Sunday, receive Holy Communion on the day of the Feast, venerate the image of the Divine Mercy and be merciful to others through your actions, words and prayers.

Fr Kenneth Ahanonu

Weekday Mass Intentions

April 28 Monday	6:30 a.m.	Chuck Wheeler		
April 29 Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Louis and Joanna Venegoni		
	5:30 p.m.	Dick Gengenbacher		
April 30 Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	Dirk Bonebrake		
	5:30 p.m.	Vivian Schulte		
May 1 Thursday	6:30 a.m.	Larry Zanger		
	5:30 p.m.	Cathe Baker		
May 2 Friday	6:30 a.m.	John and Jordan Peterson		
May 3 Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Marcia Tushaus and Ana Bertilda Heredia Ramirez		
Saturday	4:30 p.m.	Carl, Connie and Fr. Gary Bernhardt		
May 4 Sunday	7:00 a.m.	The Parishioners of St. Francis		
	9:00 a.m.	Dick Gengenbacher and Ken Sparrow		
	11:00 a.m.	Bill and Sue Metzinger wedding anniversary and John Busse		

Week of 4/20/2025	Week	YTD	
Regular Collection	\$15,783.56	\$1,080705.06	
Loose Collection	\$2,976.15	\$72,152.21	
Total Collection	\$18,759.71	\$1,152,857.27	
Needed Support	\$32,000.00	\$1,344,000.00	
Difference	\$-13,240,29	\$-191.142.73	

This week in the Parish:

Monday, April 28
6:30 a.m. Mass
1:00 p.m. QCS meeting
5:45 p.m. Family Eucharistic Adoration
6:00 p.m. PSR
7:00 p.m. Rosary for Peace
7:15 p.m. BEAR meeting
Tuesday, April 29
6:30 a.m. Mass
9:00 a.m. Ladies of St. Francis Quilters
5:30 p.m. Mass
Wednesday, April 30
6:30 a.m. Mass
8:35 a.m. SFS Mass
9:30 a.m. Adoration
5:30 p.m. Mass
6:30 p.m. Choir practice
7:00 p.m. Men's Prayer Group
Thursday, May 1
6:30 a.m. Ladies of St. Francis Quilters
11:00 a.m. Ladies Card Party
1:00 p.m. Scripture Discussion
6:30 p.m. OCIA
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Friday, May 2
6:00 a.m. Men's Morning Group
6:30 a.m. Mass
3:00 p.m. Girl Scout meeting
3:30 p.m. QCS meeting
Saturday, May 3
8:00 a.m. Carmelite meeting
8:30 a.m. Reconciliation
3:00 p.m. Reconciliation
4:30 p.m. Mass

## Annual School Fund:

Week: \$2,007.00 YTD: \$167,328.49 Easter collection: \$9,352.55

Get Well Wishes for Fr. Arisman: If you would like to send get well cards or packages please send them to Fr. Zach Samples at St. Agnes in Springfield and he will deliver them to him. Please address the cards and/or packages as follows:

> Fr. Steve Arisman C/O Fr. Zach Samples St. Agnes Catholic Church 245 N. Amos Ave. Springfield, II. 62702

### **Experience the Peace of Adoration as a Family!**

St. Francis invites everyone in the Quincy community to a Family Eucharistic Adoration on **Monday, April 28** at 5:45 p.m.

Join us for a brief witness talk by Jillian Gerasimek, who will share insights on how to pray during Adoration and her personal experiences.
Following the talk, we will spend 30 minutes in prayer

Stay afterwards for a reception! Sign up to bring something using the link: <a href="www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054DACAB22A0F5C34-56305917-reception#/">www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054DACAB22A0F5C34-56305917-reception#/</a>

accompanied by music.

## Totus Tuus is coming up. Make plans to attend!

St. Peter and St. Francis are working together to bring another Totus Tuus Camp to our area this summer.

Totus Tuus is a week filled with fun and faith! The **Evening Camp** runs from Sunday, June 15 through Thursday, June 19 from 6:30—8:15 at St. Francis School. Teens who are entering 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall of 2025 are welcome to attend.

The **Day Camp** will take place Monday, June 16 – Friday, June 20 from 9:00—2:30. This camp is for students entering 1<sup>st</sup> grade through 6<sup>th</sup> grade this fall. The cost of the camp is \$25 per child or \$60 for three or more siblings. All area youth are welcome! To sign up please, use this link:

https://dio.org/totus-tuus-camper-registration/

#### **Gene Grawe Fund:**

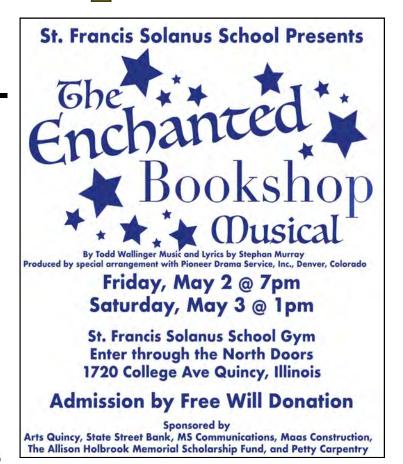
Please join us Wednesday, April 30 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Dominic School for a short informational meeting and announcement of the distributions for the 2025-26 school year for the Gene Grawe Fund. All are welcome and encouraged to attend to learn how you can help families pay for Catholic school tuition and help Quincy's Catholic schools.



Please join us on **Divine Mercy Sunday**, **Today**, April 27 at 2 p.m. at St. Anthony Church. The Holy Hour will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, confession and rosaries. At 3 p.m. we will recite the Chaplet of Divine Mercy with Benediction to follow.



Easter Memorials: Rita Eberle Gay and Jerry Gunn



All three Masses this Wednesday, April 30 will be Masses of the Dead offered for Pope Francis.

Holy Name News: We will have our next monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 14 at 6 p.m. Come and help us plan our Ascension Thursday Banquet which will take place on May 29. All men of the parish are invited! And a big thank you to everyone involved with the Palm Sunday Chicken Dinner.

<u>Knights of Columbus News:</u> The Thursday Night Raffle is up to \$30,382. Tickets are sold from 6-7:45 with the drawing at 8:00. Thank you to everyone who attended the Friday night dinners this past year! Ball season has started and there will be no more Friday night dinners until September.



Kelli Semmes, Ed Williams, an d Scott Shupe We are delighted you have chosen St. Francis Solanus to be your new parish home!

Rest in Peace
Anna Hoebing
December 18, 1933—April 16, 2025
Jim Genenbacher
April 29, 1940—April 16, 2025

Richard Dietrich December 15, 1935—April 10, 2025 and Edward Dietrich August 8, 1962—April 10, 2025



## Ladies of St. Francis News:

Our next and final dinner meeting of the spring will be Tuesday, May 20 after the 5:30 Mass. Cost of the dinner is \$10. Reservations can be made by calling or texting Helen Zimmerman, 217-242-6692. Please plan to join us!

## Thursday, May 1 is the next Ladies Card Party

Doors open at 10:30 a.m. with the day running until 3 p.m. in the parish center. Lunch will be prepared by Ann Frieburg and Kathy Finley, who will be making meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, and dessert. To make a reservation for your group, just one person needs to call Pat Winking at 217-257-0416.



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

The St. Francis Food Pantry shelves are better stocked this Easter Season from the Parishioners who gave to the Forty Days of Lent Challenge. Thank you to all who support St. Francis Community Assistance!

Support our schools! The Everybody Wins Mega Raffle is the ONLY fundraiser that supports ALL K-12 Catholic education in Quincy. To keep our schools strong, we need YOU - our parish family - to help us sell tickets! As a way of saying thanks, for every 5 tickets you sell, you'll be entered to win \$4,000 in tuition credit or \$3,000 cash. Every ticket sold makes a difference — let's make this year a success! Tickets are available in the back of church, school office, our parish office, or at the front entrance of QND. For more information visit www.quincywinsmegaraffle.org.









The Quincy Optimist Club gave Mr. Shaun Carey, 6-8 grade science teacher, an Operation Innovation Grant for a STEM project. Mr. Carey challenged the students to design and construct a container to mail a single Pringles potato chip to a destination two hours away. The potato chip packages were retrieved and brought back to school. The winners were determined by the smallest mass and volume of the container as well as the condition of the potato chip. Pictured are some of the winners: Left to right: Zoey Lish, sixth grade; Evan Pruett, seventh grade and Kinsley Jones, eighth grade. Not pictured is overall winner, eighth grader Audrianna Hufford.

A new or returning St. Francis School student needs to enroll by May 7 to receive the discounted Resource Fee. Call the school office if you need help with enrollment at 217-222-4077.

May 3 & 4	Altar Server - Weekend	Communion Minister	Usher	Reader	Greeter/Gift Bearer
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	David Bickhaus Callie Longlett Maiara Spradlin	Darlene Mayes Steven McMillen William Niewohner Theresa Rohrer	Greg Ehrhardt Jerald Meyer Phil Kemner Russell Rohrer Andrew Wemhoener One Needed Please	Rick Gengenbacher Michael Bickhaus	Thomas Ennis Joseph Venvertloh <b>Gift Bearer</b> John Obert
Sunday 7:00 a.m.	Eli Terwelp	Judy Haugh Gary Winking Sue Winking Richard Zeidler	Joe Bernhardt Robert Harman Roger Gallaher Edward Zanger Scott Venvertloh Mary Terwelp	Carolyn Briddle Roseann Stuckman	Kay Gallaher Larry Klauser <b>Gift Bearer</b> Jan Zeidler
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Molly Costigan Tinley Genenbacher Maximilian McDowell	Anne Betts Katherine Cramsey Ronald Upper Vieve Veith	Troy Hummel Mark Meyer John McDowell Samuel Zanger Michael Patterson One Needed Please	Bruce Broemmel Roberta Meyer	Brian Drier Prudy Patterson <b>Gift Bearer</b> Bradley Hummel
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Luke Deters Benjamin Eling Mackenzie Sousa	Marsha Collins Christine Duvall Richard Mitchell Brenda Wand	Diann Cole Adam Hightower Marty Karhoff Evan Reichert Ron Gengenbacher <u>One Needed Please</u>	Dennis Steinkamp <u>One Needed Please</u>	James Doellman Nancy Hufendick <b>Gift Bearer</b> Marty Fitzsimmons
	Morning Mass Server 's Liturgy of the Word	May 3, 8:00 a.m. May 4, 9:00 a.m.	Quinn Wiewel Anne Meyer		



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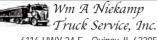
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