



March 29, 2020

# 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

## Fr. Don's Doodlings

All events that were regularly scheduled in the Parish Center have been cancelled until further notice.

If you had an event scheduled, please notify Caitlin Kendrick at [ckendrick@stfrancissolanus.com](mailto:ckendrick@stfrancissolanus.com) and verify if you are interested in rescheduling when the Parish Center is re-open or if you would like a full refund.

We are sorry for any inconvenience this has caused!



Daily Mass is offered every day at 3:00 p.m. & Sunday Mass is at 9:30 a.m. on our Parish Website at [www.stfrancissolanus.com](http://www.stfrancissolanus.com)

"When the going gets tough, the tough get going." How many times have you heard that familiar saying? Familiar as it is, we probably hear it as a battle cry, whether in the arena of sports or in a serious, life threatening situation. Whatever way we use this expression it sounds like a call to action.

Strangely, in reference to doing battle with the corona virus, it's a matter of doing the opposite of what we expect. To slow down, stay at home, avoid risky behavior that could lead to catching the virus or to transmitting it if we unknowingly are already infected. That doesn't sound too much like doing anything at all. Well, there's washing your hands a lot. At least that feels like doing something, as minor as it seems.

Last week Fr. Bob wrote a beautiful article here, dealing with spirituality in response to this pandemic. Having read it, I thought I'd better talk about something else. But if you're like me, you understand that I wondered what else is there? This "thing" has grabbed us all by the throat, is number one on our minds, and is not going away easily. So I decided that I need to weigh in on this, even if though can't solve the problem.

Taking up from where Fr. Bob left off in highlighting our membership in the community, I want to urge being gentle, kind to one another. As we find ourselves cooped up, we find our nerves get rattled, anxieties increase, and it's too easy to bite the head off of others, especially those we love. And by the way, some are so filled with anxiety that they are being very hard on our parish and school staffs who are doing all that they can to serve the needs of this parish. There are ways to speak our minds without attacking others, or destroying the fabric of a community. We can't abandon our call to live our faith.

So, let's all take a deep breath, say a prayer, do something that will take your mind off of what's got you steamed up. In telling us to stay home, Governor Pritzker added that we can go out for exercise. Personally, I've taken a walk 3 out of the last 4 days, and it feels great.

Other things can help as well. Play games together as a family, if you're musical, make music, cook or bake something together, and parents help your kids with attacking their studies. In fact, this might be a good opportunity for you parents to teach your kids something they're not learning in school.

And of course, how about prayer together? Remember it's still Lent, so how about praying the family rosary together each day? We did that sometimes when I was a kid. And now Fr. Bob and I, with the awesome help of Jared Holbrook, have been celebrating Mass each day and making it available on our parish website, [stfrancissolanus.com](http://stfrancissolanus.com). It's also viewable on Facebook. The response has been so overwhelming that I see it as revealing a hunger for the Eucharist.

We need to rely on our loving God to pull us through this crisis. He has given us the cardinal virtues of Faith, Hope and Love. Let's put those virtues that dwell in us through baptism into action – the surest way that "the tough gets going."

# Mass Intentions

<b>March 30</b>					
<b>Monday</b>	3:00 P.M.	Irene Doellman & Jean Cramsey	<b>April 3</b>	3:00 P.M.	John & Connie Liesen
<b>March 31</b>			<b>April 4</b>		
<b>Tuesday</b>	3:00 P.M.	Albert, Ada, Anna & Nicholas Linken	<b>Saturday</b>	3:00 P.M.	Lawrence & Virginia Paben
<b>April 1</b>			<b>April 5</b>		
<b>Wednesday</b>	3:00 P.M.	Carol Holtschlag	<b>Sunday</b>	9:30 A.M.	Vivian Reckers, Charlie Briddle, Fr. Gregory Kemner, O.F.M. & Betty Venvertloh
<b>April 2</b>					
<b>Thursday</b>	3:00 P.M.	Ernie Buckman			

**Please send Mass intentions to  
bulletin@stfrancissolanus.com**

**St. Francis Church AND Parish Center is CLOSED to the public until further notice.**

**All access has been restricted!**

We encourage parishioners to take this opportunity to consider on-line giving to St. Francis.

OSV Online Giving provides you a convenient option that you may access at any time from home or your mobile device. Your gift will be transferred from your preferred method of payment directly to our parish. There's no need to share any sensitive account information with parish staff.

The link to sign up is located on our parish website.

We also have a helpdesk available if you have problems signing up:

1-800-348-2886 – Option #2

**\*\*Mailed in envelopes ONLY!\*\***

<b>Parish Support: March 14~15</b>			
	Actual	Budgeted	Difference
Church /School	\$14,803.25	\$28,200	-\$13,396.75
<b>YEAR TO DATE</b>	<b>\$981,173.55</b>	<b>\$1,043,400</b>	<b>-\$62,226.45</b>
<b>Miscellaneous Collection</b>			
	\$1,156		

<b>Parish Support: March 21~22</b>			
	Actual	Budgeted	Difference
Church /School	\$2,402	\$28,200	-\$25,798
<b>YEAR TO DATE</b>	<b>\$983,575.55</b>	<b>\$1,071,600</b>	<b>-\$88,024.45</b>
<b>Miscellaneous Collection</b>			
	\$746.19		

## Plenary Indulgence

The following message has come from the Holy See, transmitted to us from the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois: "A *Plenary indulgence* is 'granted to the faithful suffering from Coronavirus, who are subject to quarantine by order of the health authority in hospitals or in their own homes if, with a spirit detached from any sin, they unite spiritually through the media to the celebration of Holy Mass, the recitation of the Holy Rosary, to the pious practice of the Way of the Cross or other forms of devotion, or if at least they will recite the Creed, the Lord's Prayer and a pious invocation to the Blessed Virgin Mary, offering this trial in a spirit of faith in God and charity towards their brothers and sisters, with the will to fulfil the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer according to the Holy Father's intentions), as soon as possible."

## 2019 Annual Catholic Services Appeal Update

Amount Assessed: \$111,523.00

Pledged as of 3/22/2020: \$48,780.00

**Amount Due: \$62,743.00**

280 Families have contributed as of 12/31/2019

Thank you to all the families who have contributed.

As you can see, we still have a way to go to meet our goal.

## Food Pantry Info:

**Reminder:** St Francis Community Assistance food pantry is open for anyone in need. Please call 217-430-1025 to request assistance.

### Easter Meal Boxes

St Francis Community Assistance is currently putting together meal boxes for Easter for parishioners only. If you are in need of this service please contact Diane Andrew no later than Thursday, April 2.

## St. Francis Solanus "Wish List!"

\*Sound System for the Church - We are planning to upgrade our sound system - this may cost approximately \$15,000

\*Sound System for Parish Center Upgrade - Cost TBD

**Thank you to those that have donated towards the items on the wish list!**

## Open Positions

QND has the following positions open for the 2020-2021 school year:

Full-Time Science Teacher

Full-Time Math Teacher

Part-Time Choral Director

Part-Time English Teacher

Cross Country Coach

Must have secondary certification. All candidates should send a cover letter, resume with credentials, and 2 letters of reference by April 3<sup>rd</sup> to:

Mark McDowell, Principal,

Quincy Notre Dame, 1400 South 11th St, Quincy, IL 62301 or email [mmcdowell@qndhs.org](mailto:mmcdowell@qndhs.org).



## Requesting Assistance from Prayer Groups

St Francis Community Assistance is again asking prayer groups to help fund the parishioners Easter Meal Boxes. If your prayer group would like to contribute, the amount can be brought to the church office or put in the collection before Easter. Please mark on the envelope 'Parishioners Easter Meal Boxes'. Thank you for your generosity in providing alms during this Lenten Season.

## SAVE THE DATE

2020 Parish Picnic

June 13<sup>th</sup>

5:00 p.m. - MIDNIGHT

**St. Dominic will hold their fish fry on March 27<sup>th</sup> with drive through and carry outs only. They will be running double lines.**

## Save the Date:

### QND Pom Tryouts April 13-15

Monday April 13th: parent/pommer meeting at 6pm in the QND Library. Tryouts to follow until 9PM in QND Gym.

Tuesday, April 14th: Tryouts 6:30 - 9 in QND Gym

Wednesday, April 15th: Final Tryout 6 - ??? in QND Gym.

Will find out that night if you have made the 2020-2021 Team.

For any questions or conflicts please contact

Coach Jennifer Duesterhaus at qndpomcoaches@gmail.com

and I will be glad to answer any questions or to make arrangements.

## Parish Photo Directory It's That Time!!

Interested in helping?

Can you believe it's been four years since we last did a pictorial parish directory.

We're gearing up to do this once again, and are looking for a few volunteers to coordinate with Lifetouch.

If you like organizing things and helping arrange appointments, please let Fr. Bob know- rjbarko@gmail.com or call the parish office 222-2898.

## Calling Alumni of St. Francis!

Did you graduate from St. Francis Grade School?

Did your children graduate from St. Francis Grade School?

We are working on identifying St. Francis graduates from past years.

You may complete a form on our parish website:

[www.stfrancissolanus.com/school/school news and updates.](http://www.stfrancissolanus.com/school/school%20news%20and%20updates)

Or, complete this form that can be submitted to the Parish Office or dropped in the collection basket.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Year graduated from St. Francis Grade School: \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

More communication to come on this idea. If you are interested in being part of this project, we would love to have your help. Leave your name and contact information with the parish office.

Thank you,

Marcia Steinkamp, Communications Coordinator

# formed.org

Now is a perfect time to become more familiar with what formed.org has to offer, 24 hours a day.

A sampling of what you can access on the formed.org site--

The Saints and Heroes Collection--10 animated videos for children

Brother Francis Collection--11 animated videos for children about the Catholic faith

The Adventures of Carlos Caterpillar--12 animated videos for children about being your best self

Extraordinary Stories about Solanus Casey for Children--10 short episodes in video by children

Anima for Youth--3 video episodes with Bishop Donald Hying

Me and My House--10 Catholic Parenting videos with Patrick Sullivan

Pass It On--15 video presentations for parents who want to equip their children well for their life journey

Grieving With Great Hope--5 videos--a grief support program and healing ministry by John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy

**PLUS** 109 movies, videos, and documentaries about the Catholic faith, saints, both historic and modern-day,  
**PLUS** 92 Audio dramas, audiobooks and audio talks  
**PLUS** access to 80 ebooks, fiction and non-fiction, for adults, teens, and children

**PLUS** many, many opportunities for prayer at home--Rosary recitations, Divine Mercy Chaplets, Stations of the Cross, Lenten reflections, Masses, Bible Studies, faith formation, and more.

Make signing in to [formed.org](http://formed.org) a part of your weekly or even daily routine.

## Not signed up??

This is a FREE gift from the Parish!!

Visit FORMED.org

Click "Sign Up"

Select "I Belong to a Parish or Organization"

Type in "St. Francis Solanus"

then click on "St. Francis Solanus" from the list

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# St. Francis Solanus School

**St. Francis Solanus School is closed to ALL access until further notice due to the Coronavirus Precautions!**

## SOCKS Choir

The SOCKS Choir will be singing "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" at the Cardinals vs. Brewers game on Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at Busch Stadium in St. Louis.

The game starts at 6:15 p.m.

We have to sell 300 tickets to have the opportunity to do this. The tickets are on the left field side, 200 level and they cost \$20 each.

You can purchase your tickets from any SOCKS member or Miss Payne.

We will sell tickets March 3<sup>rd</sup>- April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Delivery of your tickets will be in mid April. We have to pay for the tickets up front so make checks payable to St. Francis Solanus School or send cash. We are beyond excited!

Please join us and celebrate our St. Francis Solanus School and SOCKS!

## F.Y.I.

We apologize for the inconvenience associated with the cancellation of distribution of materials on Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. We will continue to assess the best manner to provide materials to safeguard the health and well-being of all. WE hope to move forward with additional education materials in the future. Since this will be done on a voluntary basis for those families who wish to participate, please send an email or text to your child[ren]'s teacher if you wish and choose to participate in any future distribution. This will assist with planning. Thank you.

-Fr. Don, Fr. Bob & Lori Shepard, Principal

## Open Position

St. Francis School will have an opening next year for a 6th-8th grade math teacher. Additional responsibilities include teaching an 8th grade religion class, if the candidate is Catholic. The candidate should have an Illinois teaching license as well as an endorsement in math for the junior high level. Applicants should send a cover letter, resume, and references to Ms. Lori Shepard, St. Francis School, 1720 College Street, Quincy, IL 62301, or email [lshepard@stfrancissolanus.com](mailto:lshepard@stfrancissolanus.com).

Thank you!

## FACTS Tuition Applications

QCES Foundation recommends that families wanting to apply for financial aid with tuition have their personal financial information entered into FACTS by Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Later applications will be accepted, but money may not be available.

**School Lunch Next Week: March 30~ April 3**

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

*No School*