



# Divine Mercy Sunday

**April 19, 2020**

*From Fr. Bob's Desk...*

**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!

**"I Don't Know..."**

This has been the response to so many questions we've been asked over the last several weeks. We normally are able to answer people's questions about times, schedules, events and celebrations – but not now. And frankly, that's hard – and frustrating – and agitating.

But what all of us CAN do is to stay the course and be vigilant...and creative. Following are a few concrete ways we can do this.

I hope that you, our beloved parishioners, are feeling loved and cared for. Through phone calls and online services, I hope that connection we feel is being 'transmitted' to you.

**1. Monitor and follow the health guidelines.** The Centers for Disease Control, the World Health Organization, and our state health department are monitoring the situation closely. Follow their guidelines. Stay healthy yourself.

**2. Be a non-anxious presence to others.** People will borrow our calm and compassion to assist them in reducing their own anxieties.

**3. Show up for people, even if it's not in person.** "Avoid close contact" is becoming a mantra in this crisis, especially for people over 60. Call people on the phone!

**4. Listen in love.** No matter what turn a crisis takes, one of the most enduring and powerful gifts we can offer is to listen.

**5. Find ways to make community.** We at St. Francis are very good at this!

**6. Pray.** Spoken prayers for people who are anxious and in great need can reshape a situation's meaning. The St. Francis community are prayer warriors!!! Keep it going!

**7. Tag out.** Remember that you, too, are a finite and limited creature. Tend to your own needs. Lean into your own community for support. Know that you remain in our daily prayers...every day!

## 2020 Parish Picnic

We regret to inform that due to COVID-19 we are unable to have the parish picnic this year. We hope everyone will be safe and healthy and look forward to a great Parish Picnic next year.

# Mass Intentions

April 20 Monday	3:00 P.M.	Carol Holtschlag	April 24 Friday	3:00 P.M.	John & Connie Liesen
April 21 Tuesday	3:00 P.M.	Ernest Yackely	April 25 Saturday	3:00 P.M.	Micheal Wiemelt
April 22 Wednesday	3:00 P.M.		April 26 Sunday	9:30 A.M.	Vivian Reckers, Bob Maxwell & Patricia Meado
April 23 Thursday	3:00 P.M.	Jerry Gunn			

**\*\*Please send Mass intentions to [bulletin@stfrancissolanus.com](mailto:bulletin@stfrancissolanus.com)\*\***

**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)**



## Ways To Give:

While we are aware that you are strapped, we ask you to support the parish to the best you can. There are several ways of giving:

- Sign up to give on-line by going to the parish website:

[www.stfrancissolanus.com](http://www.stfrancissolanus.com) and follow the prompts. It's easy and it's safe.

- Text to Give: Send text to 217-388-5240. Follow the prompts.
- Send your envelopes in the US mail. Our mail gets delivered daily.
- Drop your envelopes through the slot in the BIG RED College Street door.

**Thanks so much to all.**

**God bless you!**

## NEW WAY TO GIVE TO ST. FRANCIS

We are keeping up with technology! With 97% of smartphone users texting at least once a day, our parish has decided to add the option to give via text. You can text an amount to **217-388-5240**, and your transaction will be processed through the Online Giving account associated with the phone number. If your phone number is not recognized, you can continue without an account, associate your number with an existing account, or create an account.

## April Parish Support

(as of 4-13-2020)

Church /School	\$35,869.00
YEAR TO DATE	\$1,007,863.55
Budgeted	\$1,128,000.00
<b>DIFFERENCE:</b>	<b>-\$120,136.45</b>



# Easter Memorial Flowers

John & Vi Coy  
 Roger Greers  
 Debbie Heinze  
 Bob Hilgenbrinck  
 Mary Hilgenbrinck  
 Angela C. Ley  
 Frank Ley  
 Joseph & Angela Ley  
 Rita Ley  
 Fred & Gertrude Rosswog  
 Sister Rose Anthony Rosswog  
 Tony & Connie Sohn  
 Chris Ward  
 James & Jeanette Winston

## How to Pray the Mass at Home

1. Read the readings beforehand.
2. Choose your Sunday Mass time and source the night before.  
Try to join a live-stream Mass.
3. Get dressed up for Sunday Mass!
4. Fast one hour before Mass.
5. Use a big screen if possible. Set up chairs so all can see the screen.
6. Follow along with the readings-  
free apps: Weconnect Parish, iBreviary, Magnificat
7. Do, Say, and SING all of the Mass parts;  
STAND, SIT, and KNEEL as you would at Mass.
8. Pray an Act of Spiritual Communion at Communion time.
9. Eat as a family, play as a family, pray as a family!  
Celebrate the Lord's day together!



**CATHOLIC CHARITIES**  
**COPE Line**  
**217-321-8343**

*Here to listen....here to help*



Are you feeling stressed or overwhelmed?

Maybe you just need someone to talk to.

**We can help.**

A new and free service for people living in the 28 county Springfield diocese. Our therapists will provide a **Calming, Optimistic, Professional** and **Empathetic** ear to those experiencing situational stress and anxiety related to COVID-19. The **Catholic Charities COPE Line** is not formal therapy or an emergency hotline. However, you will be referred for a conversation with a qualified Catholic Charities mental health professional who can help you. You will be asked to leave your name, phone number, town, and the daytime hours you are available for a call. There are no fees, enrollment forms, or application processes. To schedule an appointment call 217-321-8343.

*Eligibility is restricted to the 28 county service area of Catholic Charities Diocese of Springfield in Illinois. As with all Catholic Charities programs, this service is open to the public including people of all faiths, race, age, and individual circumstances.*

**If you are experiencing an immediate mental health crisis, please call 911.**

For more information about Catholic Charities visit [cc.dio.org](http://cc.dio.org)

# 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 e-books, 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

Enter your name and email-- and you're in!

Available on your web browser,

iOS, Android and TVOS, Roku, Amazon Fire, and AndroidTV

## 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.

**We will begin the process in August due to the brief pause that Lifetouch has had from the COVID-19 shut-down!**

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



## Food Pantry Info:

We are currently not receiving donated bread from Hy-Vee or Panera. We are also in need of toilet paper and dish soap. If you would like to help with this, please bring a loaf or two of sandwich bread, packages of toilet paper or dish soap to the pantry when you come to volunteer or you may leave bread at the North entrance to the Parish Center. There is a container for this outside the doors.

**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.

## A Note From the D.R.E.

For those parishioners who took the prayer sheep and chalices that the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders made for their First Reconciliation and First Communion, please hold on to the cards until restrictions have been lifted and public masses resumed. Or, you are welcome to drop them in the mail slot of the red doors of the rectory anytime or in the collection basket when masses resume.



# St. Francis Solanus School

## Retiree Appreciation

Card showers are being planned for two St. Francis Solanus School employees retiring at the end of the school year. Mrs. Vicky Mitchell will retire after 43 years as a teacher. Mrs. Judy Patterson will retire after serving 20 years as a school secretary. Please join us in congratulating these ladies with cards, notes, drawings, or letters. Send your well wishes to:

Mrs. Vicky Mitchell or Mrs. Judy Patterson  
c/o St. Francis Solanus School  
1720 College Avenue  
Quincy, IL 62301

## **\*\*NEW DEADLINE\*\***

### **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 Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. Later applications will be accepted, but money may not be available.

## St. Francis Preschool

There are still openings for the 3 & 4 year old preschool for the 2020-2021 school year. If interested or you have any questions, please email Jen Spohr, Teacher, at [jspohr@stfrancissolanus.com](mailto:jspohr@stfrancissolanus.com).

## School Registration Info

Please return the Financial Information form (Pink Sheet) to the Parish office as soon as possible. **Either in the mail or drop off in the mail slot at the Rectory - by May 1<sup>st</sup>.**

Registration Fees - Due to the economic situation, you may be having financial difficulties paying the fees. Please email [sholbrook@stfrancissolanus.com](mailto:sholbrook@stfrancissolanus.com) and we will make arrangements to handle registration fees on a case by case basis. We are here to help you during this difficult time. We will be extending early-bird fees Registration Fees until June 1.

## School Lunch Next Week: April 20-24

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

# No School