

3rd Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2020

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 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!

How are you doing? Are you holding up? Is this “shut down” a real strain, or is it not so dramatic for you? I just keep wondering these and so many other things, and I keep picturing all of you gathered in church at our 5 weekend Masses as well as the 2 weekday Masses. And I’m sure you’re doing the same thing – holding dearly to the mental picture of our parish community gathered at the Lord’s Table.

Well, I have some wonderful news for you that I hope will brighten your day. We now know the priests who will be coming here!!!

The pastor will be Fr. Steven Arisman, who on April 23rd turned 39 y/o, and was ordained on May 21, 2014. He has musical talent, and I’ve found him to be an excellent preacher when I experienced him preach at a clergy conference. He also happens to be the nephew of Msgr. Leo Enlow.

The other priest is Rev. Mr. David Beagles. He is a late vocation, and is going to be ordained to the priesthood on Saturday, May 23rd, at our Cathedral in Springfield, IL. He has been in studies at Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology in Hales Corners, WI, which specializes in preparing men who are “late vocations” for the priesthood.

Both Fr. Steven and Deacon David are very happy about coming here to St. Francis. Of course, I told them that you are a terrific parish community, and that I expect you will welcome them warmly. They are planning to put together a short video to be posted on our parish website, to introduce themselves more fully.

That’s the big news! Other than that, I just want to offer some thoughts of what can help during the Corona Virus shutdown. First of all, please don’t hesitate to ask for help. There are lots of agencies and places around here that are offering assistance. Our own food pantry is the best example. And there are other food pantries in Quincy. Also, Quincy Catholic Charities can help, especially with emotional support. And of course, if there’s anything we can do please let us know.

In fact, one of the most important things that many people need is emotional support. And any of us can help that way. Call a friend or neighbor or parishioner or one of us here if you need someone to lend a listening ear. And we can reverse that dynamic – call someone who might need some support. If you know someone who is elderly, alone, in need in some way, give them a call and just see how they’re doing. It might be exactly what is needed.

Also, pray. PRAY! One of the things I’ve noticed is that the silence can be a welcome relief, and I can often concentrate better when I pray. There aren’t a lot of interruptions, and the Lord feels closer, because I know he loves me, and now I can feel it – He seems closer.

Finally, thanks for your generosity. Many have been turning in their envelopes, or giving electronically, and we’ve posted some ways that are easy to use. Please know that we love you and that we are looking forward to the day when we can be together again in church. Until then, please be safe, and God bless you all.

Reminder:

The Rectory Office is closed to walk-in traffic during this time!

Mass Intentions

April 27 Monday	3:00 P.M.	Tena Rubison	May 1 Friday	3:00 P.M.	Irene Doellman
April 28 Tuesday	3:00 P.M.	Michael Wiemelt	May 2 Saturday	3:00 P.M.	Michael Wiemelt
April 29 Wednesday	3:00 P.M.	Mark Goehl & Jim Mast	May 3 Sunday	9:30 A.M.	Rosie Mast, Betty Venvertloh & Patricia Meado
April 30 Thursday	3:00 P.M.	Irene Mast			

****Please send Mass intentions to 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



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 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 4-23-2020)

Church /School	\$14,525.00
YEAR TO DATE	\$1,022,388.55
Budgeted	\$1,156,200.00
DIFFERENCE:	-\$133,811.45

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!



Easter
Memorial
Flowers

Betty Venvertloh
William & Hilda Venvertloh
Tim & Leona Mast

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.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES
COPE Line
217-321-8343

Here to listen....here to help

#CopingWithCOVID

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

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 a part of your weekly or even daily routine.

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Type in "St. Francis Solanus"

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

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

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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.

Did You Know

There is a mail slot on the south side of the Rectory office in the big red door to drop off your mail/envelopes or mail for the school.

Rice Bowls

If you forgot to turn in your RICE bowls, please drop off a check with the total amount collected to the Parish Office.

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 2nd and 3rd 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 30th. 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.

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 1st.**

Registration Fees - Due to the economic situation, you may be having financial difficulties paying the fees. Please email Sue at 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 27~ May 1

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

No School