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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.

Monday thru Thursday 5:30 p.m.

8:00 a.m. Saturday

8:35 a.m. Wednesday during school year

Solemnity Day Obligation Anticipated 5:30 p.m.

Solemnity Day 6:30 and 5:30 p.m.

CONFIRMATION 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.

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FEBRUARY 27, 2022

Sirach 27:4-7; 1 Corinthians 15:54-58;
Luke 6:39-45

How often we open our mouths to insert our feet! The author of the first reading tells us that we reveal ourselves to others each time we speak. Sad to say, we don't reveal ourselves to ourselves!

In the Gospel, Jesus asks us why we see the speck in our neighbor's eye and fail to notice the plank in our own eye. The old Greek philosopher said, "Know thyself." That's the first step toward integrity or maturity or just being a virtuous person.

Cervantes remarked that to know oneself was the most difficult lesson in the world to learn! The old Scottish poet, Robert Burns, said: "Oh wad some power the giftie gie us To see oursels as others see us!" ("O would that God some grace would give us to see ourselves as others see us.")

The point is that not too many of us really want to face ourselves honestly. We might discover that we are boring windbags, when we thought we were brilliant conversationalists. We might find that we were idle gossipers, when we thought we were conscientiously interested in others.

We might find that we are attention seekers or victims or whiners or braggarts or hypocrites or that we have a lot of bad traits. But no one wants to tell us the real truth. No one wants to tell us that we have bad breath or that we have annoying habits.

Perhaps it's best that we don't always tell the truth, for most of us really don't want to know ourselves. But Christ dares us to know ourselves truly, to face ourselves honestly. If we find ourselves wanting, he still loves us. He forgives us. He empowers us to change. He can give us strength to overcome our rough spots if only we face ourselves honestly.

Our mothers probably told us, "When you are perfect, you can correct others." Good advice! Let's know ourselves and correct ourselves. That will be a full time job; we won't have time to search for specks in others' eyes.

--Msgr. William Carr

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8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Week in the Parish:

Sunday, Feb. 27:

12:30 p.m. – TEC Meeting

Monday, Feb. 28:

6:00 p.m. – PSR

7:00 p.m. – Rosary

Tuesday, Mar. 1:

9:00 a.m. – Young Mothers Group

6:30 p.m. – Liturgy Committee Meeting

7:00 p.m. – Women's Saint Study

7:30 p.m. – The Belonging

Wednesday, Mar. 2:

5:00 p.m. Grief Sharing

Thursday, Mar. 3:

11:00 a.m. – St. Francis Ladies Card Party

6:00 p.m. – RCIA

6:30 p.m. – Boy Scout Meeting

Friday, Mar. 4:

5:30 p.m. – Stations of the Cross

Saturday, Mar. 5:

2:00 p.m. – The 99 Masterclass

Sunday, Mar. 6

12:30 p.m. – TEC Meeting

Ash Wednesday

Services:

Masses

6:30 a.m.

5:30 p.m.

Ash Services ONLY

12:15 p.m.

7:00 p.m.



These readings, this weekend, are insanely challenging which is perfect right before Lent. They warn us quite strongly about our faults, being tested, hypocrisy, good fruit vs. bad fruit, and good vs. evil. Again, as I have said before, if you haven't read the book of Sirach, it is worth the read. The wisdom is rich in this often-forgotten book of Scripture. Today the Lord tells us how we reveal our true selves and reveal what care has been done on ourselves. Yes, we need to care for our spiritual life, most especially by using what God has given us...the sacraments and sacramentals of the Church, for Him to do the work and care of ourselves and our souls. Take the opportunity to fast, give alms, sacrifice, and pray. Give up something this Lent, but also look not JUST to where God is teaching you discipline and pruning you by giving up something, but DO something extra as well to nurture and fertilize your soil to make it good. As we look to Lent, allow the Lord to prune those things out of your life, and allow Him to water and nurture and fertilize the good in your life, so that you may bear good fruit.

There is the old saying, "Can the blind lead the blind?" which is a synopsis of this gospel passage. Both are in peril. So, allow the Lord and His Church to lead us to keep us from peril. Find those spiritual guides and teachers that will lead and guide you, and mold and shape and teach you the spiritual life. Read a spiritual classic by St. Bernardine of Sienna or St. John of the Cross or St. Teresa of Avila or St. Therese of Lisieux or Bonaventure or Maximus the Confessor or Antony of Egypt, and on and on. In our history we have so many giants to stand on the shoulders of! We don't have to reinvent the wheel. Look to their wisdom and model and example and guidance, as well as their prayers and companionship. For me I love all those named above, but I also love St. Leo the Great and his writings, which I have discovered recently more than I knew before.

Do spiritual readings, like those listed above. Check out our Parish Library bookshelf. Come to Stations of the Cross. Bring your children; it is an awesome thing they can really be engaged in a real and profound way. Honestly, they love it. Make sure your entire family, no matter the fight with your children, goes to Mass every Sunday. Come to daily Mass, maybe at least once a week. Come to the soup suppers. Come to a Bible study or the "99" series. Read the Scriptures daily, use Fr. Mike Schmitz *Bible in a Year* podcast to do so. Check out the Formed.org website and app and the multitudes of things there. Fast extra. Give extra alms. Come to the Liturgy of the Hours on Sunday evenings or the Rosary group on Monday nights. Join a small group or start one with a few friends. Come to Wednesday adoration. Go to confession a few times during Lent on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

On Ash Wednesday, our holy father Pope Francis has called for us to offer our prayer and fasting for peace in Ukraine and the people that will suffer so greatly from this war that has begun. Pray for an end to this war. Fast for an end to this war. Give alms to the collection for the Church in Eastern Europe second collection that supports the efforts of the churches in that region. Pray for our President and government leaders, as well as world leaders, to have the wisdom to know how to navigate this insanity. Pray for the conversion of the heart of Putin and his government and military leaders. Pray for the conversion of Russia. Pray for an end to this violence. Personally, pray for my priest friend and classmate from my master's degree program, Fr. Volodymyr and his wife and children (remember Eastern Catholicism allows married clergy) who live in Kiev that they remain safe, and he can guide and care for his people in this time. This is tragic. Call upon Ss. Cyril and Methodius, patrons of the Slavic peoples, for their intercession in this atrocity.

The biggest thing to learn from the readings this weekend isn't that we can't help one another in the spiritual faith, but it is that as we discipline ourselves in the spiritual life and rid ourselves of our sins, we can help those around us better. It doesn't mean don't help each other until you're perfect. No, it means don't be telling everyone around about how broken and sinful they are without first realizing your brokenness and your sinfulness and your need for God's grace. Let the Lord tend your soil so that you may bear good fruit in this world, so that you may bear the greatest fruit that the Lord freely gives...eternal salvation.

Use this time before Lent to know where God is looking to prune a tree and tend your soil this Lent. Take the time to store up the good in your heart this Lent so that you produce good. Allow this time of Lent to be one of great upheaval and pruning so that it may be one that bears great fruit in the resurrection of Easter. This brings us to the second reading which is the reminder before we enter Lent. Let Lent be one of suffering and death and destruction of yourself, as that is not the end. Lent should be tough and challenging and frustrating, but "knowing that in the Lord your labor (this Lent) is not in vain." For in that suffering and death and destruction we join Him and are reminded that Christ won the victory and Christ gives us the victory. Embrace the cross and struggle this Lent so that you may truly embrace the resurrection and victory this Easter, and into life eternal!

Rev. Steven Aiserman

Mass Intentions

February 28 Monday	6:30 a.m.	Alberta Freiburg
	5:30 p.m.	Ada Linken
March 1 Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Devon Glasgow
	5:30 p.m.	Loretta Koch
March 2 Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	Georgia Richter
	5:30 p.m.	Walt Venvertloh
March 3 Thursday	6:30 a.m.	Fr. Gene Belair
	5:30 p.m.	Nicholas Linken
March 4 Friday	6:30 a.m.	Mary Wellman
March 5 Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Deb Howell
	4:30 p.m.	Tom Bergman
March 6 Sunday	7:00 a.m.	Tom Basteau & Barb Petit
	9:00 a.m.	Bill & Katie Brink
	11:00 a.m.	The Parishioners of St. Francis

New Photo Sessions:

We have added more dates for photo sessions for the St. Francis Pictorial Directory.

March 24 & 25: 2:00 p.m.– 8:00 p.m. March 26: 10:30 p.m.– 5:00 p.m.

April 26 & 27: 2:00 p.m.– 8:30 p.m.

Please let your friends know that leave town for the winter!!

Lighthouse Catholic Media

New at the kiosk, for your Lenten spiritual enrichment:

The Woman at the Foot of the Cross, parts 1 and 2 – CD's by Dr. Ben Akers who gives a meditative, Scriptural reflection on keeping vigil at the foot of the cross with Jesus' mother Mary. We learn profoundly, as Dr. Akers explains, that "everything Mary does points us to her Son."

Other available titles:

Stations of the Cross: Way of Divine Mercy – Booklet

Did Jesus Really Rise from the Dead? – Book

Three Days that Changed the World – CD

Glimpses Along the Way of the Cross – CD

Love, Sacrifice, Trust: He Showed Us the Way – CD

Stop by the kiosk any time to purchase these items and many others.

Coffee and Donuts Schedule

March 6 – PTO

April 3 – Cub Scouts

May 1 – Girl Scouts

June 5 – Liturgy Planning

July 3 – Holy Name

August 7 – Stewardship Committee

September 4 – Bible Study/RCIA

October 2 – Hospitality Committee

November 6 – Pastoral Council

December 4 – Boy Scouts

Weekly Collection Totals

February 19-20, 2022

	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Regular/ E-Giving	\$19,225.00	\$25,470.00	\$(6,245.00)
Loose Collection	\$1,453.60	\$875.00	\$578.60
Annual School Fund	\$2,986.50	\$3,000.00	\$(13.50)
Total	\$23,665.10	\$29,345.00	\$(5,679.90)

Thank you for your continued generosity in support of our Parish and School!

Catholic Cemetery Clean Up

The clean up for this year for Calvary, St. Boniface, and St. Peter's Cemeteries will be held March 28–April 1.

You must have everything off the graves by Sunday, March 27, as the clean up will start early on March 28.

Please do not replace flowers until the clean up is over on April 1.

You may leave the shepherds hooks, but this would be a good time to take them home and clean them. Also, if they are rusting, you don't want the stone damaged due to the rust dripping on the stone!

Please do not replace flowers until after April 1.

We suggest you mark your flowers with the name on the stone and your contact number, so if they come off, there is a better chance of having them returned to the correct spot.

Sunday Evening Liturgy of the Hours

Liturgy of the Hours has changed times to 6:30 p.m. Still on the great day of Sunday, and still in the great room of the Friar's Choir. Interested? Anyone is welcome to come and join us for prayer that lasts about 15 minutes. A great way to end the Lord's day!

4-night Lenten Mission

April 9–12

Fr. Joseph Tuscan, OFM Cap. – A Franciscan Capuchin

The nights are:

*Repent and believe

*On the greatest threat to holiness today

*The biblical gifts of forgiveness, justice, and mercy

*St. Joseph model of family life

Save the date and spread the word!

St. Francis Ladies' Card Party

Where: St. Francis Solanus Hall – Parish Center

Date: Thursday, March 3, 2022

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Doors open at 10:30

Cost: \$8.00 per person – includes lunch and chance at a table prize.

Contact Pat Winking by calling 217-257-0416 to reserve your table.

Wear your GREEN!!

Ladies of St. Francis Meeting

Tuesday, March 15

6:00 p.m.

Food will be provided by the St. Francis Ladies Officers

Please RSVP to Rita Lammers at 217-577-4205

by Monday, March 14.

News from the St. Francis Community Assistance Support CRS Rice Bowl

Take a rice bowl to support the hungry. Challenge your family to fix a lesser meal than usual, like rice and beans or soup. Donate the savings to CRS Rice Bowl as a Lenten Sacrifice. There are packages of beans and rice for you to take to make a lesser meal (while supplies last) at the North Entrance to church.

Forty Days of Giving to the Food Pantry During Lent

The Food Pantry challenges you to give a grocery item each day of Lent to the Food Pantry. There are bags in the pantry bins at all the entrances of church with a list of the suggested items to donate. Take one and fill it up, then bring it to church.



Hospital Ministry

Lay Eucharistic Ministers are asked to consider expanding their ministry by providing Holy Eucharist to Catholic patients at Blessing Hospital. Eucharistic Ministers usually volunteer monthly for at least two shifts (about 2 hours each). They visit patients, pray with them, distribute communion, and make priest referrals for those in need. If you are interested in learning more, please contact your pastor or call Prudence Bickhaus-Martin at Blessing Volunteer Services, 223-8400, ext. 6825.

RUNNING CLUB 2022

For the 8th year in a row, QCES Running Club is BACK at all FOUR Catholic grade schools. Mark your calendars now!

Running Club will begin the week of March 21.

Walkers and runners are welcome.

Adult volunteers are needed. Students in grades 4–8 are welcome.

Students in younger grades are invited but MUST have a responsible adult present with them at all times.

Running Club members will participate in the Bridge the Gap 5K (or 10K as able pending adult availability) on Saturday, May 14.

For **St. Dominic**, please contact Leah Waters.

For **Blessed Sacrament**, please contact Denise Sangoi at 217-316-5729 or dhsangoi@gmail.com. Training will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

at Blessed Sacrament School.

For **St. Peter**, please contact Mark Pritts.

For **St. Francis**, please contact Denise Sangoi if you or someone you know is interested in helping facilitate St. Francis' Running Club.

Please join us!

Holy Name Ash Wednesday

Fish Fry

St. Francis Parish Center

4:00 p.m.– 7:00 p.m.

\$12.00

Catfish Fillets, American Potato Salad, Macaroni and Cheese
Pork and Beans, and Coleslaw

Drive Thru, Carry Out, and Dine In available.

Kick off Lent with a great fish dinner!



Knights of Columbus News

- The Weekly Big Raffle with a growing * Jackpot of over \$13,000 *
Every Thursday – Tickets on sale from 6:00–7:45 p.m.
with the drawing at 8:00 p.m.
- Consider joining the Knights of Columbus; it has never been easier.
Next sign up is Sunday, March 3, at 1:00 p.m.
Call 217-440-0875 if interested!

Fish Dinners start on Ash Wednesday, March 2, and then every Friday during Lent!

\$12.00 per meal

Drive thru only, but you can dine inside the Clubhouse!

Franciscan Educational Scholarship

We are so grateful to the Makarewicz Family for working to establish a scholarship in memory of the Franciscans for our students at St. Francis School.

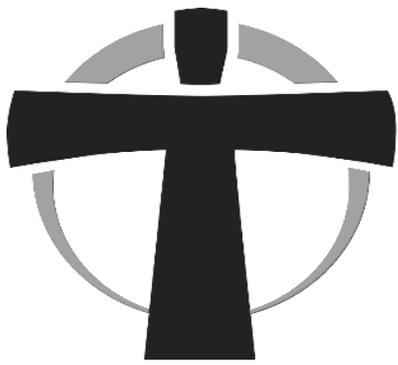
If you would like to donate towards this, you may mail your contribution directly to the QCES Office at 1721 College Ave., or you may drop it off at the Parish Office and we will get it to the QCES Office.

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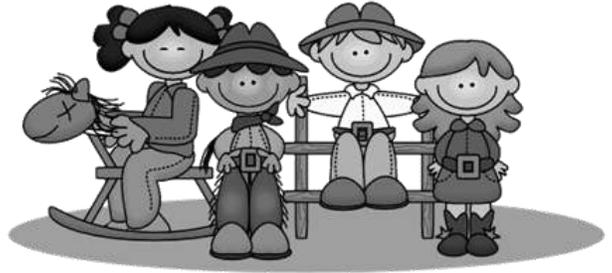
Kindergarten Round-Up

March 11, 2022

St. Francis Solanus School

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

For more information and to RSVP,
please contact the School Office at 217-222-4077



OPENINGS AT ST. FRANCIS FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

Daycare Coordinator

The ideal person would be nurturing and supportive to the students who are in their care. This person should also have great communication skills with parents. A creative, safe environment will be provided for the students. Duties include supervising students PreK 4's through 8th grade, managing daycare staff, taking daily attendance, billing families for daycare use, maintaining a clean environment, and providing snacks and activities for the students. Hours are Monday through Friday, 6:30 a.m.–8:10 a.m. and 2:50 p.m.–5:30 p.m. If interested, please send a resume and two references to Ms. Lori Shepard, St. Francis Solanus School, 1720 College, Quincy, Illinois 62301, or email lshepard@stfrancissolanus.com.

Staff Member for the Daycare

These individuals should enjoy children and have a nurturing personality. Both staff members hired will have opportunities to interact with students and provide responsible supervision. Hours would be from 2:50 p.m.–5:30 p.m. every day, but may include some morning hours if needed. If interested, please send a resume and two references to Ms. Lori Shepard, St. Francis Solanus School, 1720 College, Quincy, Illinois 62301, or email lshepard@stfrancissolanus.com.

Intervention Specialist

St. Francis Solanus has an opening for an Intervention Specialist for the upcoming school year. This position is part-time, but very flexible. The schedule may be determined by the applicant. Having a Special Education Degree is helpful, but not required. Duties include assisting students who need academic support, primarily in the grades 6–8. Some students need help with organization, remediation, homework, and time management. The Intervention Specialist will assist with oral testing, review, and MAP testing as needed. Interested parties should send a resume and references to Lori Shepard, Principal, St. Francis Solanus, 1720 College, Quincy, Illinois 62301, or email lshepard@stfrancissolanus.com.

Kindergarten Aide

The ideal candidate would love children and be willing to assist the teacher in a variety of ways such as creating bulletin boards, running off papers, assisting with student activities, etc. This position is part-time and would be from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Monday through Friday. If interested, please send a resume and two references to Ms. Lori Shepard, St. Francis Solanus School, 1720 College, Quincy, Illinois 62301, or email lshepard@stfrancissolanus.com.

March 5-6	Altar Server - Weekend	Communion Minister	Usher	Reader	Greeter/Gift Bearer
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Drake Dodd Hayley Hoffman	Bobbie Talken David Pillars Rose Pillars Barbara Girouard	Jim Kaiser Mark F. Dietrich Jim Waterkotte Michael Eling Greg Ehrhardt Mary Ann Thomas	Zachary Maas	<u>Greeter</u> Karen Venvertloh Joe Venvertloh <u>Gift Bearer</u> Jane Dietrich
Sunday 7:00 a.m.	Zoe Blair	Roseann Gosnell Pat Holbrook Sue Winking John Ohnemus	Roger Gallaher Jerry Carnivale Jim Wilper Paul Eling Larry Venvertloh Jerry Meyer	ONE NEEDED	<u>Greeter</u> Joan Beard Sandra Banning <u>Gift Bearer</u> Kay Gallaher
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Gabe Schrage Dylan Schrage	William Paxton Erin Schrage Rick Gengenbacher Becky Gengenbacher	Melissa Arnold Mike Zanger Karl Venvertloh Bing Lammers Troy Hummel Rob Haistings	Patricia Paxton	<u>Greeter</u> Brian Dreier Prudy Patterson <u>Gift Bearer</u> Gabriel & Kelly Wheeler
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Paul Steinkamp Isaac Steinkamp	Leah Ley Christy Woodward Debra Beard Dennis Greving	Marty Karhoff Adam Hightower Joseph Obert Matthew Schulte Steve Obert	Maryann Cornwell	<u>Greeter</u> Margaret Steinbrecher Barbara Bockhaus <u>Gift Bearer</u> Doris Karhoff
<u>Saturday Morning</u> <u>Mass Server</u>		Saturday, March 5 8:00 a.m.	Allison Ormond & Whitney Ormond		



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