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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.

## Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

**FEBRUARY 19, 2023** 

Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18; 1 Corinthians 3:16-23; Matthew 5:38-48

Sometimes we tend to think of the God of the Old Testament as the God of wrath, and the God of the New Testament as the God of love. We sometimes imagine that the Old Testament emphasized law, while the New Testament is concerned with love.

But God is the same God, whether in the Old or the New Testament. Today's first reading, from Leviticus, is from the "Holiness Code." The motive for which we should do all things is because God himself is holy, and he expects us to be holy. Our reading omits many verses, but it sums them up in the one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

The second reading gives us another motive for holiness: We are the temple of God; the Holy Spirit lives in us. We should never disgrace that Spirit within us. When we come into church, we observe reverence and awe for the presence of God. We should have the same reverence for God who lives within us. Let us always live in God's presence.

The Gospel continues the Sermon on the Mount. The Old Law did not mean that we should take vengeance on our neighbor. "An eye for an eye" was really merciful: It means, "If someone does damage to you, you may not do any more damage to him than has been done to you." So if he hits you in the eye, you cannot mug him; you can only inflict the same damage.

But even the Old Law went beyond this. Jesus goes far beyond, in commanding us to love our enemies, to do good to those who hate us, and to pray for those who persecute us. If we only love our friends, there is no merit in that. We prove that we are Christians by showing our loving care for all persons.

The Christian moral code is tough. It demands more of us than what we "feel" by nature. Let us always strive to be holy, for the Lord is holy. Let us remember to show reverence for everyone, for we are the temples of the Spirit. And let us pray that we may live up to the moral code of Jesus and not that of this world.

--Msgr. William Carr © 2020 by Sunday Missal Service 1012 Vermont Street • Quincy, IL 62301

## 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

This weekend's readings begin with everyone's favorite book of the Bible!!! Leviticus! Leviticus calls us today to be Holy, as God is Holy. That's a tough call, but a good one. Seek the mind and the will of God. God then calls us to not bear hatred, even if someone has harmed you. "Do not incur sin because of [someone else's sin.]" I just saw this meme pop up the other day that stated, "When you choose to forgive those who hurt you, you take away their power." I find that phrase quite scriptural and powerful. We are told in Leviticus again, "do not take revenge," and, "cherish no grudge." This plagues our world today. So many hold on to grudges and seek constant revenge. If revenge is sought the violence and sin never end. If grudges are held, the hurt and division continues in us and in the world. Vengeance is for God alone. Anytime that God speaks of vengeance in the scriptures, He says, "I will take vengeance." or "I have taken vengeance." Vengeance is for God alone to decide. We are called to mercy and forgiveness and love. Leviticus ends today, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Let go of the hurts and grudges. Quit holding onto them thinking you are hurting someone else, as all you are doing is hurting yourself and allowing someone else to continue to hurt you. STOP! Stop harboring anger against someone who got a bid for business ahead of you or your family. Stop harboring hatred or bitterness towards that sibling that cheated you or stole or took money from a will. Let it go! Stop holding onto even grave hurts of someone who took the life of one of your loved ones. Even though you feel justified as a grave evil was done, you are not, and all you are doing is allowing that person to continue to hurt you. All you are doing is allowing division and evil to remain. Let love and mercy and forgiveness conquer evil and division. If the psalmist tells us that the Lord is kind and merciful, which is good news for us, then so must we be kind and merciful, as we are called to be Holy as God is Holy. The gospel challenges us in this even more. If someone harms you or persecutes you, not only forgive them but give more. If they strike your right cheek, turn the other one as well. If they ask for your tunic, hand over your cloak as well. Radical love in the face of persecution not only is powerful, but it is transformative. Do not just love like the world but love like God.

As we prepare for Lent that begins YES, THIS WEEK! Let us think of what penances we will do this Lent. What will you give up? What will you do extra? What extra will you give in alms to the Lord? These are the areas we should all be doing. Don't just give up something this Lent, let it be meaningful. Then don't stop there, what devotion or prayer or loving act will you do extra? Maybe whatever you would have spent on whatever you gave up give to the Church or to the poor. Give extra during this Lenten season, especially if it is tough. Maybe give extra of your time in service at least. In Lent we have an abundance of opportunity for prayer and devotion to the Lord. Be deliberate about Sunday Mass always. Come to daily mass (or even just one daily mass a week), rosary on Mondays, Liturgy of the hours (no longer just on Sunday, but every day throughout Lent), stations of the cross on Friday, adoration on Wednesdays, etc. etc. etc. There are so many opportunities in the parish to challenge yourself in prayer this Lent. Add scripture reading to your daily life. Start the bible in a year podcast with Fr. Michael Schmitz. Start it today. Start the catechism in a year podcast. Use the Hallow app. Use the formed app. Use the parish app for continued prayer. Read the Sunday readings sometime during the week BEFORE Sunday. Challenge yourself this Lent. Ash Wednesday, we have many opportunities for ashes, 6:30, 8:35, Noon, 5:30, and 7. Noon and 7 are quicker ash services and not mass for those who need to stop and pause on lunch or before the day ends. See this Lent as a time of challenge and discipline and new beginnings. Make it tough! Make it fruitful!

Bev. Stewn Lisman

## Weekday Mass Intentions

| Feb. 20<br>Monday                            | 6:30 a.m.  | Paul Kemner                    |  |  |  |
|--|------------|--------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Feb. 21<br>Tuesday                           | 6:30 a.m.  | Paul Kemner                    |  |  |  |
|  | 5:30 p.m.  | All Souls                      |  |  |  |
| Feb. 22<br>Ash<br>Wednesday                  | 6:30 a.m.  | Paul Kemner                    |  |  |  |
|  | 5:30 p.m.  | Thompson Poore                 |  |  |  |
| Feb. 23<br>Thursday                          | 6:30 a.m.  | Our Lady of Perpetual Help     |  |  |  |
|  | 5:30 p.m.  | Paul Kemner                    |  |  |  |
| Feb. 24<br>Friday                            | 6:30 a.m.  | Sandy Stillwell & Devin Deming |  |  |  |
| Feb. 25<br>Saturday                          | 8:00 a.m.  | Billy Moore                    |  |  |  |
|  | 4:30 p.m.  | Keith Wiemelt & Don Klingele   |  |  |  |
| Feb. 26<br>Sunday<br>First Sunday<br>of Lent | 7:00 a.m.  | Parishioners of St. Francis    |  |  |  |
|  | 9:00 a.m.  | James Zanger & Virgil Barry    |  |  |  |
|  | 11:00 a.m. | Rosalie "Sis" Obert            |  |  |  |



**Ash Wednesday Services:** 

6:30 a.m. Mass and Ashes

8:35 a.m. Mass and Ashes

12:00 p.m. Ash Service

5:30 p.m. Mass and Ashes

7:00 p.m. Ash Service

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## This week in the Parish:

## Monday, Feb. 20

- 6:30 a.m. Mass 8:00 a.m. Blanket Project
- 6:00 p.m. Pack 22 Lions
- 7:00 p.m. Rosary

## Tuesday, Feb. 21

- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 9:00 a.m. Ladies of St. Francis Quilting
- 9:00 a.m. Young Moms Together
- 5:30 p.m. Mass
- 6:30 p.m. Truth Seekers
- 7:00 p.m. The Belonging

## Wednesday, Feb. 22 Ash Wednesday

- 6:30 a.m. Mass & Ashes
- 8:35 a.m. Mass & Ashes
- 9:30 a.m. Adoration
- 12:00 p.m. Ash Service
- 2:00 p.m. Grief Share
- 4:00 p.m. Holy Name Fish Fry
- 5:30 p.m. Mass & Ashes
- 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
- 7:00 p.m. Men's Prayer Group
- 7:00 p.m. Ash Service

## Thursday, Feb. 23

- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 9:00 a.m. Ladies of St. Francis Quilting
- 2:00 p.m. Scripture Discussion Group
- 5:30 p.m. Mass
- 6:00 p.m. RCIA
- 6:30 p.m. Scripture Discussion Group
- 6:30 p.m. Troop 22 Scout Meeting

## Friday, Feb. 24

- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- Saturday, Feb. 25
- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 8:30 a.m. Reconciliation
- 3:00 p.m. Reconciliation
- 4:30 p.m. Mass
- 6:00 p.m. School Family Dance

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Liturgy of the Hours for Lent

Lent is a season of prayer, fasting and alms giving. Morning and Evening prayer are two official prayers of the church and are being offered for parishioners to increase their prayer this Lent. Mon.-Fri. there will be Morning Prayer in the Friars Choir at 7:15 a.m.. Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. we will have Evening Prayer. Sundays at 6:30 p.m. will be Solemn Evening Prayer.

| Weekly Collection Update                 |              |              |              |  |                                |                |               |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--|--------------------------------|----------------|---------------|
|  | Week of      | Weekly       |              | Fiscal Year Totals to date             |                                |                |               |
|  | 2/12/2023    | Budget Goal  | Difference   |  | Totals                         | Budget Goal    | Difference    |
| Regular/E-Giving/ACSA Tithe              | \$22,002.50  | \$ 26,600.00 | \$(4,597.50) | Regular/E-Giving/ACSA Tithe            | \$873,819.01                   | \$877,800      | \$ (3,980.99) |
| Loose Collection                         | \$1,559.14   | \$ 1,220.00  | \$339.14     | Loose Collection                       | \$42,590.07                    | \$40,260.00    | \$ 2,330.07   |
| Annual School Fund                       | \$1,779.00   | \$ 3,440.00  | \$(1,661.00) | Annual School Fund                     | \$110,145.29                   | \$113,520.00   | \$ (3,374.71) |
| Total<br>Capital Campaign—<br>\$1,030.00 | \$ 25,340.64 | \$ 31,260.00 | \$(5,919.36) | Total Capital Campaign As of 2/13/2023 | \$1,026,554.37<br>\$125,856.84 | \$1,031,580.00 | \$ (5,025.63) |

## **Youth Group Donation Bookstore**

The St. Francis Youth Group is hosting a pop-up gift shop in the Gathering Space on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22 after Masses and Ash Services. Rosaries, scapulars, holy water bottles, Bibles and books for children and adults, in English and Spanish, will be available for a donation. Cash or checks only. Proceeds go to the St. Francis Youth Group.



## Ash Wednesday Fish Fry Roundup

Ash Wednesday is Feb. 22

**Holy Name of St. Francis**, 4-7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. \$12. Meal includes catfish filets, baked beans and mac and cheese. Reduced prices for the kids. Carry-out available.

Blessed Sacrament Scouts, 4-7:00 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament School. \$13. Catfish or walleye dinner with mac and cheese, potato salad, coleslaw, dessert and a drink. Mac and cheese dinner \$6. Curbside pick-up, carry out or dine in.

Knights of Columbus, 4:30-7 p.m., Feb. 22 and every Friday during Lent. \$13. Catfish and Pollock filets, baked beans, potato salad, mac and cheese in McGivney Hall. Drive-thru, eat in or carry out.

## Forty Days of Giving to the Food Pantry

The St. Francis 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 the usual items that the pantry gives stapled to them. Take one and fill it up, then bring it to church.

Thank you!

## **Vascular & Organ Wellness Ultrasound Screenings**

At St. Francis, Sat., March 4.

Seven ultrasounds for \$169. Remember, the first symptom of a stroke IS a stroke! If you have risk factors such as high blood pressure, diabetes or heart attack you could be a candidate for stroke. You may call 832-437-7355 for an appointment.

## Welcome to our newest parish members!

We would like to welcome the following people who have joined the St. Francis Solanus Parish community in the last six months. They were invited to attend the 11:00 a.m. Mass together today and we are so happy they are here! Anyone who would like more information about becoming a member may call the parish office at 217-222-2898.

Welcome: Jessica Veith, Theresa Quintero, Jess Howell, Evan & Casey Deters, Nino & Morgan Perez Chavez, Patricia James, Michelle Eberlin, Marty & Catherine Bruening, Patrick & Ann Freiburg, Stephanie Obert, Paul & Alberta Germann, Patrick & Virginia Farrell, Rick & Judy Junkerman, Jericho & Elizabeth Lowe, Christopher & Julie Klauser, Tom & Rose Campbell, Hannah Longlett, Carol Diane Boulware.

There will be a second collection on Ash
Wednesday for **the Church in Central and Eastern Europe.** Your support helps the Church bring
Christ's mercy to Ukrainian refugees, Moldovan
children and families most in need.

**Grief Share** sessions started Feb. 1 and will run for 13 weeks (except Holy Week). Sessions run from 2-4:00 p.m. in the Bride's Room. There is no charge for this group, which is non-denominational. Everyone is welcome. Please contact Pat Holbrook for more information, 217-257-2570.

## St. Peter Lenten Parish Mission

Fr. Denis Robinson, OSB, will conduct a parish mission starting with the weekend Masses
Feb. 18-19 and will continue with conferences at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 19-20. The homilies and conferences will focus on the Eucharist. Childcare will be provided. Fr. Robinson is a Benedictine Monk and Priest of Saint Meinrad Archabbey. All are welcome!

**Hour of Adoration for Priests**— followed by Benediction, this Sun., Feb. 19, 3-4:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Church, 400 South Lane, Palmyra, Mo. All are invited to come and pray for your priests.

## **Holy Name News**

Our next activity will be the Ash Wednesday Fish Fry.

## **Knights of Columbus News**

The Big Raffle is growing every Thursday night! The jackpot is up to \$64,381. Tickets are sold from 6-7:45 p.m. with the drawing at 8:00 p.m.

Lenten Fish fries will begin on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22 and run every Friday during Lent, including Good Friday.

## Ministry Schedules—Springing Ahead: To our Ministry volunteers, please look at your calendars and update the dates that you WILL NOT be available from March 27-May 27. Thank you to all who volunteer their time!

# St. Francis Job Opening! We are seeking a part-time Youth Minister. Duties are (but not limited to) developing a Youth Ministry Program. Some evenings, weekends, and office hours are required. This part-time position will average about 20 hours per week.

A job description is available in the Parish Office. Please contact Fr. Arisman at 217-222-2898 for more information.

Moms of all ages - Our Moms Together group meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month from September through May, 9-10:30 a.m. Our next meeting is this Tuesday, Feb. 21. We share conversation, prayer and scripture while forming and strengthening friendships. If you have young children, bring them! We meet in the Parish Center. For more information contact Sarah Venvertloh, 217-577-6490.

**Tri-State Ultreya** will be held in Quincy this Fri., Feb. 24, hosted by St. Peter Parish. Mass starts at 6:30 p.m. in the QU Chapel. After there will be light refreshments and a witness by Chris Wiemelt, the Rectora of Cursillo #360 in April. As always, it's a great time to connect with other Cursillistas.

## Ladies of St. Francis News:

The next card party will be Thurs., March 2. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. Cost is \$10. Dave and Mary Ann Hildebrand will be preparing spaghetti and homemade meat sauce, garlic bread, salad, dessert and a drink. There's also a chance for a door prize. Call Pat Winking at 217-257-0416 at least four days before the party to reserve your spot.

If you get a phone call asking for a donation, please consider contributing toward card party expenses.

The next Ladies Dinner Meeting is Tues., March 21.

Help us raise money for the heating and air conditioning repairs by buying raffle tickets from the quilters, or from the parish office. The quilt will be given away at the May Ladies card party. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5.

## 40 Days for Life 40 Days of Prayer and fasting to end abortion

Feb. 22-April 2, join other Christians in prayer and fasting to end abortion. You also are invited to stand and peacefully pray in the public right-of-way outside the Walgreens on Broadway. For more information contact Colleen Maalouf,

Quincy40daysfor life@gmail.com. To sign up for prayer vigil shifts,

www.40daysforlife.com/en/quincy. There will be a kick-off dinner/rally Sun., Feb. 19, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Church, Quincy.





School Family Dance!
Sat., Feb. 25 from 6-8:00 p.m. in the
Parish Center. A DJ will be there with
tunes for children of all ages to dance to.
\$10 per family. Tickets are available in
the school office. Sponsored by the PTO.

## **PTO Spring School Fundraiser**

The spring fundraiser has started and will run until Feb. 27. Donations will be used for the school picnic and classroom technology. You can donate online through the PTO-POP fundraiser link: https://app.pop4kids.org/stfrancissolanus62301/donations/new/mv0n84rj or drop off a donation at the parish office in an envelope marked PTO Fundraiser. If you have any questions contact the school or email pto@stfrancissolanus.com. Thank you!

## Nominate a teacher

Do you know a Catholic school teacher who strives for academic excellence with a focus on the Catholic mission? Or a teacher who left a lasting impression on you or your child? How about a teacher who goes above and beyond for her students and who lives authentically Catholic? Nominate that teacher for the diocese-wide **St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton Award**. Nominations are due by March 5. Go to dio.org/school/eas.

Families interested in preschool for the 2023-24 school year are invited to an open house Tues., Feb. 28 from 6-7:00 p.m. in the preschool classroom in the lower level. Our preschool teachers have degrees in early childhood education and they understand how to best use developmentally appropriate practices in a preschool setting. It is a quality preschool program. Come check it out!

**Elsewhere around school: NO SCHOOL Mon., Feb. 20.** to observe President's Day.

School Mardi Gras will be Tues, Feb. 21, featuring a carnival and prayer service.

Kindergarten Kick-Off March 3 to welcome the 2023-24 kindergarten class. There will be a school tour and other activities.

**Job openings**—St. Peter School is accepting applications for a **full-time maintenance person** to work primarily at the school and church, performing inside and outside maintenance. St. Peter also has an opening for a full-time **Technology and Marketing Coordinator.** This position will support and manage infrastructure for the school and church technology and marketing needs. For more information please contact Kristi Smith, 217-222-3155 or email a cover letter and resume to k.smith@cospq.org.

| Feb 25-26             | Altar Server -<br>Weekend           | Communion Minister  | Usher  | Reader  | Greeter/Gift Bearer   |  |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|---|--|---|---|--|
| Saturday<br>4:30 P.M. | Genevieve<br>Hamann<br>Adler Hamann | Dick Mitchell<br>Logan Callahan<br>Christina Ehrhart<br>Bridget Ehrhart | Tim Reichert<br>Michael Eling<br>Mary Ann Thomas<br>Philip Kemner<br>Greg Ehrhardt<br>Tom Liesen | Martin<br>Makarewicz<br>Maureen<br>Makarewicz | Betty Kaufmann<br>Janice Wiemelt<br><b>Gift Bearer</b><br>Tim & Cindy Reichert                  |  |
| Sunday<br>7:00 A.M.   | Chloe Terwelp<br>1 Needed Please    | Gary Winking<br>Sue Winking<br>Kay Gallaher<br>Jane Gregory             | Jerry Meyer<br>Paul Eling<br>Jim Wilper<br>Jerry Carnivale<br>Gary Hilgenbrinck<br>Joe Bernhardt | Jan Zeidler                                   | Terry Niemann<br>Larry Klauser<br><b>Gift Bearer</b><br>Kathy Klauser                           |  |
| Sunday<br>9:00 A.M.   | Adayre Klauser<br>Bradyn Klauser    | Jayna Klauser<br>Linda Burke<br>Ann Betts<br>Ronald Upper               | Ryan Klauser<br>Bryant Burke<br>Terry Nall<br>Rob Frese<br>Karl Venvertloh<br>John McDowell      | Brad Kendrick                                 | Nancy Friye<br>Jeannie Thomas<br><b>Gift Bearer</b><br>Gabriel & Kelly Wheeler                  |  |
| Sunday<br>11:00 A.M.  | Erica Arnold<br>Spencer Arnold      | Alice Arnold<br>Debra Beard<br>Dennis Greving<br>1 Needed Please        | Mike Fessler<br>Joseph Obert<br>James Doellman<br>Sam Vranjes<br>Brent Frericks<br>Mike Holbrook | Rachel<br>Waterkotte                          | Patricia Tomczak<br>Margaret Steinbrecher<br><b>Gift Bearer</b><br>Bruce & Amanda<br>Venvertloh |  |
|                       | ay Morning<br>ss Server             | Feb 25, 8:00 a.m.   | James and David Bickhaus   |   |   |  |



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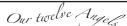
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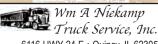
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