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**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.

## *First Sunday of Lent*

**FEBRUARY 26, 2023**

Genesis 2:7-9;3:1-7; Romans 5:12-19;  
Matthew 4:1-11

All suffering and evil in this world are traceable to the original sin of our First Parents. Snakes never talked, and probably the sin was not the eating of an apple or other fruit. Whatever the sin was, it was self-deception. When our First Parents sinned, they lost for themselves and for all their descendants the gift of sharing God's life (grace), the gift of immortality, and the gift of freedom from suffering.

As sin entered through the one man, Adam, so grace and life are restored by the new Adam, Jesus Christ. By his life, death, and resurrection, Jesus puts death to death, restores life to us, and imparts his Spirit to us.

But we are still capable of sinning again. Like our First Parents, we can deceive ourselves. The temptations of Jesus are not like our temptations. We are always tempted at our most vulnerable point.

For Jesus, it was a temptation to be the kind of glorious Messiah people expected. It was a temptation to use his divine power for his own benefit. It was a temptation to avoid the ordeal of the cross by some spectacular act which would compel belief.

Our temptations are different. We must constantly guard against self-deception, against rationalizing, against indifference, and against presumption. It is easy for us to justify ourselves because "everyone" else is doing it. It is easy to put off repentance because "there's always time." It is easy to think that we have "more important things to do" than to do the religious bit.

One day we shall stand alone before the judgment seat of God. Will our excuses stand up? Use Lent as the time to be more fervent in prayer, more generous in charity, more eager in celebrating the mysteries of faith.

--Msgr. William Carr

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# 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

This first week of Lent we are hit with some heavy stuff to start this season of formation and conversion. If you know anything about biblical numbers, 40 is a number of formation, conversion and preparation. The Israelites wandered in the desert for 40 years because God was forming and reforming and shaping his people. We enter the desert with Jesus today in the gospel for 40 days to prepare for formation and convert our hearts in preparation for the death and resurrection.

The first reading tells us of the fall of man. This is heavy stuff to begin with. No this is not where the Church blames Eve, but instead blames Adam for not doing his job of tending and toiling in the garden, which is a priestly role of protection and obedience. There is one line in particular that really makes this stand out, "So she took some of its fruit and ate it; and she also gave some to her husband, WHO WAS WITH HER, and he ate it." This line is often missed that Eve wasn't alone, but Adam stood by and did nothing. We cannot do the same in our lives of faith. We cannot stand by and do nothing. We need to speak up and act up in a world that is being deceived by the serpent still today.

Romans echoes this blame of Adam, "even over those who did not sin after the pattern of the trespass of Adam." St. Paul tells us the good news that Adam is a pre-figurement of one who is to come that is far greater than Adam. Jesus is the new Adam and where Adam was disobedient and stood by in inaction, Jesus is obedience and is in perfect action with the will of the Father in heaven. This is great news for us and salvation.

This brings us to the gospel from Matthew about Jesus being led into the desert by the Spirit. We too are brought into the desert by the Holy Spirit this Lent to be tempted by the devil to end our Lenten practices or be unfaithful to God's commands. We must head these temptations in the scriptures and see how Jesus responds and learn to do the same. So, during this Lenten season our prayer to end the intercessions will be the prayer of the Holy Spirit. He will be with us this Lent to help us clean the gunk out of our lives and souls.

Fr. Ryan Rojo a priest of the diocese of San Angelo, Tx, a good friend of mine from Seminary, will be here for a three day Lenten mission on Eucharistic Revival. Fr. Rojo is the vocation director (recruiter) for his diocese. He has a degree in Church Management from Villanova, a licentiate in Sacred Theology from the liturgical institute at Mundelein Seminary in Liturgy. Fr. Rojo is a dynamic speaker, in whom I know you will enjoy. Please join our mission starting tomorrow, Tuesday and Wednesday at 6:30 each evening with a reception to follow each night. Help me welcome this wonderful speaker.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely belonging to a priest, positioned above a horizontal line.

# Weekday Mass Intentions

<b>Feb. 27 Monday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Norma Obert
<b>Feb. 28 Tuesday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Selma Ridder
	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Alvera & Harold Bardon
<b>March 1 Wednesday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Rollie Peters
	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Billy Moore
<b>March 2 Thursday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Paul Kemner
	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	James Zanger
<b>March 3 Friday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Albert Linken & Family
<b>March 4 Saturday</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	Rosemary Hinkamper
	<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	Ann Derrick
<b>March 5 Sunday Second of Lent</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	Parishioners of St. Francis
	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Bill & Katie Brink
	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	Rosalie "Sis" Obert & John Busse

**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 p.m.** we will have **Evening Prayer.** **Sundays at 6:30 p.m.** will be **Solemn Evening Prayer.**

- This week in the Parish:**
- **Monday, Feb. 27**
  - 6:30 a.m. Mass
  - 6:30 p.m. Fr. Rojo Mission
  - 7:00 p.m. Rosary
  - **Tuesday, Feb. 28**
  - 6:30 a.m. Mass
  - 9:00 a.m. Ladies of St. Francis Quilting
  - 5:30 p.m. Mass
  - 5:45 p.m. Stewardship Meeting
  - 6:15 p.m. Women's Prayer Group
  - 6:30 p.m. Fr. Rojo Mission
  - 6:30 p.m. Truth Seekers
  - 7:00 p.m. Q & A with a Monk
  - **Wednesday, March 1**
  - 6:30 a.m. Mass
  - 9:30 a.m. Adoration
  - 2:00 p.m. Grief Share
  - 5:30 p.m. Mass followed by Soup Supper
  - 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
  - 6:30 p.m. Fr. Rojo Mission
  - 6:30 p.m. Liturgy Planning Committee
  - **Thursday, March 2**
  - 6:30 a.m. Mass
  - 9:00 a.m. Ladies of St. Francis Quilting
  - 11:00 a.m. Ladies Card Party
  - 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, March 3**
  - 6:30 a.m. Mass
  - 9:00 a.m. Digital Scrapbooking
  - 5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross
  - **Saturday, March 4**
  - 8:00 a.m. Mass
  - Stroke Scan
  - 8:30 a.m. Reconciliation
  - 3:00 p.m. Reconciliation
  - 4:30 p.m. Mass

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**FRIDAYS AT 5:30 P.M.**

Weekly Collection Update							
	Week of	Weekly		Fiscal Year Totals to date			
	2/19/2023	Budget Goal	Difference		Totals	Budget Goal	Difference
Regular/E-Giving/ACSA Tithe	\$16,102.50	\$ 26,600.00	\$(10,497.50)	Regular/E-Giving/ACSA Tithe	\$892,719.01	\$904,400.00	\$ (11,680.99)
Loose Collection	\$1,183.41	\$ 1,220.00	\$(36.59)	Loose Collection	\$43,773.48	\$41,480.00	\$ 2,293.48
Annual School Fund	\$495.25	\$ 3,440.00	\$(2,944.75)	Annual School Fund	\$110,860.54	\$116,960.00	\$ (6,099.46)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 17,781.16</b>	<b>\$ 31,260.00</b>	<b>\$(13,478.84)</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,047,353.03</b>	<b>\$1,062,840.00</b>	<b>\$ (15,486.97)</b>
<b>Capital Campaign—\$140.00</b>				<b>Capital Campaign As of 2/13/2023</b>	<b>\$126,511.84</b>		

**The St. Francis Stewardship Committee is having its first meeting of 2023 this Tues., February 28 at 5:45 p.m. in the Parish Center. Current committee members please make plans to attend.**

Please consider signing up for **an hour of Adoration** on Wednesdays. Sign up is in the Gathering Space or online at the parish website. We have all-day adoration each Wednesday when school is in session from 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. On days when school isn't in session adoration is held from 4-5 p.m. in the Friars Chapel. Thank you for making this prayerful opportunity possible by signing up. We need one person present at all times.



**Lenten Fish Fries**

**St. Dominic:** March 10, March 24./**St. Anthony:** March 3, March 17, March 31; 4:30-7, Catfish or Walleye plate, \$14, includes 3 sides, drink and dessert; child's plate \$8; carry-out available.

**St. Brigid, Liberty:** March 10, 5-7:30. Catfish filets, homemade potato chips, potato salad, baked beans, desserts, drink; \$12, 6-12 years old \$8, 5 and under free; eat in or carry out.

**Knights of Columbus:** Every Friday during Lent including Good Friday; 4:30-7; Catfish and Pollock filets, baked beans, potato salad, mac and cheese, \$13. McGivney Hall. Drive-thru, eat in or carry out.

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**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!

*The annual collection for Catholic Charities will take place March 4-5. The organization has a rich history of providing vital services and hope to God's people in need in our diocese with services such as food, clothing, medicine, counseling and legal assistance. If you would like to give online this year, scan the QR code and select your area office of choice under location and select Parish Annual Collection under program. Thank you!*



New parish members enjoyed a welcome lunch last Sunday. They were introduced to other new members and learned about parish groups and activities. If you would like to join our parish please call the parish office, 222-2898.

**Parish nurses will provide blood pressure screenings the first Sunday of the month after all Masses.**

**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.

### Holy Name News

Thank you to everyone who attended the Ash Wednesday Fish Fry. The next Holy Name meeting will be Wednesday, March 8. There will be food and drinks after the meeting.

### Knights of Columbus News

The Big Raffle is growing every Thursday night! The jackpot is up to \$67,089. Tickets are sold from 6-7:45 p.m. with the drawing at 8 p.m..

Lenten Fish fries every Friday during Lent, including Good Friday. Serving in the North building. Eat in, carry out, and drive up service, too. Enter the south entrance and drive around the back of McGivney Hall.

**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!

### **Parish Directory Update**

Our directory is just about ready for the printer, so if you have moved, or have any updated information, please call the parish office by this Tues., Feb. 28; 217-222-2898 or email us at church@stfrancissolanus.com.

### ***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.***

### **Discernment Retreat for Women**

Women ages 18-30 are invited to attend this event March 3-5 at St. Francis Convent in Alton, home of the Sisters of St. Francis of The Martyr St. George. This is a great first step for a woman who is a growing disciple and starting to open her heart to the idea of religious life. Register at [altonfranciscans.org](http://altonfranciscans.org) or contact Sr. M. Karolyn at [vocations@altonfranciscans.org](mailto:vocations@altonfranciscans.org)

### **Ladies of St. Francis News:**

The next card party will be Thurs., March 2. Doors open at 10:30. 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.

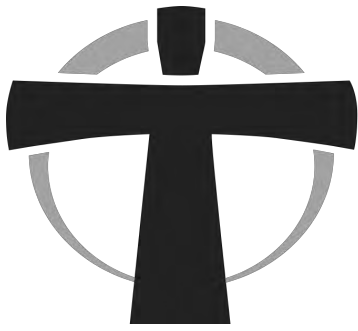
The next Ladies Dinner Meeting is Tuesday, March 21.



Join us on Wednesdays during Lent for a Soup Supper after the 5:30 Mass. It's a free will offering to benefit various parish ministries.

### ***Illinois March for Life***

***Tues., March 21 at the Illinois State Capitol Building in Springfield. There will be Mass, a rally in front of the state Capitol and a march around the state Capitol complex. Right to Life of Adams County has reserved a Great River Bus Lines motor coach. Call or text Lyn Schlipman for more information and to reserve your spot on the bus, 217-653-0075. Reservations requested by March 13. Go to <https://illinoismarchforlife.org> for more information about the event.***



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St. Francis sixth graders recently went on a field trip to Biz Town in St. Louis. Biz Town simulates how adults function financially in today's world. Students had jobs and were paid. There were bills to pay and financial decisions to make. It was a terrific learning experience! Thank you to the teachers who taught the Junior Achievement classes prior to the trip, the trip organizers and the chaperones.

### **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 Fund-

**Families interested in preschool for the 2023-24 school year are invited to an open house this Tues., February 28 from 6-7 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:**

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

**Spring Break** is March 6-10

**Easter Break** — Fri., April 7 and Mon., April 10 school will not be in session.



**Job opening**— Quincy Notre Dame High School is seeking a **Head Girls Tennis Coach** for the 2023-24 school year. Please submit a cover letter, resume and two letters of recommendation before Fri., March 17 to Bill Connell, Athletic Director, 1400 S. 11th St., Quincy, IL. 62301 or email [bconnell@qndhs.org](mailto:bconnell@qndhs.org).

March 4-5	Altar Server - Weekend	Communion Minister	Usher	Reader	Greeter/Gift Bearer
<b>Saturday 4:30 p.m.</b>	Kylie Sparks Riley Sparks	Darlene Mayes Jane Dietrich Roger Knuffman Phyllis Knuffman	Jim Kaiser Mark F. Dietrich John Veith John Obert Tim Reichert Michael Bickhaus	Sheila Goehl	Joe Venvertloh Karen Venvertloh  <b>Gift Bearer</b> Tim & Cindy Reichert
<b>Sunday 7:00 a.m.</b>	<i>2 Needed Please</i>	John Benz Gary Hilgenbrinck Joan Beard Gary Winking	Joyce Frericks Kevin Frericks George Venvertloh Emilie Venvertloh Larry Venvertloh Gary Terwelp	Roseann Gosnell	Sandra Banning Larry Klauser  <b>Gift Bearer</b> Joe & Amber Terwelp
<b>Sunday 9:00 a.m.</b>	Urban Venvertloh Reno Venvertloh	Chris Duvall Rick Gengenbacher Becky Gengenbacher Donna Mangold	Rob Haistings Troy Hummel Neal Blickhan Mike Patterson Roberta Meyer Bing Lammers	Aaron Weiman	Jill Blickhan Prudy Patterson  <b>Gift Bearer</b> Brad Hummel
<b>Sunday 11:00 a.m.</b>	Ben Eling Will Eling	Anne Meyer Marcia Steinkamp Rebecca Wear Marsha Collins	Ron Gengenbacher Marty Karhoff Don Olps Drew Erwin Bud Voss Diann Cole	Karen Steinkamp	Doris Karhoff Nancy Hufendick  <b>Gift Bearer</b> Jamie Friye
<i>Saturday Morning Mass Server</i>		<b>March 4, 8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Isaac Steinkamp</b>		

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