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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.

Third Sunday of Lent

MARCH 12, 2023

Exodus 17:3-7; Romans 5:1-2,5-8; John 4:5-42

Lent is devoted to baptism and baptismal renewal. Last week we saw that our baptism meant that we must be transfigured into the image of Christ. Before that, we saw that baptism does not mean freedom from temptation. As the Lord was tempted, so will we be tempted. We must daily struggle to overcome. Today we see that baptism is God's gracious gift to us. We don't deserve redemption, but Christ died for us even when we were sinners; he calls us to share his life-giving spirit through baptism.

Today we celebrate the first of the Scrutinies with our Elect. The Scrutinies are a time of soulsearching and repentance; we seek to uncover all that is weak, defective, or sinful; we offer ourselves to the Lord in order to strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good. In the ancient Church the Scrutinies were tests that the catechumens had to pass before they were accounted worthy to be baptized in the Easter Vigil. Even though the Church has relaxed its discipline, we should "scrutinize" ourselves to see if we live up to what God wants of us.

In this context let us look at the Scriptures: The Israelites complained that they were parched with thirst. God gave them water from the rock to drink. They did not pass the test of faith, but were a grumbling, griping, whining people. In spite of this, God had mercy on them.

(Rabbinical writings said that the rock followed them through their wandering in the desert, and that they had fresh water whenever Moses struck the rock; St. Paul takes this up in his epistles and says that the rock that followed them was Christ – the source of living water!)

If we think we deserve God's mercy, we should look within ourselves. We are sinners. If we have been preserved from sin, it is God's grace and not our own unaided efforts. Paul tells us that God sent his Son to save us when we were his enemies by sin! If we ever get discouraged because of our weaknesses, let us have hope because of the mercy of Christ!

The long Gospel is the story of the Samaritan woman at the well. Jesus asks her for a drink; she makes a smart remark; Jesus tells her that she should be asking him for a drink of "living" water. This is a play on words: She understands him to mean "fresh, flowing, or spring" water. He really means the water of the Holy Spirit conferred in baptism.

Let us examine ourselves: Do we appreciate God's mercy? Do we take him for granted? Do we presume on his mercy? Are we like the Israelites? Let us be conscious of the "living water" of the Holy Spirit given us in baptism; let us live in hope and confidence, but not in presumption.

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3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Now that we are firmly in the desert, we are thirsty. Both the first reading and the Gospel are focused on water and thirst. In these 40 days the desert of Lent will start to make us hungry and thirsty. The questions are will we grumble against the Lord in these days like the Israelites or will we trust the Lord that He will provide? And what are we going to fulfill that hunger and thirst with? The world? Or the Lord? The Israelites grumble against asking why God made them leave Egypt. We do the same when we grumble about the Lord ridding us of our sins, especially those ones we think are fun or enjoyable. Allow the Lord to pull your sins out of you by taking you to a new place, but the new place is one of abundance of good things and abundance of joy instead of enough of things that aren't good for us and prevalence of sin. Use these days to allow the Lord to lead you to the promise Land, but we must leave where we are comfortable to get there. In the gospel Jesus encounters the woman at the well. This is the story of Jesus finding YOU where YOU are. Finding us in our mess of sin and calling us out of it through the offering of eternal life-giving water. See your baptism as a call to change. See your baptism as an offering of salvation. See that life-giving water He pours into you in your baptism renewed in confession and the Eucharist. Go, like this woman, and tell the whole world.

We have been having this opportunity for adoration during the day, on Wednesdays, after school mass until 5:00 p.m. To make this prayer opportunity possible for our students we need you to sign up for a slot. Many, many, many are coming and praying, but most won't take a slot. I know it's a commitment, but without the sign ups it's not possible to offer this to our children or the rest of the community. What you must realize is that the Lord exposed in the Blessed Sacrament can NOT be left unattended ever. This is why we need two people for each slot. In case one is late, or someone needs to use the restroom or if someone wouldn't show we hope their partner in that time would. What you must realize is if you are the scheduled adorers, you can NOT leave until the next scheduled adorer shows. Just because someone is in the Church doesn't mean that you may leave because if they are not scheduled, they may not be aware of the necessity of someone remaining with Jesus and leave and the scheduled adorers may not be present, and Jesus gets left unattended. So, to rectify this we need to come up with a system for someone to know who the other adorer is. I think the easiest is to set up two of the handicap comfy chairs closer to the main aisle and then everyone will know who the scheduled adorers are and switch out with them. I know this means you may not get to adore in your spot you're used to, but this will get us a system (if this doesn't work, we will try something else) to make sure Jesus is never left without someone there to be with Him. If you're next scheduled people do not Arrive, one of the scheduled adorers needs to notify the office, but with someone still in the church adoring. We never want to take the opportunity that someone will steal the monstrance with Jesus in it. Please never leave Jesus unattended even for a moment. Thank you for making this possible for our community, but most especially for our school children, by signing up for those slots!

One last thing, please pray for Cursillo 359. I am the spiritual director March 23-26. Men of the parish, please also consider going on Cursillo with me if you have never been! And if I personally asked you to consider going, please trust the Lord is calling you to life-giving water and have the courage to say yes. It is going to be a wonderful weekend and I would thoroughly enjoy you joining us. Let me know if you are interested or talk to any of the deacons. I would appreciate your prayers for the weekend.

Ber. Steven Alisman

Weekday Mass Intentions

March 13 Monday	6:30 a.m.	Rosemary Hinkamper			
March 14	6:30 a.m.	Leonard Vandermaiden			
Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	James Zanger			
March 15	6:30 a.m.	Albert Linken & family & Amy Waterkotte			
Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Paul Kemner			
March 16	6:30 a.m.	Devin Deming			
Thursday	5:30 p.m.	Norma Obert & Margherita Schutte			
March 17 Friday	6:30 a.m.	Drew Musolino			
March 18	8:00 a.m.	Donnella Doctor			
Saturday	4:30 p.m.	Rollie Peters & John Maxwell			
March 19	7:00 a.m.	"Sis" Obert & Joyce Cowser			
Sunday 4th Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Our Lady of Perpetual Help & Nate Gilbert			
Of Lent	11:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Francis			

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 a.m**. **Saturdays at 4 p.m.** we will have **Evening Prayer**. **Sundays at 6:30 p.m.** will be **Solemn Evening Prayer**.

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FRIDAYS AT 5:30 P.M.

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8:30 am	Reconciliation
3:00 pm	Reconciliation
4:30 pm	Mass

Community-wide reconciliation service Palm Sunday-April 2nd-2 p.m. Church of St. Peter Quincy

Weekly Collection Update							
	Week of	Weekly		Fiscal Year Totals to date			
	3/5/2023	Budget Goal	Difference		Totals	Budget Goal	Difference
Regular/E-Giving/ACSA Tithe	\$22,524.00	\$ 26,600.00	\$(4,076.00)	Regular/E-Giving/ACSA Tithe	\$954,347.30	\$957,600.00	\$ (3,252.70)
Loose Collection	\$1,506.71	\$ 1,220.00	\$286.71	Loose Collection	\$46,790.83	\$43,920.00	\$ 2,870.83
Annual School Fund	\$1,841.00	\$ 3,440.00	\$(1,599.00)	Annual School Fund	\$118,439.54	\$123,840.00	\$ (5,400.46)
Total Capital Campaign— \$2,212.00	\$ 25,871.71	\$ 31,260.00	\$(5,388.29)	Total Capital Campaign As of 3/6/2023	\$1,119,577.67 \$137,365.84	\$1,125,360.00	\$ (5,782.33)

March Youth Group Events for grades 6-12: March 12—Small Groups; games, discussion, study; 7-8 p.m. in the Parish Hall. March 19—Service Project; wood oiling Friars Choir, 7-8 p.m. in the Parish Hall. March 26—Stations of the Cross; 7-8 p.m.

Bring a friend!

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St. Patrick's Day dinner

St. Rose in Quincy will have its annual dinner Sat., March 18, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Drive-thru only. Corned beef and cabbage or sausage and sauerkraut. \$12. Enter through alley off 8th Street. Order from your car.



Lenten Fish Fries

St. Dominic: March 24./**St. Anthony**: 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.

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.

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!

QND Job Openings— Full-time PE/Health; Full-time German/Civics; Qualified candidates can send a cover letter, resume and two letters of reference to Mark McDowell, Principal, at mmcdowell@qndhs.org. on or before Wednesday, March 15. Head Girls Tennis Coach— Candidates can send a cover letter, resume and two letters of reference to Bill Connell, Athletic Director, at bcon-

nell@qndhs.org on or before Friday, March 17.

Welcome

To new members **Jim and Lynn Dingerson, Joe Smith, and Maria Williams.** We extend a warm welcome to you and to all of our visitors joining us today. We are so glad you're here and we hope you will come back again. If you would like more information about St. Francis Solanus, or you wish to join our faith community please contact the parish office at 217-222-2898, or stop by and see us.

The students of QND say **Thank You!** for your support on Commitment Weekend. There's still time to make a contribution to the school. You may drop your gift in the offertory or mail it to QND, P.O. Box 1014, Quincy, II., 62306. Gifts to the 46th Fund Drive help bridge the gap between the cost to educate and the tuition families pay. To learn more about QND visit www.quincynotredame.org.

Olivewood handcrafted religious items from the Holy Land will be on sale after Mass the weekend of **March 18-19.** The Christian artists there need your help now more than ever due to the steep drop in Christians making pilgrimages to the Holy Land. Proceeds benefit the artists and their families living in and around Bethlehem. Purchasing one of these unique items will help keep Christians in the Holy Land and help keep Christian culture alive there. For more information visit www.the holylands.org

St. Anthony's Ladies Society is having its Spring Craft/Vendor show Sat., March 25,

9 a.m.-2 p.m. in their Parish Hall. Contact Janet Bick, 217-430-7256 or Tawny Benz, 217-257-0847 for more Information, or if you are interested in being a vendor.

Holy Name News

The next Holy Name activity will be the Palm Sunday Chicken Dinner on April 2 from 10 a.m. -1 p.m. Stay tuned for more details.

Knights of Columbus News

The Big Raffle is growing every Thursday night! The jackpot is up to \$73,419.00, only 15 chances remaining on the Big Board! 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.

Please consider signing up for an **hour of adoration** during our All Day Adoration this Wednesday, March 15. There's a sign up sheet in the Gathering Space or online. This is a wonderful Lenten opportunity!

Purchase a quilt raffle ticket and help raise money for heating and air conditioning repairs. Tickets are available from the quilters or the parish office. The quilt will be raffled off at the May Ladies card party. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5.



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.

Are you looking for a good spiritual read or listen during Lent? If so, stop by the **Lighthouse Catholic Media** kiosk in the gathering area to purchase books (\$4), CDs(\$3) and booklets(\$2). You may also visit the St. Francis Parish Library located near the kiosk to borrow items.

Quincy Deanery Council of Catholic Women will

have its Spring meeting/Lenten retreat and luncheon Wednesday, March 22 at Blessed Sacrament in Quincy. The day begins with Mass and Adoration at 8 a.m. The meeting/retreat will follow. Registration is \$6 and includes breakfast and lunch. The theme of the day is Spiritual Warfare and Protection, featuring Fr. Chad Ripperger, Exorcist. The day should conclude about 2 p.m.

Ladies of St. Francis News:

The next Ladies Dinner Meeting is Tuesday, March 21. Mass will be at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner about 6:30 in the Parish Center. Please call Jan Zeidler to reserve your spot, 217-779-0290. And feel free to wear your favorite green attire. You may also wish to bring a wee bit o' green to purchase gift cards for a special upcoming project. More details will be shared at the meeting.

Holy Family Catholic Church, 1111 Broadway in Hannibal is having a three-day parish mission March 20-22 at 6 each evening, beginning with Mass. Fr. William Rhinehart, CM of the Vincentian Missions will conduct the mission. All are welcome.

Illinois March for Life Tuesday, March 21 at the Illinois State Capitol Building in Springfield. There will be a noon rally in front of the state Capitol and a march around the state Capitol complex. Right to Life of Adams County has reserved a motor coach, \$15 per person. Call or text Lyn Schlipman for more information and to reserve your spot on the bus , 217-653-0075. Reservations requested by this Monday, March 13. The bus will transport to the rally but not the Catholic Mass at UIS. Go to https://illinoismarchforlife.org for more information about the event.







St. Francis School held its kindergarten round-up on March 3. The new kindergarteners listened to a cowboy story and made cowboy crafts. **There's still room in the 2023-24 kindergarten class!** Please call the school for a tour, a meeting, or for more information, 217-222-4077.

Child care worker needed for after school child care at St. Francis. Should be at least 18 years old and available most days between 3-5:30 p.m. Pay is \$13 per hour. If you are interested please contact Mrs. Julie Radel, Principal, at 217-222-4077 or email jradel@stfrancissolanus.com.



Scholastic Book Fair March 13-17

Stop by the school library to shop for books and help St. Francis School.

Shopping hours include: Mon., March 13, 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.; Wed., March 15, 8-8:30 a.m.; Thurs., March 16, 8-8:30 a.m. and Fri., March 17, 2-3:15 p.m.

You also can shop online at https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/ bf/stfrancissolanusschool.

We are still in need of a few volunteers to help staff the event. If you can help please call Kellea Hendrian, 217-653-8357.

March 18-19	Altar Server - Weekend	Communion Minister	Usher	Reader	Greeter/Gift Bearer
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	James Bickhaus David Bickhaus	Katie Schuecking Theresa Rohrer Kirby Wiemelt Katherine Cramsey	Jim Kaiser Brian Dreier Michael Bickhaus Dennis Kendrick Harold Vahle Tim Reichert	Helen Zimmerman	Russell Rohrer Kristine Bickhaus Gift Bearer Tim & Cindy Reichert
Sunday 7:00 a.m.	Chloe Terwelp One Needed Please	Gary Winking Sue Winking Tony Freiburg Carolyn Briddle	Joyce Frericks Kevin Frericks Scott Venvertloh John Beckman Janet Marquette Terry Obert	Paul Brown	Joan Beard Jerry Meyer Gift Bearer Joe & Amber Terwelp
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Peyton Kendrick Jack Costigan	Marvin Knuffman Caitlin Kendrick Donnette Cannady Ric Hinkamper	Bing Lammers Terry Kistner Diann Cole Melissa Arnold Mike Patterson Karl Venvertloh	Bruce Broemmel	Prudy Patterson Jeannie Thomas Gift Bearer Roberta Meyer
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Jacob Collins Kaden Marth	Ted Meyer Michelle Meyer Christy Woodward One Needed Please	Marty Karhoff Steve Obert Bud Voss Dick Mitchell John McDowell Brent Frericks	Rosanna Voss	Gift Bearer Doris Karhoff
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