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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.

## Fourth Sunday of Lent

MARCH 19, 2023

1 Samuel 16:1b,6-7,10-13a;  
Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is often called "*Laetare Sunday*." (It's pronounced "lay-TAH-ray".) Laetare is the first word of the Latin Entrance Antiphon for today. It means, "Rejoice!" In the ancient Church, today was kind of a "Mardi Gras," since fasting did not begin until Monday after the Fourth Sunday of Lent. So they rejoiced. Perhaps, later on in the history of the Church, they rejoiced because Lent was half over.

But we should really rejoice because our Elect are almost at their goal of the Easter sacraments of baptism, confirmation, and eucharist! During the rest of Lent, flowers are forbidden in church; today they are permitted. During the rest of Lent, the use of the organ and other instruments is forbidden (except if necessary to sustain the singing); today they are permitted. Let us rejoice!

Through baptism, we receive the gift of faith which enables us to see as God sees. This is the theme of today's Scripture readings. The **first reading** is the story of the anointing of David as King of Israel. Samuel had been told that one of the sons of Jesse was to be king. He assumed that it would be the oldest, strongest, and biggest. It wasn't. He went through all the sons of Jesse and did not find the Lord's choice. Finally, they called in the last son of Jesse from tending the flocks. Thereupon Samuel anointed David as king. God does not see as humans see; he reads the heart! He chooses whom he will!

The **second reading** tells us that we were once darkness, but now we are light. Once we wandered aimlessly. Life had no meaning. Now everything fits together in the context of faith. Now we are light in the Lord.

The long **Gospel** story is of the man born blind. Jews, like Catholics, believed that God would often send or permit afflictions in order to purify a person's faith. But they believed that God could not send blindness. The reason was that a blind person could not read the Torah, and reading the Torah was the only way to salvation! Therefore blindness had to be caused by sin!

Jesus says this is not so; the man's blindness is to show forth God's glory. When Jesus smeared mud on the man's eyes, the word translated "smeared" is actually "anointed." It has sacramental overtones. The man washes in the pool of Siloam and can see. The symbolic meaning is that we shall see as God sees through baptism.

At the end of the story Jesus remarks that many blind people of this world think that they see. These are the sophisticated, self-satisfied, arrogant people of this world. They are blind. But he came to make the blind see: to give the real meaning of life to all.

Today, we celebrate the second of the Scrutinies with our Elect. As we pray that the eyes of faith will be opened in our Elect, let us also pray that we shall always see with eyes of faith, and that Christ will always be the light of our lives.

--Msgr. William Carr

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## 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

### From the desk of our DRC:

"Its like in the great stories, Mr. Frodo, the ones that really mattered. Full of darkness and danger they were, and sometimes you didn't want to know the end because how could the end be happy?... I know now folk in those stories had lots of chances of turning back, only they didn't. They kept going because they were holding on to something." "That there's some good in this world, Mr. Frodo, and it's worth fighting for."

—Samwise Gamgee, *The Two Towers*

We know that we are meant to be part of a great story, one that really matters. Jesus Christ's story is THE great rescue story, the story of friendship triumphing over darkness. We enter this story at Baptism. After His baptism, the Holy Spirit compelled Jesus Christ into the desert (Mt. 4:1) to fight the Prince of Darkness with the weapons of prayer and fasting. Jesus Christ IS the Word of God in His Divinity. But His humanity shows the fruit of time spent in prayer – He knows the Scriptures by heart. He can draw God's Word out of its scabbard and wield it (Mt. 4:4, 4:6, & 4:7). (Heb. 4:12) Jesus wins the battle fasting (Mt. 4:2), like the Maccabees before him (1 Mc. 3:13-26). In Mark 9: 14-29, the Apostles cannot cast out a demon, even though they have before with Jesus' authority (Mk. 6:7-13). Jesus explains, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting."

Fasting strengthens our wills. It disciplines our bodies. It makes us more aware of the life of our spirit. The Fourth Precept of the Church is "Observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church. These are the minimum requirements for Roman Catholics: 1) ages 18-59, on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, eat no more than one meatless meal and two meatless snacks that do not together equal a meal. 2) ages 14+, Fridays year-round (except solemnities and octaves) are days of penance. On Lenten Fridays you must abstain from meat (fish and eggs are ok). On non-Lenten Fridays, you get to pick your penance.

St. Francis de Sales writes: "If you can endure fasting, you will do well to fast for a few days in addition to those instructed by the Church." "...the enemy fears us when he sees that we know how to fast." "Continual, habitual self-discipline is to be preferred to violent abstinences observed at irregular intervals alternating with great self-indulgence." "...we should not undertake bodily austerities except with the advice of our spiritual director." Aragorn the King says, "if by my life or death I can protect you, I will. You have my sword." Jesus Our King, by His death and Risen life protects us, if we accept His protection. Take up the weapons He gives you and fight! "There's some good in this world... and it's worth fighting for."

*Liz Alongo*

# *Weekday Mass Intentions*

<b>March 20 Monday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Billy Moore & Joe Cramsey
<b>March 21 Tuesday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Drew Musolino
	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Paul Kemner & Sharon Holthaus
<b>March 22 Wednesday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Gert Sohn & Richard Mitchell
	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Keith Wiemelt & Michael Voshake
<b>March 23 Thursday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Dorothy Kohl
	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Warren Woodley
<b>March 24 Friday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	James Zanger
<b>March 25 Saturday</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	Leonard Vandermaiden
	<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	Fr. Gary, Carl & Connie Bernhardt
<b>March 26 Sunday 5th Sunday Of Lent</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	Jul & Tom Rupp & Karen Holtschlag
	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Parishioners of St. Francis
	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	Danny Postle & Patrick Keane

- This week in the Parish:
- Monday, March 20**
  - 6:30 a.m. Mass
  - 6:00 p.m. Pack 22 Lions
  - 6:00 p.m. PSR
  - 6:00 p.m. Reconciliation
  - 7:00 p.m. Rosary
  - Tuesday, March 21**
  - 6:30 a.m. Mass
  - 9:00 a.m. Ladies of St. Francis Quilting
  - 9:00 a.m. Young Moms Together
  - 12:45 p.m. Pastors and Principals Meeting
  - 5:30 p.m. Mass
  - 6:00 p.m. Ladies of St. Francis Dinner Meeting
  - 6:30 p.m. Truth Seekers
  - 7:00 p.m. The Belonging
  - Wednesday, March 22**
  - 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
  - 7:00 p.m. Men's Prayer Group
  - Thursday, March 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, March 24**
  - 6:30 a.m. Mass
  - 5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross
  - Saturday, March 25**
  - 8:00 a.m. Mass
  - 8:30 a.m. Reconciliation
  - 3:00 p.m. Reconciliation
  - 4:30 p.m. Mass

*Rest in Peace*

*Richard Kansteiner*

*April 12, 1932 - March 8, 2023*

*Sandra Schutte*

*April 24, 1942 - March 11, 2023*

**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. **Monday-Friday** 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**.

Weekly Collection Update							
	Week of	Weekly		Fiscal Year Totals to date			
	3/12/2023	Budget Goal	Difference		Totals	Budget Goal	Difference
Regular/E-Giving/ACSA Tithe	\$17,752.50	\$ 26,600.00	\$(8,847.50)	Regular/E-Giving/ACSA Tithe	\$977,263.30	\$984,200.00	\$( 6,936.70)
Loose Collection	\$1,165.21	\$ 1,220.00	\$(54.79)	Loose Collection	\$47,976.04	\$45,140.00	\$ 2,836.04
Annual School Fund	\$1,373.00	\$ 3,440.00	\$(2,067.00)	Annual School Fund	\$122,867.54	\$127,280.00	\$( 4,412.46)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 20,290.71</b>	<b>\$ 31,260.00</b>	<b>\$(10,969.29)</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,148,106.88</b>	<b>\$1,156,620.00</b>	<b>\$( 8,513.12)</b>
<b>Capital Campaign— \$451.00</b>				Capital Campaign As of 3/12/2023	\$138,546.84		

**March Youth Group Events for grades 6-12:**

**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!**

**Eucharistic Miracles Online**

If you missed reading some of the Eucharistic Miracle panels in the Gathering Space you can access them online: <https://dio.org/catholicism/vatican-eucharistic-miracles-of-the-world/>.

A book of all the miracle panels may be purchased from [store.lifeeternal.org](http://store.lifeeternal.org). Search "eucharistic miracles of the world."



**Men's Cursillo**  
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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!



**Date: June 10, 2023**

**5 p.m. to Midnight**

**Cash raffle, outside & inside food, live music, silent auction, Bingo, 50/50, beer & wine AND MUCH MORE!**

**Please reach out to any committee member with questions or to volunteer.**

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**Lenten Fish Fries**

**St. Dominic:** March 24./**St. Anthony:** March 31; 4:30-7 p.m., 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.

**Community-wide reconciliation service**

**Palm Sunday-April 2nd-2 p.m.**

**Church of St. Peter Quincy**

**Western Catholic Union's Spring Soup**

**Day** Tues., March 28, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Cost is \$7 for chicken noodle and chili soups, sandwich, dessert and drink.

Carry-out available. Proceeds benefit Blessed Sacrament's St. Vincent de Paul Society.

**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 \$77,111. 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 Wed., March 22. 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 p.m. Mass. It is a free will offering to benefit various parish ministries.**

**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, March 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.

**Job Opening** — *Director of Religious Education at St. Joseph in Palmyra, Mo. Duties include PreK-12 religious education, preparation for sacraments and developing and continuing youth programs. Interested persons may send a resume by May 15 to St. Joseph Catholic Church Attn: Education Department, P.O. Box 606, Palmyra, Mo. 63461.*

**Ladies of St. Francis News:**

Please join the Ladies of St. Francis for the March Dinner Meeting this Tues., March 21. Mass will be at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. and a meeting at 7 p.m. in the Parish Center. Please call Jan Zeidler to reserve your spot for dinner, (\$10), 217-779-0290 by Sunday, March 19.

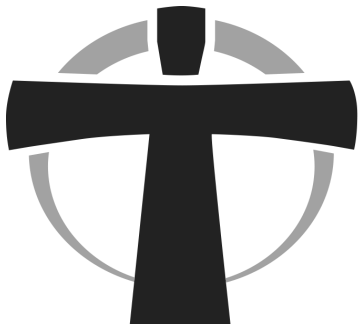
**Holy Family Catholic Church**, 1111 Broadway in Hannibal is having a **three-day parish mission** March 20-22 at 6 p.m. each evening, beginning with Mass. Fr. William Rhinehart, CM of the Vincentian Missions will conduct the mission. All are welcome.

There will be an hour of **Adorations for Priests** followed by Benediction at St. Anthony Church in Quincy this Sunday, March 19 from 3-4 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come and pray for your priests.



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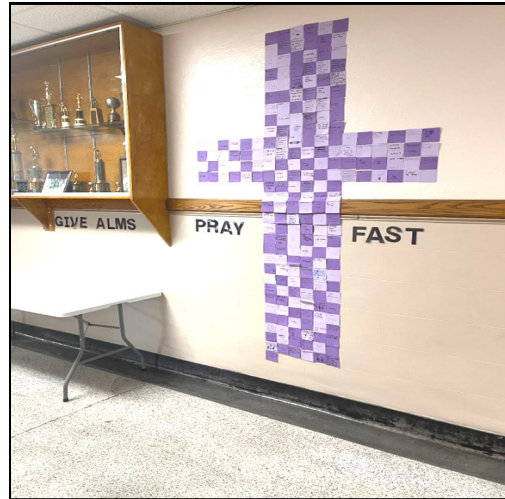




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*Students have a Prayer Partner during Lent. The partners wrote down their Lenten fasts and placed them on the cross, which was created by the Lent Committee and hangs in the lowest level of the school. The Prayer Partners also pray for each other and attend Mass together. Also during Lent students are attending Stations of the Cross and reconciliation and donating to Rice Bowls and the parish food pantry.*

### **The Mega Raffle is Back!**

Tickets are on sale now. Only four thousand tickets will be sold for your chance to win \$100,000, \$25,000, \$15,000 or 37 more cash prizes. Proceeds benefit the QCES Foundation, QND Foundation and Quincy's five Catholic schools. For more information, including how to buy your tickets, go to [QuincyMegaRaffle.org](http://QuincyMegaRaffle.org).

**If you would like to donate non-perishable food items to the St. Francis food pantry as part of the school's Lenten almsgiving you may bring them to school and place them on the table next to the Lenten Prayer Cross.**

**We would love for each student to contribute as it is an element of our Lenten commitments. Thank you!**

### **Elsewhere around school:**

- March 20** — 6th grade visits QND
- March 21**—8th grade attends Illinois March for Life
- March 24**—Grades 3,4 and 5 attend Quincy Symphony Orchestra Young People's Concert
- March 26**—Grade 2 celebrates First Reconciliation
- March 27**—Reconciliation offered for grades 3-8


March 25-26	Altar Server - Weekend	Communion Minister	Usher	Reader	Greeter/Gift Bearer
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	<b>2 Needed Please</b>	Caitlin Kendrick Karrie Cramsey-Groll <b>2 Needed Please</b>	Jim Kaiser Dick Mitchell Michael Eling John Veith Jerry Meyer <b>1 Needed Please</b>	Sheila Goehl	Betty Kaufmann Jerry Meyer  <b>Gift Bearer 1 Needed Please</b>
Sunday 7:00 a.m.	Dylan Schrage	Arlene Hendren Jane Gregory Sue Winking Craig Budde	Roch Schulte Robert Harman Ed Zanger Perry Terwelp Joe Bernhardt Auris McGee	Jan Zeidler	Sandra Banning Terry Niemann  <b>Gift Bearer Kay Gallaher</b>
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Gabe Mason Philomena Alonzo	William Paxton Vieve Veith Joanne Ortwerth Terri Liesen	Mike Zanger John Ohnemus Bryant Burke Jeannie Thomas Terry Nall Neal Blickhan	Patricia Paxton	Jill Blickhan Barbara Bockhaus  <b>Gift Bearer Rob Frese</b>
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Austin Genenbacher Priya Mamdani	Dennis Greving Mike Holbrook <b>2 Needed Please</b>	Ron Gengenbacher Brent Frericks Mike Fessler Joseph Obert Don Olps Drew Erwin	Pam Frericks	James Doellman Patricia Tomczak  <b>Gift Bearer Sam Vranjes</b>
<b>Saturday Morning Mass Server</b>		<b>March 25, 8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>2 Needed Please</b>		

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