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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.

Fifth Sunday of Lent

MARCH 26. 2023

Ezekiel 37:12-14; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45

In Jewish expectation, the most obvious sign of the coming of the Messiah was the resurrection of the dead. Hebrews did not distinguish between "body" and "soul;" those are Greek philosophical categories. To the Hebrews, a human person was an animated body; if there was to be life after death, it had to be by way of the resurrection of the body.

Early Judaism knew nothing of life after death; late Judaism developed the idea of life after death because of the expectation of the Messiah. The Messiah would bring an era of perfect joy to this earth. The living would live forever. But what about the dead? They thought that it would be unjust of God not to raise the righteous who had died before the Messiah came.

The expectation is expressed in the first reading. In the Gospel, the seventh and last of Jesus' "signs" is the raising of Lazarus. But note that this is a sign of our own resurrection to glory. Lazarus would die again. But those who believe in Jesus will never taste eternal death. Jesus promises that he has conquered death. Whoever lives and believes in him will conquer any fear of death; he is assured that he will live forever in the glory of Christ.

In the second reading the contrast is made between "spirit" and "flesh." "Spirit" here does not mean "soul," and "flesh" here does not mean "body." Here, "flesh" means the entire human person considered as living without Christ; i.e. the human person under the reign of sin.

"Spirit" means the entire human person considered as living under the reign of Christ. A good synonym for "spirit" would be "grace." Because we live in Christ (in grace) we shall live forever; we shall rise from the dead bodily because we share the life of Christ spiritually.

If we share with Christ, we must show this in our lives. We must show by our attitude, our words, and our actions, that we believe that we have conquered death; we must be a people of joy who radiate the power of

Christ's love.

Today we celebrate the third and last of the Scrutinies with our Elect. The emphasis is on the resurrection which they will experience in their baptism on Holy Saturday. With them, let us pledge that we shall daily die to self and that we shall daily rise to share the life and love of the risen Christ. Our share in the resurrection of Christ in this life is our life of grace.

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5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

From the desk of our DRE ...

How long has it been since you were a small child and a beloved adult held your hand? Picture in your mind being a small child again. Grab the hand of your most beloved person. Walk hand in hand. Hold that thought.

I have a confession: I was a "dollar in the plate" giver for many years. I regret the good I did not do. I made excuses: We're not rich. We're generous with our time and talent. The economy isn't fair. I need to pay off debt. I'll give later. I need my money.

Helping with PreCana (marriage prep) days changed me. The presenter couples shared stories of giving back to God and God always having their back. One couple decided to give more at church. Then the dryer died. With small children, laundry was constant. They would have to give less, to buy a dryer. Then the phone rang: someone was moving, and had an extra dryer. Did they need one? Another couple went from financial ruin to debt free with Dave Ramsey, who advises giving a Biblical tithe (ten percent) because, "the money's not mine."

These couples were so joyful to build up God's Kingdom on earth, to do good with their money! They didn't give with strings attached, but freely out of gratitude. They shared Scriptures that convicted me: "The earth is the Lord's and everything in it." Psalm 24:1 and "Bring the full tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house; and thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing. I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruits of your soil; and your vine in the field shall not fail to bear, says the LORD of hosts." Malachi 3:10-11

The fifth precept of the Church is "Help provide for the needs of the Church." God's math is too big to fit on my budget spreadsheet. Since I started tithing several years ago, I've seen Him provide for me and my children in unexpected ways again and again. My tithe check is my favorite check to write. My little hand is in His big hand, and I love walking with Him.

Please keep Fr. Arisman in your prayers as he has the honor of being the Spiritual Director for Cursillo #359 this weekend. Pray that the Holy Spirit guides Fr. Arisman and all of the men on this journey.

Pax et Bonum

Weekday Mass Intentions

March 27 Monday	6:30 a.m.	Danny Postle		
March 28 Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Drew Musolino		
	5:30 p.m.	John Maxwell		
March 29 Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	John Horman		
	5:30 p.m.	Billy Moore		
March 30 Thursday	6:30 a.m.	Pat Davis		
	5:30 p.m.	Joe Cramsey		
March 31 Friday	6:30 a.m.	Donnella Doctor		
April 1 Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Carol Holtschlag		
	4:30 p.m.	James Zanger & Ed Huner		
April 2 Sunday Palm Sunday	7:00 a.m.	"Sis" Obert & Rita Walker		
	9:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Francis		
	11:00 a.m.	John Busse & Jeff Steinkamp		

Rest in Peace Robert Blickhan Sept. 23, 1921—March 16, 2023

Community-wide reconciliation service

Palm Sunday- April 2 -2 p.m.

Church of St. Peter Quincy

This week in the Parish:

Monday, March 27

6:30 a.m. Mass

6:00 p.m. PSR

6:00 p.m. Adoration

7:00 p.m. Rosary

Tuesday, March 28

6:30 a.m. Mass

9:00 a.m. Ladies of St. Francis Quilting

● 5:30 p.m. Mass

● 6:15 p.m. Women's Prayer Group

● 6:30 p.m. Truth Seekers

Wednesday, March 29

■ 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

Thursday, March 30

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 31

● 6:30 a.m. Mass

5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 1

8:00 a.m. Mass

8:30 a.m. Reconciliation

3:00 p.m. Reconciliation

4:30 p.m. Mass

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.

Regular Collection March 18/19	\$20,817.87	Regular Support (YTD)	\$1,049,234.71	Annual School Fund	\$2,883.00
Weekly Support Needed	\$27,820.00	Regular Support Needed (YTD)	\$1,057,160.00	Annual School Fund (YTD)	\$125,930.54
Deficit /Surplus	(\$7,002.13)	Deficit/ Surplus (YTD)	(\$7,925.29)	Capital Campaign (YTD)	\$141,041.84

March Youth Group Events for grades 6-12:

March 26—Stations of the Cross; 7-8 p.m.

Bring a friend!

The following groups are hosting **Holy Thursday prayer hours** on Thursday, April 6. All parishioners are invited to attend at any time: 8:30-9 p.m. Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts 9-9:30 p.m. Order of Secular Franciscans 9:30-10 p.m. Ladies of St. Francis 10-10:30 p.m. Cursillo 10:30-11 p.m. Holy Name 11-11:30 p.m. Pastoral Council and Liturgy Planning

Western Catholic Union's Spring Soup

11:30-Midnight Priests.

Day Tuesday, 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.



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!



Volunteers are needed to take a shift during the picnic, Saturday June 10, 5 p.m.-Midnight. If you have already said "Yes," Thank you! To volunteer please visit

https://stfrancissolanus.com/picnic-volunteer or contact any committee member:

Rob and Liz Gengenbacher 217-257-5369 Devon and Erin Stegeman 217-779-2032 Lee and Mandy Carpenter 217-592-6272 Ryan and Lexi Brumbaugh 217-617-1678 Matt and Ashley Daly 816-805-9907 Joe and Amber Terwelp 217-219-2007 Zach and Stephanie Maas 815-878-6032.



Lenten Fish Fries

St. Anthony: 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.

Knights of Columbus Career Opportunity

The organization is seeking an intelligent, financially motivated, entrepreneurial and professional Catholic man to represent their financial program in the area. Complete benefits package, expense allowance and training with this full-time position. Must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. Contact Agent Jeff Niemeyer for more information, 618-526-7991 ext. 301 or Jeff.Niemeyer@kofc.org.

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. A quarter chicken, potatoes and gravy, corn, beans and coleslaw for \$10! Drive- thru or eat in the Parish Center. Inside dinners include dessert and a drink. Kick off Holy Week with a great chicken dinner!

Knights of Columbus News

The Big Raffle is growing every Thursday night! The jackpot is up to \$81,121. Only 13 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 29. There's a sign up sheet in the Gathering Space. This is a wonderful Lenten opportunity!

Women's Saints Study—Women of all ages, join us Tuesday, April 4 at 7 p.m. in the Parish Center for our monthly saint study. This month's featured saint is St. Monica, presented by Monica Hinkamper. Bring a friend! For more information contact Kelli Lunt, 217-617-1566 or Karen Weiman, 217-242-5513.

Coming Soon: Men's Grief Share

Deacon Dennis Holbrook will be facilitating a 13-week Men's Grief Share for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one. Each session will include a video and time for confidential discussion. If you would like to participate or have any questions please contact Deacon Dennis, 217-257-4384 or

dholbrook@stfrancissolanus.com.



Just a heads up!

Next month we will begin the long-awaited work on the church boilers and air conditioning systems. This will mean fewer parking spaces around the north entrance. Your patience is greatly appreciated as we undertake these projects.

Ladies of St. Francis News:

Thank you to everyone who attended our Dinner Meeting on March 21.

Our seminarian, Sam Doellman, will celebrate his birthday on March 29! If you would like to send him a card his address is:

Sam Doellman, Bishop Simon Brute Seminary, 2500 Cold Spring Rd.,

Indianapolis, IN., 46222.

The ladies of our parish have been asked to provide desserts for the Palm Sunday chicken dinner. Please sign up and bring them in Saturday, April 1 or Sunday, April 2 before 9 a.m. Finally, the April card party will be Thursday, April 13, which is a week later due to Holy Week and Easter.

The parish nurses will be conducting blood pressure screenings after all Masses next weekend April 1-2.

Fathers, Sons and Young Men Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, April 29 sponsored by Quincy
Knights of Columbus Council 583. Mass and
breakfast at St. Anthony Church and hall
starting at 8 a.m. A complete buffet
breakfast (\$15 apiece) will follow. The
keynote speaker is Fr. Mark Schulte: Men of
Faith. Send reservations and registration fee
by April 22 to Roch Schulte, 3802 N. 12 St.,
Quincy 62305. Checks payable to K of C.
Please mark envelope Prayer Breakfast.





These men are part of Austin's Army, a group of gentlemen who gather on Monday mornings to do maintenance tasks for the school and church. They give freely of their time and talents!

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.



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Our deepest condolences to Principal Julie Radel on the death of her father, Joe Ray. Mr. Ray was born May 10, 1938 and passed away March 16, 2023.

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!

April 1-2	Altar Server - Weekend	Communion Minister	Usher	Reader	Greeter/Gift Bearer
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	James Bickhaus David Bickhaus	Marsha Collins Jessica Veith Rose Pillars David Pillars	Jim Kaiser Jim Waterkotte Michael Bickhaus Zachary Maas Greg Ehrhardt Tom Liesen	Connie Gordon	Kristine Bickhaus Janice Wiemelt Gift Bearer Bruce & Amanda Venvertloh
Sunday 7:00 a.m.	Chloe Terwelp	Emilie Venvertloh Bridget Ehrhart Carolyn Briddle John Venegoni	Joyce Frericks Kevin Frericks Jerry Carnivale Jim Wilper Terry Obert 1 Needed Please	1 Needed Please	Sandra Banning Jerry Meyer Gift Bearer Brad & Lisa Soebbing
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Alex Lawrence Mickey Petty	Shirley Walbring Marty Steinkoenig Ann Betts Erin Schrage	Mark Meyer Samuel Zanger Joseph Wiewel Joseph Darnell Steven Eling Andrew Wemhoener	Brad Hummel	Jill Blickhan Prudy Patterson Gift Bearer Amanda Genenbacher
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Mackenzie Sousa	Marcia Steinkamp Helen Zimmerman Christy Woodward Tony Freiburg	Diann Cole Melissa Arnold Dick Mitchell Bud Voss Steve Obert 1 Needed Please	Kimberly Knotts	Doris Karhoff Patricia Tomczak Gift Bearer Jamie Friye
Saturday Morning Mass Server April 1, 8:00 a.m. Thomas Wiewel			ewel		



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