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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.

Second Sunday of Lent

MARCH 5, 2023

Genesis 12:1-4a; 2 Timothy 1:8b-10;
Matthew 17:1-9

Remember that Lent is devoted to baptism and baptismal renewal. Last week 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.

This week we see the profound meaning of our baptism: Through baptism, we are transformed into the image of Christ himself! But don't expect that everything is "glory."

Only once during his earthly life did Jesus allow his divinity to shine through his humanity. He was transfigured before three of the apostles. At all other times he looked like an ordinary human being. We may not "see" our divine baptismal dignity, but it is there; and we must reverence that image with humility and gratitude.

Our first reading tells of the call of Abraham. All nations and peoples will be blessed through a descendant of his. Abraham's call was great; our call to baptism is greater. We share in the blessing promised to him.

Our second reading tells us that the Gospel will also mean hardship. Jesus was divine; yet he suffered and died on the cross. We share his divine life; and we, too, must carry our crosses in union with him. Let us not rebel against our daily crosses; let us bear them joyfully.

The experience of the Transfiguration was intended to strengthen the disciples for the ordeal of the cross. It was to help them to see that the Messiah was not the triumphant and over-powering person expected, but was a suffering Messiah. If we want to follow Christ, we must follow him in his cross as well as in his resurrection.

--Msgr. William Carr

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2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

From the desk of our DRE,

I suffered miscarriages of my first and third children—Clare and John. Shortly after losing John, we called my friend Bret. The call was barely over when there was a knock at the door—it was Bret. He said, “I’m so sorry,” sat down at the table and cried with us. Years later, Bret’s wife Lori (another friend) needed emergency surgery. I sat in the waiting room, listened to Bret’s fears, prayed and made sure he ate. When the surgeon came out, he said, “This news is only for family.” Bret clasped me in a side-hug and said, “This is our sister.”

Intimacy is “into-me-see.” It’s vulnerable sharing and being-with. Jesus Christ is God the Son, Who took on a human body and soul and loves with a human heart. He deeply desires intimacy with you. At the Last Supper, Jesus gave us the best parting gift ever: Himself. Holy Communion IS Jesus Christ: Risen, complete and whole, hidden behind appearances of bread and wine (CCC 1374). He comes inside of you—literally heart to heart. “...the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, ‘This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.’ In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.’ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes. Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a man examine himself, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup.” 1 Cor 11:23-30

The 3rd Precept of the Church is Receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist at least once a year during the Easter Season. Holy Communion received worthily forgives venial sins and helps us grow in holiness. The steps to a worthy Communion are 1) know Whom you receive, 2) be in a state of grace (confess your mortal sins to a priest and be absolved), 3) fast – nothing by mouth except water and medicine for one hour, 4) receive reverently and 5) thank God. Examine yourself before Mass (CCC 1385). If you are not prepared, come to Mass but don’t receive Communion. It is a very serious mortal sin (a sacrilege) to receive Communion unworthily. Preparing well for Communion respects the intimate friendship that Jesus is offering us. This relationship began with the gift of grace and adoption at baptism. Jesus’ friendship truly makes us family.

Being united as family with Jesus doesn’t just give us access to surgery results. Clasped to the side of Jesus, our Father gives us access to Heaven. “He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.” Jn 6:54 Receiving Holy Communion worthily allows us to start living Heaven now!

Elizabeth Alonzo

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!

Congratulations and Welcome!

Adaline Rose Kelley

Daughter of Jake Kelley and

Brianna Kolman

Baptized into the Catholic faith

Feb. 26, 2023



Lenten Fish Fries

St. Dominic: March 10, 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.

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.

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!

Women's Saints Study

Women of all ages, join us Tuesday, March 7 at 7 p.m. in the Parish Center for our monthly saints study. This month's featured saint is St. Clare of Assisi. Bring a friend!

For more information contact Karen Weiman, 217-242-5513 or Kelli Lunt, 217-617-1566.



QND Commitment Weekend

Parishioners should have a letter and pledge card asking them to consider a gift to support the students of Quincy Notre Dame. If you would like to contribute you may drop your gift in the offertory or mail it to QND, P.O. Box 1014, Quincy, Il., 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. Thank you!

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.theholylands.org

St. Patrick's Day dinners— The Shrine of St. Patrick in St. Patrick, Mo. will celebrate March 12 with a 9 a.m. Mass, roast beef dinner at 11 and activities for the kids. Call Melody Uhlmeier for more information, 660-341-3119. **St. Rose** in Quincy will have its annual dinner Saturday, 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.

Holy Name News

The next Holy Name meeting will be Wednesday, March 8 at 6 p.m. All men of the parish are invited. 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 \$69,046. 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!

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 7.** 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.

Ladies of St. Francis News:

Thank you to David and Mary Ann Hildebrand and their crew for the delicious luncheon served at our Card Party last Thursday. And thank you to everyone who attended!

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.

*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.*

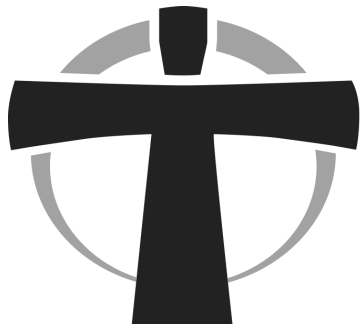


Join us on Wednesdays during Lent for a Soup Supper after the 5:30 Mass. It’s a free will offering to benefit various parish ministries.

Illinois March for Life

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 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.

“To the Heart” is a Lenten day-long retreat at Blessed Sacrament Parish on Sat., March 11 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Focus will be on the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Sacred Heart of Jesus. There will be speakers, communal prayer, liturgy and fellowship. A \$10 registration fee covers breakfast and lunch. Email Ginny Fuentes to register, faithformation@blessedscs.org or sign up on the Blessed Sacrament Facebook page, or stop by the Blessed Sacrament parish office.



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Students kicked off their Mardi Gras celebration last week with a prayer service followed by games, activities and snacks.

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.



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 Friday, March 17 to Bill Connell, Athletic Director, 1400 S. 11th St., Quincy, IL. 62301 or email bconnell@qndhs.org.

March 11-	Altar Server - Weekend	Communion Minister	Usher	Reader	Greeter/Gift Bearer
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Thomas Wiewel Quinn Wiewel	Nancy Venegoni John Venegoni Pat Holbrook Carla Slough	Tom Liesen Mary Ann Thomas Philip Kemner Greg Ehrhardt Michael Eling Tom Ennis	<i>1 Needed Please</i>	Betty Kaufmann Teri Struck Gift Bearer Chrystia Hea
Sunday 7:00 a.m.	Owen Wheeler James Petty	Pat Winking Cindy Venvertloh Gary Hilgenbrinck Damian McDonald	Don Winking Roger Gallaher Tim Venvertloh Larry Klauser Mary Terwelp Jack Terwelp	Steve Davis	Kay Gallaher Kathy Klauser Gift Bearer Gabriel & Kelly Wheeler
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Isabel Cramsey Molly Costigan	Samantha Cramsey Vieve Veith Robert Haas Cindy Cook	Jason Cramsey Rich Zeidler Jason Costigan John McDowell Ryan Klauser Gary Darnell	Jan Zeidler	Barbara Bockhaus Jeannie Thomas Gift Bearer Kevin & Betsy Terwelp
Girl Scout Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Girl Scouts	Brenda Wand Michael Wand Laura Ohnemus Carol Steinbrecher	Mike Holbrook Mike Fessler Joseph Obert Marty Karhoff Steve Obert Bud Voss	Girl Scouts	Margaret Steinbrecher James Doellman Gift Bearer Randy Zecchel
Saturday Morning Mass Server		March 11, 8:00 a.m.	Allison and Whitney Ormond		



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